
News and Notes

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“Eastertide”

Sunday, 3rd April 2005 – the Second Sunday of Easter – commonly called ‘Low Sunday’ – although exactly why, we cannot be absolutely sure. The accepted explanation is that after the great Easter Day celebrations, the clergy and choir, exhausted after all their exertions during Lent, Passiontide and then Easter, took a much needed rest; and the services on the Second Sunday of Easter would be said, rather than sung, and without the glories and celebrations of the great Festival of Easter Day. ‘Low’ Mass instead of ‘High Mass’. This is in no way any kind of anti-climax, as though Easter was over. Far from it! Easter used to last until Ascension Day, although now with the Revised Common Lectionary extended to the eve of Pentecost, and our rejoicings continue full and rich, if perhaps in a more reflective spirit. We have observed the Forty days of Lent, with repentance and reflection, penance and sorrow for the Passion and Death of Jesus; now we keep with joy the days of Eastertide – known for centuries as ‘The Great Forty Days’

During this time the Risen Lord appeared to his disciples, talked to them with love and care and consideration, consolidating their faith and preparing for his withdrawal from them – in his physical presence at least – and returning to heaven from which He had come at the time of His incarnation. So Low Sunday could well mark the beginning of our own personal reflection and growth in all that emerges from the great Act of God in the Resurrection of Jesus. It is also the day of ‘Doubting Thomas’, the disciple who missed out on the first appearance of Jesus to his followers, and said that he did not believe their breathless account, and would not do so, unless he himself saw Jesus and touched his wounds. Therefore one of our reflections must be, that from the very beginning, the Resurrection was hailed with joy and wonder – and also doubt. Thomas’ doubts were simply practical. Dead men are dead, however splendid and wonderful and powerful they may have been. For the dead to come alive is not human experience. Only seeing and actually touching the Risen Lord could overturn the natural conclusion that the dead remain dead. But there were other doubts, of a different degree. Jesus said he was not a ghost; Jesus asked for food (*St Luke 24 vv 42-43*). But natural bodies do not pass through locked doors (*St John 20:19*). The two disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognise Jesus, even though they walked and talked with him for some hours. In fact they thought he was a stranger right up to the moment when, at supper, he broke the bread. Only then did they realise that he *was* Jesus.

On the shore of the Sea of Galilee we read that the disciples knew it was Jesus, but did not dare ask him ‘Who are you?’ (*St John 21:12*). Certainty and faith came to all the doubters eventually; but doubts there were, and honest ones. Can we say that Jesus was different? There seems to have been difficulty in recognition at first, with all His disciples, who had been so close for years. He had no physical limitations, as we have; His spiritual power must have been transforming; his Godhead, we might say, was so near the surface as to strike awe and even fear (*St Luke 4:36*). Perhaps the inability of some of the disciples to recognise Him at once, was a way in which He was teaching them – and also us – something new. Do we not often find Jesus in unexpected ways, and through unlikely people.

The proof of the Resurrection lies in our experience of Jesus as a real and living Person today. Our religion is not a religion of ideas and theories, but a religion of experience. When we experience Jesus in our daily lives – that is enough – that is our certainty – that is no make-believe. The first Christians were sure that whatever dangers and difficulties, trials and punishments they exposed themselves to in following Jesus, they could do so in hope and in trust, for their Leader had conquered death not only for Himself, but for them too, and for all his faithful followers. In this sense, as we live so nearly 2000 years after the events which are now in our thoughts, we too bear witness to our belief in the Risen and Victorious Jesus, if in our lives also we serve Him and seek to follow in His footsteps.

And so we celebrate Eastertide. This is a time for reflection, for meditation, and above all for recognition. Jesus is alive and with us – here and now. All we have to do is to reach out, believe and trust.

Westley Cole

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WI

Margaret Morgan

There was a large gathering for the A.G.M. Julia Joynt, our President, presided and thanked Jill Johnson for the lovely arrangement of daffodils which made us feel Spring was coming. Pat Reeves won the flower of the month. Both Julia and Margaret Barrow, the Treasurer, are not standing again and a very warm thanks was given to them for all their hard work. They have done so much behind the scenes to ensure a happy and friendly W.I. There was information about skittles, scrabble, the theatre and the summer outing on July 13. Julia then spoke about the plants Judy Barke had bought for the communal garden in Nunton and the paintings by local artists exhibited in the Radnor Hall. Pam Trubshaw, stood in for Jean Van Hagen, the Secretary, and read the report. We were all sad to learn of Jean's accident which is obviously a horrid burn.

Hazel Gillingham, the County Advisor, spoke about the warmth and welcome of our W.I. and then the advantages of being a member. She mentioned the good speakers, friendships made and caring for other members amongst other things. She enthused about small outings with friends as well as the main trips and the fun of Denman College courses.

Sue Bourne was elected our new President and Sheila May the new Treasurer. Anna Tresider is joining the Committee. Finally the meeting ended with Jeane O'Rourke winning the Denman Bursary which was much deserved. Our next meeting will be 11th April when the Speaker will be the Rev. R. Redding on the "Traveller Ministry".

Odstock Primary School News

School Activities

During the last two weeks of school before the Easter holidays we had three visitors.

The first was a Bookshed Workshop, sponsored by Rural Arts Wiltshire. The day consisted of children taking it in turns to visit the Shed to look at stories and books. They were later given the opportunity to make a book. We were also given a crab apple tree which has now been planted in the garden.

Next to arrive was a camel, kindly brought to us by Lady Chichester with her groom. The children are looking at animals and their habitats and greatly enjoyed the opportunity for a "hands on" session.

Finally, we had a visit from our former headteacher, Ann Bernard and her husband. They have been travelling around the world and came back to share workshops on Thailand with the children.

Fund Raising

The children have just completed a Mr Men Challenge in aid of Leukaemia Research. We raised

a huge £600, the best we have ever done – the children are very proud of themselves.

For Comic Relief we raised just over £100 through the sale of red noses, a non uniform day and a cake sale.

Following the recent installation of our mobile ICT suite we have five laptop bags for sale. If interested contact the school office.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Bus Escort. If you are able to spare an hour a day, term time only please contact the school office for further details. It would involve half an hour between 8 and 8.30 am and then a further half an hour between 3 and 3.30 pm. Telephone: 01722 329701.

PFA Events

The PFA are holding the following events over the coming months:

22nd April – Beetle Drive at School from 6.30pm

27th April – Spring Fair – to include Plant and Cake Sale at School from 3.00pm

Please feel free to come along and join in.

Spring Art Exhibition

at Downton Secondary School

Saturday 30th April & Sunday 1st May

10.30am - 4.30pm
During the Cuckoo Fair

All local artists.

Jumble Sale

Radnor Hall, Bodenham

Wednesday 27th April

at 7.00pm

in aid of S.H.A.R.E.

If you have any bric-a-brac, books etc
please 'phone 330757 (the Tucker Family)

for collection or it can be left at
the S.H.A.R.E. office, Salisbury District Hospital or at
the Radnor Hall in the afternoon on the day.

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News from Britford Primary School

Hawks Class and a project about Britford

The children in the Hawks Class (years 2 and 3) have recently studied the village of Britford. They all thoroughly enjoyed this topic which helped them familiarise themselves with their local environment.

First they investigated the local area: what features it had, where the houses and farms were, the river, the road with the Park and Ride scheme. Then they looked at the history of the village. The 1881 census told them the names of the people who lived here, their ages and their occupations. The children particularly focused on the people who lived along the High Road. They found out most of them were farm labourers or had other jobs connected with agriculture. Some of the women were laundresses or dressmakers. The class discussed the reasons why so many jobs were connected with farming and how that had changed today.

One of the children in the class, whose grandfather went to Britford School, brought in a photograph of the old school which was located at the edge of the road, with the schoolmistress living next door. The children and their teacher also went for a walk around the village so they could see some of the buildings and places they had learnt about, eg the Saxon Church with the grave of Bishop Wordsworth, the Moat House and the Memorial Hall. They saw the old forge, the old bakery and the village green where there used to be a sheep fair. They noted that many of the farms which were prominent in the 1881 census were no longer involved in agriculture.

In the end, the children completed a project on Britford. Their brief was to draw a comparison with the way Britford is today with what they had found out about its past. The projects were well-presented and full of interesting information. They included photographs and pictures they had drawn, maps, as well as plenty of factual information which they had either learnt in class, found out from books or by talking to people in the village.

Most of the children felt that by the end of the project, they knew a lot more about the place where they lived and/or went to school.

Red Nose Day

The children participated in this big event with a non-uniform day and raised £54. Children and teachers marked the occasion by being very creative with their clothes and hairstyles: there were a lot of red noses, colourful wigs and other interesting costumes and fancy hairdos on the playground last Friday! The children in the Swallows Class (Reception and Year 1) even performed the Funky Cow Dance in front of all the children, teachers and parents/carers at the weekly sharing assembly. They spoke about the

scheme funded by Comic Relief whereby poor people in Africa are being given a cow and therefore a chance to make a living by selling the milk.

Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety

Residents of all our five villages are encouraged to come to the meeting on 13th April, 7.30pm at the Radnor Hall which will cover Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety.

GRAND CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 10th April

1.00pm Nunton Football Field

Admission 20p

Traders cars and vans £5.00 and £7.00

All proceeds to the Radnor Hall

Enquiries to Brian Clake 01722 340261

Cleaner Wanted

one day per week

for a family home in the Odstock Village area

for further details please contact 07843 449688

Tony Udell

Lawn Mowing/Grass Strimming

2 Bake Farm Cottages, Coombe Bissett

01722 718247 or 07979 791499

Spring Outing to explore

Oxford Colleges and Gardens

Saturday, 9th April

Small bus leaving Salisbury at 08.30am,
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@bopenworld.com

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Odstock Nunton and Bodenham Fete

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| ✓ Clay Shoot | ✓ Train Rides | ✓ Produce Stalls |
| ✓ Bike Ride | ✓ Flying Falcons | ✓ Pet Show |
| ✓ Classic Vehicles | ✓ Bouncy Castles | ✓ Fun and Games |

Noticed anything missing? - "What about my burgers and cream tea" you say.

We need help to run the barbecues on **Friday 15th July (Peter Pod and the Peas)**
and **Saturday 16th July** and cream teas on **Saturday 16th July**.

Just an hour each from a few people would help greatly. Please speak to any committee member or call Brian Clake on 01722 340261.

Church of England Services

Sunday, 3 rd April 2 nd Sunday of Easter	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 AW
Sunday, 10 th April 3 rd Sunday of Easter	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	AW KRS AT AW
Sunday, 17 th April 4 th Sunday of Easter	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Parish Communion BCP	Britford Nunton Homington Coombe Bissett	WC DH WC DH
Sunday 24 th April 5 th Sunday of Easter	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 SE AW
Sunday, 1 st May 6 th Sunday of Easter	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 AW WC

Communion Services will be held on Wednesdays during Lent in Broad Chalke at 12.15pm

WC = Revd Westley Cole, AW = Revd Alison Williams, DH = Revd Canon David Henley,
AT = Mrs Annabel Tier, KRS = Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith, SE = Mrs Shirley Evans BCP = *Book of Common Prayer*

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 (6 th , 20 th): Brookmead, Britford 10.00 – 10.20am Phone Box, Charlton 10.30 – 10.45am, Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.00 – 11.20am
Open Circle	2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall, contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871
Folk Dancing	

April Dates for Your Diary

10 th April	Car Boot Sale, 1.00pm Nunton Football Field in aid of Radnor Hall Funds (<i>see page 3</i>)
13 th April	Neighbourhood Watch and Community Safety Meeting, 7.30pm Radnor Hall (<i>see page 3</i>)
16 th April	Mosaic Day Workshop, 10.00am to 4.00pm Radnor Hall, call 01980 629472 (<i>see last month's N&N</i>)
20th April	News and Notes Deadline
25 th April	Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Advance Dates

15 th May/12 th June	Car Boot Sale, 1.00pm Nunton Football Field in aid of Radnor Hall Funds
16 th July	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fête, 2.00pm Football Field

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