



News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock May 2014

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News & Notes

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The Church in our villages at Easter

One of the remarkable, and very satisfying, things I am discovering about rural ministry (or at least, Chalke Valley ministry!) is how very much major church festivals seem to impact on people's lives. I am writing this article in the brief interval between Easter Day and the "News and Notes" deadline, and at the time of writing I can only speak about those Easter services I was myself directly involved in. In the "News and Notes" distribution area, that means Nunton (and, borderline between "News and Notes" and "Coombe Bissett Express" territory, Homington). Charlton All Saints and Britford also had their own Easter Services, but at time of writing I have not been able to get information on how they went.

I do know that in Homington, even though it was an 8am service (which doesn't help with attendance figures) we had 23 people. At Nunton (which was the only service for Nunton, Odstock and Bodenham), we had 90. That means about a quarter of the population of those villages was in church! The Nunton figure is the same as we had on Christmas Day. As I said, I don't know the Charlton figures, but if they are also similar to Christmas, they will be equivalent to 40% of the population of Charlton being in church... even better than Nunton/Odstock/Bodenham! To put this in context, in my parish in Southend I had a total population of 7000 people... so if my Easter congregation had been even 25% of that, it would have been about 1,750 people! In practice, it was a teensy bit short of that!

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(see page 2, column 2 for the continuation of this article from Rick Williams, our Missioner and Team Vicar)

Church of England Services

4 th May 3 rd Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Odstock Coombe Bissett Homington	JT RW JT JT
11 th May 4 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Matins Family Service	Nunton Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	AH Lay led JT
18 th May 5 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion R3vive (see page 3) Family Communion Evensong (BCP)	Odstock Broad Chalke Homington Britford	AP Lay led JT JT
25 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins (BCP)	Charlton All Saints Nunton Coombe Bissett	RW AT SP
29 th May Ascension Day	6.00am	Dawn Communion Shared with Western Downland <i>Followed by bacon rolls and hot drinks!</i>	Tenantry Farm Rockbourse SP6 3PB	
1 st June Sunday after Ascension Day	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Odstock Coombe Bissett Homington	RW AT RW RW

+NH = Bishop of Salisbury, RW = Revd Rick Williams, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor
AP = Canon Ann Philp, AH = Revd Anthony Hawley, SP = Sylvia Parrett, AT = Adrian Taylor
(BCP = Book of Common Prayer)

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI

Carol Stratton

On a lovely spring morning on 14th April, Elizabeth Cutter, President, welcomed the members to the meeting and thanked Claire Hendicote for the beautiful spring flowers she had gathered from her garden.

Announcements of forthcoming events, both local and county, were made by Susie Appleford and final details of the Summer Outing to be held on Wednesday 16th July were given by Sue Amey.

Reports from the sub groups were given and dates and locations for future meetings. The May meeting was discussed and it was decided that the Resolution will be presented by Susie Appleford.

The auction of promises is to run for the next month and members will be able to pay and collect their promises at the May meeting.

Thank you cards were received from Gill Dodd and Claire Hendicote for the flowers that they were given at the last meeting for their hard work and commitment while they were members of the Committee.

The speaker for the morning was Demi Ladwa who arrived in a beautiful bright yellow sari which set the scene for her talk on the "Saris and fashions of India". Demi explained that even if Indian Ladies do not live in their native country they like to keep up their culture and follow their many traditions, and many still wear saris in this country. Demi brought with her lots of Saris to show everyone; they were amazing colours and many hand embroidered. All Saris contain 6 metres of material and Demi ended her talk with a demonstration of how to drape the material to form a Sari.

The ACWW competition this month was a pretty or decorative box, and it was won by Anne Waight.

The next meeting will be on 12th May, which is the Resolutions meeting.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Mon 19th May Lynda Miles: *Umbrelliferous plants*

Mon 9th June Steve Oakes: *Butterflies*

Sat 5th July BBQ

Britford Parish Council

Annual General Meeting

Britford Parish Council will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 19th May 2014 starting at 7.00pm. The venue will be the Britford Memorial and Community Hall.

Mains drainage

Last year Britford Parish Council submitted an application to Wessex Water for mains drainage. This application has been rejected. The Parish Council is now considering their response.

The Church in our villages at Easter

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.....Contrast this with an article in the Telegraph (if you don't read the Telegraph, you can find it at <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/countryside/10777410/Village-churches-need-their-own-resurrection.html>). This is primarily a Good News story about the village shop in Broad Chalke, but begins with the following rather negative paragraph:

"You may have gone to church yesterday. [ie, Easter Day] Perhaps you are one of the few who go every Sunday, or maybe you restrict your attendance to the great celebrations of Christmas and Easter. Yet even on this most important feast day, I would hazard a guess that if you attended a church in an English village, you probably did not have to get there early to ensure you got a seat."

Well, as well as Nunton and Homington, I was also in Broad Chalke church on Easter Day. So were 104 others. I was fortunate enough to have a seat (it goes with the job), and I think everybody else did, but only just! In Nunton too, there was only just enough seating for everybody. There were spare seats in Homington, but considering the hour and the size of the village, even 23 is a good attendance!

I'm pleased that Broad Chalke Shop (into which the Chalke Valley Team Ministry has had a lot of input) is receiving the recognition it deserves from the Daily Telegraph, but if you want accurate reports on the state of the Church of England in the Chalke Valley, stick to "News and Notes"!

Rick Williams

Britford Easter Tea

Peggy Knight

A big thank you to all who supported and helped us with the teas on Saturday, 12th April. £361 was raised for church funds.

Radnor Hall AGM

The Radnor Hall Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 22nd May 22nd at 7.30pm at the Radnor Hall. All welcome!

Britford Memorial and Community Hall

Annual Meeting

This is to announce that the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Britford Memorial and Community Hall will take place in the Hall

at 7.45pm on Tuesday 6th May

Come along and hear how we have done in the past year, and the exciting plans we have for 2014/15.

Everyone is welcome

Odstock Parish Council

The **Annual Parish Meeting** of the **Odstock Parish Council** will take place on the **8th May in the Barker Room commencing at 7.00 pm** followed directly by the Parish Council Meeting.

This is your opportunity to comment on the activities of the Council and put forward proposals for future projects and other work that you would like the Council to consider.

After careful consideration the Council has increased the precept to cover the cost of on-going projects and increased maintenance costs. Work has now started on the children's playground at Odstock and we are looking at the feasibility of upgrading sections of roadside footpaths subject to the necessary funds becoming available. The Parish Council is not responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the roads within the villages. These are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and a direct approach to them either by phone, e-mail or through your Wiltshire Councillor can often move a project 'up the list' for maintenance or renewal to be carried out. However, funding is in short supply so repairs can take some time. We no longer have a Parish 'lengthsman' who visits on a regular basis to carry out general maintenance of paths, drains and hedges etc. as now we have to book a council worker for specific tasks, so again, there can be some delay.

We have had several reports of owners not clearing up dog mess in the Nunton Playing field. This can be particularly unpleasant and a health hazard, especially for children. It is probable that this is caused by people from outside of the three villages, so if you have any information please let us know and if necessary we may prohibit them from using the field.

The vacancy on the Council has been filled. Sally Nelson was co-opted to the Council at the last meeting. Sally has lived in Nunton for the last ten years, and I am sure will be a great asset to the Council.

Carer Support Wiltshire

A new groups and training programme to help support unpaid carers across the whole of Wiltshire is to be launched in April.

Carer Support Wiltshire, which supports over 8,000 carers, has updated and extended its support group programme with informative groups, café drop-ins, specialist meetings and helpful training to try to reach as many of Wiltshire's 47,500 carers as possible.

In our consultations, carers told us that they would like better quality advice and information at the groups they attend; they would like groups to run monthly, and that they would like the opportunity to socialise with other carers and share experiences and advice.

There will be structured groups that will run once a month in six areas which will provide bite-sized training, high quality advice and information regarding the caring role. Carers Cafés will run in 12 towns across the county and will be a place where carers can come together to share information, advice, and socialise. Carer Support Wiltshire will also be running

bi-monthly specialist groups for carers of people with mental health problems and parent carers.

One carer who recently attended a group in for the first time said: "It was a nice friendly group. You don't have to talk about the serious side of being a carer, but for me it has been a lifeline to have regular contact and advice."

Alongside the groups, carers can access a wide range of free training opportunities to help them in their caring role, including first aid, dementia care, manual handling and money management.

To find out where your nearest group or training session will be taking place, visit their website carersinwiltshire.co.uk where you can also register for support online. Alternatively, you can call 0800 181 4118 for more information.

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Fibre Broadband

Thanks are due to Alan Pollard of Odstock who has sent this extract of an email from Wiltshire CC on the subject of Fibre Broadband:

As previously advised, both Odstock and Nunton are in the intervention area for the Wiltshire Online programme, this means we are able to survey and invest in the area. The very good news is that the infrastructure that feeds both communities – CAB 90 for Odstock and CAB 63 for Nunton – have both successfully passed the survey stage and have now entered the installation stage; this means that residents of both communities will be able to order fibre broadband by Summer of this year.

Watch this space for news about the other villages and the ordering process.

St Peter's Church, Britford Organ Recital

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Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham

Grand Fête - 12th July

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- **Fête Fancy Dress Parade** - Artful Dodger? Matilda? Lion King? The theme this year is the same as for the Scarecrows. We'd like to see you dressed up as a character from a Musical. All entrants will be rewarded. Please everyone join in – at least all those aged 11 and under, with help from family and friends.
- **Grand Draw Prizes** - Please call Keith Bradford on 01722 329740 if you have any suitable new items for Grand Draw Prizes.
- Don't forget to start planning your **Scarecrow** from a Musical.
- We are looking for people to help run stalls; notably, **Bric-à-brac and Books, CDs and Videos**. If you are able to help, or have items for sales on these stalls, please call Keith Wilby on 01722 328608.
- **Crockery** - If you have any old crockery that can be smashed at the Fête, please call Keith Bradford on 01722 329740.
- Are you interested in having a **trade stand** at the Fête? Do you know anyone locally, for example, who makes jewellery or practises a specific craft? Please call Vicki Shipsey on 07790 027077 for further details. Many thanks.
- For any other **offers of help**, please call either Jeremy Metcalfe on 01722 325825 or Keith Bradford on 01722 329740.

Three Guinea Pigs need a home

Three Guinea Pigs, who own a two tier cage and some food, are looking for a good home. Enquiries please to Les Russell on 01722 321803.

Encyclopaedia Britannica

Adrian Taylor

When I went to the recycling depot on Churchfields, I was told to put my twenty four volume 14th Edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica in *Cardboard* rather than the *Book Bin*. Before I do, I thought I would just check to see if anyone was interested in it.

The 14th edition was the first that had several editors, rather than just one, and its list of contributors, which includes Clement Atlee, G.K. Chesterton, Sir Alfred Hitchcock, J Edgar Hoover, T.E. Lawrence and Ralph Vaughan Williams to name just a few, includes many more well-known names.

Needless to say, in addition to enquiring at the Recycling Dump, I've also approached charity shops and the like, but none want it. I don't need it any more myself, because I've read it, and my daughters have laptops.

I'll keep it till the end of May before consigning it to *Cardboard*. Please contact me by email (see below) or 'phone 01722 325862, if you're interested.

Weekly Police surgeries

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- **Downton Beat** will be available to discuss any of your concerns at the following events:

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Thursdays: 10-30am-11am - Downton Library, Church Leat, Downton

Pc 1157 Matt HOLLAND and Pcs 6227 Matt SMITH – you can contact us by telephone via '101' or email – southernwiltsnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

The proposed Southampton Road Development

One of our readers in Britford, Annabel Lawson, has asked me to include mention of the proposed development of a new superstore on Southampton Road. Annabel has sent a heartfelt email to many of her contacts, explaining why she, for one, is not in favour of the proposals (to put it mildly!).

If you would like to read all of Annabel's arguments, I've made her message available through a temporary link on the Homepage of the News and Notes website (*see foot of page*).

You may well already have your own views on the subject and wish to express an opinion where it counts. Annabel tells us that this can be done simply by contacting Mr Stephen Llewellyn using email at developmentmanagementsouth@wiltshire.gov.uk or by telephone on 01722 434541.

Fun! Fun! Fun! - Summer Fête

SATURDAY 31st May 12 noon to 4 pm.

RDA Wilton Group (Riding for the Disabled Association) invites you to their **Summer Fête** at The Pembroke Centre (RDA), Home Farm Lane, Wilton SP2 8PJ.

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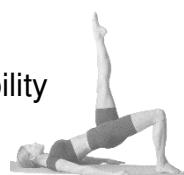
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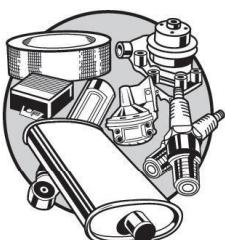
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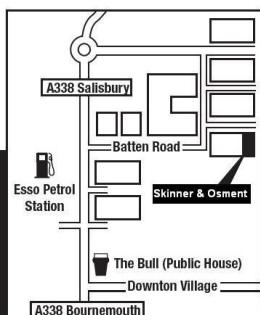
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Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.45am (8 th & 22 nd May) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (7 th May)
Acorn 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
Village Prayers	If you'd like prayers to be said for someone you know, a particular situation or yourself, you may either put a note in the Village Prayers box at St Andrew's, Nunton or St Mary's, Odstock, email details to villageprayers@live.com or come along. Next meeting: 7.00pm – 29th May – Jubilee Gardens, Odstock

Diary Dates

6 th May	Britford Memorial and Community Hall Annual Meeting, The Hall, 7.45pm (<i>See page 2</i>)
9 th May	Organ Recital, St Peter's Britford, 6.30 to 8.00pm (<i>see page 4</i>)
11 th May	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, Gates open 10.00am, selling from 11.00pm (Radnor Hall) (<i>See page 4</i>)
17 th May	No Halls Barred' Convert, Broad Chalke Village Hall 7.30 for 8.00pm (<i>see page 4</i>)
19 th May	Britford Parish Council AGM, Britford Memorial and Community Hall, 7.00pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
22 nd May	Radnor Hall AGM, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (<i>see page 2</i>)
25 th May	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, Gates open 10.00am, selling from 11.00pm (Salisbury Diabetic Group)
31 st May	RDA Wilton Group Fête, The Pembroke Centre, Wilton, 12 noon to 4.00pm (<i>see page 5</i>)
8 th June	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, Gates open 10.00am, selling from 11.00pm (ONB Fête)
22 th June	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, Gates open 10.00am, selling from 11.00pm (Salisbury Diabetic Group)
11 th July	Dance in the Marquee, Nunton Field, 8.00pm
12 th July	Grand Fête, Nunton Field, 1.30pm followed by the Raft Race from Odstock Bridge at 6.00pm
27 th July	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, Gates open 10.00am, selling from 11.00pm (Salisbury Diabetic Group)
10 th August	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, Gates open 10.00am, selling from 11.00pm (John McNeill Opportunity Centre)
24 th August	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, Gates open 10.00am, selling from 11.00pm (Salisbury Diabetic Group)