



April / May 06

CROWCOMBE CHURCH SERVICES

April

Sunday 2nd 11.00am Communion
Sunday 9th 8.00am BCP Communion

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Tuesday 11th 7.00pm Quiet Communion reflecting on the Passion and narrative in St Mark's Gospel
Good Friday 1.30pm 30 Minute reflection – part of the Benefice-wide 'Last Three Hours'
Easter Day 10.00am Family Communion
Sunday 23rd 11.00am Family Service
Sunday 30th no service at Crowcombe (10am Benefice communion at Sampford Brett)

May

Sunday 7th no service at Crowcombe (8am BCP communion at Bicknoller)
Sunday 14th 8.00am BCP communion
Sunday 21st 6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 28th 11.00am Family Service

INVITATION To everyone who lives in Crowcombe Parish You are invited to have wine and cheese at the church on Wednesday 26th April 6.00 – 8.00 pm. We shall explain to you how you can establish regular, long term support to help pay for the repairs and maintenance to the church, which is there for everyone, not just the worshipping community. If everyone can give a little, and give it regularly, we can keep our lovely building functioning. Who knows, in time we might even be able to add the facilities we should all like to see!

CROWCOMBE VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE The future of the village Post Office after Joe Butterworth retires in July still remains unclear. It does seem unlikely however that it will remain open ' full-time ' and it is hoped we can reach a sensible solution for part time working of something in the order of 20 - 25 hours per week e.g. Monday to Friday 9.0a.m.-1.0p.m .The final decision will be made by the Post Office and is not in the hands of either the Subpostmaster or the Shop Committee. We will keep you informed about the position.

The shop continues to do well and we are on target to make a profit similar to last year's (£5,500) .As you are no doubt aware the Rules and Principles for the distribution of some of the surplus profits from previous years were agreed at the A.G.M. in January and application forms are now available from the shop treasurer (Joe Butterworth). New items are continually being added to the shop's range so do have a look round. We do hold a varied choice of frozen meat from the Somerset Farmhouse in Williton. If however there is something special you require please contact Sue Billinge. Easter opening hours will be :- Good Friday 9.0.a.m.- 1.0.p.m. Easter Saturday 9.0.a.m.- 12.30.p.m. Easter Monday 9.30.a.m.- 12.30 p.m. and May Bankholidays (1 and 29) 9 30.a.m.-12.30p.m

Kevin Chittenden, Chairman

CROWCOMBE CRICKET CLUB The league season starts on Saturday 29th April, when the 2nd XI will be playing Curry Rivel at home. On the same day there will be a warm-up game, away, against Brompton Ralph. The 1st XI's League Programme starts on Saturday 6th May with an away game against Crusaders.

There is also a full range of Sunday Fixtures, starting on Sunday 7th May.

A reminder of some fast approaching dates:

Indoor nets have been arranged as follows:

Thursday 6th April	7-8pm	Kingsmead School (3 nets)
Thursday 13th April	7-8pm	Kingsmead School (3 nets)
Thursday 20th April	7-8pm	Kingsmead School (3 nets)

The Pre-Season Supper will take place in Church House on Saturday 22nd April at 7pm for 7.30pm. Price £10. Tickets will not be issued, but please tell **Richard Boddington (618653)** your requirements well in advance, so that Marion will know the numbers to cater for.

For Sale: 20 plastic stacking chairs - £1 each - ideal for village hall, meeting room etc. **Anyone interested telephone 618653.**

GARDEN OPEN IN CROWCOMBE HEATHFIELD Hartwood House garden will be open on Sunday 7th May in aid of the Bell Hanging Fund and new equipment for the Short Mat Bowls Club.

Rhododendrons, Azaleas and spring flowering shrubs and bulbs should be at their best (if spring ever comes!) Cream Teas, Second Hand Book Stall (contributions welcome) 2.00-5.00 p.m Entrance £2.50 children free

CHURCH HOUSE Thank you: to 210 Snowdrop Ball revellers, to 94 commercial and private unnamed sponsors of the balloons whose prizes must have averaged about £25 in value, to Chris Staniland and his Snowdrop team, to all back-stage volunteers and everyone else who contributed to a wonderful fund raising event that – crucially – was great fun too. We made nearly £6,000. This will cover over 10% of the projected cost of refurbishing Church House, if this turns out to be of the order of £50,000. Please use the services of our generous commercial sponsors listed on the menu card!

The other good news is that we have received the first offer of a grant: £1,000 from the Sustainable Development Fund of the Quantock Hills AONB – for which we are most grateful.

Meantime the specification for the refurbishment has been issued: for the 2 new WCs, entirely new lighting and heating for the building, and a pair of elegant handrails on either side of the external steps. The big decision was whether to go for oil central heating or stay with a mix of electric storage and convector heaters. The final unanimous decision was in the end to go for oil. It is more responsive, and the radiators are more sympathetic to the gallery purlin roof. They give a 'wet' heat. A combination of time switches and thermostatic controls will be fitted to ensure that when the building is not being used, heating is limited to a default background setting. This decision was endorsed by the Trustees at their February AGM. Price tenders are due at the end of April.

BOOKINGS SECRETARY We welcome Barry Finch (Tel: 618278) Lodore, Carters Lane, TA4 4AA to our management committee. He takes over from Annie Clayton as Church House Bookings Secretary from Monday 10 April.
Peter Menneer

MARBLING AND CARD MAKING WORKSHOP Saturday 8th April at Crowcombe Church House. £25 - delicious lunch included. Tel 01984 618212 for further details.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Friday June 30th BBQ, Bar and fun sports evening at Crowcombe Hall. Further details to follow in the next edition of CAW.

CROWCOMBE HALL Secretary wanted/needed for Hall Committee. 8 – 10 meetings per annum (very short and entertaining!) If interested please contact Christopher Staniland on 01984 618268

HELP WANTED - CROWCOMBE COURT We are looking for someone to clean and tidy up at Crowcombe Court after weddings, from the end of April to October. The work is not horrible - we have done it ourselves for the past two seasons - but is quite physical, so would suit someone reasonably fit. Up to 12 hours per week, most weeks, can be split between more than one person, and done by arrangement any time from Sunday to Wednesday. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, call **Richard or Patsy on 01984 618699**.

CROWCOMBE YOUTH CLUB Dates for next term

21 April 7.30 – 9.00 pm; 5 May 7.30 – 9.00 pm; 19 May 7.00 – 9.00 pm; 2 June 7.30 – 9.00pm; 30 June 6.30 – 8.30 (BBQ Bar & Fun Sports Night); 4 July 7.30 – 9.00 pm. All activities (to be decided) are dependant on the weather and are subject to Hall bookings.

Crowcombe Youth Club has been running now for over 12 months and is growing in membership numbers from young people aged 8+ years from the parish and surrounding villages. We are lucky to have a number of local volunteers who support the youth club on a regular basis with so much energy and enthusiasm, not forgetting, of course, our valuable committee members! We are in the process of trying to build on Youth Club resources to offer young people enriching and memorable experiences, through the application of grants and funding. To ensure our young people feel part of their community, we hope to work with other village events and organisations – like the recent Short Mat Bowls competition we had with the local team. We feel it is important for young people to mix with a varied age group!!!

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in & supported the club for the past year, may it continue to flourish into the future. Contact Iain Saunders 618258 or Louise Kennedy 618344 for further information.

Email: crowcombeyouthclub@tiscali.co.uk

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PLEASE CAN I HAVE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE BY 26/05/06

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