



## October / November 06

### CROWCOMBE CHURCH SERVICES

#### October

1st	11.00am	Communion
8th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
15th	6.30pm	Evensong
22nd	11.00am	Harvest Service
29th	10.15am	Benefice Communion at Nettlecombe

#### November

5th	11.00am	Communion
12th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
19th	6.30pm	Evensong
26th	11.00am	Family Service

The Harvest Festival has for long been a highlight of village life, and although our modern lives are far different from those led by the farming community in the past, the service is still relevant today. All will be welcome to the service with some traditional hymns on 22nd October at 11am.

There are many children who will not receive presents at Christmas, and this year the Quantock Benefice are asking us to fill this distressing gap by putting into a shoe box things which will appeal to boys aged 10 - 14. There are some empty boxes, a sample box and leaflets, explaining the project and making suggestions of what we might give, at the back of the church. We hope that Crowcombe will be able to make a good contribution; the school children will be giving their gifts at the School Harvest Service. If you would like to join in, please put your filled box in the church before 4th November. There will be a **service of dedication on 5th November at Sampford Brett**, after which the gifts will be sent to Romania in time for Christmas. **The Christmas Carol Service** will be held on **17th December** in the evening.

**CROWCOMBE CRICKET CLUB** How time flies - it seems amazing that another busy season is already drawing to a close. The 1st XI have held their own in the 1st Division of the West Somerset League but have been too inconsistent to challenge for top honours either in the League or in the Senior Knock-out Cup. The 2nd XI, on the other hand, have had a wonderful season, winning the Hinkley Point Knock-out Cup and gaining promotion to Division 4 of the League by dint of a narrow win over Brompton Ralph II in the final game of the season. Many congratulations to Captain Mike Mason, Vice-captain Ray Laflin and all who represented the team. There has been a nice balance of experience and youth and the Club is lucky to have several very talented youngsters. Junior Coaching has taken place regularly on Sunday mornings in April, May, June and July but there would be room for more Juniors in 2007 and anyone interested, age 8 - 12, will be welcome. **The Annual Cricket Club Dinner** will take place at **The Crowcombe Hall on Saturday 18th November** - details to be advertised shortly. **The Annual General Meeting** of the Cricket Club will take place at the **Carew Arms on Friday 4th November at 7.30pm**. Once again our thanks are due to groundsman Joe Bailey for all his hard work, and to Marion Lewis and her helpers for providing a succession of delicious teas.

**CHURCH HOUSE Cheese & Wine "Take your Pick" Event: Friday 27 October, 7 – 10pm.** Our autumn fund raising event for the Church House Facilities Upgrade Project is a Cheese & Wine village party, to be held at Church House itself. 100 of our Artist customers have been invited to contribute an A5-size painting or drawing, each of which will be on sale for £15. The idea is to enjoy the FREE\*cheese & wine as you browse the pictures. The names of the artists will not be visible. For each/any picture/drawing you are inspired to buy, you discover the name of your artist afterwards. So, now is your chance to buy a Marilyn Ewens or a Barry Watkin for a mere £15. Your picture(s) will be reserved for you for collection at 4pm on Saturday. [Any contribution you might like to make on the day towards the cost of the cheese & wine will, however, of course be gratefully and enthusiastically received.] For those who cannot get to the Cheese & Wine party on the Friday evening, Church House will be open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday (28<sup>th</sup>) for the pictures/drawings to be viewed and enjoyed, and for any remaining pictures to be sold. **Fund Raising News.** We are delighted to be able to report a £5,000 award from the West Somerset Council Rural Initiative Fund, bringing the funds now raised up to £22,000. £31,000 still to find...**Peter Menneer**

**MOBILE CINEMA ADVANCE NOTICE:** The following dates are booked for the cinema to come to Crowcombe Hall. **Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>** Please put these dates in your 2007 calendar now and watch this space for further news.

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION:** The usual Remembrance Service will be held at the War Memorial in Crowcombe on Saturday 11 November 2006 commencing at 10.40 hours.

## EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

by

**BARRY WATKIN FRSA**

at

**THE CROWCOMBE HALL  
CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET**

**Sat. NOV 25 2.00 – 5.00. p.m.**

**Sun. NOV 26 10.00 – 5.00. p.m.**

**Mon. NOV 27 10.00 – 4.00 p.m.**

AMPLE PARKING – REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE – RAFFLE IN AID OF  
CROWCOMBE CHURCHHOUSE RESTORATION FUND.

This year's exhibition includes many local scenes as well as those from further afield and abroad. Christmas and greetings cards, videos, prints and books will also be available.

**ADMISSION IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME**



### **Crowcombe Bookclub**

Now the days are getting shorter and cooler and you do not need to spend so much time gardening why not think of joining Crowcombe Bookclub. This completely informal reading group formed in 1988 meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the house of whoever chose the book read during the previous month. We do not aspire to be serious literary critics but just share our thoughts on the work chosen and, after, when we have our drinks and biscuits usually have a general gossip. It is a wonderful way to make new friends and we have members of both sexes though I have to admit women predominate! Furthermore it is completely free and you would be welcome to try it out and if its not for you you have lost nothing. For further details and a list of what we have read over the years contact Sue Billinge on 618287

**Crowcombe WI Christmas Pudding Mix.** If you are new to this village you may not know that every November the WI prepares a Christmas pudding mix made from pure and, where possible, organic ingredients from a member's old traditional recipe. This you can order, also in the old and traditional way, by the pound at a very competitive price then all you have to do is take it home and boil it in the usual way and enjoy on Christmas day. Just think no shopping for dried fruit etc, no washing up or mess to clear up. We use vegetable suet so the mix is suitable for vegetarians but is not nut or gluten free. So with one thing crossed off your list of Christmas preparations look out for the notices which will go up round the village early November telling you how to order, how much it will cost and where and when to collect your order.

**Harvest Supper** This year's harvest supper and barn dance to the band Hobson's Choice will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October in Church House. For those new to the area the WI prepares this every year and, after a delicious WI cooked supper, the tables are cleared for the barn dance and any age group can take part' however young or old, and we folk-dance to a really good band with an experienced caller till about 10.00pm. Tickets this year will be £8 for adults and £4 for 14yrs and under. Look out for posters telling you how to get tickets and do come if you can, it is a great way to make friends and meet other village people and the children will love it. Church House with its roaring (and well guarded) open fire and great wooden beams creates a matchless atmosphere for this sort of event, not to be missed.

**E-BAY** Anyone out there who could give some instruction on how to use E-Bay? Coffee and cake for an hour of someone's time. Many thanks. Jackie 618615

**CROWCOMBE HALL** It has been brought to our attention that some residents of Crowcombe do not understand the booking and pricing arrangements for the Hall. It is not possible to have a fixed price list as the charge depends on the function, size, time etc. This is put into consideration before a price is given to you. May we stress once again Crowcombe Parishoners are charged less than outsiders. The Hall was built for you all to use. So please contact **Annabel Trollope-Bellew 01984 618254**

**BADMINTON** Is there any one in the village wanting to play Badminton? The league club has collapsed. We are more than happy to put the court lines back down if there is enough interest, please contact **Annabel Trollope-Bellew 01984 61825**

**FIREWORK NIGHT** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the Crowcombe Hall 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.

**WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING** in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Valori Menneer and Caroline Saunders invite you to a coffee morning **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> at STABLE COTTAGE CROWCOMBE**, from 10a.m. onwards. Entrance £5 includes coffee and raffle tickets.

**THE FLOWER SHOW** Thank you to all those who supported this most enjoyable and successful event.. We are pleased to say that we have a surplus of around £700.00 which is being held to stage next year's show. Sadly the big 'village' marquee which is loaned at a small cost is unlikely to be usable again and we may have to hire one at a commercial rate in future. Next year's Flower Show will be held on Sunday 2nd September. If you have any suggestions for changes you would like to see to the schedule please ring me on 618249 and the committee will consider them.  
**Pat Chittenden Chairman**

**CROWCOMBE SCHOOL** I have received this morning a copy of the Consultation Document on the future of Crowcombe and Stogumber Schools. It can also be accessed on [www.crowcombefirst.co.uk](http://www.crowcombefirst.co.uk) There will be a public meeting at Crowcombe First School on October 9th at 7.30 pm to discuss the proposals in the document. Any written responses must be delivered by 30th October. If you prefer to read my copy, please contact me - otherwise the identical document can be accessed as above.  
**Anita**

**VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE** The changes in opening hours went smoothly thanks to the cooperation and loyalty of the shop volunteers - my thanks to them all. We are most fortunate to have a new treasurer - Andy Highton has taken up this responsible and time consuming job-we are most grateful to him. He started at the deep end as our financial year ended on 31 August and the books have to be away to our accountants as soon as possible in order that our full accounts are available for the AGM early in the new year. Unfortunately we have very recently been told that due to a change in Corporation Tax thresholds we will have to pay Mr. Brown a staggering 19% of our profit commencing on and from April 2006 - this is a wonderful way to encourage small businesses and even more so to a small shop in a rural area striving to help the community! Local Post Offices and shops are in a precarious position and there are doubts as to whether the government will continue to subsidise the former. If they do not rural offices face an uncertain future. It is essential therefore that you use your Post Office as much as possible and also support the shop on a regular basis if you do not already do so. We are always glad to welcome new volunteers and if you could spare even two hours a week/fortnight please contact me on 618249 - thankyou. **Kevin Chittenden**

**CANCER RESEARCH UK** (Quantock Group of Friends) Christmas Coffee Morning at The Crowcombe Hall on **Tuesday 14th November 2006 10.30am - 12.00.** Christmas Gifts, Cards, Cake & Produce Stall, Tombola, Books and much more. Entrance - £3 to include coffee and biscuits.

**CROWCOMBE PRE-SCHOOL - QUIZ NIGHT AT CHURCH HOUSE Friday 13th October 8.00pm**  
Teams of 4, £10 per team (pay on the night.) Drinks and nibbles available. In aid of pre-school funds. Contact **Gill Foster** for further information **618477**

**TIME FOR A CHANGE** After three and a half years of editing CAW for various reasons I would now like to hand over the baton. Any interested volunteers please contact me on 618268. Philippa  
Sadly I have had absolutely no response to the above insert in the last edition. It would be a great shame if this informative community newsletter folded for the want of a volunteer. It is not an onerous task, and involves receiving information, collating and presenting it (with a bit of sensitive editing now and again!) A hard copy is then printed and passed to Marion Reynolds at the Stogumber Rectory for photocopying. Marion then delivers the copies to Tony Allen for distribution.

**PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS NEWSLETTER FOLD** Philippa

**THE NEXT ISSUE OF CAW IS DUE AT THE END OF NOVEMBER.**

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