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Rick Williams

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JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, RW = Revd Rick Williams, AR = Anne Claar Thomasson-Rosingh, SP = Mrs Sylvia Parrett, DB = David Blundell, AT = Adrian Taylor

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Contacts

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Team Vicar – Revd Jenny Taylor: 01722 503081
Team Vicar – Revd Rick Williams: 01722 330628
Team Administrator – Mrs Helen Atkinson: 01722 781112

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Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI

Gill Dodd

The WI meeting this month, on 14th December, was a Christmas Spectacular. We were asked to come in a Christmas outfit which was to be judged by the President. This was won by Dee Prince who was dressed as a Father Christmas. She undoubtedly looked the part.

The business meeting was kept short but all the usual activity groups were well covered.

The President’s table had a beautiful white cyclamen with silver decorations provided by Lesley Meader. Behind the table was a massive raffle display. Around the room we had a Christmas sales table adorned with goodies made by the Pins & Needles group.

There was our usual Bring & Buy stall next to a table for the ACWW competition and a Lucky Dip. The competition was for a handmade decoration. This was won by Sharon Chalke.

Wendy Duke gave us a resumé of our efforts to help with Morning Star, our chosen charity. We had provided a variety of men’s thermal wear and food for their soup run. This Morning Star group had made a tree using old green plastic bags and green bottles for the St Thomas’ Christmas tree festival. From a vast number this tree was chosen to be placed in the new porch of the church.

Ten members had attended the Wiltshire weekend at Denman College and Elizabeth Cutter gave us the feedback. Seven members had studied Blenheim, two had enjoyed the films of Judy Garland, and one had opted for Christmas Cookery.

We had amusing Christmas readings from Sally Halliday and Celia Maidment. Carols were provided by Linda Cox, Carol Stratton, Susie Appleford and Gill Swatridge. They sang a parody of the WI based on “See amid the winter snow” and we all joined in the chorus.

Pam Trubshaw thanked the President and Committee for all their hard work in arranging such a wonderful morning.

The finale was champagne, mince pies and sausage rolls. Judith Johnson who had recently died kindly bequeathed the drink; we held a minutes silence and a toast was proposed by the President.

With Christmas ringing in our ears we departed for home looking forward to our Christmas dinner organised by Sue Amey for later in the week.

Weekly Police surgeries

We will be available to discuss any of your concerns at the following events:

**Wednesdays:** 11am - 12noon at Coombe Bissett Church (at coffee morning)

**Thursdays:** 10-30am-11am at Downton Library, Church Leat, **Downton**

Pc 1157 Matt HOLLAND and Pcso 6227 Matt SMITH – you can contact us by telephone via ‘101’ or email – southernwiltspnt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

St Mary’s Church, Homington

A big thank you to everyone who gave so generously in support of our Christmas bazaar. We raised £1274.00 which has been divided between Pancreatic Cancer UK and Homington Church Fabric.

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Odstock Parish Council
Rod Poynting. Vice-Chairman O.P.C.

Thanks to all who attended the Parish Council meeting to discuss Wiltshire Council proposals to close the junctions from Nunton onto the dual carriageway for traffic making right turns. It was useful to have your views on ways to minimise accidents at this junction as it has become an accident black spot even though it has already been modified. One of the recent accidents involved a fatality. The general consensus seems to be that the reversion of the dual carriageway to single lane road, the implementation of reduced speed limits and introduction of lighting and or bollards at the northern end of the dual carriageway will make it less hazardous.

The P.C. will advise Wiltshire Council of the unacceptability of their original proposal and the alternatives that we advise. If you would like to give your views directly to W.C. you can contact the Senior Traffic Manager, Julie Wharton on email: julie.wharton@wiltshire.gov.uk

The P.C. continues to pressurise W.C. Highways to refurbish road C12 (from Nunton Church to the dual carriageway) and although this has supposedly been given priority, still nothing seems to be happening. If you would like to make personal representations this might well move things forward.

You can contact W.C.Highways through the link on the Odstock Parish Council website. Please use this to report all your concerns about roads, footpaths and road gullies etc. By doing this you are able to track scheduled rectification dates and progress. If several people report the same item, it will likely receive priority.

Just to remind everyone that Odstock Parish Council is on Facebook, look out for information and posts.

“No, no, no … No Right Turn!”

Editor

Thank you to the Parish Council for putting to Wiltshire Council the generally held views of the unsuitability of the “No right turn” proposal, and suggesting more viable alternatives.

I’m sure, like me, some readers of News and Notes will have made direct representation to Wiltshire Council on the subject. If you are one of them, and receive a reply which you would like to share with the rest of us, please let me know. I could certainly make them all available on the News and Notes website, and, space permitting, include some in News and Notes, too.

Recycle your tree with your garden waste

If you have paid to have your garden waste collected at home you can leave your real Christmas tree alongside your garden waste bin for collection between 9th and 31st January only. Alternatively you can take it to any of Wiltshire’s 11 household recycling centres.

Radnor Hall Players
Jeremy Metcalfe

To all Radnor Hall players, supporters and audience:

Thank you to all the actors and directors who put on a splendid show, for which there have been great accolades from those who were lucky enough to see it.

Thank you to all those who helped behind the scenes, Front of House and in the kitchen helping with the catering.

Thank you to all those who came to see the show, and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed doing it.

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South Wiltshire Paths Group

Since our last update we have been very busy with work parties and officially opening our very first Circular Walk in Pitton. The last few months our work parties have visited many of the Parishes in the Southern Area Board replacing several stiles with kissing gates, repairing stiles, clearing vegetation, resurfacing and adding steps to bridges to name but a few. Our biggest project has been resurfacing a very long stretch of path located in Redlynch. The path was closely fenced with the posts collapsing on both sides. The very narrow path had become overgrown and during the winter it became very slippery and uneven, to the extent that many Redlynch residents had stopped using it altogether. The task was to clear the path, realign the posts, level the surface and top the path with planings laid over a semi-permeable membrane. South Wiltshire Paths Group joined forces with Natural England and Redlynch village volunteers to complete the works. The path is now a pleasant country path preventing residents risking the walk on the road or driving to access their village shop.
South Wiltshire Paths Group (cont.)
On the 11th October 2015 we officially opened our very first Circular Walk in Pitton, by all accounts the grand opening was a huge success with over 50 people attending. The Pitton Paths Group under the local leadership of Brian Cudby have worked together to establish this circular path which incorporates existing Rights of Way and takes in the Clarendon Woods. Pitton Paths Group are to be congratulated on this notable achievement. Further circular walks are planned for South Wiltshire parishes but if you have a route that you would like to make into a Circular Walk then please let us know.

How can you help?
Has your Parish got dangerous or difficult to negotiate stiles that need replacing?? If so we have some lovely wooden kissing gates in stock that we would like to use. Wooden kissing gates are stock proof and are very ascetically pleasing features using naturally durable sweet chestnut timber.
Volunteering: If you can offer just a few hours of your time you will not only enjoy the benefits but also the satisfaction of helping your community by improving the access to our vast network of footpaths in South Wiltts for all of us to enjoy. If you are interested then please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator and add yourself to our mailing list using the link below:
http://eepurl.com/RVV7j
Once signed up you will receive information on up and coming events, work parties and updates on the projects’ progress. Abby Sullivan, Volunteer Coordinator
Via email: info@southwiltpathsgroup.co.uk
Via Phone: 07845 849947

Cold Living
Living in a cold home can be bad for your health. Consistently low temperatures in your home may exacerbate existing health issues (particularly respiratory and cardiovascular conditions) and make it harder for you to recover from illnesses. It can cause you and your family to feel miserable at home, affecting concentration, dexterity and mental health.
Residents can now contact Warm & Safe Wiltshire - the commitment from Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service and their partners to help residents live in safer and healthier homes - and a one stop shop for all cold home and energy queries. The service provides free, impartial advice about keeping your home warm, understanding your heating system and energy bills, switching energy supplier, making energy saving improvements and a comprehensive home fire safety check where eligible. Energy advice can be given through home visits as well as over the phone.
Warm & Safe Wiltshire can help to improve energy efficiency in the home which can reduce fuel bills. The service can also advise on possible benefit entitlement and available grants such as the Warm Home Discount.

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Harnham Garden Society
Meeting in Harnham Memorial Hall, Watersmeet Road, Salisbury SP2 8JH, adjacent to All Saints Church, starting at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments from 7pm. Non-members may attend talks for a £3 fee; new members are welcome to join the HGS.
15th January “A Short History of Bournemouth Gardens” by Mr Chris Evans. Chris is the Horticulture Manager for Bournemouth Council, winning national awards and four RHS gold medals for various designs.

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<td>Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orcichon - 01722 502026)</td>
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<td>Mobile Library</td>
<td>Britford (The Green), 10.10am – 10.30am (Wednesday 6th January)</td>
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<td>Acorn Club</td>
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<td>'Local Vocals'</td>
<td>Singing group for everybody. No need to read music. 1st and 3rd Mondays each month. Radnor Hall, 7.30 - 9.30 pm. Please check with Clare Chitty 01722 330871</td>
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<td>Circle Dancing</td>
<td>Simple dances from many countries to join in with, no partner or previous experience necessary. 2nd and 4th Mondays at Radnor Hall, 7.30 - 9.30 pm. Contact Clare Chitty 01722 330871</td>
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<td>Village Prayers</td>
<td>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 <a href="mailto:villageprayers@live.com">villageprayers@live.com</a> or come along. Next meeting: 7.00pm – 13th Jan. – Barker Room, Nunton</td>
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Diary Dates

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Happy New Year!