



News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock January 2012

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News & Notes

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Ton up

You'll notice below that this month's edition of News and Notes is number 429. The first issue I was responsible for, after Clare Penny's splendidly long innings in the editor's chair, was number 330. I haven't edited as many editions as Clare did yet, but, you may have calculated by now, that I have reached the hundredth one.

It's funny how we are very keen to recognise and celebrate round numbers. Apart from 18 and 21, it's the round-numbered birthdays we celebrate most. A lady called Muriel, whom I worked with shortly after I left school, recently reached 100 and it caused quite a stir among many of my old colleagues from those days. A batsman (or should that be batsperson) waves his or her bat at the crowd when they reach 50, 100, 150 and so on. To them, 100 is so much more than 99. You get a badge when you've donated blood 50 times. I rest my case.

Having said all that, I'm not proposing a big celebration of my hundredth edition. I just thought I'd mention it. Don't send flowers. After all, if our numbering system happened to be based on a number other than ten, this would just be another edition and, of course, that's all it is.

So, as well as wishing a very happy birthday to anyone who reaches a round-numbered age during 2012, I also offer the same good wishes to every other News and Notes reader who has a birthday in the year. I also send best wishes for all the other 365 days (yes, it's a leap year), starting with a very Happy New Year!

Editor

Church of England Services

1 st January Christmas 2	11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion New Year Service	Britford Homington	AW AW
8 th January Epiphany 1	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Matins Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	AW DB AW
15 th January Epiphany 2	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW MT RR
22 nd January Epiphany 3	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW SP AW
29 th January Candlemas	10.00am	Parish Communion	Nunton	JT/DH
5 th February 3 rd Sunday before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	AW ACFT DH AW

AW = Revd Alison Williams, DH = Canon David Henley, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, DB = Denis Blake
MT = Revd Michael Turner, RR = Revd Roger Redding, SP = Sylvia Parrett, ACFT = Adrian Taylor

A Happy New Year to all News and Notes readers

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham W I

Gill Dodd

The Christmas meeting on 12th December was opened by President Elizabeth Cutter. She welcomed everyone, including two guests and thanked Mary Cutter for her seasonal arrangement on the President's table. Announcements were made about the Scrabble, Skittles, Walking and Book clubs. Anna Treseder standing in for Jean Van Hagen gave details of all the forthcoming County events. The President then thanked all those members who had helped with a "Litter Pick Up" at Salisbury Skate Park. This action was a follow up from an article in the Salisbury Journal concerning the state of this facility. As a result of this, we received a good spread, with photographs, about our efforts in this week's Journal. We broke for coffee with an opportunity to visit the Bring and Buy, Raffle table and boards showing scenes of "Panto in the Role of the Pantomime Dame". This was the subject of the talk by Mr John Pitman giving us the History of Pantomime. Audience participation ensued aided by Dee Prince and Julia Joynt as principal boy and girl. It was very entertaining and amusing talk, just right to put everyone in the Christmas mood. Heather Morrison gave the vote of thanks for the group. Social time continued with mulled wine and mince pies provided by the Committee. The next meeting will be on 9th January. The speaker will be Mr Peter Knight on the "Ancient Sites of Wessex".

Poppy Appeal 2011

Lt Col Jeremy Metcalfe OBE Retd

Thank you for your generous support to the 2011 Poppy Appeal. The Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham collection was £893. I am also very grateful for the support we receive from New Hall Hospital, The Radnor Arms and The Yew Tree.

The Poppy Appeal continues to be the major single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion's Benevolent Fund. There is still an increasing need to help the men and women who are serving today - the Afghan generation - as well as ex-Service people and their dependants. Your generosity enables the Legion to continue with this valuable support.

Radnor Hall Panto & Cabaret - as good as ever!

Alison Williams

Robin Hood and his Band of Merry Persons was great fun! All that we have come to love in our local panto – ribald humour and corny puns, old faces and some welcome new ones (well done, Jess!), and a happy ending after evil is finally thwarted. Some lovely little touches too. Congratulations to Director Geoff Adair and all the cast and backstage helpers. Brilliant evening!

And the cabaret was likewise excellent. My personal favourite – well, it was something about a blackberry not working..... I haven't laughed so much in ages!

As always the refreshments were super – special thanks to Margaret Barrow, Shell Martin and all the team. This local community is quite something – so thank you everyone!

Odstock Road Parking

Julian Johnson, Wiltshire Councillor

Way back in the August issue I gave an update on the parking problems outside the hospital and hoped to have the parking restrictions in place by November/December. In spite of all the funding and other necessary paperwork being completed, the work was still not done by the end of the year. This delay has been taken to the highest authority and I now have a date of 19th & 20th January for the necessary road patching to take place, with 23rd January for the lining gang to put down the yellow lines. These dates are weather dependent and as this road is the main route to the hospital it is salted as a priority. Too much salt on the road would prevent the lines being laid.

It has taken 3 years to get to this stage – let's see what January brings!

Britford Parish Council

Bryan Rycroft, Parish Clerk

The Council met on 07.12.11. Among the items discussed were;

1. *Flooding by the Park and Ride site* - still being monitored
2. *Joining Community First* - agreed not to join
3. *Parish precept for 2012 / 2013*
4. *The Queen's Jubilee* - 4th June 2012
5. *Downton Road bus lane work*
6. *R 2 money* - available April 2012. To prepare a case for Submission.
7. *Planning app S/2011/ 1747*. Old Bakery
8. *Erection of sign for direction* - Request for P.C.C Britford
9. *Dog fouling* - to ensure old Salisbury District areas become Wilts Council
10. *Provision of grit bins*
11. *Footpath between the Green and the Main Road*.

The next meeting is 01.02.2012. Venue to announced.

Charlton All Saints Church Morning Star Donations

There is a basket in Charlton All Saints Church into which people may place donations of non-perishable food items for Morning Star.

Messy Church

at St Andrew's, Nunton and the Barker Room
for parents, grandparents and child carers
with their children from 0 - 5 years

Monday 9th January from 10am – 12 noon

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There is no set charge, but you are invited to make a donation towards our administrative costs.

Our co-ordinators and drivers are all volunteers and there may be times when we do not have a volunteer available. Please give as much notice as possible.

Those in Charlton All Saints are covered by the Downton Link Scheme and the numbers are:

Co-ordinator - 01725 513807

Befriending and Recruitment Officer - 01725 510256

Chalke Valley South Sudan Visit

Come and hear what the Chalke Valley Team got up to in South Sudan including some amusing slides.

in the Lounge, The Orchard, Nunton
(opposite The Radnor Arms)

Monday 16th January

7.00pm -9.00pm

Drinks and nibbles

All welcome

details from Debby Underhill 01722 329769

Thank you from the Ladies Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Ladies Fellowship Christmas Fair on Tues 8th November.

This year's fair was the Fellowship's most successful to date, with Christmas music and the aroma of mulled cider adding to the festive atmosphere. It was a great opportunity to start Christmas shopping at the wide variety of stalls.

As ever, the coffee and lunchtime refreshments – delicious homemade cakes and soups provided by Jenny and her team – were enjoyed by many friends meeting up after their shopping.

Thanks to your support a fantastic £1216.96 was raised in aid of The Newman Holiday Trust – The Trust provides holidays for over 120 disabled children aged 5-16 each year, in various locations around the UK. Due to the high level of skilled care they require or financial circumstances, the children selected for these breaks would not otherwise receive a holiday. The holidays provide a range of fun activities in a safe and supported environment and use a care ratio of one helper to one child at all times.

The Trust is an entirely voluntary organisation and owes its success to over 200 people who dedicate their free time to helping these children. This voluntary structure ensures that every penny raised goes directly towards a child's holiday. The amount raised from the Fair will enable 3 children to each enjoy a holiday next year.

Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham PCC

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Neighbourhood Policing Team

*Pc 1157 Matt Holland, Pc 655 Fritz Macaulay and
Pcso 6237 Luke Taylor*

Recent daytime Burglary series

There were two house burglaries on 11th November in Downton/Charlton-All-Saints. These offences would appear to form part of an ongoing series across our wider Policing area, particularly in Whiteparish and Winterslow. The offender(s) seem to be active during the daytime and gain entry by smashing windows or patio doors. Please ensure that doors and windows are locked, and any alarms set whilst out during the day. Please report any suspicious persons, callers or vehicles to Police via our 101 number.

Current local priorities

Speeding (in particular introduction of Community SpeedWatch in Homington)

NPT officers are carrying out speed enforcement checks across all parishes in areas where feedback has shown speed to be a problem. We are also arranging training courses for volunteers keen to launch Community SpeedWatch scheme in Homington.

HGV's contravening area wide weight restrictions

Local officers will carry out checks to enforce area wide restrictions, in particular through Downton and Woodfalls. We will also liaise with trading standards to make better use of their 'Lorry Watch' reporting system. *(continued on page 4)*

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Weekly Police surgeries

We will be available to discuss any of your concerns at the following events:

Wednesdays: 11-12noon - Coombe Bissett Church

Thursdays: 10.30-11am - Downton Library,

PC 655 Fritz Macaulay has left to take over as CBM for the Harnham area. We are sure that you will join us in thanking him for all his hard work over the years on the Downton Beat and we wish him well in his new role

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(Watch the N&N website for the date)
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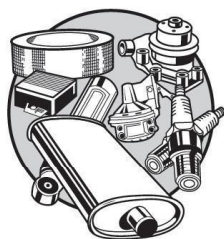
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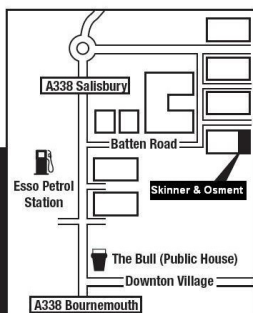
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Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.40 – 9.55am (5 th and 19 th January) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (13 th & 27 th January) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (18 th January)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm at the Orchard
Open Circle Folk Dancing/ Local Vocals	Dancing: 2 nd & 4 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall Local Vocals: 1 st Monday each month, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall Contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871

Diary Dates

9 th January	Messy Church, St Andrew's, Nunton and the Barker Room, 10am - 12noon (<i>see page 2</i>)
16 th January	Chalke Valley South Sudan Visit, The Orchard, Nunton, 7.00pm - 9.00pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
9 th February	Farrant Singers, St Andrew's, Nunton, 8.00pm - 9.15pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
25 th February	Céilidh, Radnor Hall (<i>see page 3</i>)

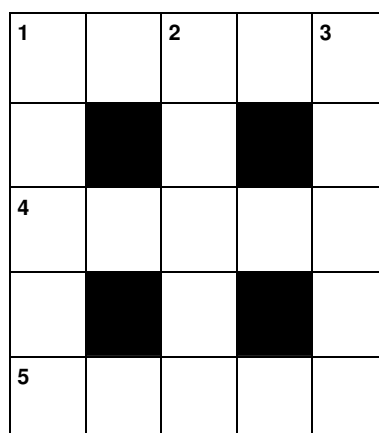
Little Cryptic Crossword

Across

- Search device either way
- Second rate fish makes flashy jewellery
- Disturbed friend has nothing but remains true

Down

- Resist brewed beer at 50
- Milk and cheese are first class where there's no damp
- Two short men are majestic



Here's my amateur attempt at a little cryptic crossword.

To regular cryptic solvers, it'll be very straightforward. For others, I'll give the answers next month and put them on the website.

If any readers would like to have a go at compiling something similar (I really mean better), either cryptic or plain, and send it to me, we could have more in future months.

Editor