



News and Notes

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

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News & Notes

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Lent

We tend to think about Lent as a time for going without things we like. Chocolate, alcohol, and Candy Crush Saga are among the pleasures I've heard that people have given up, to remind them of the time that Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

A few years ago, rather than give up something, I decided to write a letter on each day in Lent. Primarily, the letters were for those people with whom contact in a normal year was restricted to an exchange of Christmas cards, although there were some to other people to whom I had something particular to say.

My handwriting is not good, but I did handwrite all the letters and tried hard to make them legible! It was an interesting, and at times testing, exercise, and bore considerable fruit. I still communicate regularly with some of those involved, whom otherwise would have continued just to get a card from me at Christmas.

You'll see from the Chalke Valley Church's Lent booklet, Lent is a time to do all sorts of special things, apart from self-denial and letter-writing. Under the broad topic of Listening there are activities in various locations in the Valley throughout the period from Ash Wednesday, 18th February to Easter Sunday, 5th April.

I'm sure participation in the activities will bear fruit for those who attend them. They'll bear more fruit still for those who invite a friend or neighbour along. And in some cases, they will bear yet more fruit, where the events are designed to raise money for the Lent Project in support of Alabaré, and specifically their work in housing war veterans.

Don't give up fruit for Lent!

Editor

(If for some reason your copy of the booklet doesn't reach you, it's available on the News and Notes website.)

Church of England Services

1 st February Candlemas	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Family Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Odstock Coombe Bissett Homington	AP AT JT RW
8 th February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Mattins (BCP) Family Service	Nunton Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	AP Lay Led JT
15 th February Sunday next before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Parish Communion Family Communion Britford	Odstock Homington Britford	JT JC JT
18 th February Ash Wednesday	12noon 7.00pm	Holy Communion with Ashing Holy Communion with Ashing	Broad Chalke Coombe Bissett	RW JT
22 nd February 1 st Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Mattins	Charlton All Saints Nunton Coombe Bissett	JT AT JT
1 st March 2 nd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service + Baptism Family Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Odstock Coombe Bissett Homington	JT RW AH JT

RW = Revd Rick Williams, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, AP = Canon Ann Philp,
AH = Revd Anthony Hawley, JC = Canon Jane Charman, AT = Adrian Taylor,
(BCP = Book of Common Prayer)

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI

Rosemary Stephens

There was a buzz of excited chatter at our first meeting of the new year as members caught up with friends. New members - Pauline Jenner, Pauline Rogers and Joyce Burton were warmly welcomed; Pam Trubshaw was thanked for her lovely spring flower arrangement and Sue Amey for organising the Christmas meal.

Our Theatre, Walking, Sewing, Skittles, Scrabble and Book Clubs are all active this month, and the Gardening Club restarts on 5th February. Advance notice was given about the exciting visit from the Mikron Theatre company on 20th July. They are a national company touring the country with their performance of 'Raising Agents' a portrayal of 100 years of the Women's Institute in Britain and it is quite a coup for our President to achieve this booking. The summer outing to Burwood House was discussed and the 2015 charity agreed as 'The Morning Star'.

Denise Mitchell illustrated her talk 'Volunteering in Nepal' with many slides which vividly portrayed the conditions of life in Kathmandu where she and her husband lived and worked for eight months. They learned to live in a flat with no insulation, no central heating, very erratic electricity and water which had to be filtered. However the kindness of local people, their pupils' enthusiasm and the beauty of the mountains and the ancient buildings more than compensated.

The next meeting is on 9th February when the speaker will now be Lesley Meeker on 'Art in the Hospital'.

ONB Fête

Last month's News and Notes had a cryptic clue to what is going to happen on the afternoon of Saturday 11th July 2015.

It was: "*Outdoor party in **safe territory***" (4). For the uninitiated, the bold letters indicate why "fete" is the answer to the clue.

More details about the Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Fête will emerge as the months go by but, for now, on page 3, you'll find a piece about planning for the Fête dance.

We can also reveal that the theme for scarecrows this year is *Westerns* (as in *The Lone Ranger* etc); so get your thinking Stetsons on!

Britford Christmas Coffee Morning

Peggy Knight

£170 was raised for church funds at the coffee morning held on 10th December. Many thanks to all who helped and supported us.

Sarum Books

Sarum Books, the Christian Bookshop in Catherine Street, will be grateful for your support. There are books, CDs and cards on sale. There are also plans to open a coffee shop from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Volunteers to help will be welcomed. Please call in, if you're interested, but note that the shop is not open on Mondays.

Odstock Parish Council

The next scheduled Ordinary OPC meeting is at 7:30pm on Thursday, 5th February in a venue to be confirmed. Please contact the Parish Clerk about all parish council matters, including highways issues, on Tel: 01794-341405 or eMail: OPC@ODSTOCK.INFO

Chalke Valley Link Scheme AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Chalke Valley Link Scheme will be held at Broad Chalke Village Hall on Thursday 26 March at 7.30pm.

The Scheme is a registered charity providing voluntary transport and other good neighbour support to residents of the Chalke Valley who need it.

The Scheme's volunteers and users are invited to attend the AGM.

Any other residents of the Valley who are interested in the Scheme and who would like to attend the AGM should please contact the Secretary, John Lace at Bingham's Farmhouse, Bowerchalke SP5 5BN; Tel: 01722 780214. Any nominations for election to the Committee should please be sent to him by 19th March.

Welcome to Pure Health

Editor

You'll see from the ad on page 8 that the health and fitness centre in Odstock that used to be called *The Body Barn* is now known as *Pure Health*. Here's to continued success under the new name!

Cold, Wet and Sinister Underwater British Columbia

by Vince and Jane Jenkins

**Thursday 26th March 2015
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Meeting in the **Yew Tree in Odstock** on
Thursday 12th February at 8.00pm to discuss;

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- Bands – Suggestions very welcome – Demos useful
- Food – Burgers? Thai? Mediaeval banquet?
- Beer Festival – Who wants one?

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Any questions to nuntonhop@gmail.com

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Chalke Valley Churches at Nunton Holiday Messy Church "Messy Lent"

on

Monday 16th February
from 10.00am - 12.00 noon

at

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Lent Lunch

A Chalke Valley East End Lent Lunch for the Alabaré Lent Project will be held on Saturday 14th March from 12noon to 2.00pm at The Radnor Hall, Bodenham. All welcome. More details next month

Lent Group

For Lent this year the Nunton Bible Study Group have decided to listen to and discuss some of the teaching from the New Wine Conference 2014. The speaker, Rev Karl Martin, has worked on bringing the last part of John's Gospel to vivid life for us. This is a "wake-up" call and we hope it will change our lives and our attitude to being Christians. We issue the challenge - come and join us - expect great things!

We shall be meeting for five sessions starting on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30 till 9.00pm in the Community Room at The Orchard. To a degree each session will stand alone but do try to come to as many as you can as they are all linked and confidence in the group will build over the five weeks. Make this Lent a special time as we listen to the Holy Spirit and pray and share together.

Contact Marian Hearne on 01722 335685.

Ladder/Steps Wanted

Keith Bradford (01722.329740)

Have you an old aluminium ladder or set of steps that have reached the end of their life, that you do not use, or want to throw out?

If so, please contact me, and I will collect, to make a small roof ladder for use at the Radnor Hall.

Downton Seedy Sunday 2015

1st March 1st, 2-4pm
in the Memorial Hall, Downton



This will be the fifth **Seedy Sunday** organised by the Downton Green Group. The aim is to encourage 'Grow your own' fruit and veg. At the heart of Seedy Sunday therefore is the Seed and Plant Swap. If you have spare seeds (veg or flowers), either ones you've collected yourself or spare commercial ones, please bring them to swap for others. Alternatively just come and pick the seeds you'd like for a donation. Also present will be 'More Veg', who sell seeds in small quantities, plus seed potatoes and neck rot resistant onion sets on sale. Garden accessories on sale will include pea/bean sticks (made from coppiced material) and hopefully besom brooms. In addition all children can take home a **free** vegetable starter kit so they can start their very own veg garden.

If you have any blunt garden tools then please bring them along as the charity 'Tools for Self Reliance' will be coming. They sharpen garden tools with the profit going to provide implements in 3rd World countries. Another charity 'Creatures in Crisis' will be selling nest boxes, bird tables and planters.

New this year is a **Wildflower** feature. Wild flowers as well as looking lovely are important for bees to pollinate the fruit bushes and veg plants. Come and see what the Primary School children are doing in this area. You will be able to buy seeds from Bright Seeds, a wildflower seed distributor, and learn about pollinators from the 'Bees Knees'.

Also **NEW** will be a Noticeboard of **LOCAL** people providing gardening services (anything from garden design to supplying manure). If this is you and you'd like your details added, please contact one of the numbers below.

And of course the perennial favourites will be there - chickens and beekeeping and how to make compost. Finally bring unwanted garden items, tools or books for the Recycling Table (but no small plastic pots please). And of course tea and homemade cakes!

Seedy Sunday – the Start of Spring!

See www.downtongreengroup.org.uk or ring 0175 511055 or 511649

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.

21st February: "Dahlias", by Nick Gilbert of Gilbert's Nurseries, dahlia and perennial specialists based at Dandysford Lane, Sherfield English, SO51 6DT. Nick recently appeared on Gardeners' World.

Salisbury Rotary Grants

Do you have a local charity or perhaps a community event or project which you support?

Salisbury Rotary Club has supported lots of local charities and community activities in 2014 and is now looking to support even more during 2015 (both logistically & financially). Some of the community events we have run in 2014 include Spireworks, Contemporary Craft & Heritage Festival, Swimathon, Salisbury Beerex, and the Christmas Lantern Parade. If you know of a suitable project for 2015, or for more information, please contact Jan Paterson at janpaterson348@gmail.com.

Salisbury Rotary is also looking for community-minded people (whether working or retired) to help make even more of a difference to those who are less fortunate locally. If you can spare just two hours a month, then, with your help, we can make an even BIGGER difference. For more information, contact our current President, Kevin Flynn, on 01722 430536 or salisburyrotary@gmail.com.

Broad Chalke Bygones

Saturday 28th February 7:30pm
Broad Chalke Village Hall

A films-and-supper evening of village reminiscences, showing old footage Broad Chalke characters in the 40s, 60s and 70s. Tickets £10, available from the Chalke Valley Stores, include a 2-course supper. Bar available.

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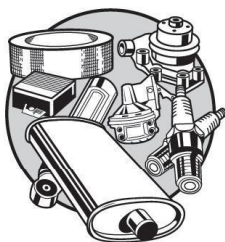
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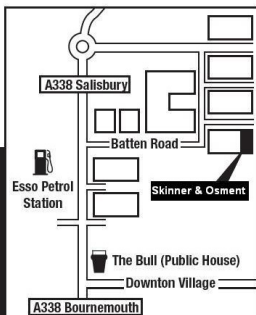
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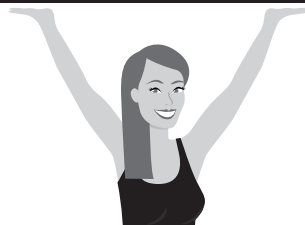
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Regular Events

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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 (12 th & 26 th February)
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 (see above) 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 – 11th Feb. – Barker Room, Nunton

Diary Dates

5 th February	Odstock Parish Council, The Radnor Hall, Bodenham, 7.30pm (see page 2)
12 th February	Nunton Hop planning meeting, Yew Tree Inn, 8.00pm (see page 3)
16 th February	Messy Church, Barker Room and Church, Nunton, 10.00am to 12.00 noon (see page 3)
4 th March	Lent Group Bible Study, The Orchard, Nunton, 7.30pm (see page 3)
14 th March	Lent Lunch, The Radnor Hall, Bodenham, 12noon to 2.00pm (see page3)
26 th March	<i>Cold, Wet and Sinister – Underwater British Columbia</i> , Charlton All Saints Church, 7.00pm (see page2)
27 th March	Pup Up Pub, Britford Memorial and Community Hall, 6.00pm to 11.00pm (see page 3)

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