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CAW Crowcombe Village Magazine

DECEMBER 2014— JANUARY 2015

As I woke up this morning to the first frost of the season like everyone I am mindful of the coming festivities and the hustle and bustle of the shopping, gift wrapping as well . A day like today crisp, sunny but colder than we have been experiencing for the last month is a welcome and good change. The wet, damp soggy underfoot but mild weather gives a false impression of what time of the year it is and what we have to look forward to. The smell of log fires getting lit more regularly is the sign of winter coming, but we have been fortunate to have had it so mild for so long, at least it helps with the heating bills.

We have another packed issue this month, this magazine seems to be getting bigger every month, with more from the Stoggy Journalists at the school. Well done everyone.

As Christmas is approaching fast , I wish you all Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year.

See you in 2015.
The Editor.

Merry Christmas

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Please be assured of a most warm welcome if you attend any of our services...

December 2014

Wed 3 rd	10.30am	Community Communion
Sun 7 th	11.00am	Family Service
Sun 14 th	10.30am	CW Benefice Communion at Bicknoller**
Wed 17 th	9.30am	School's Christmas Service
Sun 21 st	8.30am	BCP Communion
	5.00pm	Carol Service
Wed 24 th	4.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	CW Communion
Sun 28 th	10.30am	CW Benefice Communion


January 2015

Sun 4 th	11.00am	Family Service
Wed 7 th	10.30am	Community Communion
Sun 11 ^h	10.30am	CW Worship Benefice Communion at Monksilver
Sun 18 th	8.30am	BCP Communion
Sun 25 th	11.00am	BCP Morning Prayer

** The Revd Jon Rose is being licensed at this Benefice service as Associate Priest to serve in the Quantock Towers Benefice. The Archdeacon of Taunton will be preaching.

Should anyone require transport to any of the Benefice Communion services away from Crowcombe, please contact the Revd Jon Rose on 01984 618715 to make an arrangement.

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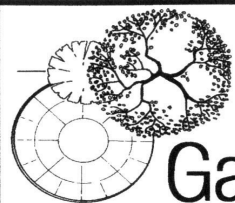
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CROWCOMBE CAROL SINGERS

Please join us for carol singing around the Village on Monday 22nd December.

We shall meet at 6.00pm at Hagleys Green and if numbers permit we will split into two groups and re-join to finish at Crowcombe Court.

Do join us for a fun evening.

Contact nos: 618330 and 618258



All proceeds from donations for our efforts will be going to

The Beacon Centre



A message from the Friends of Crowcombe Play Area:

We would like to say a very big thank you to the villagers and surrounding community for their generous donations, hard work and support for extending the play area. It has been many years in the making but we hope that when the play area is opened by the Parish Council that it will provide a lot of fun and enjoyment for our children (and parents) for many years to come.

FOCPA had their last AGM on 13th October 2014 and have subsequently disbanded passing on any remaining funds to the Parish Council. The minutes of this meeting will be accessible on the vil-

lage website.



At our October Meeting we had a most interesting visit from Margaret Bigg our County Chairman which made one realize what an amazing organization the W.I. is, fighting tirelessly on behalf of women worldwide and what is more, getting results.

Margaret spoke without notes about ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World), which is affiliated to Unicef. Last year their conference was held in India and in 2016 will be held in England. It relies entirely on donations. This year is the Year of Family Farming. Each project is given a small pot of money to do something that will benefit their village and expected and shown how to make a profit.

Margaret really loves her work and is very knowledgeable and kept us interested for nearly an hour. (not bad for a woman who told us she was 75!!)

I was not present at the November meeting so Beryl Ayres took over and it seems a good time was had by all. Beryl says:

‘Under the watchful eye and excellent tutelage of our President Trish Kennedy, members of Crowcombe W.I. settled down to make sugar icing decorations for our Christmas cakes. Trish demonstrated how to roll, cut out and make holly, ivy and poinsettias and arrange them on an edible base. The room was uncannily quiet as we concentrated on cutting out our shapes and assembling our flowers, and then surprising ourselves with the excellent results when we arranged them on our own plaques, the silence only broken by ‘where’s the glue?’ (edible) and ‘who’s got the glitter?’ All in all a very enjoyable evening. (From reports afterwards it appears that husbands and family were all most impressed with our efforts.)’

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Dec 10.....7.30 Entertainment and Social with Kim Hughes. Please come with a plate of food, something for the Women’s Refuge, and a small gift for Santa’s Sack.

Dec 18..... 12.30 Soup Kitchen, Crowcombe Church House. Come along and have some Christmas fun. Please bring friends.

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CROWCOMBE BELLRINGERS ANNUAL OUTING

The Crowcombe Church bell ringers enjoyed their annual outing on Saturday 8 November visiting nearby towers. This year we headed over to the other side of the Quantocks and rang during the morning at Kingston St Mary, Broomfield, Goathurst and Durleigh. All four six-bell towers made us most welcome and we enjoyed a quick look around the interior of the churches as well. We rang very well on bells unknown to us and by the end felt all the better for it! A speedy coffee break was taken at the Pines Cafe, near Broomfield, and the end of the morning saw us at the Enmore Golf Club for a well earned lunch and drink.

Many thanks to Tony Allen for arranging the 19th hole lunch! As we travelled between towers the weather was very wet to say the least and we might have managed some of the journeys better by boat than on 4 wheels. Nevertheless, a good time was had by one and all, and thank you to a couple of friends from Bicknoller and St Decumans, Watchet, who joined us and helped us along. The group photograph was taken at the end of the morning's ringing at Durleigh Church...and just before the partaking of lunch.

You may be able to spot some of the 'locals' who can be found mostly in the Carew Arms after 9.00pm following our Thursday evening practice.



Do come and join us.

Revd Jon Rose, Crowcombe Church

CROWCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL – DIGEST

The Parish Council met on 11th November 2014.

Police Report – PSCO Peter Bolton

Between 11th October and 11th November 2014 there were 51 calls made to Police via 999 or 101 route for the patch which includes Crowcombe Parish

29 calls were related to the Badger cull which is now completed. 6 calls were domestic / family related and not high level nor of any major concern. 9 calls were road related matters, either traffic matters or trees down, obstructions or delays. None were serious. 7 calls were information calls, suspicious vehicles, low level neighbourhood issues or firework related. There were 6 crimes during this period. None were serious and 4 were likely to be badger cull related.

There have been sightings of (Transit type) vehicles with Irish number plates used by Irish males which were offering generators, garden tools, strimmers - some of these sightings were in the Crowcombe area.

Please be aware and report any suspicious sightings / incidents to the Police.

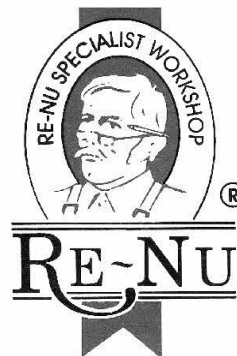
County Councillor's Report: Christine Lawrence reported the Health & Well-Being Fund was still available to any good projects within Crowcombe – deadline was end of year. There were still on-going issues with BT and the installation of superfast broadband within Crowcombe. A meeting had been set to discuss these points and would hopefully provide the answers the PC and County were looking for.

District Councillor's Report: Anthony Trollope-Bellow reported WSC would not be passing on the Council Support Tax to Parishes next year due to their financial deficit. This would affect Band D properties by 14p next year if the Precept remained the same. The Community Mitigation Fund via Hinkley Point was not available to those within Crowcombe parish, as the village was not directly affected by the EDF project. All applications had been turned down, except the Tropiquaria project.

Finances to date: Balances as at 30th Sept 2014 was: Current a/c £10,021.01, Deposit a/c £3,221.33 Amenities a/c £2,680.94. Unpresented bankings £60.00. Balance £15,983.28. **Precept for 2015/16**

It was agreed to finalise this at the January 2015 meeting as details regarding the Tax Base had not been received from WSC and it was difficult to know how much a Band D property would pay next year if the precept is increased.

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Play Area Update: The Friends of Crowcombe Play Area had now disbanded. A letter of thanks for all their hard work and effort from those past and present on the committee together with all the volunteers who had helped had been sent. A new maintenance contractor had been appointed and would commence in December. It was hoped the new area would be opened in the spring once the grass had taken.

Library Consultation – please respond to the SCC library consultation which is available from 3rd November for 10 weeks. The proposed changes may affect the mobile library service. Details to be found on County website www.somerset.gov.uk/libraryconsultation - Or telephoning 0845 345 9177 for paper copies.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 22nd January 2015 at Church House commencing at 7.30pm. Draft Minutes are available on the website for more detailed information.

Crowcombe website

Hopefully most readers will now have discovered the Crowcombe website, www.crowcombe.org.uk. If you haven't already done so, subscribe to the site so that you get an email alert when new posts are added. The subscription area is on the top right hand corner of the home page.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the site please send it to me (Jane Chipp). Please also send any content that you would like to be added to janechipp@sfutures.co.uk.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

This is a general reminder from the police.

We are sure that many of you will have either started shopping for Christmas or soon will be. Please remember that your vehicle can be like a shop window and at times an open invitation to the would be criminal. In brief, don't make their life easy - ensure that you never leave any items on display when the vehicle is unattended. Always make sure the vehicle is locked, that windows are secure and alarm /immobiliser activated. Needless to say the same advice applies equally to your home.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Report from West Somerset Council by Anthony Trollope-Bellew.

Council Tax Rebate Scheme (CTRS) : this is government funding to WSC to keep the council tax down. This year your parish council had a budget of £6,450 of which £6,417 came from you the council tax payers and £33 from CTRS. For the year 2015/16 government funding for this comes to £87,000 but is not ringfenced. WSC has to make savings of £600,000 for the coming year. Half of this has been achieved by the amalgamation of the officer team with Taunton Deane Borough Council. However saving the other £300,000 is proving difficult to do without cutting frontline services. So the decision has been made to retain the £87,000 in WSC. At the council meeting when this decision was made only two councillors (both were originally elected as Conservatives) voted against retaining the money and all the opposition members present voted to retain the funding in WSC. So if your parish council decides to keep its budget the same as last year, which it has every right to do, it means an increase in council tax for a band D property of 14 pence a year or just over 1 penny a month. If you live in a band A or B or C it will be less. The increase will appear under the figure for your parish council precept. This is an increase in your contribution to WSC which I have striven to avoid but the alternatives are even worse. The savings that are likely that WSC will have to make over the next four years after next May's elections will make this look a very easy decision.

Hinkley Point Community Impact Mitigation Fund (CIMF) : a grant is being made to Tropiquaria to move cages effected by the building of the new roundabout at Washford (BBC) Cross. This should have been covered by funding for the roundabout but was not so there is no alternative but to give a grant from the CIMF. Other applications from West Somerset have been turned down due to lack of connection to effects of the works at Hinkley Point. So I would advise anyone who is thinking of applying for CIMF funding to wait for the time being until good connections have been established. The building of the new roundabout is being carried out by EDF and its contactors the County Council's only input is to approve the design. WSC is only a consultee though it is trying to mitigate the ill effects during construction.

Somerset Rivers Board : there has been a great deal of inaccurate reporting in the press. Nothing has been decided as yet so there is no figure for how much it will cost householders. The £2.7m promised by central government for interim funding is now in doubt so the whole idea may never get off the ground. Personally I believe that central government should be funding the whole thing as last year's floods on the Levels were caused by past underfunding by The Environment Agency.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you think I can help, that is what I am here for.
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CROWCOMBE CHEST

A meeting was held on 11th November to consider The Crowcombe Chest. About 24 people from the village attended.

David Freemantle explained his idea for The Chest and went on to explain how it might be administered by The Somerset Community Foundation(SCF) whose CEO, Justin Sargent, also attended the meeting.

The planned Crowcombe Chest is to be a permanent fund set up for the benefit of the people of Crowcombe. Its aim is to provide a vehicle for people who wanted to give money to the village, immediately or through a codicil to their will, without having to specifically allocate the funds to the church, Church House, education etc. It is not intended to fund raise for the fund in the usual way.

The Chairman explained the idea came from a village in the Cotswolds where a similar fund had provided help for his grandchildren's further education. Kevin Chittenden told of another local fund in Halse where money had been provided to help the further education of village children..

It was emphasised that the Chest would not aim to raise money in competition to the other fund raising requirements of the village but was for a long term fund looking mainly but not solely to bequests. It may take some time to build up a reasonable amount but the establishment of The Chest will provide a starting point.

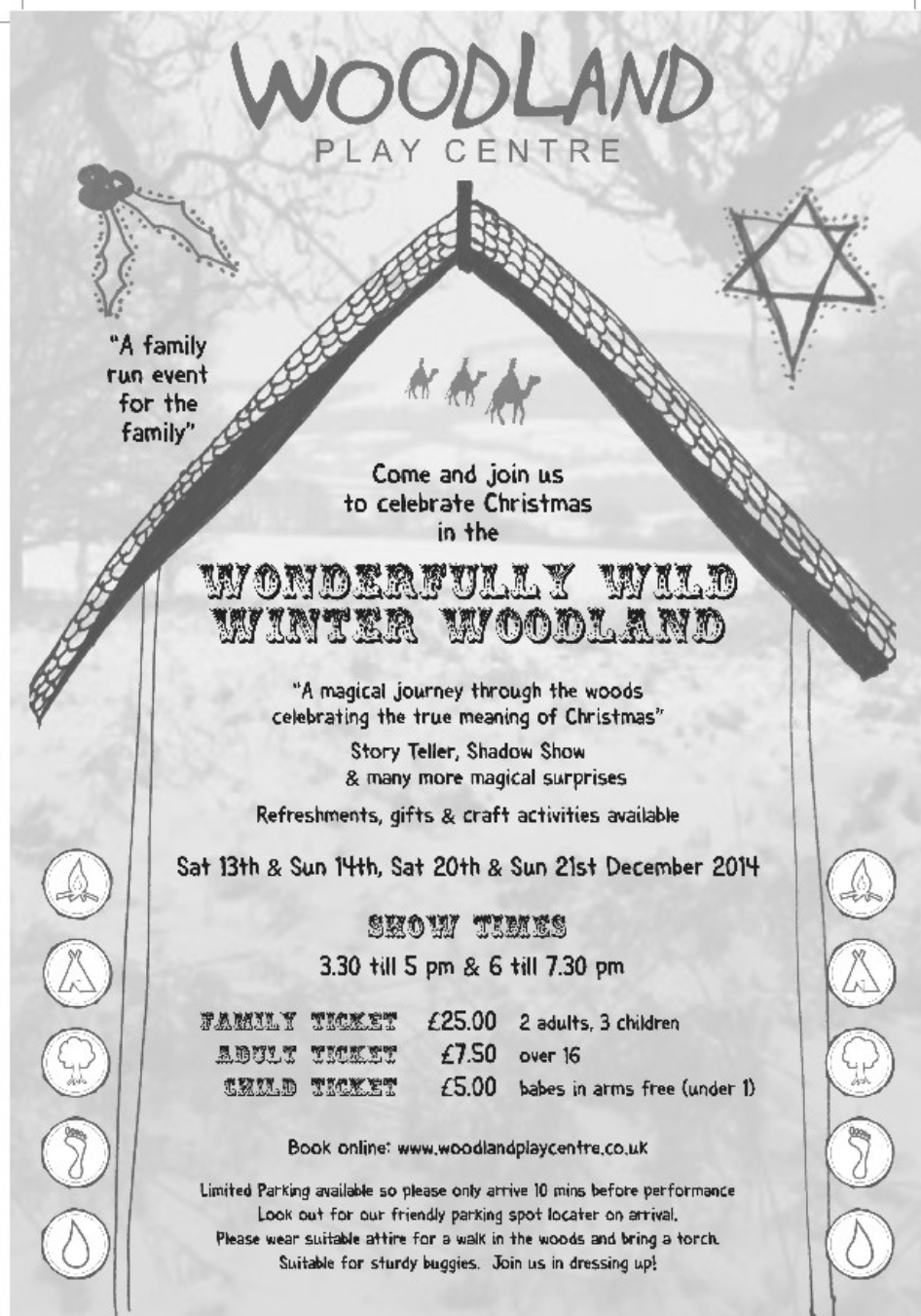
Justin Sargent then explained how the Foundation could help by managing the Chest for the village, investing the funds, doing the accounts and providing the advantages of charitable status without the need to set up a separate charity with all its administrative load. An endowment fund would be established within the framework set out by the residents of Crowcombe ring fenced within the Foundation. He explained the size of The Foundations operations and what it was doing for other villages in Somerset.

In answer to questions he explained the initial set up costs of about 5% of any capital received and an annual running cost of about 1% of capital value held, more if constant reports were needed. He also forecast an income of about 7% (before costs) based on historic results.

Crowcombe could also benefit from grants with other charities through the SCF. The meeting generally agreed to take the establishment of the Chest further and to establish a Panel within Crowcombe, perhaps administered by but not controlled by the Parish Council to oversee The Chest and allocate funds.

Also to prepare, with Justin Sargent, a draft Memorandum of Understanding between the village and The SCF and to bring this to a meeting this side of Christmas.

If you would like to be considered for membership of The Panel do contact David Freemantle (667202).



Crowcombe Church Needs You!

Harvest, Remembrance, Carol Service, Christmas Midnight... it's great to see our church packed for these special occasions. For centuries the village community has gathered there for celebrations, in times of trouble and to mark the big moments in every family – baptisms, weddings and funerals. Every person living in the parish is entitled to these services. But those who attend regular worship are fewer now and older, while the place needs a lot of care if we are to keep everything in good condition.

There are teams of people who have taken responsibility for various tasks outside the services – the bellringers, the flower arrangers, the cleaners and those who care for the enlarged churchyard. All these teams would welcome extra pairs of hands. In January there will be a coffee morning when you can come along to the church and find out from them what is involved and how you might be able to help.

Maybe you would like to take an occasional turn reading one of the 'lessons' in a service – or perhaps you would like to play the newly-installed piano before, after or with the hymns during a service. Would you like a discussion group established so you can have your say, instead of just listening? Come along to the coffee morning and make your suggestions – look out for the date when you get your Christmas card from the church in a few days' time!

Food Bank

Yes, even in our area there are some who need the help given by the Food Bank set up at Alcombe. In our church there is a box where you can put food tins and packets - long-dated please. These are taken to Alcombe when our box is full. Why not take advantage of BOGOF offers and put the second item in the box!

Alcombe plan to make small Christmas gift packages especially for individuals who live alone. If you can think of anyone living near you who would be heartened by such a gift, please let Rita 618388, Linda 618654 or Priscilla 618653 know so they can organise this in our village.



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Orange 2: Secondly, take the bright orange ooze out of all the mouthwatering juice and pour into the cauldron. Now you should see a snowflake pattern in your mixture.

Yellow 3: Now take the hottest flame you can find and tip it in.

Green 4: Chop up the furriest, greenest moss then bash it with a hammer to get all the soil and ants out. Then throw it into the cauldron. (be careful that none of the mixture comes out of the bowl!)

Blue 5: Now, take the splash of a great white shark as it dives back into the water and mix it in a bowl until light and fluffy. Then tip it into the cauldron.

Indigo 6: Mix a bit of indigo paint up and pour it straight in to the cauldron.

Violet 7: Go and pick some violet fruit, grate off there skins, then throw it in with force and stir well.

Now take it outside and throw a handful in the air.

Your incredible homemade rainbow should unfold before your very eyes.

ENJOY!!! By Cecilia Fawden, age 9

SAILING AMONGST THE WAVES

Along the shimmering waves I sail,
Across my face, my hair flows,
I go here every week and set my own trail.
We take of the anchor, then dance on the decks!
Splash went the waves, wallop went the whales
Singing in the heart of the bright blue sea,
We tie the boat up with a figure of eight,
Then go home, bursting for our tea!
I go to bed with my mind exploding,
blood pumping and muscle aching.
I close my eyes, without a thought in mind,
Then in the morning I wake up all happy and bright.

Crowcombe and Stogumber Federated Primary Schools FROM THE STOGGY JOURNALISTS

Storywalks quotes:

'This experience will help us in the future. At the beginning Mr W asked us, "who feels confident to tell a story" and only a few put up their hands. Mr W asked the same question just before we did our stories at Halsway and all hands went up.. Later on in this project Chris Jelley is going to help Keystage 2 to write their stories and put them on the hills, so if you take a walk on the hills you will be able to read our stories."

Rose Buckingham age 10

, "it was lovely being up on the quantocks, just being at ease with nobody around me except clare and the story."

Jacob Searle age 9

"Its fun, I like adventuring.Plus we get to skip work in school and I like being out of the classroom."

Kyle Frake age 10

"It was good and I loved it."

Ben Rexworthy age 10

"I loved the storywalks and it improved my nature skills. I think the night at Halsway went really well."

Abi Rexworthy age 9

"I loved doing the storywalks because I learnt all the different types of trees. Loved walking up to all the different places."

Bonny Hamilton age 10

OUR FAVOOURITE RECIPIES IN A BOOK

The PTA have organised to put a recipe book together to raise money this year so look out for it in the shops and at the Christmas Fair. It is going fine, there are some lovely recipes in from the children and its on its way to being put together. It will be ready around Christmas time.



CROWCOMBE CINEMA AT CROWCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

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Sunday 25th January	Effie Gray
Friday 6th February	Magic By Moonlight
Sunday 22nd February	The Hundred Foot Journey
Friday 6th March	Ida
Sunday 22nd March	Imitation Game
Friday 10th April	Night Train to Lisbon
Sunday 26th April	Turner

At the time of going to press these dates had not been confirmed by Moviola



Revd Jon Rose - Longleat Road Race

Meantime on Sunday 1st February **Jon Rose** will be tackling the **Longleat 10 Kilometre Road Race**: around the lanes and grounds of Longleat House in Wiltshire. He says that despite being in the miracle business he does not anticipate winning - but plans to finish if the lions can be kept at bay.

He is running on behalf of the Church House project: either £5 or £10 for finishing the race. Sponsorship forms from December 2014 in Crowcombe Shop and the Church.

.....in breathless anticipation, he says.



NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE AGENT, NICK EVELYN

Chimney Fire Safety

At the risk of telling you what you already know there are some basic things that can be done to prevent Chimney Fires

Sweeps

- Once a year when using smokeless fuel or bituminous coal
- Once a year when using oil or gas
- Every 3 months when using wood

Prevention

- Don't use flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin to light your fire
 - Don't burn paper or rubbish
 - Do not overload the fire with fuel
- Go into the loft occasionally when the fire is alight to check for smoke from cracks, brickwork or mortar joints

Chimney Fire happens

- Leave the room, close the door and alert other people in the house
 - Get out of the house, call 999 and ask for fire and rescue service
- Stay out of the house until the fire and rescue service arrives

Heating Bills

There are a number of organisations including the Somerset Community Foundation who will give financial help to elderly people who might have trouble paying their electricity and heating bills

I can help with the application form and get it sent to the Foundation. Please do not hesitate but call or email me or ask someone to contact me on your behalf

Nick's contact is Tel: 07572 791096

Email: nevelynva@somersetccc.org.uk

Best wishes for a happy Christmas and New Year and thank you for your support.

STORIES BY FIRELIGHT A ROARING SUCCESS!

On the evening of Thursday, 23rd October, at Halsway Manor, a magnificent tudor manorhouse, forty children from Crowcombe and Stogumber Primary Schools treated friends and family to an incredible series of stories by firelight. This term they have been engaged "Storywalks", an amazing project which has involved them taking carefully planned walks across different habitats on the Quantocks, learning of the folklore and wildlife of the hills.

The stories ranged from the terrifying "Black Dog of the Wild Woods", to the enchanting "Lords and Ladies of Dowsborough Hill". Clare Viner, storyteller, shared these stories with the children in-situ, and Rebekah West, Quantock Ranger, enhanced the learning with amazing facts about the trees, fungi and animals of the area.

The children then took the "bones" of their favourite stories and practised and embellished them, learning the skills of oral storytelling. These were the tales told to parents by the flames of Halsway Manor's huge, ancient fires.

The stories were recorded for Wiveliscombe 10 Radio by members of the schools' journalism club. These recordings, along with interviews and comments collected by the young journalists will form the basis for a one hour radio show to be broadcast in the New Year. Summer Scriven, one of the journalists, said, "I'm really excited; lots of people will hear the stories we are telling."

Storytelling is very different to acting because there are no lines to learn. The children had to flesh out the "bones" of their stories, playing with the descriptive language with every telling. No story is ever the same twice, which creates a great energy and excitement (and challenge!) in both the teller and the audience. Ashley Foster, 9, explained, "I enjoyed telling my story to an audience because I want to learn about stories and it's fun." Thomas Humphries, also 9, added, "I thought I was going to get really nervous but when I started to talk I became more and more confident."

All the children performed superbly, showing great courage and confidence, especially considering that some were as young as 7 years old.

The next stage of the schools' Storywalks project is to "write" These stories onto the hills, using Chris Jelley's amazing GPS internet program that will enable the public to go on Storywalks of their own! If you're curious to know more look on the Crowcombe and Stogumber school website or do a web search for Crowcombe and Stogumber Storywalks Project.

Mr. Wedderkopp



CHURCH HOUSE, CROWCOMBE

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The Primrose Ball

Planning for the Primrose Ball is now at an advanced stage being held on

Saturday 28th March at Crowcombe Court
at the kind invitation of Kate and David Kenyon.

This is the principal fund raising event for our External Fabric Conservation project, as Church House enters its second 500 years of existence.

Tickets for the Primrose Ball are £60 each [alternatively Tables for 10 @ £600] and will be on sale in

Crowcombe Post Office - from Friday 2nd January

Many thanks to Martin Smith and his PO colleagues.

Tickets will be sold strictly on a first-come, first-served basis - and must be paid for at the time of purchase. Cheques to be made payable to Church House, Crowcombe

At the Primrose Ball itself, on arrival there will be Welcome Drinks, followed by a three course Dinner with wine included in the ticket price. A magician will be on hand to beguile us.

An over-loaded wheelbarrow will be the reward for each of the male and female winners of the raffle. Over the coming months we shall be seeking contributions for prizes from long suffering local businesses for this super prize draw.

After dinner dancing will be in the undercroft.

We thank the 100 villagers who came to the Village Launch Party last month, and are even more grateful to the 50 families - to date - who have made Family Donations. The more funds we raise locally, the more we improve our chances of obtaining sizeable external Grants.

Submitting grant applications is a competitive business. Grant making Trusts receive many more applications than they can contribute to. So evidence of local support is always crucial.

Martin Jolley, 20.10.45 - 19.10.14

Many, many thanks to those of you - you know who you are! - who helped out when my father collapsed, and died, at the Harvest Service on 19th October. It was rather shocking to all those present and I would like to apologise for the disruption caused. All credit to Vicar Val for improvising skilfully and thanks to all those who looked after my brood inside the church while the medics were battling outside. I'm sorry that there was no happy ending on this occasion but it was evidence, if needed, that Crowcombe is 1st class at pulling together in a crisis.

Suzie Fawden

CROWCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Ten plus years of general wear and tear has resulted in a number of renovation projects to ensure the Hall stays 'Bristol Fashion'.

The latest is the kitchen. A replacement cooker hood became the trigger which led to the committee deciding to upgrade the cooking facilities. Gone is the gas cooker and in its place is an electric Rangemaster cooker with a touch control ceramic hob, together with a stand alone commercial convection oven. Redecoration, and hey presto the renovation is complete.

The bonfire night was a huge success and thanks to all and everyone for supporting this major village fund raiser. As a result a donation of £500 is on its way to Crowcombe Primary School's Raising the Roof project. Also £300 to Church house Conservation fund and £100 to the Pre-school Charity. Well done one and all!

From the Hall Committee, a very Happy Christmas to you, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

PRE-SCHOOL THANKS!

Many thanks to those who supported Crowcombe Pre-School at their recent fund-raising events: the bingo evening in mid-October raised £425 and the refreshments at the November Craft Fayre in Church House raised £130

This is much needed to fund our thriving pre-school and a good time was had by all at both events!

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Bicknoller has had a first Responder team since 2011 and has attended incidents in mainly Bicknoller, Crowcombe Stogumber, Samford Brett and W Quantoxhead. Once on scene of an incident Responders provide basic life support, defibrillation and other vital first aid until the arrival of an emergency Ambulance.

A patient who suffers a cardiac arrest stands an 85% chance of survival if they are treated immediately.. These odds decrease by 7 - 10% for every minutes delay. All volunteers receive uniform and training which includes dealing with life threatening emergencies, oxygen therapy and use of defibrillators

Whilst 100% (24 / 7) cover is the ideal most teams can not achieve this but the more volunteers we have the easier it is.

You are issued with a Pager and ambulance control will contact you wherever you are so no need to sit by a phone. You carry on normal routine activities and visiting friends / shopping in local area (say 1 - 2 miles)

If for any reason you can not attend then you just text a key for "Unavailable"
Most incidents involve T.L.C. only and in 6 or so years of Responding I have yet to see a drop of blood.

You "Log-on to **your** convenience and are not bound to any "quota" of hours. However low numbers of volunteers means a less than desired service level. A large team of volunteers makes light duties the norm.

Volunteers obviously must have a car and be in reasonable health. 70 + year old Responders are not unusual

Being a First Responder is a huge benefit to you, your family, the community and gives everyone added confidence as to how to deal with emergencies in this very rural area.


What's your excuse for not volunteering?

STUART DOWDING



How can I find out more?

If you live in the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust area and would like to know more about becoming a Community First Responder at work or from home please visit NHS jobs to find out more about recruitment in your area.





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The Primrose Ball

in aid of


The Conservation Fund

will be held at

Crowcombe Court
(at the kind invitation of Mr & Mrs David Kenyon)

on

Saturday 28th March 2015
at 6.30pm



<p><i>Tickets cost £60</i></p> <p><i>On sale from Friday</i></p> <p><i>2nd January 2015 at</i></p> <p><i>Crowcombe Post Office</i></p>	<p><i>Black tie</i></p> <p><i>Reception drink</i></p> <p><i>Dinner inclusive of</i></p> <p><i>£5 wine voucher</i></p> <p><i>Cash bar</i></p>
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Christmas at The Carew!

Celebrate the festive season with us at your traditional village pub. Our Christmas Menu is available from Monday 1st December – please pre-book with us to avoid disappointment.

On Friday 12th December, we will be holding our second ever Tree Lighting Ceremony. This was a heartwarming evening last year, enjoyed by all. The lights on the tree at the front of the pub will be switched on at 6.30pm to the sound of Phoenix Brass performing your favourite carols. We will serve mince pies and mulled wine – why not get together with family and friends to have a fun festive night out? We'll provide the songsheets.....!



Quizzes continue as usual up until the 14th December – 8.30pm each Sunday evening, £1 per person, winner takes all! It's not Mastermind, more Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? and is an improvement on Sunday night TV!

We are open right up until Christmas Eve for our usual opening hours – Monday to Thursday 12-3pm, then 5pm-



close, and Friday to Sunday, 12 midday until close. We will be closing the kitchen at 8pm on Christmas Eve.

We would love to see you on Christmas Day itself – we are open for drinks only from 11am-1pm – come in and share the compliments of the season before going home to tackle the turkey!

Boxing Day starts bright and early with a 10am open to prepare for the Quantock Stag Hounds who meet in the field next to the pub at 11am. We are serving food from 12 noon, but would strongly advise reserving a table, as we are usually very busy! We will close at 6pm on Boxing Day.

Between Christmas and New Year we are open all day every day until Monday 5th January, when normal hours resume.

New Year's Eve will also be a traditional affair. Our restaurant is open for reservations, and the custom is for the village to meet outside the pub to hear the bells ring in the New Year. There's a wonderful feeling of being part of the community as we all sing Auld Lang Syne – why not come and join in?

Thanks for taking the time to read this – may we take the opportunity to thank you for your custom this year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Emma, Iain, Jamie and the team