



News and Notes

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

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News & Notes

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South Sudan

Thank you to all those who helped enable me to go to Cueibet in South Sudan, or who contributed things to take. The visit was fascinating.

Five of us went, including our former rector David Henley and Dr Sherwood Elcock from Nunton. Bishop Elijah Matueny of Cueibet had invited us to lead two conferences and to take sewing machines out.

We flew to Entebbe in Uganda and then to Rumbek in South Sudan on a light aircraft belonging to Africa Inland Mission (AIM). The following day we travelled to Cueibet by road. This dirt road is so full of potholes that an average speed is 10 – 15mph, and we passed not one other moving four-wheeled vehicle on the whole journey... those we did pass had been abandoned after a hijacking ("Don't panic!", we thought!) or abandoned after being bogged down in the rainy season.

The town of Cueibet consists almost entirely of "tukuls"... thatched mud huts. Tukuls are the size of one small room in our houses. A household consists of two... one for the men, one for the women and children. There is no infrastructure. Any electricity is locally generated by solar power. No sewerage, and long-drop toilets (a bat lived in ours!) are a rare luxury. Water is obtained from a hand-pumped borehole. There is a market, but little for sale. The basic foodstuff is a maize paste with a sauce made of boiled pumpkin leaves... no flavour in either, and a texture that makes you want to retch. We did rather better, with beans, rice and meat (goat or chicken) but it was tough chewing... and still the best available. There were no taxis or public transport. Fuel, which has quadrupled in price in the last year, is scarce... when we returned to Rumbek, there was no diesel to be bought in the whole town of Cueibet, and our jeep was almost empty when it started! We found some in a village further on, but used all they had.

Animals (goats, cattle and dogs) roam indiscriminately among the houses. From what we saw from the road and from the air, organised agriculture is virtually non-existent. Instead, the Dinka people herd cattle. But they are such a status symbol that they are rarely slaughtered, and we saw no evidence of dairy produce. The young men of the tribe tend the cattle as part of their growing-up in camps away from the villages and towns. Recently, these cowboys have become as lawless as their Wild West counterparts, and like them, are armed; the resulting violence was a major subject of concern among those with whom we spoke.....

Revd Rick Williams

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Don't miss the unmissable!

❖ **16th January 2015 – Longford School Extension Opening**

(see page 3)

❖ **23rd January 2015 - Curry Buffet at Britford**

(see page 4)

❖ **Church Services all through the month**

(and other dates - see last page and throughout News and Notes)

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI

Anna Treseder

Elizabeth Cutter, President, opened the Christmas meeting on 8th December by welcoming everyone to the Radnor Hall, including a new member, Joyce Burton. Most people were wearing colourful festive hats. Kay Friel provided a beautiful floral arrangement for the President's table.

A new microphone and sound loop was in use. Details of the interest groups – Theatre, Skittles, Scrabble, Book Club, Pins and Needles and Walking Group are on the Diary.

The Gardeners' next meeting is on 5th February. Heather Marrison read out details of forthcoming local events, plus the visit to Adam Henson's farm and the holiday to Norfolk; all Federation and national events are in the WI magazines. Linda Cox gave the Treasurer's report.

Diane Crump's beautiful home-made Christmas card won the ACWW competition. A huge pile of gifts had been donated for "Morning Star", our local charity.

During the coffee break there was a Raffle, a Bring & Buy table and an amusing competition identifying Committee members from their baby photos! Pam Trubshaw was the winner and was presented with a pack of Jelly Babies!

Then followed a Christmas Quiz which was won by Heather Marrison and Sue Amey. After that everyone sang Christmas Carols, led by Gill Swatridge – followed by mulled wine, mince pies and sausage rolls. A most enjoyable meeting! Thanks to all who organised it.

The next meeting is on 12th January when Denise Mitchell will talk about "Volunteering in Nepal".

ACWW competition is a Snow Scene.

Best wishes to all for 2015!

Diary Date

Please keep the afternoon of Saturday 11th July 2015 free in your diary. More details to follow in future editions of News and Notes, but for now here's a cryptic clue for this Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham event:

"Outdoor party in safe territory" (4).

It would be a good idea to keep the previous evening free too, particularly if music and dancing are for you.

Curry Buffet

Friday 23rd January 2015 at 7.30pm

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South Sudan (cont. from front page)

Revd Rick Williams

David and I gave a three-day conference on "discipleship" to senior clergy from the diocese. Some of these had walked 75 miles along flooded roads infested with bandits to be there.

Everything had to be done through interpreters... many, even these senior clergy, were for the most part not fluent in reading their own language, let alone speaking English.

The others ran a parallel conference for women (who had also travelled from all parts of the Diocese) on issues of health, hygiene and family life.

Sherwood also gave lessons on how to use and maintain a Singer Sewing Machine and dispensed second-hand glasses using his "smile test". He gave them a pair of glasses and an illustrated book to look at. If they broke out in a smile when they looked at the book, the glasses worked!

We hope we did some good! Language made it hard to get feedback. Was what we taught relevant in their culture and circumstances? I don't know, but they were appreciative and grateful of the fact that we had travelled to see them. Foreigners are rare in Cueibet.

The highlight was the Cathedral service on Sunday. The sermon was interrupted by a cavalcade of jeeps, one mounting a massive machine gun and one carrying armed men, who dismounted and surrounded the cathedral. However, it turned out there was no cause for alarm... we were receiving a visit from some political dignitaries, including a State governor, and this was their armed escort. A glamorous woman in a very expensive dress sat next to me. "Oh, the governor's brought his wife", I thought. She turned to me and handed me her card. She was not the governor's wife... she was the governor!

There is of course so much more to tell, and I will be happy to do so on request! It was an amazing experience... gruelling often, even frightening occasionally, but one I wouldn't have missed for the world.

Lorraine Clake

Brian Clake

Many of you will have heard that Lorraine passed away on Sunday 14th December.

There will be a Memorial Service for Lorraine at St Andrew's, Nunton at 1.00 pm on Thursday 22nd January, followed by refreshments at The Radnor Hall.

All will be very welcome.

Longford C of E Primary School

Nicolette Beardsmore, Parent Governor

The children and staff have been particularly busy this last half-term.

We started by celebrating Sally Crook's excellent running time in the Salisbury half marathon for which she raised the amazing sum of £240 to fund playground equipment. The School Council will be meeting soon to plan how best to spend this money.

On 12th November 2014 the children dressed as heroes and raised £79.13 for 'Children in Need'.

Also in November, Kestrels (our Reception children) enjoyed a bus ride and visit to Tesco to learn about where different food comes from. They had a tour of the store and a tasting session. The children's behaviour was exemplary, and we are very proud of them all for representing themselves and Longford so well.

Pat from Spire FM visited the School at the end of November to record the children singing as part of their countdown to Christmas. The children were on air on 8th December but for anyone who missed it, you can 'listen again' on their website:

www.spirefm.co.uk/sleeptilsanta.php

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Longford School Christmas Fair and donated items for sale, and especially to those members of FOLS (Friends of Longford School) who organised the event and ran the stalls.

The event was held in the Hall of the new School extension (*see details of the Grand Opening to be held in January below*) presided over by a magnificent Christmas tree donated by Lord Radnor and decorated by the children.

From the start of December, the children recalled the meaning of Advent as they counted down to Christmas, and remembered who we will be celebrating come Christmas Day. The children had lots of fun making their Christingles for the School's Christingle service led by Rev Jenny Taylor on 11th December.

For those, who may not be familiar with a Christingle, it consists of:

- *an orange, which represents the earth;*
- *a red ribbon around it representing the blood of Christ;*
- *dried fruits skewered on cocktail sticks pushed into the orange, representing the fruits of the earth and the four seasons; and*
- *a lit candle pushed into the centre of the orange, representing Jesus Christ as the light of the world*

The term ended with our Christmas performance 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel', Christmas Disco and Christmas Service.

Staff News

Mrs Dee Follett started as our new Admin Officer in November. Dee has a wealth of school admin knowledge and experience of working in small schools, and we are delighted to welcome her to the school.

On a sadder note, we were sorry to see the departure of three members of staff:

Mrs Elspeth MacIntosh retired at the end of the Autumn term. She has worked tirelessly for the children at Odstock and Longford Primary Schools for 9 years and will be greatly missed.

Mrs Lisa Allen has taken up another Teaching Assistant post and left us on 27 November. We wish her lots of luck with her new job and will miss her loads.

Miss Jaime Walby also left us and we wish her well. We will especially remember her directing skills for the Shakespeare play performed by the KS2 children last year.

Longford C of E Primary School Grand Opening of the new School Extension

Friday 16th January 2015 at 2.00pm

We will be having a fun day for the children based on the theme of construction and building. Visitors are invited from 2.00pm, when Lord Radnor will be 'cutting the ribbon'.

More details will be published on Longford Primary School website in the New Year.

<http://www.longford.wilts.sch.uk/primary-school-salisbury>

The New Breast Cancer Unit Fundraising

A Proper Pukka Present.....

.... **on Saturday 31st January 2015, Broad Chalke Village Hall** will be the venue for a pop-up restaurant presented by *PurePunjabi* in aid of the new Breast Cancer Unit at Salisbury Hospital.

An authentic, 3-course Indian meal in a sumptuously decorated hall, with the added entertainment of professional classical Indian dancers from London.

Tickets, at £30 per head, are available from the Chalke Valley Stores in Broad Chalke from the beginning of November.

These evenings are very popular, and any tickets not sold by Christmas will go on sale through the *PurePunjabi* website, so this is your chance to get them first!

If you would like to see what the evening will be like, do take a look at their website

www.purepunjabi.co.uk

So, a wonderful meal, fantastic entertainment and really good raffle prizes – buying your ticket automatically gives you a chance to win one of the prizes – a cookery workshop run by *PurePunjabi* (worth £45).

A fantastic present to treat yourself (or others) to!

.....and if you were to come dressed formally or in Indian dress, it would be wonderful.....

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.

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.

16th January 2015

The New Forest from Conqueror to National Park by *Peter Roberts*, who will give us an overview of the changes in use of this fascinating area, followed by additional comments on the management of the area from *Julian Johnson*, until recently Chairman of the National Park Authority.

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- Wild mushroom risotto with truffle oil & shaved manchego

2nd Course

- Game bird board (woodcock, grouse, mallard, partridge, pheasant) with herby lentils, red cabbage & parsnip crisps
- Grilled sea bream with smoked mackerel pate & pickled cucumber, served with beetroot, celeriac and roasted walnut salad
- Borlotti beans & kale with anchovy & rosemary sauce

3rd Course

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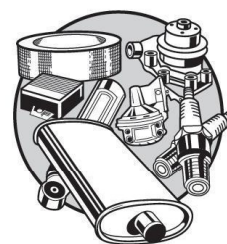
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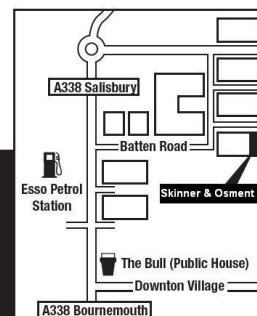
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WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Singing Group	Tuesdays (ex. Aug/Dec.), 4.30pm or 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.30 – 9.45am (15 th & 29 th January)
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 – 15th Jan. – Barker Room, Nunton

Diary Dates

16 th January	Longford C of E School Grand Opening of New School Hall, 2.00pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
23 rd January	Curry Buffet, Britford Memorial and Community Hall, 7.30pm (<i>see page 2</i>)

Church of England Services

4 th January Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Family Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Odstock Coombe Bissett Homington	RW AT AP JT
11 th January Baptism of Christ	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Mattins (BCP) Family Service	Nunton Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	JT Lay Led JT
18 th January 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Parish Communion Family Communion Britford	Odstock Homington Britford	AH AP JT
25 th January 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Mattins	Charlton All Saints Nunton Coombe Bissett	AH AT SP
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

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)

Southern Wiltshire Neighbourhood Policing Team - Downton Beat

We would like to wish all of our local residents a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Weekly Police surgeries where we will be available to discuss any of your concerns at the following events:

Mondays - 9am - 10am - Woodfalls Post Office, The Ridge, Woodfalls (in main shop)

Wednesdays - 11am - 12noon- Coombe Bissett - Church (at existing coffee morning)

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

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