



DECEMBER 04/JANUARY 05

CROWCOMBE CHURCH SERVICES

December 04

Sunday 5 th	11.00am	Communion
Sunday 12 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
Thursday 16 th	2.45pm	Crowcombe School Service – to which all are invited
Sunday 19 th	6.00pm	Carol Service
Friday 24 th	4.00pm	Crib Service – a short service, when Mary and Joseph, having travelled round the area, reach the stable in the church
Christmas Day	9.30am	Family Communion – open to everyone

January 05

Sunday 2 nd	11.00am	Communion
Sunday 9 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
Sunday 16 th	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 23 rd	11.00am	Family Service

Many people work tirelessly, and invisibly, for the church. Thank you very much to the teams who clean, a month at a time; to the bell ringers; to the flower-arrangers; to the people who have started in-depth polishing of our ancient pews; to the energetic men who wind the clock – and to all who help to keep our lovely old building alive. If you would like to join them, Priscilla Boddington, the PCC secretary, can put you in touch with the relevant team leader.

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

There is to be a Traditional Candle-lit Carol Service for the Village in the Church at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday 19th December. This will be a service of Lessons and traditional Carols for all ages followed by mulled wine and mince pies; chocolate biscuits and squash for the children.

Everyone is welcome, **Bring a torch**

Do come and support this village event

If you would like to join a very informal group to lead the singing at the carol service – come along to the church for a practice on Wednesdays 1st, 8th and 15th December from 6.30-7.30pm. (No auditions!).

If you would like a lift to or from the service; or even to be walked home; this can be arranged. Contact Judy Highton 618244 or Rosemary Freemantle 667202.

3 Ts There will no 3Ts party in December. The dates for next year are: **20th January; 17th February; 24th March**. All 'mature' parishioners are welcome to these monthly teaparties and talk. If you would like transport do give us a ring 667202. **David and Rosemary Freemantle**

CROWCOMBE SCHOOL Christmas Fayre 14th December 6.00 – 8.00pm Mulled wine & mince pies and children singing Christmas Carols. Order your Christmas tree and have it delivered. Many stalls including Christmas wreaths, tombola, raffle, Formative Fun, face painting, cakes and cards. Activities for children. Do come and join us at the school.

MOBILE PHONE MAST IN CROWCOMBE The new Vodafone mast at Lawford is now working and is, at last, giving us a very good mobile signal in the area. There are several new Vodafone masts all along the A358. The three between Crowcombe and Taunton have been erected and will be turned on shortly.

SILVER JEWELLERY SALE at The Carew Arms on Saturday 4th December 10.30 – 2.00 pm. Somerset designs crafted in Jaipur. Coffee and biscuits available.

VILLAGE SHOP AGM The fourth Annual General Meeting of the Village Shop will be held on Tuesday 25th January 2005 at 7.30pm in Church House, when the accounts for the fourth trading year, ended on 31st August 2004, will be presented to shareholders, with an account of progress during the year and plans for the future. A formal notice to shareholders will be posted by the end of December. Anyone is welcome to attend but only shareholders will have a vote on any resolutions put to the meeting. Any newcomers to Crowcombe, or others who did not take up a share originally, and would now like to be able to vote, can obtain a share (no-one may own more than one) by paying £10 to the Treasurer, Joe Butterworth. A formal share certificate will then be issued by the Company Secretary.

BROADBAND FOR CROWCOMBE NEWS We have made some considerable progress in the last few months with the help of Westlab. There are a number of solutions for us in Crowcombe. To choose the best option we need some detailed information from all residents using the internet. Please fill in the form attached to help us to try and fit the needs of everyone. This is very important even if you are only an occasional user. We look forward to your response. Please return the form as soon as possible. **Bob Drutt**

NEW CROWCOMBE WEBSITE This will be up and running in the next week or so thanks to the kindness of Verity Jonas who is building the web site as part of her Gold - Duke of Edinburgh's award. Please check it out, if you have any ideas for improving it please let us know. www.crowcombe.org.uk

MEDAU MOVEMENT Spring is coming and after Christmas it will be time to start/resume the keep fit classes at Crowcombe Village Hall. Medau is a natural way to keep fit - loosening up stiff joints and toning up muscles. With rhythmic music and no set exercises it leaves the body feeling energised with a sense of freedom and wellbeing. Rosemary runs this class privately. Due to W.I. and Rosemary's pantomime classes will commence Wednesday evenings in the new year as follows- **January 26; February 2, 16 and 23; March 2, 16 and 23**. All classes are for 1 1/2 hours apart for those on **16 February** and **16 March** which will be for 1 hour. Cost 7 week term (as Easter is early) £28.00 or weekly payment of £3.75 for 1 1/2 hr. class and £3.25 for the 1 hr. class. If you wish more information regarding Medau Movement contact Rosemary Littlewood on 01271 890066

CROWCOMBE W.I.

8 DECEMBER Christmas meeting - Supper and games. Will members bring with them something for the Women's Refuge box as usual, a wrapped gift costing no more than £1.00 and a reading or poem with a Christmas flavour. Non members are welcome but please ring Pat if you want to come because of the catering arrangements.

10 DECEMBER Group Carol Service - **2.00 pm. at Crowcombe Church** - you are very welcome to join us. Tea and mince pies in Church House afterwards.

12 JANUARY 2005 An evening with Gary Penny who will talk about life in the Quantocks and the compilation of his newly published book - The Quantocks - On English Hills. **7.30 p.m. at Church House**. Visitors welcome £2.00.

POOP SCOOP ALERT Unfortunately someone is allowing their dog to foul outside Crowcombe First School. Children then step in it and either walk it home or into school. This constitutes a health risk. Staff and pupils would be very grateful if this could stop. **Anthea Deane, Headteacher Crowcombe, School**

CROWCOMBE YOUTH CLUB Calling all young people (and adults) aged 8 years and over. If you are bored on a Friday night and interested in chilling out with friends, listening to music, eating sweets and playing games & sports, then please join us at a brief gathering to discuss ideas about making this Youth Club happen. **Initial meeting on Wednesday 22nd December 6.30 – 8.00pm at the Crowcombe Hall**. Bring yourselves, your friends and your ideas. We are also looking for playful male and female adults who can inspire and support this project. If you are interested but can't be there please contact Louise Kennedy on 618344.

WIN A WEEKS ACCOMODATION IN A VILLA IN THE ALGARVE Please support my fund raising raffle and help sponsor me to go to Malaysia next March with Raleigh International where I will be involved in a series of community and conservation projects. For more information and raffle tickets please contact **Briony Burn 667385**

THANK YOU To Penny & Andrew Burnell and Graham Burnell for their wonderful work on cleaning and restoring the village Jubilee benches and a very big thank you to the Harvest Auction, for generously donating a large sum to the running costs of CAW from the proceeds. This will keep our newsletter running off the press for many issues to come.

Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year to all



PLEASE CAN I HAVE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE BY 21/01/05

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BROADBAND REQUIREMENTS SURVEY

NAME..... TELEPHONE..... email

ADDRESS.....

Please tick all of those boxes that are relevant to your use of your computer

1. Use of computer	Home	<input type="checkbox"/>	Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organisation e.g.Charity	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Time on Internet (on average)	Less than ½ hour/day	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 2 hours /day	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater than 2 hours /day	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Daytime only	<input type="checkbox"/>	Evenings only	<input type="checkbox"/>	At any time	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Use of Internet	Referencing information on websites	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Online Banking	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Downloading music, video or large files	<input type="checkbox"/>	Designing or hosting websites	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please specify.....						
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4. Time spent on E-mails (on average)	Less than ½ hour/day	<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 2 hours/day	<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater than 2 hours/day	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Use of E-mails	E-mailing friends, family or business associates	<input type="checkbox"/>	E-mailing special interest groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sending and receiving large attachments	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Required speed of your broadband connection

a) With some of the technologies on offer, the faster the speed of the connection then the higher is its cost. In order to help us gauge your minimum required speed of connection (i.e. the minimum speed at which data is to be transferred from the internet to your computer), please provide us with your best judgement as follows. Think about the time that it currently takes you to download web-pages, or your e-mails, from the internet to your computer. Now imagine that it takes 5, 10, 20 or even 40 times faster. Given that there is a likely to be trade-off with its cost, what is the minimum speed that you feel you would be acceptable to you.

5 x faster than dial up (256 Kb/s) 10 x faster (512 Kb/s) 20 x faster (1 Mb/s) 40 x faster (2 Mb/s)

b) The term used to describe the transfer of data from your computer to the Internet is 'uploading' (i.e. data travels in the reverse direction compared to downloading). Which speed do you require for uploading?

(256 Kb/s) (512 Kb/s) (1 Mb/s) (2 Mb/s) Don't know

7. What are you prepared to pay for your broadband connection?

The different options available to us have different costs and the cheapest may not be the most suitable. However, it is an important consideration and to enable us to judge what is affordable, please tick the box of the maximum amount, beyond which you would not pay, for a broadband connection whatever its speed.

£20/month £25/month £30/month £40/month £60/month

8. Your Priorities

There are several vendors using different technologies that are capable of providing a broadband connection to your premises. The options available vary in cost, functionality and capability. To help us decide the best option for the community at large, please prioritise the following features that you would like from your broadband connection. Please identify your order of preference by putting 1 in the box alongside your highest priority, 2 in the next highest priority and 3 in the lowest priority.

Monthly cost Reliability of connection Security of your data

9. Your Changing Requirements

You have already given us an idea of your current use of the Internet (question 3), and we would like you now to give us an idea of your likely future use

How do you see your use changing with a fast broadband connection? More of the same Download music/videos Online shopping
Online banking Online games Voice on internet
Video conferencing Website hosting Other

Please specify.....

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10 For the Technically Minded

Finally, we would like to know a little more about your computer so please complete the following questions if you are able to do so.

How old is your computer? Please specifyyears
What is the Operating System for your computer? Please specify, (for example Windows XP Pro / XP Home / Windows 98)
Do you use Windows Update to keep your software up-to-date? YES/NO/Don't know
Do you have anti-virus software installed on your computer? YES/NO/Don't know
If so, do you keep it up-to-date using, for example, automatic update? YES/NO/Don't know
Do you use a firewall on your computer? YES/NO/Don't know
If so, do you keep it up-to-date? YES/NO/Don't know

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO CHRISTOPHER STANILAND OR BOB DRUITT ASAP

I have been appointed Broadband Champion. There will be free professional training sessions at the Crowcombe Hall for all levels, beginners to advanced. Numbers are limited to 15 people. Please let me know as soon as possible if you require training and at what level. Many thanks.

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