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SPRING

I often think that people are a lot like plants. Some are wallflowers, some akin to tough succulents. Others more like peonies - only at their best for a couple of weeks in summer. I've even met the human equivalent of a cactus and one of my co-editors can only be described as a turnip.

That said, for me April is one of those amazing seasons of change where the similarities between humans and plants becomes more apparent.

The yearly cycle that plants go through is something that I think humans experience in a very real way. The cold of winter brings on a withdrawal, a turning inwards. The plants disappear into the earth where they wait. Similarly, for us it's a time to reflect, to regenerate and to pause before the yearly cycle starts again. As a South African, appreciating the subtleties of the seasons is something I've had to learn. Where I am from, we don't have four distinct seasons. We have summer and then a slightly colder summer for two or three days. For a long time after coming here I longed for that kind of constant warmth, wishing the colder months away. Don't get me wrong, sometimes, when I feel the cold bite of that bitter January wind, I still do.

It was working as a gardener that taught me to love the seasons and, after many hard winters, I think I finally do. The winter months of inner stillness and rejuvenation are important for humans and plants alike. It imbues us with enormous vitality. When the April sun finally calls us we answer with joy. We are part of a larger eco-system and that is something we can take great comfort in. Everything around us is pushing outwards into a world born anew. So I say be like the plants, now is your time to shine.

Also, much like the plants around us, the News and Notes has done some growing too! It's my greatest pleasure to introduce you to this bumper edition. It's thanks to your many emails, thoughts, ideas, articles and of course our wonderful advertisers (old and new) that we've been able to expand to **sixteen pages!**

Please keep them coming, you're all brilliant.

Orpheus Alexander - Co-Editor

Parish Council News

Since our last News and Notes update, a number of new faces have joined the Council including myself, Jackie Owen, Chris Trubshaw and Liz Stanger to fill vacancies left by those that stepped down at the last election as well as Tom Newman, a long serving councillor who said goodbye more recently to allow him to focus on family life.

The speed indicator device or SID is now being run by Sherwood Elcock and the Speed Watch team. The occurrence of speeding is relatively low in the two locations the SID has been in over the past few months, although in its new location near the sharp bend by Jubilee Gardens it is showing higher levels of speeding. I was walking along that stretch with my two young sons on the way back from the nursery and someone shot past at 39 mph showing that despite a flashing warning you sadly can't influence everyone.

We have also recently completed another large project, "Colin's Path" out of Nunton towards Odstock which has made walking along that road far more comfortable than before. We have put new street signs up (Odstock Road, Whitsbury Road and Rose Lane) and would be interested to hear from you if you live on an unnamed Street and have a view on what it should be called, based either on historic knowledge or personal preference.

A huge thanks to all litter pickers for their continued efforts with the litter picking, Sue Martin and I retrieved over 12 dustbin bags of litter from Odstock Road down from the hospital as well as a few interesting items out of the ditches as you approach the two bridges. If anyone wishes to join us for an hour or two the next time we go on a litter pick then please get in touch by emailing enquiries@odstock-pc.org.uk, fluorescent jackets and pickers all supplied.

I should also like to thank Mary Boyd-Camps for her work in brightening up the planting at Vicarage Gardens, the bulbs are just starting to emerge and should improve the look of this garden during the summer. We plan to do some clearance work at Jubilee Gardens in early spring to open up areas that have become overgrown in recent years.

In the coming months we hope to install two Defibrillators (one at each pub) within the community and look to organise a couple more Parish walks in partnership with the Estate. We are also pushing for the highways team to repair the potholes between the first Odstock bridge and the bottom of Odstock hill, ideally with a view that the entire section is properly resurfaced, we live in hope.

Ed Riley - Parish Council Chairman - enquiries@odstock-pc.org.uk

Happy Birthday Betty Addison!

Betty has lived in Nunton for eleven years. She was born on 6th April 1922, at a friend of her Mother's house, near Milford Hill. She went to St Marks Primary School, then South Wilts Grammar School. Betty told me how the start of WW2 changed the course of her life.



"I started off as a nursery maid and then I graduated, that was as a nanny. Well, I was only 14 then and as I grew up a bit more I got different jobs and I finished up in a job, which I had hoped to stay in, in Swanage. But that was when the Ministry came round, checking everybody and what they were doing and [the man from the Ministry] said 'you can't stay here now, you've got to go and get a job, you can't look after children. You've got to do war work.' So I had to choose from three jobs; working for the Government, joining the forces or the coal mines. So I chose to work for the Government."

While working for the Government, in Salisbury, Betty met her late husband, Bernard.

"We married in 1949. I was doing typing and office work in St Ann's Street. Bernard was in the army then, he was doing his two years compulsory National Service. He worked in a building on New Street, he was doing all the Light Infantry Payroll."

Betty and Bernard had their son, Chris, in 1950. Betty went on to work for Southern Command. After the war, Bernard joined the RAF.

"When he joined the RAF he was 38. He got this posting to Singapore and that was an accompanied one, so I could go. And then we went to Cyprus."

Betty and Bernard were living in Cyprus during the Turkish invasion in 1974. Betty told me about how she had to return to England.

"We were there when the bombs started dropping. I went to the woman next door because she had two small children. When the bombs dropped, the sockets flew off the walls and the doors blew off. It was really frightening. I was put on a plane that had those seats, they were canvas, bucket seats. It was a long flight in those bucket seats."

I asked Betty what the secret to a long life was:

"My Mum always made proper puddings. Suet puddings, sponge puddings and jam roly poly. I put it down to that. The doctor said, I heard him talking to my son and he said 'she's as strong as an ox' and I thought, what does he mean, comparing me to that!"

So that's it, folks. You heard it here first. If you want to get to 101... Eat. More. Pudding.
Anna Harriott - Co-Editor

Community News

Another hot bed of goss' and info. People, in their droves, have been providing us with copy and we have been grappling with the handover of News and also Notes. Apologies to anyone who has sent content in that wasn't included in last month's editorial, we are working hard to wrestle with all elements of this publication.

Encore Une Stanger

Eleanor Stanger and her partner Jeremy are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their daughter Phoebe Elizabeth Roe Norris on March 8th, a first grandchild for Liz and Nick Stanger of Brindle Lodge Nunton.

Landlines to go-go

Enid Alston has her ear to the ground and was wondering if any of us in the five parishes were aware that BT is going to get rid of all landlines by 2025? Enid likes her landline and wonders if this should be drawn to the attention of "any old codgers like myself within the News and Notes orbit, so they can start to get their heads into gear".

What's My Wilts App?

Cruising further into the wonderous realm of technology was Jay McGowan, Odstock Parish Clerk, with a request from the Parish Council who would like to ask that one downloads the My Wilts App from your friendly app store, so, when you have a moment you can report all sorts. Like Fly tipping, graffiti, weather emergencies and my personal favourite – dog mess.

Who wants to be a Welcomer round 'ere?

What else? I'll tell you what else! The remarkable Debbie Underhill has been welcoming newcomers to the five villages for several years now and is ready to pass the baton on to someone else. She has a leaflet ready to be dispatched, with a few tweaks, to new arrivals to the community - could you take on this joyous role? Please get in touch with us via email.

A Flag is 10!

Not to be outdone by either technology or Debbie, for those of you that may or may not have missed the other 9 - The Commonwealth of Nation's Flag of Peace is on display in Salisbury Guildhall to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Charter.

Keep us posted to help us keep you posted

What's happening in your community? Right here is where you'll find it. Do send us your news (and notes) to be included in the May edition. Us Co Editors are based in Odstock and Nunton and are especially keen to include news, articles or anything else from Britford and Charlton All Saints. If you live there and are keen, do get in touch by emailing editor@newsandnotes.co.uk

Focus on Food

Happy April everyone, I do hope some of you had a go at making the wild garlic soup recipe in last month's newsletter. We're just about to host our first pop-up event of the year, over at St Giles House on April 1st, where apart from some exquisite venison and salmon, we're also cooking up a completely vegan menu to widespread approval.

We've been working hard on our 'plant based' offerings recently, although there was one area that was holding us back and that was the cheese, dairy product alternatives. However, since we discovered Julianne Bruno juliennebruno.com/pages/shop that dilemma is no longer an issue. Additionally, we've been introduced to a plant based 'butter' from Flora and 'parmesan' from Violife, both available at Waitrose, which opens up a whole world of risottos to serve up to our growing vegan family.

But getting back to Julianne Bruno, I was searching for the holy grail of vegan 'alternatives', something to replace the sumptuous Burrata we serve all summer with a caponata or a heritage tomato salad from the Isle of Wight, and suddenly, there was something they call Burrella, which I ordered immediately along with their two other jewels, the Superstraccia and the Crematta. Three products I can't praise highly enough and I'm not even getting commission.

As luck would have it, they were featuring a recipe on their website, entitled 'Superstraccia, queen butterbeans, pan fried courgettes, verde herb pesto'. I tried it and, as a result, that's what we're serving for the vegan starter at St Giles House. I recommend having a go at this, you can order the Superstraccia online, and you might as well try out the other products as well as there's a minimum spend of £11.

We stock the butterbeans, we get them from Brindisa, who import them from Navarra in Spain. You can probably buy them online, we get them shipped in from Brindisa in London, and they come in lovely glass jars, which have a habit of breaking in transit. So if you want to avoid the trauma of a smashed delivery, you can always pick them up from us, £6.50 a jar, they are a great store cupboard essential in my book. Alternatively you could use a jar from the Bold Bean Co, available from Waitrose and a snip at £4.00

Here's a link to the recipe: juliennebruno.com/blogs/recipes/superstraccia-queen-butter-beans-verde-herb-pesto

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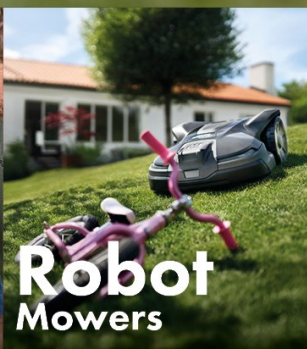
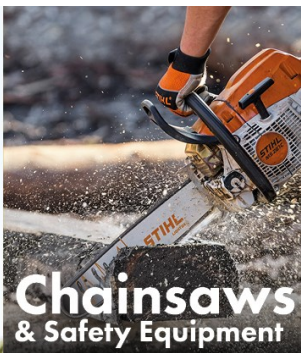
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Saturday 1st July – Nunton Field

EbbleFest: 1.30pm to 11:30pm

“Bring back the fete!” you said.

“We want more things for the children to do” you said.

EbbleFest is listening. This year the fete returns, the Village Olympics are reinstated (with a prehistoric twist!), and of course all the familiar favourites including; The Big Bar, food stalls, artisan coffees, bouncy castle, Grand Prize Draw, Barrow of Booze, Tractor Trailer rides, and much more. The more includes our very own Mediaeval Villagers, illustrating aspects of village life but not as we remember it! The historic action extends to mediaeval archery and Felix the horse, who will demonstrate ancient techniques used by Knights preparing for battle. Oh, and there will be music. Lots of live music. Local talent and firm favourites *Break Cover* return to headline.

Rally the family, bring the neighbours and the dog! Pack your deck chairs, picnic blankets and pocket money, it is going to be a banger.

Sunday 2nd July – Jubilee Gardens

11am River Side Church Service

Duck Race

11.30am

Which duck will win?

It's a race down the River Ebble to Jubilee Gardens!

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Further details in next month's *News & Notes*

NUNTON FIELD

Plant of the Month



APRIL

Forget-Me-Nots



With so many beautiful flowers on show in April choosing a plant of the month has become much trickier than I anticipated. After some thought I decided it was time to sing the praises of one of the supporting cast members. Less showy than the Prima Donna tulips with which they share a stage, nonetheless, forget-me-nots have that quintessential cottage garden allure. I often feel that only when they finish flowering do I really appreciate just how stunning they are.

As they seed themselves so easily they are often found in beautiful blue swathes, as if an over eager painter got carried away and decided to fill in every available gap with these exquisite little flowers. Which is fine by me. To keep them from volunteering their services too much simply deadhead after flowering. They are fantastic in a planter and don't mind shade at all which makes them perfect for some of those trickier areas; under large trees or shrubs, along a shady wall or down the side of your shed.

Forget-me-nots are also one of a few plants where I much prefer the common name. Their Latin name - *Myosotis* - sounds like some sort of skin condition, which is an unfortunate trend with some plants. (Looking at you scabiosa). All in all I think its high time this garden stalwart gets the praise it so richly deserves. Encore!



For me, April is all about repairing lawns. They have taken an absolute beating over the winter. If your lawn has moss (and whose doesn't!) then apply a moss treatment, leave it a week or so then scarify (making sure to clear away the thatch that gets raked up) and then, after a couple of days, aerate. Afterwards apply a top dressing of grass seed and pre seed fertiliser. I would say you shouldn't need to water this in but the seasons seem to be all over the place so, if it isn't raining like it's meant to, water it well!

Now is also the time to prune lavender. If left it can get very woody and leggy, if that's the case give it a jolly good haircut. If you prune to just above the small new shoots, low down on the stem, you can give it a whole new lease of life.

Happy gardening!

Orpheus

Report of WI Meeting - March 2023

The Radnor Hall was buzzing with activity on Monday 13th March. Forty-one members were welcomed and business was brisk with the president reminding members of the forthcoming monthly meetings for the book clubs; pins and needles; walking group; lunch club and the theatre visit on April 4th.

The hostesses Lesley Meader, Ulla Whitty and Gaye Baughan were thanked for their hard work and Gaye complimented on her cheerful spring flower arrangement. The proposed visit to Breamore House on July 31st was confirmed, Ebblefest organisers have asked if WI will run a cake and produce show on July 1st and this was agreed.

There were several county events to consider and information was laid out on the front table. Members were reminded that next month's meeting will be on April 17th because of Easter and the speaker will be Rosemary Legrand talking about 'Springtime in Japan'.

Gill Swatridge and Joyce England were thanked for taking over the manning of the welcome desk and Gill Dodd thanked for stepping in as a hostess next month. Hatty Hillier is to design and produce a Treasure Map which will be a fun way of raising funds.

Members were asked to pay their subscription of £46 either by cheque, cash or BACS and to return their Renewal Form to Rosemary Stephens. The flower of the month competition was won by Gill Dodd with £12.19 raised for ACWW funds. Coffee was accompanied by a wide choice of cakes and generated £30 in donations for Salisbury Foodbank to accompany the four bags of groceries donated this month.

Finally, members were treated to the Fordingbridge Handbell Ringers, a team of ten ladies led by Penny Estall. The team was formed when a set of handbells was discovered in the church tower in the 1990s having been there since WW2!

Since then they have extended their set and now have 37 bells of some considerable value. To preserve the strength of the leather the players wear gloves and Whitechapel Bells have tuned some of them.

They played a range of well known songs such as Strawberry Fayre and Walking in the Air, they recited a funny poem 'The Computer Swallowed Grandma' and played the 'The Parade of Tin Soldiers' with mallets striking their bells. They delighted us with their skills and fun.

Audience participation followed with WI members playing chimes or bell plates to join in with the handbells when directed. They finished with the Floral Dance, made famous by Terry Wogan. Good fun.

Rosemary Stephens

Church News

Easter Story

I don't know about you but it only seems five minutes since Christmas and here we are at Easter – the highlight of the Church's year!

Easter is a time when we are faced with the whole gamut of emotions within a few short days. Holy Week starts with the celebratory feel of Palm Sunday as we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey to shouts of 'Hosanna!' from the crowds. However, just a few days later we come to the anguish of Maundy Thursday when, after celebrating the Passover feast and sharing bread and wine with the disciples, Jesus was handed over to the Jewish and Roman authorities. Then the devastation of the crucifixion on Good Friday. It appeared to the disciples that it was over; Jesus the man they had come to believe was the Messiah was just another man. All hope was gone.

But three days later the world turned on its head – Jesus rose from the dead and was seen by the disciples who could truly shout out to the world with great joy, 'Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!'. The devastation of the last few days turns to joy and celebration!

So whatever emotion you are feeling at the moment, I hope that you will be able to join in with the celebration of Easter! - Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley

News from the Pews

Thank you to all of you who attended the Lent Lunch on 11 March and supported our chosen charity, CRESS. The final figure raised is not yet available but looks to be more than £500. Our Lent Course, written by our Team vicar, Ruth, has been very interesting and provoked much discussion. The Parish APCM on 30 March is a time to vote for our Churchwardens and other positions relating to the PCC and to review the past year in our churches and the Parish accounts.

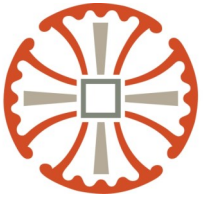
During the Lent period, we have not had any flowers in the churches (apart from our lovely daffodils on Mothering Sunday). As we pass into April, there will be more changes. On 7 April, Good Friday (the day that we commemorate Christ's crucifixion) we go even further and remove all the altar clothes and candles. There will be a quiet contemplative service at 2pm on 7 April at St Mary's, Odstock as we remember Christ's journey to his death.

Then, on 9th April, Easter Sunday, we invite you to our celebratory Communion service at St Andrew's Nunton at 11 am. The church will be decorated again and we hope that the weather will be good enough for us to have an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard. Please do bring your families along to join us.

We are so grateful to all our volunteer flower arrangers who help to decorate the churches. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact either of the Churchwardens.

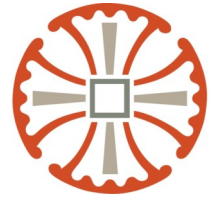
Stephanie Elcock - Churchwarden, St Andrew's, Nunton

Mary Boyd Camps - Churchwarden, St Mary's, Odstock



Church Services

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



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

April 2023

Please check the weekly e-Bulletin or e-N&N for all Benefice Services

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| 2 April PALM SUNDAY | 9.30am 11.00am | Parish Communion Family Service | Britford Odstock | Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor |
| 6 April MAUNDY THURSDAY | 6.00pm | Commemoration of the Last Supper | Bishopstone | Jenny T Ruth HS |
| 7 April GOOD FRIDAY | 2.00pm | Way of the Cross | Odstock | Ruth H-S |
| 8 April EASTER EVE | 6.00pm | Easter Fire & Communion | Charlton All Saints | Ruth H-S |
| 9 April EASTER DAY | 9.30am 11.00am | Parish Communion Family Communion | Britford Nunton | Ruth H-S Ruth H-S |
| 16 April 2nd Sunday of Easter | 10.00am | Benefice Communion | Odstock | Jenny Taylor |
| 23 April 3rd Sunday of Easter | 9.30am 11.00am | Parish Communion Family Service | Charlton All Saints Nunton | Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor |
| 30 April 4th Sunday of Easter | 10.00am | Benefice Communion | Coombe Bissett | Dean of Salisbury Cathedral Very Revd Nicholas |
| 7 May 5th Sunday of Easter | 10.00am | 'Coronation Weekend' Benefice Communion | Britford | Jenny Taylor |

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Church Services

| <div>  Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – April 2023  </div> | | | | |
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| BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language) | | | | |
| 2 April PALM SUNDAY  | 9.30am Family Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Service (CW) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 11.00am Morning Service 5.00pm Compline | Broad Chalke Britford Ebbesbourne Wake Coombe Bissett Odstock Berwick St John Bishopstone Fifield Bavant | Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor Lay Led Sally Leaver Ruth H-S | |
| 3, 4, 5 April | 8.00pm Compline | Coombe Bissett | | |
| 6 April MAUNDY THURSDAY | 6.00pm Commemoration of the Last Supper (CW) | Bishopstone | Jenny T / Ruth HS | |
| 7 April GOOD FRIDAY  | 11.00am St John's Vigil 12 noon Way of the Cross 12 noon Reflections on The Passion 1.00pm Readings and Music 2.00pm Way of the Cross | Alvediston Berwick St John Broad Chalke Bishopstone Odstock | Lay Led Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Sally Leaver Ruth H-S | |
| 8 April EASTER EVE | 6.00pm Easter Fire & Communion 6.00pm Easter Fire & Communion | Charlton All Saints Homington | Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor | |
| 9 April EASTER DAY  | 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Communion (CW) | Broad Chalke Bowerchalke Bishopstone Britford Coombe Bissett Berwick St John Ebbesbourne Wake Nunton | Jenny Taylor Archdeacon Alan Jeans Anthony Hawley Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor Archdeacon Alan Jeans Tony Monds Ruth H-S | |
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| 23 April 3rd Sunday of Easter | 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 9.30am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Family Service 11.00am Parish Communion (CW) 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00am Morning Prayer (BCP) 6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP) | Berwick St John Charlton All Saints Broad Chalke Nunton Bishopstone Alvediston Homington Bowerchalke | Kate Rosslyn Smith Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Adrian Taylor Jenny Taylor Ruth H-S Rhoderick Voremberg Lay Led | |
| 30 April 4th Sunday of Easter | 10.00am Benefice Communion (CW) 10.00am Benefice Communion (CW) | Berwick St John Coombe Bissett | Ruth H-S Dean Of Salisbury Very Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos | |
| 7 May 5th Sunday of Easter 'Coronation Celebration Weekend' | 10.00am Benefice Communion (CW) 10.00am Benefice Communion (CW) | Ebbesbourne Wake Britford | Ruth H-S Jenny Taylor | |
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