

News and Notes

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

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Should I let my mother win at Scrabble?

You could be forgiven for thinking that, deep down, you will always know what's right and what's wrong.

When I visit my mother, who is approaching 95, we sometimes watch the snooker, sometimes play Scrabble and sometimes just sit and chat. During the games of Scrabble, I generally try as hard as I can to win and, so far, I've managed to do so every time. It's not that I'm taking advantage of a feeble-minded nonagenarian. After all, it was my mother who bought a laptop at age 90, sends emails and banks online. It's just that she's not quite as good at Scrabble as she used to be and so, unlike when we were both younger, I'm now able to beat her. The question is should I always endeavour to win or would it be a good idea to soft-pedal a bit so that she wins from time to time.

There are arguments for and against taking it easy. On the one hand, there's the chance that she'll realise and it will appear, and perhaps would be, disrespectful, not to mention taking any pleasure out of a win. On the other, if I manage the deception, I think the occasional victory would give her some pleasure. You see the problem. Perhaps News and Notes readers might let me know what they'd do and why. Answers on a postcard to Florida, Nunton or to the email address below!

If you don't mind, though, I think I'll use different methods for dealing with all other of life's difficult decisions. You'll probably guess how I'll go about that but, if you're in doubt, the information immediately below gives a clue. *Editor*

Church of England Services

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	27 th March Lent 3	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	DH/LB LB DH
се	3 rd April Mothering Sunday	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	* ACFT *

DH = Canon David Henley, AW = Revd Alison Williams, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor,

CH = Revd Charles Hatton, LB = Lavender Buckland, RR = Revd Roger Redding, ACFT = Adrian Taylor

* service takers to be confirmed in next month's News and Notes

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Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI

Anna Treseder

Meeting - 14th February 2011

Elizabeth Cutter, President, opened the meeting by welcoming members and their guests and thanked Priscilla Mackay for her seasonal arrangement of daffodils for the top table. She introduced Mrs Booth who proceeded to entertain and enthral us all with a professional talk and demonstration on "A History of Punch and Judy Through the Ages". Hatty Hillier thanked her on our behalf after a lively Q&A session.

The business meeting took place after coffee. Elizabeth won the Flower of the Month prize with a beautiful pink Hellebore. Claire Hendicott confirmed the dates for forthcoming Theatre trips. The next Scrabble match will be on 1 March vs Winterslow. Margaret Barrow updated members on Skittles events and asked people to join in. Details of the Walking Group and the Book Club Meetings were announced. All dates and events are listed on the monthly "Dates for Your Diary" sheet produced by Wendy Duke. The Waitrose Cookery Demonstration on 31st January was very good. Sheila May gave the Treasurer's report and thanked everyone for paying their subscriptions promptly. WI correspondence and information about WI social events were read by Jean Van Hagen and Pam Trubshaw. Elizabeth thanked Suzie Appleford for organising the Christmas Lunch at the Emblems which had been a great success. Susie is now planning our Summer Outing on 13th July and asked members for suggestions.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on 14th March at the Radnor Hall. Hatty Hillier will give a talk about her visit to Denman College. The next potential share-a-skills day on the fifth Monday falls on the May Bank Holiday so will not take place.

East End Chalke Valley Churches Together

Lent Lunch

In aid of the Lent Project - Facing Africa

Saturday 16th April at the Radnor Hall, Bodenham

12noon - 2.00pm Cost £6

Soup and Ploughman's A raffle

All welcome. Come and find out all that is happening to help disfigured children suffering from Noma.

For more details and to let us know you are coming please ring Carole Stratton 01722 329720

A spruce up for Nunton Church

The Churchwardens and PCC Treasurer

We are very pleased to report that all but one of the projects listed in our "Improvement Appeal Summer 2010", together with several extra works, have now been completed.

In the appeal we were looking to raise \pounds 32,000, of which half was to come from grants and half through an old legacy and local fund-raising. In the event we achieved some £33,000, of which just under £16,000 through grants. So, very many thanks to all those who contributed by way of individual donations, or who took part in or helped organise fund-raising events.

Space in the south aisle and in front of the nave has been opened up and there is now a good view through to the Lady Chapel. New chairs are stored in the belfry, for use in the south aisle whenever needed. A new boiler has been installed, repairs undertaken to the central heating system, and the church interior redecorated.

Our three bells have been refurbished and a fourth added, all for stationary chiming by a single person. We are gathering together a small band of "Nunton Chimers" who will be expected to demonstrate their newly acquired skills when we dedicate the bells at a service in June.

We obtained grants from several sources such as the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and the Church Buildings Council in London. By far the largest grant, which really got the whole exercise off the ground, was from the Landfill Communities Fund. This was facilitated by a handsome "Third Party Contribution" from the Longford Estate, and was given by the Cleansing Service Group through Community First, the Community Council for Wiltshire.

The remaining project is to repair the coping to the churchyard eastern boundary wall. Funds planned for this have had to be diverted to the central heating repairs, so maybe we can raise some extra money to do up the wall in the spring or summer.

Details of the various works and of funds raised will be posted in the church fairly shortly.

Bric-à-Brac Wanted

Friends of

Longford C of E Primary School (FOLs) are collecting Bric-à-Brac: good condition clothing, shoes, books, toys,

china, glass etc will be gratefully received. The items may be delivered to either school site

at Odstock or Britford and will be sold at their Jumble Sale

which will be held at St George's, Harnham on 2nd April starting at 2.00pm 20p entrance fee.

"Morning Hills" remembered

Denis Blake

In my last piece I mentioned that my view of the train coming up the Itchen valley to Winchester in the still of a morning was brought about by the fact that I was up there for a roll-call of the school that I attended. Yes, it was indeed Winchester College and I am verv proud and grateful that this was so and the ceremony I was attending was called "Morning Hills", Hills being the school word for St. Catherine's Hill. I shall now quote from James Sabben-Clare's excellent book "Winchester College":- "To disbelieving parents of first-year boys the Headmaster admits in an annual speech that the school only meets regularly as a unified body twice a year - and that is on top of St. Catherine's Hill at eight o'clock in the morning at the beginning of the summer and winter terms." For some five hundred years from 1392 onwards, the top of St. Catherine's Hill was the only playing-field Winchester College had and the present ceremony in some measure recalls those days and reasserts the school's right to process up the hill which was Church property until 1930 when it was bought by an old-boy Masonic lodge and given to the school. In my day, from 1947 to 1952, this involved crossing over the very busy Winchester By-Pass and Elf 'n' Safety would have fifty fits at such a thing today, even were the by-pass still there - which it isn't.

We gathered in a large square round the maze that is cut in the turf on the top of the hill on the northern side of the copse of beech trees which crowns the hill. This maze was designed and cut, so the highly improbable story goes, by a Winchester boy who was not allowed to go home for the summer holidays!

The senior boy in the school, the senior scholar, who bears the title of Prefect of Hall, reads out the roll of the whole school and, as your name is called, you step out and cross the maze, lifting your hat to the Headmaster as you do so. All the other masters are assembled behind the Head. When I mention "the whole school", I mean just that, including the entire teaching staff and the boys in the Chapel Choir who are called "Quiristers". You pronounce this as "Quirry-sters" and not as "Quire-isters". Do remember that, in the lovely old Prayer Book there is the rubric, "In quires and places where they sing here followeth an Anthem." To have Quiristers singing in a Quire is not so stupid as you may have thought!

Having raised your hat to the "Head Man" and said loudly, "Sum!" (short for the Latin "adsum" = I am present), you made your way down the hill and back to your boarding house for breakfast, for which you were more than ready!

People may jeer - and some do - at the preservation of such quaint reminders of yesteryear and its associated privilege, but I make no secret of the fact that Winchester was my alma mater as well as my birthplace and I shall always be grateful to my parents for having scraped together the fees to send me to such a wonderful school. I am a very happy Old Wykehamist - and lessons in how to pronounce THAT word will cost you at least a coffee and bun at The Stag!

(Thanks again, Denis, for entertaining and informing us. Ed)

In The Mood?...

Let's Party BIG BAND STYLE!!

Friday 29th April 2011 7.30pm - Midnight

The Radnor Hall, Bodenham.

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Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Barbara Box

The first meeting in 2011 of the Charlton All Saints Garden Society is Monday 28th March at 7.30pm. The speaker will be John Trim, who will talk about onions and shallots.

Passover Supper

Radnor Hall on 21st April 6.00pm

A commemoration of the Passover Haggadah, with all its traditional Jewish elements, as Jesus did with his friends at the Last Supper, but introducing Christian elements as our meal culminates in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Advance notice for 25th June Charlton All Saints Grand Fête and Barbecue

Great stalls, games for the children.

Odstock Parish Council

At the OPC meeting on 9th February, a question was asked about the procedure for advertising a vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor. Once advised, Wiltshire Electoral Services will provide notices which must be displayed conspicuously within the Parish for a period of 14 days. If an election is requested, this must be held within 90 days. The Annual meeting of Odstock PC is scheduled to take place on 11th May after the Annual Parish meeting has been held at 7:00pm. An Agenda will be published on the village notice boards and at www.odstock.info at least 3 days before the meeting. Contact the Parish Clerk about all parish matters, including highways issues, on Tel: 01794-341405 or eMail: OPC@ODSTOCK.INFO

Britford Parish Council

Bryan Rycroft, Parish Clerk

At the February Parish Meeting in the Village Hall the following subjects were discussed;

- 1. The work to take place on the Bodenham bypass
- 2. To obtain the views of the Odstock Parish Council concerning the parking of cars on the hill by the side of Odstock Hospital.
- 3. The Public meeting to be held on the Village Hall
- 4. Concern was expressed on the danger to pedestrians by the parking of cars on the pavement on the High Road
- 5. Received an excellent report by Gale Gould on the dangers of flooding to the village after attending a Environmental Authority meeting.
- 6. The Rowbarrow Stage 3 development to be investigated.
- 7. 7. Planning applications S/2010/51 TCA and S/2010/84/ LBC were accepted.

Britford Memorial Community Hall

A public meeting held in Britford, on Wednesday 16th February, to discuss the future of the Memorial Community Hall, was very well attended and the new management committee and trustees are confident that, with such enthusiastic support, the future of the hall is assured. Many ideas were put forward for activities and projects. Offers of help in organising events and running of the hall were also received. A website is currently under construction: www.britford.net – for those with access to the internet. For more information or to make enquiries about the hall please contact: Giles Gould 01722 349002 or email britford@live.co.uk.

It was also felt at the meeting that celebrations for the Royal Wedding in April should take place in the village, which brought forth some generous offers of support to contribute towards the festivities. More details in the next edition of News & Notes!

Bible Reading Marathon

Three years ago we ran a vey successful Bible Reading Marathon when a hundred people in the valley participated. From the enquiries we have received, people would very much like to do it again. From Monday 28th March until the following Saturday, we plan to read the entire Bible, starting at 8am on Monday morning until we finish, probably on Saturday afternoon. As before, the reading will be in Broad Chalke Chapel and we do hope as many people as possible will come and read and listen while they enjoy our hospitality.

Please contact Katie-Jayne to choose your slot. You can either phone 01722 781200 or check the online timetable at <u>www.biblereading.webs.com</u> to see what best suits you.

Treasure Hunters Children's Holiday Club

We are pleased to announce a new Easter Activity for *Treasure Hunters*. This will take place on Good Friday at Broad Chalke School – 9:30am to 12:30pm. Mums and Dads welcome to join us for coffee from 11:45am (before pick-up). To include Hot Cross Buns !!

Lots of fun activities - don't miss it! Look out for booking forms through school or from Vanessa Colyer (01722 781051

vanessacolyer@hotmail.co.uk) or Katie-Jayne Jennings (01722 781200). Small donation required to cover costs.

Also reserve Summer Holiday Club dates in your diaries – Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th July 2011.

Chalke Valley Family Weekend

Save the date for the Chalke Valley Family weekend **9th-10th April**, to be held in Coombe Bissett Village Hall. More information can be found in Church porches and Chalke Talk. Tickets £5 for adults, £3 for children (with Roly the clown show and circus skills) and £10 for a family ticket. Available from the clergy, Broad Chalke post office, or phoning Katie-Jayne Jennings on 01722 781200.

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or Jenifer Withers 01725 510796 Any profits to Charlton All Saints church fund

Help for Heroes Charity Dinner

Due to last year's success Kenny and Cath of The Radnor Arms are yet again hosting a fabulous 2 course dinner in aid of Help for Heroes. Places are limited so book early to avoid

disappointment.

Wednesday 23rd March at 7.00pm The Radnor Arms, Nunton Tickets: £25

Guest Speaker: TBC Tickets Available from Sheri or Nigel Start Home Tel:01722 330761 Sheri M:07986 604564 E:sheristart@tiscali.co.uk Nigel Mob:07963255520 E:nigelstart1@tiscali.co.uk

Oxford Gospel Choir at Berwick St John

We are hosting a return visit by the Oxford Gospel Choir (check them out on YouTube) on 26th and 27th March here in Berwick St John. There will be a workshop in the Village Hall on Saturday 26th from 1pm to 5pm (tea provided) and the choir will then lead our worship in church at 11am on Sunday 27th.

All free, though donations to the Choir welcome. No need to book.

Further details from me, Angela Bridges 01747 828383 or pontibus@aol.com .

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Downton Neighbourhood Policing Team Bulletin - February 2010

Speeding – Introduction of Community SpeedWatch (CSW) – Coombe Bissett/Homington

Volunteers from Coombe Bissett and Homington have completed initial training for CSW but there has been a delay in starting checks at our Homington site. NPT officers are now working with volunteers to agree a starting date in the near future. We will also explore the possibility of extending the scheme to include a site on the main A354.

StreetWatch

Wiltshire Police are now supporting the introduction of 'StreetWatch' schemes which already operate in other areas of the country. For more information, please visit – <u>www.street-watch.org.uk</u> and let us know if you are interested in getting involved.

Police Surgeries

An officer from Downton NPT will be available to discuss any of your concerns at the following events:

<u>Tuesdays 10-30am - 11am &</u> <u>Thursdays 6pm - 6.30pm</u> Downton Library, Church Leat, Downton

(Please note slight changes to surgery times at the Library)

Wednesdays 11am - 12noon

Coombe Bissett - Church (at existing coffee morning)

New Police Community Support Officer for our area!

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Contact us – 0845 408 7000 or <u>downtonnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk</u> Pc 1157 Matt Holland CBM Downton NPT

Chalke Valley Flower Club

Liz Long 01722 780448

Our January meeting was lit up by the amazing images of birds presented by Mike Read – more below. Coming up in March is another talk, this time about Scottish Gardens – see details below.

Mike Read enthralled us with his talk at our January meeting. An endless stream of photos of the robin and some other birds illustrated his fascinating talk on this common garden resident. Despite the winter weather the members enjoyed Mike's wellresearched presentation of the little bird that cheers our back yard.

On March 23rd we shall be presenting a talk with slides entitled "Scottish Splendour". It is at Broadchalke Village Hall starting at 7.30pm with coffee and biscuits to make it a very sociable evening. The talk is given by Rosemary Legrand, a horticulturist and former nursery owner from Dorset who is a well-known voice giving lectures at local and national events, as well as cruise liners. Her late father, George Hyde, was a hybridist of azaleas and rhododendrons. He raised many award winning plants which can be seen at the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at Wisley, the de Rothschild's rhododendron gardens at Exbury, and the National Trust Gardens at Kingston Lacy. Rosemary's enjoyment of photography is used to great effect in creating the atmosphere of the gardens she discusses in her range of illustrated talks. On this occasion she will be mainly talking about the gardens at Glamis, Dunrobin, Castle of Mey and Balmoral. Do come and join us for the evening if you enjoy fine gardens, especially since this is the week before the clocks go forward so you will be getting ready for the longer evenings. Tickets are only £5 at the door so this is an excellent opportunity for you to give our club a try.

Census 2011

The Census questionnaires will start to arrive in people's homes from 7th March, with the actual Census taking place on 27th March. Wiltshire Council is calling on people to complete the questionnaire so the county does not miss out on its government grant and is planning help for those who may have difficulty. For every person who does not complete the census, the council loses out on a potential £500 each year over the next 10 years to use on its services.

Royal wedding street parties

Local communities wishing to hold street parties for the royal wedding are being encouraged by Wiltshire Council to apply as soon as possible. For any events being held between 29th April and 2nd May 2011, to celebrate the royal wedding, temporary event notices, for which there will be no charge, must be submitted to the council and police by 12th April. For more information, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/streetpartiesandfetes.

Children's Design Competition

Children under 16 are invited to use their artistic skills and create the poster for this year's Armed Forces Day 2011. The winner will be presented with a framed print of their drawing and \pounds 30 of art equipment, their school will also receive a \pounds 50 book voucher. The deadline for entries is 31st March. Please contact the N&N Editor if you would like full details of the competition.

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- Extensions
- Brickwork
- Patios
- Driveways
- Drainage
- Fencing
- Renovation
- Roofing

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- Bathrooms
- Painting and Decorating
- Hard Landscaping
- Free Estimates

	Regular Events		
WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham		
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30pm, Barker Room, Nunton		
Singing Group	y 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 (3 rd , 17 th & 31 st March) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (11 th & 25 th March) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (16 th March)		
Acorn Social Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am, Bingo – Fridays 7.00pm at the Orchard		
Open Circle Folk Dancing/ Local Vocals	Dancing: 2 nd & 4 th Mondays each month, 7.30pm, Radnor Hall Local Vocals: 1 st Monday each month, 7.30 pm Radnor Hall contact Clare Chitty on 01722 330871		
	Diary Dates		
2 nd March	Chalke Valley Link Scheme AGM, Broad Chalke Village Hall 7.30pm (see February News and Notes)		
28 th March	Charlton All Saints Garden Society, 7.30pm (see page 3)		
2 nd April	Longford School Jumble Sale, St George's Harnham, 2.00pm (see page 2)		
16 th April	Lent Lunch, Radnor Hall, 12noon (see page 2)		
21 st April	Passover Supper, Radnor Hall, 6.00pm (see page 3)		
29 th April	Royal Wedding Party, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm (see page 3)		
6 th May	Inter Village Quiz, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm (see page 4)		
25 th June	Charlton All Saints Grand Fête and Barbecue (see page 3)		

Wool required to knit for orphans and needy in Bulgaria. For donations, please ring Helen on 07920 263753