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From the Rectory

David Henley

I write this less than 48 hours after the wonderful Service of Licensing and Installation in Broad Chalke on 10th July. It was lovely having so many people from across the villages of the Team, as well as members of my family, long established friends, and over 40 from my previous parishes in the Meon Valley. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for the Service and for the Reception in the Village Hall. It was an occasion to remember and an inspiring start to my ministry here.

The weather may not have been entirely on our side, but as I left the Rectory to walk over to the Church before the Service, a striking rainbow appeared over the hills to the East. When Noah and his companions left the Ark after the flood in Genesis 9, the rainbow is the sign of God's Covenant with "all living creatures" and a reminder of his continuing commitment to and involvement in his world. My faith makes me by nature an optimist, even in uncertain times like the early years of the 21st century, and I look forward to exciting things here.

Thank you for all the cards, letters and words of welcome I have received since arriving at the Rectory. I am still finding my way around the Valley, and it may take some weeks before I appear at Sunday Services at all the Churches of the Team. Please be patient - and please be tolerant if I ask you your name more than once!

When Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary General of the United Nations, was killed in an air crash in the Congo 40 years ago, a small book of hand written prayers was found by his bedside in his hotel room. Although he had not been known as outwardly religious, this busy and high profile man had in fact used those prayers every day. One read:

For all that is past, thanks. For all that lies ahead, yes.

Church Services

Sunday 4 August Trinity 10	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	WC	Homington
Sunday 11 August Trinity 11	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Patronal Festival Parish Communion	GS	Odstock
	11.00 am	Family Service (All Age)	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	GS	Charlton
Sunday 18 August Trinity 12	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	GS	Britford
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Patronal Festival Morning Service (All Age)	GS	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion (BCP)	WC	Coombe
Sunday 25 August Trinity 13	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	JK	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	WC	Charlton
	11.00 am	Matins (BCP)	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service (All Age)	WC	Odstock
Sunday 1 September Trinity 14	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	WC	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	DH	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	DH	Coombe
	6.00 pm	Evensong (BCP)	GS	Homington

GS = Rev Dr Graham Southgate, WC = Rev Westley Cole, JK = Rt Rev John Kirkham,
DH = Rev Canon David Henley

Junior Church

There is no Junior Church in August. The next one will be held on 9th September.

From the Editor

We're getting a bit low on funds for *News & Notes*! If you've been thinking about making a donation, no matter how small (or big!), please get in touch with Clare or Neil. If you would like to see some changes to the newsletter that would make it more useful to you, please also let us know - we're always open to suggestions. The monthly photocopying cost for *News & Notes* is £40 for a 4 side issue. Editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF, telephone 01725 512869 or email clare@azalea.demon.co.uk Monetary donations should be sent to Neil Guttridge, *News & Notes* Treasurer, on 01725 511468 or at Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HQ. 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 September issue Thursday 22 August.

News From The Vicarage

Graham Southgate (01722) 330628)

Have you ever wished for the opportunity to study music and its place in worship? If so, and you don't yet feel ready to join a choir or tackle the church organ, what about a 'workshop day'? The Diocese of Salisbury is arranging just such a day for 2nd November, from 10 am until 5 pm. The venue is the relatively new Church of Saint Nicolas at Corfe Mullen, near Wimborne, and there is a charge of £10 (£5 for children under 13 years). Each participant will be able to take part in three different workshops during the day, with there being seven different choices in each category (eg Instruments in worship – all levels; Instruments in worship – Grade 3 and upwards; Make a joyful noise; Music in Primary School Worship; Unaccompanied Singing; Volunteer organists; Children's Voices; etc). The programme seems to have a lot to offer a wide range of people, so please contact me if you want more details.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

At Britford on 7th July:
Lily Florence Battersby

At Charlton All Saints on 14th July:
Montgomery Christian Westall

Burial

At Charlton All Saints on 5th July:
Archibald William Lawes

Holy Days In August

6 th	The Transfiguration of our Lord	Holy Communion at 8 am in Nunton.
15 th	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy Communion at 8 am in Homington.

24th

Saint Bartholomew the Apostle Holy Communion at 10 am in Nunton.

Women's Institute

Diane Wait

On yet another monotonously wet and windy Monday morning members and guests attended the July 8th meeting at the Radnor Hall. The weather, however, did not dampen our spirits or enthusiasm and we were warmly greeted by Mrs Julia Joynt (President). Two potential new members Connie and Ruth were also made very welcome. The meeting was opened with the WI prayer read by Mrs Pat Reeves and Julia then chatted briefly about the recent successful Garden Party and the Longford teas. She also thanked Mrs Joy Saunders very much for arranging the wonderful visit to Highgrove on July 2nd when a party of very fortunate members spent a magical afternoon enjoying the gardens. I will elaborate more a little further on in this report!

Mrs Jean Van Hagen (Secretary) read out several thank you letters from guests who attended the Garden Party and the Longford teas and also gave out details of future interesting events. One of these will be a discussion on Law & Order being held at the Corn Exchange, Devizes on Tuesday 1st October. Mrs Margaret Barrow (Treasurer) read out the accounts and was pleased to report that the raffle, bring & buy, plant and nearly new stalls had been very successful. Everyone worked very hard on the day and deserve a pat on the back for all their efforts. Miss Judith Johnson confirmed final details of the visit to Lulworth Castle and everyone was looking forward to the annual outing. Joy confirmed that she has reserved seats at the Playhouse for the next few months. Our very successful flower of the month contestant Mrs Angela Moules was a worthy winner with a lovely pink fairy rose.

On a sad note we were very sorry to learn of the death of Mrs Denys Betts's husband Stephen after a long illness. We all expressed great sympathy for her during this sad time. She has had a long association with our WI and was a past president, as well as being Mrs Sue Bourne's sister.

After the coffee break, a wonderful lady called Mrs Denise Fox entertained us with an inspirational and very amusing talk entitled "D" for Dolls. She said (tongue in cheek) that she had always wanted to make a fortune and took many different Courses to achieve this end. Among those she tried were pottery, weaving and spinning and art classes. Although fully equipped with a potter's wheel and kiln she did not enjoy great success but undaunted carried on until she found her own true niche. She now produces the most beautiful porcelain dolls in the French and German style. They have exquisite hand painted faces and jointed arms and legs. She makes all their own clothes and uses only natural materials plus wigs

made from real hair. She even makes their leather boots and shoes. The dolls are simply quite superb and drew many admiring comments from members. She has not actually made her fortune but what she has achieved is worth so much more. She is a very inspirational lady and also very humorous as well. Some members were crying with laughter. I understand she has recently won a gold medal for tap dancing and is currently learning to play the flute! She is certainly a lady worth emulating. Mrs Dorothy Darton gave her a most appreciative vote of thanks and members flocked to see her lovely selection of dolls.

I cannot finish this report without once again mentioning our visit to Highgrove. It really was a wonderful occasion and the memories will stay with us all for a very long time. Prince Charles has managed to achieve a wonderfully natural organic and yet practical style of gardening along with many interesting facets to catch the eye. The Stumpery is superb and the hostas, ferns, statues and water features all blend together to make a tranquil and beguiling setting. The wild flower meadows provide a wonderful habitat for bees and butterflies. Our visit was all too short but at the end of the tour we enjoyed a lovely cup of tea served in top quality green and white china cups plus some delicious Duchy biscuits! We were all then in such a good mood that we spent generously in the Orchard Shop and came home laden with an assortment of lovely goodies. The visit was in a word "fantastic" and we all feel extremely privileged. Many thanks again Joy - you deserve at the very least 1,000,000 brownie points!

Our Promotional Meeting is on Monday 9th September when we hope potential new members will come along. They will receive a very warm welcome and make a host of new friends as well as the added bonus of interesting forthcoming meetings and outings. Mrs Doreen Osmond (Programme Organiser) is arranging an afternoon visit to somewhere of interest, the details of which are yet to be confirmed.

Britford Church Blitz Day

Daphne Scamell, Churchwarden

The next BLITZ day is on Saturday 14th September from 10 am until late afternoon. Please come at a time convenient to you. Please bring your own gardening tools and/or mowers. Coffee and biscuits will be provided throughout the day. Ring 01722 334858 if you want further information.

More Support Needed For The Wiltshire Air Ambulance

The Wiltshire Air Ambulance needs all the support that it can get now, more than ever, from the people of Wiltshire, as this vital service gets no statutory

funding whatsoever and its hours of operation have more than doubled.

In June 2001, the Wiltshire Air Ambulance helicopter extended its hours of operation from 9 to 19 hours every day 8 am to 3 am) and this includes night flying which had not been done previously.

Naturally, this has increased the fundraising target considerably. The Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal now has to raise in excess of £320,000 during this financial year. That is more than £6,000 a week.

In the past 10 years or more, individuals and community groups have given money or raised funds for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, by leaving legacies and making substantial individual donations, and by organising hundreds of different events round the county. The Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal hopes that this voluntary support will remain as strong as ever. After all, over the past 12 years the Wiltshire Air Ambulance has proved itself to be an essential part of the Wiltshire emergency services. If you want to support the Wiltshire Air Ambulance in any way please contact: Steve Chesworth, Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal, Dorman House, Malmesbury Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 5LN Tel: 01249 463431 Fax 01249 444942.

Odstock Primary School News

The school year is drawing to a close but we have managed to pack loads into the last few weeks of term.

Our evening jumble sale went very well. Thankfully the sun decided to shine so we could hold the event in the playground. The proceeds were split between the school and the Church.

We ran a stall at the Odstock & Nunton Fete selling toys and we also organised some games, including hoop-la and hook the duck. We had a very successful afternoon with lots of fun had by all.

A group of Gambians came to do a workshop with the school. They spent a morning with us and one of our pupils wrote the following report of their visit:

"The Gambians visited our school on Monday 15th July. We had two workshops. One was a music workshop and the other was a compound workshop. We all enjoyed it especially the music workshop!"

The junior class recently visited Domino's Pizza in Salisbury for an afternoon. The following is a report of the visit:

"We went to Domino's Pizza in town. We made a pizza each. We also had a look around the shop while our pizzas were cooking. After the pizzas were ready, we had a cup of coke each. It was very good!"

The infants also went on a trip to Bournemouth Oceanarium. We travelled by Wilts & Dorset Bus which was a big adventure. Most of the children sat on the top deck and had a great view as they travelled along. They had their lunch in the park and were then shown around the Oceanarium by a guide and later had the opportunity to wander around in their own time before coming back home again. A very tiring day but an enjoyable one.

The last day of term was Friday 19th July and we had a leaving ceremony for our Year 6 children. We wish them well in their onward journey into new schools. That evening we held our annual sports day with lots of fun races in the sunshine. The event was rounded off with a barbecue. Mrs Jelfs, from the Radnor Arms, very kindly came along and did the cooking for us.

We are all looking forward to the summer break and to returning to school in September refreshed and ready for new challenges. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new children.

If anyone has an old wardrobe they would be willing to donate, preferably with shelves in it, please can you contact the school in September. Thank you.

An Evening of Light Entertainment

The Chairman and Committee of the Chalke Valley Link Scheme invite you to an evening of light entertainment by performers from Britford to Berwick St John at All Saints Church Broadchalke on Friday 6 September at 7.30 pm. There will be interval drinks and free admission. Please reply to Anna Mynott on 01722 718780.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Thank you to all who came to the Old School House on Friday 5th July for the Annual Garden Party, bringing with them delicious things to eat. The rain stopped in time for the garden to dry out, so wellies were not the order of the day. I think I can say that a good time was had by all.

The next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Monday 30th September in the Church Hall. Barbara Last will be talking on "A Fresh Look at Weeds".

Revue and Panto at The Radnor Hall 28, 29, 30 November

Harry Joynt, Producer

This year the Radnor Hall Players are planning another three hilarious evening performances - with supper tables on the Friday and Saturday - so please make a note in your diaries.

Panto rehearsals will start at the end of September; Revue rehearsals later as may be needed. Anybody who would like to know more, like to take part or to help in some way, please come to a preliminary meeting at **The Barker Room, Nunton on Tuesday 27 August at 7.30 pm.**

If you cannot make it that evening, but would like to be involved, please give me a ring on 01722 329782.

Radnor Hall Forthcoming Events

8th September - Car Boot Sale

12th October - Harvest Supper and Country Dance

28th, 29th and 30th November - Christmas Show

Hall bookings - ring Shirley Norris 01722 329760

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Junior Church	To coincide with 9.30 am services at Nunton or Odstock Churches (except August), held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Every Wed 9.30 - 11.30 am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham Contact at Suzie Orchiton 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays: Village Hut, Charlton 10.00 - 10.15 am Alternate Tuesdays: Brookmead, Britford 11.00 am; Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.20 am; Crossroads, Odstock 11.45 am

For Your Diary

10 & 11 August	Downton Amateur Artists' Summer Exhibition, Memorial Hall, Downton
27 August	Radnor Hall Players Revue & Panto preliminary meeting, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
6 September	Evening of Light Entertainment, All Saints Church, Broadchalke, 7.30 pm
14 September	Britford Church and Churchyard Work Day, beginning at 10 am (contact Daphne Scamell on 334858).
2 November	Music in Worship workshop, Corfe Mullen