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The hard question: Why?

Last month, in one week, we had two very moving funerals for two well loved people from our community, both of whom died relatively young. Maggie Goddard of Charlton All Saints was widely known for her work as a vet in Salisbury, until her M.S. forced her to resign. For her funeral, the village church was packed to overflowing – it was a glorious late summer's day, garden flowers filled the church – it was all very beautiful, all terribly sad. Maggie was very popular, with a lively mind, wicked sense of humour and great love of nature and especially bird-watching.

Two days later, at Salisbury Crematorium, there was another packed service for Shirley Norris, equally admired for her courage and dignity in the face of arthritis and cancer. She was essentially a homemaker, had been housekeeper for the Petherick family for several years, and was well known locally as caretaker of the Radnor Hall in Bodenham. She was reliable and trustworthy, good at dealing with people – and her work, much unseen and modest, the cement of community.

When tragedy strikes, people invariably ask: Why does God allow suffering? I am afraid there is no easy answer; I wish I had one. However, when Jesus was on earth, he shared our horror and wept openly at the grave of Lazarus. Illness and death are part of a spoilt world, and a tragedy for everyone – those who suffer, carers and families, doctors, scientists battling to find a cure.

Jesus wept. I do believe that God shares our pain. He is not remote or unfeeling. And death HAS been conquered by Jesus. He died but rose again for us. So death is not the worst thing that can happen to a Christian, because death was not the last thing to happen to Jesus. He shared our life so that we might share his risen life with God. Our faith may be very fragile, but God is very great and his love endures – even through and beyond death.

Maggie and Shirley loved birds. Let me quote again lines from a poem by Sidney Lather (1842 - 81):

*As the marsh hen secretly builds on the watery sod,
Behold I will build me a nest in the greatness of God.
I will fly in the greatness of God as the marsh hen flies,
In the freedom that fills all the space twixt the marsh and the skies...*

Alison Williams

Church of England Services

Sunday, 7 th October Trinity 18	9.30am	Harvest Parish Communion	Britford	AW
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	ACFT
	11.00am	Parish Communion	Coombe Bissett	TS
	5.00pm	Harvest Praise	Homington	AW
Sunday, 14 th October Trinity 19	9.30am	Parish Communion	Odstock	DH
	11.00am	Matins BCP	Charlton All Saints	AT
	11.00am	Harvest Family Service	Coombe Bissett	AW
Sunday, 21 st October Trinity 20	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Britford	AW
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Nunton	AW
	9.30am	Family Communion	Homington	DH
Sunday, 28 th October Trinity 21	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Homington	AW
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Charlton All Saints	AW
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	ACFT
	11.00am	Matins BCP	Coombe Bissett	AW

AW = Revd Alison Williams, TS = Rev Terry Sankey,
DH = Revd Canon David Henley, AT = Mrs Annabel Tier, ACFT = Adrian Taylor
BCP = Book of Common Prayer

WI Promotional Meeting, 10th Sept. 2007

Anna Treseder

Sue Bourne, President, opened the meeting by welcoming forty members and ten visitors. Joyce Babbs had provided a beautiful floral arrangement for the President's table. Sue thanked Suzie Appleford for arranging the enjoyable summer outing to Winchester followed by a delicious tea provided by Otterbourne WI.

The Village Fete on 14th July had been very successful and Sue thanked those who had helped with and contributed to the three stalls run by the WI. Sue thanked Doreen Osmond for organising the new programme of events and Sheila May and Guy for producing the leaflets. Doreen has been events organiser for ten years! Val Martyn confirmed that ten members were to see "Northanger Abbey" at the theatre this month. "Alphabetical Order" is on 15th October.

We have joined the Skittles League again; Margaret Barrow is looking for volunteers to play. We have not heard about the Scrabble League yet, but a friendly Scrabble game will be held at 2pm on 10th October at Melstock. All welcome! Jean Van Hagen gave the Secretary's report with details of future events, followed by Pam Trubshaw with the WI correspondence. In total, members were invited to take part in thirteen different activities! Sheila May gave the Treasurer's report.

The Annual Council Meeting at City Hall on 29th October will be well attended by members. Val Martyn will be the official delegate and Margaret Barrow and Celia Maidment will be ushers. 13th December has been chosen as the date for the Christmas lunch. Sue confirmed that a donation from the WI had been sent to the Salisbury Hospice in memory of Shirley Norris. The bench donated by the WI is now in place on the football field.

Anne Waight won the flower of the month competition with a spectacular gladiolus. The meeting was interrupted when the door flung open and a most imposing Yeoman of the Guard entered in splendid red and blue Beefeater's uniform! There was a gasp of appreciation from the assembled audience, though sadly we were too ladylike to give him the wolf whistles he deserved!

After coffee Mr Tony Stafford entertained us royally with a fast-paced, bloodcurdling, raunchy talk on "The Ladies of the Tower" an interest stimulated by his sixteen years' service there. If only history lessons at school could have been so well presented! Suzie Appleford thanked him on behalf of everyone and asked if he could please come back another time?

We then enjoyed a delicious Ploughman's Lunch with wine or soft drinks followed by a selection of puddings. Sue thanked the Committee and everyone else involved in setting up the event and providing food. Thanks to Sue Bourne and Judy Barke who

provided flowers for each table and to Margaret Barrow who co-ordinated the spread.

The next meeting is on 8th October when Mrs Marjorie Whitworth will talk about English Porcelain.

Odstock Primary School

New term brings new opportunities for learners

It's lovely to be back at school with lots of new opportunities for our learners.

SCHOOL SPORTS have received a further boost with the new astro turf playing pitch and weekly coaching sessions in football and tennis for all our junior learners. Also in recognition of the school's success in the Health Schools Award we have been selected to join a pilot for the Healthy Schools Plus group.

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING

Odstock Primary is accessing the Wider Opportunities for Learning Programme to enable all year 5 and 6 learners to learn to play a brass instrument. We are forming our own brass band and all our teachers are learning alongside the children.

FAMILY LEARNING WEEK, 8th - 12th OCT MAGNIFICENT MATHS

We will be hosting another fantastic learning week for the whole family and community and have some events open to the wider community. Why not join us for a cookery session, a team building treasure hunt or a parents and toddlers shape walk.

Give our new Administrative Officer, Mrs Taylor, a call for further details : 01722 329701

THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people for helping our small school at the beginning of the term. To H & E Building Services and Ash Fencing for getting our Astro turf finished ready for the new term. Also an extra thanks to H & E Building Services for sponsoring our new football goals. We would like to thank Steve of S J Consultancy who has volunteered to construct all our new computer trolleys. Small businesses supporting the local school really help us to make the most of our environment.

Home Help/Cleaner Required

**in small flat at Charlton All Saints
helping with all aspects of running a
home (cooking, ironing, cleaning etc)**

**Varied/flexible hours to suit us both.
£8 an hour subject to agreement,
four hours a week or more.**

Helen Bragg – 01725 511587

Britford Primary School Open Morning

Come and visit Britford Primary School, where you will find a warm welcome in pleasant surroundings. We have an Open Morning where you can see us at work on

10th October 2007 from 10.00am – 12.00 NOON

Britford Primary School is a small school with caring staff, where children are able to develop self-confidence and have the individual attention needed to develop at their own pace with their own requirements. We have interactive whiteboards in every classroom and modern teaching methods, though we believe in traditional values. Our pupils are taught to be respectful towards each other and to adults and to be kind and generous.

Britford Primary School is only 5 minutes drive from the city centre and part of a beautiful village just outside Salisbury. We have wonderful views of the cathedral and the water meadows next to the River Avon. Our school playing fields are surrounded by lovely countryside.

Some things we are proud of:

- Excellent teaching in small groups including specialist music teacher
- High academic achievements and success rates in the 11+
- Participation in regional sports festivals
- A good Ofsted report in 2005 and a good PE Ofsted in July 2007
- An excellent working environment for pupils to develop fully
- High expectations of pupil behaviour.

Headteacher: Mrs K Graves

Britford C of E (VC) Primary School

High Road, Britford, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 4DS

Tel: 01722 327292

Calling All Pumpkin Growers!

Don't forget the Pumpkin Competition Weigh-in (and raffle) on Sunday, 28th October 2007 at 2.00pm at the Radnor Arms, Nunton. Any donations to the raffle gratefully received.

Kitchen Units for Nunton Pavilion

The pavilion on Nunton Field is in need of kitchen units. If you have some available or know where some might be obtained please contact Brian Clake on 01722 340261.

Thanks for help after bike accident

Paul and Kelly Norbury

Our son was hit by a car last Thursday while riding his bike at the end of Shepherds Close. Thank God he was not seriously injured. At the time, I was home with my husband and little girl. A neighbour let us know that our son was in an "accident".

Although our son was not seriously injured, he was obviously very distressed and scared. The neighbours who were alerted to the incident went to his aid. They were so helpful in assessing him for injuries and calming him while the ambulance came. I just can't thank them enough for their help, professionalism and compassion.

Afterwards, the children and teenagers in our little area took up a collection so that our son could have his bike repaired. They came the following day to let him know what they had done and presented him with an envelope of money which nearly moved him to tears. One of these kind boys has taken the bike to where it can be repaired and the money will go towards that.

I want to thank you everyone who was so helpful, thoughtful and generous. It would have been so much worse had you all not been there. I feel we are so lucky to have moved to a place where such acts of consideration are still done.

Thank you everyone.

Neighbourhood Policing

Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock

Downton Neighbourhood Policing Team

Neighbourhood Priorities

We have been carrying out local house to house surveys within our policing area as part of our ongoing community consultation to identify local Neighbourhood priorities. The survey asked residents to identify the issues which most affect the quality of their lives. The survey data, along with Police crime and incident statistics, is taken to a local Tasking Group which is made up of community representatives from all parishes within the Downton NPT area. At a recent Tasking Group meeting, our priorities for the next 3 month period were set as:

- Anti-social behaviour in Moot Lane area of Downton
- Anti-social behaviour in Morgans Vale area of Redlynch
- Speeding (local residents identify A338 Bodenham to Charlton-All-Saints, C12 through Nunton and Odstock and A338 at Britford as problem areas)

Speeding motorists remain the main problem raised by residents within the News & Notes catchment area and we will continue to enforce local speed restrictions with the assistance of our Roads Policing and Camera Safety units.

Local crime report

This year has seen some major changes to local policing with the introduction of local Neighbourhood Policing Teams with response policing covered from Salisbury.

Recent media coverage has highlighted some initial problems with our centralised crime reporting and call-handling procedures and these are being

addressed as a priority. It may be comforting to know that there has been no increase in reported crime locally and levels of crime across the whole Downton NPT area have fallen since the introduction of NPT. Recent local crimes include:

- 5/8 Graffiti damage to Britford School
- 17/8 Handbag stolen from car, Bridge Farm, Britford
- 21/8 Mobile phone stolen from car – Field in Nunton
- 10/9 Burglary to house in Nunton Drove, Nunton

We would remind car owners not to leave valuable items in vehicles when parked in rural locations.

How to contact your local police

You can contact the team directly by phoning 0845 408 7000 and entering our extension no. - 742 820/822. If there is no reply on this extension it doesn't mean no-one is on duty – we prioritise visible patrol whenever possible. Our switchboard can tell you if a NPT member is on duty and can take a message for us to contact you.

You can also email us with non-urgent enquiries via:
matt.holland@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk
Pc 1157 Matt Holland, Community Beat Manager
jeremy.horner@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk
Pc 1460 Jem Horner, Community Beat Officer

Unwanted items required

wool, buttons, velcro, fabric etc

I make items all year round for the Trussell Trust who, among other activities, help orphans, needy children and adults in Bulgaria - glove puppets, mittens for arthritic adults, hats, pencil cases, toilet bags and more to help fill Christmas shoeboxes.

Helen Bragg – 01725 511587

Wiltshire Independent Travel Support

The Wiltshire Independent Travel Support scheme (WITS) provides travel support for disabled people aged 18+, and older people, in Wiltshire. Individuals will receive one to one assistance from a Travel Supporter to enable them to increase their skills and confidence. The aim is for the user to be able to travel independently (after initial support) on public transport, for work, to meet friends, for college, or training, etc.

The scheme is free to the user, they only pay their own travel fare, or use a travel pass as appropriate.

For more details about the scheme please contact Louise Rendle by telephone on 01380 872928 or by email on witsrefer.wsun@btconnect.com.

Plastic Circular Compost Bin free to collector

Helen Bragg 01725 511587 - Charlton All Saints

Saturday, 27th October

BIG SING!

10.30am - 4.30pm

in the Chapel, Broad Chalke
with Gilo and Sarah Pennington

Come and spend the day with celebrated Dorset song leaders and voice teachers Gilo and Sarah. There's no need to think of yourself as a singer or to be able to read music - just come along and join the fun!

Sing multi-coloured harmonies from around the world, including Gospel, Spirituals, Canons, Peace Songs - discover beautiful harmonies and experience the power of sound using natural voices.

Participants are asked to bring a bottle of water and a suitable contribution to a shared lunch.

The day will cost £8 : cheques made out to "Chalke Valley Benefice Account" with "Big Sing" on the back.

To book a place, contact Janet Roe on
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mj.roe@virgin.net

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Charlton All Saints

3rd October at 7.00pm
Church Hall

Autumn Talk

Ros Liddington

Education Co-ordinator from Wilton House

Will give us an insight into the costumes and the manners of the people in the paintings on the walls of Wilton House

Tickets Adult: £5, Child £1

Please do come
and let us know if you're coming to give us an idea of numbers for catering plans

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The Charlton All Saints

2007 Bonfire Bash



Saturday, 3rd November

From 6.00pm next to the Village Barn

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*For tickets contact Graham & Jackie Barrett
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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 (ex. Aug.), 7.30pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham, contact Suzie Orchiton on 01722 502026
Mobile Library	Alt. Thursdays (4 th & 18 th October): Recycling area, Britford 9.30 – 9.40am, alt. Fridays (12 th & 26 th October): Phone Box, Charlton 10.15 – 10.30am. and the Orchard, Nunton monthly at 11.55 – 12.25pm (3 rd & 31 st October)
Open Circle Folk Dancing	2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall, contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871
Young People	Every other Sunday, Chalke Valley Young People's Group, Coombe Bissett Chapel, 4 – 5.30pm (contact Adrian Taylor, 01722 325862).

Future Dates

3 rd October	Autumn Talk at Charlton All Saints (<i>see page 5</i>)
27 th October	Big Sing (<i>see page 4</i>)
28 th October	Pumpkin Weigh-in, Radnor Arms, 2.00pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
3 rd November	Bonfire Bash, Charlton All Saints (<i>see page 5</i>)
10 th November	Coombe Bissett Primary, Auction of Promises, Village Hall from 5.30pm
12 th December	Downton Band Concert, Charlton All Saints, 7.30pm

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