



August / September 06

CROWCOMBE CHURCH SERVICES

August

6 th	11.00am	Communion
13 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
20 th	6.30pm	Evensong
27 th	11.00am	Family Service

September

3 rd	<i>No Service at Crowcombe</i>	
10 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
17 th	6.30pm	Evensong with Stogumber Choir
24 th	11.00am	Family Service

Please make cakes for the cake stall at Crowcombe Flower Show on 27th August – then come along and buy other people's!

Congratulations to everybody – you kept the secret about Joe's retirement party on July 8th! He had no idea that anything was going on until he arrived at the hall and saw you all. Thank you everyone for making it a memorably happy day. Thank you too for your generous gifts. £120 went to the church and £100 went to LAMB – the hospital and health care organisation in Bangladesh where Richard worked. Both amounts will be considerably increased by Gift Aid. What we might call a 'win – win – win' situation! (People asked about the party canapés – the best ones came from Truly Scrumptious – 01984 631622)

POST OFFICE The transfer of responsibility within the Post Office took place smoothly on 7th July and for that I owe a debt to Joe who ran things so effectively for so long. Although there was an element of confusion in the first week when we started operating the new hours, the message has gradually been accepted. I am pleased to say that we seem to have retained our core trade and that can only be good for the long term viability of the business. Customers have been willing to accept that I have had a lot to learn and they have waited patiently whilst I have wrestled with the Post Office computer system. Thank you one and all! Pricing in Proportion comes into operation from 21st August. Quite simply, items being sent by Royal Mail are now going to be priced by weight and size. Standard letters and cards should not be subject to change, but sending an A4 sheet of paper will cost you more. There will be confusion for some time, but we are here to assist you and to try to ensure that you send your items in the most efficient and cost effective manner. Ask us for help - we will all do our best. Our 2pm closing has had an impact in areas which may have been overlooked. Please be aware that any items which need to be posted through the Post Office need to be there by 11.00am. if you want it to catch the morning postal collection. Letters can still be posted in the pillar box outside and the last collection there is at 4.45pm. The Shop also has a small stock of 1st and 2nd class stamps so if we are closed you can still post that urgent letter. However, the shop will not be able to help with the new 'large letters' and 'packets' which will be introduced on 21st August. Finally, remember that prescription medicines can still be collected from the Post Office. They are not available from the shop, so please ensure that you visit us whilst we are open.

CHURCH HOUSE 100+ CLUB

The winners of the Church House 100+ Club draw are as follows:

January 2006 - 1st Caroline Saunders, 2nd Rosie Billson, 3rd Rita Butterworth.

February 2006 - 1st J R Bellamy, 2nd L Norris, 3rd Liz Robertson.

March 2006 - 1st Anne Luttrell, 2nd Jo Lewis, 3rd Jack Lewis.

April 2006 - 1st Rory Clayton, 2nd Katherine Wright, 3rd J R Bellamy.

May 2006 - 1st Sue Bennett, 2nd Jane Williams, 3rd Jay Hender.

June 2006 – 1st Margaret Kennington, 2nd Donald Machon, 3rd Jo Lewis.

1st Prize = £25, 2nd Prize = £15 and 3rd Prize = £10

If you are not already a member of the 100+ Club and you would like to join, membership forms are available either from the Crowcombe Village Shop or Sue Bennett 01984 618496. Membership costs £1 per month, payable in advance to the end of the year.

YOUTH CLUB The following are dates for next term's youthclub : 15th Sep, 29th Sep, 13th Oct, 27th Oct, 10th Nov, 24th Nov and 8th Dec

CHURCH HOUSE - THERE IS A LOT OF NEWS TO REPORT: Roof Repairs. The Village Shop's management committee has voted a generous and much appreciated contribution of £2,000 from its Community Fund towards Church House refurbishment. This has enabled our minor roof repairs project to go ahead immediately. There are two guttering leaks, one drain pipe is blocked, and the lime mortar pointing needs renewing in a number of places. Price tenders were obtained. The contract has been awarded to Corbel Conservation of Taunton. The work is due to take place in October/November.

Fund Raising Events. We have two fund raising events coming up:

- An **Artists' "Take-Your-Pick" Event**, to be held on **Friday 27 October, 7 - 10pm**. The idea is to involve 100 of our local Church House artist customers in the building's refurbishment. The new track and spot lighting for the Gallery is designed for them. They will each be invited to do an original A5-size painting/drawing. Each exhibit will be on sale for £15. Cheese and wine will be served as you browse the pictures. [For those who cannot make the Friday evening event itself, Church House will be open on the Saturday from 10am to 4pm.] Please enter in your diary NOW.
- A **Pig Roast**, to be held at Church House at **lunch time on Sunday 11 February** next year to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the registration of Church House as a Charity. More details to follow. For your 2007 diary.

Facilities Upgrading Project and Grant Applications. Meantime drafting of grant applications for our Facilities Upgrading Project (WCs, access, lighting, heating & servery) has been a major priority over the past two months. The first step was to identify grant making trusts and foundations for whom our project would appear to fall within their remit. About 40 were originally short-listed, from which 16 were identified as promising. They are mostly private foundations, but we have also approached three Lottery funds. All 16 applications have now been submitted. We now wait - and keep our fingers crossed. Including project management that we are requiring of the architect and VAT where applicable, the building work is due to cost £53,000. Through village generosity we have already raised £15,000. We have therefore £38,000 to find. If we can cover the balance of the funding in time, the refurbishment will take place this winter. Failing that, everything will go back 12 months. We want to avoid disrupting Church House between March and September when most of its "business" takes place. **Peter Menneer**

CHURCH HOUSE TEAS The WI are organizing teas in Church House every Sunday afternoon from 3 – 5 pm (excluding August Bank Holiday weekend) Come along for a cuppa and a chat – all proceeds towards renovating the meeting room at Church House.

GARDEN OPEN HARTWOOD HOUSE CROWCOMBE HEATHFIELD

Sunday 20th August 2.00 to 5.30 pm. In aid of SSAFA (Soldiers Sailors and Airmen Families Association).

Display of Veteran Cars from Yeovil Car Club at end of their Rally

Cream Teas, Raffle, Plant Stall. Ample Car Parking. Regret dogs in paddock only. Entrance £2.50 Children of school age free

MESSAGE OF THANKS After 33 years George and Tricia Haller have moved on, we would like to say a big 'thank you' to Crowcombe village for the happy years we have spent there. We have been so lucky to live in such a good community in such a beautiful part of the Quantocks. We feel sure Crowcombe will give a warm welcome to Daniel and Katy when they arrive. They are looking forward so much to living in Somerset.

CROWCOMBE CARS is changing - it can now offer a full service to anyone in Stogumber as well as Crowcombe. If you are new to either village - or have forgotten about us - we are a group of volunteer drivers who will take anyone resident in our villages who cannot access public or their own transport to the Doctor, hospital, shopping, visiting friends. Costs are based on a return journey and are roughly equivalent to 45p a mile. If you are aged 60 or over and have a Concessionary Fare Pass (which entitles you to free travel on most buses), you travel on Crowcombe cars at half price - provided the journey is within Somerset or to the major hospitals in Bristol or Exeter. All our drivers live in our villages but are covered by Insurance, are checked by the Criminal Records Bureau and receive training on how to handle persons with minor disability. To use our services ring 618287 and you will be quoted a price and arrangements made for one of the drivers to pick you up. You need to give 24 hours notice - unless it is a real emergency when we will help if we can. New drivers are always needed - so if you feel you could help our community in this way, please ring Ian on 618287 and all will be explained to you.

Ian Billinge 01984 618287

TIME FOR A CHANGE After three and a half years of editing CAW for various reasons I would now like to hand over the baton. Any interested volunteers please contact me on 618268. Philippa

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