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# CAW Crowcombe Village Magazine



**FEBRUARY 2015—MARCH 2015**

Christmas and the New Year celebrations seem so long ago and spring not being too far of, the evenings are staying lighter longer. With 2015 getting under way so much of the news seems to be about the forthcoming General Election and the people involved with all their foibles good and bad. Also on the same day we have our local Parish Council elections. It will be interesting to see who of our parishioners wishes to stand, I wonder if any new brave persons will put themselves up as a candidate.

We have another packed issue this month so I hope there is something for all, including a double page spread from the 'Stoggy Journalists'. They are doing a great job.

As we move into February and then on to March I hope the reasonable weather continues and the inclement weather of snow, frost and cold keep their distance but I fear not. Memory tells me that we have suffered these things in February in other years. So don't put the winter woollies away yet.

Easter and spring will be well on the way by the time of the next issue so we have much to look forward to, and then the summer. Hurrah!

Editor.



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**CROWCOMBE CHURCH SERVICES for February and March and worship on Wednesdays in Lent in the Quantock Towers Benefice: from Ash Wednesday onwards.**

**Please be assured of a most warm welcome if you attend any of our services...  
February 2015**

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Family Service
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	CW Benefice Service at Nettlecombe Church
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Weekday Communion Service
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	BCP Communion
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	BCP Morning Prayer

**March 2015**

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Family Service
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Weekday Communion Service
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	CW Benefice Communion at S/Brett Church
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	BCP Communion
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mothering Sunday
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	CW Benefice Communion at Nettlecombe Church


**Lent Communion Services from February 18<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday**

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<b>Lent: Communion with Ashing at Bicknoller Church</b>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<b>Lent: 'Saxon' Communion at Crowcombe Church</b>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<b>Lent: Sarum Rite Communion at Monksilver Church</b>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<b>Lent: 'Silence' Communion at Nettlecombe Church</b>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<b>Lent: 'Sensory' Communion at Sampford Brett Church</b>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<b>Lent: 'Somerset' Communion at Stogumber Church</b>

Should anyone require transport to any of the Benefice Communion services away from Crowcombe, please contact the Revd Jon Rose on 01984 618715 or Sue Jenkins on 01984 631995 to make an arrangement.

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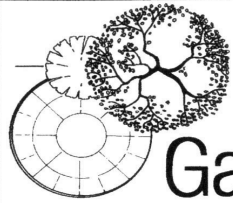
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### Lent Lunch – An Invitation to Everyone

Our Lent Lunch is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30 in Church House Crowcombe. It is a frugal soup + cheese meal, without the gorgeous cakes you get at the soup kitchen. This is, after all Lent when we are supposed to be practising self-discipline! There is no charge but donations go to charity. Each year churches all round the Quantocks get together to raise money for one particular charity and this year it is JIGGERS. (Jiggers are nasty little things which burrow under toenails in Africa, causing pain, infection and worse so this organisation works to help.) The subject is unpleasant, but lunch together is always good!

### Lent 2015

This year, instead of a Lenten discussions, we are embarking a journey exploring different ways of doing something familiar. Communion is the main service of most Christian churches, although it is known by different titles – the Mass, the Eucharist, the breaking of bread... We shall be holding a different sort of Communion service at 7pm each Wednesday in Lent, visiting the 6 churches in Quantock Towers Benefice in turn. After each service there will be refreshments and a time to discuss our experiences. Each evening will be completely different and some might be quite challenging. Are you brave enough to try out some of these?

#### 7pm on Wednesdays though Lent

On **February 18<sup>th</sup>**, Ash Wednesday, Lent begins – it is a modern service with ashing at Bicknoller.

On **February 25<sup>th</sup>** at Crowcombe we find out what it would have been like in the tiny churches put up by local lords in Saxon times – long before our medieval buildings arrived

On **March 4<sup>th</sup>** at Monksilver we meet the elaborate Sarum Rite, developed at Salisbury Cathedral: this was the precursor of the Book of Common Prayer.

At Nettlecombe on **March 11<sup>th</sup>** we experience something quite different – a Silent Communion. Sampford Brett on **March 18<sup>th</sup>** hosts a Communion service which appeals to all our senses.

The journey ends at Stogumber on **March 25<sup>th</sup>** with a Somerset Communion, reflecting our own home area.

Everyone is invited to all these experiences, whether or not you usually attend that particular church or usually take communion – you are welcome to join us in



## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM THE W.I.

Well here we are at the beginning of what promises to be another exciting year. On Dec 11, we at the W.I. finished the old year with our **CHRISTMAS PARTY**, held in the Gallery at Church house with splendid entertainment provided by the multi-talented Kim Hughes with games and carols and Kim herself giving us a recitation which was delivered completely from memory, without notes. How does she do it! We were all spellbound. Thank you Kim for a splendid evening. Thanks also go to Sue Flint who made us all a delicious Punch, and to everyone who brought food. Also to those who contributed to the Women's Refuge. We ended with a Santa's Sack so everyone, including visitors, went home with a present. All in all it was a very good evening.

**OUR JANUARY MEETING** was to have been a film evening 'A Night at the Movies' but, would you believe it, the computer wasn't compatible with the equipment so we ended up with popcorn, ice creams and a drink and a jolly good natter which we all enjoyed enormously anyway. Thus proving in good old W.I. style how to turn a (sort of) tragedy into a triumph!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**WEDNESDAY, FEB 11**, Our next Meeting, 7.30 p.m. at the Meeting Room in the Church House.....**TWO WHEELS-ONE WORLD**.

A talk with slides by Ken Roberts. Visitors as always very welcome. If you are on your own, and fancy going with someone please ring a committee member or ring me (Pippa, 618343) and I would be so pleased to take you to see what we are all about .

### THURSDAY, FEB 19.....SOUP KITCHEN

Crowcombe Church House..... 12.30

We hope to see you there!!

N.B. On the third Thursday of every month we run what we call our 'Soup Kitchen.' I remember when I first came to Crowcombe I had completely the wrong idea of what Soup Kitchen would be like and hesitated to go. When eventually I plucked up courage I was amazed by the warm and friendly atmosphere which greeted me. The lovely home-made soups (Two bowls if we've got it and popular with the men!) and cakes. There was no charge. Just a little basket for donations which were always given to a chosen Charity. I have been going ever since and always enjoy it. Do come. You might enjoy it too!

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### NEW LEADERS AND HELPERS NEEDED

Crowcombe has always been known for its community spirit. We badly need new leaders and those willing to help with Soup Kitchen. So if you would like to know more, please ring either Sue (618289) or Pippa (618343) and we can tell you what is involved.

P.H.W.

### THANK YOU

Jan and Dennis would like to say thank you to all our family, neighbours and residents of Crocombe for all their support and good wishes through Dennis's surgery.

We are very grateful for all the lifts etc and we very much appreciate your kinfulness,

After a few hiccups we are pleased to say everything is progressing.

Best wishes to you all, Jan and Dennis

### THANK YOU FROM THE STANILAND FAMILY AND THE SURE FOUNDATION

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported the SURE Foundation event last November. We were overwhelmed by the support of this amazing village and can now advise that the total raised reached a staggering £4,175 (which will increase due to gift aid) - way beyond our expectation and we have you all to thank for that.

Thanks also must be given to the Carol Singers who not only sang beautifully but rattled a SURE collection box at the door on the night!

Have a healthy and happy 2015!

Christopher, Philippa, Will, Tom and Max Staniland



## **CROWCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL – DIGEST**

The Parish Council met on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015

**District Councillor's Report:** Anthony Trollope-Bellew reported WSC would be proposing to raise the Council Tax by 1.99% when Full Council meet later this month. This increase would affect a Band D property by 5p a day. The amalgamation between WSC and TDBC has made significant savings which was set to continue. The £240k put aside for the Superfast Broadband to extend to more rural areas was progressing. The latest Local Plan had been accepted at Full Council and would be going to The Inspector for approval.

**Finances to date:** Balances as at 12 January 2015 was: Current a/c £9,950.71, Deposit a/c £3,221.33 Amenities a/c £2,681.38. Unpresented cheques £28.80. Balance £15,824.62. **Precept for 2015/16** – a revised precept was approved by Councillors as £7,500. This was mainly due to budgeting for the play area maintenance of the equipment and tree surgery. A Band D property would pay approx. £32.28 over the year.

**Crowcombe Chest** – the Councillors approved The Terms of Reference and Memorandum of Understanding between Somerset Community Foundation and Crowcombe Parish Council. These had been put together by David Freemantle and others at a separate meeting.

**War Memorial** – the Councillors agreed following investigating various options to repair or replace the existing war memorial, and the restrictions applied by English Heritage this project can no longer proceed.

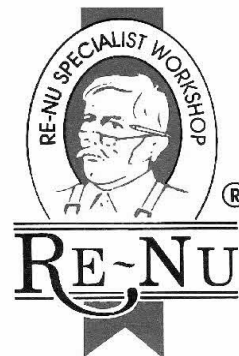
**Community Speed Watch** – a separate notice would be put into CAW to ask for any volunteers to run a community speed watch program being suggested in the future.

**Parish Council Elections – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015** - Nomination papers will be available for anyone wishing to stand as a Parish Councillor from 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Closing date for papers is 9<sup>th</sup> April. There will be an opportunity for anyone wishing to come onto the Council this forthcoming term.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Church House commencing at 7.30pm. Draft Minutes are available on the website for more detailed information.

The **Annual Parish Assembly** will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April following the morning church service.

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There will be an opportunity to become a member of the Parish Council this forthcoming term.

You have to complete a Nomination Paper which will be available from The Clerk or WSC from 2<sup>nd</sup> March. These need to be returned to WSC by 9<sup>th</sup> April by 4pm at the latest.

Please look out for the publication of the Notice of Election which will be displayed after 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

If you are interested please contact the clerk or any of the Parish Councillors for more information regarding the role of the Parish Council.

Details on [www.crowcombe.org.uk](http://www.crowcombe.org.uk) website or email

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**Community Speed Watch – Volunteers Required**

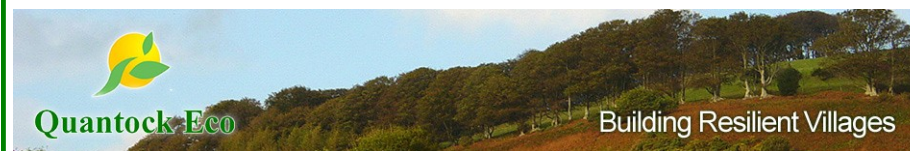
The Parish Council are proposing putting together a Community Speed Watch team in Crowcombe -but we need volunteers!

Training and advice will be given by the Police. For more information on the scheme please contact Tony Brookes on 01984 618692 or to-nyb554@hotmail.com at Crowcombe Church House on 17th April!

**ADVANCE NOTICE AGM Quantock ECO**

at Crowcombe Church House on 17th April!

We will have an interesting debate/ discussion on Green Matters after the business meeting. We hope to invite various local leaders and hear their ideas, bearing in mind we will all be voting for our MPs in May



## DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Report from West Somerset Council by Anthony Trollope-Bellew.

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope that Christmas was very merry, though in my case it now seems a very long time ago.

Now for a less jolly topic, West Somerset Council's budget. The revenue budget that is going to Full Council for approval on Wednesday 25th February includes an increase in council tax and some cuts. That is providing central Government does not change its provisional funding figures, possible but not probable. Council Tax(CT) has not gone up for the last three years as WSC has taken the grant that Government has given for keeping CT the same. This has been added into the Revenue Support Grant for future years but that grant is being cut every year. The whole system is so opaque that it is impossible to tell how much is actually being carried forward. Meanwhile CT is falling behind inflation. This year we have been led to believe that the " no increase grant" will be 1% and that a 2% increase will be CT threshold to trigger a referendum, with its ensuing costs, all still unconfirmed. The proposal is that CT goes up by 1.99% which is £2.74 per year (just over 5 pence a week) for a band D property less for bands A, B and C. Please remember that this increase is only on the WSC portion of your CT bill, approximately 9% of your total bill. The remaining 91% of your money goes to the county council, police and fire service. There are proposed cuts in grants to voluntary bodies but all services are going to be maintained. Savings have been found in delivery and the back office. Also summer car parking charges will rise but the winter charges stay the same. Again charges in the WSC car parks have not risen for three years. The parking permit is still very good value. The amalgamation of the officer team with Taunton Deane has saved over half the savings that are needed for the coming year. Nearly a quarter of WSC's income goes to the Somerset Waste Partnership to collect your waste. This is a very good deal for West Somerset and outside the Waste Partnership costs would be a great deal higher for a poorer service. The capital budget is still under discussion. I did not stand for local government to raise taxes or cut services but this year I can see no alternative.

The waste trials in Taunton Deane have now been completed and are being analysed. Hopefully this will lead to improvements that will cost you less and decrease the amount of waste going to landfill. Through out the county about 50% of the residual waste in the black bags is recyclable, 25% is food. If all the recyclables were in the correct bins it would save about £5million in landfill charges. That equates to about £20 per person per year. Please use the food caddies and recycling boxes.

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

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Friday 6th March	Ida
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Sunday 26th April	Turner

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## Crowcombe and Stogumber Federated Primary Schools

### THE STOGUMBER STANDARD FROM THE STOGGY JOURNALISTS

#### News and views from Stogumber Primary School

##### Latest News

##### Journalism club kicks off in 2015!

The new year has started well for the Stoggy journalists in their after school journalism club. Each Thursday we will be using our investigation and writing skills to create a variety of written work, and each month we will submit articles for the Stogumber Standard to let you know our latest news and what we've been learning about.

##### December Trophy Winners

Cecilia Fawden won the Sports Award for showing respect in Fun Club which is run by our young leaders. Also Stanley Dixon was awarded a trophy for showing perseverance in Fun Club. Well done to both of them!

##### New Headteacher Selection

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January our seven school councillors from Crowcombe and Stogumber schools faced a big choice to choose the permanent head-teacher. We were told on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January that our caring and generous head-teacher was an interim head-teacher! It is up to the school councilors and governors to decide who is the headteacher out of Mr David Froude and Mrs Julie Norman!...

##### StoryWalks Project

You may have seen us out and about in the village quite a lot this past month. The children of Crowcombe and Stogumber have been busy writing modern folklore, blending ancient fairie tales with our living villages. Go to the White Horse or the Carew Arms, log onto [stogumber.storywalks.info](http://stogumber.storywalks.info) with your smartphone and follow our interactive adventure, "The King of the Cats", combining a nice walk with a fabulous story! If you haven't a smartphone then the full story is available to read online at [Quantock-storywalks.co.uk](http://Quantock-storywalks.co.uk) or, better still, a paper copy is in the pubs where you can enjoy reading the thrilling tales with a tasty beverage in your hand!

The final stage of our Storywalks project will be for the children to write their own interactive stories on the Quantocks themselves. Details to follow!

##### 7 FABULOUS FAIRY FACTS

Fairy sizes range from tiny Fairies, smaller than fireflies, to powerful forces guide the wind.

Fairies love fresh flowers and laughter; this attracts them.

Fair-

ies live on islands, hollow trees, under toadstools, where streams divide or within border hedges.

They are very, very fond of bells and jingles!

Fairies love to dance!

They like sweet things such as honey, milk and nectar.

They can live for hundreds and hundreds of years.



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Why not treat your loved one on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February? We have a special Valentine's Day Menu available – ask for details.

Show your Mum that you care and secure a table for  
Mothering Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>!

We are currently looking for new members of bar staff to join our team. If you, or someone you know, has a jolly disposition and ideally some experience, then please do get in touch.  
We look forward to seeing you at your local pub!

Emma, Iain, Jamie and the team





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**Woodland Playschemes this half term & Easter holidays**

**Tree Planting days coming up**

**Plus dates to come for Adventure Camps & Wet Wild for the Easter & Summer...good offers will be for early bookings!**

*Be well, stay safe, and SMILE (it makes your face feel good), and if smiles are good, laughs are even better. It's been said, "You don't stop laughing when you die, you die when you stop laughing!!"*

### Chapter 3 - Chapel House

George looked at the huge house towering over him. He started to trudge up the first set of steps. Whilst walking up the steps he noticed the first snowdrops blooming. When he got to the patio he strolled over to the boot scraper and wiped his boots carefully. Then he made sure that there was no mud to be seen on his boots. He walked up the second set of steps and before he knocked on the door he said to himself:

"There is no need to fear". Then continued, he knocked on the door. He heard small paced footsteps coming towards him. Suddenly, the door was opened by the Vicar. He looked terrified as if he had just been haunted by a ghost! Finally he spoke

"Why hello", said the Vicar, "so I was going to ask you if you could go and dig a grave".

"Why yes", replied George. "But where?"

"Over by the old Martha Tuckfields" said the Vicar. Timmy the cat tried to get out of the house. The Vicar caught him.

"No, no, no Timmy you're not going out on a night like this!" said the Vicar.

So off he went. As he left he noticed the Camelia in bud, which made him even more sad....

To read the full story, watch this space to read the full Storywalk when it is complete!

### Pupil Spotlight

#### An interview with Oban

1. What do you think of storywalks?

It boosts us to the next level and it is just amazing!

2. How is it benefiting you?

I was a non-fiction person but because of the storywalks I am becoming more of a fiction person.

3. What do your parents think of storywalks?

It is benefitting me and I am now putting extra effort into my homework. Also they are very proud of the whole project.

4. What have been the best bits so far?

Thursday 15th January was my best bit so far because all the experts were helping us to break down the bones of our story so we could put the flesh on them.

5. What are you looking forward to?

Going up on to the hills and adding our story to the village.

6. What do you think the next big outdoor project should be, and why?

There is nothing better than what we are doing now so I am not sure.

#### Issys interview with Mr Wedderkopp

Issy: What do you think of storywalks?

Mr Wedderkopp: It is an incredible opportunity to teach our children a range of really important skills.

Issy: How is it benefiting you?

Mr Wedderkopp: I feel very rewarded as a teacher because both the children and I are enjoying powerful outdoor learning.

Issy: What have been the best bits so far?

Mr Wedderkopp: I really enjoyed listening to Clare and Rebekah's stories on the hills.

Issy: What are you looking forward to?

Mr Wedderkopp: I am looking forward to seeing the children write their fairie stories about the Quantocks

### A facelift for Crowcombe Post Office

Following the extension to the village shop in 2011, which created not only much needed extra storage and shelving space but also a brighter and more open retail area, we now plan to modernize the Post Office facilities by dismantling the “fortress” counter and moving to an open plan format with more modern counter equipment. The so-called “rabbit hutch” will be no more! An increasing number of smaller Post Office branches are adopting this model.


We believe that the new, open plan Post Office counter area, which will incorporate a low level screen to separate it from the shop counter, will make it easier for our customers to conduct their business in a quieter and more discrete way than has often been the case in the past; and will facilitate better conversations about the range of Post Office products and services available.

The dismantling of the current fortress counter and door should also make the shop feel that much bigger and brighter for everyone; and would make it easier for members of the Post Office team to help out in the shop during quieter moments.



Moreover, the planned modernization should cost us nothing, as we have been successful in obtaining a grant from the Post Office Community Fund for the full, estimated cost of the works.

As the old saying goes, there is rarely pleasure without at least some pain! The Post Office will have to close from lunchtime on Thursday 19 March for the works to be carried out, but the plan is to re-open for business on Friday 27 March. During this temporary closure period, customers will need to make alternative arrangements at nearby Post Offices or banks for their banking, bill payment, foreign currency or postal needs. A reminder notice will be displayed outside the shop nearer the time. Inevitably, there will also be a degree of noise and disruption within the shop as the Post Office works progress, but we will do our best to minimize this. Please bear with us – we are confident that the end-result will be worth it!

Martin Smith



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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*

*Tickets cost £60*  
*On sale from Friday*  
*2nd January 2015 at*  
*Crowcombe Post Office*



*Black tie*  
*Reception drink*  
*Dinner inclusive of*  
*£5 wine voucher*  
*Cash bar*