

News & Notes

Odstock, Nunton, Bodenham,
Britford & Charlton-All-Saints

November 1995

The Rectory
Nunton

Dear Friend

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Once again it is Remembrance month with its familiar services and events throughout our land. It has of course been a Remembrance *year* with the fiftieth anniversary of so many decisive moments in both Europe and the Far East. We shall continue to recall the tremendous cost in human terms of those war years and of the subsequent smaller conflicts, in our village services on 12th which will follow our usual pattern for Remembrance Sunday. These services will be at Charlton and Nunton.

Events in Bosnia constantly remind us that war in Europe is still, for thousands of people, a present reality. The heart of man knows no limits in its ability to destroy and plunder. Equally there are no limits to which it can aspire to good and noble activity. Very often it is against the appalling backdrop of evil that such goodness is inspired and achieved. Those who shine as lights wherever darkness is to be found should find a special place in our hearts and prayers. They point us to a practical way of expressing our thanks for those who won for us our freedom. We too are called to shine, and for us to do so would be counted as thanks enough by those who paid the ultimate price. May their flame be passed on to us!

Finally, the light of Christ is the source and sustainer of all that shines in the darkness. His light is that which illuminates our minds and scatters the darkness of our sinful state. May he lighten your life and mine that, in his name, we may bring light to others!

Yours

Robert Hollingshurst

Church Services

Sunday 5 November	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	Odstock
Sunday 12 November	10.45 am	Remembrance Service (followed by Holy Communion)	Nunton
Remembrance Sunday	10.45 am	Remembrance Service	Charlton
Wednesday 15 November	2.00 pm	Pram Service	Barker Room
Sunday 19 November	9.30 am	Parish Communion	Odstock
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	Britford
Sunday 26 November St Andrew	9.30 am	United Parish Communion Patronal Festival	Nunton
Sunday 3 December	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Nunton
Advent Sunday	9.30 am	Parish Communion	Britford
	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	Odstock

If anyone would like a lift to any of the services in any of the villages, please telephone Debby Underhill on 01722 329769.

Pram Service - please note that the Pram Service is on 15 November, which is the third, instead of the usual second, Wednesday.

From the Editor

This month's edition has been paid for by our various advertisers - thank you for your support. Page 5 has been provided by the Radnor Hall Players - I think the Old Time Music Hall should be well worth seeing. If you have any items that you would like to be included in next month's newsletter, whether it is a report from your club or society, football fixtures, birthday congratulations, forthcoming events or a small ad, please send it to me, Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton-All-Saints, SP5 4HF or telephone me on 01725 512869. Notices of charity and non-profit making events are inserted free, but all other advertisements are charged at £2 per 30 words, or £20 for 12 insertions. The deadline for the Christmas issue is Sunday 19 November.

News in Brief

Christmas Book Stall There will be the usual Christmas Book Stall available from early November with a variety of cards and books. Orders taken at services or from the Rectory. RH

RIP Lily Feltham, for very many years a resident of Shepherd's Close, Odstock, died recently after many months of failing health. Our thoughts and prayers are with Barbara, Joyce, Derek and Bill and all the family. RH

Welcome to Edward John Cooper, born on 7 September 1995 to Caroline and Andy of Holly Lodge, Odstock. AM

WI

On 9 October Mrs Margo Brenan spoke on "The Life of a Village Schoolmistress in the late 1940s". Mrs Brenan then a nervous 19 year old, chose to teach 9 - 11 year olds, but was given her first job with a class of 25 4 - 8 year olds, in the little village of Poynings, near Brighton. Her talk was hilarious, a brilliant way of spending a Monday morning, greatly enjoyed by all.

The **Downland Group Winter meeting** will be at 2 pm on 30 October in the Downton Memorial Hall. For the Archbold Cup competition, two paintings and two photographs depicting Water were chosen from those submitted; these were by Mesdames Barrow, Pearce and Moules. The "flower of the month" was a Super Star rose from Mrs Ruddle.

On 13 November, Mrs V Bath will talk about "Nursing in an African Bush".

Angela Moules

Odstock Church Appeal Fund

This now stands at £22,500. There will be a "Silent Auction" and Grand Draw at 7 pm on Saturday 9 December. First bids start 7.30 pm and final bids 9 pm. Please come and join in the fun. Admission £1.00 to include seasonal refreshments. Tickets from Madeline Baker (01722 329374), Windsor, Odstock, or Angela Moules (01722 329785). If you have *anything* to spare (maybe hidden in the attic?) we would be very grateful for gifts of any kind for the auction or the raffle (Madeline, Angela and committee members). Collection can be arranged.

We have also been allotted a "Table Top" at the Downton Memorial Hall on 2 December morning - again we would be grateful for any gifts, toys, jam, plants, *anything*. We hope to start on the car park and work on the church tower in the Spring. With your help we will get there. Angela Moules

Charlton Village Appraisal

In April this year, every household in Charlton was sent a Village Appraisal Questionnaire. 85% of households completed and returned the form, and the results have now been compiled into one report. The main objective of the questionnaire was to see if there was enough support to proceed with up-grading the church as a meeting place and providing the necessary improved facilities. 87% of people answering the questionnaire were happy to see the nave of the church used as village hall. There will be a meeting on Monday 13 November at 7.30 pm at Charlton Church to discuss the report, the availability of grants and the way forward.

Domestic Help needed. Private house in Odstock. 10 hours per week (or 2 people 5 hours each).
01722 329781.

Ofsted Inspection Report

Odstock School was inspected as part of a national programme of school inspections between 3 and 5 July 1995. It is a small primary school for four to eleven year olds close to the city of Salisbury. It attracts children from a wide area. There is a high turnover of children. The average class size is seventeen.

The Main Findings:

Children are well behaved and good relationships have been established between pupils and teachers. The school provides a satisfactory education for most children. Children with Special Educational Needs are well supported. The school provides adequate money for a school of its size.

- There are exceptionally high standards of behaviour and positive attitudes towards learning (key issues point 1).
- Children are generally keen, eager to learn and are developing increasingly refined learning skills (report summary).
- Children with Special Educational Needs are well supported (main findings).
- Most children achieve standards which meet national expectations (main findings).
- Standards are satisfactory in all of the National Curriculum subjects except Science (main findings).
- The staff work together as a team (main findings).

The Headteacher, Paul Niblett, comments:

This is a very thorough report which emphasises the strengths as well as the weaknesses of the school. Already, staff and governors have begun to make the changes to the management and curriculum necessary for the introduction of the revised National Curriculum for September. The criticisms in the report are very similar to those which all schools both nationally and locally have received. The Inspectors give a pointer about the future development in terms of planning, monitoring and evaluating the curriculum, teaching and classrooms organisation and advise a concerted approach to good working relationships.

The Chair of Governors comments:

We welcome this report which highlights the exceptionally high standards of behaviour and generally satisfactory level of educational attainment of the children.

Kalka - Christmas Shopping

Kalka will be selling Bangladeshi leather goods and gifts for all the family at Meadows, Coombe Bissett (on left on A354 just after 30 mph restriction signs) on the dates below. 10% of the profit will be donated to the charities listed:

Thursday 16 November, 10.30 am - 8.00 pm	Salisbury Hospice Care Trust
Friday 17 November, 10.30 am - 8.00 pm	Breakaway Trust
Saturday 18 November, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm	Victim Support

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Parish Council

Neighbourhood Watch Final reminder that the Parish Council is holding a public meeting on Tuesday 7 November in the Radnor Hall starting at 7.00 pm. The Police Liaison Officer will first be giving a presentation, followed by a talk by Sgt Webb from Alderbury Section on the subject of community policing.

We hope that as many people as possible will come along as the Parish Council is planning to introduce a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Odstock and Nunton.

Julian Johnson



Handy/Oddjob Man

Ring MIKE your local handy/oddjob man - any task considered
General maintenance inside & outside - painting - grass cutting - driving (HGV and PSV licences held) etc
Free estimates - one off or regular contracts - telephone 01722 322677

Salisbury Hospice Care Trust

Christmas Card Sales in aid of the Salisbury Hospice Unit, Odstock, will be held in the reception hall of the Salisbury District Hospital on : Thursday 2 November, Tuesday 14 November, Thursday 23 November from 10 am to 4 pm each day. The Christmas Cards will also be on sale at the Three Hospital Charities Bazaar in the Guildhall on Saturday 9 December.

Daphne Scamell

Charlton Theatre Club

Thank you to all of you who supported the first event of the Charlton Theatre Club when 24 members and guests went to see "An Ideal Husband" at the Salisbury Playhouse on 12 October. Judging by the responses I have received all had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and were superbly entertained in the theatre's magnificent new auditorium.

Following the success of "An Ideal Husband" a number of members met on 18 October to plan the club's next events. Based on member's preferences I have booked the following theatre trips:

	Venue	Date	Time	Discount Price
The Nutcracker	Mayflower	2 December	7.30 pm	£16.00
Cinderella	Playhouse	12 January	7.15 pm	£6.00
Norman Conquests	Playhouse	To be decided		

It was agreed to arrange transport to the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton at an estimated price of £5.00 per person return.

"The Nutcracker" is a very popular, well known ballet performed on this occasion by the English National Ballet Company. Much of the music will sound very familiar (so I am told) to those of us who do not frequent the ballet and the production should be spectacular. Now is your chance to see this festive show and sample something different.

Club members will be sent full details and booking forms for the above events. If anyone else wishes to join the club and take advantage of the discounted ticket prices, please contact me on 01725 512262 for a booking form and membership form. Our reservation for "The Nutcracker" needs to be confirmed very shortly so I must ask you to contact me by 6 November if you are interested in that trip. Joanna Matthews

Charlton All Saints Village Bonfire Party

Saturday 4 November 1995

Promptly at 6.00 pm at the Courtyard

* Spectacular Fireworks * Food and drink in the Barn *

Adults £4.00 OAPs/Children (under 14) £2.00 Price inclusive of food

Tickets in advance please from:

Barbara Box 01725 510758 or Ruth McGurk 01725 510570

Combustible rubbish to the site please on the morning of 4 November

Dates for your Diary

4 November	Charlton Village Bonfire Party 6.00 pm
7 November	Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Parish Council Meeting, Radnor Hall 7.00 pm
13 November	Village Appraisal Meeting, Charlton Church Hall 7.30 pm
24 & 25 November	Old Time Music Hall, Radnor Hall
2 December	The Nutcracker - Charlton Theatre Club event
9 December	Silent Auction and Grand Draw 7.00 pm

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Barker Room, Nunton
Bingo	Every Friday, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm The Orchard, Nunton
Toddler Group	Every Friday, 10.00 am - 11.30 am Odstock School
Pram Service	Second Wednesday of the month, 2.00 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Tuesday, 7.30 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Every other Friday (10 & 24 Nov), Village Hut Charlton 9.50 am

THE RADNOR HALL PLAYERS

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The "Radnor Hall Players" proudly present for your delectation an astonishing array of celebrated local artistes who will perform a scintillating selection of musical medleys memorable melodramas and tantalizing terpsichore.

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Dr Hugh Bond
Mrs Dorothy Darton
Mrs Hazel Docherty
Mr Peter Docherty

Dr Sherwood Elcock
Mrs Melanie Ferris
Mr Tom Gambold
Miss Josephine Healy
Mr Julian Johnson
Mr Alex Jovnt
Mr Daniel Hollingshurst

Mrs Julia Jovnt
Mrs Philippa Warley
Dr Nick Stanger
Mrs Liz Stubbs
Mr Adrian Taylor
Miss Rachel Underhill

At the Pianoforte: Mrs Peggy Oxendale
Stage Manager: Mr Cliff Whitley
Your Chairman and Producer of this edifying extravaganza
Mr Harry Jovnt.

RADNOR HALL - BODENHAM
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24th and SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25th
7.30 pm
BARS OPEN AT 6.45 pm

TICKETS £4 To include a glass of wine or beer

Available from:- Bodenham P.O. (329727) Mrs Peggy Oxendale of Charlton (01725/512607) Sandy Jeffery at Nunton (328497) Madeline Baker at Odstock (329374).

Its the year 1900! If you feel inclined ladies could perhaps wear a dainty hat and gentlemen sport a cravat or buttonhole.