



## October / November 05

### CROWCOMBE CHURCH SERVICES

#### October

2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Communion + Baptism
9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Communion
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	School Harvest Service - everyone invited
16 <sup>th</sup>	no service at Crowcombe – 6.30pm Deanery Missionary Service at Stogumber	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	Harvest Service for all
30 <sup>th</sup>	no service at Crowcombe – 10.30am Benefice Communion at Nettlecombe	

#### November

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.00pm	All Saints Service at Monksilver remembering all we love who have died
6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Communion
12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Communion (RBL Service at Stogumber 3.00pm)
20 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Evensong
27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Service

We hope everyone will be able to join in the **Harvest and Thanksgiving service on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11.00am**. If you can't make the 23<sup>rd</sup> (or even if you can!) you are very welcome to the **School Harvest Service on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am**.

Sorry the Church info. missed the last edition! Hope everyone got to hear about Gwen Marks' mammoth solo fundraising effort for the repairs. She worked hard for weeks, both practising and persuading friends to sponsor her organ playing and, if you all pay up, she hopes to raise over £1,000. Well done Gwen!

Many thanks to Kim, Sally, Jan and all the team who laid on the very happy table-top sale, which raised £397 and to Rosemary, Babs and the many others who created such lovely arrangements for the Flower Festival – total raised £550. The accompanying quiz was very popular – and other festivals up and down the country will be doing something similar as a result.

These events have got the Repair Fund off to a very good start and in the coming months you will be hearing more about progress and how best to swell the fund.

Following the architect's report we have applied for an initial funding grant from English Heritage and this is looking promising. We have also had a professional inspection of the bells, which revealed that they need some urgent TLC. Tenders are being requested to quantify what the repair costs for the bells are likely to be.

Please be considering your own response to the appeal – a regular donation via a Banker's order is the easiest way – and if you are a taxpayer and sign the Giftaid declaration, your gift is enhanced by the Chancellor at no cost to you!

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – CROWCOMBE & DISTRICT – 11/11/11** The usual short Remembrance Service will be held at the War Memorial in Crowcombe on Friday 11 November 2005 commencing at 10.40hrs.

**SOUP KITCHEN** It has been decided to move the 'Soup Kitchen' from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Thursday of the month, commencing on **Thursday 6 October 2005**

**POST COLLECTION** As from 25<sup>th</sup> September the second post collection will be made at **4.45pm**

**CROWCOMBE FIREWORK NIGHT** will take place this year on Friday 4 November at the Crowcombe Hall commencing at 6.30pm. In addition to the usual BBQ we will be running a bar. Please support this event and bring your friends. Adults £3.00 children £1.50. A donation will be made to the Church Roof Repair Fund.

**CANCER RESEARCH CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING at the Crowcombe Hall on Tuesday 8 November 10.30 – 12 noon**. Lots of exciting stalls with present ideas for all ages, bring and buy, cake stall and raffle. Entrance £2 to include coffee and biscuits. Please come and bring your friends.

**CHURCH HOUSE** Thanks to all those who supported the Pig Roast. The event raised £770.00 towards the refurbishment of this wonderful building.  
**Pat Chittenden - Treasurer**

## **ROAD CLOSURES OCTOBER 2005 RESURFACING AND RELATED WORKS**

Work will be taking place on the A358 between the top of Halsway Hill and the middle of the by-pass near the telephone exchange. **From October 4th - October 11th this section of road will be completely closed to ALL traffic from 7.00pm to 7.00am.** The remainder of the time, the road will be controlled by traffic lights.

When this section of road is completed the same arrangements will apply to the section of the A358 between Bishops Lydeard and Combe Florey. Diversions will be signposted. **A Brewer, Parish Clerk**

## **TRAFALGAR NIGHT Friday 21 October 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar**

To celebrate this anniversary Hurley Beacon will be lit at 7.30pm. All welcome with friends from 7.00pm with BBQ and Bar on site. Donations from takings to Church House and the Crowcombe Hall.

Also, the church bellringers of Crowcombe are hoping to ring our bells between 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – prior to the lighting of the beacon. There are no records of the methods that would have been rung 200 years ago when news of the victory reached Crowcombe, but we shall be ringing the very same five bells as were rung on that historic occasion – our sixth (treble) bell was not installed until Queen Victoria's Jubilee some 90 years later.

**CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL** This will take place on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 11.00am.** I am sure that our farmers will be decorating their windows etc as usual so that the church looks at its best. In years gone by they also all came to the service and brought an offering of something grown on their farm. I would hope that this tradition might not be lost for ever and that most, if not all of our farmers and also gardeners might bring a small offering of their own produce by way of saying thank you for another harvest safely home. After all this is not a foregone conclusion even with modern technology as we have seen in southern USA and elsewhere in the world.

As last year we will be sending most of the produce to help homeless people in the Taunton area through Open Door – the local charity involved in this important work. Understandably they can only accept non-perishable goods, so we are asking everyone else in the village to donate one tin of something which they feel could be of use. If you cannot make it to the service then your gift can be left in the church porch at any time beforehand. But we do hope you will be able to come and join with us in a short traditional act of worship. If you need help with bringing produce or yourselves to the church do give Ian a ring on 618287. **Sue and Ian Billinge**

**THE VILLAGE SHOP** Following the success of the 'W.J.King' model railway wagon the shop has commissioned a limited edition die cast model of a Foden steam lorry in King's livery. This type of lorry was used to transport stone from Triscombe quarry and it is alleged that on a number of occasions sparks from them( they were coal fired) set fire to the thatch on cottages and to hedgerows. The models cost £8.00 each and will make ideal Christmas presents for grandparents and grandchildren and will be in the shop shortly. **Kevin Chittenden, Chairman**

**CROWCOMBE FLOWER SHOW** The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported and participated in the recent Flower Show, including our Sponsors, all the many volunteers who made the event happen, the exhibitors and not least, all who attended on the day despite the adverse weather. We had a record number of entries in the various Categories, and ended the day with a surplus of £359. The Committee has decided to pay from this and its prior year surplus a donation of £300 to Church House for its refurbishments fund, and a £300 donation to Crowcombe Church PCC for its roof repairs fund.

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

May 2005 - 1<sup>st</sup> Jay Hender, 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Greig, 3<sup>rd</sup> Trish Haller.

June 2005 - 1<sup>st</sup> Norman Grainger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fiona Pascall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joe Butterworth.

July 2005 - 1<sup>st</sup> Emma Greig, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Lewis, 3<sup>rd</sup> Joy Beckwith.

August 2005 - 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Hatfield, 3<sup>rd</sup> John Hughes.

**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.

**BROADBAND UPDATE** The RDA (regional development agency) team are on track with supplier evaluation and selection, a number of companies showed interest in the southwest's un-enabled exchange areas. A key milestone is obtaining clearance from the State Aid unit in the Dti, for funding. Please see the Project Web site for more information as it is released. <http://www.thepowerofbroadband.com/> Try the postcode checker; please make sure you leave a gap in the two parts of your postcode.

In the absence of broadband in the village, has anyone experience of [www.onspeed.com?](http://www.onspeed.com?)

## **BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR THE SNOWDROP BALL!!**

**Saturday 25th February, 2006**

Fund-raising for Church House refurbishment is well underway. Our next event will be the magnificent Snowdrop Ball in the grand reception rooms and undercroft at Crowcombe Court. Dust off your dinner jackets and get shopping for those frocks - it's going to be a glittering party with great food, brilliant music and lots of entertainment - from fun casino to chocolate fountain.

Tickets will be £45 each for welcome drink, superb food and an unforgettable evening - all proceeds going to the new lighting, heating and loos that will transform and enhance our beautiful mediaeval Church House.

Book individually or, better still, get together your own table of ten. There will be three sittings for the buffet, at 7.00 p.m., 8.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. We have reserved tables at each sitting for people living in the village and their guests, but get your bookings in early as we will be opening up to the wider world at the end of October and we expect it to be a sell-out!

**To buy your tickets, please call Sue Bennett on 01984 618496 without delay.**

### **Exmoor Food Festival taking place from 8 - 16 October**

#### **Dunster Days Gone By 22 & 23 and 29 to 31 October**

Details of these and other events can be found at [www.exmoorevents.co.uk](http://www.exmoorevents.co.uk).

Jill Homewood, Exmoor Events Co-ordinator

### **CROWCOMBE YOUTH CLUB Autumn Term Dates (provisional)**

All dates/activities are subject to Hall bookings & commitment

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Movie night - 7.30 – 9.30pm** Bring a DVD of your choice, cushion or sleeping bag and some nibbles to share. The film to be seen will be chosen on the night by you!

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Fireworks night – 6.30pm**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Pizza Night – 7.30 – 9.00pm** Bring a pizza base and toppings of your choice to cook and share.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Make Christmas cards/presents – 7.30 – 9.00pm**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party – 7.00 – 9.00pm** Lots of music, games and fun!

All activities are dependent on the weather. Each night is £1 per person, feel free to bring along new friends. Any suggestions re new activities very welcome!

**FOR SALE** - £30 George Foreman Lean, Mean, Fat grilling machine, only purchased 19 August this year but surplus to requirements. Please call 618615.

**Stop Press !! Harvest Auction Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Carew Arms 6.30pm. Proceeds to St Margaret's Hospice**

**PLEASE CAN I HAVE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE BY 24 Nov 05**

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