

# News and Notes

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## Memories of a Country Vicar

*Angela Moules of Odstock has kindly sent me these memories of her father, the Reverend Lupton, who was the vicar of the Somerset parish of Seavington St Michael and St Mary 70 to 80 years ago.*

One day, at Chard Agricultural Show, 80 year old Tom was presented with a "Long Service" medal by the Mayor. Tom had never been to school. He started at the age of 10 as a "bird scarer", with a rattle to frighten off the birds. At 80, on the same farm, he drove a two-horse plough. My father wrote a little article in the parish magazine and pushed a copy through Tom's letterbox. He called a week later. Tom answered the door and with a beaming face he said, "Thank 'ee, Vicar. In that magazine there was a strip o' reading about 'oi!" – Success.

With my two teenage sisters and our 16 year old maid 'Kafleen', we were trying to think of an April Fool's joke to play on our father. Suddenly, Kathleen said "I've thought of one! I ain't going to tell nobody!" and we all retired to bed. Next morning Kathleen came down to breakfast, giggling. She said, "I took a cup of tea up to yer dad, shook 'im by the shoulder and 'e said 'Wot is it, Kafleen?'. I said 'Mrs Lupton 'ave 'ad a BABY!!'. 'Ave she, Kafleen?,' 'e said, 'Cor blimey' and 'e turned over and went back to sleep."

The priest in our adjoining village always wore vestments and my father decided he would like to do so when celebrating Christmas Midnight Communion. He was given a surplice, stole, alb etc. and wore them for the service. Nobody commented on this until an old man said "When I saw you come in, in all them white clothes, I thought to meself, I thought, 'twere a ghost I saw up there!!!"

Maude and Emily came out of church together and Maude said, "I am glad we came to church today". "Why?", said Emily, "Was it because of the hymns or what the vicar said in the sermon?". "No" replied Emily, "It was what the man read off the duck's back!" (The lesson was read from the brass eagle lectern.)

*(Angela, thank you so much for these delightful memories. I look forward to receiving more readers' articles for this spot.)*

## Church of England Services

Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 1	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong BCP	Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	AW AW AW
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Matins Christingle	Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints Odstock	CH AW AT AW
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January Epiphany 3	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion BCP Family Communion Parish Communion	Britford Homington Nunton	CH DH CH
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 4	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Family Service	Homington Charlton All Saints Nunton	CH CH ACFT

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# Happy New Year to all News and Notes readers!

## **Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham W.I.**

*Julia Joynt*

It was a cheerful occasion when the WI gathered in the Radnor Hall for the Christmas meeting. Sue Bourne, our President, opened proceedings by welcoming everyone, guests and many new members, and thanked Jennifer Cowan for her attractive and classy flower arrangement. Skittles, scrabble and theatre news were discussed and future plans were made. Jean Van Hagen read the correspondence which included some interesting future events and talks. Following the financial report Sue read two letters of thanks, one from the Parish Council for our donation of a seat for the football field, and one from the Fête Committee for our efforts on our successful stall last summer, and enclosing a generous cheque which pays for a bursary to Denman College.

After the coffee break the raffle was drawn. There were some lovely prizes and the proceeds topped £100. The bring and buy was also full of delights and produced a worthy sum for the kitty.

Following last year's successful in-house entertainment we decided to entertain ourselves again this time. There was a mix of carol singing, (accompanied by Peggy Oxendale from Charlton, who stepped into the breach at the last minute) and some truly delightful readings, found or written by members, and ranging from the hilarious to the very moving.

Sue then thanked the organisers and we launched into the serious business of drinking mulled wine and eating sausage rolls and mince pies.

The next meeting will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> and there will be a talk on "Indian cookery made easy" from Mrs Demi Ladwa.

### **Odstock Primary School**

Our Christmas production of "Back to Bethlehem" was a fantastic experience for our whole community. We had two performances in the Radnor Hall with people packed to the rafters. Lots of parents have fed back that this was the best performance they have ever seen! The school thanked the ten volunteers who produced fifty costumes. We were fortunate to receive funding from the Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fête Committee to pay for the material. The costumes really made the show go off with a bang! The event also raised £300 towards developing an infant playground.

We participated in a Christmas parade on 21 December and enjoyed parading through the city centre, ending at the Cathedral. Our school was part of the 600 strong parade. The children are looking forward to making more willow lanterns as part of the Salisbury Festival later next year.

We have been selected to take part in a recycled art project with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. We are

aiming to recycle 500 CD's into some beautiful sculptures. We need to collect used CD's (in any condition) in the next couple of months so if you have any at home that you no longer need please let us have them. These could be old computer discs, free discs from newspapers or old, scratched music CD's.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local people who have made various donations throughout the year. We would still welcome donations of Lego, Nestlé Box Tops and Persil Stars. Please just pop them through our letter box when you are next passing.

### **Treasure Island and Cabaret**

*Hazel Docherty*

2005 was a dark year for the Radnor Hall Players who apparently went into hibernation. The break obviously gave them all a new lease of life as anyone who attended Treasure Island and the Cabaret on a black November night will know.

20 stout-hearted players including scurvy crew, the Quality, Spaniards and 'others' treated us all to a ripping yarn boldly set forth by old timers along with some very welcome new young faces. The 'others' were a particularly colourful four including a lively and most articulate parakeet, a boisterous blue-haired inn keeper, her glamorous son and fantastically earthy Bertha Gunn, all of whom, with a little help from the colourful espagnols, outwitted the cutlass-wielding pirates. There were some rousing songs and good dialogue as well as excellent props and scenery which held everyone's attention and a lovely new pair of curtains which helped give a very professional touch to the stage.

The two intervals were devoted to a four star restaurant-quality meal organised once again by the indefatigable and talented Shell Martin and her helpers and much appreciated by the audience. There was also a raffle with some very good prizes. Refreshed and relaxed, the audience turned its attention again to the stage for the Cabaret which was a superb melange of music and comedy sketches, almost all of which featured at least one member of the Stanger family. A marvellous mix of jazz, a Welsh miners' song and an 'east meets west' ballet, to mention but a few kept everyone on their toes, laughing loudly and even occasionally joining in and brought to a close another memorable evening at the Radnor Hall.

A huge vote of thanks is due to Harry Joynt and Nick Stanger who produced the play and the cabaret respectively and to so many others who helped behind the scenes with music, lighting, ticket sales, refreshments, make up, raffle and costumes. This is a tremendous community effort which gives a lot of people a great deal of pleasure.

## Capio New Hall Hospital

*Brian Clarke, Hospital Manager*

We are in the middle of a very exciting time here at New Hall, and thought we should share these developments with you. Work is nearing completion which will enable us to have a new 20 bed Ward extension, this will allow us to treat both private and NHS patients.

We would like to take this opportunity to pass on our sincere thanks to the residents of Bodenham for the patience they have shown with the increased traffic volume, plant noise and loss of power to their homes, whilst our power supply was being updated.

In honour of New Hall's previous resident, our new wing will be called The Creasey Ward, after the famous author Mr John Creasey who lived here until he died in 1973. A formal opening ceremony will be in the spring.

We hope this has been of interest and will keep you updated of future developments. On behalf of all at New Hall may we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. *(See page 4 for evening jobs.)*

## Chalke Valley Flower Club

*Ann Thomson*

A very Happy New Year to all our Members and friends.

The Club had a most enjoyable and colourful meeting in December with Barbara Hutton's demonstration.

We resume on Wednesday, 24th January 2007 in Broad Chalke Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. We will start with the Club AGM, and this business will be followed by a talk by Celia Thomson: 'Mad About Hats and Modern Millinery'. Afterwards, wine and tapas will be served.

We look forward to a very busy and entertaining programme in 2007, of events in the Hall and Outings. On 28th February, Dee Frankling will be leading a workshop on 'Spring Flowers', and we hope to see lots of Members and friends. Do come along to one of our Meetings - visitors are always very welcome.

## Whist Drives

£280 has been donated to Church Funds from the proceeds of the weekly Barker Room Whist Drives during 2006. Many thanks to those who contribute Christmas prizes and participate.

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## Two events at the Radnor Hall

### "Aesop's Fables"

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, Matinée 1.30pm, Evening 7.00pm**

Performed by the Abingdon Touring Theatre Company, young professionals who have been receiving excellent reviews, described as a humorous all family show and promoted here by none other than "your own, your very own" Harry Joynt.

Matinée, a one hour performance, mainly intended for Odstock and Britford School pupils and parents. Tickets at £4 from Odstock School 01722 329701.

Evening, two hour performance including interval, usual six to a table, bar and snacks. Tickets £7.50 full, £6.50 concession, £20 family from Bodenham Post Office 01722 329727.

We have had a couple of very successful shows by professional artists at the Radnor Hall in the last two years and may well get the Salisbury Journal interested in this one, so book early to avoid disappointment. See the posters.

### "A Wilde Affair"

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007, 7.30pm**

This is yet another theatrical event to be staged at the Radnor Hall, this time in association with Rural Arts Wiltshire who have done us so well in the past.

"A Wilde Affair" is a comedy with music, reportedly providing "an hilarious evening" and is performed by Susan Flannery and Michael Lunts. Those who came to their high class performance of "Wits End" at the Radnor Hall in March 2005 will recall absolutely outstanding entertainment. I am delighted that they sound really enthusiastic about returning here as we gave them such a good reception.

Tickets will be £6, £5 senior citizens with a £3 supplement for our usual high quality supper, so £9 and £8. There will of course be a bar. Tickets on sale from Harry Joynt (01722 329782) and Bodenham PO (01722 329727) from 15<sup>th</sup> January.

I have no doubt that this event will be a sell-out, so when the time comes book early to avoid disappointment.

*Harry Joynt (01722 329782)*

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### Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30pm, Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug.), 8.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Thursdays (11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> January): Brookmead, Britford 9.30 – 9.40am, alternate Fridays (5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> January) Phone Box, Charlton 10.15 – 10.30am. The Library also visits the Orchard, Nunton monthly at 11.55 – 12.25pm (24 <sup>th</sup> January)
Open Circle Folk Dancing	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall, contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871
Young People	Every other Sunday, Chalke Valley Young People's Group, Coombe Bissett Chapel, 4 - 6pm, due to meet 14 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> January (contact Adrian Taylor, 01722 325862).

### January and February Dates

26 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>Aesop's Fables</i> at the Radnor Hall, 1.30pm and 7.00pm (see page 3)
16 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>A Wilde Affair</i> at the Radnor Hall, 7.30pm (see page 3)