

News and Notes

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

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News & Notes

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Odstock Parish Council News

The Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th September was held in the Pavilion in Nunton Field. The topics we discussed included:

Radnor Hall: The Radnor Hall is currently running at a loss due to falling numbers of bookings, and its long-term viability is at risk. Unless we support our village hall we may lose it.

Odstock telephone box: We agreed that the telephone box will be converted into a book exchange similar to the one in Charlton All Saints.

Nunton Field and Pavilion: A handsome pair of new wooden gates has now been installed in the Nunton Drove entrance to the field (thank you to Rod Poynting for the hours of work he spent on this), and the rotten windows and doors in the pavilion have been replaced with smart new ones. We are still considering what we need to do about deterioration in the wooden posts supporting the playground equipment, as preliminary enquiries suggest that replacement parts will be very expensive.

Road surface: We are still waiting to hear when the remaining work on the resurfacing of the C12 road between Nunton and Odstock will be completed.

Bus shelters: The condition of wooden bus shelters at Odstock crossroads and on the A338 at Nunton Bridge are deteriorating, and we will need to do some repairs in the near future.

New projects: Are there any new projects that you think the PC should take on? If there is something which you think would be of benefit to our villages, please let us know.

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI – September Meeting 2017

Heather Marrison, President, welcomed members and two visitors to the first meeting of our new programme. She thanked Jillie Bulpitt for the flowers on the President's table. Hatty Hillier proceeded to give details of national, county and local interest: two invitations had been received – one from Downton WI to a ploughman's supper, the other to Laverstock to an apple pie morning. Our own monthly interest groups: theatre, skittles, book club, walking, craft and Scrabble will be continuing and have enthusiastic support. Next month there is to be an autumn lunch and on the fifth Monday, under the guidance of Diane Crump, we will be making Christmas puddings.

Carol Stratton spoke about food waste in supermarkets and took the WI manifesto questionnaire on this subject to Lidl's. The survey revealed that Lidl recycle 95% food waste to local charities and animal feeds. They have developed a web site, **Feed it Back**. The monthly competition of a small flower arrangement was won by Anne Waight.

The speaker for September was Ian Newman entitled "A Little Grave Humour". Ian has been in the undertaking profession for 42 years and gives "help in time of need". His humour was based on situations and not on people. He started his own business 30 years ago and he has 600 funerals a year from tramps to dukes. It was an interesting, amusing and thought—provoking talk.

Diane Crump gave the vote of thanks and the meeting closed.

Gillian Dodd

Community News & Events

Your Parish Council needs you.

David Williamson-Jones has recently moved away from the parish, leaving a vacant seat on Odstock Parish Council. We therefore need to co-opt a new councillor to the seat.

What the job involves:

The PC normally meets five times a year on a weekday evening. The meetings are held in public, and last around 90 minutes. All councillors are expected to contribute to the work of the PC by attending the meetings and by taking on responsibility for individual projects. The role of the Parish Council is to represent the views of people living in the parish on matters affecting our villages, and to make decisions about the upkeep and improvement of parish amenities.

If you are interested:

If you are interested in being co-opted to the vacant seat, or you would like to know more, please contact our Parish Clerk, Richard Parsons (tel. 01794 341405) or Sally Nelson (tel 01722 328220).

Who are you today?

Mother, husband, grandmother, brother? Teacher, office manager, student, electrician?

If you are looking after someone who couldn't always manage without your help: someone with a physical disability, long term health condition, mental health issue or a problem with substance misuse, you may also be a carer.

Juggling a caring role around work, studying, seeing friends or spending time with other family members can be challenging. And sometimes it can feel lonely.

Carer Support Wiltshire are a local charity supporting unpaid carers in Wiltshire.

Our Carer Cafes and Support Groups are held throughout the county and offer information, advice and the opportunity to make new friends over a cuppa. Visit our website to find one near you www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk or call us on 0800 181 4118 or 01380 871690 from a mobile for a copy of our What's On Guide.

Douglas Rowden (Nunton)

Doug died last July having lived in Nunton Drove for many years.

There he had built his own house and maintained his much loved—garden.

Some years ago he placed a stone pillar on the grass to protect the roadside verge.

The pillar served its purpose, but also became a useful reference point for lost delivery men, taxi drivers and visitors. Neighbours have placed a simple plaque on the stone.

Doug would be amused.

" DOUG`S STONE"

FREE FIREWOOD

large quantity of thuja, sycamore and horse chestnut in Nunton cordwood & rings

Phone 07970 266224

Rockbourne Fair

Bibury Suite
Salisbury Racecourse

18th - 20th October

Wednesday 18th

10am - 5pm

Thursday 19th

10am - 7.30pm
(Late night shopping)

Friday 20th

10am - 3.30pm

Over 90 stalls
selling exclusive goods
from across the UK and beyond

ENTRY

£5.00 (£3.00 after 4.00pm on Thursday)

Students 12+ - £1.50

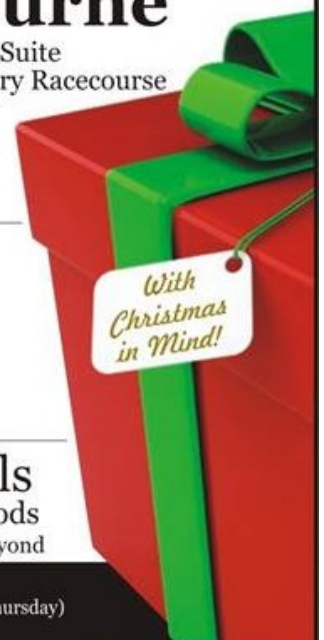
Children - FREE

For Further Information

PHONE: 01722 429005

WEB: www.rockbournefair.org.uk

EMAIL: info@rockbournefair.org.uk



SingingforSyrians needs YOU

Singing for Syrians is a nationwide initiative raising money for some of Syria's most vulnerable people.

So we need you, your local communities, schools and churches to hold your own carol concert in December!

Hold Your Own

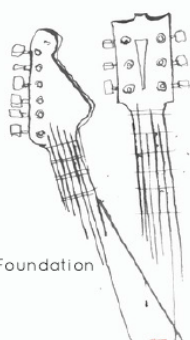
A 'Hold your own' pack will be available to download or receive by post. Just visit our website at www.singingforsyrians.com

CONTACT:

contact@singingforsyrians.com



Singing for Syrians is run by the Hands Up Foundation (charity no. 1156491)



Coombe Bissett & Homington Drama Club presents

Red Riding Hood



A pantomime by Norman Robbins

6th - 9th December 2017, 7.30 pm

Coombe Bissett Village Hall

Tickets £8 Children under 10 £4 (bench or seat)

Box Office 01722 718 850 from 6th November

Charities for this year are John McNeill and Stars Appeal

Breast Cancer NOW

Salisbury & New Forest North Group

Salisbury
& New
Forest North
breast cancer
now

Textile Fayre

10am—4pm, 28 October 2017

Landford Village Hall, SP5 2AE

Demonstrations, Quilt Exhibition

Numerous stalls including Margaret Beal, Silk Sacs, & New Forest Mohair

Grand Raffle, many prizes including pieces by:
Hilary Beattie, Angie Hughes and Lesley Brankin

Contact Wendy Quick: 01794 390678 or wendy@salisburybreastcancernow.co.uk

Grand Pumpkin Competition

The weigh-in will take place on

Sunday 29th October At 2pm

At The Radnor Arms, Nunton

Followed by a raffle

If anyone has a raffle prize they wish to donate, please contact Rod or Julie Poynting on 01722 322236

"Diving Indonesia's Ring of Fire - The Majestic and Deadly"

Thursday 19th October, 19:30,

Charlton All Saints Church Hall

Join Vince & Jane Jenkins in a glass of wine and enjoy an underwater biodiversity journey. Starting with a 'critter' experience, muck diving in Lembeh Sound, North Sulawesi. Moving to Sorong, West Papua out into 1000 nautical miles of the Banda & Flores Seas following a line of fire passing through the spice islands (former Dutch East Indies) through to Maumere, Flores. Fascinating creatures along the way include manta rays, sharks, sea snakes, star gazers, hairy frog fish, emperor shrimps through to the tiny and many, many more.

Tickets £5 on the door. Free glass of wine. All proceeds to Church funds.

BONFIRE BASH

Charlton All Saints Barn

6PM SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER

Bar & Raffle

Tickets from Clare Penny 01725 512869

Includes soup & hot-dog

In advance: Adults £5, Kids 5-14 £2.50

On the night: Adults £7, Kids 5-14 £3

Oak Tree Monthly Lunch Club at The Orchard, Nunton

Starting Friday 13th October 2017 12-2pm

Would you like to come and enjoy a simple cooked meal of Cottage pie, carrots and peas; Jelly and ice cream and tea or coffee?

For £7 we need a minimum of 10 people.

If you would like to join us please tell Les Pitman 11 The Orchard tel 324770 or Debby Underhill tel 329769

Your name _____ No _____ £7 in envelope to Les by Wed 4th October

Join us for a fascinating evening and to raise funds for Broad Chalke Village Hall



Following The Line: an 8-month Eurasian triathlon

An illustrated talk by Charlie Walker

In February 2017, Charlie Walker began a nine-month, 9,000km triathlon spanning the length of the perceived border between Europe and Asia, from the midwinter snowfields of the Russian arctic to the Bosphorus in Istanbul.

'Following the Line' was an 8-month endurance feat. However, much more than that, it was an exploration into what it means to be Asian or European, what divides or unites the peoples on either side of the line, and the diversity of landscape, environment, religion and culture along the border that has traditionally demarcated East and West.

For more than two millennia, geographers and theologians have drawn arbitrary lines to divide 'enlightened' Europe from 'barbarous' Asia and to differentiate between 'us' and 'them.' In reality, however, the divide between Europe and Asia is simply conceptual; an European academic construct.

During this expedition, Charlie and Callie (his American expedition partner) experienced temperatures as low as -40°C, several arrests, the threat of bears, and the challenges of survival in some of the world's remotest and most inhospitable landscapes.

Saturday 11th November

7.30 pm:

Prosecco and Eats

8.00 pm:

Illustrated Talk by Charlie Walker

9.00 pm:

Finish

Venue: Broadchalke Village Hall

Tickets: £12 Include glass of prosecco and eats

Available at the Hub Broadchalke or
from Committee members

Chalke Valley Churches at Nunton

Holiday Messy Church

"The Harvest"

on

Monday 23rd October
from 10.00am - 12.00 noon
at The Barker Room and
in Nunton Church

for children under 12 and their parents or Carer.

Come and enjoy a morning of fun and creative
activities based on the Bible
followed by lunch.

Donations to the morning accepted.

Booking is essential.
Please call Debby on 01722 329769 or
email dunderh942@btinternet.com

Pop Up Restaurant Coombe Bissett Village Hall

Thursday 2nd November - Supper

Friday 3rd November - Supper

Saturday 4th November - Supper

Sunday 5th November - Sunday lunch and Supper

Ken & Peter invite old and new customers

Telephone 01963 440261 for details and bookings



BROAD CHALKE
Christmas Fair
Tuesday 7th November
9.30 am – 2 pm
Broad Chalke Village Hall

<i>Ansty Farmshop</i>	<i>Candles and Bulbs</i>
<i>Frogmore Design</i>	<i>Jewellery</i>
<i>Christmas Cards</i>	<i>Scarves & Bags</i>
<i>Polish Pottery</i>	<i>Raffle</i>
<i>Chocolates</i>	<i>and more</i>

IN AID OF:



Open Doors
60 years of serving persecuted Christians

Lunch and refreshments available



Our Wooded Landscape

Sporadic trees and woodland is taken for granted in our countryside, it would be an extremely bland and boring place without such amazing patchwork. There is very little native woodland remaining in the U.K. and resembles less than 3% of Britain's landmass whereas the total tree cover is just short of 13%. During the First World War woodland was seen as a major natural resource and a contributor to support infrastructure which declined the UK's woodland estate to approximately 5%.

The Government's reaction was to introduce a national woodland resource and the Forestry Commission was formed in 1919. Since then there has been a steady recovery and during 2016-17 for example an additional seven thousand hectares of woodland was planted in the U.K. mainly conifer species concentrated in the uplands and highlands of Wales and Scotland.

In Southern England the rich tapestry of woodland has mainly been planted and managed by man. The 1970's saw attractive tax incentives for Landowners which brought a significant amount of planting although much of the woodland created was coniferous, poorly designed, in exposed locations with little access ability for management.

Here at Longford where the land characteristic is mainly open Down (Celtic work for hills) it is not densely covered in trees, although as a whole we have above the national average which does not include single, amenity, riverside, infield or hedges interspersed with trees.

Native broadleaves mainly beech, ash, oak, birch, hazel and some sweet chestnut are the mainstay given the chalk alkaline soils and conifer Douglas fir, hemlock, scots and Corsican Pine are the species that you will see on the Estate.

Many of you will know Great Yews located on the Farm above Nunton and Odstock. The significance of the woodland and the veteran trees that exist is second to none that is why it is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Site of Special Conservation (SAC). It is evident that in recent years the woodland has been sadly misused by a few. It is incumbent therefore that we try and protect it as much as possible for future generations to enjoy. We have embarked on a regeneration project to protect seedlings from deer, rabbits, hares and mice so that we support the next generation as some of the 'old boys' reach the end of their distinguished lives. If you would like to visit Great Yews please do so but I would be grateful if you would leave your name with the Estate Office.

Odstock and Nunton Copse have the most wonderful flush of bluebells in the spring and again if you would like to visit please let us know. All our woodlands are commercially managed so what you may consider natural and wild is in fact managed by man's intervention. Amazing ground flora can only be achieved by creating light and this is what we do, opening the 'crown' of a plantation also creates a resource for our log business 'Longford Logs' where broadleaf thinning's are taken, stacked in the 'cord' for two years before it is processed by David Streeter and Clayton Lane who work tirelessly to bring wood fuel to your door during the autumn and winter (if you have not already ordered please do so by email logs@longford.org.uk).

Every year we thin conifer in rotation in accordance with a twenty year management plan agreed in 2015 with the Forestry Commission. The plan is overseen by a woodland officer so that our undertakings are legitimate and agreed. The management plan not only unlocks Certification but also the opportunity to consider a number of grants for new planting, enterprise and improvement. In recent months the Farm has submitted an application to plant some fifteen acres of woodland taking advantage of a new planting grant. There is certain criteria to meet imposed by not only the Forestry Commission but also the AONB and Natural England. I am hopeful that this application is successful and our woodland/farm staff will be busy during February planting for the future and adding a little more diversity to the Landscape.

David and Clayton with only limited help planted approx. 13,000 trees during 2016-17 and I am confident this will rise to in excess of 20,000 trees during 2017-18. We have a very active small department! It's a team effort and staff from the farm, and game departments with casual help are engaged.

We are also seeking an improvement grant which again has certain criteria which must be met. This will enable us to focus and undertake uneconomic work again for future benefit creating quality timber as well as enhanced ground flora.

Apart from processing seasoned logs, felling conifer for mainly chip wood, fencing materials and the building industry our quality hardwood is purchased by George Morgan an extremely talented cabinet maker whose premises are on the Estate. It is fantastic to know that bespoke furniture is still being made using local traceable resources.

On the water meadows you will see quite uniform plantations of Cricket Bat Willow. Longford has a long standing agreement with Gray Nicholls to provide quality Bat Willow which is selectively harvested each year and taken to Robertsbridge in Kent where it is graded and processed making bats for cricketers of all ages! We currently have 3000 trees growing on the estate. David and Clayton each year rub the buds from the bark of each tree to make sure the trees grow straight to avoid the growth of low branches and hence knots weakening the timber. When felled only the trunk or 'butt' is of use, there is however no waste, the remaining timber and branch wood is dried and chipped for biomass boilers!

As I am sure you will understand we take the stewardship of the woodlands extremely seriously however there are additional pressures from disease:

- Phytophthora Ramorum – causes death to our European Larch and we are now discouraged from planting this amazing tree which has yellow/golden needle foliage in the autumn.
- Chalara Ash Die Back – causing leaf loss, crown die back and bark lesions which is usually fatal. This is now evident throughout the Estates Ash stands.

Dothistroma Needle Blight, more commonly known as Red Band Needle Blight – significantly weakens the tree and year on year leads to reduced yields and eventual death. This is now evident throughout the Estate's Corsican Pine stands.

We also have a threat from acute Oak Decline as well as Sweet Chestnut Blight and Horse Chestnut Bleeding Canker. As a nation we have a duty to take tree health extremely seriously or our landscape in the future may look quite bland and lack diversity.

Alasdair Jones-Perrott

Church News & Events

Harvest Festival and Shared Lunch in aid of Alabare in Nunton Church and The Barker Room

On Sunday 1st October at 11am

Our Speaker Rev Keith Thomasson will tell us about Alabare
Then bring a plate of food to share for our Harvest Lunch in
The Barker Room

All donations and produce will go to Alabare

More details from Debby 329769 or Maggie 3255825

The Filling Station is a national organisation for Christians of any denomination. This is not a new church, rather an opportunity for people to celebrate their faith in God in an informal and authentic fashion. Many people find the Filling Station a fun and refreshing part of their Christian life. Meetings are held monthly in local venues

Do come and join us at

The South Wiltshire Filling Station

At The Radnor Hall, Bodenham,

Salisbury, SP5 4EQ

Refreshments from 7.30pm

then Worship, Teaching and Prayer till 9.30pm

on the fourth Wednesday of the month

25th Oct & 22nd Nov

To find out more about the national organisation visit
www.TheFillingStation.org.uk

Or contact us at SWiltsFillingStation@gmail.com



Knighton Manor Garden Open for CRESS visit 2017

Thank you all who came and supported or donated to our CRESS garden open on 2nd and 3rd September, we made an amazing £5000 !!! in spite of the rain on Sunday !

£2000 was taken on the 2 days in various ways and then Barclays, MOUS charity and many individuals made up the rest !

This money will all be used to help women and adolescent girls living in refugee camps in Northern Uganda with sanitary health – we will send a report on how this is received on our return in October

Thank you again

Caroline Lamb, Jane Guy, Jonathan Cullis



CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF CRESS

You are invited to a

Serenade of Songs

from Vocal Point

at Coombe Bissett Church

at 3.00pm on Sunday 8th October 2017

Sacred ✦ Spiritual ✦ Soul ✦ Silly ✦ Sweet

Tickets £10 (£6 children under 12) to include interval tea and cakes from:

Coombe Bissett Stores

Maggie Metcalfe: maggiemetcalfe@btinternet.com,
07989 895149

Hugh Ballantine Dykes: chbd@btinternet.com, 07879
016020

Pauline Cullis: picullis@chse.fsnet.co.uk, 01722
718743

Britford Harvest Lunch

7th October 2017

12 noon to 2pm

Barn next to Britford Church

Soup with bread & Pudding with cream £7

Bible Study Group Autumn 2017

Meeting time: 7.30 pm on Mondays.

Place: The Community Room at the Orchard Sheltered Housing Scheme, Nunton.

[Parking spaces are limited so please share cars where possible]

Dates:	2 nd Oct.	Session 3	The Bible as a stream of Living Water
	9 th Oct.	Session 4	The Bible as a Lamp
	16 th Oct.	Session 5	The Bible as a two-edged sword
	23 rd Oct.	Session 6	Daily Bread
	30 th Oct.	Session 7	Bring and Share Meal (Earlier time – 6.30 pm)

Please contact Marian Hearne Tel: 01722 335685 if you would like to come so that I can order a course book for you.



Church of England Services



1 October 16th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Harvest Festival (CW) Harvest Festival Harvest Festival	Britford Nunton Homington	JT AT JT
8 October 17th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Mattins (BCP) Harvest Festival	Odstock Charlton all Saints Coombe Bissett	CB MC JT
15 October 18th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Parish Communion (CW) Evensong (BCP)	Nunton Homington Britford	CB AP JT
22 October 19th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion (CW) Family Service (CW) Choral Mattins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AP AT DB
29 October Bible Sunday BST Ends	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Coombe Bissett	JT
5 November ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion (CW) Family Communion (CW) Family Service Evensong	Britford Coombe Bissett Nunton Homington	AP JT 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
Team Administrator ~ Mrs Helen Atkinson: 01722 781112

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.

Dates for 2017 are:
11th Oct, 8th Nov, 13th Dec.

For more information contact Anna Watson (01722 780028) or Janet Roe (01725 519242)

Getting to know you Martin Simcock

Thank you Martin for being this months subject, a very interesting read.

Where were you born and bred and how long have you lived in the Chalke valley?

I was born in Widnes, Lancashire. My dad was Lancashire, he married a posh Cheshire girl (my mum) so we moved to Weston Point, just the other side of the Mersey, and then to a tiny 12th century fishing village, Ince, originally on the banks of the river, Cheshire side.

It was a tiny village, we could play football on the village street and never see a car for days, but that was the 1950's. I worked on a local farm, Ray Eardley's from the age of 14, (weekends and school holidays) dairy, pigs and arable, lots of tractor work, ploughing, harrowing, turning, baling and bringing in the harvest. Farrowing and castrating piglets, milking the cows and shovelling shit.

I worked there for 8 years until Ray suffered the demise of too many farmers and hung himself in one of his barns. My little brother and nephew still work for Ray's son, Simon who took over the farm and keeps it going, I think it was 100 acres, so tiny. Great days sledging on the North Hills in winter and playing war games in the rhododendron forests of Ince Hall in the summer, surfing on the wake of oil tankers on the ship canal and sliding down the muddy estuaries of the Mersey.

I've lived around these 'ere parts for 35 years, Odstock, Bowerchalke, Nunton, Bodenham, Martin, Cranbourne, beautiful little villages and exquisite countryside. I do love this area, in stark contrast to the industrial northwest and the petrochemical industries which bordered our little village of Ince, lined the estuary and rained chemicals which stripped the paint off cars overnight.

I am told you previously worked in the fashion industry, can you tell us a little more about how you got into fashion & what you did?

Following my instinct of not having a clue, I went to Camberwell School of Art and Craft, south London 1974 - 77 and studied textile design. Met the genius who is Georgina von Etzdorf and decided to set up a workshop with her printing silks, wools and cashmere. Camberwell taught us how to build all the equipment needed, and taught the craft of screen printing, and taught us to have the vision to achieve something. We were joined by Jimmy Docherty, my old school chum from the age of 14 and between us, over 25 years, managed to build a craft based, fashion/textile company which I would like to think influenced the direction of British fashion through the 80's and 90's. We didn't stop with fabric, we printed on wood, leather, plastic, metal, neoprene, feathers. We still have students coming to us writing dissertations on our company to this day.

I ended up as Commercial Director of a £6m business, designing, manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing collections of men's and women's accessories and clothing to 400 top end retailers in 25 countries worldwide. Most of my time was spent travelling round the world, cattle class I might add, working with retailers and agents, introducing new collections and ideas and scouring the marketplace for new directions and trends. All thirsty work really. If you've got another 250 pages, I could go into detail.

With food being one of your current passions, where in the world is the cuisine that inspires you most and why?

Inspiration comes from all quarters, from my parents and my past, from a 30 month travelling expedition around the world in the 70's, from great food writers I know, great chefs we have worked with, holidays in southern Europe, anywhere where I see quality and passion going into the cooking, eating and sharing of food. Quality and passion has always been the business I've been in.

Do you have time to read or watch movies? What is your favourite book or film?

Film - Brief Encounter, Aguirre Wrath of God, 42nd Street, Midnight Cowboy.

Books - The Pageant of Summer - Richard Jefferies, On Writing - Henry Miller, The complete works of Gerard Manley Hopkins, The Bloody Chamber - Angela Carter, Le grand Meaulnes - Alain Fournier, The Fear of Freedom - Eric Fromm

What was your inspiration for your current business Bread and Flowers?

My life.

If you could describe your personality in colours what colour/s would you be and why?

Burnt umber for the Western sky at sunset, violet for the Eastern sky. You only see that in the desert.

Getting to know you (cont.)

What are your top 3 pieces of music you would consider as your 'dessert island disc's

I've been a DJ for over 40 years and still play out from time to time. I love all music from the 1920's to the 2020's (when we get there). So I could pick chronologically, or by genre, but with only 3, I would go for tunes that make me laugh, tunes that make me cry and tunes that make me dance, in that order; 'A Hard Day's Night' - Peter Sellers. 'My Bonnie Lad' - Kathleen Ferrier. 'A Deep-er Love' - Clivellas & Cole (Underground Club Mix/Let's Go Chanting Mix) 1991.

Where in the world is the best place you have visited and why? And is there somewhere still on your wish list to visit?

I'm drawn to remote places, mountain ranges and deserts. I hitched across the Sahara when I was 22, a couple of thousand miles and experienced some amazing sights, sounds and cultures along the way. I visited a friend in Botswana years ago, she lent me her pick-up truck and I drove solo across the Kalahari, and then across the Namib to the skeleton coast. She packed me off with amongst other things, a big black plastic sack full of water which was chucked in the open back of the truck and when I pitched camp for the night, 300 miles down the road, I slung the sack in a wizened tree, attached the nozzle and had the best, steaming hot shower I've ever had. It gets cold in the desert at night. But the Atacama is probably the most beautiful desert I've experienced, in Northern Chile, beautiful, silent, neon skies, extraordinary colours and a rather beautiful girl I seem to remember, half Sri Lankan, half Maltese.

I spent two months walking in remote valleys of the Himalaya, with mountains of silver and gold. Splitting, echoing glaciers, crashing into the main valleys below, avalanches wiping out entire villages, leaving the scent of mangled pine and the tears of the bereaved. With the only escape over an 18,000 meter pass which sapped every ounce of strength and drew the blood out of my lungs.

I once spent 4 weeks paddling down an unchartered river in the Cameroon, the Nyong, which drifted just south of the political capital of Yaoundé and ended up at the coast 300 miles away. I went with Jimmy, we thought it might be a giggle. We spoke to the National Geographic Society who were really excited, who said no one had ever been, or rather, no one had ever come back, so could we take lots of photographs and bring them back. The 8 foot inflatable, Spanish army dinghy we bought at a roadside stall was our home for that time. We spent most of the time in impenetrable rain forest, met fascinating tribes along the way, bumped into a few corpses floating by and eventually paddled over a bloody waterfall, where we lost the camera, and nearly our lives. So sadly no photo's, but great memories.

I'd love to go to south west Ireland..



Make your own compost and leaf piles. Not only will it be good for the garden, but the compost heap itself is great for all sorts of wildlife.

Recipes are back next month..

We have some lovely recipes to warm you up in chilli weather.

If you would like to submit a recipe to be published, email it to me at editor@newsandnotes.co.uk

Find 5 musical instruments hidden below, in our mind puzzle.

D	E	D	R	U	M	X	D	V
E	M	C	D	A	K	X	K	A
A	E	E	L	G	T	V	V	N
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1 st October	Harvest Festival and Shared lunch, Nunton (see page 6)
7 th October	Britford Harvest Lunch (see page 6)
8 th October	Concert for CRESS, Coombe Bissett (see page 6)
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