



# News and Notes

for Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock November 2016

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**Watch the News and Notes website for updates.**

## Thin Places

Have you heard of the phrase “a thin place”? It is a phrase used to describe a place where the division between God and humans is very thin and the unseen and unheard power of God is almost tangible; beautiful countryside, stunning coastline, an ancient place of worship, a church, a cathedral, a sunset, a rainbow.

There are many different “thin places” and different for each of us, but I always find it very moving that in the event of any tragedy, great or small, our communities and indeed our nation so often come together in solidarity in churches up and down the country. We find comfort in gathering together in one place with some unseen and unheard force holding us together. Some of us would call that force God who, Christians believe, has shown his love for us through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Churches and cathedrals are often described as these “thin” places – places where this unseen and unheard power can be felt more easily than in the hurly burly of life.

What is the very best of news is that this love is open for all so why not visit a “thin” place this month and discover God’s love for yourselves?

*Revd Jenny Taylor*

## Church of England Services

30 <sup>th</sup> October All Saints Day Clocks go back	10.00am	Benefice Communion for All Souls (see page 3)	Coombe Bissett	JT
6 <sup>th</sup> November 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Family Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	JT AT CB DB
13 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday	10.55am 10.55am	Remembrance Service Remembrance Service	Nunton Coombe Bissett	RW AP
20 <sup>th</sup> November Christ the King	9.30am 11.00am 4.00pm	Parish Communion Parish Communion Evensong (BCP)	Nunton Homington Britford	JP RW DB
27 <sup>th</sup> November 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Parish Communion Family Service Choral Matins	Charlton All Saints Odstock/Nunton* Coombe Bissett	RW RW TM
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Parish Communion Family Service Family Communion Evensong (BCP)	Britford Nunton Coombe Bissett Homington	RW AT JT JT

CB = Revd Catherine Blundell, JT = Revd Jenny Taylor, RW = Revd Rick Williams,  
JP = Revd Jonathan Plows, DB = David Blundell, MC = Michael Chandler, AT = Adrian Taylor  
TM = Tony Monds BCP = Book of Common Prayer

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Team Vicar ~ Revd Rick Williams: 01722 330628 Team Administrator ~ Mrs Helen Atkinson: 01722 781112

## Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI

*Rosemary Stephens*

On a chilly autumn morning, it was a treat to walk into the warm atmosphere of our meeting room. Tables were laid with cloths and cutlery, and the air was scented by fruit crumbles warming in the oven! Not the normal arrangement for a meeting but October is special as it is traditionally when we follow the meeting with our Autumn Lunch.

Once everyone was settled, we were all welcomed and the business proceeded. Our regular events of skittles, book club, walking group, pins and needles, theatre visits were itemised on the monthly diary. Notice was also given about a league skittles match on 29<sup>th</sup> November and a Downland Group meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm. The gardening club had concluded its 2016 programme with a visit to Knoll Gardens last week, and will restart in February next year. Christmas Lunch this year will be on 7<sup>th</sup> December at The White Hart Hotel. Sue Amey will still take bookings at the November meeting.

Two extra events are planned for this month: a Line Dancing evening with shared supper on 15<sup>th</sup> and a Christmas wreath making workshop on the 31<sup>st</sup> November. Members coming to the dance were reminded to bring food and drink whilst those coming to the workshop were reminded to bring suitable greenery and a pair of secateurs!

Heather spoke about the current WI Resolutions and how we could support them. There was information about 'The Food Waste Challenge' and 'Dementia in Hospitals' in WI Life. However, if members fancied knitting a Sensory Muff used to help dementia patients then a pattern was available. An example to see and feel was passed around the room.

Details of potential Denman Bursaries and seasonal Denman classes were put on the board, and various events around the county itemised with details on the Diary or in the Wiltshire News.

Thanks were given to the hostesses; Maria Amey for the pretty bowl of flowers; the Committee members for baking the crumbles and Margaret Barrow for organising the tables and the rest of the food. The ACWW competition of 'A Modern Antique' was jointly won by Anne Waight and Celia Maidment.

Sadly, the Antiques talk planned for this month had been cancelled as the speaker was ill.

Heather warmly welcomed Dawn Lawrence instead, and thanked her for coming at such short notice. Dawn's talk was entitled '2 Steps Behind' which is also the title of her latest book. She told us stories and anecdotes about animals large and very small. Who knew that such a creature as the 'glass frog' existed? She spoke about her association with Virginia McKenna and how she raised money to support the 'Born Free' charity. She gave some pretty grim statistics about the decline of many much loved species, and emphasised how important it was to educate and support local peoples. Dawn, as an author and a poet, has been able to reach out to a wide audience including children. She finished by reading four of her amusing poems – The Gharial, The Anaconda, The Glass Frog and The Tiger. Debby Underhill thanked Dawn for her interesting talk.

We concluded the meeting with our festive lunch, which was a delight. The next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> November when the talk will be 'Christmas is a Coming – Oh Yes It Is' by Caroline Franklin.

## Charlton All Saints Gardening Club

**31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm**

Carl Sadler – *Trug making*

*Please contact Barbara Box 01725 510758 re venue.*

## Bed for Sale

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## Christmas at Charlton All Saints

**Downton Band Concert**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm**  
*(Refreshments)*

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**Christingle Service for the Children**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00pm**

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**Midnight Communion**  
**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00pm**

*More information from churchwardens,  
Ian Ashworth and Michael Chandler*

## Fertile Ground

Prayer & Worship in rural communities  
with *Bishop Edward Condry*

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**7.00 for 7.15pm**

**Bishopstone Village Hall**

*For info contact:*  
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## Local Thefts

*Editor*

A couple of local residents have mentioned to me that things have been taken from their garages. It may be a good time to review your security.

## Laudamus

*Musical Director - Kit Hobkirk & guests*

### An Advent Concert

at St Andrew's Church Nunton

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 2.30pm**

Details from Julia Joynt 01722 329782

*Proceeds to be shared between church and choir.*

## Short Mat Bowls

Play has started at the

**Radnor Hall**

**Alternate Thursdays**

**7 to 8.30 pm**

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**23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Refreshments from 7.30pm  
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## Choir for Carols

We are forming a choir to sing at the Carol and Crib Service at St Andrew's, Nunton on the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you like to sing with us, please call Adrian on 01722 325862.

## Harnham Garden Society

Meeting in Harnham Memorial Hall, Watersmeet Road, Salisbury SP2 8JH, adjacent to all All Saints Church, starting at 7.30pm.

Refreshments from 7pm. Non-members may attend talks for a £3 fee; new members are welcome to join the HGS.

**18th November:** "The Apple Growers' Year" by Mr Peter Shakespear from Downton.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



The Legion created the Poppy Appeal to help those returning from the First World War. A century on from the start of that conflict, they are still helping today's Armed Forces families in much the same way,

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## A Service of Remembrance, Reflection & Communion

All Souls' Day

**Saint Michael & All Angels  
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**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am**

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If you would like to remember someone special to you, either a friend or family member who has died, we will include their name in the service. Please

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*Chalke Valley Ladies Choir*

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**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
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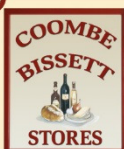
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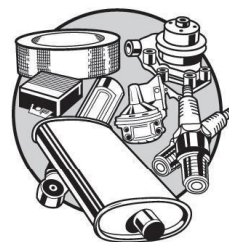
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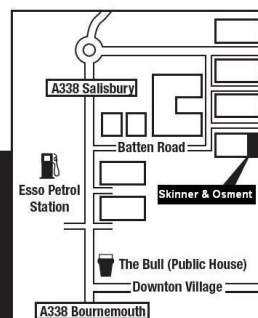
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### Regular Events

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Singing Group	Tuesdays (ex. Aug/Dec.), 4.30pm or 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), 10.10am – 10.30am (Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November)
Acorn Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am at the Orchard
'Local Vocals'	Singing group for everybody. No need to read music. 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays each month. Radnor Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Please check with Clare Chitty 07899 718780
Circle Dancing	Simple dances from many countries to join in with, no partner or previous experience necessary. 2nd and 4th Mondays at Radnor Hall, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Contact Clare Chitty 07899 718780
Village Prayers	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. <b>Next meeting: 7.00pm – 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – The Barker Room, Nunton</b>

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8 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair, Broad Chalke, 9.30am – 2.00pm (see page 4)
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	The Filling Station, Radnor Hall, 7.00pm (see page 3)
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Pop Up Pub, Britford Memorial and Community Hall, 7.00 – 11.00pm (see page 3)
27 <sup>th</sup> November	An Advent Concert, St Andrew's, Nunton, 2.30pm (see page 3)
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Fertile Ground, Bishopstone Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.15pm (see page 2)
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Singing Our Way to Christmas, All Saints, Broad Chalke, 7.30pm (see page 4)

## The Elves and The Shoemaker at Broad Chalke Village Hall

After a wonderful production last year, Forest Forge Theatre Company are bringing their new, festive show "The Elves and the Shoemaker" to

**Broad Chalke Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

Performances start at 6.30pm with tickets just £10 for adults and £5 for children under 14. Tickets go on sale on 25<sup>th</sup> October so pop along to Chalke Valley Stores (01722 780998) or email [gemma.barnett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gemma.barnett@yahoo.co.uk) to get yours.

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