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Get Out Your Bike

Syd Willcox

Many people will have been delighted to hear of the achievement of Heidi Lamb and Mark Ratachi of Broad Chalke who recently accomplished a sponsored bicycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats – a distance of 873 miles. They were admirably supported by a parents' back-up team and did have the comfort of B&B overnight stops to help refresh them for the next day's 70 or 80 mile stretch. Congratulations to them both.

Hearing about their efforts took me back to my only really long distance cycling effort. I was 18 at the time and took part in a Youth Pilgrimage on bikes from Bangor in North Wales to St David's Cathedral in West Wales. We were a party of about 30 aged between 16 and 23. We slept on the bare floor of church halls but had a good back-up team to carry our extra clothing and sleeping bags and to feed us. We stopped at many ancient churches, wells, ruined abbeys and thought about the early pilgrims who first brought Christianity to the Welsh hills. The climax was a splendid service in a cathedral packed with young people and then the following day we had to begin our cycle back along the 200 mile route to Bangor.

In some ways cycling is less pleasurable than it was in 1955. There is much more motor traffic on the roads and therefore more fumes and danger from heavy vehicles. However, there has been a lot of development in bikes: some very light suitable for racing, and of course the mountain bike with its huge choice of gears, and some with disc brakes and telescopic springs.

We, of course, are fortunate to live in a quiet part of Wiltshire with many traffic-free lanes. In September, we can all enjoy the opportunity to pay visits to many beautiful churches in our area, as we take part in the "Great Cycle Ride" on Saturday 11 September. So why not get your bike out of the shed – dust it down and oil the moving parts and get a registration form from your local organiser. 50% of any sponsorship money you can raise will go to the church of your choice and 50% for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. Get those pedals turning and enjoy the exhilaration of feeling the wind blowing through your hair, as you cycle through a different aspect of God's creation at every turn.

Having written this, I must now go and overhaul my 45 year old touring bike!!



Church Services

Sunday 5 September Trinity 14	8.00 am	Holy Communion	GS	Nunton
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Britford
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	WC	Coombe
	11.00 am	Morning Service	GS	Odstock
	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong	WC	Homington
Sunday 12 September Trinity 15	8.00 am	Holy Communion	GS	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Nunton
	11.00 am	Harvest Festival Family Service	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Harvest Festival Matins	AT	Charlton
Sunday 19 September Trinity 16	9.30 am	Matins	GS	Homington
	11.00 am	Parish Communion	GS	Coombe
	3.00 pm	Harvest Festival Family Service	GS/RR	Britford
	6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong	GS/WC	Odstock
Sunday 26 September Trinity 17	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WC	Homington
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	GS	Charlton
	11.00 am	Patronal Festival Matins	GS	Coombe
	11.00 am	Matins	WC	Nunton
	3.00 pm	Afternoon Service	GS	Homington

GS = Graham Southgate, WC = Westley Cole, SW = Sydney Willcox, KC = Karen Curnock, AT = Annabel Tier, RR = Roger Redding, TS = Terry Sankey, JW = John Watson, CW = Clare Watson

From the Editor

Our newsletter has been paid for by the Odstock Parish Council this month, and our thanks go to all the council members for their continued sponsorship. The monthly production cost of *News & Notes* is now £32.50. If anyone would like to sponsor an issue, you will receive not only our grateful thanks, but also an advertisement for yourself, your business or a charity of your choice on the front page. Editorial items for inclusion in *News & Notes* should be sent to Clare Penny at Azalea Cottage, Chapel Lane, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HF, telephone 01725 512869 or email clare@azalea.demon.co.uk. Monetary donations should be sent to Neil Guttridge, *News & Notes* Treasurer, on 01725 511468 or at Court-Hay, Lower Road, Charlton All Saints, SP5 4HQ. Notices of charity and non-profit making events are inserted free, but all other advertisements are charged at £2 per 30 words, or £20 for 12 insertions. The deadline for the October issue is Friday 17 September.

News From The Vicarage

Graham Southgate 330628

The Diocese of Salisbury's Board of Parish Development has been working hard at re-launching the Bishop's Certificate in Christian Education. This is designed to enable Lay members of the Church to explore the meaning and experience of the Christian faith, and so help them to be clear in their commitment to it. A new session is due to begin in October, so please contact me if you would like further information.

It is not too late to join the annual Great Cycle Ride, which takes place on Saturday 11 September - and there are prizes to be won! This is arranged by the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust to enable them to continue their work of the conservation of churches (they gave a grant towards the re-roofing of the Parish Church in Charlton All Saints, for example). Half of whatever is raised goes towards their general fund and half of what each individual cyclist raises is donated to the church of their choice - so this can be a very useful way of supporting the work of your local church. Please contact me if you would like further details.

Please ensure that you know when your parish's Harvest Festival is due to take place ie 12 September in Charlton All Saints (with the Harvest Supper in the Parish Church the evening before), and 19 September in both Britford and Odstock (followed by the Harvest Supper in the Radnor Hall).

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 25 July in Nunton: Kieran James Baugh
On Sunday 1 August at Britford: Edward Michael Charles Hockey

Holy Days in September

- 14 Holy Cross Day 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.
- 21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 8.00 am Holy Communion at Nunton.
- 29 Michael and All Angels 8.00 am Holy Communion at Coombe Bissett.

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 13 September in Charlton Church Hall. The subject will be "The Care and Maintenance of Greenhouses and the Plants therein". The speaker will be Mr Ray Broughton from Sparsholt College, Winchester.

Millennium Revue

Harry Joynt, Producer

A reminder that this revue will be staged at the Radnor Hall, Bodenham on 26 and 27 November. We shall be contacting members of the cast to arrange a meeting in mid-September so as to get rehearsals going.

Anybody not yet in touch with us and interested in performing or helping backstage, do please telephone Melanie Ferris on 01722 322280 or me on 01722 329782.

Ebble Community Pre-School in Odstock School

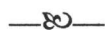
The Pre-school will open on Monday 13 September under the leadership of Mrs Sarah Bungay. The theme for the first half term will be 'Ourselves', so that the children and staff will get to know each other and get settled in. Parents are welcome as well. The Pre-school is open Monday to Thursday 9.10 - 12.10. £4 a session for 2 year 6 months to 5 yrs old children. We will be members of the Early Years' Partnership so that there will be funding for four year olds. There are still a few vacancies. Numbers are limited to twelve children a session. To find out more and receive a prospectus, contact Sharon Chandler tel 01722 329719.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Harvest Supper

The Harvest Festival Service will be at Odstock Church at 6 pm on Sunday 19 September. The Harvest Supper will be held in the Barker Room at 7.15 pm after the service. Tickets for the supper cost £5 for adults (to include wine) and £3 for children under 16 yrs (to include squash). Tickets can be bought from Bodenham Post Office, Debby Underhill 01722 329769 or Mary Boyd Camp 01722 329712. Help and food gratefully accepted. Any profit will be put towards charitable giving.

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Charlton Harvest Supper

The Charlton Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday 11 September at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets are available from Pam Cox on 01722 329709, and cost £5.00 for adults and £2.50 for children. Please book your tickets by Thursday 9 September.

News From Odstock Parish Council

The elections in May introduced new members to the Council and a fresh determination to make things happen in the next 4 years that previous Councils have talked about but never actually achieved. Our first concern was that we should improve our means of communication with the community. This item in *News & Notes* is the first of what we hope will be a regular column to tell you what the Council is trying to do, when our meetings are held and who to contact if you want something done.

Another innovation will be Public Question Time at the beginning of each meeting. Traditionally at Parish Council Meetings only members of the

Council were able to speak. We have decided to allocate time at the beginning of each meeting for members of the public to express their concerns and to hear how we propose to respond. We do not pretend to have the answer to all your problems but we can do more if we understand exactly what the problems are. We hope that this more open approach will encourage you to become more involved with the Parish Council which will help us do more for the community which elected us.

Important items from the last meeting:

Road Traffic & The Condition Of The Road: In response to a question at a previous meeting we have written to the County Council regarding the condition of the road, and to Wiltshire Constabulary to express concern at the speed of traffic through the villages.

Bus Shelters: We are concerned at the poor state of the bus shelters in Odstock and Bodenham and are seeking quotations to repair them using heavier grade material which should prove more resistant to vandalism.

Odstock Community Pre-School: The Council has given a grant of £200 to help this group get started.

Millennium Eve Festival Of Fire: Salisbury District Council is offering selected Parishes a supply of fireworks for a simultaneous display in communities across South Wiltshire to mark the dawn of the new millennium. Odstock is fortunate to have been selected and the Council is looking for a small number of volunteers to receive special training to enable them to take responsibility for managing the display. If you would like to be considered for this role please contact one of the Council Members.

Your Council members are:

Sherwood Elcock, The Cottage, Nunton tel 334398

Jeannie Payne, Brensham, Nunton Drove tel 328587

Colin Berry, Carmel, Shepherd's Close, Odstock tel 323648

Cliff Whitley, Lynford House, Nunton tel 321226

Robert Underhill, Longford Farmhouse Bodenham tel 329769

Rod Poynting, Cottage 109, Bodenham tel 322236

Stewart Ford, Forge Cottage, Shepherd's Close, tel 339867

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

12 October 7.30 pm at the Radnor Hall

Charlton Autumn Sale

Saturday 2 October 1999

2.00 pm in Charlton Church Hall

Cakes * Produce and Plants * White Elephant * Books * Bottles
Teas * Guess the Weight of the Cake * Raffle

If you have any raffle prizes, bottles, cakes, jams, chutneys, garden produce, unwanted plants, books, white elephants, or some spare time to donate, please contact Clare Penny on 01725 512869. Collection can be arranged from any of the villages, and there will be a door-to-door collection in Charlton on the evening of Wednesday 29 September.

Contact Numbers

<i>Team Rector</i>	Canon Sydney Willcox, The Rectory, Broad Chalke 01722 780262 (Day off - Mon)	
<i>Team Vicar</i>	Revd Roger Redding, Vicarage, Ebbesbourne Wake 01722 780408 (Day off - Mon)	
<i>Team Vicar</i>	Revd Dr Graham Southgate, Nunton Vicarage 01722 330628 (Day off - Fri)	
<i>Churchwardens</i>	Nunton - Harry Joynt 01722 329782	Odstock - Peter Martin 01722 329743
	Charlton - Peter Cox 01722 329709	Britford - Daphne Scamell 01722 334858

Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00 am Barker Room, Nunton
Junior Church	To coincide with 9.30 am services at Nunton or Odstock Churches, held at the Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Every Wednesday, 2 - 4 pm The Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30 pm Barker Room, Nunton
Bingo	Every Friday, 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm The Orchard, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Monday, 8.00 pm, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Mobile Library	Alternate Fridays (10 & 24 September): Village Hut, Charlton 9.45 am Alternate Tuesdays (7 & 21 September): Brookmead, Britford 10.35 am Post Office, Bodenham 10.55 am Radnor Arms, Nunton 11.10 am Crossroads, Odstock 11.35 am

Dates for your Diary

11 September	Great Bicycle Ride
11 September	Charlton Harvest Supper, 7.00 pm Charlton Church Hall
13 September	Ebble Pre-School start of term, 9.10 am Odstock School
13 September	Charlton Garden Society meeting, 7.30 pm Charlton Church Hall
19 September	Odstock Harvest Supper, 7.15 pm Radnor Hall
29 September	Door to door collection in Charlton for Autumn Fair, from 6.00 pm
2 October	Charlton Autumn Fair, 2.00 pm Charlton Church Hall
12 October	Odstock Parish Council meeting, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall
26 & 27 November	Millennium Revue, Radnor Hall