



# News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock August 2015

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## Fête Accompli

The Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fête has come and gone again this year, and you'll find some grateful thanks from the Committee, and other information, in the pages of this month's News and Notes. Although there are a few items of income outstanding and one or two bills still to pay, it's clear that this year's profit will exceed last year's by a figure well in excess of £1,000. Final figures, and details of how the proceeds have been distributed, will be published in due course.

From the highly successful EbblesFest dance, organised by the new dance sub-committee, through to the Thanksgiving Service in the Marquee on the Sunday afternoon, it was a very enjoyable weekend, blessed by good weather at all the important times.

Although it was clear that the scarecrow theme of the Wild West did not inspire too many, there were some notable exceptions. Sybil and Nicky Tucker's wonderful display, at Ebbleside Villas, Nunton, deserves special mention, and there were other splendid contributions, too. I have posted pictures of some on the News and Notes website for all to see. If you have pictures of any scarecrows not shown there, I'd be glad to receive them, so that I can include them too.

*Editor (Apologies for the very well-worn pun in the title!)*

## Church of England Services

2 <sup>nd</sup> August 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Odstock Coombe Bissett Homington	RW RW JT JT/CB
9 <sup>th</sup> August 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Mattins (BCP) Family Service	Nunton Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	RW Lay led JT/CB
16 <sup>th</sup> August 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Communion Evensong (BCP)	Odstock Homington Britford	RW AP JT
23 <sup>rd</sup> August 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Mattins (BCP)	Charlton All Saints Nunton Coombe Bissett	RW AT JT
30 <sup>th</sup> August 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Nunton	RW
6 <sup>th</sup> September 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Odstock Coombe Bissett Homington	CB RW CB RW

CB = Revd Catherine Blundell, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, RW = Revd Rick Williams  
AP = Canon Ann Philp, AT = Adrian Taylor  
BCP = Book of Common Prayer

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## Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI

*Rosemary Stephens*

The July meeting was unusual in that it was combined with an outing to Bowood House, so business was kept to a minimum.

Members were reminded that our Autumn Lunch, £6, was on 14th September this year in order to celebrate the week that WI started 100 years ago in Anglesey. The three WI stalls at the recent Nunton Fête had been very well supported, raising over £550, and the Fete Committee had sent us their thanks and congratulations. Our thanks go to all the members who worked so tirelessly to make this event a success and contribute to our Denman Bursary fund.

Our visit to Bowood House, the property of the Lansdowne family since 1754, was a delight. Sue Amey had organised the exclusive garden tour of the private walled gardens and pleasure grounds for us. We were split into two groups of twenty and guided by Jane Milligan and Mandy Dobson. The borders on the terrace were planted with a repeat pattern of flowers and were full of colour and texture. It felt very special to have the gate to the walled gardens unlocked exclusively for us to enter. Today only four gardeners manage all the gardens and we were entranced by the variety of styles. Such a contrast between the informality of the wildflower garden inspired by the 2012 Olympics and the formality of the cutting garden which provided flowers for the house and hotel. The kitchen garden was a delightful scented mixture of small beds filled with a variety of fruit, flowers, herbs, and vegetables, and anything but boring! The chickens had their own enclosure surrounded by large herbaceous borders – my favourite being the 'hot' border zinging with vibrant sizzling colour. The walled spaces created different micro climates and sometimes we came face to face with unexpected tropical plants. Even the swimming pool was surrounded by beautiful borders.

Once outside the walled areas we were taken through the arboretum of over 700 trees, including a rare Wollomi pine brought over from Australia, and we could appreciate the landscape designed by 'Capability' Brown. Apparently Mr Brown earned his nickname from his frequent phrase of 'This has great capabilities'! The lake ended in a cascade into a deep valley where some of us experienced the doubtful enjoyment of stumbling through a pitch black tunnel! Children would love it.

The guided tour was followed by a two course lunch in the Refectory. The afternoon was the chance to explore parts of the Georgian house including the orangery, library, chapel and laboratory where Dr Joseph Priestley discovered oxygen gas. Amongst many unique items in the house were Queen Victoria's wedding chair, Napoleon's death mask and the wonderful 'Keith' Jewellery collection. What an interesting day.

Our next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> September at the Radnor Hall.

## Sponsored Walk

*Alexandra Adair*

On 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> August, I'm taking part in *Trailtrekker*. This is a sponsored walk for Oxfam aiming to complete over 100km in under 30 hours in the Yorkshire Dales.

If anyone would like to donate, please visit my JustGiving page -

<https://www.justgiving.com/Alexandra-Adair>

Thank you very much.

## ONB Fête

*Jeremy Metcalfe*

The Fête Committee would like to thank everyone who supported this year's Ebblefest dance and Grand Fête in whatever way, from donating items and time to just coming to have fun.

If you have any feedback, then we would like to hear it via the N&N Editor. Thank you.

## ONB Fête Duck Race Results

*First Duck:*

No. 15 14 mins 31 secs                      Stu Carter

*Second Duck:*

No. 35 14 mins 35 secs                      Andy Cooper

*Third Duck:*

No. 76 14 mins 49 secs                      Rev Rick Williams

The majority of the remaining ducks came in after 30 minutes.

*Winning time:*

The closest guess to the time of the winning duck was made by Bo Wilby.

Prizes have been presented.

*(The times recorded by the first and second ducks, suggest that it was a very exciting race this year! Ed.)*

## Charlton All Saints Diary Dates

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September:**

Harvest Supper and Country Dance

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September:**

Garden Society 7.30pm

*Alan Edmondson* to talk on pruning.

## Car Boot Sale

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

**Nunton Field**

**10.00am**

Admission:

£5 & £7 – Traders Cars & Vans, 30p Public

*Proceeds in support of*

*Salisbury Diabetic Association*

## Longford C of E Primary School

Nicolette Beardsmore, Parent Governor

The sun shone down on the Longford Summer Fair on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015 as lots of families shopped at the stalls, played on the inflatable assault course, bought raffle tickets, had a go or two on the tombola and lucky dip, tried to guess the number of sweets in the jar, looked over the visiting Fire Engine. Burgers and cream teas were washed down with beer, squash or tea. Lots of fun was had by all and the event raised an impressive total of £686.85. Huge thanks to the members of FOLS who worked so hard to organise the event.

As if that wasn't enough, a few stalwarts then turned out to run the Longford School stall at the Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham Fête the following weekend. It was lovely to see a significant number of the children and their families attending this event as well.

Year 5 attended a taster session at Trafalgar School this month and the staff were so impressed with their behaviour that they emailed the Head teacher to let her know!

Earlier this month, Kingfisher Class (years 3 – 6) visited the Salisbury Museum. Again, the staff were so impressed with their behaviour and attentiveness that they took the time to email the Head teacher to say *'Exploring the gallery the children remembered the rule about not resting clipboards on the cases, and my usual request of 'please don't run' to over enthusiastic children was not used at all! We were asked many interesting questions and the children's records of pottery in the gallery reflected their comprehension of the sketching techniques exercises carried out before visiting the gallery. They then listened well to the description of how to make a coil pot, and everyone had a really good go at making their own, requesting help when needed instead of giving up.'*

Congratulations to Kingfishers who have become amazing ambassadors for the School.

Kestrels Class (Reception) entertained their parents at an Assembly where they performed their favourite fairy tales and stories. They read and acted well and the singing wasn't bad either! We were all super proud of them.

Magpies Class (years 1-2) have been learning about communication and embarked on a tour of the village to look for different signs. They found signs that gave them information as well as warnings. They used their tour to create a large whole class replica on the classroom floor!

The results came through for the SATs tests and all our year 6 met or bettered the national standard in every single subject. Whilst they are not the 'be all and end all' of life, they do help get children ready for secondary school, and the children worked really hard and we are very proud of them. Well done year 6!

More importantly, the end of year school reports went home last week for all the children. Enlivened by colour photos, the newly formatted reports gave detailed comments about what the children have been doing throughout the year: celebrating their achievements, focussing on their strengths and offering suggestions about how to improve next year.

## Longford C of E Primary School (cont.)

Gone are the phrases I remember from the past – 'could do better' 'a bit of a dreamer' . . . The teachers clearly took their time thinking carefully about each child and filled 3 pages of A4. Hopefully, this will give parents a clear and complete picture about their children's progress.

We still have vacancies in Reception for September 2015 so please call Mrs Dee Follett in the School Office (01722 327292) if you would like more information or to arrange a visit to our lovely school.

### Staff news

Sadly for us Rose, our cook, has left us to start her own catering business. The children wished her well with a card made by the whole school. Rose has kindly donated an apple tree to the school. This tree will be known as the 'Leavers Tree'. People who leave the school will be able to write and hang messages on the tree before they leave.

This includes our wonderful Year 6 who, at the time of writing, have only 5 more school days before they say good-bye to Longford. We wish them luck in their new schools and for the future.

## Wool Wanted

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OR any items may be handed in at  
Bemerton Heath Trussell Trust shop, labelled *Helen*.  
*In aid of the Trussell Trust - Many thanks.*

## Harnham Garden Society

Meeting in Harnham Memorial Hall, Watersmeet Road, Salisbury, SP2 8JH, adjacent to All Saints Church starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7pm. Non-members may attend talks for a £3 fee; new members are welcome to join the HGS.

**Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm** Meet at The Ginger Piggery, Boyton Village, BA12 0SS, just south of the A36 between Warminster and Salisbury. We will be met by Martijn Antheunisse of the Wessex Chalk Streams Project who will take us on a guided walk along the Wylde valley where the Trust has carried out river habitat restoration works. Donations to the Trust only, no charge. We can then return to the Ginger Piggery for refreshments.



## The Goose Fair is coming!

**St Laurence Church, Downton**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 10am - 2pm**

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The project gives local communities the opportunity to have a key role in the improvement of their local Public Footpaths, developing community resilience and opportunities for everyone to get involved. So far we have installed over 60 kissing gates, resurfaced a substantial amount of paths, had several vegetation clearance parties and made improvements to the waymarking across the area. We are currently working on several circular walks across the area, including Alderbury, Pitton and Downton. From these circular walks, several active parish footpath groups have been created. We plan to continue increasing access to local footpaths with the help of volunteers from local communities. Within this we will set up circular walks within Parishes to get each community involved, providing them with tools and the knowhow. This will improve access along key trails from which organised walks can be set up to increase community activity and to build connections with groups such as schools. By the end of the project the communities will be fully equipped to be able to keep their local paths in great shape.

### *How can you help?*

Anyone can help us by becoming a volunteering whether you've got practical skills, office skills or just have a lot of local knowledge. We need people for a wide range of tasks, like installing kissing gates, putting up waymarking, vegetation clearance, attending events and editing our website. If you are interested, then please contact our Volunteer Coordinator and add yourself to our Mailing list (See details below).

South Wiltshire Paths Group (cont.)

### **Mailing system**

It's very simple to add yourself to our mailing system just use this link: <http://eepurl.com/RVV7j>

Once signed up you will receive information on up and coming events, work parties and updates on the project's progress.

### **Volunteer Coordinator**

Abby Sullivan:

[info@southwiltspathsgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@southwiltspathsgroup.co.uk) 07845849947

**Next work parties: July 27<sup>th</sup> August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## *Sarum Voices*

directed by Ben Lamb

## Handel's Messiah

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7.30pm**

**St Martin's Church, Salisbury**

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They say that the simplest way to fill a building is to put on a concert of Handel's Messiah. Certainly the last time that Sarum Voices performed Messiah at Sarum St Martin, it was both well attended and well received; 8<sup>th</sup> August is a more unusual time of year to put on this work with its obvious links to both Christmas and Easter and, as such, will put this modern day Messianic prophecy to the test. With soloists taken from within the choir, and the smallest possible orchestra (single strings, trumpets, organ and tamps), this performance promises a lightness of touch rarely heard in this oft-sung masterwork, so whether you are a visitor to Salisbury or one of our regular followers, don't miss out!

*Issued by and further information from:*

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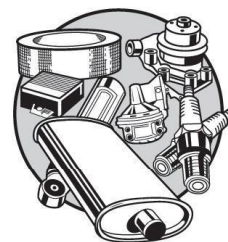
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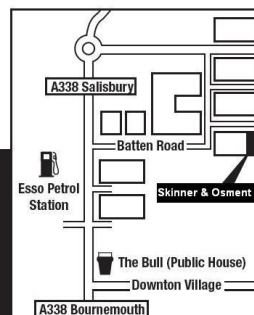
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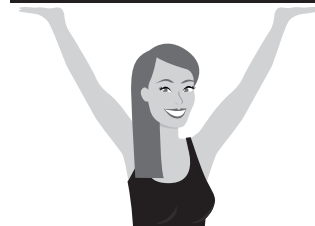


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### Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Singing Group	Tuesdays (ex. Aug/Dec.), 4.30pm or 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 (13 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> August)
Acorn Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am at the Orchard
Open Circle Folk Dancing/ Local Vocals	Dancing: 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall Local Vocals: 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:villageprayers@live.com">villageprayers@live.com</a> or come along. <b>Next meeting: 7.00pm - 13<sup>th</sup> August – Vicarage Corner, Nunton</b>

### Diary Dates

8 <sup>th</sup> August	Handel's Messiah, St Martin's Church, Salisbury, 7.30pm (see page 4)
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Car Boot Sale, Nunton Field, 10.00am (see page 2)
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Goose Fair, St Laurence Church, Downton, 10.00am – 2.00pm (see page 3)
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Supper and Country Dance, Charlton All Saints
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Charlton All Saints Garden Society, 7.30pm (see page 2)



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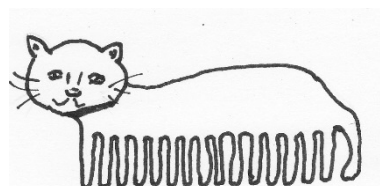
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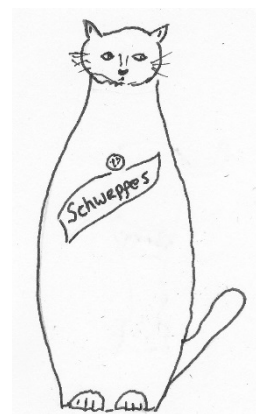
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