

News & Notes

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

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Dear Friend

"Wise men sought Jesus - they still do."

Christmas seems to me to come round increasingly quickly these days - it is probably something to do with getting older! The commercial aspect with the shops anticipating the festival months before it arrives also helps to close the gap between each year. I suspect however, that the children in our families still think there is a lifetime between each annual stocking filling. For them there is thrill and excitement and the anticipation of nice surprises! As we grow up and the years seem to get shorter our response to Christmas is affected by all sorts of feelings and recollections. Wistful nostalgia can set in with memories of previous Happy Christmases and happier more carefree days. Indeed for some people the present festive season can have a very bitter sweet edge to it. Our response to all this is to say, "Christmas it is, and we derive a reflected seeing the thrill that used to be. However, the greatest thrill Christmas are timeless and are trouble is we forget to look for Almighty God has come to this surprise is the unexpected place of his arrival, a stable of all things, in Bethlehem of all places! God is still with us through the gift of his Holy Spirit and he is still found in unexpected places such as in the gentle word, the kindly act or a faithful friendship, and, yes, in someone's suffering.



is for the kids" which of course or new kind of pleasure in ours happening to others. and the biggest surprise of for old and young alike - the them! The thrill is that earth in human kind. The

We have largely lost our sense of God and his activity among us. The story of Christmas assures us that God is with us in unexpected places and through unexpected people. Wise men and women have always found him in this way. Look for him in the depths of your heart and your feelings (be they glad or sad in nature) - He is there! Look for him in other people - He is there! Let him go with you to others - He will be there!

May the true and lasting message of this Christmas be your experience now, and right through to the next one!

Yours

Robert Hollingshurst

WI

On 14 November Mrs Jill Johnson chaired the meeting and welcomed Mrs Ruddle, a former member who has re-joined the Institute. Ten members attended the Downland Group meeting when Mr Alan Russell spoke on "Life on an Antarctic Base". At a draw for the Denman College Bursary the lucky winner was Jackie Feltham who has recently joined us. She and Doreen Smith will be off to a Cookery Course in January. Our speaker, Mrs Sue Davies, is Assistant Director of the Trust for Wessex Archaeology and she gave members a fascinating talk well illustrated with slides, featuring Stonehenge, Figsbury, Whitsbury, Avebury, Clearbury as well as remains from graves and swords, necklaces, needles and other implements.

Mrs Ruddle won the "Flower of the Month" competition with a polyanthus chosen from the 13 flowers on the table. At the December meeting Mrs Nancy Steel will talk on "Longford Castle - a Family Home". There will be a Bring and Buy stall and a raffle and members will enjoy mulled wine and mince pies.

Angela Moules

Poppy Appeal

The poppy collection in Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham came to £504 of which £77 was the church collection on Remembrance Sunday. Thank you to all concerned.

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Church Services

We hope to see you at any or all of our Christmas Services. Children of all ages are specially invited to the "Christingle" Service. The traditional Carol Service is a must for all!

Sunday 4 December	8.30 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Morning Prayer	BCP ASB BCP	Nunton Britford Odstock
Sunday 11 December	9.30 am 11.15 am 3.00 pm	Parish Communion Morning Prayer Christingle	ASB ASB	Nunton Charlton Britford
Wednesday 14 December	2 pm	Pram Service		Parish Room, Nunton
Sunday 18 December	9.30 am 6.00 pm	Parish Communion Carol Service	ASB	Odstock Nunton
Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion	ASB	Odstock
Sunday 25 December Christmas Day	9.00 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Family Service	ASB	Britford Charlton
Sunday 1 January 1995	8.30 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Morning Prayer	BCP ASB BCP	Nunton Britford Odstock

If anyone wants a lift to any of the services in any of the parishes, please telephone Debby Underhill on 0722 329769.

From the Editor

It may be a little early, but I would like to say HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all of you and many thanks for your support this year - to contributors, sponsors, advertisers, distributers and readers. Please keep up the good work in the New Year! If you, your business or your society would like to sponsor an edition in return for a half page advertisement, please contact me. Notices of charity and non-profit making events are inserted free, but all other ads are charged at the rate of £2.00 per 30 words per issue or £20.00 for 12 editions. Please send items for inclusion to me, Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton-All-Saints SP5 4HF or telephone me on 0725 512869. The next issue of News and Notes will be circulated a little later than usual, and so the deadline for inclusion in the January issue is Wednesday 28 December.

Community Carol Singing

On Tuesday 13 December at 7.00 pm at Charlton Church there will be carol singing with mince pies and mulled wine. All are welcome to this carol evening. We hope to see you there! (The Downton Band have not been invited this year as last year's turnout was poor. Please come and enjoy a very worthwhile evening.)

Carol Singing Round the Community

Charlton - Thursday 22 December, meet at Bell House at 7.30 pm
Nunton - Thursday 22 December, meet at the bus shelter at 7.00 pm
Odstock - Friday 23 December, meet at crossroads at 6.30 pm



Congratulations

Emma and Stewart Ford of Forge Cottage in Odstock had a baby girl on 14 November. Her name is Georgina Etta Ford - congratulations and welcome! Welcome also to the following who were baptised in November - William Owen Powell and Francesca Gwendoline Ebel.

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Britford Christmas Party

Saturday 3 December at 7 pm in the Village Hall, Britford

Tickets, to include supper, are £5.00 for adults, children 10 to 16 £2.50,
children under 10 free

Fun for all the family!

There are a limited number of tickets, so please contact Peggy Knight on 0722 320259 or Julia Shipsey on 0722 335096 and book your place!

Road and Traffic News

By now you should have received your copy of the leaflet "Salisbury City Centre - Your Say"; some 40,000 copies together with a consultation questionnaire have been distributed to households in the Salisbury District area. It would be helpful if the questionnaire could be completed and returned to County Hall as the traffic problem in the City is such an important issue effecting all of us. Over the past year I have been a member of a joint County and District Working Party looking at the problem and possible solutions but it is your views now that count. The consultation process was supported by an exhibition in front of the Guildhall from 17 - 19 November which hopefully some of you managed to visit.

Closer to home, the busy A338 is coming under closer scrutiny with Hampshire County Council proposing to upgrade the section between Bickton and Ibsley. This could have ramifications on the route strategy generally between Ringwood and Salisbury, and a joint working group from Hampshire, Wiltshire and Dorset has been formed to undertake a route study. I will be representing Wilts CC, and will keep you informed. Speed restrictions in Odstock and Nunton - more news in next month's *News and Notes*.

Julian Johnson, County Councillor

Education

You may have seen in the local paper that a number of smaller village schools have come under review from a County Council Working Party looking into the provision of primary school places in the County - particularly schools with less than 40 children. One of our two village schools, Odstock, was on the list for possible consideration but fortunately this was not felt necessary as there are no reasonable or practical alternative options.

The whole exercise stemmed from an Audit Commission report "Rationalising Primary School Education" but I would much prefer that we keep our village schools viable by attracting more pupils; nearby Broadchalke village school is a good example.

Julian Johnson, County Councillor

Recycling in Britford

There is a mini-recycling facility available at Britford. The bins are sited at the "Britford Depot" almost opposite the turning to the Church, off Britford Lane. There are bins for newspaper and plastic bottles, but not for glass bottles.



Life at Longford Castle is part of Mabel's Story

From 1929 to 1931 Mabel Trowbridge was in service at Longford Castle with the 6th Earl of Radnor. Now, at the age of 86, Mabel has published her autobiography, entitled Mabel's Story, spanning 75 years. Life in service with Gerald Bonham Carter at Lower Barford Farm, Sir George Thursby at Fountain Court, and Lord Radnor provides a view of life in a bygone age. From 1965 to 1989 Mabel kept a daily diary noting village life in Easton, Winchester. The price of bus fares, the effects of the moon landings, the first colour televisions, and involvement on archaeological digs are all mentioned. The book, price £6.99 + £1.50 delivery can be obtained from: George Mann, 6 Malthouse Close, Easton, Winchester SO21 1ES, tel 0962 779944.

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Christmas Bazaar

There will be a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 3 December at 2 pm at the Radnor Hall. This is run by residents of the Orchard, Nunton. There will be many different stalls, including cakes, crafts, bric-a-brac and plants, with many items made by the residents.

Lady in Britford requires help with cleaning and dusting her house for 2 - 4 hours per week, for pay of £4.00 per hour. Your own transport is essential. There are other people seeking household help in Britford, so it may be possible to arrange a whole day's work. Details on application by telephone 0722 336904.

Dates for your Diary

3 December	Britford Christmas Party 7 pm at Britford Village Hall
9 December	Odstock Church Silent Auction 7.30 pm at the Radnor Hall
13 December	Community Carol Singing 7 pm at Charlton Church
22 December	Carol Singing Charlton
22 December	Carol Singing Nunton
23 December	Carol Singing Odstock
3 December	Christmas Bazaar 2 pm at the Radnor Hall

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Parish Room, Nunton
Pram Service	Second Wednesday of month, 2.00 pm Parish Room, Nunton
Bingo	Every Friday, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm The Orchard, Nunton
Toddler Group	Every Friday, 9.30 am - 11.30 am Odstock School
Singing Group	Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 0722 325862

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9th December 1994



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Final Bids at 9.00 pm



Admission £1.00
(To include complimentary
seasonal refreshments)

For further details contact:-
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