

News and Notes

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

August 2017

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What a wonderful month July has been so far, plenty of sunshine and rain to keep the gardens growing. Barry and I have dabbled this year with growing vegetables and we have plenty of sunflowers in the garden too. How wonderful it was last weekend when visiting my parents to give them a box of home-grown vegetables and a bunch of sunflowers, they were delighted! I am hoping this sunny and wet weather lasts into August and September too, with thoughts of the Pumpkin Competition in October, it would be nice to grow something a little larger than last year's entry.

I am sure by now you must have all tried the Nunton Farm milk from the dispenser in The Radnor Arms carpark. 114 litres were sold on the opening day with the figure reaching 500 litres in the first week. It is delicious and the lovely glass bottles look nice on the breakfast table, a great idea.

As a frequent visitor to The Radnor Arms, we learnt last month that our wonderful bar manager and friend, Marco is leaving at the end of August, to take up a new opportunity in Fordingbridge.

Whilst we wish him well and look forward to visiting his Italian restaurant, I know Barry and I together with a long list of others will miss Marco's welcome and passion for service. With Jay and Emily off to university too, it will be all change in September. Good luck and thank you to you all.

Although still yet to visit for a meal, I have heard The Yew Tree Inn is taking plaudits for its great food, so we are planning to book a table soon. How lucky we are to have two thriving pubs in our community.

Talking of community, don't forget to read this month's 'getting to know you' featuring someone who has been in this community for many years; a very interesting read. We have a couple from Bodenham lined up for the September issue. If you would like to feature, in future editions, or have any suggestions of who we can interview, please let me know.

Heather Norris

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham W I

At the July meeting Hatty Hillier thanked everyone for their contribution to the Fete WI stalls, particularly the members who manned the three stalls for the day.

With the business meeting and announcements out of the way, we were entertained by Mr Gordon Lewis and his talk 'Ferrets for Fun'. Beforehand some of us had been rather dubious about the topic, and wondered about the word 'fun' in the title, but we came to see ferrets in a different light.

Mr Lewis rescues ferrets but also has ferrets of his own, two of which were in attendance and were very well behaved. Ferrets belong to the mustelid family and are a domestic, social and very inquisitive animal. The Romans introduced ferrets to England to drive rabbits, which they also introduced as a source of food, out of their burrows. They are still used in this way today but the law of 1390, which made it illegal to hunt with ferrets on a Sunday, still stands.

Despite our reservations it was a very amusing, enjoyable talk and we realised that, despite their bad reputation, ferrets can be lovely gentle creatures.

Two days later 40 of us enjoyed our summer outing to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. The new Mary Rose exhibition was truly amazing and the harbour cruise provided a relaxing interlude – an excellent day.

The next meeting 'A Little Grave Humour' is on 11th Sept, 10.00am at the Radnor Hall, Bodenham.

Elizabeth Cutter

News & Notes

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Deadline:

18th of each month

Community News & Events

Autumn Bible study Group

We shall be meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Community Room at The Orchard.

- 18th Sept Session 1 What is the Bible? (Marian Leading)
25th Sept Session 2 The Bible as breath
2nd Oct Session 3 The Bible as a stream of living water (Pat Leading)
9th Oct Session 4 The Bible as a lamp
16th Oct Session 5 The Bible as a two-edged sword
23rd Oct Session 6 Daily Bread
30th Oct Bible Study Group Bring and Share Meal. Note different time: 6.30pm

Radnor Hall Players



The Radnor Hall Players are planning to put on a show on the first weekend in December. Rehearsals will start in early October. If you would like to get involved on or off the stage, then please let me know: JMetcalfe@gmx.com

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Sunday 6th August : 2 30pm – 5pm
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Tea can be served on the patio, weather permitting.
Booking is not necessary unless for groups of six or more when a table can be reserved for you at a convenient time.

All enquiries : Julia Wilkie : 01725 512526
Margaret Windel : 01725 513828

Barker Room toilets (Nunton Church)

Sadly, for some time now, someone has felt the need to keep taking the toilet rolls and paper towels from the toilets adjacent to the Barker Room at Nunton Church.

From now on, fresh supplies are to be found in the cupboard under the sink in the Barker Room.

If you think you might be making use of the facilities at times when the Barker Room could be locked, I suggest you go prepared, just in case supplies have run out in the toilets.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Philippa Warley.
(aka Captain of The Heads)

Odstock Parish Council News

The Parish Council meeting on Monday 3rd July was held in the Pavilion in Nunton Field. These are some of the main topics on the agenda:

Jubilee Gardens

Some local residents have reported that people using the gardens during the recent hot weather caused an obstruction to traffic by parking on the verge and footpath, and left large amounts of litter behind. Causing an obstruction on a public road is illegal, and leaving litter is a criminal offence, but there is little that can be done unless people are willing to report it straight away. If you witness anti-social behaviour of this sort please report it to the police so that they can identify the individuals concerned, and take appropriate action.

Nunton Field and Pavilion

The gate post supporting the large wooden gate into the Field is showing signs of rot and needs replacing. The PC intends to use this opportunity to make the gateway wider by replacing the existing gate with a pair of wooden gates.

We also noted that some of the wooden posts supporting the equipment in the children's' playground are also showing signs of deterioration at the base. The equipment is still perfectly safe to use at present, but we will be making plans for renovation in the near future.

The PC receives regular requests to use the Field and Pavilion for various events. We have therefore agreed a policy statement for dealing with future requests. This can be found on the OPC website, and is summarised below:

The PC supports the use of the Field and Pavilion by residents of the parish, and by organisations which have close links with the parish, provided that the request is appropriate and will cause minimal inconvenience to local residents.

The Field is not suitable for use as a football pitch, and requests from football clubs to use the Field for training or for football matches will normally be declined except in special cases.

There is no formal charge, but users of the Field and Pavilion will be invited to make a modest contribution towards upkeep and maintenance of the facilities.

Users of the Field and Pavilion will be expected to leave the facilities clean and tidy or they will be prohibited from using them in future.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of OPC will be on Monday 11th September at 7.30 pm. You are warmly encouraged to come along.

The Radnor Arms



Beer and Cider Festival

Friday 25th August

BBQ from 7pm

Live music from 'The Countraband' from 9pm

Saturday 26th August

BBQ from 7pm

Live music from 'Nothing but Trouble' from 9pm

Sunday / Funday 27th August

Music from 3pm 'Stu Walker' live

Monday 28th August

Leaving drinks from 4pm for Marco & Jay (last day)

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Sunday 20th August

Nunton Field

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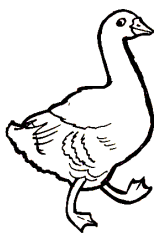
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August is a great time to see pipistrelle bats in your garden.

Look up to see them feeding on insects at dusk.

This month, Diane Berry interviewed her father Peter Ford.
Thank you Diane and Peter, very interesting reading.
Next month, we double up again with a couple from Bodenham.

PETER FORD, Nunton

What is your oldest memory?

When I was three years old, I remember my uncle coming to visit us from America. In those days, it was like someone visiting from Mars! I remember watching him get out of the taxi with his case. He opened it and produced a pink soft toy monkey which I treasured for years.

What was village life like in those days?

When I was probably between 5 and 9 years old, there were only 4 cars in the village. There was no electricity, no electrical gadgets at all. My mother used to take in laundry and do it all by hand. There were telephones and we had a telephone. The telephone wires were all exposed outside and when we had snow and the wires broke, father used to go outside and mend them, enough to get the phones working until the Post Office came out to see to them. My father was a builder. There were five brothers, Ford brothers and there was a big sign in their Odstock yard saying "Builders, Decorators and Undertakers". My father, Percy, had fifty employees on his books and some that started their apprenticeship with him also retired with him. I also started my working life with father where I learnt the trade.

There was a carrier bus which came out to the village twice a week on Tuesdays and Saturdays. There was a big open crate hanging on the back of the bus and people used to put their goods in that.

There was the village shop next door to The Radnor Arms pub. It was part of the pub and it was also a bakery. The market square in Salisbury was used as a cattle market in those days. The farm workers used to drive (walk) the sheep all the way up Odstock hill into the town, all through the town to the market square.

What else has changed in your 90 years of living in the village?

There are a lot more houses built and the roads are in far better condition - they were just gravel chips on stones - pretty rough!

How old were you when you had your first car?

I was 18 or 19 when I had my first car which was quite unusual. It was a Ford 8. It was the £100 car when Ford made them at first. They sold them, new for £100 which was the cheapest car on the road. Mine wasn't a new one though!

Did you have to take a driving test then?

No. They had just started doing driving tests but, during the war, if you had driven for two consecutive years, without an accident against you, it was considered that you'd passed and didn't have to take a test.

What is your biggest achievement?

I don't really know, but I did 50 years running the Fete and 50 years on the Radnor Hall Committee. As a builder, I have built quite a lot in the area over the years. I built my bungalow and named it Sarafand after the headquarters of the British army in Palestine, where I did my National Service.

What do you enjoy doing?

I always enjoyed anything practical - building or mechanical but now at 90, I like watching quiz programmes and sport on TV.



Church of England Services



6th August Transfiguration of Our Lord	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service Evensong (BCP)	Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	JP AP AT JT
13th August 9th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Choral Mattins (BCP) Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	JT MC JT
20th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Evensong (BCP)	Nunton Homington Britford	AH TM JT
27th August 11th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Family Service (CW) Choral Mattins (BCP)	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	TM AT TM
3rd September 12th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service Evensong (BCP)	Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	JP JP AT CB

CB = Revd Catherine Blundell, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor,
DB = David Blundell, AP = Revd Ann Philp, MC = Michael Chandler, AT = Adrian Taylor
JC = Jane Charman, TM = Tony Monds, AH = Anthony Hawley

Team Rector ~ Revd Catherine Blundell: 01722 780134 Team Vicar ~ Revd Jenny Taylor: 01722 503081
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BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)

Christian Meditation

A Meditation Hour is held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Lodge Farmhouse, Broad Chalke starting at 3.30pm (home of Janet Roe).

A short introductory talk is followed by 20-25 minutes of silence (with tea and chat to finish if you would like to stay on). The group uses the John Main tradition of meditation where a mantra is repeated silently to oneself to aid concentration.

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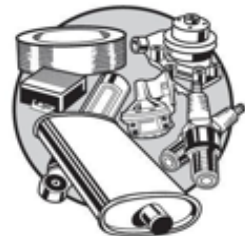
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Diary Dates

6 th August	Woodgreen village Cream Teas (see page 2)
20 th August	Car Boot Sale, Nunton (see page 4)
25 th , 26 th & 27 th August	Beer and Cider Festival – The Radnor Arms (see page 3)
2 nd & 3 rd September	Knighton Manor Gardens Open (see page 5)
23 rd September	Goose Fair, Downton (see page 4)
30 th September	Harvest Supper & Dance, Charlton All Saints (see page 4)

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