

News and Notes

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At this time of year I begin to think about summer fairs, the old swing boats, helter skelters and above all those marvellous steam driven 'up and down horses' with their organs adorned with brightly coloured painted ladies beating time on the pipes with little gold hammers and all the steam, noise and throb of the engines. Money for the rides a sixpence, was taken by a nimble lad with pennies in one hand and an oily rag in the other, who seemed to be able to swing around the horses with no need to hold the golden barley sugar twist poles, while I proffered my pennies and hung on for dear life. As we went round, faster and faster the changing scene became more blurred. At one point I could see over the crowds to the fields beyond, then to the intimidating whirling bucket seats of the ride next door and finally I would see my mother smiling and waving from the spot where I had left her. When I climbed down my knees were wobbling and I was in need of an ice cream and a pause!

By July the year seems to be going faster and faster as there are so many things to fit in, to finish or establish before the children come home for the holidays and we pack the suntan and the swimming towels or get out the maps and take to the hills.

By July we are half way through the year. Where has it gone? Like the roundabout it seems that the Summer Fete has arrived when we have only just seen the last one go by. Easter has been quickly followed by Pentecost and Trinity and we are now into what the church calls "ordinary time". And ordinary time is what we need! Time to appraise what we have been doing in these past months, time to look back and appreciate people and events which we have been special and time to assimilate the experiences which have been ours. WH Davies, a Welsh poet said

*"What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare."*

"Ordinary time" gives us time to draw breath in the Church's year. We need the important events of our Christian year to be especially marked and we need time to take in their significance for us. For some people in our Deanery that significance will be marked by their confirmation on 12th July in Bishopstone church. For me, 19th March will always be a significant day as it was the date when I was licensed into the Chalke Valley Team. Since then I have been on a roundabout – a roundabout of different churches and services and new faces at every turn. It has been an exciting and a very joyful beginning amongst you all. My husband Terence and I have known and loved the Chalke Valley over many years. So if you find me leaning over a gate somewhere, just staring, you will know that I am assimilating all the new experiences and thanking God for "ordinary time" in which to do it!

Church of England Services

Sunday 6th July Trinity 3	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion BCP Patronal Festival Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong BCP	Nunton Britford Coombe Homington	WC GS GS GS
Sunday 13th July Trinity 4	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Family Service Matins BCP	Homington Odstock Coombe Charlton	GS WC GS/AB WC
Sunday 20th July Trinity 5	8.00 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion (JC) Morning Service Parish Communion BCP	Britford Nunton Homington Coombe	GS GS WC WC
Sunday 27th July Trinity 6	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Matins BCP	Homington Charlton Odstock Coombe	WC GS GS WC
Sunday 3rd August Trinity 7	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Nunton Britford Coombe Homington	

GS = The Revd Dr Graham Southgate, WC = The Revd Westley Cole, AB = Mr Alan Beale (The Gideons)

Please note that there will be no Junior Church at Nunton on 13th July or during August

From the Editor

This month's edition has been paid for by my Bernard Stubbs, who recently ran the London Marathon, and raised a great deal of money for charity. Our thanks and admiration go to him – I am much in awe of anyone who can run a marathon! If you have editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes*, please send them to me, Clare Penny, Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, Salisbury SP5 4HF, telephone 01725 512869, email clare@azalea.demon.co.uk. Monetary donations should be sent to our Treasurer, Neil Guttridge, Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, Salisbury SP5 4HQ, telephone 01725 511468. The deadline for the next edition is Friday 18th July.

Holy Days In July

- 3 July Saint Thomas the Apostle - Holy Communion at 8 am in Nunton.
22 July Saint Mary Magdalene - Holy Communion at 8 am in Nunton.
25 July Saint James the Apostle - Holy Communion at 8 am in Nunton.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

At Nunton on 15th June 2003:
Millie Leia Trowbridge.

At Nunton on 22nd June 2003:
Harry Thomas Moulard.

Holy Matrimony

At Odstock on 24th May 2003:
David Coleman and Rhene de Villiers.

At Nunton on 24th May 2003:
Guy Edward Burling Swayne and Maria Louisa Pereira Cabral de Oliveira.

At Nunton on 7th June 2003:
Darren Neil Fenton and Paula Joanne Strickland.

Burial

At Nunton on 30th May 2003:
Marjorie Kathleen Cutler (cremated remains).

WI

On a perfect summer's afternoon we celebrated our 59th birthday with a Garden Party at Melstock in Nunton, attended by many members, visitors and friends, including two WI Advisers (Mrs Sandra Mistlin and Mrs Margaret Aymes), three founder members (Mrs Townend, Mrs Norris and Mrs Lovesay) and representatives from Laverstock, Winterslow & Firsdow, Alderbury, Downton, Redlynch and Whiteparish WIs.

After a very brief meeting, chaired by Mrs Julia Joynt (President) when various notices and outings were discussed, our guests arrived and Mrs Joynt

welcomed them, thanked Mrs Judy Barke for her beautiful flower arrangement (donated later by Mrs Barke as a raffle prize) and also thanked Mrs Barbara Robertson and Mrs Joy Saunders for the lovely WI birthday cake they had made, iced and decorated with fresh flowers. Mrs Joynt then asked Mrs Mistlin to cut the cake.

The festivities then began in earnest with everyone enjoying our excellent Bring and Buy and Plant stalls, and a superb raffle and a roomful of Nearly New clothes to tempt us. At the same time Mrs Joynt and Mrs Van Hagen had organised a fascinating and very clever Treasure Hunt around the gardens which was won by Mrs Maria Taylor and Mrs Hilary Sandle of Winterslow and Firsdow WI. This was followed by a sumptuous tea provided by all the members and served from a marquee. Everyone commented on what a marvellous spread of tempting food had been provided. The afternoon ended with Mrs Mistlin and Mrs Joynt drawing the raffle, Mrs Mistlin thanking our WI for a wonderful afternoon on behalf of all the guests, and Mrs Joynt presenting Mrs Sue Bourne with a book token for use of her beautiful and immaculate garden.

Charlton Garden Society

Barbara Box

The next meeting will be the outing on Friday 11th July to White Windows, Mrs Sterndale-Bennett's garden in Longparish.

Car Boot Sale

Bernard Stubbs

There will be a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 20th July at 12.00 noon, on Nunton Football Field, in aid of the Salisbury Branch of Diabetics.

Downton Wednesday Group of Local Amateur Artists is holding a

SUMMER ART EXHIBITION

on

Sat 19th & Sun 20th July

in

Downton Memorial Hall

10.30 am to 4.30 pm

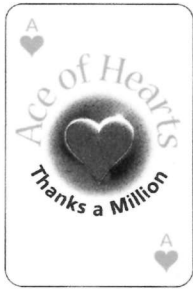
Entry Free

There will also be African Crafts on sale with the proceeds going to pay for the education of Kenyan orphans

Refreshments will be available

**All proceeds going to the SDH
"Ace of Hearts Appeal"**

Ace of Hearts Appeal



There will be a jumble sale at The Radnor Hall on Wednesday 23rd July at 7.00 pm in aid of the "Ace of Hearts Appeal" (helping to raise £1 million for a cardiac suite to be built at Salisbury District Hospital).

Any jumble or donations will be most appreciated. We will collect it anytime. Please phone 01722 330757 or please bring to the Hall after 11.30 am on the day. Thank you.

The Radnor Hall NEEDS SOMEONE TO CLEAN 4 HOURS A MONTH! Have you got some spare time ? We need someone to go in twice a month, at times to suit you and for bookings. It needs a good clean through and the main hall floor polished once a month. For more details ring Debby Underhill 01722 329769 or Harry Joynt 01722 329782.

Odstock Primary School

It has been a very busy time at school lately.

Several visitors have been in school. The RSPB spent a morning explaining wildlife habitats to the juniors and Linden Hedgehog Rescue spent time showing and discussing the lives and habits of two hedgehogs they brought into school.

Our Year 6 children took part in the annual Junior Good Citizen event which was an afternoon of activities involving several different schools. They were congratulated on their excellent behaviour.

The week beginning June 16th was promoting racial awareness week within the Forest cluster of schools. Our Year 3 and 4 children spent an afternoon at Alderbury & West Grimstead School. There were many activities including circus skills, Indian cookery, dance and mask making. Meanwhile Years 5 and 6 participated in a workshop on traveller wagon art in readiness for their visit to Salisbury library the next day to attend the launch of a book entitled "Two for One" in association with the Wiltshire Traveller Education Team. Pupils from Odstock and Downton Secondary School enjoyed an activity designing plaques using a range of activities.

A fair trade event was run at school by the Marlborough Brandt Group. This involved an afternoon workshop about how unfair the production of cocoa and chocolate can be, followed by a stall selling fair trade products, including tea, coffee and chocolate.

Still coming up in June and July for the Year 5s is a science cluster day at Downton Secondary School, a field study trip at Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door

for the juniors and a science downland exploration day for the whole school.

In addition we are officially opening up our refurbished library on July 16th at 2.30 pm and holding our annual sports day during the evening of July 21st.

PFA News

The recent plant and cake sale was well attended and help raise around £75.

Due to popular demand they are also shortly holding another beetle drive and will be actively involved in providing the barbecue to accompany sports day.

Appeal

We are trying to build up our range of wheeled play equipment so if anyone has any unwanted tricycles or sturdy scooters that are in good condition, please could you consider donating them to the school.

Thank you.

Body Massage

Help relieve the stresses and strains of every day life
Remove your gardening aches and pains

Lindsey Whalley
SRN FHT IHHHT

01722 329733

Christian Aid

Adrian Taylor

Many thanks to all those who helped with the Christian Aid envelope collections in May and to all those who gave so generously. From our five villages, we raised a magnificent £721.24 (plus 30 Spanish pesetas, 20 French centimes, 9 Euro cents and a 20p fruit machine token). This is the first time we have exceeded £700 – thank you!

The Radnor Hall Players

Hazel Docherty

What could be nicer after a beautiful summer's day than to dine among friends and be entertained? That is what happened on May 30th and 31st at the Radnor Hall when once again the Radnor Hall Players put their best foot forwards and surprised and delighted packed houses with 2 one-act plays. The first play, 'Red Spy at Night' was a gentle comic satire on the activities of the different secret services which managed to combine a clever text with subversive ideas and some extremely slick timing.

Spies slipped effortlessly under the bed, from behind a screen and into a wardrobe to the great amusement of the audience. There were some entertaining special effects and very good performances from a cast which is becoming well known to regular attenders. The play was well cast, professionally directed, as usual, by Harry Joynt, well timed and

above all very good fun. Those on stage were Peter Docherty, Melanie Ferris, John Ferris, Julian Johnson and Pippa Warley.

The lights went up as helpers swept from the kitchen bearing a most delicious supper for everyone, once again ably masterminded and efficiently produced by Shel Martin. It is particularly nice to sit around with a good meal and a glass of wine savouring a good performance and the buzz in the room was very appreciative.

The second play, 'Darlings, You Were Wonderful', was completely different. Six ladies engaged in preparation for an important drama competition juggle with all the last-minute problems and crises that so often occur when anticipation is high and nerves are stretched. It was very good to see some new faces among the cast, there were plenty of laughs and a surprising ending. The ladies – Debbie Vyas, Stephanie Elcock, Debby Underhill, Simone Wade, Lynn McNichol and Paola Campari - coped very well with the swings of mood and pace. This play was most ably directed by Melanie Ferris who also had a large part in the first play but appeared relaxed and cheerful at the end of a very successful evening. As always many people contributed both back stage and in other spheres such as selling tickets, organising the bar, putting out publicity and producing props. Brian Clake as stage manager and special effects man had a great deal to do. I am sure that the audience is already looking forward to the next offering from so many talented people.

"Too Many Cooks"

Having a lunch or dinner party, but would prefer not to cook? Then give me a call.

I will create a menu to suit you and the occasion (formal or informal) and even help serve the meal if required, leaving you to enjoy your own party (maximum number catered for is ten).

Puddings are a speciality of mine and if that's your only requirement, I can provide these for far greater numbers of guests!

Amanda Lyles 01725 513530

The Grand Annual Charlton All Saints Barbecue

Saturday 5th July at 6 pm

at Charlton Courtyard

Spit Roast and usual refreshments

Raffle and Skittles

Fun for all the family!

*Tickets on sale from Barbara Box on
01725 510758*

**Adults £6, Children under 14 £3,
Children under 5 free**

Cancer Research - Please Support Us

Colin Berry

Andy Berry from Odstock has organised and is taking part in a sponsored cycle ride from John O'Groats to Land's End in August in aid of Cancer Research. Andy will be pedalling hard for 900 miles for this worthy cause, so if you would like to sponsor him, please call him or Colin & Diane on 01722 323648. Many thanks.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Village Fête - Grand Draw

Adrian Taylor

Tickets for the Grand Draw are on sale and if you would like some or could sell some to others, please contact Adrian Taylor (325862), Gill Smedley (329488) or Susie Jenkins (329748). They will also be sold at the Fête on Saturday, 12th July and the draw will take place at the end of that afternoon. As usual, we also need prizes and shall be grateful for any you are able to donate. Many thanks.

We need cakes for the cake stall on Fête Day (12th July) and Brian Clake (01722 340261) will be happy to receive any you can make. Brian will also be very grateful for any other help you may be able offer with the various Fête events.

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Junior Church	To co-incide with 9.30 am service 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 Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30 am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Wednesdays (2 nd , 16 th , 30 th): Brookmead, Britford 10.00 – 10.20 am Village Hut, Charlton 10.30 – 10.45 am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.00 – 11.20 am

Dates for Your Diary

5 July	Charlton All Saints Barbecue, 6 pm Charlton Courtyard
6 July	Bishop of Salisbury at 11.00 am Parish Communion, Bowerchalke
8 July	Team Council meeting at Bishopstone Village Hall 7.30 pm
9 July	LPAs meeting at Knapp Farmhouse, Broad Chalke 7.30 pm
11 July	Charlton Garden Society's outing to White Windows
12 July	Nunton, Odstock and Bodenham Fete
12 July	Deanery Confirmation service at Bishopstone 11.00 am
16 July	Odstock School Refurbished Library Opening 2.30 pm
19 & 20 July	Summer Art Exhibition, Downton Memorial Hall
20 July	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Football Field 12 noon
21 July	Odstock School Sports Evening
23 July	Ace of Hearts Jumble Sale, Radnor Hall 7.00 pm
27 July	Ecumenical service at Berwick St John 6 pm with Revd Jackie Lowe from Broad Chalke URC preaching

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Village Fête Events

Thursday, 3rd July <i>Nunton Drove</i>	6.00 pm	Clay Pigeon Shoot 40 Bird Sporting, Pool Shoot, Beginners' Corner, Fibre wads only
Friday, 4th July <i>Radnor Arms, Nunton</i>	7.30 pm	Skittles Morris Dancing, Bouncy Castle, Barbecue
Sunday, 6th July <i>Nunton Football Field</i>	10.00 am	Children's Bike Ride Enter on arrival
Sunday, 6th July <i>Nunton Football Field</i>	12.00 pm	Car Boot Sale
Friday, 11th July <i>The Marquee, Nunton</i>	7.30 pm	Live Music & Disco Hoofhearted! and Disco 21, Barbecue and Bar – tickets at £8 from 01722 340261
Saturday, 12th July <i>Nunton Football Field</i>	2.00 pm	Village Fête Opened by Lady Radnor <i>All the fun of the fair including:</i> Fancy Dress, Tug of War, Classic Vehicles, Stalls with home produce, cakes, plants, books, bric-à-brac etc Pet Show, Ferret Racing, Children's events, Fairground organ, Bouncy Castle, Crafts, Beer Tent, Air Rifle Shoot, Magician, Cream Teas
Saturday, 12th July <i>Odstock Bridge</i>	6.00 pm	Raft Race To enter call 01722 325862
Saturday, 12th July <i>Nunton Football Field</i>	7.30 pm	Barn Dance Lynden Bowen, Country Band and Caller Free entry

For more details of events ask Brian Clake (01722 340261), Adrian Taylor (01722 325862)
or Lynn McNichol at Bodenham Post Office