

News and Notes

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

June 2023

An Eventful Summer

I get a little reclusive in the winter, what with my tendency to work odd hours in dark theatres and having small-ish children. It always takes me by delightful surprise when, within the space of a few weeks, the warmer weather returns, the evenings stretch out before us and our community starts doing what it does best – events! And getting me out of the house.

Things have already started happening. There was a splendid Coronation lunch, which Jeremy writes about this month in the Community News. Marelka and I spent a lovely morning at a WI meeting and I even squeezed in a drink at the Raddy. I can confirm that it's still *the* place to be on a Friday night and it was good to see Orpheus and Jonny in their natural habitat.

This month News & Notes is bursting with events and fun things to do including a BBQ at Charlton All Saints. Plus, the epic build up to Ebbfest continues. Roll on the summer!

For me, the long summer evenings bring with them a wonderful sense of time. Time to stop and chat. We love taking the dog out later in the day, and for longer. A trip to the river quickly turns into a social event when another family happens to be there at the same time. In fact, it was just this kind of thing that started our friendship with our dear Co-Editors. Both of our families would often walk our dogs in the same field, meeting sometimes by chance. Then less and less by chance as time went on. Our paths had crossed once before. Jonny gave me a lift when he saw me running from Odstock Bridge to Jubilee Gardens, trying to get ahead of the yellow ducks I'd just tipped into the river. But it was those spontaneous summer walks that did it.

I'm ever grateful for the wonderful community that we're a part of, it's something very special. I'm looking forward to seeing more of you all over the next few warm months, at an event big or small, impromptu or planned, during what's sizing up to be an eventful Summer!

Anna Harriott - Co-Editor

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Nunton Farm News

After an especially dry February and a rather wet March and April, things feel a bit more Spring like! The rain has thoroughly soaked the soil, reassuring us that come the summer we shouldn't suffer through a drought like 2022! (Now I've said it!) The sun is now shining, and the cows are really enjoying basking in its warm glow.

For those of you maintaining luscious lawns you may have noticed that the grass is now really growing. The cows have already made their way around the farm twice, hoovering up that gorgeous green grass! You may have even had the pleasure of spotting them crossing the road to reach our meadow grazing (insert cow crossing joke). Thanks again for your patience, and for the lovely comments on our Facebook page about it being the best part of your day!

Spring calving has been a blast! The cows started popping calves out at the beginning of February at quite a rate. With 202 calvings in February alone! The remaining cows calved over March and April. The team coped very well with the workload to make sure that the freshly calved cows and new additions to the herd got the best of care. We are now at peak cow numbers, milking a whopping 795 cows!

You may have noticed some big old tractors toing and froing through the village with even larger trailers in tow. These have been hauling silage (cut grass) from our silage leys (a fancy name for fields) to our silage clamps, to be ensiled and stored until we come to feed it to the cows over the winter months.

In other news, we have been planting our maize along the Downton road, and near Britford. This has started to emerge from the soil and will grow up to 10ft tall by autumn. Then, once mature it will be harvested for more silage to provide additional food for the winter months. Last year we fed a whopping 5,000T of silage!

Other jobs keeping the team busy have been fertilizing, rolling, changing liners on the parlour (280 of them!!), feeding all the hungry mouths, and of course milking!

After 4 Years with us Jazmine has moved on to pastures new. Thank you for your years service to the farm. As a team we enjoyed a few pints at the Radnor to say fare thee well. We will be welcoming a new member to the team soon. There are also a few new faces joining us to help during busy periods and to cover time off. You may see them around and about the farm this summer!

Whilst the farming activities keep us busy here at Nunton Farm, we are passionate about the wildlife and ecosystems that we are so involved with in this beautiful area. Currently we are undertaking a Hedgehog survey to determine the local population. Keep your eyes out for sonic and let us know! There are lots of young leverets (baby hares) running around enjoying the cover provided by long grass in the grazing pastures. You may have also seen the red kites filling the skies, circling above the freshly cut silage fields.

Our milk delivery empire continues to grow as we now supply Fordingbridge Farm Shop. This is an exciting addition as it has recently undergone a revamp and has now reopened! Our vending machines continue to offer 24 hour access to the delicious milk provided by our cows.

John Martin - Nunton Farm

Focus on Food

July - Bountiful Bowls, Boxes, Bennet and Beer

Talking of food, I've been trying to consume less of it since the beginning of the year, I'm carrying timber as they say up North. In January I needed to lose 25lbs, so far I'm down 10lbs but weight loss has come to a grinding halt since then. I have breakfast, a bowl of cereal, fresh fruit, Nunton farm milk, no sugar around 8.30am. Then I have a modest meal of, usually fish and vegetables, possibly some grains in the middle of the afternoon. Then that's it until breakfast again. No snacks, chocolate, biscuits, toast or nuts. And then a massive gin and tonic at 6.00pm, it's a clear liquid so obviously no calories.

I have a bi-weekly gym session with a certain personal trainer, who thrashes me to within an inch of my life every other Wednesday, I swim up at the hospital and walk through the woods and fields around Longford Farmhouse once or twice a week. All to no avail. If I just stick with the breakfast alone, I can lose a couple of pounds a week, but that's 7 weeks of cereal and fruit. I suppose I could mix it up with an occasional Omelette Arnold Bennet.

A few scoops in the Radnor on a Friday night with all the locals piled in, is a weekly occurrence and two or three pints sends the weight back up again. It's tedious, but at the same time fascinating to understand what little food one needs to keep going. My dad didn't understand that and sadly died at the age of 69 weighing 22 stone. He was a happy bunny until that day, but he did struggle getting around. We know it's a killer and that's why I'm trying to lose a few inches round the waist, I'm 69 in November.

Talking of food, some people just don't get enough. It's expensive now, up 20% since January alone. We feed about 300 people most weekends at events we cater for, mostly weddings. Sometimes we get the numbers wrong and have food left over for which we would love to find a good home. Food banks won't take it. So, if you know a family or two we might be able to help out occasionally through the summer months, we would be happy to donate it, free of charge obviously. Ping me an email enquiries@breadandflowers.co.uk.

Sometimes it's cooked food that just needs reheating, sometimes it's fresh vegetables and fruit. It could be anything really so would suit a family who likes to cook and enjoys a varied diet.

If you want to see what else has been happening at Bread and Flowers, head over to the website www.breadandflowers.co.uk

Martin Simcock - Bread & Flowers

Community News

Back once again, not unlike the Renegade Master - with the News and Misc' from the 5-villages folk through the powers of email and, more recently, mouth. As always, your news and views are well received and see! Here is where we can share them.

An Exceedingly Good Cause

In at number one this month is Longford Primary School who are delighted to be hosting a stall at Ebbfest 2023. There you will find games and activities for everyone to take part in. Any funds raised will, importantly, go towards the refurbishment of the school library. Please get yourselves down there - unless you don't like books or children!

Bread, Flowers and Hats

Next up is our very own Bee Simcock of Bread and Flowers in Britford, with a glorious request for hats. She asks "Do you have any hats you no longer need or want? They do not need to be in good condition! Battered and grubby are fine – they are for a project & I just need A LOT of hats. I can collect them from you. If you can help. Please email or call Bee – bee@breadandflowers.co.uk / 07974199469.

Not Simply most of the Saints and Village BBQ

Here as well is Clare Penny from the swashbuckling Charlton All Saints, who would like to invite us all to the Charlton All Saints Village barbecue. Clare tells us this is at 6pm on Saturday 15th July in Charlton Churchyard. There promises to be a meat as well as a veggie BBQ with salads to boot. Skittles, bar and family fun. Adults will be relieved of £10 on the door, children of £5 and under 5's are free - for entry, not for the taking. Clare Penny is contactable for tickets on 01725 557 581.

Fish up for grabs!

Indulis Zakks – also of Charlton All Saints, has written to us with news from their small garden pond which is full of fish which are getting too much for them to handle. They wish to shut the pond down and give the fish away for free, to a good home. The fish are of varying sizes from 18in Koi, to multi sized fantails, goldfish and Tech and they are breeding. Should this be up your street the number to call is 01725 512 107.

The Raddy is two with Lou

The Fabulous Radnor Arms in Nunton is celebrating its second birthday, with Lou at the helm, on the 14th July. What a night this promises to be. Live music, most of the people from everywhere, food and practically all the best tipples you could think of. Sometimes Anthony Warley of Nunton does dancing, and there isn't much else better.

A bar! A bar! An Ebbfest for my Bar

Ebbfest are champing at the bit to let everyone know that there is a bar (the one used at the 'fest itself) up for rental, should anyone need one - £25 for a weekend hire. Please contact Laura McGregor of Odstock - lauramcgregor1@hotmail.co.uk

Jubilee Gardens Make Over

Heartfelt thanks from the whole community to Rod and his band of merries; Sheri, Nigel, Sally, Colin, Chris and John. They've only gone and tidied up Jubilee Gardens. It looks wonderful and we're all tremendously grateful.

More Community News

Coronation Lunch

A very successful 'bring and share' lunch was held on Sunday 7th May in The Radnor Hall to celebrate the Coronation.

About 60 people attended from Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham spanning four generations. We shared an excellent lunch and everyone was very grateful to the Odstock Parish Council for their generous grant towards the event.



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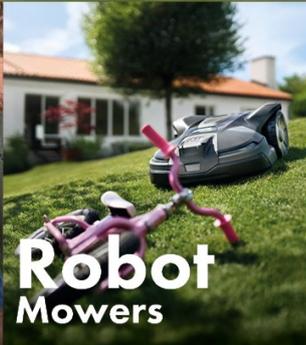


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Plant of the Month



June
Peony



So far, the plant of the month has been to celebrate the underdog. The smaligned. The lovable rogues. Bit part players on the garden stage. Not any more. The time for frivolity is over. The air grows still, a silence falls over the garden. The flowers cower. Somewhere a dog barks. It is coming. Peony.

The ripples in a forgotten glass of prosecco, left out overnight, are the first clues that something huge is approaching. A vast shape rises up from the ground and suddenly is upon us, with a radiance almost overpowering to behold. Arrogant in its blousy beauty, this is a flower that knows it puts everything else to shame. If Crocodile Dundee had been a botanist instead of a safari guide, this is what he would have pulled out with an antipodean cry of "That's not a flower, THIS is a flower!"



Heavy is the head that wears the crown, this has never been more evident than with a peony. Make sure you have your plant supports firmly in place, the earlier the better! They like good, well-drained soil and full sun. If you are looking to get some for your garden they are best planted in either Autumn or Spring. Don't plant too deep and don't water the new plants too much. If you have some already (and honestly you should) consider dividing them in autumn. Cut the foliage down to ground level and dig it up, trying to get as many of the roots as possible. Then clear off the soil and using a knife or pruners cut it into sections, ensuring each clump has 3 to 5 "eyes" or small buds that will be next year's shoots.

Other gardening jobs for June include tidying up any remaining daffodils – as long as they are brown and wilted, if they are still green leave them be, they are putting energy back into the bulb ready for next year. Make sure you are tying in all new growth on your climbers and keeping up with the never ending weeding. Also make sure you are watering regularly! Evening time is best, maybe with a glass of something in hand..

Happy Gardening!

Orpheus - Co-Editor

Amber Chapell

How long have you lived in Britford?

I've lived in Britford from the day I was born until I was 20 when I moved to Bristol for Drama School. I returned when I was 29 and it's been lovely to be back, especially during lockdown.

What are your earliest memories of village life?

Going to a C of E primary school meant lots of trips to St Peters for Easter and Harvest Festival which was always pretty wholesome. I remember fondly two lads from my year standing in the church pulpit shouting "Its Friday Night! It's still number one! It's TOP OF THE POPS". The vicar was very good about it.

What do you do for work?

I'm a freelance Stage Manager working on plays, musicals and other events. My role is to make sure the day to day running of the production is going smoothly, being "on book"; cuing the lights, sound, set and actors, and making sure the actors are in the loop with everything that is happening.

Where does your job take you?

Mostly across the UK, but recently I was lucky enough to take a show to Australia! As well as larger Aussie cities we took Happy Meal (A Trans rom-com that takes place over 10 years on different pockets of the internet) to smaller regional towns. I love being able to take stories to the smaller towns, not just London etc, especially when you're telling stories that people will see themselves in, because like in the instance of Happy Meal, LGBTQ+ people exist in small towns like ours too! Hey! We're here!

What's your most memorable show/job?

I have so many I could fill this whole page but that could be very boring! A stand out one is a show called Bloody Elle, A Gig Musical. Written and performed by one of my best mates, it reopened the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester after the pandemic, so that was special enough, but it's a story of first love that speaks to so many people. The team got together and did it again at Edinburgh Fringe last Summer and it was a huge success, and in July it gets a well-deserved London run, I can't wait to do it again!

What do you like best about your job?

The comradery of creating something new with other creative individuals and how no two jobs, or in fact no two shows, are ever the same.



WI News

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI report May 2023

Julie Ann Hatchman opened the meeting with our prayer. Hatty, our President, thanked Sue Amey for the lovely bowl of Tulips and all the band of helpers. There was a brief discussion about the book clubs, walking group, lunch club and AGM. Volunteers for our cake and produce stall at Ebbfest on 1st July are needed. Susie is taking numbers for the outing to Breamore House with lunch on 31st July cost £20. The new programme with lively events has been distributed with the list of members. Rose, Mary and Susie presented the Resolution for the AGM, about cleaning up polluted rivers and wild bathing sights. The resolution was passed unanimously.

We then had a lively talk from 'The Stitching Witch' Karen Grant, her passion about Bespoke Hand crafted Corsetry. We learnt how she made the wide variety of corsets, she has about 35 samples carefully hand stitched, which can be individually made for you, costing from £99 - £400 for a beautiful goat kid Corset. Sally Hadley gave her a vote of thanks. Ann Waight won the flower of the month for her beautiful red paeony.

The next meeting on Monday 12th June at 2.30pm is 'The Summer Tea Party' a beach theme with Kate Edgar's Sea shanty singers. Other WI's have been invited to attend this meeting.

Debby Underhill

First Time Visitors

I've never been to a WI meeting before so Marelka and I were keen to go and see what it's all about. I arrived with just a few minutes to spare and the hall was already full and buzzing. I was delighted at the chance to catch up with some familiar faces and to meet new people from our community. Everyone was very welcoming, up for a natter and we easily slipped into chatting.

Once we sat down and Julie opened the meeting, I quickly realised that there's a lot going on in the WI! There was talk of trips out, an Ebbfest stall, the Resolution, Book Club, raising money for the Foodbank, a Jubilee Tree, bulb purchasing, cakes, flower of the month (also raising money for charity) and a seaside party where members were asked to bring photographs of themselves on the beach.

The feeling of the meeting was relaxed, well organised and a space for women to come together and, ultimately, do good. Do good for themselves, do good for each other and do good for the community.

Before we left we were handed a timetable of events. There's a varied and exciting programme of talks coming up over the next few months. I encourage you to go along and check it out for yourself. There was even a tea break—with biscuits.

Anna - Co-Editor

Church News

News from the Pews

The Coronation might seem old news to you now, but as I write this, I am still heartened by the sight of so many respecting and joining in the service in Westminster Abbey. I am also extremely glad that Mary and I do not have to be churchwardens to a church as magnificent as the Abbey! May has seen the last of the Church's 'special' days until we celebrate our Harvest Festival in the autumn – seems like a long way away as we haven't yet had much of a spring, let alone summer! On 18th May we celebrated the Ascension of Christ and on 29th May we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (also called Whitsunday), 50 days after Easter.

Now that it is warmer and we can enjoy our churches without winter overcoats, we are planning some spring-cleaning days for both churches and would very much like some help.

If you are free on **Saturday 24th June** please join us at St Mary's, Odstock and on **Saturday 15th July** at St Andrew's, Nunton – we can provide the dusters and refreshments.

The Salisbury diocese is taking part in the National Burial Ground Survey and at some point our churchyards will be digitally mapped, so do not be alarmed if you see some activity going on later in the summer – it is all perfectly legitimate.

And in case you hadn't spotted it, we have started our tea afternoons in the Barker Room. The next one will be on **Thursday 8th June between 2-4pm**. (See item on CreativiTea).

Stephanie Elcock - Churchwarden, St Andrew's, Nunton

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

Are we there yet!

I am sure that many of you will have heard, or uttered, that cry from the backseat of the car – sometimes when you have only just started the journey! Most of us don't really like waiting for things to happen. But during the Easter season (which in the church year starts on Easter Sunday and lasts for 50 days until Pentecost or Whit Sunday) the disciples did a lot of waiting.

They waited in fear in the upper room after Jesus' death on the cross. After the women went to the tomb, and found it empty, they waited to encounter the risen Jesus. And then when Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after Easter they were told to wait again! 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about' (Acts 1.4.) They waited a further 10 days until the Holy Spirit arrived in the wind and tongues of fire and they were able to speak different languages.

Whilst Jesus lived on earth his ministry was limited in time and place but the Holy Spirit has been sent for us without any physical or time constraints. Through the Holy Spirit we, who haven't met the historical Jesus, can know the risen Christ and experience the reality of God's love for us. We don't have to wait – the Holy Spirit is here!

The mission of the church is often described as 'seeing what the Holy Spirit is doing and joining in'. At this time of Pentecost let's look for what the Holy Spirit is doing here in the Chalke Valley and find out how we can join in. The possibilities are endless. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus can walk by our side.

After his departure Jesus assures us that he will not leave us orphaned... and we aren't because we have been sent another advocate; an advocate with limitless power...

The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shiple



Church Services

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



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June 2023

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

4 June Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Family Service (CW)	Britford Odstock	Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor
11 June 1st Sunday	9.30am 11.00am	Family Communion (CW) Morning Prayer (BCP)	Nunton Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor Jenny Taylor
18 June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Jenny Taylor
25 June 3rd Sunday	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Family Service	Charlton All Saints Nunton	Jenny Taylor Jenny Taylor
2 July 4th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) EbbleFest Riverside service at Jubilee Gardens	Britford Odstock	Ruth H-S Ruth H-S



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Read more of how these donations this will be used in [e-NewsandNotes](#)

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Church Services



Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – June 2023

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4 June TRINITY SUNDAY	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service (CW)	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
11 June 1st Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Nunton	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Anthony Hawley
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	All Age Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
3.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair	
18 June 2nd Sunday after Trinity	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
25 June 3rd Sunday after Trinity	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Tony Monds
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Ruth H-S
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Homington	Rhoderick Voremberg
2 July 4th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Kate Woolven
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Kate Woolven
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Ebblefest Riverside Service	Odstock Jubilee Gdns	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led

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This means we can:

- Provide agriculture training for 10 more savings groups (250 refugees) in the refugee settlements in Northern Uganda.
- Provide tools, seeds and tree seedlings for all of these groups.
- Fund the transport costs for the agriculture team as they deliver those tools, seeds and training as well as supervision for the groups throughout the year. This money is especially needed for the maintenance of the vehicles as they travel such long distances on rough roads.

Money from the Lent Project has also been used to organise the fundraising events and Bishop Joseph's travels. Caroline and her team plan to meet some of the new Chalke Valley agricultural groups when they visit Uganda in January 2024.

We look forward to bringing you updates over the next few months so you can see the impact your donations have had.

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EBBLE FEST 2023

Back, bigger & better!

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!

Enter on the Duck Stall at EbbleFest

Raft Race

12 Noon

Build or borrow a raft and 'get set go' down the River Ebble. Landlubbers gather at Jubilee Gardens.

*Call Stewart Ford for an entry form
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Further details in next month's *News & Notes*

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