



News and Notes

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

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News & Notes

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Fairness and Fund-raising

In the March edition of News and Notes, I asked for some advice about my approach to games of Scrabble with my mother. I am grateful to those who expressed a view, particularly the lady who said I should keep winning because my mother would be proud of me. After my last visit to see her, I realised that my mother might solve the problem for me herself because she seems to be getting better at Scrabble all the time and our scores get closer with each game!

I have another problem now, although this time, you'll probably be pleased to hear, I'm not seeking advice from readers. On 5th May, I have the opportunity to express my preference as to which of two systems is used for the future election of our members of parliament. As I read all the comment on the subject, particularly the letters to the editors of various newspapers, my voting intention varies. What seems like a very good argument for a Yes vote is followed by what appears to be an equally good defence of a No vote. I'm not finding the sometimes negative aspect of the lobbying campaigns particularly helpful either.

My problem is in trying fully to understand the implications of each choice. Clearly, a change would make some difference but to me it's not self evident that it would be for the better. Neither am I convinced that the ill-named First Past The Post system more accurately reflects the combined will of the people than the Alternative Vote.

We're seeking a method which is as "fair" as it can be for all those involved, voters and candidates alike. I often find the concept of fairness a difficult one and that is certainly the case in this instance. I wish us all luck as we make our choice.

Talking of fairness, how good it is to see all the efforts being made by those around us to make life a bit fairer for those who need some help! There are quite a number of articles on the forthcoming pages giving evidence of fund-raising activities that have already taken place or soon will. Congratulations to all those involved.

Editor

Church of England Services

1 st May Easter 2	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Parish Communion Choral Evensong	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	JT ACFT AW AW
8 th May Easter 3	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Choral Matins Family Service	Odstock Charlton All Saints Coombe Bissett	AW DB AW
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22 nd May Easter 5	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock Coombe Bissett	AW AW LB
29 th May Easter 6	10.00am	Parish Communion	Britford	DH/JT

DH = Canon David Henley, AW = Revd Alison Williams, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor,
DB = Denis Blake, LB = Lavender Buckland, ACFT = Adrian Taylor, JB = Jonathan Ball

Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham WI

Jill Dodd

The April meeting was opened by our President who welcomed a full house of members. Newsletters, badges and Wendy Duke's events list were distributed. Maggie Sales provided a vase of orange tulips for the President's table. Theatre outings were confirmed and friendly skittles games will take place on 20th April, 4th and 11th May at Downton Leisure Centre. Anyone is welcome to come and have a go. There will be a Scrabble match on 26th April at Sue Bourne's against Laverstock and the team is attending games in North Wilts this week. The book club is thriving and this month we are discussing the works of Sante Montefiore, the speaker at the last annual council meeting. The walking group goes from strength to strength.

The helpers list for busy events has been well supported and Pam Trubshaw has had a good response from members to buy raffle tickets for the WI National Draw.

Susie Appleford has been busy arranging our annual summer outing. There were two choices to vote upon: Arundel Castle or Denman's Garden plus Chichester. The latter won. We hope for good weather on Wednesday 13th July.

The Secretary, Jean Van Hagen, read out the forthcoming county events including leatherwork, Godshill forest walk, Downland group meeting and a trip to the Savill Garden.

The Treasurer's report confirmed our solvency. She was pleased to announce that £35 for ACWW had been raised from our coffee and cakes last month. This month the flower of the month was won by Anne Waite with a white parrot tulip. The money raised from this competition also supports the ACWW fund.

After coffee, our speaker, David Taylor, demonstrated how to make flowers from the woods. We were all supplied with sticks of ash or sycamore and with our penknives managed to produce a flower. Some even managed a Christmas tree. He was delighted as everyone had a go. Sue Amey kindly gave the vote of thanks.

The next meeting is on 9th May at the Radnor Hall at 10:00am when we debate the WI resolutions and we will have bring a book/buy a book sale. Visitors are always welcome.

A Big Thank You!

Tim, Vicki, Sam and Jack Shipsey

We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all our neighbours and friends for the overwhelming support we have received for our fundraising for the London Marathon in aid of the Downs Syndrome Association and Downs Syndrome Education International! The total raised has now exceeded £7000!

Tim completed the marathon in 4 hours 20 mins with sore legs and sunburn!

Again, we cannot thank everyone enough for their huge generosity and it highlights what a close community we live in.

Help for Heroes Supper

A very BIG thank you to everyone who attended the Help for Heroes supper at the Radnor Arms on March 23rd. Kenny and Cathy were the perfect hosts as usual and provided a beautiful meal.

Sophie Parry gave an interesting talk about how H4H uses the money they raise. Although she did say it was the first time she had given a talk from behind the bar! Their motto 'money in money out' certainly means that the money is being used now for projects big and small and also supporting other service charities.

Our 'local hero' Lt Cdr Gavin Simmonite gave an interesting but sobering account of how he and his crew recover the injured from the battle scene. This is usually undertaken in the dark, flying at low levels whilst being shot at from the ground; not your average day at the office.

The night raised approx £1,343.75. Once again thank you to everyone who came and for the generous donations on the night. Also thank you to the people who couldn't come but very kindly gave donations.

P.S. Thank you to whoever dropped off the wonderful ginger cake for the H4H cake stall!

Odstock Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting in the Barker Room, Nunton at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 11 May, is parishioners' opportunity to bring to the Parish Council's attention any relevant matter for debate.

Wiltshire Council is responsible for road maintenance and there is a freephone number for the purpose of reporting road defects. Those who call Clarence on 0800 23 23 23 will be provided with a reference number with which to follow-up on maintenance progress.

The Annual Parish Council meeting will take place immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting. Please 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 Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th April at Britford Community Hall, the following items were discussed.

1. Wiltshire County changes to the Parish Steward scheme
2. The Council's concern with the dangerous car parking on the Odstock Road outside the Hospital. To contact Cllr. J Johnson and the Downton Police.
3. Could a bus shelter be placed on the A338, for passengers going to Downton.
4. The Britford Community Hall.
5. The Annual Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 1st June at Britford Community Hall at 7.00pm. There will be a talk on Flooding in Britford and what preparations are required.

Walk the Wight

Dave Ings and Colin Berry have again entered the Walk the Wight charity event on 15th May which attracts over 10,000 entrants. This is a marathon walk of 26.5 miles, so to make it more bearable, some local support would be great.

This is easily done by logging on to <http://www.justgiving.com/toolbank2011>, just handing over cash or a cheque in the Radnor or Yew Tree, or when you see them. Many thanks.

A338 Resurfacing

from Bev Cornish, Clerk to Downton PC

C/Clr Julian Johnson has just advised me that work to repair the very poor state of the carriageway of the A338 between Bodenham and Britford will start next Tuesday, 26th April (and is expected to go on until 11th May). According to the latest Wiltshire Council Traffic Report, work will be carried out in the evenings after 7 pm and before 6 am but I thought I should make you aware of possible disruption in this area over the next couple of weeks.

(I appreciate that this work will already be in progress by the time N&N is distributed, but thought the information might be of interest anyway. Editor)

Charlton All Saints Garden Society

On 28th March, John Trim revisited us to talk about onions, shallots and garlic, including how to grow them for showing and how to reproduce leeks vegetatively. Interesting. We also held our 15th AGM and the programme for the year was finalised. We were pleased to welcome three guests to the evening.

Next meeting: 23rd May "Gardening - A pain in the back".

ONB Fête

Brian Clake

We are beginning to firm up our plans for this year's fête. Last year we re-introduced a number of old favourites, such as wheelbarrow racing. We hope to provide much more of this type of fun activity this year, but as ever we depend on local support before and on the day. Please call me on 01722 340261 if you would like to be involved in running an activity.

On that note, the big gap in support at the moment affects the barbecue. Last year, a small (too small) band of volunteers fed everyone well and raised over £400 for local good causes. Please contact me on 01722 340261 if you would like to help. Ideally, you should be able to provide a group of three or four people for Friday evening and/or Saturday (8th/9th July).

Some of you will know that Mick Haly (Peter Pod) sadly passed away late last year. The band are continuing to entertain across the South, under the new name of **Peter Pod's Peas**. They will be with us on Friday 8th July and promise to provide all the sounds of the sixties as always.

Tickets will go on sale on 10th June.

Telephone 01722 340261 to order.

Finally, a reminder that we are having a **Scarecrow Competition** again this year.



More details about the competition will be in next month's News and Notes but I can confirm that you will not be restricted to a particular theme but invited to make a scarecrow based on any character you choose (even a scarecrow!). Please ring Adrian on 01722 325862, if you have any questions at this stage.

Lisa Berry and Matthew Kenah

Congratulations to Lisa Berry from Odstock who is to marry Matthew Kenah from Stapleford at Nunton Church on Saturday 4th June. Lisa met Matt nearly four years ago and they got engaged to be married last summer. They make a lovely couple and all good wishes go to them both for a very happy future together.

Chalke Valley Flower Club

Liz Long 01722 780448

Our next show is on Wednesday 25th May at Broadchalke Village Hall when Gretchen White is presenting her floral art demonstration entitled *The Murmuring of the Bees*. The start time is 7.30pm and tickets for guests are £5 at the door.

Our flower club continues to grow with new members joining from all across South Wiltshire and into Dorset. We are very pleased to welcome everyone. If you are new to the area then we offer an excellent way to meet new faces over a coffee. In addition our practical work includes flower arranging for weddings, with seven already organised for this year.

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Summer Fête

Half Term High Jinks at Heale House. Wilton Riding for the Disabled RDA invite you to join the fun at their Summer Fête on Thursday 2nd June from 2pm until 4.30pm. Held in the wonderful grounds of Heale House, Middle Woodford it promises to be lots of fun. With Pony Rides on offer, as well as a chance to Win a Camel Ride, Belly Dancing demonstrations, Juggling Jake with his Circus Skills and a host of other stalls and attractions, it's a full afternoon of fun for all the family, or for the more relaxed a cream tea and an afternoon stroll through the beautiful gardens. Entry is £2 per adult. For more information please contact Sue Ayling on 07970 283222.

RDA Wilton is a local charity providing riding therapy to over 200 disabled children and adults from South Wiltshire, at no cost. Our aim is to teach skills, build confidence and give immense enjoyment. The organisation is run almost entirely by volunteers. Our major expense, the care of 17 resident horses and ponies and the maintenance of the purpose built riding centre are met entirely by fundraising efforts and donations.

Time to sign up for Walk for Wards

Registration is now open for this year's Stars Appeal Walk for Wards which takes place on Sunday 19th June at Wilton House. You can register online at www.starsappeal.org or request an entry form by calling the Stars Appeal office on 01722 429005. The event is sponsored by Wilts & Dorset.

The annual Walk for Wards started at Wilton House, the home of Stars Appeal President Lord Pembroke, in 2007. Walkers have since raised nearly £200,000 helping to fund many important charitable projects at Salisbury District Hospital and benefiting thousands of local people and their families. These include a Keyhole Cancer Surgery Theatre, a second interventional lab in the Cardiac Suite, and additional facilities and equipment worth £1million within the new Children's Unit.

The Stars Appeal team are aiming to make this year's Walk for Wards even more successful in order to help fund further projects across the Hospital, including dedicated family accommodation for parents of premature babies, and new facilities and equipment for patients with cancer or blood disorders on our Pembroke Unit.

The walk is suitable for people of all ages and abilities and participants can choose between a 3k or 10k route. The event is free to enter, subject to raising a minimum £15 in sponsorship, and all participants receive a lunch and a medal. Organisers are predicting this year's walk will be even busier than ever so are encouraging people to get

their entries in as soon as possible if they want to be part of the fun.

Gemma Heath, Fundraising Co-ordinator for the Stars Appeal said "Last year's event had a wonderful family atmosphere with over 1,000 people taking part and helping to raise a fantastic £49,000! The laughter, the beautiful setting, the emotional back signs, and the energy make it a truly unforgettable day out! So please, sign up now and put your best foot forward to help local people in hospital."

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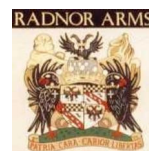
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All Wiltshire council-run libraries, including mobile libraries,
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From Monday, April 4 the energy monitors will be available
to borrow from libraries for up to three weeks at a time.

The device is easy to operate and shows how much energy
is being used in people's homes. It instantly shows the cost
of switching on a light, turning on the TV or boiling a kettle.

Each monitor will be loaned with a booklet containing
instructions, energy saving advice and information about
grants, funding and useful contacts. Energy experts from
the council will also be providing information at a number of
advice events at libraries throughout April.

The scheme is organised by Wiltshire Council with funding
from a government grant. It aims to help people cut their
energy consumption by taking simple measures like
replacing old light bulbs with energy efficient ones, or not
leaving appliances on standby.

Chairman of the climate change board, Cllr Toby Sturgis,
said: "It is great we are able to lend these energy monitors
from our libraries. Understanding how energy is used in the
home can help improve energy efficiency and reduce
energy bills by as much as 15 percent in the first year. I
would encourage anyone who wants to reduce their energy
costs to borrow one of these."

There are 200 monitors available to loan through the
scheme. For more information call 01225 713727.

Southern Wiltshire NPT

PC Matt Holland

Downton Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) have
a new name!!

As part of the process of realignment with our local
area board, the two Neighbourhood Policing teams
based at Alderbury Police Station (Downton NPT and
Alderbury & Laverstock NPT) have been brought
together under the newly named 'Southern Wiltshire
NPT'.

There are no changes to staffing levels. We still
have our own 'Downton Beat' with myself, Pc Matt
Holland as Beat Manager, Pc Fritz Macaulay as local
Beat officer and PcsO Luke TAYLOR as our
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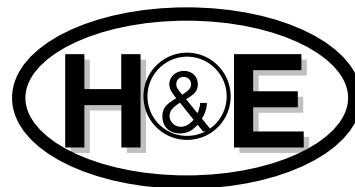
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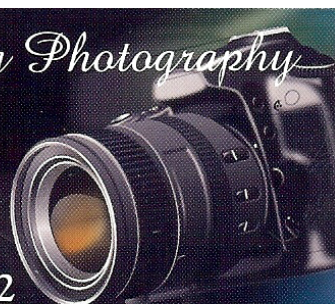
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Regular Events	
WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Whist Drive	Every Thursday, 7.30pm, Barker Room, Nunton
Singing Group	Every Tuesday (ex. Aug/Dec.), 7.00pm, Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 01722 325862
Tiny Tots	Wednesdays (ex. Aug.) 9.45 – 11.45am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham (Suzie Orchiton - 01722 502026)
Mobile Library	Britford (The Green), alt. Thursdays, 9.40 – 9.55am (12 th & 26 th May) Charlton All Saints ('phone box), alt. Fridays, 10.25 – 10.40am (6 th & 20 th May) Nunton (The Orchard), monthly, 11.55 – 12.25pm (11 th May)
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	
5 th May	Referendum!
6 th May	Inter Village Quiz, Radnor Hall, 7.30pm
11 th May	Odstock Parish Council Annual Meeting, Barker Room, Nunton , 7.00pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
23 rd May	Charlton All Saints Garden Society (<i>see page 3</i>)
1 st June	Britford Parish Council Annual Meeting, Britford Community Hall, 7.00pm (<i>see page 2</i>)
25 th June	Charlton All Saints Grand Fête and Barbecue (<i>see page 3</i>)
8 th July	Dance to Peter Pod's Peas, Marquee, Nunton Field, 8.00pm (<i>see page 3</i>)
9 th July	Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham Grand Fête, 1.30pm Nunton Field (<i>see page 3</i>)