

News and Notes

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

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News & Notes

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Happy March ! Happy Spring!

Although as I write we are still in the month of February, today was a dry, still day and we could feel the heat of the sun as we stood in our garden. We checked where the bulbs had excitedly pushed up through the earth. The promise of Spring to come.

We surveyed the work to be done in the next month or so. Weeds to be pulled, earth to be dug over and bedding plants to be placed in the ground, not too early though, wait until the frosty mornings have passed.

We are now in our third year of living in Nunton and approaching our fourth spring and summer, Never before have we been so excited about choosing which vegetables to grow as we are this year.

Maybe its our age or just maybe it's the beauty and pleasure of living so close to nature, you can really feel the changing seasons. How lucky are we ?

Heather Norris

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Community News & Events

BOOK GROUP

We get together every 4-5 weeks to discuss a book we have read or are greatly enjoying reading, and for the company.

We meet in our homes, moving around the group

If there is anyone else who would like to join us, we would love to hear from you.

Telephone Enid on 01722 3317 05

HARNHAM GARDEN SOCIETY

Meeting in Harnham Memorial Hall,
Watersmeet Road, Salisbury SP2 8JH adjacent to
All Saints Church, starting at 7.30pm.

Refreshments from 7pm.

Non-members may attend talks for a £3 fee;
new members are welcome to join the HGS.

16th March

30 Years of speaking to horticultural clubs and
societies: The ups and downs of public speaking.
Ray Broughton from Sparsholt College.

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*The High Sheriff of Wiltshire,
Lady Marland,*

*Invites you to the Service to celebrate
the Rule of Law in Wiltshire
to be held at
Salisbury Cathedral
on Sunday 11th March 2018 at 4.30pm*

Gardeners Question Time

When? Wednesday 28th March

What time? 7.00pm with doors open at 6.15

Where? Broadchalke Village Hall



Join us for an entertaining evening of questions to an expert panel about all aspects
of the gardening world. Informative and fun are essential ingredients because we are
all amateurs hoping to improve our gardening at home.

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then phone Liz on 01722 780448.

Tickets are £6 at the door and the event is organised by The Chalke Valley Flower Club.



March is a good planting month.

**Try planting evergreen plants such as holly
or ivy**

**Keep an eye on ponds for the first frogspawn of the
year.**



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Planning and Development

Central government promotes the need for housing, highlighting a shortage of supply and ask owners to offer land for promotion to address the housing crisis.

Development is an extremely emotive subject for many reasons, from those who have a desire to relocate but cannot find the right property, first time buyers unable to get on the ladder or those wishing to expand or for that matter contract. Owners of nearby dwellings are inevitably concerned mainly due to the fear of reduced value, loss of privacy, views and extended traffic issues, all of which are understandable and credible. When promoting, land owners need to understand the impact that a development has on a community both positively in terms of commerce and negatively (as mentioned). There is no doubt that property development is one of the largest industries in the country and is a key economic driver. In recent years development land has been additionally taxed in the form of Community Infrastructure Levies and New Homes Bonuses.

The term 'Affordable Homes' conjures up concern whereby neighbours fear the worst from a social aspect, although this is mainly taboo. With the prospect of 40% allocation in our part of Wiltshire this can create a stir. Affordable housing sites are worthless to a developer. There are various categories of AH, social rented, affordable rented, shared equity, shared ownership, shared intermediate tenure and shared tenure, a maze of options that importantly must support our socio commitment bringing diversity and a more cosmopolitan approach.

Although central government promote development, sites become political in the regions. Planning Policy Guidance is constantly being reviewed making the Planning Officers job tough and the promoter weary.

Longford is no different from other landowners whereby we prospect development. Recently there was the well-publicised Britford Lane, Harnham scheme which received a significant amount of local public outcry. This was an amazing inch perfect hand-crafted scheme for a hundred new homes, but it was clear that Salisbury did not find it an attractive proposition, instead plumping for development on the Netherhampton Road. Prior to embarking on such a scheme Senior Planners in Wiltshire Council advised that it was the best site for development in Salisbury. At arms-length it probably is and for all the right reasons a highly sustainable location. A scheme in Alderbury for 50 new homes was met with opposition which at Committee was called a 'bribe', not to mention that a local steering group had been set up to decide what the village wanted from such a scheme! It just goes to show that there is a wide range of different opinion.

Closer to home a dozen houses have been proposed in Nunton and perhaps a site for a farm shop which many think would be excellent (where the farm buildings are), however policy at the moment does not allow for such a development! This month's ramble probably sounds a little like 'sour grapes' but it is not. My concern lies in mix of messages as one speculates development. The vagaries can be a burden which inevitably incurs time and finance. If a development site was considered acceptable at some stage it would help support the Estate in terms of enhancement, new initiatives and employment.

I am sure that next month's topic will be a little lighter!

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham W I

On 12th February, with business matters out of the way, the two Denman bursary winners for 2018 were drawn and announced as Angela Jay and Celia Maidment. The ACWW fundraising competition for a cushion was also won by Celia Maidment. Our next fund raiser will be a Line Dance on the evening of Friday, 1st June at the Memorial Hall in Downton. Tickets will be available soon.

Our chosen charity this year is the Salisbury Women's Refuge. Sandra Horner attended the meeting to accept a computer, donated by our members, for the older children to use during their stay.

After coffee Jan Sanders gave us a most shocking, saddening, but entertaining talk on her volunteer work in Romania. Having been a midwife and family planning advisor for many years Jan answered an advertisement for nurses to go to Romania with Share, a small charity whose aims are social, health, assistance, reconciliation and education. Based in Sibiu the team serve the surrounding villages providing clinics and support to people who cannot afford health care. Her background in sexual health is vital as there is little use of contraception, and abortion is common.

She described a very beautiful country where conditions are very basic and difficult and the cultural differences are challenging. Despite the bureaucracy and corruption in Romania Jan knows that she can show where every pound she collects has been spent in the country - an amazing achievement.

Hatty Hillier thanked Jan on our behalf and we all left feeling that we had really had our eyes opened to a different world.



On 13th January 2018 a team of three intrepid women undertook the 10th CRESS trip in support of the South Sudanese community of Kajo Keji, now mostly living as refugees in Northern Uganda or in the bush just within

South Sudan. They were: Caroline Lamb, CEO of CRESS and team leader; Becky Sedgwick, Children's/Youth Worker and teacher training; Fi Sheldon, Psychotherapist dealing with emotional health and trauma therapy.

Their two main concerns were emotional health and support for those teaching and ministering to young people. Two conferences were organised to run in parallel for two days for 30 Pastors and for 30 Sunday School Teachers, departed refreshed in faith and hope to renew their efforts in their separate localities.

Fi, meanwhile, made contact with Arua hospital's Mental Health Team (MHT) and was able to arrange for Edward Mika, who runs the CRESS clinic in Mijale, to liaise with the MHT for the provision of training and counselling in the camps, to which CRESS uniquely has access.

The final major event was a Family Day in Moyo for all the sponsored families and children to enjoy a splendid meal with photographs taken, gifts from sponsors presented, news exchanged and fun and games organised by Becky.

Apart from teaching each morning at the conferences, Caroline concentrated on the CRESS office to establish reliable IT for communication to and from UK and to ensure that proper accounting procedures were in place.

All in all, with **your** support – on this trip CRESS delivers!

20 bicycles, 200 bibles, 10 solar powered mega phones, 5 laptops, 15 water filters and 5 bags of out door games kit were delivered by the CRESS team for use in the refugee camps. THANK YOU

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URGENT NEED FOR ROOF REPAIRS

FUND RAISING APPEAL TO BE LAUNCHED

Church architects have identified an urgent need to carry out re-roofing, re-leading of valley gutters and repairs to rainwater goods.

The PCC have obtained the necessary permission to have the work done by tender and have found a suitable contractor.

All of this will need to be paid for! The PCC are fortunate to have a substantial bequest and will be seeking grant aid. **Never-the-less £20K needs to be raised** by public subscription and donation to allow us to secure the fabric of the church for the next generation and beyond.

An appeal will be launched after Easter. We have some novel ways to aid your contributions! More next month

Robert Underhill 01722 329769

Churchwarden

The Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI Gardening Group.

Have arranged some talks from well-known speakers as part of their 2018 programme.

All the talks listed begin at 2.00p.m. at The Radnor Hall, Bodenham and the cost of entry is £3.00 per person.

Everyone is welcome.

Thursday March 1st

Ray Broughton – 'Pruning' (talk and demonstration)

Thursday April 5th

Rosemary Le Grand – 'Exploring the North Island of New Zealand'

Thursday May 3rd

Dinah Lindon-Critchley - 'The Cutting Garden'

Thursday June 7th

Roger Hiron – 'Steps to make your garden less work

Thursday Sept 6th

John Combes – 'The Hillier Paradise'

Book Exchange

The parish book exchange is now up and running, thanks to Colin Berry, who has fitted the old phone box (next to the Yew Tree Inn in Odstock) with a smart set of shelves.

It works by recycling. If you have a book which you or your family has finished with, and which you think others would enjoy, simply place it on one of the shelves. There is also space under the bottom shelf for (smallish) items such as children's toys. (But space is limited, so please do not drop-off big box-loads of stuff.)

Please visit the exchange often, and take as many books as you like, either to keep or to read and return.

Hayley Thornton has kindly offered to act as Book Warden, and you can contact her with any queries, or to report a problem. Hayley's number is: 01722 332727 (mobile 07899 874220).



Church of England Services



4 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion ((CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service Evensong (BCP)	Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	JP JT AT DB
7 March	12.15pm	Lent Mid-Week Communion	Homington	JT
11 March Mothering Sun- day	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Choral Matins Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	JT MC JT
18 March 5th Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Evensong (BCP)	Nunton Homington Britford	JP JT DB
21 March	12.15pm	Lent Mid-Week Communion	Nunton	JT
25 March PALM SUNDAY British summer- time begins	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Family Service (CW) Family Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	JT AT JT
26,27,28 March	8.30pm	Compline	Coombe Bissett	CB, JT
29 March MAUNDY THURSDAY	6.30pm	Passover Supper	Radnor Hall, Bodenham	CB
30 March	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Devotional Service	Britford ,Odstock	
1 April EASTER DAY	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW)	Homington Nunton Britford Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	JT AP JT AP JT

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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Team Administrator ~ Mrs Helen Atkinson: 01722 781112

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

The Bible Study Group will be meeting at The Orchard, Nunton.

As usual we shall be meeting at 7.30 until 9.00pm on Tuesday evenings. Dates: March 6th, 13th, 20th

Any queries please contact Marian Hearne 01722 335685

Facts about Beekeeping

There are 111 apiaries (sites with beehives) within a 10 km (6.2 miles) radius of Nunton, according to 'Beebase', the database of the National Bee Unit. The National Bee Unit employs regional teams of Bee Inspectors, who carry out random apiary inspections to check for honey bee pests and diseases. (This is completely true, I promise. 'A Bee Inspector Calls.....')

Keeping bees as a livelihood is known as bee farming (not to be confused with beef farming). Bee farmers provide commercial pollination services, and sell honey, beeswax, pollen, propolis, royal jelly, queen bees, nucleus (starter) colonies, and beekeeping training courses. Bee farming in the British climate is an uncertain business, and there are more reliable ways to make a living.

In 2017 the average weight of honey produced per beekeeper in the South West of England was 17.7 lb (8 kg) per hive, compared with an average for all England of 23.8 lb. It was a poor year for nectar availability, and many beekeepers had to feed their bees with sugar syrup to prevent starvation during the summer months.

In spring and early summer most full-sized colonies of bees will attempt to swarm, and it is the beekeeper's aim to prevent them. There are several different methods of swarm control, most of which involve splitting the colony in some way. But sometimes the bees decide to swarm in any case.....

Once a swarm of bees has left the hive and flown away, under English law the bees are classed as wild animals. The beekeeper they belonged to is no longer the legal owner unless he or she saw the swarm emerge, and followed them. The right of a beekeeper to follow and claim their swarm was based originally on an ancient Roman law. (However, a swarm moves at around 12 miles an hour.....) If the bees settle on someone else's private property then the right to follow and claim is lost at the boundary of that property, and the swarm may be taken by anyone, with the permission of the landowner.

'A swarm of bees in May is worth a load of hay;

A swarm of bees in June is worth a silver spoon;

A swarm of bees in July is not worth a fly.'

A large swarm of bees early in the season is valuable because, given the 'right' sort of weather, it will produce a honey crop. Swarms taken after the end of June are usually too late to produce surplus honey the same year (but they do still deserve to be offered a good home).

After leaving the hive a swarm usually settles temporarily somewhere nearby while the bees decide upon the best spot to set up home. Scout bees go out to hunt for suitable sites, and the bees then make a democratic decision based upon a 'single transferable vote' system. (This too is completely true). Given choice, bees prefer a warm sheltered cavity above the ground, with plenty of space for storing honey, and an entrance small enough to defend easily. Examples include empty beehives, hollow trees, pheasant feeders, cavity walls, chimneys..... If you discover bees in your bird nesting box they will almost certainly be bumble bees because the space is too small for a honey bee colony.

What to do if a swarm settles on your property:

The website of the BBKA (British Beekeepers Association) tells you how to recognise a swarm of honeybees, and how to contact a local beekeeper who will be able to remove it for you: <https://www.bbka.org.uk/swarm>.

Rev. Lorenzo Langstroth was an American pastor who in 1852 invented the first beehive with moveable frames. The story goes that his prototype hive was made out of a champagne crate. Modern Langstroth hives are the most commonly used hive throughout the world. Nevertheless, in England most beekeepers use the BS (British Standard) hive, also known as the 'national' hive. Before moveable frame hive became widely available most English beekeepers used straw skeps.

Sting (former lead singer in the 1970's band 'The Police') used to keep bees. Sting did not actually look after his bees himself; he employed a local beekeeper from Harnham to do it for him....

There is an old beekeeping legend that at midnight on Christmas Eve the bees may be heard singing the Lord's praise. (I have never investigated this personally, because I prefer to hope that it might just possibly be true....)

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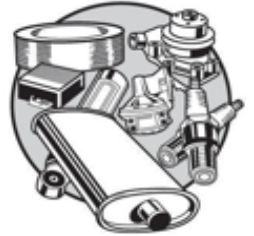
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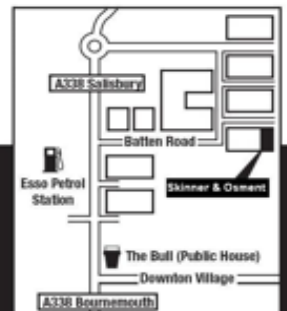
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Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock and regular users

For bookings and enquiries, please contact the Hall Manag-
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Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, The Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Singing Group	Tuesdays (ex. Aug/Dec), 4.30pm or 7.00pm, The Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 07753 829027
Mobile Library	Britford (Shelter barn, Lower road) 10.00am – 10.20am (Thursday, 22 nd March, 19 th April, 17 th May, 14 th June, 12 th July, 9 th August)
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: 21 st March, 6pm in The Barker Room

Diary Dates

1 st March	WI Garden club talk (see page 4)
8 th March	Film Night, the Radnor Hall (see page 1)
11 th March	Rule of Law Service, Salisbury Cathedral (see page 2)
16 th March	Harnham Garden Society (see page 2)
18 th March	Car boot sale, Nunton (see page 2)
28 th March	Chalke Valley Flower Club (see page 2)
13 th July 2018	Ebbfest Dance
14 th July 2018	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Village Fete