



June / July 05

CROWCOMBE CHURCH SERVICES

JUNE

5	11.00am	Communion
12	8.00am	BCP Communion
26	11.00am	Family Service

JULY

3	11.00am	Communion
10	8.00am	BCP Communion
17	6.30pm	Evensong
24	11.00am	Family Service

NB During the Flower Festival in the church on Saturday 18 June at 5.00pm we are holding a VILLAGE SONGS OF PRAISE – a chance to sing some of your favourite hymns. Tell Joe at the Post Office, or ring Rita on 618388, with your choice by Wednesday 15 June – tell us why you like that particular hymn – then come along and enjoy singing all our favourites on the Saturday evening of the Flower Festival.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the annual spring clean at the church, with the morning maintenance session and with the flowers for the Whitsun festival. Your efforts really make a difference!

CHURCH REPAIRS Work is progressing on grant applications and various fund-raising events are being planned. There is a sponsored walk on the Quantocks to come, a sponsored organ recital, a table-top sale Watch this space for further details! Kim Hughes has valiantly agreed to co-ordinate the diary for all fund raising events, so please let her know your thoughts before setting your plans in concrete. Fund raising events are fun even if hard work and raise valuable contributions towards what is needed. However, regular planned giving is proved to be more effective in the longer term. Also grants depend, to some extent, on level of local support already demonstrated. Have **you** thought about making, however small, a regular donation by Gift Aid? If you are a tax payer all you need do is complete and sign the purple form available in the church. Sylvia then claims an extra £1.40 from the Chancellor for every £5 you give. Please think about it.

Table Top Sale - Saturday 16 July Sally Knell and Jan Locke are getting the ball rolling for the church fund, with a table top sale on Saturday 16th of July, 2.00pm in Crowcombe Hall. Can you donate any good quality Bric-a-brac and nearly new clothes - call Sally Knell on 618330 or goods can be delivered to the Hall on the morning of 16th July after 10.00am. There will be a cake stall and teas served - come along and support them, you could find just what you've been looking for!!
Kim Hughes 618439

CHURCH HOUSE Two important Church House events are being held in **June**:

1. Village Consultation on Refurbishment Plans.

Details plans have now been drawn up for:

Phase I: **WCs, Lighting & Heating**

Phase II: A number of further enhancements, but principally upgrading of the **Servery (Kitchen)**.

They have been discussed with English Heritage and are now ready for submission for Listed Building Consent. But first we are keen to obtain the views of the village on the detail of the plans, and also to consult a number of our artist customers – our traditional main source of income. This is a challenging enterprise, for which we shall need major grants to turn ambitions into reality. The proposals have the support of our Trustees (Church House is formally a charity), subject of course to the funding being achieved: £30,000 - £40,000 for Phase I, and up to another £10,000 for Phase II. Please come to the **Village Consultation** being called for **Monday 20 June, 7.30pm**, at **Church House**. We want to hear everyone's views on the plans, drawn up by our architects, for this unique grade 2* listed building – before the proposals are finalised and taken forward for planning approval.

2. Church House Party, in aid of the refurbishment: Pig Roast, Saturday 25 June, from 7pm, at Church House

Traditional music to listen to and dance to – by Ian Anderson. Supper includes pork, salads and plenty of puds. Real ale, wine and soft drinks available. Tickets: Adults £12, Children £6 from Crowcombe Post Office, or ring Pat Chittenden (618249).
Peter Menneer

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

March 2005 – 1st Rosie Bilsom, 2nd Vanessa Felstead, 3rd Robin Murchie

April 2005 – 1st Richard Brooks, 2nd Megan Lewis, 3rd Marion Lewis

1st Prize = £25, 2nd Prize = £15 and 3rd 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 618496**. Membership costs £1 per month, payable in advance to the end of the year.

W.I. June 8th 'Better nutrition for good health' - talk by Gillie Emmett. **July 13th** 'Textile Art' - talk by Lorraine Hodge. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings held in **Church House at 7.30 p.m.**

FLOWER FESTIVAL JUNE 16-19 To coincide with the Exhibition of Quilts and Needlework in Church House the Church will be decorated with flowers and foliage and visitors asked for donations to help raise money for essential repairs to the Church. If you would be prepared to act as a steward in the Church for a couple of hours please contact **Judy Highton 618244**. If you would like to help with flowers, either alone or as one of a group and have ideas for interpreting biblical themes, Please, PLEASE contact **Rosemary Freemantle 667202**

THREE Ts Unfortunately the regular monthly 3 Ts meetings will have to be put in abeyance for the moment. There will however be a **Cream Tea Garden Party** for 3 Ts members at **Hartwood House** on **Wednesday 8th June** from **3.00pm.** **David Freemantle 667202**

THE CROWCOMBE HALL LICENCING Changes in the licensing laws require us to replace our current Public Entertainment and Theatre licences with a new overall licence for all public activities that take place in the Hall. This will include the licence to sell alcohol so hirers will not have to take out individual licences for their events. The new licence which comes into force on the 7th November will not alter the way the Management Committee currently run the Hall. **Chairman, The Crowcombe Hall**

WAR MEMORIAL FUND At their meeting on the 16th May Crowcombe Parish Council agreed to establish a fund for the maintenance of War Memorials in the Parish. This fund will be held within the Parish Council accounts but ring fenced for this sole purpose. I have undertaken to coordinate fundraising for this fund liaising, closely with The British Legion, and will be circulating my plans with the next edition of CAW. Meanwhile if you have any questions, ideas or comment I would welcome them. **David Freemantle 667202 hartwoodhouse@hotmail.com**

UP THE GARDEN PATH A needlework exhibition at Church House by Stitches and Yarns (a group who meet in Williton to quilt and sew). **Thursday June 16 th - Saturday June 19 th !0.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Sunday June 20 th 2.00p.m. - 5.00 p.m.** Donations and daily raffle in aid of the Oncology cancer Unit at Musgrove Park Hospital and the refurbishment of Church House. In conjunction with this event the garden at **Vellacott, Lawford** will be open each afternoon from **1.00 - 5.00 p.m.** in aid of the National Gardens Scheme. **Pat Chittenden**

CROWCOMBE FLOWER SHOW Sunday 4 September 2.30pm The schedules for the Flower Show are now available at Crowcombe Village Shop. Contributions to the Tombola, cake and produce stalls will be very welcome. Items can be left with Caroline Saunders, Beadons, or at the Village Shop. Alongside our usual attractions of demonstrations, stalls, raffle and delicious teas, the Minehead Craft Group will be present. We look forward to another happy village event.

THE VILLAGE SHOP The range of goods in the shop continues to expand and the latest treats are a selection of shortbreads and flapjacks made by a small firm at Holwell near Sherborne. Mouth watering combinations include Cranberry and Pecan, Fruit and Chocolate and Chocolate and Caramel - forget your diet and try one! We also now stock high quality meringue cased and a new range of yoghurts from Wales. A ' Crowcombe@ postcards will be on the rack soon. To meet the needs of the growing cashless society the shop committee has agreed to introduce a debit/credit card facility, subject to cost and operational requirements proving acceptable. We hope to have it in place for the Christmas rush! **Kevin Chittenden, Chairman**

FOR SALE / GOOD HOME REQUIRED! Modern Desk Unit with shelving and built in cupboard, 2 free-standing shelf units - 4 levels (Black), A 2 drawer filing cabinet. All offers considered - proceeds to Church House restoration fund. Contact **Richard or Ruth Parkhouse 3 Kings Acre, Crowcombe Heathfield. Tel: 01984 618392**

PLEASE CAN I HAVE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE BY 25/05/05

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