

News & Notes

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Church Services

Sunday 5 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Nunton
Easter 6	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Britford
Rogation Sunday	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	GS	Homington
Sunday 12 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Homington
Easter 7	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service (All Age)	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	WC	Charlton
Sunday 19 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	RS	Britford
Pentecost	9.30 am	Parish Communion (JC)	RS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Morning Service (All Age)	WC	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	WC	Coombe
Sunday 26 May	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Homington
Trinity Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service (All Age)	ATa	Odstock
Sunday 2 June	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
Trinity 1	11.00 am	Jubilee Service	GS/AR	Coombe
	4.00 pm	Jubilee Service	GS	Odstock

AR = Miss Alison Ridout, AT = Mrs Annabel Tier (Deaconess), Ata = Mr Adrian Taylor,
GS = Rev Dr Graham Southgate, WC = Rev Westley Cole

Travelling in Faith

For several weeks in March and April, Adrian Brook has been on placement in the Chalke Valley. Adrian is training to be an evangelist with the Church Army. At the end of his placement he writes:

Sadly my four-week placement in the Chalke Valley has now come to an end. It has been a fascinating time during which I have learnt a great deal and I have felt very much at home here in this beautiful part of rural England.

It has been very encouraging to meet so many people who have a passion for the gospel and a real desire to grow in faith. As in most rural areas, I can understand the sense of frustration felt because of small numbers and over-stretched resources. The draw of the big town ministry is always going to create a tension, but those of us with a heart for the countryside should not be deterred. God does some of his most spectacular stuff with small groups (twelve or so!)

Working with Roger Redding as Chaplain to Travellers has been an education in itself. Gypsies and Travellers must be the most misunderstood people in our society. I have seen firsthand the poverty, injustice and prejudice that is a part of their everyday lives and yet there is an openness and interest in the Christian faith. Some of the Christian Travellers I met, and there are a surprising number of them, had a depth of faith that put mine to shame.

We often decry America for the way it treated the Native Indian people (and still does) but fail to see that we are subtly doing the same to a group of people in our own country. I am not for one minute going to pretend that Travellers are a model of a perfect society, but who can claim that? Politicians tell lies, councillors are corrupt, bankers steal by fraud, family life has become a joke, nice kids end up on drugs etc etc.

As Christians we are supposed to be different. In the sermon on the mount, Jesus taught us to love one another saying "if you love someone who loves you, will God praise you for that? Even sinners love people who love them? If you are kind only to someone who is kind to you, will God be pleased with you for that? If you greet only your friends what's so great about that? Don't even unbelievers do that?"

Quite a challenge isn't it? It has given me a lot to reflect on when I go back to the security of college.

From the Editor

Once again, I am grateful to those who have given smaller donations - every little helps, and your contributions have paid for another issue. 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. 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 June issue is Friday 17th May.

News From The Vicarage

Graham Southgate (01722) 330628

The Board of Patronage for the Chalke Valley Benefice, including the three lay representatives elected by the Team Council, are delighted to announce the appointment of the Reverend Canon David Henley as Team Rector in succession to the Reverend Canon Sydney Willcox. Canon Henley is presently Rector of the benefices of Droxford, and Meonstoke with Corhampton cum Exton in the Meon Valley, Hampshire (Diocese of Portsmouth). He trained for ordination at Salisbury and Wells Theological College after a career in the Royal Navy, and brings thirty years of experience in ordained ministry to his new appointment. He has two grown up sons, and lists travel and golf along with science and religion among his interests. It is hoped that he will be licensed as Team Rector on Wednesday 10th July 2002; in the meanwhile the prayers of everyone in the Chalke Valley are asked for him as he prepares for his move and new ministry.

The Reverend Roger Redding, Team Vicar at the western end of the Chalke Valley Benefice, is to be commissioned as part-time Chaplain to Travelling People by the Bishop of Salisbury at Saint Martin's Church in Salisbury on Sunday 26th May at 4 pm.

Holy Days

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| 1 May | Saints Philip and James, Apostles | Holy Communion at 8 am in Nunton. |
| 9 May | Ascension Day | Holy Communion at 8 am. in Nunton. |
| 14 May | Saint Matthias the Apostle | Holy Communion at 8 am in Nunton. |
| 31 May | Visit of Mary to Elizabeth | Holy Communion at 8 am in Nunton. |

Women's Institute

Diane Wait

Despite the Radnor Hall being rather chilly on Monday 8th April, our new president, Mrs Julia Joynt, warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting. She was also delighted to introduce two new members, Mrs Margo Brennan and Mrs Joyce Babbs. Julia then took the opportunity to thank Mrs Sue Bourne (outgoing president) for being such an inspirational president for so many years. Her enthusiasm, dedication and humour have been much appreciated by members and our WI has benefited greatly from all her hard work. Once again Sue many thanks from us all. The president's table was graced with a charming arrangement of white blossom and white daffodils provided by Mrs Joy Saunders.

It was good to see Mrs Jean Van Hagen and Mrs Ruth Austen back following their respective operations and they appear to be making good progress. Unfortunately Mrs Jeane O'Rourke had to be re-admitted to hospital and we all wish her a speedy recovery. Jean read out the correspondence and Sue the results of the scrabble matches. Mrs Margaret Barrow (Treasurer) read out her financial statement and also gave details concerning the successful skittles' team. We seem to be doing rather well this year! Miss Judith Johnson described the three options for the summer outing on Wednesday 17th July and Lulworth Castle was the most popular choice by members. Joy gave out details of the remaining theatre outings for this year and it is thanks to her that we have enjoyed some wonderful performances at the Playhouse.

Mrs Angela Moules now has a trio of flower of the month successes to her credit and this month she won with a very popular favourite, the Cowslip. Incidentally I made a mistake in saying that Angela has been a member for 55 years - I am reliably informed it is a mere 45 years! What a splendid achievement. Earlier in the meeting Julia ran through the rules of the competition as on occasion there has sometimes been confusion as to the correct procedure.

Sue has kindly agreed that "Melstock" will once again host our Summer Garden Party on 10th June and we look forward to a successful show, which hopefully will attract loads of visitors. She has also organised another "clean-up day" of the local highways and byways on 1st May and a number of members have agreed to help with this task following the very successful rubbish blitz last year.

After coffee Mr John Craig QFSM treated us to a very enjoyable and humorous talk reflecting on his career in the Fire Service. He retired in the year 2000 having achieved the position of Chief Fire Officer

and had, in fact, been a member of the Fire Service for 37 years. He explained that he preferred to quote humorous anecdotes rather than dwell on the many sad events that he has witnessed over the years. He certainly made us all laugh with his brilliant stories and Mrs Isobel Stone (whose own father had also served as a fireman in London and Wiltshire) gave him a most appreciative vote of thanks. Members also gave him a prolonged round of applause for such an enjoyable talk.

I would like to mention that the next meeting will now take place on Tuesday 14th May in the Radnor Hall at the usual time of 10 am. This will be the annual Resolutions Meeting and it is hoped that many members will come along to listen to details of the resolutions.

**Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham
Golden Jubilee Celebration
MONDAY, 3RD JUNE 2002**

Come and Join in **THE ROUNDERS MATCH**
(Play, Watch or Cheer)
NUNTON FOOTBALL FIELD 2.30 pm
Followed by

CELEBRATION TEA

Also in the Field, or in the Radnor Hall, if wet. No charge, but please contribute if you can by donating cakes, sandwiches and savouries.

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CATHY AND KEN JELFS INVITE YOU TO JOIN  
THEM IN THE  
**GARDEN OF THE RADNOR ARMS**  
FOR A

**HOG ROAST**

From 6.45 pm onwards Bring you own salads and  
puds and DANCE to FIFTIES MUSIC

*To cover expenses there will be a charge of £5.00  
per head (children under twelve free) Tickets will be  
available from The Radnor Arms and Bodenham  
Post Office*

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CATHY is also organising **"WORKSHOPS"** for the
children, to make decorations for the Village, on
Saturday mornings, 11th, 18th, 25th May and 1st
June. 10.a.m. to 12 noon - All children welcome

*Lots to do for everyone, so please come and join in
and make this a memorable day!*

Charlton Garden Society

On the 25th March, Nick Lock very kindly returned to
the village to talk to us about Colour and Contrast in
the Garden. He didn't confine himself just to plants,
but included paving, structures and the colour and
texture of walls. He was happy to listen to our ideas
too.

Our next meeting is on Monday 27th May at 7.30 pm
in Charlton Church Hall. Mrs Sterndale-Bennet will
talk about the Hardy Plant Society, of which she was
President for 5 years.

**Salisbury Conservative Association -
Ebble Valley Branch**

Judy Barke

The Annual Derby Day Coffee Morning will be held
on Saturday 8th June at Melstock, Nunton (by kind
invitation of Mrs Sue Bourne) at 10.00 am. Stalls will
include Bring and Buy, Nearly New Clothes, Plants,
Derby Sweepstake and a Raffle. Everyone is
welcome. Do come and bring your friends to this
popular annual event.

Jubilee Entertainment

At the Radnor Hall

24 & 25 May at 7.30 pm

A LIGHTEARTED QUIZ

DRINKS AND NIBBLES

FOLLOWED BY

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*an hilarious comedy in true British patriotic style
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More information from Melanie Ferris 01722 322280
Harry Joynt 01722 329782

Odstock Primary School News

School News

The two outings that took place in March were very
successful. The juniors went to Bristol to visit an
exhibition on the Ancient Egyptians and came back
with a very comprehensive information pack. This
was then used to form the basis of their homework
over Easter which was to compile a booklet on
Ancient Egypt for a friend to read. The infants went
to a toy museum in Devizes where they learnt all
about old fashioned toys, what they were made of
and how they worked. Lots more visits and talks are
planned for the coming months.

We had a special visit from the Chief Education
Officer of Wiltshire County Council, Bob Wolfson,
on 16th April. He wanted to come and visit the school
to see how much it had changed and to talk to the
children and staff.

We extend our congratulations to Charlotte Smith who successfully passed the 11+ examination.

Our "makeover" is reaching its final stages. The junior classroom, hall, corridors and windows have all been given a fresh coat of paint. This involved a lot of time and energy being spent by volunteers from both the local community and parents. Well done and thank you to all who were involved.

We are now turning to the front garden area with the children getting involved with the designing and planting.

Official Opening

We are holding an official opening ceremony on Wednesday 1st May at 2.30 pm. All villagers and anyone connected with the school are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Baptism

Graham and Jackie Barrett, Hollytree House

We would like to announce the baptism of our children Thomas and Jessica. This will take place in Charlton All Saints Church on Sunday 26th May at 9:30 am.

Wanted

Keen gardener to perform general garden maintenance on a weekly basis. Hours flexible and pay negotiable. Contact Jackie Barrett on 01722 324097 (Hollytree House, Charlton All Saints).

Radnor Hall News

Thank you to everyone who helped or contributed to the Jumble Sale. We made £120, which has helped towards the cost of buying the new chairs.

Would you like to find out more about the Radnor Hall? We have become a registered charity this year just for starters!

COME TO THE RADNOR HALL AGM

MONDAY 13th MAY at 7.30 pm

AT THE RADNOR HALL, BODENHAM

See for yourself what we have done and find out what is on offer!

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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

1 May	Official Opening of New Building at Odstock School, 2.30 pm
11 May	Nunton Church Spring Cleaning Day, 10 am (contact Harry Joynt on 01722 329782)
13 May	Radnor Hall AGM, Radnor Hall, 7.30 pm
18 May	Nunton Football Pavilion Spring Cleaning Day, 10 am
24 & 25 May	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Jubilee Celebrations - Play & Supper
27 May	Charlton Garden Society, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
3 June	Charlton Golden Jubilee Feast Day
3 June	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Golden Jubilee Celebrations
8 June	Derby Day Coffee Morning, Melstock, Nunton, 10.00 am
10 June	WI Garden Party, Melstock, Nunton
23 June	Wiltshire Wildlife's Open Gardens
10 July	Provisional date for licensing of new Team Rector
13 July	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fete