
News & Notes

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Forward With Christ

Westley Cole

On Wednesday 10th July 2002, the Chalke Valley Benefice embarks on another chapter of its short history with the Institution and Induction of the Reverend Canon David Henley as Team Rector in All Saints, Broad Chalke at 7.30 pm.

He takes up the reins of office at a time of Diocesan financial insecurity when the future is slightly uncertain but our earnest prayer is that the Chalke Valley Benefice with its 13 churches and 9 parishes stretching across nearly 20 miles of the Ebble Valley will go from strength to strength under his leadership of the Team Ministry.

Canon Henley is licensed just fifteen days before the Feast of St James on 25th July – a missionary apostle who, according to tradition, in the later years of his life, travelled as far as he could westwards, eventually arriving in Compostela on the coast of Spain, on an evangelising visit. Although he suffered martyrdom and was originally buried in Jerusalem, his body was later translated to Compostela where, during the middle ages, the shrine of Santiago became one of the greatest of all Christian shrines.

May that missionary and evangelising zeal which so typified the life of St James and about which the Bishop of Salisbury spoke so eloquently at my ordination on 25th July 1998, be evident in Canon David Henley's leadership and amongst everyone in the Chalke Valley Benefice.

Church Services

Sunday 7 July Trinity 6	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong with Salisbury Cathedral Choir (BCP)	GS	Homington
Sunday 14 July Trinity 7	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	WC	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service (All Age)	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	WC	Charlton
Sunday 21 July Trinity 8	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Britford
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Morning Service (All Age)	WC	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	WC	Coombe
Sunday 28 July Trinity 9	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service (All Age)	WC	Odstock
Sunday 4 August Trinity 10	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)		Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion		Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion		Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)		Homington

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

Junior Church

Please note that the last Junior Church before the summer break will held on 8th July in the Barker Room, Nunton at 9.30 am. The next one will be held on 9th September.

From the Editor

This month's edition has been paid for by the Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fete Committee. Thank you, and we wish you fine weather for the Fete on 13th July. The monthly photocopying cost for *News & Notes* is £40 for a 4 side issue - if you would like to sponsor an issue, please

get in touch with Neil - we need your money!! Editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF, telephone 01725 512869 or email clare@azalea.demon.co.uk Monetary donations should be sent to Neil Guttridge, *News & Notes* Treasurer, on 01725

511468 or at Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HQ. Notices of charity and non-profit making events are inserted free, but all other advertisements are charged at £2 per 30 words, or £20 for 12 insertions. The deadline for the August issue Friday 19th July.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

At Charlton All Saints on 26th May:
Thomas Andrew Barrett and Jessica Lily Barrett

Holy Matrimony

At Britford on 4th May
David Michael Herbert and Suzanne Jane Moss

Burial

At Charlton All Saints on 13th June
Charles and Jean Bunting (cremated remains)

Holy Days In July

3rd St Thomas the Apostle, Holy Communion at 8.00 am in Nunton
22nd St Mary Magdalene, Holy Communion at 8.00 am in Nunton
25th St James the Apostle, Holy Communion at 8.00 am in Nunton

Child-link - Chalke Valley Lent Project

John Fergusson

This is to let you know the final result of the Chalke Valley Lent Project this year, and to say a *very warm* thank you to everyone who worked so hard, and gave so generously. We have been thrilled by the response, above and beyond what we had any reason to expect! As a direct result of the Project we have also gained a number of new sponsors for our children – long-term support for which we also offer praise and thanks to God!

Below is a summary of the income received, parish by parish. Amounts include direct gifts, collections by other local churches, and cash donations.

Villages	Amount £
Berwick St John	227-60
Bishopstone	1,172-30
Bowerchalke	940-00
Britford	87-22
Broadchalke	555-00
Charlton All Saints	46-52
Coombe Bissett & Homington	582-44
Ebbesbourne Wake & Alvediston	271-08
Odstock & Nunton	237-00
Valleywide collections – cash boxes	77-60
– others	338-00
Total Collected	4,534-76
Gift Aid anticipated	266-27
Grand Total	4,801-03

We would like our supporters to know that almost all of the money collected has already been sent to the children,

without deduction. The balance will be sent soon, also without deduction.

Finally, you may like to know that Rev John Arul will be in UK in July, and there will be a chance to meet with him. He will be at the Downton Baptist Church at 10.30 am on Sunday 14th July, and at The Rock Christian Fellowship, Ludgershall at 6.30 pm on the same day.

Licensing of our New Rector

Ian Fowler, Churchwarden, Broad Chalke

The Reverend Canon David Henley will be Licensed by The Lord Bishop of Salisbury and Installed by the Archdeacon of Wiltshire on Wednesday 10th July 2002 at 7.30 pm at All Saints' Church, Broad Chalke. The Service will be followed by a Reception in the Broad Chalke Village Hall.

Any questions related to invitations and guest lists should be addressed to Alan Bebbington (e-mail address a@bebbing44.freemove.co.uk or 01722 780476) or any administrative queries to me please (by e-mail lbrfowler@cs.com or 01722 780147).

Women's Institute

Diane Wait

Unfortunately due to tricky weather conditions, the planned garden party, due to be held at Melstock on Monday 10th June, had to be transferred to the Radnor Hall. Thankfully, however, this did not affect the success of the event and everyone had a very good time. Members worked very hard to get everything ready and the hall looked really attractive with a lovely assortment of flower arrangements produced by Mrs Julian Joynt (President), Mrs Jill Johnson (Vice President) and Mrs Rita Hobbs. Mrs Jennifer Cowan also created a large and very beautiful display of summer flowers which looked marvellous on the windowsill.

A short meeting was held at 2 pm and business formalities kept to a minimum.

Mrs Joan Dixon was, however, very fortunate to win the last ticket in a 4-way ballot for the visit to Highgrove on July 2nd. Details of this visit and the outing to Lulworth Castle were finalised by Mrs Joy Saunders and Miss Judith Johnson.

Following the completion of the meeting, Julia then warmly welcomed Mrs Sandra Mistlin (WI Adviser) and many guests from other WIs, plus three founder members to the party. She also thanked Mrs Sue Bourne very much for all her hard work in getting her beautiful garden ready for the occasion, and she expressed great regret that we had been unable to hold the event at Melstock this year. Before inviting Sandra Mistlin to cut the lovely WI cake produced by Mrs Jackie Feltham, Julia encouraged members and guests to visit the bring and buy stall, ably run by Mrs Irene Hayes, Mrs Barbara Stevens and Mrs Dorothy Darton. She also hoped everyone would support the raffle run by Mrs Betty Marks, Mrs Ruth Austen and Mrs Jean O'Rourke.

Following the cutting of the cake, we were treated to some lovely singing from the Cranborne Chase WI Choir. They provided great entertainment by singing a selection of well known songs, including some from Carousel and West Side Story. Their conductor, a wonderful lady called

Marie Hammond, sang a superb solo and also read out two funny poems written by Pam Ayres. Their finale was a very lively rendition of the Dashing White Sergeant and they received prolonged and much deserved applause for all their efforts. Everyone agreed it was entertainment of the highest order and many thanks must go to Mrs Doreen Osmond for arranging their visit.

The choir ladies were more than ready for the superb tea and the table looked spectacular laden with all sorts of wonderful sandwiches, scones and cakes. The members serving the teas included Joy Saunders, Margaret Barrow and Pat Reeves. I apologise if I have missed anyone out. We all worked very hard to make the garden party a success and I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

I understand from Sue that a lot of the plants and nearly new clothes were sold later in the afternoon at Melstock. It had been impossible to transport these to the Radnor Hall and so the decision was taken to hold the garden party in two halves. I do hope that next year we will once again be able to hold this popular event in one of the beautiful gardens and that the weather will look more kindly on us and get its act together!

The next meeting is on Monday 8th July at 10 am in the Radnor Hall, when Mrs Denise Fox will be giving an intriguing talk entitled "D" for Dolls. Should be fun and guests will receive a warm welcome.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Village Fête - Grand Draw

Tickets for the Grand Draw are being sold throughout Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham and will also be sold at the Fête on 13th July. We shall need draw prizes and the following will be delighted to receive any that you are able to donate - Adrian Taylor (Nunton) on 01722 325862, Gill Smedley (Odstock) on 01722 329488 and Susie Jenkins (Bodenham) on 01722 329748. Many thanks.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Jubilee Celebration Success!

Debby Underhill

Thank you to everyone who helped and participated on Monday 3rd June. There were 10 rounders teams and the Nunton Children won, scoring 5 rounders. An exciting adult play off between Bodenham A and Odstock B with Bodenham scoring one rounder. Then the 50 balloons went off thanks to Pam and Roger Trubshaw. The Community sit-down tea had to be held in The Radnor Hall as it had been wet in the morning, but the hall was packed to over capacity, with food donated by everyone covering the tables with lots left over. Audrey Elliot and her gang did wonders! Then Jubilee mugs were given to all the village children who were there, thanks to the Parish Council and Fete Committee. Finally, we enjoyed the superb Hog Roast and dancing at the Radnor Arms thanks to Ken and Kathy Jelfs. A big thank you Brian Clake and Mike Smith and their manual team. The main thanks goes to The Queen for giving us a reason to celebrate. I look forward to seeing all again at the Fete on and before 13th July.

Lastly can I thank my family for without the transporting equipment and their support it would have been very difficult.

Thank you everyone.

Lifelong Learning Partnership

Salisbury College's mobile computer-training unit, which has been funded by Central Government, will visit Alderbury on Tuesday 9th July, returning again on the Wednesday and visiting West Dean on Thursday 11th July. The unit will be sited within close proximity to the Village Halls so visitors will have access to facilities. The venue for Friday 12th July has yet to be decided but could be Winterslow, Whiteparish or Odstock Village depending on site availability and demand. The objective is to assess the practicality of organising future visits. Full details will be published on the Village notice boards, and at: www.sp5.org/ict or call 01722 344 344 and ask for Greg Newman, or call 01722 344 292 and leave a message.

Britford Church Blitz Day

Daphne Scamell, Churchwarden

A belated thanks to everyone who helped on the last 'BLITZ' day in May. The church looked beautiful at the end of the day. Also the churchyard was given plenty of TLC by Keith Wright - many thanks Keith. The next BLITZ day is on Saturday 14th September. In the meantime, could anyone please help cut the grass in the churchyard as it is becoming very overgrown.

Car Boot Sale for Salisbury Diabetics

Sunday 21st July at 12.00 noon

The Football Field at Nunton

20p entry, £5 per boot

Proceeds to Salisbury Diabetics

Odstock Primary School News

June is turning out to be a busy month for the school. Our Year 6 children were recently involved in the Junior Good Citizen event. Charlotte Smith has written this report about their visit:

"At the junior good citizen event, we had lots of different experiences like first aid, policeman (learning not to open the door when someone knocks when you're by yourself) and on the farm. We learnt lots of things to be careful of, and not to panic when something bad happens. We went on a driving simulator to show how long it takes to stop at 30 mph. We had a really fun morning. We also got funpacks where we learnt even more."

On 21st June the juniors will be going to the Cathedral to visit the exhibition of sculptures in wood, paper and cloth and on 24th will go to Portsmouth to visit the D-day museum in conjunction with their World War II studies. Chris Bailey has written this poem about D-day that we would like to share with you:

I Can Hear

*I can hear bombs flying over head
People are panicking some are dead.*

*Children are screaming very loud
Hitler is standing very proud.*

*We celebrate with poppies it means peoples blood.
When people were shot they fell with a thud in the mud.*

New Recycling Initiative

We have recently become involved with another recycling opportunity. This time it relates to empty printer cartridges, photocopier toners and the like. Please instead of throwing them away could you drop them off at the school office or leave outside our front door in a bag.

If any businesses would be interested in helping to support us, we can arrange for a recycling box to be sent to them and then once it is full, it would be collected, free of charge, and our account credited with points. These points can then be used to purchase resources for the school.

Charlton Jubilee Celebrations

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Charlton All Saints Jubilee Celebrations a magnificent success. It was wonderful to see so many fellow Charltonians - young and old - enjoying themselves in such a marvellous, friendly atmosphere.

We are all indebted to the organising committee of Denis & Anne Blake, Jane Combes, Darren Fenton, Nicky & Paula Strickland, Lindsey Whalley and Anne Simmons, who dedicated so much of their time and effort to make it such a memorable day. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all the villagers who contributed to their money and time, especially:

- The ladies who organised such a marvellous feast for over 150 people, and for coping admirably when the heavens threatened to drench everyone at lunchtime
- Everyone who contributed to the delicious selection of food for the feast, and to those who helped serve on the day
- My brother Steve, for organising the music which (apparently) kept the younger villagers entertained into the early hours
- The Findlays, for allowing us access to the barn and for helping with numerous tasks throughout the weekend - from strimming the lawn around the barn to pre-cooking 100 sausages for the BBQ, which was skilfully managed by Messers Whalley and Powell.
- The Longford Estate and Will Dickson, for allowing us to use the barn and field respectively (can you tell where the bonfire was, Will ?!)
- Rob Combes and his family for organising the bar and being the friendliest bar staff ever
- Everyone who helped set up the barn area and bonfire, and those kind souls who braved horrific hangovers to clean up afterwards

Thanks again for making the event such a memorable one - here's to the next Jubilee!

PS. The winner of the Best Garden for the Golden Jubilee was Acacia House - congratulations and Jubilee mugs to David and Jo Matthews. The judges (who shall remain anonymous, for fear of reprisals) could not see over the wall of the Old Vicarage, but they did decide that the Tudan House "wildlife garden" deserved the wooden spoon.

Jubilee Celebrations

Hatty Hillier

There can be no doubt that all those who attended the Golden Jubilee Entertainment at the Radnor Hall on Friday, the 24th and Saturday 25th May 2002, had a jolly time. Pamela and Roger Trubshaw offered everyone a welcoming drink in the hall that had been attractively laid out with each table boasting a splendid floral decoration. The bar, enthusiastically manned by Alan Ambrose, attracted some ready customers.

There followed a quiz, conjured up by Peter and Hazel Docherty, on the theme of events during the Queen's reign. This was subjected to intense concentration in the hope of winning a bottle of champagne. Roger Trubshaw announced the correct answers with a fine balance of entertainment and control.

The audience was then bade to watch *Hell and High Water*, a play written by Leonard Morley and directed by Melanie Ferris. Accompanied by strains of nostalgic British airs, the butler, Beacham, was observed preparing the grand table in the dining room on stage. Beacham, performed by John Ferris, went about his duty with utmost deference. He announced that dinner was served with the exact tone one would expect of a butler who was servant and, one suspects, master of his domain.

Harry Joynt ably portrayed Lord Charles Somerville, a stickler for tradition. He duly entered with his wife, Lucy, who was stepping as if through water because, we were told, there was a plumbing leak which would not interfere with the centuries' old custom of the family meal at 8 o'clock in the dining room, come-what-may. Lynn McNichol, in a debut performance with the Radnor Players, [and more usually seen in the role of postmistress], played Lucy with great accomplishment, and bravely sat down at table, protesting gently whilst wringing out her elegant long gown.

The rest of the family were notably absent during the first course whilst the ever patient Beacham attended, his trousers rolled a little higher on each entry. One suspected that the water situation was becoming critical when the son Pat, a youthful Sherwood Elcock, and his lively sister Pamela, taken on by Stephanie Elcock, made their entrance protesting noisily, the latter attired in sou'wester and wellies. Lord Somerville made plain his disgust at the tardy arrival of Pamela's houseguest to dinner, and his obvious dislike for this slippery character. Peter Docherty gave a suitably oily performance as Philip Lazard who was clearly unhappy with the water at waist height.

Much to everyone's amusement Beacham now appeared in a swimming costume and was, of course, sent to swim back for his tie. Then it was his mask, and finally a wet suit, that gave water levels away, especially as now the cast, already teetering on the backs of chairs, was advancing onto the table. To add to the raucous confusion, Julian Johnson had made an appearance as the archetypal vicar, the Reverend Dawkins. As the family correctly surmised, he was scrounging for cash for church repairs but was also after a tipple of sherry. He managed to finish the bottle whilst precariously perched on the sideboard, by which time a fight had broken out on the table and shots were fired. Beacham, unperturbed in the mayhem, as his position demanded, endeavoured to rescue the party

individually by swimming out with the trolley, to the strains of the theme of Titanic.

The audience had good reason to be laughing to the final moment as the play had been acted skilfully and enthusiastically under the superb direction of Melanie Ferris. The smooth performance owed much to its expert stage-management by Brian and Lorraine Clake and the cast was able to put on an excellent face thanks to make-up by Barbara Box.

After resounding applause the cast took their position at table on the stage, and joined the rest of the house to round off the evening with a delicious supper. This marathon of a catering event was organised and prepared by Shel Martin, Pippa Warley and a team of helpers.

The Jubilee Entertainment was a great success. All aspects of the evening appeared to happen effortlessly however, it was clear that the event was the result of hard work, executed with dedication, and a sense of humour. It may seem difficult to attribute the latter to Lord Charles but I am assured by a reliable source that Harry's demeanour at home is a shade mellower, and if he does try to get uppity, he soon gets knocked off his perch.

I am delighted to take this opportunity on behalf of all those who attended, to thank Harry, Melanie, and everyone else involved, for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. I should also like to thank all those who showed their appreciation of my poster design, and to thank Adrian Taylor for the programmes.

Downton Wednesday Group of
Local Amateur Artists

SUMMER ART EXHIBITION

on Sat 10th & Sun 11th August in Downton Memorial
Hall 10.30 am to 4.30 pm

Entry Free

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

Refreshments will be available

Christian Aid

Adrian Taylor

Many thanks to all those in Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock who so generously collected or contributed during Christian Aid week. We raised a splendid total of £627.63.

Radnor Hall News

Unfortunately we have had to put our prices up slightly. There hasn't been an increase for 7 years. The new price list will be put in the September edition.

Forthcoming events:

8th September - Car Boot Sale

12th October - Harvest Supper and Country Dance

28th, 29th and 30th November - Christmas Show

Hall bookings - ring Shirley Norris 01722 329760

Charlton Summer Barbeque

Skittles & Fun

Saturday 27 July at 6.00 pm

Charlton Courtyard

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

*For tickets please ring Barbara Box
01725 510758 by 19 July*

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Despite being soaked on her last visit to us, Mrs Sterndale Bennett returned to give an illustrated talk on the Hardy Plant Society. It boasts international as well as national membership, with gardeners from Japan, New Zealand and Australia keen to share ideas and plants. The next meeting will take the form of a Garden Party to be held at the Old School House on Friday 5th July, starting at 7.30 pm.

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting and Odstock Parish Council AGM
Chairman's Annual Report Part Two.

Radnor Hall Lease & Grant: The Council is supporting the Radnor Hall Committee by becoming the Trustee Leaseholder and by offering a grant to cover the annual rent paid to the Estate who own the hall. We are delighted with the progress that the Radnor Hall Committee has made during the year in refurbishing the hall and increasing the regular lettings.

County Council Lengthsmens' visits: This was a new initiative from the County of which we have been pleased to take advantage. A small team of workmen is available to the Parish Council (paid for by County) to carry out minor repair works which we identify. This has enabled us to complete a number of tasks which were too large for volunteers but not large enough to justify the usual processes involving tendering etc. We are very grateful to Ken White for his support in liaising with the workmen. They will be coming again later this year so please let us know of any other small task that we might add to their schedule.

Notice Boards: The Council has been successful in securing grant money to pay for new notice boards in the 3 villages. We are still finalising details of design and siting but hope these will be in place before the end of the summer.

Budget: We are pleased to report that this additional activity has not resulted in greater cost to the community and our precept for this year (what you pay as part of your Council Tax) is unchanged from last year.

Parish Clerk: The Council would like to record its gratitude to our Clerk Richard Parsons, who comes from West Dean, for his help and support during the past year.

Village Litter: While we appreciate that it is not members of our community but mainly passing motorists who create

this problem, there was considerable concern expressed about the amount of litter which spoils the appearance of our community. We have resolved to have a Litter Collection Day probably in late July at a weekend when

we hope to have sufficient volunteers to clear up most of the problem and then subsequently to have a litter rota of volunteers to attempt to maintain the tidy appearance of the village. More details on this later.

Golden Jubilee: The Council has made a grant of £200 to the Jubilee Event organisers.

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: Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays: Brookmead, Britford 11.00 am; Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.20 am; Crossroads, Odstock 11.45 am

For Your Diary

5 July	Charlton Garden Society Garden Party, The Old Schoolhouse, 7.30 pm
10 July	Licensing and Installation of new Team Rector, All Saints' Church, Broad Chalke 7.30 pm
13 July	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fete
14 July	Rev John Arul of Child-link, Downton Baptist Church 10.30 am
21 July	Car Boot Sale for Salisbury Diabetics, Nunton Football Field 12.00 noon
27 July	Charlton Summer Barbecue, Charlton Courtyard 6.00 pm
10 & 11 August	Downton Amateur Artists' Summer Exhibition, Memorial Hall, Downton
14 September	Britford Church Blitz Day

ODSTOCK NUNTON & BODENHAM FETE 2002



50 YEARS OF FUN AND FUNDRAISING

July	Thursday 4 th	Clay Pigeon Shoot - 6.00 pm
	Friday 5 th	Skittles & Barbecue at The Radnor Arms - 7.30 pm
	Sunday 7 th	Bike Ride - 9.30 am Car Boot Sale - 2.00 pm
	Friday 12 th	Dance to Two Tonic - 7.30 pm Tickets £8 from The Radnor Arms & Bodenham Post Office
	Saturday 13 th	Grand Fete - 2.00 pm - Falconry display - Classic vehicles - Ferret racing - Stalls and other entertainments Raft Race Dance to Road Tested - 7.30 pm admission free

STOP PRESS!!

Volunteers Still Needed

Raffle Prizes and Wine Still Needed

Collections for Book Stall – from Church porches during first week of July

Draw Tickets on Sale at the Radnor Arms, the Yew Tree Inn and Bodenham Post Office

Contact Brian Clake -- 01722 340261 for further information