



DECEMBER 06/JANUARY 07

CROWCOMBE CHURCH SERVICES

December 06

Sunday 3 rd	11.00am	Communion
Sunday 10 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
Wednesday 13 th	2.15pm	Crowcombe School Service – to which all are invited
Sunday 17 th	6.30pm	Carol Service
Sunday 24 th	4.00pm	Crib Service
Christmas Day	11.00am	Family Communion
Sunday 31 st	10.30am	Benefice Communion Stogumber

January 07

Sunday 7 th	11.00am	Communion
	6.30pm	Benefice Praise
Sunday 14 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
Sunday 21 st	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 28 th	11.00am	Family Service

QUIZ NIGHT Many thanks to all who supported the Quiz night. It was wonderful to see so many people there of all ages. We hope you all enjoyed it and we raised just over £500 for pre-school, beyond our dreams!

A special thank you to the committee, not least Lucy for the arduous scoring, to Chris Staniland for supplying the drinks, to Chris Lewis for carrying nearly all the chairs and tables single-handed by 8.00pm and to all who helped tidy away afterwards.

Gill Foster

CHURCH HOUSE Very many thanks to our gallant artists who contributed pictures for our Take Your Pick fund raiser and to all who supported this event and came to the wine & cheese party. Net of expenses, over £1,000 was raised. Since then, new grants have been received from the Garfield Weston Foundation and from Somerset County Council, in addition to the earlier ones from Quantock Hills AONB, West Somerset Council, Viridor Credits and the Foyle Foundation. We have now raised £46,000 of the required £53,000, inclusive of £16,000 raised from our generous village itself. There remains a £7,000 gap to be bridged, to enable us to fund the complete refurbishment project. Meantime five grant applications, including one to the Lottery, remain outstanding – due to be heard from over the next three months.

In these circumstances the Management Committee has decided to ahead with the complete facilities upgrade this winter. **Church House will close for business on Monday 12 February when work on the WCs, heating, lighting and servery will begin, reopening on Monday 7 May.**

Barry Finch (618278) is takings bookings now for post-refurbishment. New hire fees have been drawn up and are available from Barry. The £5 or 33% discount for villagers is retained. A ½ day hire of the Meeting Room will cost villagers £7.50 (you no longer have to feed meters!): £20 for the Gallery in the summer months.

In the meantime you will see that Church House has scaffolding. Corbel Conservation are about to tackle some renovation to the roof pointing and repairs to the guttering.

Peter Menneer

CROWCOMBE YOUTH CLUB – Another term has flown by for the Youth Club and it was exceptionally busy, with increasing numbers in members from all surrounding parishes. The Youth Club welcomes any new members over the age of 8 years and continues to search for regular funding in order to support the club. The main change this term has been the time split for the over and under 12 year olds and the feedback from the young people has been very positive. Although the leaders are aware it does cause some problems for the parents whose children fall into both groups in transporting them, it is a trial and we endeavor to try and meet everyone's needs; however, the Youth Club is primarily for the children of the parish!

On top of the usual activities this term we had a superb Youth Club team that entered the Quiz Night, we had a wonderful day & great surfing tuition in North Devon, where everyone taking part succeeded in standing up and surfing – even some of the leaders stood up, all be it wobbly!!

Finally, an outstanding group, named and shamed as Matt Hatfield, James Brown, Jon Morley, Buff Storrs-Fox and Lucy Taylor (with Dave Harbour & Louise Kennedy) undertook the Moonraker Challenge; this year on Exmoor. We walked 7 miles starting at Wimbleball Lake at 1900hs finishing shortly after 2300hs, the route was determined by clues and was wet, muddy, hilly and very dark! The group managed to raise over an outstanding £200 in aid of this year's charity **SURE - THE SOMERSET UNIT FOR RADIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT**. The Charity's purpose is to raise £600,000 to provide a scanner in the new non-surgical unit being built at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton. Thank you to everyone who sponsored this hardy and brave group.

Dates for next term – After the Christmas break we are due to start back again on Friday 12th January, then 26th January, 9th February, 23rd February, 9th March and 23rd March. Activities are yet to be confirmed but we have taken your ideas on board and Ed is producing a Newsletter that will be ready for distribution at Youth Club on 15th December (the last before Christmas). **Contact** – Louise Kennedy 618344/Iain Saunders 618258 of email crowcombeyouthclub@tiscali.co.uk for further details.

AND FINALLY..... I am delighted to advise that CAW now has new editors. Sue Sutton and Rod Tempest are picking up the baton for the next edition (due end Jan 07) onwards. Please therefore send any information to them at rocknrod@btinternet.com Many thanks to all who have helped me with editing this newsletter over the past few years.

Philippa Staniland