

News and Notes

For Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock
July & August 2020

Summer Breakout

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As we start the second half of 2020 there is much to reflect on and look forward to the future.

Looking Back: The first few months were very wet, our rivers were overflowing, we had gales in the country and life for many people was not easy. Then in March we all became aware of the COVID-19 pandemic which locked us down; families had to adapt to new ways of working and schooling from home. For many this was extremely challenging. There were those in our villages who were shielding and could not get out, but how wonderful it was to see the village spirit spring to the fore and we all helped each other and looked after our neighbours. For April and May we had glorious weather and were able to enjoy watching nature as it sprung into renewed life. Then in late May, the dreadful killing of George Floyd occurred, an event which has sparked a national and international debate of how we view our historical past and ensure that we support all parts of our society in a fair and equitable manner.

Looking Forward: As the Government begins to release us from our lockdown, what will the new normal look like? How will we be able to re-establish our relationships with each other, and heal some of the wounds that have surfaced within our families, society and nation? Whatever happens, I think it is important we continue to look after and love our families and neighbours. We will, in some circumstances, be allowed one metre 'plus' separation, but this will only apply to some people and in some places. We need to continue to be on our guard knowing that the virus is still present and until we have a vaccine, we must be careful not to become too complacent or overconfident of the ever-present dangers.

Lockdown Legends: We are celebrating our NHS and key workers, with a scarecrow festival in Nunton village from 1 - 5 July, I would encourage you all to join in and let us show our huge appreciation to all those who have looked after us over the last few months.

So, as we move into our breakout phase, let us continue to look after ourselves, our families and our neighbours. We are so fortunate to live in a wonderful rural community of village and church life, long may that continue into this summer and beyond.

Jeremy Metcalfe

Reflection

Black Lives Matter

Lock down has brought us together, but it is also bringing to the surface conflicts in society. At the moment this is especially clear around racial injustices and the movement "Black Lives Matter".

This issue touches us all; all of us either benefit from or suffer from the inevitability of the privilege that comes with a white skin colour. That privilege or the absence of that privilege forms us. How can we respond? I think the first step is to listen deeply. Listen to each other. Listen to voices across the racial spectrum. Only then can we begin to understand each other, begin to understand the real hurt and damage. Begin to dream together how the future might be different. In the Christian faith we have the example of Jesus who listened deeply, totally divested himself from any privilege, gave up all his power just to reach out and make reconciliation possible. I hope that lock-down will bring us together also across racial divides.

This is the prayer I wrote with Black Lives Matter in mind.

*Merciful God,
give us the humility to acknowledge where we are in debt with you and others
give us love to always try and mend relationships
give us the grace to let go of old hurts
give us mercy to forgive those who repent
give us the patience to wait for your merciful judgement
So that your glory may shine in our lives
now and always, Amen*

Grace Church in Salisbury will be organising a "Let's Talk about Race Webinar" on the 7 July at 7:30pm. If you are interested please let me know.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or answers or prayers or something else.
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Shalom (peace and goodwill),

Anna-Claar

Thank you from Odstock villagers

Rita Hobbs on behalf of many people in Odstock would like to pass on her and their thanks to the anonymous donor who gave free fish & chips to the Odstock residents during lockdown on 15 May. It was a very generous gesture and greatly appreciated by everyone.

Thank you from Britford

We oldies of Britford would like to give our warmest thanks to all those kind volunteers in our village who have kept us going through the lockdown. Thank you to all of you for all that shopping, collection of prescriptions and simply checking that we are ok - it has been very much appreciated.

Community News

VILLAGE FETE & EBBLE FEST

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Scarecrow Festival - Lockdown Legends

You are invited to join our Scarecrow festival in Nunton for all our villages, including Britford and Charlton All Saints, which will be judged on 4 July. The theme is 'Lockdown Legends' and we leave you to use your imagination to brighten our villages.

We hope that you will build a fun scarecrow and display it outside your house from 20 June and then bring it to Nunton bus shelter on Wed 1 July from 5 - 6pm, so that the Fête committee can arrange them along the main road on the railings until Sun 5 July.

Please send a photo of your scarecrow to ONBVillages@gmail.com. They will compile an album of them all, and announce a winner, based on a family and under 16 category with the first prize being a meal for four donated by and in The Radnor Arms.

And we hope to organise:

Ebble Feast on the Field

Subject to Government guidelines we are hoping to be able to hold an all village event in August or September on Nunton Field in the form of a picnic and a few games if practicable.

More details will be via Facebook and a News and Notes email.

Radnor Hall update

The Radnor Hall Management Trustees will be meeting in early July to discuss when and how to open the Hall. They have a duty of care to ensure that the Hall is safe to use. The size of groups using it will need to be reduced to ensure safe social distancing. They will contact all the regular users with details as soon as the Government guidelines allow for Halls to open and under what conditions.

Charlton All Saints

The lockdown continues but the village appears to be coping well. The PCC has taken the decision to keep the church closed for the time being and to re-open when the resumption of services is permitted in due course. Meanwhile work is now in hand to carry out a much needed deep clean throughout the building.

The annual Inter-Village Quiz did not take place and the village BBQ will not be possible but we hope the Harvest Supper & Barn Dance will go ahead as well as the pre Christmas visit of the Downton Band. *Ian Ashworth*

Longford School

One of my colleagues wrote recently that being a head at this time 'comes with heavy responsibility'; I concur. These are unprecedented times. Education is normally my primary concern, but this has been superseded by the health and well-being of children and staff.

Thanks to the dedication of staff, we have been open since the beginning of this crisis. Looking back over the past few months, my lasting memories will be moments of hope and love.

At the beginning a small number of children came in daily to school, parents sending messages of thanks and treats. We sent home learning packs to the other children, delivered by staff on foot, by bike and car, as well as encouraging the children to work from our online learning buffet. One child, mum working with the ICU team, serenades us daily with Frozen ballads and, wonderfully one day, one of our brilliant and cool Y5 footballers decides to give us an improvised street dance performance in accompaniment.

And then there's our staff families and all the rigmarole of life beyond the school gates, queuing, shopping, cleaning. One member of staff sends messages from isolation; the rest of us are the lucky ones, we have some routine and more importantly company, banter and chat.

A member of staff and former parent came to work one day with mini wooden rainbows for the children to paint and take home to their key worker parents, made by her husband. They looked amazing. This was followed by a super-sized rainbow, now displayed in the main corridor, and a beautiful flower made from recycled metal for our outdoor area of reflection. A few years ago, the same couple gave me a wooden pencil holder, stamped underneath with the words 'Designed and made with pre-loved wood', as a thank you gift for teaching their child.

The cook brings daily joy with hot lunches and then later packed lunches, boxes decorated with an inspirational quote. Staff and children jump about to Joe Wicks. The admin officer kindly delivers lunches on foot and another member of staff distracts the children with gardening, tending the school vegetable patch, planting donated runner beans, melons, sweet peas and courgettes. The good weather and good humour keep us going.

Recently, I have begun to tackle normal tasks, instead of trawling through Government announcements, DfE links and risk assessments. I do some performance management and talk to a member of staff about her career. She says, 'I am loyal.' I think to myself, not for the first time, how lucky I am to have such a good and dedicated team. I have regular chats with my LA advisor and Chair of Governors, both encouraging and supportive, understanding the enormity of the task bestowed on us.

Thankfully, the situation looks brighter now and we have started to welcome back more children, and to plan excitedly for next year, keen to get back to normal. The sound of chatter and laughter is wonderful.

Take care and keep safe everyone.

Mrs Knipe. Headteacher, Longford Primary School.

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DOROTHY ROBLOU 1922 - 2020

Dorothy died peacefully at home in the early hours of Wednesday 3 June at the age of 97. Dorothy, known to many as Dot or Dotty, was born on 13 September 1922 in Bodenham where she was brought up in the Post Office run by her father and mother. Dot was expected to do her bit, which included getting up at 4.30am to sort the mail and to deliver telegrams to nearby villages, but, how she hated having to cycle to Charlton All Saints.

In 1952 Dot married Jim Roblou who had been brought up at the Yew Tree Inn in Odstock. In 1954 Dot's parents left Bodenham and moved to a brand new semi-detached house in Charlton, the other half was acquired by Jim and Dot – the house was named 'Calvados' and became a very happy home for the young couple.

Dot was someone who enjoyed life to the full, she was gregarious, amusing, excellent company – further afield she and Jim enjoyed travelling abroad soaking up the sunshine and wine of the area. Closer to home they had a wide circle of friends and never missed an opportunity to party – indeed parties at 'Calvados' were always huge fun. Dot's capacity to have fun was legendary and probably without equal. This irrepressible enthusiasm was an inspiration to so many of us. Dot will be really missed by a host of people of all ages and backgrounds.

There will be no shortage of anecdotes about Dot's rich life within our community. She is irreplaceable and we must rejoice that she was such a wonderful player in all our lives for such a very long time. Thanks for everything Dot

You can read a longer version in E-News and Notes.

ALAN REGINALD FORDER 1935 - 2020

Alan was born at Wrenfield, Nunton on 18 September 1935, at the house built by his grandfather in 1910. Alan grew up there with his parents, Beatrice and Reginald and his sister Jean. His father was a builder and his mother ran a small holding at Wrenfield, keeping pigs, chickens and raising turkeys for Christmas.

These were hard times especially during the war. They had no electricity or mod cons, and endured very hard winters with lots of snow. Jean remembers having fun, despite the cold, sledging with Alan and friends up on Bodenham Plantation.

Tragically when Alan was 17 their Mother sadly died in an accident. Alan was left to care for Jean, alongside tending the animals. Alan commenced his National Service, 4 years later, at 21 and spent some time in Germany. In later years Alan built his bungalow 'Bramleys' alongside Wrenfield, and then married Eileen in 1987. They enjoyed holidays together and watching the wildlife in their garden.

Sadly Eileen died in March 2016 and Alan continued to live at Bramleys alone. Alan had lots of hobbies including photography, genealogy and golf.

His family had a small service at Nunton church and he is buried there with his wife Eileen, and his parents, Reg and Beatrice are close by.

Alan will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Puzzles

Book Character Quiz

Have you come across these characters during Lockdown reading? Can you name the book and the author? *Chris Clark, Charlton All Saints.*

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| 1. <i>Snowball & Boxer</i> | 7. <i>Bilbo Baggins & Bard</i> |
| 2. <i>Wackford Squeers & Madeline Bray</i> | 8. <i>Tom Joad & Rose of Sharon</i> |
| 3. <i>Nellie Dean & Edgar Linton</i> | 9. <i>Ralph & Jack</i> |
| 4. <i>William Collins & Charles Bingley</i> | 10. <i>Ada Doom & Amos Starkadder</i> |
| 5. <i>Ashley Wilkes & Prissy</i> | 11. <i>Captain Yossarian & Doc Daneeka</i> |
| 6. <i>Daisy Buchanan & Myrtle Wilson</i> | 12. <i>Jaques Sauniere & Silas</i> |

For the answers go to the News and Notes website to see the E-version.

Word Search

Farm Animals

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Answers to last month's puzzles

Chocolate quiz: 1. Quality Street, 2. Mars Bar, 3. Smarties, 4. Milk Tray, 5. Dime Bar, 6. Chocolate Buttons. 7. Double Decker, 8. Turkish Delight, 9. Galaxy, 10. Moonlight.

Riddle: The King of Hearts

Church News

Opening of our Churches

Britford Church is OPEN. It has been cleaned and is open for private prayer from 10am - 4pm daily. It is a wonderful old Church. If you wish to visit, please use the hand gel and write your name and address on the visitor sheet. Please observe the social distancing rules. It will open for services once permission is granted.

Nunton Church is currently CLOSED as it is undergoing interior repairs, decoration and will be cleaned and opened when everything is completed.

Odstock Church will be OPEN every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am - 4pm.

Charlton All Saints Church is CLOSED as it was flooded before the lockdown and will not open until further notice.

Outdoor services might take place observing social distance, once permission is in place.

All the Church Wardens pass on their thanks for your patience and understanding. They greatly look forward to welcoming you back to our Churches as soon as we are safely able to do it.

Plant Swap in aid of Church Funds

Green fingered villagers

On Sunday 14 June several of our keen gardeners kindly shared their excess seedlings, plant cuttings and bulbs at the Nunton pavilion.

Tomatoes, broad beans, butternut squash, pumpkins, chard, brussel sprouts should be plentiful in the near future provided the sun and rain keep up in their current balance!

It was good to see neighbours and share socially distanced conversations. Even those without contributions of plants were kind enough to make donations of money which will be passed on to the churches of Odstock and Nunton. I am sure that we will have a huge crop of fruit and vegetables and I hope our next gathering on 12 July will be one where we can exchange some of this very 'local' produce.

Many thanks to all of you who have participated and happy gardening.

Stephanie Elcock

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Extra—News and Notes

Welcome to the extra pages for News Notes.

In the following pages you will find a few more articles and adverts.

There is a longer tribute to Dot Roblou of Charlton All Saints.

Food deliveries are still happening, but please check with each provider.

- Marco in Bodenham is continuing to make pizza on Thursday for the time being and these can be delivered to our local villages. See his menu for more details.
- Jason who runs the Radnor Arms as well as the Horse and Groom is now delivering to our villages every evening. His menu is below.
- Robert Lewis at Britford Farm Shop is providing flour for charity, but he tells me that he is slowing down, so please [email](#) him if you want any excellent flour.
- There is an advert from Reeves the Baker who are planning home delivery. Keep an eye out for more information.

The answers to the puzzles are also to be found at the end.

Please contact the Editor if you have any suggestions, or would like an article to be added.

The next edition will be September 2020,

Stay safe,

With best wishes, Jeremy

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Many years later following the demise of Dot's parents, in 1975 the other house became the family home of Dot's younger brother, Charles Morrell, his wife Jean and their sons Tony (still in situ), Ian and Peter. Sadly Jim died in 1996, Charles died in 2009 and Jean died in 2018. Harry Marks had been a close and longstanding friend of the Roblou's and following the deaths of Jim and then Harry's wife the friendship and mutual support of Dot and Harry blossomed into much more with the result that in due course Harry became a full resident of 'Calvados' until his death in 2004. Dot experienced much sadness from these losses which was preceded by the inability of the Roblou's to have children of their own. However, Dot always appeared able to overcome these and other challenges and managed to look on the bright side – her glass was always half full (she was known to have two glasses to hand at the same time!).

Dot was someone who enjoyed life to the full, she was gregarious, amusing, excellent company – further afield she and Jim enjoyed travelling abroad soaking up the sunshine and wine of the area. Closer to home they had a wide circle of friends and never missed an opportunity to party – indeed parties at 'Calvados' were always huge fun. Dot's capacity to have fun was legendary and probably without equal. This irrepressible enthusiasm was an inspiration to so many of us. Dot will be really missed by a host of people of all ages and backgrounds.

Dot had been a much loved regular at the Radnor Arms for a very long time. She would talk happily to anyone and everybody – she understood what it is that makes a good pub tick. In her day Dot had a well known and well used soprano voice and was an active member of the Salisbury Amateur Operatic Society for many years. Later on after her serious singing career was no more she was a founder member of the A La Carte Singers which was brilliantly enjoyable fun. Those were such happy times – especially the post performance parties! On top of all that activity Dot was a leading light in village life in Charlton as a member of the PCC, a regular reader of lessons at Church on Sunday morning usually delivered with extra theatrical verve as well as doing her bit and more at all other social gatherings throughout the year.

There will be no shortage of anecdotes about Dot's rich life within our community. She is irreplaceable and we must rejoice that she was such a wonderful player in all our lives for such a very long time. Thanks for everything Dot



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3	Nellie Dean & Edgar Linton	Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte
4	William Collins & Charles Bingley	Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen
5	Ashley Wilkes & Prissy	Gone with the Wind – Margaret Mitchell
6	Daisy Buchanan & Myrtle Wilson	The Great Gatsby – F Scott Fitzgerald
7	Bilbo Baggins & Bard	The Hobbit – JRR Tolkien
8	Tom Joad & Rose of Sharon	The Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck
9	Ralph & Jack	Lord of the Flies – William Golding
10	Ada Doom & Amos Starkadder	Cold Comfort Farm – Stella Gibbons
11	Captain Yossarian & Doc Daneeka	Catch 22 – Joseph Heller
12	Jaques Sauniere & Silas	The Da Vinci Code – Dan Brown

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