

News and Notes

For Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock
September 2020

Start of a new year

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Month**

I hope that you have managed this strange summer, with your health, limited holidays, scorching heat and torrential rain. And now in September, we celebrate a new academic year, with our students returning to their old schools, starting at new ones or university and colleges, with all the joys and excitement of seeing old friends again or making new ones. We wish all students a great start to the new year.

It is also the start of autumn, the nights are drawing in and we can enjoy the fruits and vegetables of the summer, much of it newly grown by 'green fingered villagers' in their own gardens, who enjoyed plant swaps earlier in the year. Details of the next meeting are inside. The fields are changing colour as the harvest is brought in, and you can read about how the Longford Estate has managed during the summer.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the clergy for supporting us during the last few months. They have overcome huge technical hurdles to bring us our online services. This month we have a message from The Bishop of Salisbury, who writes that during lockdown many people who would not normally come to church enjoyed online services. But also, that 'our churches are places where we can do the deep business with God not just as individuals or households, but together.' Our Churches are now reopening for worship and prayer, details of services are on the back page.

I have been asked by many people to express thanks to all those who looked out for isolated neighbours during lockdown, queued for prescriptions, shopped or just got to know their neighbours better. Likewise, thanks to our local shops, pubs and food suppliers. Bread and Flowers have a great offer for you this month. Well done to Britford Farm shop, who raised over £6,000 for St Thomas's Church due to our desire to bake.

It was hoped that the Fête committee would have been able to organise a gathering on Nunton field in September for us all to meet up. Alas, the current government guidelines do not yet allow us to do this, so we will postpone it for now. However, I am delighted to say that the Radnor Hall will be open from 1 September.

Finally, I fear that we are in for some busy traffic through Odstock and Nunton, and inconvenience for Britford residents, as the A338 is closed for three weeks in September. Patience and care will be paramount to our safety.

Jeremy Metcalfe

Reflection

A Message from the Bishop of Salisbury

The 800th anniversary of the founding of the new cathedral in Salisbury was distinctly different from that which had been so carefully planned. In a way it demonstrated that one of the reasons the Christian Church has endured and is a great missionary religion is its adaptability. A faith based on death and resurrection is constantly being reinvented in witness to the eternal life of Christ.

In this case, the building was closed because of the Government's lockdown in response to coronavirus, services moved online and have been surprisingly well attended. The building, of course, endured and remained a potent symbol of hope in the city and diocese, pointing beyond itself to God and earthing heaven as it has done in all times.

The whole experience of lockdown because of a virus has made us all think about what matters and why. We live globally and locally.

Churches and places of worship were not seen by our Government as essential, but got dealt with like a social club and as leisure and tourism. It felt a bit like Simon Jenkins describing parish churches as "the museums of England". In some ways it's accurate and quite helpful, but misses the most important point. A cathedral or church is first and foremost a place of worship.

In worship we place ourselves in relationship to God, one another and all creation. Worship is part of what it is to be fully human. Religion is an expression of the individual in relation to God but it is a corporate activity, the worship of God by a community of faith.

There has been an upside. The closure of our church buildings meant we were able to emphasise the importance of 'faith at home'. Across the diocese, church communities have been central to community initiatives, caring for the most vulnerable in these unprecedented times.

Online worship has been a revelation, with people looking at each other's faces rather than at the back of the head of the person sitting in front. Numbers attending online have been greater than those previously attending church.

Maybe we have all been feeling so isolated that to find a way of belonging or being with others for a shared time each day or week has had greater priority? Online worship has engaged some people who don't normally come to church and some silver surfers who were unable physically to attend church have loved being able to engage again from home.

We live in an age and in a part of the world that greatly values the individual and freedom of choice. Lockdown has shown us some of the limits to this. We need institutions, organisations, buildings that support and strengthen our common life.

The cathedral - and any church building - does this not just as a meeting house. God can be worshipped everywhere and anywhere, but our churches are places where we can do the deep business with God not just as individuals or households, but together.

+Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury

Community News



Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Scarecrow Festival - Lockdown Legends

Thank you to all those who built a scarecrow in early July to celebrate our Lockdown Legends. The first prize went to the Tuckers with a very life like impersonation of Captain Sir Tom Moore, whilst the 'Business' prize is awarded to Nunton Farm for their huge display thanking the NHS. Commendation to Tilly Shipsey aged 3 (and Tim 3+) who built a great version of Joe Wickes. Pictures can be found in the E-News edition.

Radnor Hall update

The Radnor Hall will be reopening to our regular users, from 1 September 2020. Any new bookings will be carefully considered. Please email radnorhallbookings@gmail.com and discuss your booking with Anna, our Hall Manager.

Green Fingered Villagers

Thank you to our gardeners for continuing to share their plants and produce at our swap sessions on Sunday 12 July and 16 August. Thankfully we were not quite buried under a mountain of courgettes but we were very impressed with some amazing rhubarb in July and plenty of beans and beetroot in August. We also made a small collection of goods and money to support the Trussell Trust which was gratefully received. I'm sure we will have even more fruit and veg in September that we might like to share and so plan to hold our next swap **Saturday 12 September** on Nunton field and we will make a further collection for the Trussell Trust. Please note that it will be Saturday and not Sunday this month. I will post any updates on the Five Villages Facebook page.

Nunton Book Swap

Thank you to all who have contributed to the book and 'media' swap shop in the bus shelter at Nunton. It has grown amazingly! Please remember to leave some of the bench available for people to use who are waiting for the bus. I will be sorting through the items soon and, in an effort to keep things tidy, I will take some to the charity shops now that they are open.

Stephanie Elcock

Birth Announcement

Mills: On 20 June 2020 to Katherine (née Hillier) and Simon Mills, a son, John Anthony, a brother for Lucy and grandson for Anthony and Hatty Hillier.

Notices



Notice from Nunton Farm to all walkers and dog owners

We welcome local residents walking in the beautiful countryside around the parishes of Nunton, Odstock, Bodenham, Charlton and Britford. We love to make the most of the great outdoors and hope that you too take pleasure from the outstanding beauty in this part of the world.

**We respectfully request that you remain on marked footpaths and
bridleways, and ask that any gates are always left as you find them.**

Below are the important reasons for this:

To keep you and our livestock calm and safe

Farm livestock can be frightened by people with dogs and become dangerous to walkers; this is especially true of cows with calves and of bulls. Dogs can be a danger to cows.

Occasionally, it may look as though there is no livestock in the fields, however, they may be hidden or may soon be moved into the field.

To protect the wildlife in the area

Wildlife, particularly ground nesting birds, can be disturbed by dogs and people. For instance, the rare Grey Partridge, which we are attempting to encourage to nest in some areas on the farm.

To reduce the spread of disease

*There are some diseases that are spread to cattle by dogs, in particular a disease called Neospora. Neospora can lead to a cow losing her unborn calf and can cause undue suffering. We would kindly ask all dog owners to please pick up dog faeces and take it home at **all** times, and to please keep to marked footpaths.*

Thank you

Thank you for your cooperation, which enables us all to enjoy the beautiful countryside we live in.

A338 roadworks from 3 - 25 September 2020



The A338 will be closed between Britford Park and Ride, and Harnham gyratory roundabout by the BP garage from 3 - 25 September for three weeks, 24hrs a day excluding weekends.

The Bournemouth traffic will be diverted via the Blandford road and on to Poole. However, there is bound to be heavy traffic in Nunton and Odstock.

Notices

Nunton Playground Update

On behalf of the local community we want to record our gratitude for the help we have been given by the Longford Estate in preparing the Nunton Playground site for installation of the new playground. The old equipment and fence have now been removed, together with the concrete foundations and the remains of the bark surface. The Estate has also kindly offered to backfill the site with topsoil, ready for re-seeding.

As soon as the new grass is sufficiently established the playground company will come to install the new equipment. Once everything is in place the fence will be replaced.

There have been requests to add further new pieces of equipment in due course. This is certainly something that we can look at in future, if the funding can be found.

The replacement of the picnic table at Jubilee Gardens has been delayed due to availability problems, but we hope that it will be delivered within the next few weeks.

Sally Nelson - Chair Odstock Parish Council

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Robert and Mary Lewis

(See E-News & Notes for more details)

VILLAGE FETE & EBBLEFEST

The Fête committee had hoped to organise *EbbleFeast* on Nunton Field in September, which was to be a time for us all to meet up and share our summer stories.

Alas, the current government guidelines do not yet allow us to do this, and they are not prepared to be fined £10k for an illegal rave!!

So, sadly we will postpone this until the time and guidelines allow us to meet.

With regret this decision also applies to Car Boot sales this year. Roll on 2021!!

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Longford Estate

Having had one of the wettest winters on record we have had some of the highest temperatures on record this spring and this has presented different challenges. Thankfully the weather was good during the bulk of lockdown which without doubt made it easier to endure than had it poured down! Covid-19 remains on all our minds and we all need to take care that we protect ourselves and others from the virus but it has been amazing to see how the local community has come together and thought of innovative ways to keep businesses running during these difficult times.

The crops all look well and we are hopeful of a good harvest this year. The farms have been an abundance of colour with the blue linseed next to the Homington Road, the white poppies abutting Whitsbury Estate and the cereals changing from green to shades of yellow and gold as they draw closer to harvest. We manage our grassland in different ways for different purposes and the downland has been covered in wildflowers this year as have some of our arable margins which we purposefully manage for wild flowers and wildlife.

Our cows have finished calving and the bulls are back in the fields in preparation for next seasons calving. We have had some really good calves this year and they look tremendous out in the fields. Haymaking always feel like the precursor to harvest and we have almost finished making the hay if it wasn't for the heavy downpour in mid August! The oilseed rape has all been cut and seems to have fared reasonably given the year, we are now waiting for the spring barley, wheat and peas to be fit.

The fish farms have had some significant investment this year at our hatchery site and the quality and quantity of fish that we are now able to produce and grow on has impressed us all. The fry moved from the hatchery site to the growing farms in the middle of July as we need to expose the fry at a specific weight to a parasite in the river to provide immunity for them going forward. With the hospitality sector slowly reopening we are hopeful that trade for this enterprise will increase so that customers can enjoy the fish we work so hard to produce.

Fishing was one of the first sports to be made available as lockdown restrictions were eased and certainly the number of fisherman on the first few days of the trout season showed how keen people were to get out and about. The quality of the fish being caught has been excellent and is a reflection on how we manage not only the river and riverbanks but also the wider catchment area in terms of farmland and woodland.

Ash dieback has ravaged much of the countryside and the Estate has not been immune to this, consequently our forestry team have been concentrating on felling large areas of diseased Ash trees this spring. We still have large areas to do and we are carrying out this work whilst there is still a value to the timber and before the trees die. Some of this timber will be used for our logs business so is being set out in racks to dry and season in preparation for being cut in a couple of years time. Where quality butts have been cut they are being sold to local joiners and furniture makers. The challenge of what we replace the Ash with to remain commercial and provide a range of habitat within our woodlands is important, a mixed range of hardwood species will be planted rather than a monoculture approach.

The maintenance team have worked miracles preparing houses in record time for tenants to move into, the standard of property we offer to our tenants is excellent and is reflected in the amount of interest we have in our property portfolio.

David Canty | Estate Manager

Puzzles

ART & ARTISTS Quiz

Here are the names and dates of famous works of art. Can you name the artist?
Chris Clark, Charlton All Saints.

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| 1. The Scream - 1893 | 6. Lady with an Ermine - 1490 |
| 2. Girl with a Pearl Earring - 1665 | 7. Ophelia - 1865 |
| 3. Starry Night - 1889 | 8. The Light of the World - 1857 |
| 4. Les Demoiselles d'Avignon - 1907 | 9. The Night Watch - 1642 |
| 5. Primavera - 1480 | 10. Las Meninas - 1656 |

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

Word Search - Harry Potter

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Answers to last month's Book and Author quiz:

1. Snowball & Boxer: Animal Farm – George Orwell. 2. Wackford Squeers & Madeline Bray: Nicholas Nickleby – Charles Dickens. 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

Church News

Services in Chalke Valley Benefice

September 2020



BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language),
CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)

**Please note that if the Covid 19 situation changes, these service details might also change. Face masks must be worn for Services.
Please check the weekly e-bulletin.**

6 September 13th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Britford	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
13 September 14th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Nunton	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Catherine Blundell
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Homington	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
20 September 15th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Odstock	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Broad Chalke	Roger Leake
	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Catherine Blundell
27 September 16th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Roger Leake
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Extra – News and Notes

Puzzle Answers

Art and Artist Quiz answers

Nos	Art Picture and Date	Artist
1	The Scream - 1893	Edvard Munch
2	Girl with a Pearl Earring - 1665	Johannes Vermeer
3	Starry Night - 1889	Vincent Van Gogh
4	Les Demoiselles d'Avignon - 1907	Pablo Picasso
5	Primavera - 1480	Sandro Botticelli
6	Lady with an Ermine - 1490	Leonardo da Vinci
7	Ophelia - 1865	John Millais
8	The Light of the World - 1857	William Holman Hunt
9	The Night Watch - 1642	Rembrandt
10	Las Meninas - 1656	Diego Velazquez

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Thank you.

Jeremy

Scarecrow Festival Lockdown Legends

'Captain Sir Tom Moore'
by the Tuckers, Nunton



'Thank you to the NHS'
Built by Nunton Farm



Scarecrow Festival Lockdown Legends

‘Joe Wickes’
by Tilly and Tim Shipsey,



‘The Tiger Woman’
by a Britford resident



BRITFORD FARM SHOP FLOUR FOR CHARITY RESULTS !

Dear Friends,

Finally the money has been counted, the flour dust washed down and...

BRITFORD FARM SHOP has REOPENED !

A shortage in packing ability of the flour mills of whom only 4% pack for the domestic market could not bridge the shortfall for a nation in self isolated lockdown as Coronavirus "Covid-19" swept across the planet at lightning speed. The wheatgerm of an idea took on a life of it's own back in March and 11 Sales later here's the details:

We sourced flour in 375 x 16Kg sacks, packing and selling it in 1.5Kg and 2Kg bags.

5,957Kg of Flour & Sugar and 30 Kg Dry Yeast. Totalling 3210 bags for 1100+ orders.

We are thrilled to announce that the total sum of £6,160 has been raised of which £838 were donations, all for St Thomas Church Salisbury.

Grateful thanks to everyone that spread the word and to Jeanette and Theresa for their invaluable help.

Robert and Mary Lewis

Britford Farm Shop

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Salisbury Cathedral News

Salisbury Cathedral's Spirit & Endeavour exhibition

This year Salisbury Cathedral opened its largest art exhibition for 20 years as part of its 800th anniversary celebrations.

Sadly, within a week, the lockdown due to coronavirus was imposed and although the public had access to the exhibits outside, nobody was able to see the artworks inside - until now.

Celebrating 800 years of Spirit and Endeavour comprises 20 pieces of work by some of the most important contemporary artists of the 20th and 21st century, including Antony Gormley, Henry Moore and Grayson Perry.

Visitors can see sculpture, tapestry, kinetic and digital installations on the lawns and inside the building.

The cathedral has had to reduce the number of people it can welcome at one time for safety reasons, so visitors need to book in advance.

Opening hours are Monday to Saturday 10am to 2.30pm.

If you are unable to visit in person, you can take a virtual tour of the exhibition (there's a family friendly version too) by visiting www.salisburycathedral.co.uk

Curated by Jacqueline Creswell, the cathedral's visual arts adviser, the exhibition runs until 2021.

A catalogue is on sale with listings supplied by galleries, museums and foundations.

Confluence - flower festival

Sadly, Confluence, the much-anticipated flower festival has been postponed due to the coronavirus restrictions.

More than 300 flower arrangers from across the Diocese of Salisbury were due to join festival designers Michael Bowyer, Pam Lewis and Angela Turner to put on the show in September.

The Festival has been postponed until 2022.