

# News and Notes

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## Abstinence – what’s that?!

I love the cartoon of a rather fat monk, a real Friar Tuck looking monk, saying to another monk “Actually, I’ve decided to give up abstinence for Lent...”

We chuckle because abstinence is something we don’t really like – and it’s certainly not cool today in a world of self-indulgence with its “Go on, you know you’re worth it!” style of advertising. We are encouraged on all sides to indulge, to treat ourselves, to enjoy what life has to offer. So, to give up something these days really goes against the grain. But then, Christianity always was rather counter cultural....

Lent begins on 1<sup>st</sup> March – season of abstinence and fasting. Or is it? Why does the tradition of ‘giving up chocolate’ (or alcohol, or whatever?) still endure even if people are unsure why? Is it just because it coincides with spring and we feel the need for a spring clean diet?

Christians remember that Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness before he began his public life - a time of self-examination, being tempted and tested. He fasted and prayed, but also battled with the forces of evil, that tempt us all. He could have taken the easy way out. He didn’t.

So traditionally, Christians set aside Lent to reflect on our spiritual lives, to pray, to fast, and to exercise self-discipline – all against the trend of our consumer society. But what generations of Christians have discovered is that the spiritual, *interior* life benefits enormously when we are not distracted by the fleeting pleasures of this world. I don’t mind Lent : I know it does me good!

*Alison Williams*

*(The Vicarage, Nunton, 01722 330628)*

## Church of England Services

Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March Ash Wednesday	12.15pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion (with Ashing) Holy Communion (with Ashing)	Broad Chalke Coombe Bissett	KRS/DH AW/DH
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 1	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Parish Communion Evening Prayer BCP	Nunton Britford Coombe Bissett Homington	AW DH WC/PM AW
Sunday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 2	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer BCP	Homington Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	AW AW AT DB
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March Lent 3	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Parish Communion BCP	Britford Nunton Homington Coombe Bissett	AW AW WC/PM AW
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion BCP Parish Communion Morning Service Family Service	Homington Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW AW WC AW
Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April Passion Sunday	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 DH WC

AW = Revd Alison Williams, WC = Revd Westley Cole, DH = Revd Canon David Henley, PM = Revd Philip Morris, DB = Denis Blake  
BCP = Book of Common Prayer

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## **W.I.**

*Julia Joynt*

There was a good gathering at the February meeting held in the Radnor Hall and presided over by Sue Bourne. Sue welcomed everyone, particularly Barbara Stevens who was back following her hip operations, and thanked Jean Martin for her cheerful bowl of spring flowers. Letters were read from the Salisbury Hospice and the Radnor Hall Committee thanking the W.I. for their donations.

Future visits to the theatre were discussed, and Claudine Elliott said a few words about her visit to Denman College, telling us how much she had enjoyed it and recommending it highly to anyone who had not yet been on one of the courses. Further business was conducted, then Jean Van Hagen read the correspondence which was duly discussed, and Sheila May gave the Treasurer's report.

Anna Treseder won the flower of the month with a hellebore.

After coffee we had a truly delightful talk (and tasting session), given by Mr Mike Smales and entitled "Cheese." We learnt a great deal in a short time about the making of cheese, from the cow to the dining table. It was a very amusing and enjoyable talk causing a lot of interest and questions, and there was an added bonus of being given the opportunity to buy at the end of the meeting. I suspect that cheese was on the lunch menu for most members that day.

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting and will be held at the Radnor Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Odstock Primary School**

We celebrated the opening of our new classroom with a Chinese theme. Some of the children performed a dragon dance whilst others wore masks of their Chinese birth years. Entertainment was provided by a drummer and a stilt walker. Robert Key MP officially performed the cutting of the ribbon ceremony.

The new classroom is a fantastic addition to our school and at long last has enabled our hall space to revert to being just that, giving us much more flexibility.

The children will be undertaking further Road Safety sessions which will involve an assembly as well as walks for the older children. They will also be having workshops and assemblies around the theme of Waste.

We are in the process of creating a mural on one of the school fences. We are doing this by recycling plastic bags and will be making a weather picture.

### **Vacancy for Community Governor**

We have a vacancy for a Community Governor. This entails attending a few meetings a year to discuss

school issues. The person will need to live within the villages of Nunton, Bodenham or Odstock but cannot have a current involvement with the school. If you are interested please write to Alison Cross, our Clerk to the Governors, care of the school or ring her on 01722 332751.

## **Britford Primary School**

### **School Council**

Elections took place last month and the school council is now up and running again this year. Two children from each year are elected and form the council. They meet regularly to discuss ideas and ways to enhance their school life, under the guidance of teacher Mrs Toomer. Their first project is to fundraise for a new rugby kit and they are doing that by selling Valentine Cards, hand-made in school by the older children. They have also organised a Valentine's non-uniform day for the last day of term and have suggested everyone comes dressed in either pink or red.

### **Sport**

A new after-school club has been formed at Britford Primary School, aimed at children who are not already in the rugby, football or netball teams that regularly represent the school in local matches and tournaments. The project called *The Multi-Skills Project* is part of the Schools Sports Partnership Programme and is organised by St Edmunds' Sports College. Coach Linda New comes into school once a week and runs the after-school club, which encourages children to learn and practise basics skills like balance, catching and throwing. The children also learn about team work and improve their overall fitness. They learn by having fun.

Another significant Sports venture this term in school is the weekly Netball Club coached by Jilly Ronz Wickens from Schools Sports Partnership. Children from the already strong Britford netball team are taking part but the club is also open to children who want to practise their netball skills and improve them.

### **Easter Fayre**

Organised by the Friends of Britford (FOBS), this yearly event will take place at the school on Friday 31 March from 2.00 to 3.30 pm. It is usually a very popular fundraising event well supported by all. There will be an Easter Egg hunt, Raffle and Cake Stall, amongst other things. Everyone welcome!

## **Easter Lilies for Nunton**

If anyone would like to give a donation towards the cots of Easter Lilies in Nunton Church, in memory of a loved one or a friend, would they kindly get in touch with Diane Fray, Macaria Cottage, Nunton (01722 329753) before 16<sup>th</sup> March.

## Britford Village Sale for Britford Ward

Julia Shipsey

£325.60 was the amount raised at our sale in the hospital foyer on 8<sup>th</sup> February. This will be given to Britford Ward for extras they need to buy for the benefit of the patients.

Thank you to everyone who gave items to sell; we had a wonderful response, and also to those who gave money donations. Also thanks to those who gave their time on the day to help on the stall. A special thanks to Daphne Scamell without whose help, I doubt the sale would have taken place!

## Britford Parish Clerk

Would anyone in the village of Britford be willing to take over as Parish Clerk? We have a meeting once every two months at which you would be required to take the minutes, plus liaising with Salisbury District Council on local matters on behalf of the Parish Councillors. For further details and an informal chat please contact Sandie Benstead on 01722 341625.

## Britford Recycling

Will people using the recycling bins near Britford Depot please refrain from leaving empty cardboard boxes and plastic bags behind. Someone has to come along and remove them as they are not taken away with the bins!

## Odstock Parish Council

At the PC meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January, members discussed the proposed playground and store in the Nunton Recreation Field. It was resolved to adopt a scheme using a bark/woodchip base, timber play equipment and wooden fencing. An order has now been placed and the installation is expected to be completed before the middle of April. Tenders are being invited for the construction of the replacement store.

**WCC has indicated that the Odstock road will need to be closed for up to four weeks to enable repairs to be carried out on the damaged bridge. The work is expected to commence on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Pedestrian and cyclist traffic will not be restricted.**

Safety concerns on the A338 at Bodenham are being addressed by WCC. Resurfacing of the dual carriageway and revised road markings and signage are being proposed and the Parish Council will be consulted before plans are finalised.

The next Ordinary PC meeting is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

## SJC Computer Systems

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## Early Spring Concert

### St. John Singers

Conductor – John Powell

Organist – Richard Seal

Reader – Sonia Woolley

Sacred and secular music

from Tudor times to the present day

Some audience participation required!

St. Michael and All Angels Church, Coombe  
Bissett

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

(Doors open at 7.00 pm)

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## TZIGANARAMA

*A JOURNEY THROUGH EASTERN EUROPE*

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ON

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FROM HARRY JOYNT – 01722 329782  
AND BODENHAM POST OFFICE

## Churches Together Lent Lunch

on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

12.30 - 2pm

at Longford Farmhouse

Ticket £6

In aid of Chalke Valley Lent Project

**SEEDS FOR AFRICA**

All welcome

More details Debby Underhill 01722 329769

## The Ebble Chorale

The Grand Finale

in aid of *Seeds for Africa* (Lent Project)

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm

St Andrew's Church, Nunton

£8 to include refreshments

Tickets from Debby Underhill 01722 329769

## Recycling – Downton Community Area

In partnership with local volunteers, the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is researching and gathering information on all the things you can do to reuse and recycle your waste. The information collected will be put into a Recycling Directory for the Downton Community Area.

When it is ready the Downton Recycling A-Z directory will be given away free to the public. It will be one of a series of 20 that are being produced with the Trust to cover each Community Area in Wiltshire. Along with lots of information on how to reduce your household waste, it will list contact details for local businesses, organisations and individuals that take unwanted items for reuse and recycling. The directory will also answer the most frequently asked questions about waste reduction. For instance: Why can only certain plastics go in the recycling skip? Where do you take your old TV? Where can you buy Real Nappies?

If you or your company would like to be included in the directory, or if you have a few hours to help collate information, please contact:

*Rachel Dedman, Recycling Directories Officer,  
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.  
Tel. 01380 725670 email:  
rethinkrubbish@wiltshirewildlife.org*

This project is supported by the Wiltshire Waste Partnership and financed by the National Lottery funded Community Recycling and Economic Development (CRED) programme and Wiltshire County Council.

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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 Thursdays (9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> March): Brookmead, Britford 9.30 – 9.40am, alternate Fridays (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> March) Phone Box, Charlton 10.15 – 10.30am. The Library also visits the Orchard, Nunton monthly at 1.00 – 1.30pm (24 <sup>th</sup> March)
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>

### **March Dates**

13 <sup>th</sup> March	W.I.
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Early Spring Concert, Coombe Bissett Church, 7.30pm ( <i>see page 3</i> )
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Lent Lunch, Longford Farmhouse, 12.30pm ( <i>see page 3</i> )
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Tziganarama, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm ( <i>see page 3</i> )

### **Advance Dates**

5 <sup>th</sup> April	The School for Scandal, Salisbury Playhouse. Tickets £17 call 01722 712670 and support the NSPCC
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Ebble Chorale, Nunton Church. 5.30pm ( <i>see page 3</i> )
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Charlton All Saints BBQ
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham (ONB) Fête Clay Shoot, Nunton Drove, 6.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> July	ONB Fête Dance in the Marquee, Nunton Football Field, 8.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> July	ONB Grand Fête, Nunton Football Field, 2.00pm (Enquiries and offers of help to Brian Clake 01722 340261)