

# News and Notes

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

October 2020

## Put to the test

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**I**n these pandemic days, I have had two main objectives. The first has been obvious: to avoid the virus by keeping to the advice set down by the medical authorities and thereby prevent my spreading the menace to others. Secondly, when talking or writing about it, to avoid clichés. So far, the former has been easier than the latter.

By definition pandemics are universal. They have occurred across the years from biblical times to the Black Death of 1348, that wiped out a third of the country's population, to the Great Plague of 1665 and the Spanish flu of 1918/19, which is said to have caused more deaths than the World War 1 itself. And, of course, there were local outbreaks of disease that panicked the population, as in 1848 when typhoid broke out in Salisbury. In those days total ignorance of the causes of disease can only have added to the horror. We are much more fortunate than our forebears.

Every generation is put to the test. One certainty is that already historians, journalists and writers are making copious notes about every aspect of this pandemic. These books will note that research has become an international race to find the winning vaccine, with huge prestige and money at stake. Putin claims Russia has the answer, Trump is poised to announce, a day or two before the Election no doubt, that the USA has the answer, while the Oxford team and many others work with optimism and furious speed.

And the Church of England, "the very present help in trouble", what role will the historians say it has played? Here, in the Salisbury diocese, and I am sure in many other dioceses, there has been a local outpouring of generosity, care, support and love. But as a national Church I suspect the historians will concentrate on the closure of the Churches, even to incumbents, and the orders of Health and Safety.

Like all of us, the Church has been put to the test. This has been the greatest crisis in this country since World War II and, possibly the Church's greatest opportunity. If ever there was a moment to shout from the hilltops about the great Christian values of looking after your neighbour and taking personal responsibility for one's own actions, this was it.

That said, the sheer goodness and generosity shown by so many individuals has been more than heart warming. If this goodness stems from God, then we should be made aware of it. And, at the same time, we Christians need to ask why so many people who have no belief in Christianity and the Church have also shown love and care worthy of the saints. *Richard Morgan - Bodenham*

# Reflection

## Distance

**K**eeping your distance has suddenly become a good thing. Very slowly we are beginning to learn this: no handshakes, no leaning over, no quick touch, 2 meters.

It is hard and in the closely knit communities of our villages it remains utterly surreal. I still feel rude when I do not return an outstretched hand. The facemasks have, for me, become a symbol of that distance: you cannot even see a smile anymore. I now even wear a visor for a church service. And that is where the disconnect between what we feel and think and what we see and show starts to really jar. Village community (and the church as part of that) is about “coming near”, getting to know your neighbours, appreciating contact, making relationship. The outward signs of “facemasks” and “keeping our distance” communicate exactly the opposite.

This dissonance between this new “good” distance and the longing for fellowship and closeness is for me held in the text from Isaiah 57:19.

*Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the Lord; and I will heal them.*

Isaiah speaks of “the far and the near”; in his context that is those who are exiled and those who live at home. But for later generations of readers this has become: those who are close to God and those who are running away from God; or now those who are in quarantine and those who are allowed to meet with others. God’s healing and peace is not constrained by distance. This gives me hope. Let us find ways for fellowship, peace and healing in our communities even if “at a distance”. *Shalom, Anna-Claar*

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## Life Lessons from Recycling

**I** always experience quite a high level of satisfaction whenever I take a load of recycling to the centre on Churchfields. Admittedly, there have been times in the past when the queues were longer than I would have liked, and the off-loading process somewhat tiresome, but the sense of fulfilment when driving away in an empty car has been palpable.

I should mention that the car in question was very largely chosen to enable effective conveyance of recycling, although I have always been willing to gift lifts to family and friends, and its particular qualities made it perfect for university deliveries and collections. In that regard, I fitted bars to carry the roof top box I needed on one journey.

What the bars enable me to do is to put two big bags of garden waste on the roof, in addition to the five which will fit in the station-wagon style rear of the car. I secure them to the roof, using those straps that HGV drivers use, which very cleverly enable you to tighten them with a ratchet to keep your load safe.

After a recent recycling visit, I tidied up the HGV straps. I roll the long strap into a neat coil. As I did this, it reminded me that, in direct contrast to the “law of diminishing returns”, here, the effectiveness of each turn is greater than the last, as the coil grows.

Now, is there a life lesson to be learnt from this phenomenon? (Get a life, I hear you cry!). Perhaps it’s that the more you put into something the more you get out of it. I’m sure that theory can be applied to a lot of aspects of life; for example, going to church.

*Adrian Taylor - Nunton*

# Community News

## Community Speed Watch Team

Like so many other community groups the Speed Watch team had to suspend activity during the lockdown, during this period traffic through the villages was lighter than usual but there were frequent reports of vehicles speeding. The restriction on our activity was lifted at the beginning of August but we did not immediately resume activity as traffic is generally lighter during the school holidays. We restarted our programme in the second week of September to correspond with the expected upsurge in traffic due to the closure of the A338.

We usually monitor traffic at two sites, in the mornings outside the nursery at Odstock and in the afternoons from the Nunton bus shelter. Typically, in the mornings we clock 120 – 150 vehicles in our 45min session and in the afternoons 80 – 100. During that week we recorded an average of 350 vehicles each morning and 400 in the afternoons. That is nearly three times as much traffic in the mornings and five times as much in the afternoons.

The resulting congestion meant that fewer vehicles were caught speeding, a total of 21 for the week but it should be noted that we are only allowed to record vehicles travelling in excess of 35mph. A very much larger number are recorded exceeding the 30mph limit.

The members of the team would like to thank all those drivers and non-drivers who offer us encouragement when we are on duty, it is good to know our efforts are appreciated.

We usually operate for a week a month and are on duty for 45mins in the morning and a similar period in the afternoon, with each member of the team doing 3 or 4 sessions. It is not an arduous commitment and if anyone has some spare time and would like to join the team, please get in touch with me.

*Sherwood Elcock – 01722 334 398 or 07770 684 046*



## Trussell Trust collection point now in Nunton milk bar

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More information can be found on their website: [TrussellTrust.org](https://www.TrussellTrust.org)

# Community News

## The Parish of Odstock with Nunton & Bodenham

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in St Andrew's Church, Nunton on Sunday 11 October 2020 at 10.30am, following the 9.30am service.

All those in the Parish are very welcome to attend.

## The Parish of Charlton All Saints

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in All Saints' Church, Charlton All Saints on Thursday 22 October 2020 at 7.30pm.

All those in the Parish are very welcome to attend.

## Nunton Playground Update

We have now installed the long-awaited new picnic bench at Jubilee Gardens. Please let us know what you think of it, because if it is a success we will order the same ones for Nunton Playground.

A big thank you to everyone who came along to help prepare the soil and sow the grass seed in the Nunton playground. As soon as the grass is sufficiently established (in around 8 weeks or so), the new equipment can be installed. In the meantime please don't let your dogs or children run around on the playground site, as the newly germinated seeds are very vulnerable until they have established good roots. All we need now is mild weather and plenty of rain!

*Sally Nelson - Chair of Odstock Parish Council*

## Parking on A338 in Britford

### *Notice on behalf of Britford Parish Council*

The Parish Council would like to ask all residents and visitors on Britford A338 High Road to be considerate of pedestrians and wheelchairs and not block the pavement when parking or unloading. **Access of at least one metre should be available for pedestrians to pass by.**

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. *Britford Parish Council*

## Green Fingert Villagers

Hi horticultural neighbours,

It's been a great spring and summer for plants and produce and thank you for sharing at our 'swaps'. We will have a breather for October and maybe get bottling and preserving in time for a swap/sale in November.

There are loads of apples, blackberries and sloes available in the hedgerows for those without gardens! Enjoy your time outdoors.

*Stephanie Elcock*

# Local Walks

## CIRCULAR WALKS AROUND ODSTOCK & NUNTON

### ***WALK 1: ~ 90 Minutes***

This walk can be done by either starting off steeply uphill and gradually descending OR starting on the flat, rising gradually and coming down fairly steeply at the end.

At Odstock cross roads take the uphill road past the Yew Tree and steeply up to the Downs. Continue until you come to a cross roads where your tarmac road turns Left and meets unmettled roads going straight on or turning right. Following the tarmac left and after a longish flat stretch you start going gently downhill, past the Longford Farm grain stores, round the bends, down past the chalk pit and at the first houses in Nunton at a sharp bend you have three choices:

1. Go into the field on your left via a gate and follow the field path across two fields, emerging at a rough track which will take you Right to the main road and Left back to the crossroads.
2. Follow the field paths across two fields and continue straight on past the back of the Manor House gardens, across a further field leading to a narrow path which joins the tarmac road just above the Yew Tree Inn.
3. Avoid the fields (good if there has been a lot of rain) and continue on the tarmac until you come onto the Odstock-Nunton main road where you turn Left back to Odstock.

Obviously this walk can be done the other way around – setting off from the Crossroads towards Nunton and either going up the Avenue just past Odstock Manor and turning Left across the fields or walking along the road to Nunton, taking the first road on the right and following it round and back to Odstock.

### ***WALK 2: ~ 1 Hour+***

From Odstock crossroads head towards the hospital, crossing the bridge over the river and keeping well in as traffic along this stretch can be quite busy. Just before the double bend turn Right into the fields marked with a Footpath sign. Walk through 2 fields to join a lovely path through a copse until it emerges at a few farm buildings. Follow the track – now a road – until you meet the main A338. Turn Right, keeping to the tarmac path, carefully cross the road on R to Nunton and continue on the path until you get to a stile and a waymarked path across 2 fields on your Right. At the end of the fields you come out at Nunton by a thatched yellow wall. Here you can join the tarmac road and go straight on back to Odstock or you can turn left, pass Nunton House on your left and the church on your right and as the road swings left, go straight on through a small gate ahead of you and along a narrow path which comes out alongside a field and eventually to a gate by the Nunton dairy. Turn Right onto the concrete road and follow it until it joins the tarmac road - The Drove. Here you can follow the tarmac straight on and at the corner cross into the field and back to Odstock across the fields as per route 1 and 2 above.

*Hazel Docherty - Odstock*

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*Will Thomlinson*

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2. Bought a litre of Tipp-Ex yesterday. Huge mistake.
3. I've started a business building yachts in my attic. Sails are going through the roof.
4. I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
5. I tried to catch some fog today but I mist.
6. I bought a dog from my local blacksmith. When I got it home it made a bolt for the door.
7. Last night I went to a comedy and philosophy convention. Laughed more than I thought.
8. Just watched a wildlife documentary on beavers. Best dam programme I've seen in a long time.
9. Jokes about German sausage are the Wurst.
10. I was trying to explain puns to my kleptomaniac friend today, but she kept taking things literally.
11. I stole a rabbit today. Then I had to make a run for it.
12. A woman told me she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore
13. I told my friend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.
14. What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
15. My wife told me I was a fool to build a car out of spaghetti. You should have seen the look on her face when I drove pasta.
16. Just watched a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting.
17. I used to have a problem where I couldn't stop naming classic American sitcoms, but I'm over it now. Happy Days.
18. My wife's working in a bowling alley. Ten pin? No, permanent.
19. I thought my wife was joking when she said she'd leave me if I didn't stop singing 'I'm A Believer'. Then I saw her face.
20. How do you approach an angry Welsh cheese? Caerphilly.
21. Jokes about opticians just get cornea and cornea.
22. A steak pun is a rare medium well done.
23. I was walking the dogs the other day when all of a sudden they vanished into thin air. Not sure where they went, but I've got some leads.
24. Did you know that owls can't breed in the rain? It's too wet to woo.
25. When my wife told me I had to stop impersonating a flamingo, I decided to put my foot down
26. Dad: I've just been diagnosed with Tom Jones syndrome. Mum: Is it common? Dad: It's Not Unusual
27. Police just caught a man stealing 50 helium balloons. They had to let him go.
28. I used to be addicted to the Hokey Cokey, but I turned myself around. And that's what it's all about.
29. I'm giving up spray deodorants at the end of the year. Roll on 2021
30. If you want a job in the moisturiser industry, the best advice I can give is to apply daily.

# Puzzles

## ART & ARTISTS - Quiz

Below are the same names and dates of famous works of art from last month's quiz. Using the internet, can you find which museum or art gallery the original can be viewed. The aim is to go on a journey of discovery around the World Wide Web!! Answers available next month. *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           |

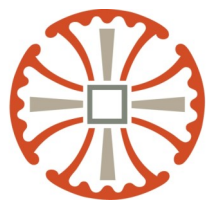
## Word Search - Films with a one word title

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### Answers to last month's Art & 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.

# Church News



## Church Services

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



**October 2020**

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

**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.**

<b>4 October</b> <b>17th Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am 11.00am	Harvest Festival Communion Harvest Festival	Britford Odstock	Jenny Taylor Anna-Claar T-R
<b>11 October</b> <b>18th Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am 11.00am	Family Communion (CW) followed by APCM Morning Prayer (BCP)	Nunton Charlton All Saints	Anna-Claar T-R Maggie Metcalfe
<b>18 October</b> <b>LUKE THE</b> <b>EVANGELIST</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Anna-Claar T-R
<b>25 October</b> <b>Last Sunday</b> <b>after Trinity</b>	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Family Service	Charlton All Saints Nunton	Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor
<b>1 November</b> <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b>	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Morning Service	Britford Odstock	Jenny Taylor Anna-Claar T-R

## Chalke Valley Benefice Bulletin

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# Extra N&N

## Radnor Hall update

The Radnor Hall is currently open for business and in particular supporting local groups who have used the Hall before. The committee must abide by current Government guidelines and are awaiting further clarity for future events.

If you wish to use the Hall, then please email [radnorhallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:radnorhallbookings@gmail.com) and discuss your booking with Anna, our Hall Manager.