



## December 05 / JANUARY 06

### CROWCOMBE CHURCH SERVICES

#### December 05

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 11.00am  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 8.00am  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm  
**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm**

**9.00pm**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am**

Communion  
BCP Communion  
Crowcombe School  
Service – all welcome  
Village Carol Service  
**Crib Service – specially  
for the young  
Family Communion  
(at midnight in Bethlehem)  
Family service, followed at about 10.30 by a short communion.  
There will be a break between so you can come for one or both**

#### January 06

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 11.00am Communion  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 8.00am BCP Communion  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Evensong  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.00am Family Service  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Benefice communion  
(Venue TBA)

### VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

A service of readings and traditional carols for all ages will be held in the village church at 6.30pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. It will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies, with biscuits and squash for children. Please come and join in this village event. There will be a collection for the repairs to the church roof. If you need a lift or company to walk to and from the church, it can be arranged. Contact Rita Butterworth 618388 or Jamie Robertson 618444

### VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Christmas is fast approaching and the shop will be well stocked for the run up to the festivities. A small selection of seasonal cards is available together with a few items which will make excellent presents. The post office has gift vouchers for 17 retailers, from Burton and Debenhams to Wallis and Woolworths, together with Experiences4all and Enjoyment4all. Just the thing, possibly, for the man or woman who has everything, and you don't have to leave Crowcombe to get them.

The shop opening hours over the Christmas/New Year period will be:-

**December** Saturday 24 9.00am to 12.30pm

Sunday 25 Closed

Monday 26 Closed

Tuesday 27 10.00am to 12.30pm

**January** Sunday 1 Closed

Monday 2 Closed

Tuesday 3 Open as normal

The shop has had another successful trading year and the Committee is now in a position to dispose of some of the accumulated surplus. Distributed with this edition of CAW are the draft Principles and Rules for allocating some of this money to worthy village causes, which will be put before the shareholders at the 5th Annual General Meeting to be held in Church House on Wednesday 18 January 2006 at 7.30pm. This meeting will be open to all but only shareholders will be able to vote. If you wish to become a shareholder please contact Joe Butterworth (phone 618388 or at the post office most mornings) who will be delighted to receive your application and your £10.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Shop Committee I wish you a very Merry Christmas and all good wishes for 2006.

**Kevin Chittenden, Chairman**

### TABLES FOR SALE

There are several trestle tables from the Crowcombe Hall available, please contact Christopher Staniland on 618268 / 370 for further details.

## **CHURCH HOUSE REFURBISHMENT HAS GO AHEAD – AND THE SNOWDROP BALL IS SOLD OUT**

There is good news to report. We have successfully obtained planning permission from WSDC and listed building consent from the Council and English Heritage to create two Church House WCs, and the new lighting and heating arrangements. No onerous or awkward conditions have been attached. As a result, for heating we have the choice of going for oil which would be more responsive than electric space heating, but somewhat more expensive to instal. Lobby your nearest committee member on which you think is preferable.

The only new item to the plans is to improve the evenness of the outside steps to improve access for the less-abled, and to have elegant wrought iron handrails on both sides of these outside steps. It will be sad to say goodbye to Jeff Duddridge's oak handrail that is still in good nick, but we have his permission. English Heritage were insistent that the handrails on either side should match.

The next step is to go for Building Regulations approval and to obtain competitive tenders from a short list of builders and electrical contractors. In parallel we must be preparing our bids to appropriate grant awarding bodies. These can be submitted once we know (in February, if all is well) what the total cost is going to be – probably the best part of £50,000 including professional fees.

Meantime our next big fund raising event, the **Snowdrop Ball at Crowcombe Court (25 February)** at Patsy's and Richard's invitation, is sold out. To minimise the number of disappointed customers, space has been found for an additional table. Sue Bennett will shortly be ringing round each table host(ess) with their dining times.

Peter Menneer

## **CROWCOMBE CRICKET CLUB**

Although 2005 was by no means a vintage season for the club, much good and enjoyable cricket was played. The most encouraging feature of the year was the number of young players who participated, most of whom had come up through the Junior Section, excellently run by Chris Smith.

The first XI, captained by Stuart Bailey and playing in the top division of the West Somerset League, started promisingly, but gradually fell away in this competitive league, narrowly losing several games and finishing just above the relegation zone.

The second XI enjoyed a successful season under Mike Mason's captaincy, but just failed to get promotion to the 4<sup>th</sup> division.

The Sunday XI varied considerably in strength from week to week and results were mixed, but young captain Kevin Gulliford did a splendid job running that side.

Members of the Junior Section this year were too young to play in the local league, but enjoyable coaching sessions took place on Sunday mornings from April till the end of July. After 15 years as Manager of the Juniors, Chris Smith is handing over to Chris Lock, who will do the job with enthusiasm and skill.

Highlights of the season were the pre-season supper in April, the presentation of the clock in memory of George Dent on the occasion of the Club's first ever 20/20 match, the successful staging of the two finals of the West Somerset League Knock-out Cup, the enjoyable President's match and the recent Annual Dinner. Grateful thanks are due to all those who helped to organise and run these events.

Crowcombe Cricket Club is always keen to welcome new Vice-Presidents and Members and anyone interested in joining the club, as a player or non-player, is invited to ring Richard Boddington (01984 618653)

## **SHORT MAT BOWLS**

The Short Mat Bowls Club plays at the Crowcombe Hall on Monday evenings from the beginning of October until the end of April. Sessions start at 7.15pm and finish at approximately 9.30pm. Players of all standards are welcome and the game is played in a very friendly and mildly competitive manner, with a coffee/tea break at the halfway stage. The club is very keen to attract new members and is hoping to acquire a second mat. Anyone interested in having a go at this game is invited to a free 'taster' evening on any Monday. For further details please contact David Freemantle (01984 667202) or Richard Boddington (01984 618653)

## **NEWSFLASH**

Broadband available shortly in Crowcombe. If you are interested in connecting to a broadband service please contact Bob Druiitt. Telephone 618369 or email [bobdruiitt@hotmail.com](mailto:bobdruiitt@hotmail.com) for more information.

And finally, once again, on behalf of the village, I would like to thank John Blackley for his very generous donation to the running costs of CAW from the proceeds on the Harvest Auction.

**PLEASE CAN I HAVE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE BY 24 Jan 06**

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