



# News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock February 2016

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## Tommy Cooper, Fashion and Prayers

When I put the date of a next meeting in the lovely diary that Father Christmas brought me, I noticed that the quote for the week in question was from Tommy Cooper. It ran: *He said "I'm going to chop off the bottom of one of your trouser legs and put it in a library." I thought "That's a turn up for the books."*

For younger readers, turn-ups used to appear at the bottom of trouser legs, largely designed, I think, to collect fluff and other bits. Actually, it occurs to me that they're probably back in fashion, in the way things come round again. Perhaps I should have kept my flares!

All of which brings me neatly on to Village Prayers. As you will see from the last page of each edition of News and Notes, there is a group which meets every month to pray. During the winter we meet in the Barker Room, Nunton and then, through the rest of the year, weather and light permitting, either in Jubilee Gardens, Odstock or Vicarage Corner, Nunton. Among our subjects for prayer are people or situations that have been given to us on slips of paper in the boxes in the porches of St Mary's, Odstock or St Andrew's, Nunton, or through [villageprayers@live.com](mailto:villageprayers@live.com). The requests can be anonymous, and, either way, the subjects offered will always be included in our prayers. We also sing a bit, too, as those driving by in the summer may have noticed! Join us if you'd like to.

*Editor*

## Church of England Services

7 <sup>th</sup> February Sunday next before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Family Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	JT AT JT DB
10 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday	7.00pm	Holy Communion with Ashing	Coombe Bissett	JT
14 <sup>th</sup> February 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Matins Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	RW Lay led JT
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Parish Communion Revive Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Nunton Broad Chalke School Homington Britford	RW Lay led JT CB
28 <sup>th</sup> February 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	RW RW DB
6 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Family Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	JT AT AP/AR RW

CB = Revd Catherine Blundell, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, RW = Revd Rick Williams,  
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**Deadline:** 18<sup>th</sup> of each month (15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 for June)

## Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI

*Elizabeth Cutter*

The January meeting was well attended and, as usual, began with the business meeting and a review of forthcoming events and group and club activities. It was with sadness that the President announced the death and funeral arrangements of Judith Johnson, a long-standing member of the WI.

Coffee was followed by a very interesting and entertaining talk entitled 'From the West End to Wiltshire' by Kate Edgar. Kate talked about her theatrical family and music and drama background. She recounted entertaining anecdotes about her touring theatre days and repertory theatre in London. A very important part of her life was appearing in the West End in Return of the Forbidden Planet which she was then involved in worldwide as part of the directing and production team.

There were many reasons why Salisbury attracted her when she moved from London in 2008, and ten years of Salisbury pantomime, local theatre, being musical director of various productions, composing for television, teaching and lecturing and running four local choirs all keep her very busy. She clearly loves her life and is passionate about music – she even got us all singing a round with great success.

The competition, a family keepsake, was won by Suzie Appleford with a pair of baby shoes, and the lovely pink roses for the President's table were arranged by Barbara Robertson.

The next meeting is at The Radnor Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> February when Katy England will be telling us about Bringing the Stone Age to Life. Information about our meetings and gardening talks can be found at [www.newsandnotes.co.uk](http://www.newsandnotes.co.uk).

## Odstock Crossroads

Huge apologies for all the chaos and delays on Odstock crossroads, due to building works at Compton Cottage. Please bear with us. If you have any concerns, please do call Hayley Thornton on 07786 167505.

## Leap Years

*Editor*

2016 is a leap year. I'd guessed it was because it's divisible by 4. I'd forgotten, though, that the rules are slightly more complicated than that.

In the Gregorian calendar, which we use, three criteria must be taken into account to identify leap years:

- The year can be evenly divided by 4;
- If the year can be evenly divided by 100, it is NOT a leap year, unless;
- The year is also evenly divisible by 400. Then it is a leap year.

This means that in the Gregorian calendar, the years 2000 and 2400 are leap years, while 1800, 1900, 2100, 2200, 2300 and 2500 are NOT leap years.

If these rules were not applied, we'd have too many leap days, and get behind!

## St Mary's Church, Homington

A big thank you to everyone who gave so generously in support of our Christmas bazaar. We raised £1274.00 which has been divided between Pancreatic Cancer UK and Homington Church Fabric.

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## Chalke Valley Church Eastern End

Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton  
Odstock, Homington, Coombe Bissett, Bishopstone

# Lent Lunch

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February

The Radnor Hall, Bodenham

12noon to 2.00pm

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## Orchard Bible Study

The Orchard Bible Study Group is planning to use the new *York Course* booklet and CD called "*The Psalms - prayers for today's church*", for our Lent Bible Study. It's a course in five sessions written by Stephen Cottrell.

Beginning on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Meeting at 7.30pm until 9.00pm in the Orchard Community Room, Nunton. We would welcome anyone who wishes to join us in learning more about how the Psalms are relevant to us in modern times.

## South Wiltshire Filling Station

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24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2016

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*Chalke Valley Churches at Nunton*

## Holiday Messy Church

**"Love Rules"**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
from 10.00am - 12.00noon**

**at The Barker Room and  
Nunton Church**

for children under 12  
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# Longford C of E Primary School

Nicolette Beardsmore, Parent Governor

After the good news of the latest Ofsted Report, everyone was buoyed up to really enjoy the end of the autumn term.

The Christmas celebrations kicked off with a Christingle project. (Regular readers will know that the school made Christingles for the first time last year - an orange, circled by red tape, holding a candle and 4 sticks with dried fruit; the whole symbolising Jesus). This year, the pupils' families and friends were invited to join them making Christingles as well as decorations for the giant Christmas tree, kindly provided by the Earl of Radnor. FOLS provided stalls selling books, woolly hats, snacks and reindeer food as well as offering mulled wine and mince pies for a small donation - very cheering on a grey November afternoon. Rev Jenny Taylor led a short but moving Christingle Service during which the children lit their Christingles in a darkened hall. The day ended with the children putting their new decorations on the tree and the lights were officially switched ON.

The children were busy playing netball and basketball in PE and the Autumn term's 'Sports Personalities', who impressed the PE staff team, were: Harvey (Kestrels), Ash (Magpies) and Zelia (Kingfishers).

Years 5 and 6 then had a visit from Wiltshire Police to learn about Cyberbullying and how to keep themselves safe online.

During December, all classes explored the themes of Raymond Briggs' story 'The Snowman', through art and writing. To help the pupils get into the mood, staff created a magical Winter Wonderland in the school hallways over a weekend (many thanks to them). After this the children were inspired to create their own pictures, poems and stories as well as paper snowmen, sock snowmen, and cookie snowmen. In the last week of term, friends and family were invited to see an exhibition of their Snowman project work and staff and children dressed up as snowmen too.

The children loved sharing their stories and creations with each other as well as their families. It was a super afternoon, supported by our parents.

And in the final week of term, Magpies (years 2 and 3) and Kestrels (years 2 and 3) performed their charming Nativity 'Born in a Barn'. 31 children came early to school one morning to have 'Breakfast with Santa', which included visiting his own special grotto in the School. Later that day pupils and staff sat down together for a Christmas lunch and, after a suitable pause, everyone danced the afternoon away at a Christmas Disco/Snowman Party.

Term officially ended with a lovely service at St Peter's Church, where the church was filled with children, staff and families and we said farewell to Mrs Naomi Shrimpton. We wish her all the very best for the future and know that her new pupils are very lucky to be gaining such a lovely Headteacher.

The event was enhanced by the addition of a new School banner carried by Archie and Kieran (both from Kingfisher's class). This beautiful creation was the work of Kieran's grandmother, Mrs Patterson.

A labour of love in the School's colours: cherry red background with white embroidery including the School's cloverleaf logo representing the three key groups involved in the school: pupils, staff and families, coming together as one.

Back from our Christmas break, we started a new year, a new term and, most excitingly, our new Headteacher, Mrs Louise Knipe, officially started her new role at Longford and we're delighted she has joined us.

## Longford Pupils 'Tee' off for Tri-Golf

Pupils in years 3 – 6 spent an action packed afternoon this term, aiming to become the golfing champions of the future.

Thanks to the generosity of Hamptworth Golf Club, Landford, the children were treated to a free golf master class by the club's two 'Golf Professionals', Dan and Henry. The pupils were taught the act of putting and chipping using the correct 'child' size clubs, and taught how to recover their game, if the ball lands in the dreaded sand bunker.

Both Dan and Henry were impressed with the skills of all the pupils and how quickly some pupils were able to perfect their swing technique and foot/body control. 'We were very encouraged to see such young golfing talent emerge, and it was super to see all the pupils enjoy their introduction to this ever popular game.'

One Year 6 pupil said 'Thanks to Dan and Henry's superb golf teaching, I now can't wait to take up golf as a hobby, and I will certainly be joining Dan and Henry's after school club running here at school!'

## Starting School in September 2016?

Parents who are still seeking a Primary School place for September 2016 are welcome to visit the school. Please telephone Mrs Dee Follett, in the school office, to make an appointment on 01722 327292. A recent visitor commented to our new Headteacher how friendly the School felt so you don't have to take my word for it.

## Reading Buddies needed – can you help?

Got an hour to spare in the week? If so, please come and listen to our children practising their reading at School. Please call the school and chat to Mrs Mason (Magpies class teacher and Literacy Subject Leader), who will explain what's involved and give you guidance. Tel: 01722 327292

## Save the Date:

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Fair at Longford School.**

*All welcome. Details to follow.*

## Harnham Garden Society

Meeting in Harnham Memorial Hall, Watersmeet Road, Salisbury SP2 8JH, adjacent to all All Saints Church, starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7pm. Non-members may attend talks for a £3 fee; new members are welcome to join the HGS.

**19<sup>th</sup> February "Daffodils in my Rucksack" by Mr Derrick Donnison-Morgan.** Derrick is a professional horticulturist with over 20 years' experience in organising, leading and participating in botanical expeditions worldwide.

## Cold Living

Living in a cold home can be bad for your health. Consistently low temperatures in your home may exacerbate existing health issues (particularly respiratory and cardiovascular conditions) and make it harder for you to recover from illnesses. It can cause you and your family to feel miserable at home, affecting concentration, dexterity and mental health.

Residents can now contact **Warm & Safe Wiltshire** - the commitment from Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service and their partners to help residents live in safer and healthier homes - and a one stop shop for all cold home and energy queries. The service provides free, impartial advice about keeping your home warm, understanding your heating system and energy bills, switching energy supplier, making energy saving improvements and a comprehensive home fire safety check where eligible. Energy advice can be given through home visits as well as over the phone.

Warm & Safe Wiltshire can help to improve energy efficiency in the home which can reduce fuel bills. The service can also advise on possible benefit entitlement and available grants such as the Warm Home Discount.

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## Bus service consultation

*Passenger Transport Team, Wiltshire Council*

We are undertaking a review of our subsidised bus services in Wiltshire and we want to have your views on this important area.

Wiltshire Council currently spends £5.1 million a year supporting bus routes that would not be commercially viable on their own. This supports nearly half of all bus journeys in Wiltshire and is a level of support well above surrounding counties. Due to financial pressure the Council can no longer guarantee this level of support and is therefore looking at a number of options to reduce the number of bus routes it supports. As yet no decisions have been taken. We want your views so we can make the right decision so please take the survey, (a link to which can be found on the Homepage of the News and Notes website\*). It should take no more than 5 minutes and all your responses will be treated as confidential. Whether you are a regular bus user or one who rarely uses a bus it's important you have your say.

Please note that around 50% of bus services in Wiltshire are operated commercially by the main bus operators and are not under threat, as they do not need a subsidy to run. If you need to look at which routes could be affected you can find this on the consultation portal under 'supporting documents'.

If you have any questions about the survey, please email us.

Your comments need to be submitted by 5pm on 4 April 2016.

*(\* If you have no access to the internet, you could possibly ask a neighbour who does to print the survey from the website. Ed.)*

## Waste Collection

*Press release from Wiltshire Council*

A streamlined waste collection service which will see residents' household and garden waste and all recyclables managed by one contractor has been agreed.

The service, set to start on 1<sup>st</sup> August **2017**, will mean black boxes will be used solely for glass collection and blue lidded bins will take all other recyclables including a wider selection of plastics.

At a cabinet meeting this morning (19<sup>th</sup> January) it was formally agreed for Hills Waste Solutions to take on the waste and recycling collection contract. The company will also continue to run all Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) from this date. People will also be able to leave unwanted items at some HRCs for re-use, rather than disposal.

The new contracts will run for a period of eight years with the option to extend each contract for a further period of eight years.

This award of contracts follows a robust procurement process where Hills demonstrated how it will deliver cost effective services to the specification the council requires.

Toby Sturgis, cabinet member for waste, said: "I'm very pleased we will have one collection contractor, with a proven track record, to deliver this vital service for our residents in an efficient, effective way.

"Residents will receive a smooth service and be able to recycle even more which is good news. The awarding of the contract will mean certain changes and we will be working with all staff in this area as we move towards this new system in 2017. We will provide residents with further information close to the date for commencement of the new service."

There will now be a 10-day standstill period until 30 January, before the award of the public contract can be confirmed and the contract entered into.

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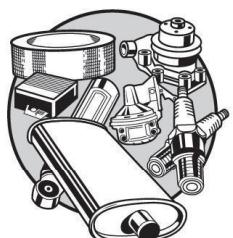
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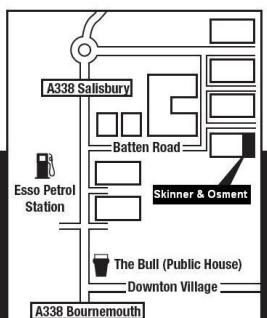
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Your village hall at Bodenham

for private functions, meetings, community events

Capacity: 100, seated 80

Special hire rates for residents of Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock and for regular users

*For bookings and enquiries, please contact the caretakers on 01722 329760*

### Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Singing Group	Tuesdays (ex. Aug/Dec.), 4.30pm or 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), 10.10am – 10.30am (Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February)
Acorn Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am at the Orchard
' Local Vocals'	Singing group for everybody. No need to read music. 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays each month. Radnor Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Please check with Clare Chitty 01722 330871
Circle Dancing	Simple dances from many countries to join in with, no partner or previous experience necessary. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays at Radnor Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Contact Clare Chitty 01722 330871
Village Prayers	If you'd like prayers to be said for someone you know, a particular situation or yourself, you may either put a note in the Village Prayers box at St Andrew's, Nunton or St Mary's, Odstock, email details to <a href="mailto:villageprayers@live.com">villageprayers@live.com</a> or come along. <b>Next meeting: 7.00pm – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. – Barker Room, Nunton</b>

### Diary Dates

15 <sup>th</sup> February	Holiday Messy Church, The Barker Room and St Andrew's, Nunton, 10.00am – 12noon (see page 3)
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Wine Tasting, Britford Memorial and Community Hall, 7.30pm (page 2)
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Filling Station, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm (see page 3)
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Radnor Arms 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Party (see page 2)
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent Lunch, Radnor Hall, 12noon – 2.00pm (see page 3)
8 <sup>th</sup> July	ONB Fête Dance, Nunton Field
9 <sup>th</sup> July	ONB Fête, Nunton Field