



## February / March 06

### CHURCH SERVICES

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| 5  | 11.00am | Communion      |
| 12 | 8.00am  | BCP Communion  |
| 19 | 6.30pm  | Evensong       |
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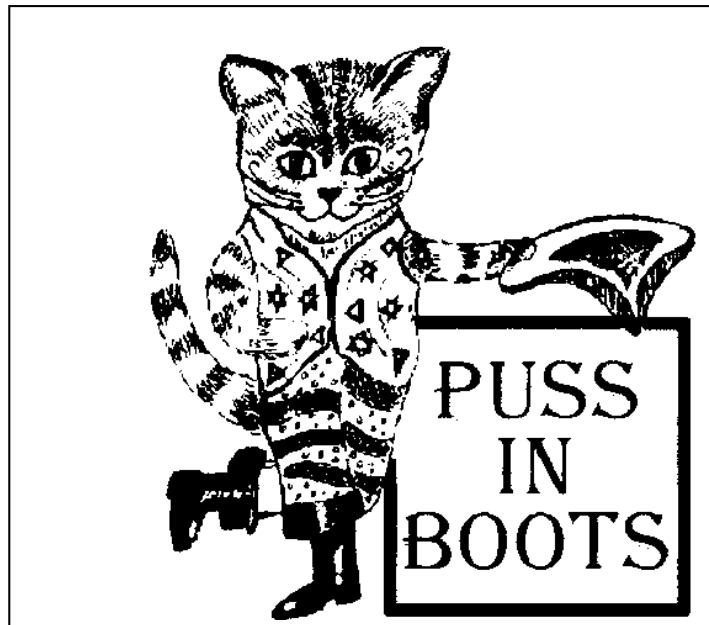
Other important dates:

**Wednesday 29 March 7.20 pm** The annual Parochial Church Meeting in Church House. At this meeting wardens and PCC members are elected, and the reports for last year are presented. Everyone on the church electoral roll is entitled to vote.

**Thursday 30 March 12 – 2 pm** Lent Lunch at Church House. Each village in the Benefice is hosting a frugal lunch during one of the weeks of Lent 2006. There is no set charge but each holds a collection for their chosen charity. Ours will go to LAMB Healthcare Foundation, which supports the hospital and healthcare programme in north west Bangladesh, where Richard Butterworth worked (and met Keiko!)

**Friday 31 March 9.15am** Crowcombe School invites everyone to join them at their end of term service.

### PANTOMIME IS HERE AGAIN Crowcombe Players 2006 Production



Thursday 9 March 7.30pm  
Friday 10 March 7.30pm  
Saturday 11 March 2.30pm [Matinee]  
Saturday 11 March 7.30pm

Tickets (Bookings) Available from Monday 20th February  
Contact: **Kim Hughes** on 01984 618439  
Arrangements: **Collect from Village Shop**  
**Adults £5 Children £2.50**

**CROWCOMBE CRICKET CLUB** As yet, we have not received the 2006 League Fixtures from the West Somerset League but the 1st XI, who will be playing in the top division, will be hoping for a good season under new Captain Peter Warne. The 2nd XI, captained again by Mike Mason, will be playing in the 4th division, and an attractive Sunday fixture list has been drawn up by Kevin Gulliford. The new store shed has at last been completed so the green trailer will shortly be removed from the ground.

Some dates for your diary:

**Indoor nets** have been arranged as follows: Thursday 6th April 7-8pm Kingsmead School  
Thursday 13th April 7-8pm Kingsmead School  
Thursday 20th April 7-8pm Kingsmead School

**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

**CROWCOMBE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB** The Club plays at the Crowcombe Hall on Monday evenings, starting at 7.15pm. As numbers are increasing, a second carpet and some extra sets of bowls are shortly to be purchased. Anyone interested in having a try at this enjoyable game, which we play in a relaxed and light-hearted manner, will be warmly welcomed. Please ring David Freemantle (667202) or Richard Boddington (618653) for further details.

**BROADBAND FOR CROWCOMBE** Broadband will be available for Crowcombe in the next few weeks. A number of people who attended the meeting in the village hall on the 25th January expressed concerns over some technical and training issues related to them moving on to broadband. It has been suggested that we form a Crowcombe Support Group, made up of community members who have a wider IT knowledge, to help support those who may have difficulties. If you are interested in being part of the support group or if you would like to receive support please send your details to philiphlc@btopenworld.com or bobdruitt@hotmail.com Further details of the training opportunities provide by Westlabb will be available soon.

#### **CHURCH HOUSE 100+ CLUB**

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

September 2005 - 1<sup>st</sup> Norman Grainger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jamie Robertson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Lewis.  
October 2005 - 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs O B Birch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Priscilla Boddington, 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlie Bellamy.  
November 2005 - 1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Nuttall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Robertson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pat Chittenden.  
December 2005 - 1<sup>st</sup> Shirley Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vanessa Felstead, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamie Robertson.  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize = £25, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize = £15 and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**CROWCOMBE POST OFFICE NEEDS YOU!** As your community shop and post office prepares to celebrate five successful years this April, there is one cloud on the horizon – we do not know who will be running the post office after Joe Butterworth retires on 8 July. Post Office Ltd are advertising the vacancy in the surrounding area and on their website, but there is no guarantee that they will find anyone, and in any case it would be best if the new postmaster/mistress were a local person who could be fully involved in the management of the shop/post office, as Joe is (but s/he doesn't have to be the shop treasurer as well!).

To do the job you need:

- to acquire a working knowledge of the many and varied services which a 21st century post office provides
- a friendly approach to a wide range of customers, to encourage and enable them to use those services
- to become familiar with a pretty user-friendly computer system and some basic book-keeping.

Post Office Ltd provide initial training in all the above, both on and off the job. There is also a wealth of information in a series of manuals and weekly updates. You could also learn a lot about the job right away by becoming a post office assistant – now that Andrew Douse has left us there is scope for a prospective postmaster (or anyone else) to join us for a few half-days each week.

The job comes with a salary, based on the amount of business done and currently around £9,000 a year, shared with the post office assistants. Other rewards include lots of friendly human contact and the knowledge that you are supplying one vital element of a living village.

If you are interested, do please get in touch with Joe Butterworth, either at the post office or on 618388. In order to fill the post by July we really need to have a candidate by the end of March, so that Post Office Ltd can get through all the necessary appointment and training procedures. Don't be backward in coming forward!

**CROWCOMBE VILLAGE SHOP** At the recent Annual General Meeting a number of amendments were proposed and agreed to the Rules and Principles for the distribution of the Shop Trading Surplus - the draft of which was issued with the last edition of CAW. The revised document may be viewed on the shop notice board and application forms will be available shortly.  
**Kevin Chittenden ( Chairman)**

**COMING TO THE SNOWDROP BALL?**

**Car parking** Please help by walking if possible, or by sharing cars. Parking attendants at the entrance to the main drive will direct you. If you need to park very close to the house, or require any other assistance, please let Sue Bennett know in advance.

**Main course sittings** Please be ready to go in to the dining room as soon as your sitting is due. Canapes will be available beforehand, and a dessert buffet afterwards - not to mention the chocolate fountain!

**Drinks and bars** Included in the price of your ticket are a welcome drink and wine on your table. There will be two bars, one in the green room upstairs, and another in the lower hall, where you will also find the fun casino.

**Dancing** Pondlife will be playing live music in the undercroft room from , with a disco playlist between sets. From 11.00 to 1.00 pm, there will also be a DJ playing upstairs.

**Prizes** Lots of sponsors have given very generously, so there are some great prizes on offer for the fundraising activities at the ball. Please do participate, while you have fun - all the money goes directly to the Church House work!

**Smoking** No smoking is permitted at Crowcombe Court. There are outside smoking areas, including space under cover if it is raining.

**CROWCOMBE HALL EVENTS**

**AGM** 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30 pm

**April Fools Party** Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm Beetle Drive and Bingo. To include hot supper. Tickets from Annabel Trollope Bellew 618254 / Christopher Staniland 618268. Pay Bar. Tickets £5.00 adult £3.00 Children  
 Proceeds go towards the Church Bells and Crowcombe Hall.

**Future events for your diary :** Barn Dance date to be announced  
 Fireworks 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**CROWCOMBE FLOWER SHOW** This will take place on Sunday 27 August( Bank Holiday Weekend).

A short preliminary meeting will be held at Vellacott, Lawford on Friday 24 February at 6.30 p.m.Anyone may attend - it is not just for the committee and we will welcome new ideas and offers of help please. Start planting soon.

**Pat Chittenden tel. 01984 618249**

**SPONSORED ORGAN PLAYING** Belated, though none the less sincere, thanks to everyone who sponsored so generously my organ playing session at Crowcombe Church in the Autumn. I played continuously for three hours (with no repeats!). The total donated was £941.50 which, with gift aid added, amounted to approximately £1,180.00, a most welcome addition to the Repair Fund for our parish church. It was heart-warming that so many folk came along to support my efforts and to appreciate the amazing craftsmanship of our wonderful church whose conservation their donations in part will help to ensure. Thank you all again, Gwen Marks.

**Once again, we are indebted to John Moore for his Weather report for 2005**

|                | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep | Oct  | Nov  | Dec |
|----------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|-----|
| Rain (mm)      | 73.5 | 25.5 | 56   | 74.5  | 50.5  | 109.5 | 54    | 44.5  | 49  | 148  | 99   | 97  |
| Sunshine hours | 57.5 | 68.5 | 79.5 | 112.5 | 160.3 | 117.5 | 208.5 | 209.5 | 108 | 68.6 | 80.5 | 54  |
| Highest temp   | 54   | 55   | 61   | 61    | 72    | 79    | 85    | 76    | 73  | 65   | 61   | 51  |
| Lowest temp    | 32   | 27   | 24   | 28    | 34    | 41    | 46    | 46    | 38  | 42   | 26   | 21  |
| No. of frosts  | 6    | 11   | 6    | 4     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0    | 14   | 9   |

Total rainfall 881mm (35" approx)  
 sunshine hours 1,325  
 no. of frosts 50  
 highest temp 85 (by day) 13 July  
 lowest temp 21 (by night) 29 Dec

Crowcombe Heathfield

**PLEASE CAN I HAVE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE BY 24/03/06**

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