

# News and Notes

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

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At the beginning of February we have two minor festivals that we often forget – one is Candlemass on 2<sup>nd</sup> February and the other is St Brigid's Day on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

In the old Celtic calendar 1<sup>st</sup> February was the start of the stirrings of spring. It was called Imbolic, which means ewe's milk. This festival heralds new life. It was the start of the lambing season, when the first green shoots appeared and the sun's strength slowly increases as the days get longer. The Old Irish pagan goddess Bridgid was the ruler of fire and it became the custom to light candles to herald back the sun and look forward to spring.

The Church, when it came to these islands, took these customs and adapted them. Bridged they associated with the early Irish saint, Bridgid, Abbess of Kildare. She was revered we are told, only a little less than St Patrick himself. A woman of great spiritual strength and love, she was the founder of the community at Kildare.

Candlemass is the climax after the forty days of the Christmas and Epiphany season. This feast is rich in meaning, with several related themes – presentation, purification, meeting and light for the world. Candlemass is bittersweet in nature because of what it celebrates. It is a feast day of revelation of the child Jesus in the Temple, greeted by Simeon and Anna, and calls for rejoicing. Nevertheless, the prophetic words of Simeon, which speak of the falling of many and the sword that will pierce, lead to the Passion and Easter. The Lent period is on its way, with its opportunities for reflection and spiritual growth. Then we come to the Passion that speaks to us of our own death. However, it also reminds us that is not the end – there is life after life.

May I wish you all a happy and reflective Lent.

*Roger Redding*

## Church of England Services

Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February Next before Lent	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer BCP	Nunton Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	AW AW WC WC
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday	7.30pm	Parish Communion	Coombe Bissett	DH/AW
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Prayer BCP Family Service	Homington Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	WC AW WC AW
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> February Lent 2	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Parish Communion BCP	Britford Nunton Homington Coombe Bissett	WC AW WC AW
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> February Lent 3	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Prayer BCP Morning Service	Homington Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett Odstock	WC AW WC AW

WC = Revd Westley Cole, AW = Revd Alison Williams, DH = Revd Canon David Henley

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

## Lent Courses

*Courses start w/b 13<sup>th</sup> Feb and Alison Williams, our Team Vicar, may be contacted for more details on 01722 330628*

<i>Praying the Liturgy – our duty and our joy! What happens when we pray?</i> Revd. Alison Williams Mondays, Nunton Vicarage at 8.00pm Wednesdays, the Coombe Fellowship Chapel at 2.30pm.	<i>A Christian Approach to Moral Issues</i> Canon David Henley Tuesdays, Fellowship Chapel in Coombe Bissett 8.00pm Thursdays, Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall, 8.00pm
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## WI

*Valerie Martyn*

Julia Joynt presided over the first meeting of 2005 on 10<sup>th</sup> January in the Radnor Hall. This month's flowers for the President's table were arranged by Audrey Elliot. Jean Van Hagen, the Secretary and Margaret Barrow, the Treasurer gave their reports. There were also reports on the activities of the skittle, scrabble and theatre groups. Forms were distributed by Sue Bourne so that members might contribute to charity through Gift Aid

During the coffee break there was a raffle organised by Jean O'Rourke. The proceeds will be donated to the Tsunami Disaster Appeal. The flower of the month competition was won by Celia Maidment with a very appropriate seasonal snowdrop.

After coffee Hazel Docherty spoke on "The Life of a Blue Badge Guide". She told us of the pros and cons of guiding not to mention the pitfalls! Her talk was so amusing and entertaining and members asked so many questions that it ran over time - the sure sign of a success. A vote of thanks was proposed by Rita Hobbs.

The next meeting will be on 14<sup>th</sup> February. The speaker will be Liz Crossley who will talk on "Farmhouse Cheeses".

### **Odstock Primary School News**

Our end of term concert at the Radnor Hall was a huge success and enjoyed by all. The children practised in the morning, then had a party lunch followed by afternoon and evening performances of their play. We also held a Christmas Fayre and raised £300 for school funds.

We do still have some calendars and recipe books for sale if anyone would be interested; please telephone the school office on 01722 329701.

In January members of our school community attended the Christingle Service at St Mary's, Odstock. Before the service some of our children helped make the Christingles and during the service they did the readings and helped lead the prayers.

The beginning of the new term has seen a reorganisation of our after school clubs with lots of activities for the children to take part in. Our sewing club would like to appeal to members of the community for donations of poly cotton or cotton shirts. These will then be used to make a patchwork quilt.

### **Alderbury Police**

*PC Kevin Fry*

Contact: 01722 710208 - [Kevin.fry@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Kevin.fry@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

We are now in a new year but crime still continues. We have recently been suffering from a spate of thefts from garages and garden sheds. As ever the

target is petrol driven garden machinery, the favourites being lawn mowers, strimmers, hedge cutters and chain saws.

Although it is a very difficult crime to detect there are a few simple things we can do to try and prevent it happening. Prior to the theft, the would-be criminals will often be looking around to see what is worth stealing and where it is kept. When using your tools don't leave them out in full view for any longer than is necessary and don't leave the garage doors open for all the world to see what you have got. Keep your tools out of sight and out of mind.

At the risk of being boring, can I remind you to please keep your garages and sheds locked. People tend to associate this type of crime with the hours of darkness but it can happen at any time. Criminals will strike at any hour of the day, even if you are at home.

This also applies to motor vehicles. Don't be tempted to leave items in view inside your car, even if not valuable. The thief will not think twice about smashing a window or forcing a lock just to see what is inside. Even if nothing is taken you will be left with the repair bill.

Finally, a few weeks ago criminals attempted to steal a large speed boat, they came equipped with a 4X4 vehicle suitable for the job in hand but things did not go according to plan and they were forced to flee empty-handed. It just goes to show the most unlikely of items can be a target for the criminal.

Fortunately sharp-eyed locals were able to raise the alarm and the theft was prevented. My point is please report anything you consider to be suspicious no matter how small and report it at the time not a few hours later. This may just make the difference to prevent a theft and catch the culprits.

### **2005 London Marathon**

In the last edition, you may have read that I was aiming to run my 12<sup>th</sup> London Marathon to raise funds for breast cancer research. I had to rush this notice in after applying to get a running place through the charity. This has always been a successful way to get in; by pledging to raise a guaranteed £1400 for them.

Unfortunately, this year the breast cancer charities and even Cancer Research had far more applications than places and they turned me down. I have tried, without success, to get a place through other sources and would still dearly love to run to raise money for breast cancer research. If anybody knows of how I could get a gold bond place or of any other ways in, I would love to hear from you.

If anybody has already donated money, I am grateful, but will of course return it to you ... for safe-keeping until next year!

With thanks. Bernie Stubbs 01722 330006

## Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fête

Now you have your 2005 diary, please make a note that the date for this year's Fête is Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> July. The committee has already had its first meeting of the New Year. If you would like to help and have not done so in the past, please call the Fête committee chairman, Brian Clake, on 01722 340261 - there's always lots to do and he'll be delighted to hear from you!

Following the successful 2004 Fête, the committee agreed to make a number of donations/grants. These included Odstock & Nunton PCC, Odstock School, Downton School, Radnor Hall, WI, Nunton Day Hospital, The Orchard and the Longford Estate (for use of marquee).

A copy of the account for Fête 2004 is available for perusal at Bodenham Post Office.

## Easter Lilies in Nunton Church

If anyone would like to give a donation towards the cost of Easter Lilies in Nunton Church, in memory of a relative or friend would they kindly contact Diane Fray, Macaria Cottage, Nunton (01722 329753), before 5<sup>th</sup> March.

## Britford Lunch

Peggy Knight and Julia Shipsey would like to try a Village Lunch! The idea is simply for anyone who would like to come along to the Village Hall on a week-day lunch-time for a very casual get together and chat over lunch. We are going to have a 'trial run' at 12.30pm on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March in Britford Village Hall.

If you are interested please ring Peggy 01722 320259 or Julia 01722 335096. Please come and join us. **Tickets £5.00 - Children free and very welcome.**

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**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
between 1.45pm and 4.00pm  
tours leave every 20 minutes followed by delicious  
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## OPEN CIRCLE

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(and 5<sup>th</sup>) Mondays of each month.

This is a friendly gathering to share simple circle and folk  
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**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> April**

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returning about 5.30pm.

£40 to include transport, entry to colleges and  
gardens and guide for the day.

For more information contact Hazel Docherty on  
01722 325155 or Hazeldoc@btopenworld.com

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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, 8.00pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45-11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Joanne Philp on 01722 510565
Mobile Library	Alternate Wednesdays (9 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> ): Brookmead, Britford 10.00 - 10.20am Phone Box, Charlton 10.30 - 10.45am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.00 - 11.20am
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 <a href="tel:01722330871">01722 330871</a>

## February Dates for Your Diary

18 <sup>th</sup> February	News and Notes Deadline
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Charlton All Saints Garden Society - <i>in the church - Roy Prior to talk about Clematis</i>

## Advance Dates

10 <sup>th</sup> March	Britford Lunch, 12.30pm Britford Village Hall ( <i>see page 2</i> )
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Wits' End, 7.30pm Radnor Hall ( <i>see above</i> )

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## Email Addresses for Charity !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you to those who sent their email addresses in response to the requests in the last two editions. The scores were: **Charlton All Saints - 5, Nunton - 4, Odstock - 2 and Britford - 1**

As promised, having waited a while for some more addresses, I'll make appropriate donations to the relevant PCC's and to **Wilton Riding for the Disabled** which was the only charity which received more than one vote. I hope I have picked up all the emails received. If you have sent one but do not receive the February email, or want to send one for the first time, please contact me (*see Editor details above*). I'm experimenting with some free web space, so please have a look at: <http://newsnotes.freesuperhost.com>