

News & Notes

Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham,
Britford & Charlton-All-Saints

April 1994

The Rectory
Nunton

Dear Friends

As we celebrate Easter we may be tempted (even without realising it) to be sceptical about the whole affair. Is it after all just a period of escapism? If Christ is risen where is the evidence? There is so much in the ongoing state of things that is wrong. If only God, even with a bit of help from us, would make it better!! Is faith at best "Pie in the sky, when you die"?

Of course we are called to help improve the lot of others when we can. However a perfect world without suffering and sin would not be evidence of a Risen Christ - indeed such a situation would probably cause us not even to bother to look for him.

The Risen Christ is only encountered as we pitch into life at those places where first we find him crucified. That may be in the dark places of military or political upheaval, or it may be, more realistically for us, in our neighbour's situation and certainly in our own.

God is always in the thick of it and that is where we shall find him. "Christ is Risen" then becomes reality as the evidence of his Life is found working within us and those around. God changes situations through changed people. The trouble with us people is that we so often fail to comprehend that truth.

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen" can only truly be said by those who can also say "Alleluia! Christ has changed me!"

Yours

Robert Hollingshurst

Angela Moules has been editor of *News & Notes* for 16 years and now hands over to Clare Penny of Charlton. We are all extremely grateful to Angela for such long and devoted service. The PCC has shown its appreciation with a gift token for £50.

Robert Hollingshurst

The **Hunger Lunch** held at the Rectory on 19 March raised £125 for the Tear Fund. Many thanks to all those who came and to those who helped in any way.

Robert Hollingshurst

If you would like to discuss anything with Robert, please telephone him on 0722 330628. His day off is Saturday.

Parish Meetings

The Annual Parochial Meetings of our parishes are on the following dates:

Britford	12 April	7.00 pm	Britford Church
Charlton	20 April	7.30 pm	Charlton Church
Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham	26 April	7.30 pm	Nunton Parish Room

Electoral roll forms are available at the back of each church.

The Annual General Meeting of the **Britford Parish Council** will be held on 1 June 1994 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Hall, Britford. It will include a Crime Prevention Presentation by the police. Everyone is welcome.

Church Services

Friday 1 April Good Friday	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Family Service Devotional Hour		Nunton Charlton
Sunday 3 April Easter Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion	ASB	Britford
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Odstock
	11.15 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 10 April	9.30 am	United Communion	ASB	Nunton
Wednesday 13 April	2.00 pm	Pram Service		Nunton Parish Room
Sunday 17 April	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Charlton
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Nunton
Sunday 24 April	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Odstock
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	BCP	Britford
	6.00 pm	Evening Communion	ASB	Charlton
Sunday 1 May	8.30 am	Holy Communion	BCP	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	ASB	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Service	ASB	Charlton

From the Editor

I am sure everyone would like to thank Angela Moules and Susie Jenkins for editing and typing *News & Notes* for the past many years and I hope that I will live up to their expectations as editor.

I trust that you will like the new look for *News & Notes*. Many people have asked me if we could make the newsletter longer. The answer to that is yes, but we need two things - contributions and finance. If you have news or notes that you would like to share, reports from your club, society or school, or events that you would like to publicise, please let me know. If you would like to advertise your business for a small fee or would be prepared to sponsor *News & Notes*, do contact me. *News & Notes* is delivered free to 450 homes and could gain you useful local advertising. This edition has been sponsored by the Warminster Osteopathic Clinic, to which I am very grateful.

Sunday School/Creche

Small children find it hard to sit still all the way through a church service. If this is preventing you from coming to church, or from enjoying the service, perhaps you would be interested in joining a Sunday School. We are hoping to organise this for one or two services a month at one of our churches. The children will be happily and safely amused for the majority of the service, probably at the back of the church, and will join the main congregation towards the end of the service. Will anyone who is interested please contact Mary Onstenk on 0722 322643 or the editor.

Women's Institute

The AGM on 14 March was attended by Mrs Gillian Neville as VCO. She told members about the history of the WI since its beginning 75 years ago, with stories about local Institutes - in peace and in war - and summed it up as "a haven of peace and sanity in this troubled world". Mrs Irene Harrison retired after 2 years as President, and Miss Denys Clarke was elected in her place. At the April meeting, Miss Ann Sevier will talk on "a year in the life of a New Forest Pony". New members always welcome. We meet at 10.00 am on the second Monday of the month in Nunton Parish Room.

Angela Moules

Golden Wedding

Belated congratulations to Mr and Mrs Leonard Townend of Bodenham, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 12 March.

Coming Soon!

Monthly Pram Service

Starting Wednesday 13 April at 2.00 pm

Nunton Parish Room

Who is it for?

Babies, pre-school children, Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, you name it!

What will happen?

A short service with a few choruses and a prayer, birthday cards, cakes and candles, coffee, tea, squash and biscuits, chat, and toys for the children

When will it finish?

When you leave and in plenty of time to collect the kids from school

Everyone welcome!

Also Pram Services on 11 May, 8 June, 13 July

Registering for School

Odstock School has increased its numbers on roll by over 30% this year. If you have a pre-school child, it is advisable to register your child from the age of 3 years as this helps us to plan for the future. Please contact the Head teacher on 0722 329701.

Fun Run

There will be a "fun run" of 4 - 5 miles, starting (and ending) at the Yew Tree Inn, Odstock, at 11.00 am on Sunday 1 May. It is in aid of the Salisbury Journal's Charity Appeal. For more details please contact Lynn Whitley on 0722 321226. Angela Moules

Faith Hawley's 90th Birthday Party

The Radnor Hall was packed to capacity for a very happy buffet lunch party - given by the Community Group and friends. Family members included Ann, Puck and Sarah with Frances and many others. A mini bus brought Southwark friends with a magnificent birthday cake. Others came from the parish and all over the country! Carole Stratton proposed a toast and Faith was presented with a lawn mower from us all. We look forward to a 100th birthday party in 2004 - long live Faith!

Angela Moules

Faith Hawley would like to say that at her birthday party she felt a part of the WHOLE and enveloped in LOVE, which is what she believes a village community is all about. Faith Hawley

Recording the Inside of St Peter's Church, Britford

NADFAS, the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Society, has undertaken a national programme of recording the interior decoration of churches. To date 500 churches have been recorded and St Peter's is to be included. Under the guidance of NADFAS members, villagers working in groups will record all aspects of the inside of the church such as textiles, woodwork, paintings etc. On Tuesday 15 March, Mrs Jennifer Beazley from Bath outlined the work we will be carrying out over next six months. We will be meeting every third Tuesday of the month at 2.00 pm in the church to discuss the progress the groups are making. When the recording work is complete, the results will be compiled into a book. One copy will be held at the church and one at the V&A in London, forming part of the national collection. Glenda Scott

Southwark Pensioners

Every year the Community Group invites a group of pensioners from London to spend a few days with us in the county. We arrange the programme but are looking for accommodation. If you can offer bed and breakfast to one or two people, please telephone Carole Stratton on 0722 329720 by 12 April.

Carole Stratton

Dates for your Diary

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| 11 April | WI Meeting |
| 12 April | Britford Annual Parochial Meeting |
| 13 April | Pram Service |
| 20 April | Charlton Annual Parochial Meeting |
| 26 April | Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Annual Parochial Meeting |
| 1 May | Fun Run |
| 1 June | Britford Parish Council AGM |
| 9 July | Church Fete |

Regular Events

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| WI | Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Nunton Parish Room |
| Pram Service | Second Wednesday of the month, 2.00 pm Nunton Parish Room |
| St Peter's/NADFAS | Third Tuesday of the month, 2.00 pm St Peter's Church |
| Toddler Group | Every Friday, 9.30 am - 11.30 am Odstock School |

Simnel Cake

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| 12 oz butter | 1½ oz mixed peel |
| 12 oz caster sugar | 6 oz currants |
| 6 eggs, separated | 12 oz sultanas |
| 15 oz plain flour | Grated zest and juice of 2 lemons |
| 6 oz glacé cherries | 8 oz marzipan |

Pre-heat the oven to 150 C/300 F/Gas 2. Grease and line a 9 inch cake tin. Cream butter and sugar. Beat in egg yolks, adding some flour if necessary to prevent curdling. Halve cherries and fold into mixture, followed by the peel, currants, sultanas, lemon zest and juice. Whisk the egg whites until they form soft peaks. Fold into the mixture, with the remaining flour. Roll out marzipan to form a 9 inch circle. Spoon half the mixture into the cake tin, then place the circle of marzipan on top, then the rest of the mixture. Bake for 2½ hours until golden brown and a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. Eat as a delicious Easter treat!

Mobile Hairdresser	For an appointment in your own home, please telephone Sarah Coombes on 0980 621324
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