



News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock January 2013

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News & Notes

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Unwanted Christmas Presents

One of my good neighbours, Keith Bradford, has asked me if I would put a plea in News and Notes for any unwanted Christmas presents, which would make good prizes for the Grand Draw at the 2013 ONB Fête. I don't think he expected his request to appear on the front page, but here it is! You can contact Keith on 01722 329740, and he'll be delighted to hear from you.

I must sound a small note of caution, though. Not wishing to limit Keith's bounty, I would suggest it might be as well not to give the suggested treatment to certain types of unwanted gifts received from any people who may buy a Grand Draw ticket. It would be a bit embarrassing if they won the highly identifiable present they gave you! Obviously, you're safe to give Keith any bottles of whisky you have been given. Come to think of it, I would positively urge you to donate those.

Maybe monogrammed handkerchiefs should be kept away from Keith, though, particularly if your first name starts with an unusual letter! It would be such a shame to offend a relation, friend or neighbour, even if they did only give you monogrammed handkerchiefs for Christmas.

The gift that God gave at the first Christmas sometimes seems to be an unwanted one. Still, there are New Year's resolutions to be made, and, if you're not already in the habit of doing so, joining us at one or other of our churches at some time would be a good one to make. You'd be very welcome.

Editor

Church of England Services

6 th January Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	DH ACFT DH DH
7 th January	10.00am	Messy Church	Nunton (see back page)	
13 th January Epiphany 2 The Baptism of Christ	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Mattins (BCP) Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	JT DB JT
20 th January Epiphany 3	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Communion	Nunton Homington	DH JP
27 th January Epiphany 4	9.30am 11.00pm 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Mattins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	JT ACFT SW
3 rd February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong (BCP)	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	JT ACFT JT SP

DH = Canon David Henley, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, SP = Sylvia Parrett,
JP = Revd Jonathan Plows, SW = Revd Sally Wells
ACFT = Adrian Taylor, DB = Denis Blake
(BCP) = Book of Common Prayer

WI Meeting - December 2012

Carol Stratton

With only two weeks to go to Christmas, the December meeting of the Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI felt very festive. Gill Dodd opened the meeting and thanked Hazel Docherty for the Christmas flower arrangement she had done for the President's table. The usual business part of the meeting followed, with announcements from the sub groups about forthcoming events. Susie Appleford reminded everyone about arrangements for the Christmas lunch to be held at the White Hart Hotel on Thursday 13th December.

The speaker for the morning was Judith Long who spoke about Christmas cooking, and gave a demonstration of time-saving recipes with a difference. Soon the hall was filled with lovely smells of Christmas, and, after her very interesting and amusing talk, everyone was able to taste sample of her recipes.

The meeting ended with mulled wine and mince pies, and the Christmas draw. The flower of the month was won by Sandra Moody, with a beautiful clematis, not a flower you expect to see in the middle of winter.

Poppy Appeal 2012

Lt Col Jeremy Metcalfe OBE (Retd)

Thank you for your generous support to the 2012 Poppy Appeal. The Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham collection was £1,279 including the Nunton Church Remembrance service. I am also very grateful for the support we receive from New Hall Hospital, The Radnor Arms and The Yew Tree.

The Poppy Appeal continues to be the major single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion's Benevolent Fund. There is still an increasing need to help the men and women who are serving today - the Afghan generation - as well as ex-Service people and their dependants. Your generosity enables the Legion to continue with this valuable support.

Radnor Hall Players Review

Hazel Docherty

Nobody really wants to go out on an icy cold, dark night but it is very hard to resist the Radnor Hall Players' Panto and Cabaret.

Once again packed houses were royally entertained and fed, for three nights in a row, and laughter and good cheer were in abundance.

The Panto cast for this year's 'Camelot', featuring many well-known faces, but also a good number of new ones, delivered an entertaining and at times surprising story which inevitably had a happy ending for many.

There were some remarkable scenes on the way, including a talking head under a dish warmer and the sometimes magical appearance of Merlin with a flash and a bang. Having thrilled to the evil of Morgan Le Fay, warmed to the beauty of Guinevere and laughed at Valerin the Vicious, the final scene gave everyone a chance to sing together and enjoy the spectacle of

some old and wise members of the cast alongside some very young ones indeed.

The Panto interval was followed by the first course of a truly delicious dinner magicked once again by Shell Martin and her team, who never fail to conjure from a tiny kitchen a feast for everyone. Those who attended on Thursday had Margaret Barrow to thank for great snacks. Although the kitchen is small, those working in it are now benefiting from the monies lately raised which have been used to update all the equipment – a huge bonus for the Radnor Hall.

The Cabaret was a good mix of songs, sketches, news and the now very traditional Old Brigade suitably clad to reflect this Olympic year. There were also the more recent, but no less talented, Dancing Girls who dazzled us with their costumes and songs.

Huge thanks are due to Geoff Adair for so ably once again staging the Panto, Nick Stanger for producing the Cabaret and to Jeremy Metcalfe for organizing almost everything else, which with ticket sales, programmes, front of house and stage-managing, represents a huge amount of work which is much appreciated by all concerned. Amongst many other helpers, Keith Bradford ran an excellent raffle each night which raised considerable sums of money.

So, once again, a great community effort providing enormous enjoyment for actors and audience alike.

Longford C of E Primary School

Clubs continued until the first week of December. We would like to say a special thank you to Mr Newman who ran the football club once a week, which the children have really enjoyed. The KS2 children have swum weekly at the hospital pool for the Autumn Term and have gained a lot in confidence. The Friends of Longford School had a very successful Christmas Fair at the end of November, raising enough money to subsidise our Christmas lunch. The Staff and children enjoyed the Christmas Lunch on the last day of term along with the End of Term Service and party activities. Our Carol Service and Nativity Tableau took place in the Odstock Church in our last week of term.

January Diary:

- 7th Teacher Training Day – School Closed
- 8th Teacher Training Day – School Closed
(NB additional Training Day)
- 9th Children return to school
(NB a change of date due to Training Day)
- 15th deadline for application for primary school places for September 2013
- 17th Governor Training – Odstock site 6.30pm
- 24th Governors' Meeting – Odstock site 6.30pm

Nestlé Box Tops

Vanessa Taylor, Librarian, Trafalgar School

If you have Nestlé box tops, which you are not donating elsewhere, Trafalgar School would welcome them, to obtain free books for the Library. Please call me on 01722 325862, or drop them in to Florida, Nunton Drove.



Are you ready to Spring to Life?

Saturday 23rd February sees the start of our special Lent activity, *Spring to Life*. A team from the Lee Abbey communities in Devon and London will be visiting the Benefice for the whole week to join in with us as we celebrate our Christian life together.

The team of about 12, led by the Revd Annie Naish, will be staying in homes throughout the Benefice and taking part in various events we have organised. They are not here to 'preach at us' but to encourage us in sharing our Christian faith, and perhaps give us the benefit of what they have seen working elsewhere.

Activities will range from small coffee groups, walks together, school visits, Taize style worship, a cabaret evening and they will join us at the Revive service in Broad Chalke School on Sunday 24th February. To finish the week there will be a Communion service in Coombe Bissett church on Sunday 3rd March

Please do consider coming to at least one of these special events, and bring a friend too!! Timetables for the week will be available in the churches. Some events will need a ticket (usually the ones where food is involved!), but many are open for anyone to simply come along. All details in February Chalke Talk and churches and groups from Mid January onwards.

Volunteers are needed for cooking meals, washing up, transport and general hospitality. If you can help in any way please email or telephone Caroline, Janet or Stephanie:

Janet Roe - 01725 519242
mj.roe@virgin.net

Caroline Lamb - 01722 780789
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Stephanie Elcock - 01722 334398
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Thursdays: 10.30am - 11am

Downton Library, Church Leat, Downton

Pc 1157 Matt Holland and Pcs0 6237 Luke Taylor

You can contact us by telephone (101) or email – southernwiltsnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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Fri 18th Jan - Mussels & Frites

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Thu 24th Jan - Burns Supper

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Regular Events	
WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Messy Church	10am - 12 noon at St Andrew's, Nunton and the Barker Room, for parents, grandparents and child carers with their children from 0 - 5 years: Coffee/ tea, chat, activities, Bible stories, singing and a simple lunch. <i>For more details, ring Debby 01722 329769.</i> Next Meeting: 7th January - Joshua
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.45am (3 rd , 17 th & 31 st January) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (16 th January)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am at the Orchard
Open Circle Folk Dancing/ Local Vocals	Dancing: 2 nd & 4 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall Local Vocals: 1 st Monday each month, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall Contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871
Diary Dates	
16 th Feb	Lent Lunch, Radnor Hall, 12noon to 2.00pm
24 th Feb - 3 rd Mar	Spring to Life, Visit from Lee Abbey staff (see page 3)
1 st March	Social Evening with Lee Abbey Visitors, Radnor Hall

Happy New Year to all readers of
News and Notes