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Good Friday - Easter Day

Annabel Tier

During the Second World War a Church in Strasbourg was destroyed by bombing. At first the people thought that nothing was left of the Church but a heap of rubble, but when they began to clear away the rubbish they found a statue of Christ. It was covered with dust but was unharmed except for one thing. *Both hands had been broken off.*

They searched everywhere but they could not find them. So when the Church was rebuilt after the war, the statue was re-erected, *but still without hands.*

Why? Because they said "So long as the statue of Christ stands complete but with no hands, people may remember that Christ has no hands to do his work in the world today except *our hands*".

Ours are the hands with which He is to go about doing good. Ours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

Church Services

Sunday 3 March	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Nunton
Lent 3	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	WC	Homington
Sunday 10 March	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
Lent 4	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	GS	Odstock
Mothering Sunday	11.00 am	Family Service (All Age)	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	WC	Charlton
Sunday 17 March	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Britford
Lent 5	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	KC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Morning Service (All Age)	GS	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	WC	Coombe
Sunday 24 March	10.00 am	Family Communion	GS	Nunton
Palm Sunday				
Thursday 28 March	7.30 pm	Parish Communion	GS/WC	Charlton
Maundy Thursday				
Friday 29 March	12.00 noon	Devotional Service	GS	Coombe
Good Friday	12.00 noon	Devotional Service	WC	Britford
	2.00 pm	The Liturgy of Good Friday	GS	Odstock
Sunday 31 March	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
Easter Sunday	9.30 am	Family Communion	WC	Charlton
	9.30 am	Family Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Family Communion	GS	Nunton

KC = Rev Karen Curnock, GS = Rev Dr Graham Southgate, WC = Rev Westley Cole

From the Editor

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Women's Institute

Diane Wait

Despite the atrocious weather on Monday 11 February, I am pleased to report that over fifty members and guests attended our monthly meeting at the Radnor Hall. Mrs Sue Bourne (President) gave a warm welcome to everyone and was delighted to introduce two new members, Mrs Josie Daniels and Mrs Margaret Morgan. It was nice to see Mrs Sheila May looking fit and well after her stay in hospital. In addition everyone joined in a rousing rendition of happy birthday to Mrs Betty Marks. Mrs Pat Reeves then read out the prayer and Miss Judith Johnson provided a very colourful and cheerful display of red polyanthus for the President's table.

Sue then discussed matters arising which included details of the Denman College visit in May, the annual Garden Party to be held at Melstock on 10th June, and the Village Fete on 13th July. She reported that the Scrabble team had won a very high scoring match and lost one with two more to play. Mrs Julia Joynt (Treasurer) read out details of her report and confirmed that she had sent off a cheque for £40.00 to cover the cost of one issue of *News & Notes*. Mrs Jean Van Hagen read out the correspondence which included details of a Jubilee Jaunt on Friday 31st May to an unknown destination. The cost for the coach will be £10.00 and we supply our own picnics. She also confirmed details of the Agenda Conference meeting on 29th April at Dennis Marsh House which will be attended by Mrs Pam Trubshaw, Mrs Audrey Elliott, Mrs Julia Joynt and Mrs Sue Bourne. It was another success for Mrs Angela Moules, who won flower of the month competition with a very pretty yellow Mahonia Bealii.

Following coffee, we all settled down to listen to Mr Peter Martin, who has farmed locally for many years, give his long awaited talk on the local water meadows. Peter's own involvement with the meadows goes back a very long way to when his father had meadows on the Ebbles and where Peter spent an idyllic childhood. At the age of 22 he took over the maintenance and preservation of the Britford meadows and has worked tirelessly since then looking after the local meadows which are very fertile and produce extremely lush grass for feeding and the growth of many different species of grasses and flowers, including king cups, yellow iris and marsh orchids. They also attract a lot of interesting birds such as kingfishers, wagtails and reed warblers and once upon a time otters were seen along the river banks. He is hopeful that they will return one day. He explained that it used to be very arduous work digging out the ditches by hand and this was normally carried out by just two men. However, with the advent of modern ditching machines the work can be done much more quickly and efficiently. Peter, with the help of Major Nigel Lewis, showed us some

wonderful slides of the meadows and rivers and made us all realise that they are very important and really should not be taken for granted. It is just so sad that so much household rubbish has to be regularly cleared from the rivers. However, I am sure that we all learned a great deal from his most informative and interesting talk and a very gracious vote of thanks was given by Mrs Joan Dickson. Peter was then pleased to answer a number of diverse questions from the floor.

The next meeting on 11th March is the AGM which will be run by Mrs Hazel Gillingham and Mrs Jill Johnson (Vice President) will stand in for Sue Bourne. The committee will be elected and voting will take place for the next President. Also there will be a draw for the annual Denman Bursary. Time permitting at the end of the meeting a Quiz will be run by Mrs Jean Van Hagen. On behalf of everyone may I take this opportunity to wish Mrs Vi Bath all the very best for her forthcoming operation and speedy recuperation. We sincerely hope it will be 100% successful.

Chaplain to Travellers

The Reverend Roger Redding (one of the Team Vicars in the Chalke Valley) has been appointed Acting Chaplain to Travellers with effect from the 1st April 2002. This will involve work for two days a week, and is not a full time position as has been reported in the press. There will be a Commissioning Service on the 26th May 2002 at St Martin's Church in Salisbury, time as yet to be specified.

Jubilee Year - Radnor Players

Barker Room, Monday 11th March 7.30 pm

We would welcome your input at an informal get-together to plan an entertainments programme to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee Year, and the splendid refurbishment of the Radnor Hall.

There are plans afoot to stage a one-act (very British) comedy with supper and other patriotic pieces in May and, of course, to look ahead to the end of year show. All ideas and offers of help would be greatly appreciated. Let's make this an Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham, Britford and Charlton affair - new faces especially welcome.

Phone Melanie Ferris 01722 322280 or Harry Joynt 01722 329782.

Charlton All Saints Golden Jubilee



The Charlton All Saints Golden Jubilee Committee (Jon Somers, Nicky Strickland, Darren Fenton, Jane Combes, Anne Blake, Denis Blake) met on the 12th February.

Things are going ahead very well with the arrangements for the Charlton Village Feast on 3rd

June. Such ideas as competition for Best Decorated House, Best Kept Front Garden were thought to be fun as was the notion that if as many people as possible could dress in red, white and blue (WITHOUT it being in any sense Fancy Dress), it would be great. What we did discuss and very seriously was the numbers for the catering Sub-Committee to plan for and what we decided was as follows:- While we do not want to be stand-offish or churlish, we felt that this was going to be a Charlton All Saints day and that therefore only the families of Charlton residents should be reckoned as eligible. In other words, it is not an event for which one makes up large parties from outside our community; grandparents, in-laws, grandchildren actually staying in the village at the time would be very welcome as long as there is a corresponding donation to the fund. You see, we are catering for the village and all our planning (subject to a flier through your letter-boxes after Easter) could be totally thrown out. Please let us all remember that the Feast is NOT a fund-raising event, unlike nearly everything one does in villages these days: it will be a Feast/Party at which we will spend as much of the funds as we possibly can on having a really glorious day from 12.00 onwards. Given decent weather, it should be a day for all to remember. We have permission for feasting and dancing in the barns and for a small bonfire in the field to the west of Charlton House, so that we can not only ring our church bells at 12.00 with the rest of the kingdom but also light our little beacon in the evening, having fed and generally made merry virtually all day. Don't worry; such matters as beer and wine have been thought of as well!

We have other ideas in the pipeline but it is a wee shade early yet to announce them; there is more planning and arranging still to do, of course. You will all be kept up to date either by these *Notes* or by a poster on the Village Board outside The Hut and by a flier as previously mentioned.

Jumble Sale

In aid of the Radnor Hall Chair Fund

Saturday 16th March at 2 pm

Radnor Hall, Bodenham

Jumble can be taken to the Hall or collected by Debby Underhill 01722 329769.

Help needed to set up from 10 am and to sell in the afternoon.

The Radnor Hall has had the toilets refurbished, new spot lights are being installed and we are hoping to get an extra 60 padded chairs and a demountable stage. Bookings are going well. If you would like to book the Hall, please call Shirley on 01722 329760.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Jubilee Celebration

Have you any ideas? What events could be arranged? We haven't much time! So come with enthusiasm to the Radnor Hall on Monday 4th March at 7.30 pm or ring Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

Charlton All Saints Golden Jubilee Village Feast 3rd June

Denis Blake

Although the contributions for which we asked some weeks ago have been coming in very nicely and VERY generously, some people have asked the question, How much is it? before deciding what or if to send in to me as Treasurer. The answer is that there is no Price of Admission or Meal-ticket Price; people are free to give just as much or as little as they feel inclined. Although every donor will get a personal receipt from me, all donations are kept anonymous and it will be I and I alone who will know who gave what, and that is knowledge which I will keep totally secret. No money is planned to change hands on the day itself - what we all enjoy will come out of the funds we have got.

If this helps anyone who has yet to make a donation, then hooray! Obviously it would be wonderful if everyone in the community put something into the kitty but no one would be refused admission on 3rd June because they had not paid! It would be only me that knew anyway, and I promise not to tell a soul - although I cannot in all honesty say that I might not give such a person what Paddington Bear would call a very hard stare!

Odstock Easter Lilies

Anyone wishing to contribute to the cost of Easter lilies for Odstock Church should please send their donations to Caroline Cooper at Holly Lodge, Odstock, telephone 01722 324915.

A Word on Wildlife

The worst of winter is behind us! For many of us, this is the time when we start giving some thought to our gardens. In today's busy, built-up world, the ordinary domestic garden can be a priceless habitat for wildlife. Christine Coward, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Information Officer, runs a wildlife helpline (01380 725670, email WIO@wiltshirewildlife.org). A look at her "frequently asked questions" shows that at this time of year, the hottest topic is... ponds.

If you are thinking of digging a pond, and want to attract wildlife to it, what are the most important things to do? Christine says: "Ponds should have plenty of light particularly on the south side. However, they may benefit if sheltered from prevailing



winds by vegetation or buildings. Pond edges should be irregular and shallow, so that marginal plants can establish, and gently sloping to allow easy access for wildlife. If you want to encourage amphibians such as frogs and newts, then don't put fish in your pond - they will eat the spawn in the spring. Finally, use only native non-invasive plants that provide good cover and breeding sites."

If you already have a pond, at around this time of year you might start to see frogspawn. But can you have too much of a good thing? Many people contact Christine with worries about ponds teeming with frogspawn. So what's the answer?

"There really is no need to worry! Frogs and toads lay many thousands of eggs to ensure that a viable population will survive to adulthood. Much of the spawn in a pond will die before the tadpoles hatch, or else it will be eaten by predators. It is best to leave the spawn alone and wait for nature to determine the balance in the pond. Also, moving living things from one pond to another may have detrimental effects such as transferring disease or alien plant species."

In other words ~ leave well alone and let nature take its course!

If you have a wildlife query, contact Christine on the number above. And if you're interested in helping to protect Wiltshire's wildlife for future generations to enjoy, perhaps you would like to join the Trust? Family membership costs £30, individual

membership £20 per year. Contact info@wiltshirewildlife.org, or contact Sheila Martin, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Elm Tree Court, Long Street, Devizes SN10 1NJ, phone (01380) 725670.

Charlton Garden Society

Well done to those brave souls who turned out a wet and stormy night on Monday 4th February to listen to a talk about Gardening in Southern California, given by Sylvia Parrett. The Americans do strange things to their gardens - for example, artificial cobwebs, and white sheets to represent snow at Christmas time!



Our next meeting will be on Monday 25th March at 7.30 pm in Charlton Church Hall. Nick Lock will talk on Colour and Contrast in the Garden.

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Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Junior Church	To coincide with 9.30 am services at Nunton or Odstock Churches (except August), held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Every Wed 9.30 - 11.30 am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham Contact at Suzie Orchiton 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (8 th & 22 nd March): Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays (12 th & 26 th March): Brookmead, Britford 11.00 am; Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.20 am; Crossroads, Odstock 11.45 am

For Your Diary

4 March	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Jubilee Planning meeting, Radnor Hall, 7.30 pm
11 March	Radnor Players meeting, Barker Room, 7.30 pm
16 March	Jumble Sale, Radnor Hall, 2.00 pm
25 March	Charlton Garden Society, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
3 June	Charlton Golden Jubilee Feast Day
10 June	WI Garden Party, Melstock, Nunton
13 July	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fete