

# News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock July 2011

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## News & Notes

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## Billing, cooing and looking on the bright side

Isn't it odd how you can hear and use a familiar expression without stopping to think how it originated. This thought occurred to me recently while I watched a couple of pigeons sitting on a fence. As they rubbed their beaks together and, as far as I could tell through double-glazing, spoke to each other as they rubbed, I suddenly understood the basis of the phrase "Billing and cooing".

I expect you're all thinking "This chap's a bit thick - I've always known what billing and cooing means." But go easy on me. We're all capable of missing something that's right under our nose and I'm not referring to clumsy eating.

We live in an area of great natural beauty and are surrounded by good friends and neighbours. It's sometimes easy to overlook these things and many other ways in which our lives are blessed.

There's an old Sunday School song which goes "Count your blessings, name them one by one." Whether, having done this, we choose to thank God for them is a matter of choice and conviction, but I reckon it's still a useful exercise whatever our beliefs.

I always warm to "glass half full" people. For them, when the sun's shining, it's good for gardening and, when it's raining, it's good for the garden. And, if it didn't rain sometimes, we'd never get to see that wonderful roof at Wimbledon.

#### Editor

PS I've just put my scarecrow out. Why is it that my old clothes look better on him than they ever did on me? That's a rhetorical question. No answers, please!

## **Church of England Services**

3 <sup>rd</sup> July Trinity 2 St Thomas	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	AW ACFT AW AW
10 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 3	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Matins Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	AW DB AW
17 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 4	8.00am 9.30am 9.30am	Holy Communion Parish Communion Family Communion	Britford Nunton Homington	AW KRS AW
24 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 5	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW LB AW
31 <sup>st</sup> July Trinity 6	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Broad Chalke	DH/CD
7 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	AW ACFT JT AW

DH =Canon David Henley, CD = Clare Downing (URC Moderator)

AW = Revd Alison Williams, KRS = Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith, DB = Denis Blake,

LB = Lavender Buckland, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, ACFT = Adrian Taylor

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## Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI

Carol Stratton

Considering the previous day's dreadful weather, the annual Garden Party held on 13<sup>th</sup> June enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon. After a short business meeting the President, Elizabeth Cutter, welcomed everyone including the many members of other WIs in the area. It was wonderful to see so many visitors. She also thanked Sue Bourne for the use of her lovely home and garden again this year as a venue for the Garden Party and hoped that she would soon be back to full mobility after her recent accident. The entertainment for the afternoon was Country Dancing led by John Whipple as caller and provider of the music. The dancing was great fun and enjoyed by everyone who took part, and must have been quite amusing for those who watched. After a short break the afternoon followed with a wonderful tea of sandwiches and the most amazing cakes provided by the members. There was also another chance to look around the plant, nearly new, and Bric a Brac stalls which was all a great success. The party concluded with the results of the raffle. The next monthly meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> July. The talk will be "Herbs in History, Gardens, and Cooking" by J Arnold. The summer outing to Denman Gardens and Chichester will be on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Diamond Wedding Anniversary**

All good wishes go to Muriel and Peter Ford of Nunton who celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. They left that day for two weeks on a Mediterranean cruise – a well deserved treat for them both. Muriel and Peter have lived in the village all their married life and they have four children, eight grand children and six great grand children. Congratulations!

## **South Sudan Visit**

Caroline Lamb

On 4<sup>th</sup> September a small team from the Chalke Valley will be making their first ever visit to South Sudan as guests of Bishop Anthony. The team consists of David Henley, Jonathan Cullis and myself with two other possibles. The new country will be just two months old when we visit.

As they were so grateful for all the items I took from the Chalke Valley Community I am planning to again take goods for them. Here is a list below of possible items – if you have any of these please can you bring them to any one of our houses (or via N&N Editor) during July and early August so that we have time to work out our weights before we leave.

## Items for the team to carry out

Laptop computers (2 years old or under)
Unlocked old mobile phones - Large suitcases
Men's suits/ jackets (must be good condition and not too large)
Good quality men's shirts - Biros, pens, pencils, notepads
(schools loved these - many have nothing to write with)
Reading glasses (not distance ones) - Blow up footballs
World maps — Calculators - 2012 diaries - Men's watches
Pyjamas for men

Money – this will be used for buying some English teaching books for students (  $\mathfrak{L}7$  each) – or for medicines or other emergency needs we see out there. We will see where it goes and collect photos as evidence.

## **Odstock Road Parking**

Julian Johnson, Wiltshire Councillor Tel: 01722 335877 Mobile: 07771 547351 Email: julian.johnson@wiltshire.gov.uk

All of us trying to access the hospital from the south or using the Odstock road as a more convenient route into the city will be aware of the congestion from vehicles parked on the roadside outside entrance B. This leaves no room for 2-way traffic for cars and makes it particularly difficult for buses and larger vehicles to squeeze past.

The problem started a couple of years ago but highway engineers were not convinced that it was an issue. The number of cars dramatically increased last year when the hospital introduced staff car-parking charges in response to the government's "Green Travel Plans" initiative designed to reduce the number of cars on the road. I understand that Salisbury was one of the last hospitals to bring in such parking charges but the result is now 20-25 cars being parked on the verge and I have received more complaints recently about this matter than any other.

Last autumn I thought that we had resolved the problem with the NHS Trust and Wiltshire Council funding equally the cost of installing double-yellow lines. However the severe financial cutbacks both authorities suffered, in line with all other similar public bodies, have meant that financial resources are no longer available.

I am doing my best to find a solution and, as I write this, have just returned from a meeting with the Trust's Interim Chief Executive to see if we can both look at the funding once again. Whilst the cost of such a road scheme is relatively modest, the problem is symptomatic of those facing all authorities having lost a substantial amount of their annual revenue grants from central government.

## **Christian Aid**

Adrian Taylor

Thank you very much indeed to all those involved in the Christian Aid envelope collection this year, both as collectors and givers. Despite the adverse financial climate, the collection in our five villages raised a record total of £1,138.02, which represents a terrific effort by all those concerned.

Christian Aid's aim is "To help people in poverty out of poverty and, more than that, to help people help themselves out of poverty." It is good that we have been able to support such a worthy cause so well.

## Wool required

to knit for orphans and needy in Bulgaria.

For donations, please ring Helen on 07920 263753 - Happy to collect

## **Chalke Valley Flower Club**

Liz Long 01722 780448

Our next event is a floral art demonstration entitled Traditional Stance by Liz Hull on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July. The evening starts at 7.30pm with a welcome tea or coffee at Broadchalke Village Hall. Everyone is invited to the event and the guest ticket charge is £5 at the door. Club members are reminded that it is also the day for the annual O'Connor Cup photographic competition. This year you are invited to exhibit your best photo of a single rose.

The Flower Club is open to new members so if you are new to the area or are looking for a social evening then please come along and give us a try.

Check our new website at <a href="https://www.chalkevalleyflowerclub.org.uk">www.chalkevalleyflowerclub.org.uk</a> for even more information about our friendly club.

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## **Home Help Needed**

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## TREASURE HUNTERS HOLIDAY CLUB 2011

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 10am – 4pm For Ages 5-12 years Suggested donation for the 2 days is £20

## CHALKE VALLEY YOUTH GROUP (Teenagers) SOCIAL EVENING

Wednesday 27 July 6:30pm

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## **ONB** Fête

You'll see full details of the annual **Odstock, Nunton** and **Bodenham Grand Fête** elsewhere in this edition. The Fête itself will be on **Saturday 9**<sup>th</sup> **July** on Nunton Field, starting at 1.30 pm.

Here's a few final notes for those in Bodenham, Nunton and Odstock (and anyone else who'd like to be involved) in preparation for the big day.

#### **Bottles**

If you have any bottles that will be suitable for the bottle stall, and that's pretty much any bottles, please put them to one side. Collectors will be round in early July and will be very grateful for any donations.

#### **Grand Draw**

To sell or buy tickets, please contact Keith Bradford (01722 329740). **Keith will also welcome donations of suitable prizes.** 

#### WI Stall

Donations of cakes, plants, produce of any sort, cut flowers, groceries and anything edible will be welcomed from members of the WI and any others who can help. They may be taken to the appropriate stall after 10.00am on the day or given beforehand to:

Pam Trubshaw (Nunton - 01722 323472) Carol Stratton (Britford - 01722 503311) Sue Bourne (01722 329734) Susan Melling (01722 329024) Jill Dodd (01722 329341) Elizabeth Cutter (01725 511870)

## Bric-à-brac

Anything for the stall will be welcomed by Diane Berry (01722 323648).

#### Book and video stall

If you have books or videos for the stall please contact Peter Stannard on 01722 327766.

## General offers of help (always welcome!)

Please ring Brian Clake on 01722 340261.

### **Raft Race**

Please ring Stewart Ford (01722 339867) for entry details.

## **Scarecrows**

It's not too late to enter. This year, scarecrows can be based on any character you choose (even a scarecrow!). Please display your scarecrow outside your house in Bodenham, Nunton or Odstock (or any other another suitably prominent place in one of the three villages) from 25<sup>th</sup> June onwards.

To be included in the judging your scarecrow must be in place by 7<sup>th</sup> July at the latest.

Encourage your neighbours to make one as well so that we have more than ever on display.

Please ring Alison (01722 330628) or Adrian on 01722 325862, if you have any questions.

## **Britford Parish Council AGM**

Bryan Rycroft Parish Clerk

It was held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7.00pm in the Community Hall Britford. Nick Read from the Environmental Authority spoke on the work of the organisation concerning Flooding. He stated the need for a village plan to be produced. Mrs.Gail Gould is the Flood Warden for the Parish Council and she is producing a plan for the Parish Council.

The Chairman, Malcolm Hitchings, thanked Nick Read for his talk and answers to the questions. He then updated the meeting on the work of the Council during the last year. Questions from the floor included Lights at the Britford Park and Ride and the danger of parking on Odstock Hill by the Hospital. The meeting closed at 8.20pm. The next AGM will be on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

## **Britford Parish Council**

Bryan Rycroft, Parish Clerk

At the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June, apologies were received from Cllr.J.Johnson and Cllr.Dr J Hemming. Malcolm Hitchings was elected as Chairman and Mrs.Jane Ranaboldo as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Items discussed were the change to the Parish steward programme, the danger of car parking on Odstock Hill by the Hospital, and the Downton Road bus lane development.

The Parish accounts were adopted and sent to the External Auditors. Any resident may request to view the accounts by contacting the Parish Clerk between 10.00am and 12.00pm from 27<sup>th</sup> June to 18<sup>th</sup> July.

The Annual insurance had been paid plus a grant to the Community Hall.

Items included in Any Other Business were; the use of the Depot bottle bank, plus comments on the Planning application on the caravan park in Alderbury were made.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm.

The next Parish meeting is on 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

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Tue 12<sup>th</sup> July – Steak Night Rump or Sirloin - £9.95

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> July – Spanish Night Tapas to start, Paella main, Pud - £16.95

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Lobster supper Fri 29<sup>th</sup> July - Fish & Chips Two courses £10.95

Kenny will be running mushroom forages in the Autumn including Sunday lunch. Dates and prices to follow.

Please call 01722 329722 to book

## **Broad Chalke Charity Open Gardens**

Ian Nason

Well done all those many people from Broad Chalke, the Chalke Valley and in and around Salisbury who made a great effort to contribute to two worthy charities: Help For Heroes and the Chalke Valley Play School. It is invidious to pick out individuals as all played a vital part, but thanks must go to those who volunteered to open their gardens at some expense in time and money, the tea makers and servers, the flower club, bell ringers, the organist, map maker, publishers and many behind the scenes guarding gardens, manning reception and bringing friends and family members to the event. For the N and N

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Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30pm, Barker Room, Nunton			
Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862			
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)			
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.40 – 9.55am (7 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>rd</sup> July) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (1 <sup>st</sup> ,15 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> July) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (6 <sup>th</sup> July)			
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm at the Orchard			
Open Circle Folk Dancing/ Local Vocals	Dancing: 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall Local Vocals: 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday each month, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall Contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871			
Diary Dates				
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Quiz Night, Yew Tree Inn, 7.30pm			
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Chalke Valley Ladies Choir Summer Concert, All Saints' Church, Broad Chalke, 7.30 - 9.30pm (see page 4)			
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Dance to Peter Pod's Peas, Marquee, Nunton Field, 8.00pm			
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Grand Fête, 1.30pm Nunton Field			
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Concert in the Park, Trafalgar School, Downton, 6.00pm (see page 4)			
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Treasure Hunters 10.00am , Youth Group 6.30pm , Broad Chalke School (see page 3)			
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Treasure Hunters 10.00am , Seekers 10.00am , Fish & Chips 6.00pm Broad Chalke School (see page 3)			