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## CROWCOMBE CHURCH SERVICES

### June

4 – Pentecost – the ‘birthday’ of our church with its unique dedication to the Holy Ghost 11am Communion 6.30pm Special Benefice Praise, a celebrating of the Holy Spirit and our own church, with readings and hymns from down the centuries. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.
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11	8.00am	BCP Communion
18	6.30pm	Evensong
25	11.00am	Family Service

### July

2	No service in Crowcombe – we shall all be at Wells Cathedral for Marion’s ordination.	
9	8.00am	BCP Communion
16	6.30pm	Evensong
23	11.00am	Family Service

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July the **Animal Service** will be held on Woolston Moor at 6pm. People bring horses, dogs, even hamsters and mice! We ask God’s blessing on all the animals – domestic and wild, pets and farm bred. Every year so far it has been a lovely, warm, sunny time. Do come along for the unusual half-hour of worship in the open air.

**Thanks** to those who decorated the church with flowers so beautifully at Easter, and to those who helped with the ‘spring cleaning’ in May. Many visitors comment on the care with which the building is kept. If you would like to help with the regular dusting and sweeping, you would be very welcome. There is a list in the porch, or contact Joan Heard.

**Have you responded** – to the increased need for repair funds? It’s not too late to return your form to Priscilla Boddington. We are submitting another grant request to English Heritage for the really urgent work on the porch roof and priest’s room. Until we get their go-ahead, we cannot ‘guestimate’ the sum needed. The other problems the architect raised will have to be dealt with eventually – and we need to be prudent investors for the work we know will have to be tackled.

## CHAMBER CONCERTS AT CROWCOMBE COURT – WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE

We have held these wonderful concerts at the house a couple of times before and they are a real treat. The top-class musicians (piano, violin, cello) perform without any fee and all proceeds go to the restoration of St Bartholomew’s Church, Rodhuish. There is a matinee at 2.30 p.m. and an evening performance at 8.00 p.m. There are a few tickets left for both performances at £12 each, which includes interval refreshments. Call **Robin Clode** on **01643 821484** to book. **Richard and Patsy**

## CROWCOMBE COURT - PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION

We are required by new licensing legislation to obtain a Premises Licence for Crowcombe Court, covering pay bars and music which take place at weddings and other events here. We have no plans to change our present modest levels of activity, but for flexibility, we have had to apply for a licence to cover us for 15 hours a day, 365 days per year. So please do not be alarmed if you see our notice to this effect in the press. We are not alone - the new licensing Act has caught up many other private houses, schools and village halls in a mass of hitherto unnecessary red tape - even the BBC had to recruit staff volunteers to attend a recording of Top of the Pops, because their normal invited audience would have made this unauthorized "regulated entertainment" under the new rules! **Richard and Patsy**

## **THE VILLAGE SHOP**

At the time the last edition of CAW was issued the future of the village Sub-post office was very uncertain, but now that Martin Dean is going to take Joe Butterworth's place behind the screen we can look forward to a few year's stability. We are very fortunate to retain this facility in our village and I do hope you will all support Martin in his new role and use the post office as much as possible - - please be patient however, Martin has a very varied business to learn and it will take him time but I am sure you will treat him gently for a few weeks at least!

Joe Butterworth will be leaving the business on Saturday 8 July after five year's sterling service and he deserves a big 'thank you' from us all. Not only has he been Sub-postmaster but also the shop treasurer, a job that he has carried out in the most competent and helpful manner ensuring that your money has been properly accounted for and safeguarded and he has lightened the load on myself and the shop committee. As Joe is going on holiday later in the year we do need a new treasurer and if you feel you could help in this field I should be delighted to hear from you.

As a result of the change in the opening hours of the post office (see below for full details) the shop hours will also alter. The committee has decided that on and from Monday 10 July the shop will be open from 9.00am to 5.00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays it will close at 2.00pm in line with the post office and hopefully we will be open on Saturday mornings even though the post office will be closed. This will however be dependent on whether there are sufficient volunteers as when the post office is shut it will be necessary to have two on duty for safety and security reasons.

Weekday afternoon openings will be similarly affected and we will therefore need more volunteers to ease the burden – could you help please? We will be holding a volunteers meeting shortly and full details will be circulated.

**Kevin Chittenden, Chairman**

**CROWCOMBE LAWN TENNIS CLUB - CLUB AFTERNOON on Sunday 25th June starting at 12 noon (four hours before the World Cup match).** Entrance free! New members and non-members welcome - so bring a friend. Bring your rackets - games arranged for adults and juniors. Other activities - Table tennis, Boules, Jenga. Bring your own picnic.

## **CROWCOMBE POUND - AN INVITATION**

To celebrate the completion of the renovation of Crowcombe Pound, Crowcombe WI extends an invitation to anyone within Crowcombe Parish to join them and their guests (who have been instrumental in obtaining grants and finding craftsmen) to tea and cake after a very short informal opening ceremony at **3 pm on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Pound**. Crowcombe WI have worked hard over the last two years to clear the site, and have obtained the services of skilled craftsmen to carry out some very necessary renovation work. Without the generosity of the village of Crowcombe, private donors, the Quantock Hills Sustainability Fund, Friends of Quantock and the Crowcombe Parish Council we would never have been able to fund the renovation costing over £4000

**Crowcombe WI**

**FAMILY FUN SPORTS EVENING – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Crowcombe Hall – in aid of Crowcombe Youth Club and Crowcombe Christmas Tree Fund.**

Games start at 7.00pm (includes weather dependent water activities – a change of clothes is advisable!) Supper and bar. Tickets £5 for adults, £2.50 for children – includes games, supper and a glass of Pimms. Tickets available from **Louise Kennedy (Youth Club) 618344 and Annabel Trollope-Bellew 618254**

## **CROWCOMBE FLOWER SHOW**

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower Show will be held on Sunday August 27 2006. It will be our usual very informal happy village event. The Minehead Arts/Crafts group will attend with various stalls. A tombola, cake, produce and plant stall are planned with demonstrations and delicious teas. Schedules will be available in Crowcombe village shop. Classes to suit all skills. Do take part and join us on the day. We may be lucky and have a very warm and sunny afternoon! Contact number : **Pat Chittenden 618249**

## **POOP SCOOP REMINDER!**

There are bins located throughout the village for disposing of dog mess. Please use these and do not throw your bagged dog mess into the nearest hedge.

## **CROWCOMBE CRICKET CLUB**

There was a good attendance at the Pre-Season Supper towards the end of April and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Special thanks to Marion Lewis and her helpers for producing a magnificent meal. The season has started with somewhat mixed results. In the 1st Division of the League our 1st XI has played 3, won 1, lost 2. The bowling and fielding have been reasonable, but the batting has lacked consistency and needs better application. The 2nd XI has played 4, won, 3, lost 1 and the blend of experienced players and promising youngsters seems to be working well. The Sunday XI, well run by Kevin Gulliford, has a full list of interesting fixtures and there is a Bank Holiday match against SASCC on Monday 29th May. Junior Coaching takes place every Sunday morning, from 10am - 12, under Manager Chris Lock, ably assisted by Steve Parry, Chris Brewer, Peter Warne and Kevin Gulliford. The response so far has been encouraging, but newcomers are always welcome - ring **Chris Lock on 01984 634759**. **Marion Lewis** would be grateful for help with the cricket teas. If you are able to assist her in any way, please ring her on **01984 618617**.

## **CROWCOMBE POST OFFICE - ALL CHANGE**

July 8th will mark an auspicious occasion in our village Post Office as Joe Butterworth retires as Sub - Postmaster. It is worth recalling that he has been in post for over 5 years and during that period he has been an essential part of village life. He took over the role when the shop and Post Office reopened and has successfully been the Sub - Postmaster as well as the Treasurer of the Shop. He has been a steady and reliable force in an ever changing world and we all owe Joe a tremendous debt of gratitude for his willingness to embrace considerable responsibilities. Thank you Joe - you deserve your retirement! As many of you will know, Joe's impending departure cast considerable doubt as to the future of the village Post Office. Closure was a distinct possibility. At the same time the Post Office had taken a look at the business being transacted in village Post Offices as a whole and had come to the conclusion that Crowcombe could no longer economically sustain a full five and a half day service - 25 hours a week was the new maximum. Consequently, hours would have to change as well as the Postmaster. After a considerable period of uncertainty the position has now clarified. On Friday 12th May I was appointed the new Sub - Postmaster to take up my responsibilities immediately after Joe's retirement. The prospect is a challenge if not somewhat daunting! Crucially the hours of the Post Office will change to those below.

### **As from Monday 10th July, the new hours of the Post Office will be Monday to Friday:09.00 to 14.00.**

This will mean that there will be an extended opening in the morning but no afternoon and Saturday service. I recognise that this may cause disappointment to some but essentially it was a question of having a part time service or no service at all.

### **However, please note that postal collection services are unchanged.**

The initial period will see me learning the skills and the products that are necessary to deliver a good service. Please be patient with me while I learn! However, I am pleased to say that Pat Chittenden and Richard Parkhouse have agreed to continue with their roles as Assistants so there will be some continuity.

I hope we can continue to provide the quality service you deserve and need. The Post Office remains an integral part of village life - please support it. Let us all recognise that without **your** usage it will wither and die. That cannot happen.

**Martin Dean**

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