News and Notes

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

May 2024

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Hello! It's our turn to pull together all of your vital news and notes, and what a privilege it is to do so for this bursting May edition.

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As we race towards the warmer weather, your emails have been coming in fast. As a result there's lots to catch up on including an astounding achievement for charity, a posh

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parliamentary dinner, a fun family event on the farm, Longford news and even a wedding!

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We're sending lots of good luck and calm vibes to those in our community who are facing their Year 6 SATs tests this month. It feels like just yesterday that I was writing a front cover all about the new academic year and yet here we are, in the summer term already.

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Marelka & Jonny, Anna & Orpheus

Email: editor @newsandnotes.co.uk We particularly want to give a shout out to the EbbleFest organisers. Anyone who's worked in events, big or small, knows that this is crunch time. Just two months to go and we can only imagine the emails, calls, to-do lists (multiple) and tasks they have ahead of them. It takes a huge effort to put on an event and this one is a whopper, one we all simply adore. All those details that we take for granted on the day are being carefully planned right now. From the fun stuff like bands, food and beer, to the absolutely essential and mundane like toilets, water and health & safety. The team behind this epic event are going like the clappers and all this work is done on a voluntary basis. We salute you! To support them you can do things like offer to help, share their posts on social media, tell your friends and... buy tickets, which are on sale now.

Head to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for EbbleFest.

Next Deadline:

14 May for June edition

Anna and Orpheus - Co-Editors

Community News

Reaching New Heights

Vicki Shipsey has been on an epic and brave adventure, all to raise money for vital equipment for her son Jack and the incredible charity Julia's House Hospice. Last time we checked she'd raised over £5,000. Vicki's done this by abseiling off the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth (Google it, it's huge).

Congratulations to Vicki, our local Wonder Woman and total Wonder Mum.

There is still time to donate! Visit www.gofundme.com and search Vicki Shipsey - it'll come up.

The full Go Fund Me page title is:

Vicki's Abseil for Jack and Julia's House!



Everyone loves a wedding!

Here's a great big whopping CONGRATUALTIONS to Andrew West and Tina Hillie who are getting married in May, with their wonderful daughter Maple and doggo Remi in tow. We send them all the luck and love in the world.

Open Farm Sunday — 9th June

Longford Farm and Nunton Dairy are combining forces on 9 June to host Open Farm Sunday. They've not done it for a few years so we're looking forward to an excellent educational family day out.



CREATIVITEA

Thursday 16th May 2-4pm

Please note this will be held at the Orchard, Nunton (As the Barker Room is recovering from a flood.)

Do you want to learn to crochet? Having a struggle with some knitting? Or just fancy a game of scrabble? Join us for tea, cake and a chat in The Orchard for a Creative Tea! Bring your ideas of how we can be more creative.

Yoga On Your Doorstep

Did you know there's a yoga studio in Britford? It's called Studio Britford and offers classes throughout the week. To find out more go to **www.studiobritford.com** or email **studiobritfordyoga@gmail.com**

Community News

Salisbury Theatre Makers Welcomed To Parliamentary Dinner

You may remember that Anna Harriott (Co-Editor of N&N) alongside Iona Johnson are the creators of the family theatre show *Stories in the Dust*. Last year the show was developed alongside children from Longford Primary School and with support from Ian Williams, Professor of Applied Environmental Science at Southampton University. This was thanks to funding from Arts Council England.

Anna, Iona and Ian have co-written a scientific paper entitled *Stories in the Dust: the arts as a medium to communicate climate science research.* It discusses and evidences how the arts can be an effective tool to inspire social change, communicating climate science by getting right to the heart of an audience through live theatre.

On 23rd April, Anna and Iona attended a parliamentary dinner to launch the paper, which has been published in the journal *Civic Partners in Net Zero* by the *Key Cities Innovation Network*.

The show will tour again in Autumn, including visiting Salisbury Arts Centre.

To find out more about the show and to read the paper please go to: www.storiesinthedust.co.uk

Intergenerational Easter Performance

Longford Primary School had some very special visitors in April when members of the local churches attended a school assembly, led by our very own Reverend Ruth. They were there as co-performers with the young students and performed for the parents, carers and staff. Together, they retold the Easter story through dialogue and song - complete with costumes! It was a fun and inspiring way to tell the Easter Story and to bring the community together.



Obituary

David Saul has asked us to pass on the sad news that his dear wife Anji has died after a very long illness. She slipped away peacefully at the Salisbury hospice on 3rd April, tenderly supported by the care team and held by her family. She had lived a nomadic lifestyle for much of her life but was completely settled in Nunton where, perhaps for the first time, she found a real home in this beautiful place amongst kind and loving neighbours. We will miss her.

Longford Estate News

Our climate is certainly changing, last year we had a very wet start to the beginning of the year and this year has been no different. The rivers have spilt into the surrounding fields and whilst the water has subsided it has yet to fully dissipate, one property has been flooded four times since January! The farm team have worked tirelessly when the weather and ground conditions have allowed to get as much of the spring cropping drilled as possible and there is still more to do. Hopefully some of the fields will dry up enough to allow us to drill them in the next week.

The cows started calving a week earlier than expected producing some great calves, we have also had a number of twins. With the cows now out on grass and Longford Park remaining very wet we have been unable to move our yearlings into The Park which we would normally do. They are currently grazing Homington Meadows but again we are hopeful that The Park will dry up soon so that we can move them. With the dry fields under pressure from grazing animals and the wet fields still very wet there is the question of where we will get our hay from, this is a question that many farmers are faced with this year.

The Wiltshire Wildlife Conservation Volunteers have been working with some of our team on the Grims Ditch in Great Yews to great effect clearing bramble, cutting back deadwood, coppicing clearing the sides and middle of the ditch. Along the A338 heading into Downton the field boundary brambles have been cut back and trees coppiced which has improved visibility for vehicles exiting fields and track junctions.

The weather is a constant topic of conversation for the rural community and this year is no different, the Rivers Avon and Ebble have both burst their banks slightly earlier than last year as a result of the sheer volume of rain. The rivers have behaved differently to last year, possibly because the rain fell onto saturated rather than frozen ground.

The trout farm is now taking fish weekly from the hatchery which is improving efficiencies further and the fish continue to grow well. We have secured a number of new customers in recent months such is the demand for our excellent, fresh and sustainable product.

The rivers team have had a difficult start to the year with much of their time spent in waders! They have managed to get onto some of the banks and opened up some old stretches that had become overgrown and improved some existing swims as well. We would normally be looking to stock the river with Brown trout in the middle of April/early May but this is not possible at the moment due to the wet banks and the access to them.

Longford Logs delivered 570 loads this past season. We are taking orders for next season already which can be done through our website, https://www.longfordestates.co.uk/the-estate/longford-logs/, you can now select the date and time of your delivery to suit you.

The maintenance team have remained busy since the start of the year refurbishing properties and dealing with all of the maintenance and call-out work at the same time. The National Gallery tours are well underway, the tours continue to receive excellent reviews.

Our Instagram page highlights some of the things we are doing on the Estate each day.

David Canty — Estate Manager

Focus on Food

Life - It's not always about the food

I went back to Ince a couple of weeks ago. An old village friend's mother had died, Mrs Phillips, aged 90. Sybil to her friends, Mrs Phillips to me, always Mrs Phillips, kind, lovely, generous, terrifying, as only friend's mums can be.

Starman was his name, my old chum, a moniker foisted upon him in 1970, just as we started hitting the discotheques of Chester, Frodsham, Tarporley and New Brighton. Actually, Tarporley was more of a young farmers thing, but aged 16 and living on the Mersey Estuary, you took whatever you could get for a night out. Feverish times for young males, stalking the dancefloors like a pride of lions, jackals more like, eager to engage. Starman's previous nickname at primary school had been Fatso Phillips, a handle we didn't think carried much kudos when exchanging pleasantries with the girls, opposite which we had been gyrating for a good half an hour, and to whom we would have liked to introduce ourselves.

Starman walked into Ince church with his wife and sister and extended family, grief etched into his face. Cold, stiff, hopeless, a motherless orphan for the first time in his life, bereft, saddened, grief stricken. As you are at a funeral, and so you should be. The ceremony was short, classic. 'O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the works Thy hand hath made'. I'm not sure the vicar was quite on top of the situation, but she seemed to muddle through and later led the procession of mourners through the graveyard to Sybil's final resting place, not ten yards from where my mum and dad are buried, along with at least 50 other people from the village, who I grew up with and are laid to rest there, alongside each other.

The commitment is always a raw affair, a necessary coming to terms with actual death. But there is a sweetness as there always is in life, as family members and friends step forward, offer a hand, a cheek, a few words, a shared tear, then bend to pinch a piece of the sandstone red earth to throw over the coffin in respect and remembrance. The vicar, clearly starting to relax at the end of her shift, clutched her lever arch file full of plastic insert sleeves, packed with memorabilia, memoranda, cards, eulogies and her afternoon shopping list, close to her bosom. She addressed the throng for the final time, lamenting loudly across the cemetery, before bending forward herself through 120 degrees to clutch the red earth and shriek in horror as the entire contents of her lever arch file slid, sleeve by sleeve, into the grave. You couldn't make it up. Starman and his sister Kathy took it well, even giggled, eyes rolling in the direction of the village pub, to which everyone had been invited.

I really like a good funeral. The pain and exhaustion of grief is a relief after you have lost somebody. And the companionship of friends gathered around to comfort you, to help you wish them well on their way, seems to be the embodiment of love. We drank of course, talked, told tales - tall tales, laughed, cried with laughter and above all remembered. Where we had come from and who we were, remembered our friends, and as always in those times, our childhood, our history and revelled in it for a brief few hours before heading home.

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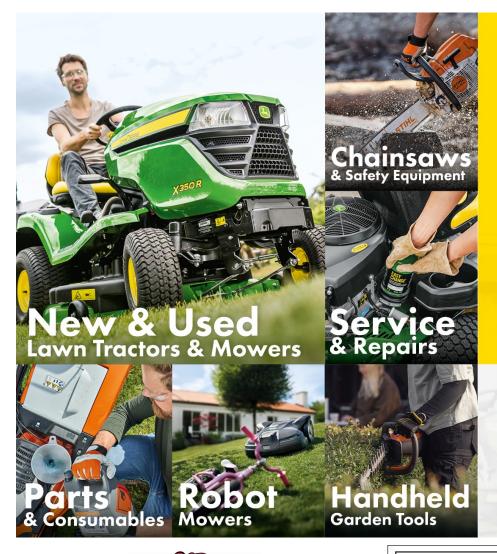


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Plant of the Month



May

Brunfelsia Pauciflora



As a kid I was fascinated with this plant. My mother told me it was called Yesterday Today and Tomorrow. Even then I remember thinking that was a bit of a mouthful. So called because the flowers change colour over the span of three days, starting as purple, turning lavender and finally becoming white as they mature. Each flower opens at a slightly different time so you end up with a mixture of all three, which is really quite beautiful. I thought this was something akin to a miracle. In fact I still do. They aren't seen often in these colder climes (don't get me started on the weather) but I'm here to extol their virtues and explain how you too can have this amazing, tricolour shrub with the long name.

Lets get the tricky bit out of the way first. They aren't keen on frost, with a hardiness rating of H1C for all you gardeners out there. That said they make a fantastic plant to keep in a pot. If you have a conservatory I beg of you, get a large pot with some good quality, peat-free compost. Mix it with grit to improve the drainage and plant this in. It's sweet scent will fill the space and then when (if) the weather turns nicer, pop it out into a sunny, sheltered spot and let it continue to perform its miracles. Bring it back indoors when it turns cold to prolong the flowering time, just making sure you keep it well watered through the summer months. The way this plant is constantly changing its colours brings endless interest, I guarantee it will be worth the effort and with a little care will live for many years. Do note that it's toxic to dogs and cats so if you've got the sort of pet that enjoys munching on plants best avoid this one!



Gardening jobs for May

Apart from the never-ending weeding (May is bindweed season) an often overlooked job for May is giving proper attention to training your climbing plants. Clematis in particular puts on so much growth in May, if you aren't careful it will tangle up and wrap around itself, instead of spreading to climb up the wires or trellis its meant to be covering. So check in often, tease the stems apart carefully and wrap or tie them so they really spread out.

May is also the time to prune your spring shrubs that have finished flowering to keep them compact. Forsythia and Chaenomeles come to mind. Also now is the time to plant out any Dahlia tubers that you lifted last year. Mulch them well and enjoy.

Happy Gardening!

Orpheus - Co-Editor



Carys Mahony

When did you move into the village?

I moved here with my partner (now husband) & his 4 boys in Nov 2019. My Mum had a lovely house she had rented, that was in need of a little TLC, so we moved in to help update it. I had no knowledge of Nunton, but totally landed on my feet with a wonderful community & local pub!



What do you do for work?

I partner in two businesses. Mahony Tennis Coaching in Downton with my husband Lee, and Annie's Just Jane, a specialist bra fitting, underwear & swimwear shop in Salisbury with my Mum Annie.

Yours and your Mum's shop has a long history in Salisbury, doesn't it?

Just Jane was set up by Jane in 1970 on Milford Street. I believe Jane used to run the underwear department in a department store that closed, and she took her knowledge and set up Just Jane. My Mum Annie, took over the business around 18 years ago, after working for Jane for a couple of years. At the end of 2017, the shop relocated from 28 Milford Street to its current location 7 St John Street (next to the Chapter House Hotel & Restaurant). Then the poisoning & pandemic hit & like most independent store based businesses there was a real question mark about whether it was viable to keep it going. I had moved back to Salisbury after living in London & abroad, & had worked remotely for a charity & as a marketing consultant, through the pandemic. Annie was looking to step back, but didn't want it to close, and I started in the shop. The opportunity to try and develop and run a local business was too intriguing/terrifying to pass up.

What are the challenges of the work?

The biggest challenge is keeping the 'Just Jane' experience, & developing it to work in today's retail environment. We now keep a record of what customers purchase, to help when they come back & are about to start offering a buy online & collect in store service. I'm hopeful people will keep wanting to shop locally & supporting us.

What keeps you motivated? What's good?

Very cheesy but actually helping customers feel just a little bit better. The right bra, piece of shapewear, swimsuit can really lift someone (quite literally). We are all such different shapes & sizes, and have our inner & outer struggles. Good undergarments can make a difference (however small).

WI Report

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham April WI The next meeting is on May 13th.

There was a good attendance at the WI meeting on April 8th and although illness claimed the chair, Mary Boydcamps ably assisted by Carol Stratton stepped in.

Mary thanked the provider of the lovely bunch of flowers on the table and offered congratulations to those with birthdays particularly Sue Bourne and thanked all who had renewed their membership. The new program 2004/5 was given to all.

The Theatre visit to Ayckbourn's chorus of Disapproval is fully booked; the AGM is in October at Devizes and members were reminded to book that if they wished to attend. The outing to Winchester will be July 15th and members signed up. The cost is £30.

The resolution for the National WI to be taken forward by Wiltshire is 'Dental Health matters'. The Charity that we will support next year will be 'Blood Runners'. The summer party theme is the 1960's; the Ebblefest is 29th June and the WI will have a cake and produce stall; the Xmas lunch is to be a post Xmas event on January 30th.

Mary then told us about a talk she and Rose had attended about vicious plants and vegetables, their defensive strategies poisonous to us all describing the toxicity of green areas on potatoes; the laurel sap that releases hydrogen cyanide so never take clippings in a closed car to recycling; the ricin present in uncooked beans and the sensitivities of many to different saps.

After coffee, Kay Townsend gave us an insight into her own life as a child of a Fairground family. Theirs was a West Country Fair business started in 1876 by her great-grandfather based in Chickerell, near Weymouth. Kay has written several books about Fair life describing the travelling for months from April to November in caravans, her limited opportunity for schooling, the skilled craftmanship of the carvings on caravans and roundabouts animals and the impact of the war years. We heard how different Fair folk were from gypsies and circus groups; how Fairs used to have freak shows as well as the merry-go-rounds that most of the audience remembered well, a 'joy wheel' called a 'oncer' because all fell off and shooting wagons in which tubes below the wagons were extended for shooting while family life continued above them. She talked about the traction engines that followed horsepower in pulling the beautiful mahogany caravans which were eventually replaced by American fully fitted all mod cons caravans. Most roundabout animals are now fibreglass, the old ones fetching hundreds of thousands of pounds. Sadly the huge costs involved including insurance, council fees, health and safety etc have severely limited travelling fairs who have to compete with theme parks and video games. Kay was thanked for an interesting and personal talk.

News from the Pews

Our Easter Service at St Mary's, Odstock was very well attended. It was wonderful to see three or four generations of some families come and share the joyful service that commemorates the foundation of our faith.

Revd Ruth blessed the new bench in memory of Derek Willis and the weather was fine enough for us to enjoy not only the bench, but an easter egg hunt in the churchyard.

Our Annual Church meeting will be held at St Andrew's, Nunton on Sunday 28th April after the 11am service – a time to elect our churchwardens, PCC members and have an overview of the year in our parish.

In May, Revd Alison Waterhouse will be licensed and join the clergy team – please do keep an eye out on the services' rota in June, when I hope she will be officiating locally.

One casualty of the very heavy rain before Easter is that the Barker Room was flooded and will need a significant amount of work to make it presentable. However, many will be pleased to know that the toilets are still able to be used.

Because of the flood we will now be holding *CreativiTea* in the lounge at The Orchard, Nunton, on 16th May and 20th June.

Stephanie Elcock and Mary Boydcamps, churchwardens.

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Church Services

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



May 2024

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

1 May Philip & James Apostles	7.00pm	Licensing of The Revd Alison Waterhouse as Team Vicar	Broad Chalke	The Bishop of Ramsbury
5 May 6 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Britford Odstock	Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor
12 May Sunday after Ascension	9.30am 11.00am	Family Communion Morning Prayer (BCP)	Nunton Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor Rhoderick Voremberg
19 May PENTECOST	9.30am	Parish Communion	Odstock	Jenny Taylor
26 May TRINITY SUNDAY	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Charlton All Saints Nunton	Jenny Taylor Jenny Taylor
2 June 1 st Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service	Britford Odstock	Jenny Taylor Adrian Taylor

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9 May ASCENSION DAY	12 noon	Parish Communion	Fifield Bavant	R H-S
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Salisbury News

Sell your pre-loved items

at Car Boot Sundays at Salisbury Market Square 9am-1pm.

Car Boot Sundays are returning every third Sunday of the month from Sunday 21st April until Sunday 15th September (except June due to Salisbury Motor Show), giving you the opportunity to sell your pre-loved items in Salisbury Market Place. The car boot is open to sellers from 7am and to buyers from 9am until 1pm.

Buyers can enter for free to bag a bargain making someone's old, your new. It costs just £5 per car on the day for sellers and £10 for vans or cars with trailers. Don't worry about booking; just turn up on the day to be allocated your spot on the Market Place. The Car Boot is on a paved surface in the centre of town, perfect for all weather conditions. There will also be a food vendor providing food and drink to enjoy whilst shopping.

The first and last Car Boot Sales of the year will be running alongside The Salisbury Teenage Market. Come and support the young entrepreneurs as they showcase their skills and business ideas. Browse the range of home-made craft items and enjoy performers in the Market Place.

If you are aged between 13 and 21 years (up to 25 for SEND) and would like to sell or perform at Salisbury Teenage Market, click here https://bit.ly/49QDAJt

The dates of Car Boot Sundays in Salisbury are as follows:

- 21 April
- 19 May
- 21 July
- 18 August
- 15 September







BIG Sleep Stargazing Sleepout at Messums

Friday 24th – Saturday 25th May

Alabaré would like to invite you to a very special stargazing sleepout at Messums at Tisbury, part of the International Dark Sky Reserve, to raise funds for Alabaré's work supporting the homeless.

Participants will sleep out in the courtyard alongside the barn, with the opportunity to join in with terrific activities during the evening which will add to the poignancy and atmosphere.

- Join actress Pippa Haywood for a moving Moonlit or Twilight Walk, during which we will remember those who are homeless through poetry, while celebrating the natural landscape around us.
- Learn from the fabulous Cranborne Chase National Landscape team, who will talk us through the wonders of the astronomical dark night sky above us.
- Be assisted by a team of astronomers who will allow us to look through telescopes where we (hopefully) can see the constellations for ourselves.

Alabaré has many years' experience in delivering sleep out events in wonderful venues around the country. This event is suitable for individuals as well as families with children over the age of 8.

For details on how to register and fundraising targets please visit https://alabare.co.uk/events/the-big-sleep-stargazing-sleepout/

Local charity Alabaré provides support and accommodation for people who are vulnerable, homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across Wiltshire and the South West.

Helen Inglis h.inglis@alabare.co.uk

Extra Adverts

Britford Memorial & Community Hall

Ideal venue for children's parties, social gatherings, family occasions, meetings and presentations, workshops, classes, private functions and community events Competitive rates — convenient location

Holds up to 60 people For bookings or enquiries: Britford@live.co.uk

The Radnor Hall

Your village hall at Bodenham for private functions, meetings & community events

Capacity: 80 standing, 60 seated Special hire rates for residents of Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock and for regular users

For bookings and enquiries, please contact the Hall Manager on 01722 329 760

RadnorHallBookings@gmail.com



Yoga Classes

Tuesday: 6.30pm-8pm Vinyasa

Wednesday 12.30pm-1.30pm Gentle Yoga

Thursday: 6.30pm-8pm Vinyasa Friday: 9am -10am Power Yoga

The Studio is light with underfloor heating and there is plenty of off street parking.

Mats, bolsters, straps and blocks are supplied.

The Wednesday class is best for those who are relatively new to yoga. For more information please email: studiobritfordyoga@gmail.com

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