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Crowcombe Village Magazine

Welcome to your first **CAW** with new editors. We hope you like the new format. We are hoping to make **CAW** an interesting and informative magazine, but we can only do that with your help and contributions.

When you have anything to say please email it to either 'sueandwhimsy@btinternet.com' or 'rocknrod@btinternet.com' or drop it through the door at 5 Pound Orchard.
Sue Sutton and Rod Tempest

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CROWCOMBE CHURCH SERVICES



February

4th	11.00am	Communion
11th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
18th	6.30pm	Evensong
25th	11.00am	Family Service

March

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Shrove Tuesday - Don't forget to make your pancakes on Tuesday 20th February!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 21st February. There will be no special service in Crowcombe but there will be Holy Communion at Bicknoller at 7pm at which all the Benefice will be welcome.

A **Lent Lunch**, in aid of charity, will be provided on Wednesday 28th March in the Quantock Room from 12.30 - 2pm.

Details of services in **Holy Week**, on Palm Sunday the 1st April, the 3rd April, Good Friday the 6th April, and Easter Day the 8th April, will be published in the Church porch and in the next edition of CAW.



Electoral Roll 2007

This year members of the Church of England are asked to re-enrol, or enrol for the first time, on the Church Electoral Roll. There are forms in the church for you to sign, or ask Marian Bellamy on 518646

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on the 28th March, in the Quantock Room at 7.15pm. All are welcome, but only those on the electoral roll are eligible to vote.

HELP, please : We have a large number of visitors who come to see the church which is famous for the carved benchends. It is up to us in the village to keep it well, and more volunteers are needed to ease the pressure on the willing people who have been cleaning for several years. If cleaning is done regularly, it does not take long, and even if you cannot take on a whole month at a time (as the arrangement has been recently) one or two weeks on an occasional basis would be very helpful.

Please contact Joan Heard on 656539 or Priscilla Boddington on 618653.

CHURCH HOUSE 100+ CLUB

The time is drawing near for the first result of 2007, with prizes of £25, £15 & £10 to be won at the end of each month.

If you have not already joined, you may do so by sending a cheque for £12, and your name, address and telephone number to Beryl Ayres, 10 Bakers Orchard, Crowcombe Heathfield, tel. 618457.

If you join after 28th January you will need to send £11 as you will not be eligible for the January draw.

Results are posted in Crowcombe Shop.



VANDALISM IN THE VILLAGE

We have experienced a spate of vandalism in the village.

- The village sign located not far from Townend Farm has been demolished.
- A double glazed door section in the Village Hall has been smashed.
- The picnic table in the children's play area next to the tennis court has been damaged.
- The bench commemorating Norma Bremner at the Market Cross has been totally destroyed.
- The bench in The Pound Garden at Church House has been tampered with.

The amenities in the village have largely been paid for by the community scrimping and saving and fund raising for them. Church House, the restoration of The Pound, the Shop, the Crowcombe Hall all point to the strength of community spirit in the village, our home. On my part, for someone to deliberately vandalise it is beyond my comprehension.

Would the local community please be on the alert. Do not hesitate to ring 999 should you witness any crime in progress and after the event on 0845 456 7000, requesting that it be logged a Neighbourhood Watch call.

Tony Allen.

Co-ordinator Neighbourhood Watch.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We now have two Neighbourhood Watch groups set up. Pat Murchie (with deputy Chris Hayes) co-ordinates the Hagley Green end of the village and Tony Allen (with deputy Richard Boddington) the middle part of the village. A third area covering Pound Orchard/Townend is in the process of being set up.

It is not a difficult or time consuming thing to do. If anyone would like to co-ordinate another area – for example – Lawford or Crowcombe Heathfield – please get in touch with Tony Allen on 01984 618380.

Crowcombe Youth Club

Winter 2007 Term Dates

At Crowcombe Village Hall; each night is **£1.00 per person**

New Times:

8 – 12 years olds 7.00 – 8.30pm

12 – 16+ year olds 8.00pm – 9.30pm

Unless stated otherwise, see newsletter for further details.

9th February 2007

Design Your Own Tee-shirt - remember to bring a white shirt.

As well as designing your own tee-shirts we are challenging the Short Mat Bowls team to a match of Bowls...so make sure we have a good team!!

23rd February 2007

Pancake Racing!

9th March 2007

Wild Night Walk – meet and collect from Crowcombe Hall car park, please bring warm, waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear.

ALL AGE GROUPS FROM 7PM.

16th March 2007

Crowcombe Panto. We have provisionally booked 10 seats for the Youth Club on Fri 16th, **please book now to guarantee your place**. The panto is also on 15th, 16th and 17th March if you want to attend with your family. All over 8 welcome.

23rd March 2007

Easter Egg Hunt – around the village, please bring reflective clothing, torch.

ALL AGE GROUPS FROM 7PM.

6th - 8th July - Over 12's Outdoor Activity weekend at St Georges House, North Devon. Book NOW!

Woodland Playschemes 2007

Half term: Tuesday 20th – Thursday 22nd February 10.00am – 4.00pm

Easter Holidays: Monday 2nd April – Friday 6th April 9.30am – 4.30pm

Half Term: Wednesday 30th May – Friday 1st June 9.30am – 4.30pm

Contact Louise for further details; info@woodlanplaycentre.com

Places are limited and must be booked in advance. Summer Holiday scheme dates to be confirmed.

Advance Notice - Bell Ball

Saturday 25th August 2007 - Crowcombe Court

Make a note in your diary - even bigger and better than the Snowdrop Ball!

In aid of the refurbishment of the Church bells.

Full details available nearer the time but you won't be disappointed!



Ian Billinge (Tower Captain)

Chris Staniland (Ball Committee Chairman)



ANYONE FOR BRIDGE?

A number of people suggested at the Freshers' evening that they would like to learn to play bridge. If you might be interested in a few introductory sessions (probably in the refurbished lower room in Church House this spring/summer), contact me and if there are enough I will see if I can persuade someone to organise it. Please ring/leave a message on 618699 or info@crowcombecourt.co.uk.

Patsy Anderson

CHURCH BELLRINGERS.



Last Thursday two new people - one of each sex - came up the tower and had their first learning session of how to handle a bell. They both said they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we hope to see them regularly at 7.30 p.m. on a Thursday evening. So if you too were thinking that bell-ringing might be for you - now is a good time to come along and have a go. You will be in good company and a group of people learning together can encourage each other. Age is no bar - many take up ringing as a retirement hobby although it has to be admitted that young people often pick it up more quickly - but then that is life! Our bells are old and two at least have been ringing for around 600 years, so if you join us you will be helping to carry on a tradition in Crowcombe that dates back to mediaeval times. Depending on your height anyone from age ten and upwards can learn - though young people will need to have the permission of their parents and we would like them to come up the tower at least once to see what happens. For more information ring Ian on 618287, or just turn up on Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m.

Ian Billinge



' 3 T's '

Tea, Talk and Transport for the more mature (although everyone is welcome) the next meeting of 3 T's will be on Tuesday March 20th at 3.00pm in the Quantock room. The April date for your diary is Tuesday 17th. If you would like transport to the Hall please contact David Freemantle on 667202

FOR SALE

I have some used furniture/household items for sale, e.g. Lounge/Dining/Garden Furniture, Cooker, etc.etc. If interested please contact either Rod or Sue on 01984 618359

WI

WI meetings are going to have a different feel about them in the next few months as they will take place in the Quantock Room at the Crowcombe Hall



instead of the usual venue at Church House. Why not come along on 14th February at 7.30 to hear our speaker Mr Osmond tell us about the history of The County Stores and his life in the business. You are always welcome just to appear and pay the visitor's fee of £3 at the door and see how you like it. You will not be pressured to join though we hope you will find us friendly easygoing and fun.

February is the Institute's birthday month and we usually make some sort of whoopee at the Feb meeting but this year we are postponing that till our dinner at the White Horse Stogumber on March 14th as our lovely pantomime group need all the facilities at the hall to put on the annual performance in March and we would be very in the way if we were there then! Do remember the Committee will need to know in good time how many are going to the dinner and if you cannot get to the next meeting but want to come in March you should let someone on the Committee know soon. You will find a list of Committee members on the back of the WI programme.

Sue Billinge

Crowcombe Flower Show

The Flower Show will take place on
Sunday 2 September.

Schedules will be distributed during April. New ideas are welcome - please ring Pat Chittenden on 618249.



Woodland Play Centre

Holiday Playschemes 2007

The challenge is to offer parents / carers an alternative environment for children to enjoy the outdoors, where they can explore, climb, get wet, muddy and dirty, feel bugs, learn about and feel the natural elements.

Children and young people aged 8 - 16 years are offered a wide and stimulating range of activities during the school holidays such as;

den building, environmental art, fire lighting, campfire cooking, natural crafts, wide games and most of all have fun!

Dates

Half term: Tuesday 20th to Thursday 22nd February 10.00am – 4.00pm

Easter Holidays: Monday 2nd to Friday 6th April 9.30am – 4.30pm

Half term: Wed 30th May to Friday 1st June 9.30am – 4.30pm

Price: £20.00 per child, per day

Places are limited and must be booked in advance

Summer holiday scheme dates to be confirmed nearer the time.

Birthday Parties

Fancy a birthday party in the woods sat around a campfire toasting marshmallows? Birthday parties can be tailored to meet an individual child's age, ability and wishes. Activities can include that of the holiday schemes or themed on request.

Half days are generally 10am - 1pm or 1pm - 4pm. Whole days can be catered for. At least one adult (parent / carer) must accompany the group at all times.

Price; £100 for up to 16 children, per half day.

Adventure Days

Aimed at teenagers or adults wanting a day out with friends. Themed days such as survival skills, team building, bush craft, camp craft skills or as requested.

Tailored days or projects for parents *and* their children to play naturally together in an environment that lends itself to magical experiences, inspiration and creativity can be organised during the week or weekends.

Please contact Louise Kennedy for further details and booking forms

Phone 01984 618344

Mobile 07775 941353

Email info@woodlandplaycentre.com

Website www.woodlandplaycentre.com



CROWCOMBE CINEMA

Following the sell out success of our first film night in January we have two more dates booked:-

Thursday 8th February 07 - The World's Fastest Indian (12A)

A New Zealand film starring Anthony Hopkins and based on a true story of a man in his 60s who despite a heart condition set a new world speed record on his classic Indian motorcycle. Apparently this film has received standing ovations.

Sunday 1st April 07 - The History Boys (15)

Adapted from Alan Bennett's award winning play, it is set in an all boys grammar school in Sheffield in 1983 and tells the story of an unruly class of bright, funny, mostly working class history students.

The films will be shown in the Crowcombe Hall at 7.30pm, doors open 7pm. Tickets on sale at Crowcombe Post Office, for further information please contact Robin on 01984 618226



CROWCOMBE CRICKET CLUB

Fixture cards for the new season are not yet available, but will be distributed in due course. The 1st XI, Captained by John Baker, will be playing in the 1st Division of the West Somerset League and the 2nd XI, newly promoted after last season's successes, will be playing in the 4th Division and will be Captained by Ray Laffin.

The Sunday XI will be Captained by Ollie Rew and Junior Coaching, starting on Sundays in mid April, will be in the capable hands of Steve Parry.

A skittles evening for all members has been arranged for 7pm at the Notley Arms, Monksilver, on Friday 2nd March. A curry supper (cost £6.00) will be available.

Indoor evening nets have been booked as follows:

Thursday 12th April, 7 - 8pm at Kingsmead School, Wiveliscombe

Thursday 19th April, 7 - 8pm at Kingsmead School, Wiveliscombe

Thursday 26th April, 7 - 8pm at Kingsmead School, Wiveliscombe

For any queries please contact Secretary Kim Rew on 656496 or Richard Boddington on 618653.

THE VILLAGE SHOP

As reported at the Annual General Meeting held on 18 January 2007 the shop had another successful year, and it has been agreed that a further £5000 should be put aside for the benefit of organisations within the Parish that meet the criteria set at the 2006 AGM.

Last year grants were made to Church House, the Tennis Club and the Short Mat Bowls Club.

A sum of £1000 has been set aside for the refurbishment of Crowcombe Church Bells on which work should commence later this year.

The Committee continues to review and rationalise the stock where possible but our very limited floor space precludes any widening of the range of goods offered. Ways of providing some storage and possibly more sales space are being investigated, but any extension to the building would be subject to planning permission and substantial grants towards costs.

We would like to see an increase in the milk sales and if you do not already purchase yours from the shop perhaps you would consider doing so. Although it may be a little dearer than the supermarket it comes from a family farm run near Wellington and if we wish such businesses to survive we need to support them - - please think about it - - thank you.

Finally and most importantly we have no idea at present as to what will happen to our post office under the latest programme of closures. At the A.G.M. all agreed we should not sit back and hope but should seek as much help as possible to fight our cause should it become necessary. If you have any contacts in the media who you feel might help us please let me know.

Kevin Chittenden Chairman



FRESHERS EVENING - 17th January

On behalf of all organisations we would like to thank David & Rosemary Freemantle for an excellent evening giving lots of people the opportunity to meet with new people, and see what's going on in our village. Also a big thank you to Chris for the wine, and the tea/coffee/cake stall.

Rod Tempest



CROWCOMBE PLAYERS
present
DICK TURPIN

A traditional pantomime
“by the village for the village”
starring villagers of all shapes, sizes, ages and
desire for stardom;

Thursday 15 March 2007 7.30 pm
Friday 16 March 2007 7.30 pm
Saturday 17 March 2007 2.30 pm (matinee)
Saturday 17 March 2007 7.30 pm

WHERE: The CROWCOMBE HALL

Adults: £5.50 Children £2.50

Ticket Orders from Monday 26th February 2007

Ring: **PAT CHITTENDEN 01984 618249**

PROPS NEEDED:
Has anyone out there got an old pistol and/or 2 fencing
swords we could borrow, please?

CHURCH HOUSE

A reminder that renovation is scheduled to start on Monday 12th February and Church House will not be open to the public until early May. In the meantime the committee are organising an 'As New Sale', to take place at Crowcombe Village Hall on Saturday April 14th at 10.30amand we need your help!! PLEASE, PLEASE, sort out those lofts, cupboards, garages etc. for any saleable goodies. More details nearer the time.



Village Diary

A diary has been put in the Village shop for you to put in your events. Please use it: it will avoid clashes and help the compilers of CAW to know whats going on during the next two months.

David Freemantle

CONTACTS not already mentioned within the magazine -



CAREW RANGERS FOOTBALL - M CHESTER	618231
BOOK CLUB - SUE BILLINGE	618237
CROWCOMBE CARS - IAN BILLINGE	618237
FIRST SCHOOL - ANTHEA DEANE	618273
SOUP KITCHEN - JOY BECKWITH	618470
PARISH COUNCIL - BOB DRUITT	618369
SHORT MAT BOWLS - JAMIE ROBERTSON	
TENNIS CLUB - NIGEL HATFIELD	618310

If we have missed you out please let us know.