

News and Notes

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

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News & Notes

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As I write, there is just under a week to go until Christmas Day, for some people a time of joy and happiness and for others a time of loneliness and despair.

I wish you, your families and loved ones a fabulous 2018. There is something wonderful about a new year, a fresh start, a chance to make and break 'new year resolutions'.

This year I will be making a resolution, but breaking with tradition, I am going to tell you what it will be...

I will be making an effort to look out for my neighbours and friends, to say hello, how are you today? Did you have a good weekend? Not much actual effort required, but it may be the only conversation that person has that day, that week, or that month...

Heather Norris

Odstock Parish Council News

The Parish Council meeting on Monday 11 December was held in the Pavilion in Nunton Field. Despite the sub-zero outside temperatures, some fan-heaters and the new double-glazing kept the room cosy.

The Pavilion has had a fresh coat of wood-stain in order to do justice to the new windows. (Thanks to Rod Poynting for doing this work.) Thanks are also due to the Southern Area Board of Wiltshire Council, who provided a grant of nearly £600 towards replacing the windows. Closer to home, the Fete Committee and the Radnor Hall Committee both offered generous contributions towards the cost.

Welcome to our new parish councillor

We were very pleased to appoint Tom Newman from Odstock to the vacant seat on the Parish Council.

Carpentry needed

We need to make some simple bookshelves to fit against the back wall of the old phone box next to the Yew Tree in Odstock before we can start using it as a book exchange, and we are looking for someone with carpentry skills who would be willing to take on the task. The Parish Council will meet the cost of all materials required.

Essentially, we need something along the lines of the book exchange at Charlton All Saints: about 5 shallow shelves, with some space below the bottom shelf for larger items such as children's toys.

If you have some basic carpentry experience and would be willing to help, please could you contact Sally Nelson on 01722 328220, or Richard Parsons on 01794 341405?

Thank you to the two local residents who have offered to act as caretakers for the book exchange. As soon as the shelving is installed we will be in touch.

Molehills

You may have noticed that a large number of molehills have appeared recently in the two recreation grounds. This is making it very difficult to cut the grass, and we are going to have to do something. Do you have any mole-removal skills, and if so would you be willing to help? In the absence of any parish experts we will need to call in the professionals.

Community speed watch

Two new members have recently joined the community speed watch team, which has now been operating for almost a year. There is convincing evidence that the scheme has been effective in reducing the number of motorists exceeding the 30 mph speed limit through and between our villages. Thank you to the team for all your work to make our roads safer.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting of OPC will be on Thursday 15 February at 7.30 pm, in the Pavilion on Nunton Field. As always, we would be delighted to see you there.

Community News & Events



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2017

Thank you for your generous support for the 2017 Poppy Appeal. The Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham village collection was £1,219.40 which included significant support from New Hall Hospital, The Radnor Arms, The Yew Tree Inn, The Barn Dental Practice and the Odstock Day Nursery, for which we are extremely grateful. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the collectors whose efforts were key in achieving this total.

Money raised through the Poppy Appeal goes directly to the Royal British Legion welfare work which provides through-life care to anyone who is currently serving in the British Armed Forces, who has previously served and to their families. Your kind generosity enables the Legion to continue with this valuable support.

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Rural Assets

All rural Estates are based on sound principles of property management. With generational and commercial change, different market trends and statutory undertakings brings additional requirements. The desire however for maintenance and enhancement is key to safeguard the value of assets which must be at the heart of any core property business. A let Estate creates rent which are key to stability and generates funds which are recycled into the fabric of the business.

A 'Let Estate' in a rural context includes Agricultural, Residential and Commercial properties. Here at Longford the Agricultural property portfolio is split 1/3 in hand, 1/3 partnership and 1/3 occupied on tenancy arrangements. This is seen as a very balanced portfolio limiting exposure as well as having a spread of in hand and partnership enterprises from arable, fish, pigs, milk and beef. Our farm occupiers too have a spread of enterprises and the families have in the main been in occupation for generations which allows continuity.

The spread of residential property across the Estate is 'pepper potted'. In recent years a strong rental market has grown but this has not always been the case. Cottages in the past were constructed to support and house rural workers. With the advent of farm mechanisation coupled with the war years there was a reduced labour force in the countryside. There was a desire for land whereby the commodity made money, bricks and mortar did not and maintenance became a headache, so much so that a lot of outlying residential property was knocked down which was commonplace on most landholdings. The Estate still retains in the region of 200 dwellings of which 35% remain occupied by staff which shows the pastoral care that is offered which is amazing in this day and age. More residential property however comes to the market each year and a full repair and enhancement programme is carried out to achieve market rents. Rents continue to rise as London comes ever closer and this is a trend that I do not believe will alter given the desirability of the villages surrounding Salisbury.

Other property Lets are loosely described as commercial. Here at Longford the Trustees have not invested heavily in this sector and therefore, although we do have some offices, the majority of buildings that are occupied by third parties are either for storage or workshops.

Like all property management, regulation continues to play its part and it is important that requirements are met. We have a responsibility for over 50 Listed properties so conservation plays a major part in any decision making. Energy Performance is now very much in the forefront of political and personal agendas and we aim to meet the regulation through a common sense approach. A Landlord's liability for services and infrastructure also plays a major role and it is important and we take our responsibility seriously. Marcus Hall and his team are dedicated to property repair and enhancement, whether it is Agricultural, Residential or Commercial property and over the last four years Marcus has worked tirelessly to achieve the required standards.

Wishing you all a Prosperous New Year from us at Longford.

BREAD AND FLOWERS - SLOW SUNDAY – 28th January 2018

It's another slow Sunday lunch on the 28th January 2018, a perfect time to abandon all thoughts of resolutions and reflect on the year ahead. We're super excited to be welcoming Romy Gill as our next guest chef, kicking off the new year with some deeply aromatic offerings for everyone to savour. Her restaurant, Romy's Kitchen, is over in Thornbury, just outside of Bristol, so if you don't fancy a three-hour round trip, then you're very welcome here at Bread and Flowers HQ, Longford Farmhouse to share the joy.

MENU

CANAPE

Spicy crab, toasted sourdough

Deep fried potato balls, sweet and sour chilli chutney

FIRST

Samosa, spicy chickpeas, tamarind chutney

SECOND

Gurnard, Amritsari masala, panch phoron marinade, sweet potatoes, garlic ghee

Spicy sweet and sour paneer, mint and coriander chutney (V)

THIRD

Venison, turmeric and tamarind marinade, onion, ginger, garlic, chillies, spices, jeera rice and dal

Seasonal vegetarian kofta, jeera rice and dal (V)

FOURTH

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19 January

Hazel Hurdles for the Garden by Robert Dixon

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Thomas Brian

2/12/1931 to 21/11/2017

Julia and family would like to thank everyone
for the cards, kind messages and
Donations to the Stars Appeal.
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Church of England Services



7 January Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service Evensong (BCP)	Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	JT JT AT JT
14 January 2nd Sunday Of Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Choral Matins (BCP) Family service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	JT MC DM
21 January 3rd Sunday Of Epiphany	9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Evensong (BCP)	Nunton Homington Britford	TM AP CB
28 January Candlemas	9.30am 11.0am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Family Service (CW) Choral Matins (BCP)	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	JT AT JT
4 February 2nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service Evensong (BCP)	Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	AAJ AAJ AT CB

CB = Revd Catherine Blundell, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor,

DB = David Blundell, AP = Revd Ann Philp, MC = Michael Chandler, AT = Adrian Taylor

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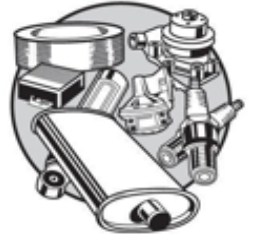
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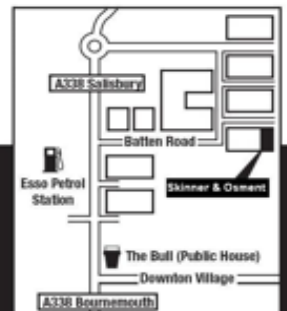
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Regular Events	
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Singing Group	Tuesdays (ex. Aug/Dec), 4.30pm or 7.00pm, The Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 07753 829027
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), 10.10am – 10.30am (Wednesday 3 rd January)
Acorn Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am at The Orchard
'Local Vocals'	Singing group for everybody. No need to read music. 1 st and 3 rd Mondays each month. The Radnor Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Please check with Clare Chitty 07899 71878
Circle Dancing	Simple dances from many countries to join in with, no partner or previous experience necessary. 2 nd and 4 th Mondays at The Radnor Hall. 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Contact Clare Chitty 07889 718780
Village Prayers	If you'd like prayers to be said for someone you know, a particular situation or yourself, you may either put a note in the Village Prayers box at St Andrew's, Nunton or St Mary's, Odstock, email details to villageprayers@live.com or come along. Next meeting: Wednesday 10th January 6pm. The Barker Room, Nunton.
Diary Dates	
19 th January	Harnham Garden Society (see Page3)
28 th January	Slow Sunday (see page 3)
27 th February	Birds of Wiltshire (see page 3)
13th July 2018	Ebblefest Dance
14th July 2018	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Village Fete



Put out nutritious high-fat foods such as cheese, bird seeds, whole nuts, bird cakes and sunflower hearts, to help birds survive. Don't forget water too! Your garden will be known as a tasty spot by the time birdwatch comes round later this month.

Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI Report Dec 2017

The Christmas meeting is always fun. The room was immediately welcoming with bright red table cloths, a Raffle table groaning with prizes and a well stocked Bring and Buy stall; and the scents of mulled wine and warming mince pies just added to the festive atmosphere.

Susie Appleford and Gill Swatridge had created a very Christmassy table arrangement for the President's table which even included a toy dog singing carols! Heather and Hatty moved swiftly through the business reminding us of forthcoming events both local and county based, details of which were either on the monthly diary or in the Wiltshire News. Heather spoke quietly about the need for new Committee members and asked members to use the 'suggestion box' more often to give the Committee feedback and new ideas. She reminded members to look at the 'Resolutions' in WI Life and fill in the form to return next month. Sue Bourne is holding a scrabble afternoon at her home on Jan 17th when all are welcome. She also spoke about two theatre productions that she has tickets for in Feb and March. Hatty Hillier will be running a charcoal drawing workshop on the 5th Monday in January and needs to know numbers by the monthly meeting on Jan 8th when the speaker will be a member of 'The Air Ambulance Team'. Stella Flux gave the Treasurer's report, reminding us that our annual subscriptions are due, and delighting us all with the sum raised so far for our annual charity 'The Women's' Refuge'. Congratulations went to Gill Swatridge for winning the ACWW competition of 'An Angel' and thanks to Margaret Barrow for making the mince pies and the mulled wine.

Our brains were then stretched by a tricky Christmas Quiz! Did you know that 'Nevada' translates in Spanish to 'covered with snow'; or when turkeys were first brought over from America? The winning team was duly rewarded and after that everyone was ready for coffee and a little retail therapy. The stalls and raffle did a brisk trade during the break.

The Coffee Choir, led by Kate Edgar, entertained members with a selection of Christmas music including the old favourites 'Walking in the Air', 'Sleigh Ride' and 'Chestnuts' and the less well known 'Tomorrow shall be my Dancing Day'. Then it was audience participation time singing carols together and ending with an exuberant rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' and 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' – with actions! Totally ridiculous and great fun.

The raffle prizes were drawn, and the meeting ended with mince pies and mulled wine and wishes for a very Happy Christmas to all.