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# News and Notes

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## Thank you God - I am blessed indeed!

You don't have to think very long before realising just how blessed we are in this country, let alone this beautiful valley. We are enjoying a marvellous summer, with plenty of sunshine and the fields are ripe for harvest; we have peace and stability while many parts of the world are in political turmoil; as holidays come and we enjoy so much, let us take nothing for granted! I recently came across some statistics to shock ....

If the population of the world were represented by one hundred people, there would be:

57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 8 Africans, 14 from the Western Hemisphere, (both north and south);

52 would be female and 48 would be male; 70 would be non-white and 30 would be white;

6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the USA;

80 would live in sub standard housing; 70 would be unable to read; only 1 would own a computer;

50 would suffer from malnutrition.

If you have food in the fridge, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, then you are richer than 75% of the world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change somewhere, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

When I read all this, I know that I am rich indeed and out of my deep gratitude, I know that God calls me to be generous to others.

*Alison Williams*

*(The Vicarage, Nunton, 01722 330628)*

## Monthly Comment

I was conscious when Alison kindly agreed to write an article for News and Notes each month that I was adding to what was already a very heavy workload. I have given this some thought and suggested to her that, from time to time, say every other month, I approach someone from one of our five villages to write the front page piece. Alison thought this a good idea and not just so that she can get out of the job sometimes! So, be thinking about what you might want to write about in case you are high on my list and if you know what you'd like to write about and want to be high on my list, then let me know. I will welcome equally articles of a religious or secular nature but will, naturally, reserve the right to use my editorial discretion as to what is included! *Editor*

## Church of England Services

Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 8	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong BCP	Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	PC PC AW
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 9	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Matins BCP	Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	AW PC DB
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW VW AW
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 11	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Charlton All Saints Odstock	KRS KRS

AW = Revd Alison Williams, DB = Denis Blake, KRS = Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith,

PC = Revd Pat Clegg, VW = Revd Canon Vernon White

BCP = *Book of Common Prayer*

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## W.I.

*Julia Joynt*

The last meeting of the present season was held at the Radnor Hall and was chaired by Sue Bourne, our President. There was an excellent turnout. Sue thanked Pam Trubshaw for her beautiful arrangement on the President's table.

The Garden Party was deemed a great success and members were thanked for their help before, during and after the party. John Barrow had earlier been given a garden token in appreciation of his invaluable help on this and other occasions. He came as a visitor to this meeting so took the opportunity to thank us personally.

Val Martyn then gave an excellent report on the WI AGM at the Albert Hall which she attended as delegate with Margaret Barrow. This was the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and was an awesome and entertaining affair with speakers that included Baroness Helena Kennedy, Bill Bryson and Jane Fonda and thought to have been attended by about 7,000 people, (250 of them standing all day).

Business was concluded and final plans for the outing on Wednesday and the Fete on Saturday were discussed.

During the coffee break Jeane O'Rourke ran another of her successful and generous raffles assisted by Ruth Austen. It brought in £51. The Flower of the Month was won by Judy Barke with a magnificent lily.

Then followed a talk on Imber, Salisbury Plain's ghost village, given by Rex Sawyer, ex headmaster, author and lecturer, and authority on this sad little village, 'Little Imber on the Down, seven miles from any town'. We were enthralled by the story of the dwindling community, 441 inhabitants in 1841 down to 184 in 1931, (The War Department had started buying up land in 1897), through its evacuation in 1943 to the forming of an association in 1960 to fight for its restoration, and finally the losing of that battle in 1962. It was a memorable talk.

Our next meeting will be a promotional meeting and will be held in the Radnor Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> September. The speaker will be Mrs Mary Guest talking on 'Embroidery Samplers'.

## Odstock Primary School

When you read this we will all be on our summer holidays enjoying a well deserved rest. The last few weeks of term were action packed.

We all enjoyed a sponsored walk around the village, which raised over £400. This was used to purchase playground equipment selected by the children. Our annual fete and sports evening was well supported with lots of new faces from the villages. The children enjoyed the bouncy castle, barbecue and lots of fun stalls, and the event raised over £300.

We hope you all enjoyed seeing us at the Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fete. The children

thoroughly enjoyed showing off their dancing skills after a term of dance tuition from Miss Kim. They also loved being able to show their artwork at the church during the exhibition week.

A group of our older children went to Lyme Regis for a three day residential this term. They had excellent fun trying archery and climbing. The residential was a great success with all children wishing to return next year.

## MS Charity Lunch, Charlton Courtyard Charlton All Saints, Bank Holiday Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 12.30pm

Tickets are now available for Maggie Goddard's charity ploughman's lunch. Tickets £10 adults, £4 under 16s, to include lunch but bar provided. Competitions, raffle, tombola and bottle stall. Please may I ask you to purchase tickets by 18<sup>th</sup> August as due to the constraints of the disease, I have to arrange it all in advance.

For tickets or further information contact Maggie Goddard at Clovelly, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints.

Tel: 01725 510309, email: [goddard543@hotmail.com](mailto:goddard543@hotmail.com).

## Britford Ward Tea Rota

*Jane Ranaboldo (01722 326825)*

We have a small team organised to 'man' the tea trolley in the Britford Ward twice a week, and we would welcome a few more volunteers. It takes about two hours on either a Monday morning or a Thursday afternoon. If anyone is interested, please phone the following number. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Radnor Hall Players

*Harry Joynt (01722 329782)*

Harry Joynt is coming out of retirement yet again and is hoping to produce a Pantomime and Revue on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November!

To get things going, let us have a meeting of those who would be interested in taking part on stage and backstage on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at the Radnor Hall.**

I will put another notice in the September issue of N&N but meanwhile any readers who are interested, please give me a ring and do please get the word around.

## Blitz Day at Britford

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September

9.30 am onwards thro' the day

Please see the list on the notice board in the church porch detailing the tasks to be done inside and outside the church.

Please bring your own tools.

Refreshments will be provided.

For further details 'phone  
Daphne Scamell (01722 334858)

## **Congratulations and Thank You...**

### **.. for the Fête**

What a great Fête weekend! With perfect weather for everything from the clay shoot, to the dance through to the raft race, there was fun for everyone. I met a couple in Broad Chalke who had come down (up?) to our fete and were MOST impressed. The wife was disabled and greatly appreciated how accessible everything was for her. They especially enjoyed the range of arena events and atmosphere. So thank you to everyone who worked so very hard, Brian Clake and his fantastic team, to ensure the success of this year's fete weekend.

### **... and to the exhibition team at Odstock**

The exhibition in Odstock Church was a wonderful tribute to the talent hidden in this village! There was such an impressive range of skills - from painting to wood-turning and flower arranging. I especially enjoyed all the old photos and glimpses of life in former days. Thank you to the hard-working band of people who planned and organised the week. It exceeded all my expectations when I dared to suggest the idea. Happily many people came to enjoy your work, and see the church looking so splendid. Thank you!

*Alison Williams*

### **..and thanks from the Odstock Church Appeal Fund**

On behalf of the Odstock Church Appeal Fund, I would like to thank all those who made our exhibition such a success. The splendid total of £459 was raised for the Appeal Fund.

*Madeline Baker*

### **The Minerva String Quartet – 21<sup>st</sup> July**

*Adrian Taylor*

As editor of News and Notes, I am privileged to be able to put in items after the usual 18<sup>th</sup> deadline. I was also privileged to be part of the audience at Charlton All Saints to hear the Minerva String Quartet play a wonderful programme of music by Handel, Haydn, Elgar, Mozart, Joplin and Gershwin. Many thanks to Richard and Jane Parsons, Marian Givens and Sara Trenchard for entertaining us so beautifully. The proceeds went to church funds. To those who weren't there, keep your fingers crossed that the Quartet will put on another concert and don't miss it when they do!

## **Car Boot Sale**

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August  
at 12.00 noon  
Nunton Field**

### Admission

Traders' Cars - £5 and Vans - £7.  
Public – 20p

## **Chalke Valley Flower Club**

*Ann Thompson*

### **Flower Power News**

Our June Meeting with Kate Blackburn Ruffey was full of the perfume of her roses. We had a most interesting talk on their history and development. The Rose Photo Competition was won by Jan Robinson with Cynthia Shepherd as runner-up.

In July we had an excellent day at King's Old Rectory, by kind permission of Mrs Claire Perry, for our annual fund-raising garden party. Members and friends enjoyed her beautiful gardens, as well as the delicious tea and cakes. Sales stalls included children's clothes, cards, plants and toys, for the benefit of the Chalke Valley Playschool.

Later, Stoke Lodge was the venue for our Members Social Evening on the history of cheeses and their complementary flowers, followed by a most enjoyable supper and glass of wine. Many thanks to Jane and Hugh Pickford for use of the Lodge.

There will be a Flower Arranging class on 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Bishopstone Village Hall. Please phone 01722 780683 for details, as there are very few places left.

On 27<sup>th</sup> September the Club will be welcoming newly qualified National Demonstrator Tracey Griffin to Broad Chalke Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Her subject is 'Recycling'. The cost for visitors is £5.00 to include tea or coffee.

Bicester Shopping Village is our destination on the 11<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to join us, there are places on the bus, so please contact 01722 742177.

This year's Open Meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. in Coombe Bissett Village Hall. We are delighted to welcome as demonstrator, John Chennell. John is an international flower designer and demonstrator. He was one of the 'Magnificent Seven' at the City Hall earlier this year. His demonstration is entitled 'Seasonal Splendour'. There will be refreshments, raffle and stalls. Tickets are £3.00 for members, and £7.50 for guests, and enquiries should be made to 01722 780683 as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing old and new members and their guests.

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## Bodenham Hog Roast

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30pm  
Tickets £5 each from the Post Office  
*Proceeds to Radnor Hall Funds*

## Salisbury Hospicecare Trust Annual Fundraising Walk 27<sup>th</sup> August **UP THE DOWNS**

Fundraising walk across the Odstock Downs, with spectacular views to Downton, returning past Trafalgar Estate, through Longford Estate, along the Avon Valley to the Hospice. The route drops down into Downton where the White Horse can provide a very welcoming watering hole and also goes through Charlton All Saints, where liquid refreshments will be available in the garden of the Old Vicarage. The walk finishes with delicious teas at the Hospice.

**To raise funds for Salisbury Hospicecare. Registration fees waived if sponsorship monies are collected.**

All ages or experience welcome with stages of 2, 5 and 10 miles.

Transport available.

Start / Finish: Salisbury Hospice gardens - 9.00 a.m. unaccompanied, 9.30 accompanied.

**For more information and to register contact:  
01722 322339**

**email: [gohospice@btconnect.com](mailto:gohospice@btconnect.com)  
website: [www.salhospicect.org.uk](http://www.salhospicect.org.uk)**

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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 (10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> August): Brookmead, Britford 9.30 – 9.40am, alternate Fridays (4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> August) Phone Box, Charlton 10.15 – 10.30am. The Library also visits the Orchard, Nunton monthly at 11.55 – 12.25pm (23 <sup>rd</sup> August)
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>

### August Dates

5 <sup>th</sup> August	Bodenham Hog Roast, 6.30pm ( <i>see above</i> )
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, 12.00 noon ( <i>see page 3</i> )
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Up the Downs Fundraising Walk for Salisbury Hospicecare Trust ( <i>see above</i> )
28 <sup>th</sup> August	MS Charity Lunch, Charlton All Saints ( <i>see page 2</i> )

### Advance Dates

9 <sup>th</sup> September	Treasure Hunt – Charlton All Saints
11 <sup>th</sup> September	WI ( <i>see page 2</i> )
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Radnor Hall Payers Meeting, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm ( <i>see page 2</i> )
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Blitz Day at Britford, from 9.30am ( <i>see page 2</i> )