



News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock January 2011

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A train of thought on Christmas Day

It's Christmas Day. I've been to a lovely church service at Odstock with a full congregation. I've had my Christmas meal and now I'm feeling mellow and nostalgic. One thing that has come to mind is the Christmas when what I really wanted was a Mallard. No, I didn't want duck instead of turkey for the Christmas meal. What I wanted was a model of the railway engine called Mallard, which I could add to my prized Hornby Dublo electric train set and run alongside the little black tank engine that I already had. The real Mallard, incidentally, still holds the record speed for a steam locomotive at nearly 126mph and can be seen at the National Railway Museum at York.

When I woke up that Christmas morning, the first thing I noticed on my bedside table was a royal blue box and, immediately, I knew that it would contain something from the Hornby Dublo range. I need hardly say that, when I opened the box, there was Mallard, proving beyond all doubt that my parents knew exactly what I wanted.

What we've been celebrating today is another gift, even more remarkable than Mallard. The gift of Jesus was from God, who knows, even better than my parents did, what I and the rest of the human race really want when often we don't realise it ourselves.

As I said, I'm writing this on Christmas Day but you're probably reading it nearer to New Year's Day, with Christmas a dim memory. One of my New Year's resolutions is to be more appreciative of God's gift at Christmas. Wish me luck in keeping it.

Happy New Year.

Editor

Church of England Services

2 nd January Christmas 2 Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	AW ACFT JT AW
9 th January Epiphany 1 Baptism of Christ	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins	Odstock Coombe Bissett Charlton All Saints	AW AW DB
16 th January Epiphany 2	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW AW DH
23 rd January Epiphany 3	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW LB AW
30 th January Epiphany 4 Candlemas	10.00am	Parish Communion	Nunton	AW
6 th February 5 th Sunday before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	DH ACFT CH LB

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Happy New Year to all News and Notes Readers!

Letter from the Editor

This is unprecedented, but I'm indulging myself with a letter from the editor as well as a front page article! I just wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to the team of people who have helped, for another year, in the production and distribution of News and Notes. Needless to say, it's all done on a voluntary basis and I'm sure you'll agree that those involved do a splendid job to get News and Notes to us each month. I won't mention them all by name, but they know who they are and you may well know some of them too.

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI

Carol Stratton

The December meeting was held on the 13th and being the last meeting before Christmas was made to feel very festive by the serving of mulled wine and mince pies.

The usual business meeting and announcements were followed by the speaker for the morning, Miss E Shelly, who gave a very interesting and entertaining talk and cookery demonstration about Christmas in the Tudor kitchen. She was dressed in clothing of a farmer's wife of that period and spoke of the hard times of the ordinary people in Tudor times, and how the lack of food meant that the farmer's wife would prepare for Christmas throughout the year, saving and preserving food from more plentiful times of the year.

On Monday 29th November, the first of the extra meetings was held. These meetings are to be held when there is a fifth Monday in the month and the idea is to share skills which are within the group. The meeting was a great success with lots of members attending. Everyone went home proudly with something they had made during the morning.

The next meeting will be held on 10th January and the speaker will be Mr M Angel whose talk is "Isaac Gulliver, king of the smugglers".

Odstock Parish Council

At the OPC meeting on 8th December, it was resolved to maintain the 2011-12 precept at the current level and the annual grants to the Radnor Hall and the Parochial Church Councils were also approved.

Extensive redecoration of the Pavilion in the Nunton Recreation Field is underway, following the completion of the refurbishment and new kitchen project in May. The redecoration is being carried out under the 'Community Payback' scheme administered by the Probation Service.

The next scheduled meeting of Odstock PC is on 9th February 2011. An Agenda will be published on the village notice boards and at <http://www.odstock.info/> at least 3 days before the meeting.

Contact the Parish Clerk about all parish matters, including highways issues, on Tel: 01794-341405 or eMail: OPC@ODSTOCK.INFO

Whist Drives

Bernice Loader

£200 has been donated to church funds for 2010 from the Barker Room Whist Drives.

Thank you to those who gave prizes for our Christmas Whist Drive.

New players are always welcome (*see details under Regular Events on page 7*).

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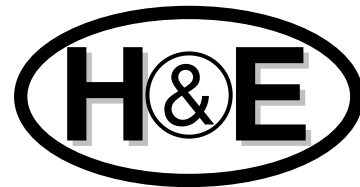
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Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.40 – 9.55am (6 th & 20 th January) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (14 th & 28 th January) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (19 th January)
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm 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
Diary Dates	
9 th February	Odstock Parish Council (<i>see page 2</i>)