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## Crowcombe

### Village Magazine



**FEBRUARY 2017—MARCH 2017**

Although I do not usually put an item I have received into my editorial space I have decided to do so this time, because of the severity of the item below.

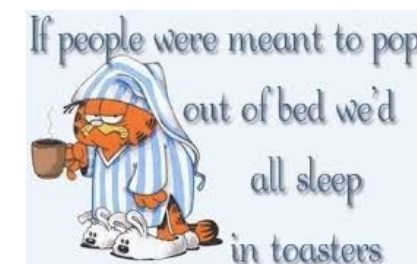
**Extremely URGENT - PLEASE READ & TELL EVERYONE.** Please send it to everybody you know who has access to the Internet. -You may receive an apparently harmless e-mail titled 'Mail Server Report' If you open either file, a message will appear on your screen saying: 'It is too late now, your life is no longer beautiful.' Subsequently you will **LOSE EVERYTHING IN YOUR PC**, And the person who sent it to you will gain access to your name, e-mail and password and possibly your bank account details. This is a new virus which started to circulate on Saturday afternoon.. AOL has already confirmed the severity, and the antivirus softwares are not capable of destroying it yet. The virus has been created by a hacker who calls himself 'life owner'.. **PLEASE SEND A COPY OF THIS E-MAIL TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS, And ask them to PASS IT ON IMMEDIATELY\***

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February 2017 and March 2017

### February 2017

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Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Weekday communion service
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	CW Benefice Communion at Bicknoller
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Communion
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	BCP Evening Prayer

### March 2017

Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Family Service
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Weekday communion service
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	CW Benefice Communion at Stogumber
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	BCP Communion
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	BCP Evening Prayer + ACPM

### April 2017


Sun 2nd	11.00am	Family Service
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**Please be assured of a most warm welcome if you attend any of our services.**

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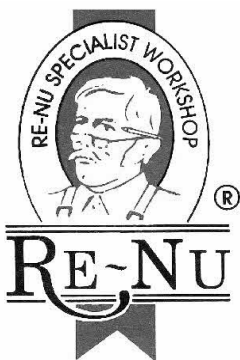
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## NEWS

Reports from Beryl Ayres and Pat Chittenden.

### DECEMBER WI CHRISTMAS MEETING

"A very good time was had by all" was the verdict of our members and their WI visitors from other branches in our area. As a change from our usual Christmas format we welcomed the Stoggymen to entertain us; they teased us that it was the first time they had visited the other side of the A358 (from Stogumber!). A wealth of both Somerset songs, and country music, recitations and jokes delighted the audience.

As usual at this time of the year, our members had collected gifts for the benefit of Taunton Womens Refuge, Secret Santa did the rounds, and a raffle, mulled (non-alcoholic) wine and excellent seasonal finger food added to the enjoyment of the evening.

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Our January meeting produced a virtually capacity audience for our speaker, Sandra Spencer, whose topic had the somewhat intriguing title of "Your Pelvic Floor - your best friend". Sandra, a physiotherapist at Musgrove Hospital, considers it to be her life's work to bring to the attention of 45 year old plus women and men, the importance of a healthy pelvic floor, and her lively and informative approach encouraged us all to be much more aware of the benefits of a well exercised pelvic floor - the "hammock" which supports the bladder, bowel, and womb. Rarely has a speaker reduced our members to such concentrated silence whilst they practised their exercises to work on over the next few weeks (and ideally the rest of their lives!). It certainly proved food for thought.

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From the Village Agent...

This year why not resolve to be kind to yourself? In order to feel happy and positive, we need to look after ourselves, because our emotions, mental state and bodies are all related to one another. This means feeding ourselves good food (savour the quality and be mindful of the quantity), taking an adequate amount of exercise, and engaging in other activities that make us feel happy and connected to the world.

Locally there are lots of opportunities to join in with activities, if nothing in this magazine takes your fancy, or you find yourself struggling for transport to get to these activities, do get in touch and I would be happy to discuss what other options are out there.

As ever, if you have a problem I may be able to help you or find an appropriate agency that can. The service provided is free and confidential.

Debbie Dennis

My contact details are:- mobile - 07572 024492 or email – [debbie@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:debbie@somersetccc.org.uk)

I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year

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## Crowcombe Flower Show Update

Happy New Year from everyone on the Flower Show Team.

We can confirm that this year's show will once again be held on the Sunday of the August bank-holiday weekend (27<sup>th</sup> August). We are looking to build on the success of last year's inaugural Dog Show to make sure that 2017's event is even more fun and inclusive for the whole village.

We have begun work on this year's Schedule but know how you like as much notice as possible for the Handicraft section. We can therefore confirm the following 6 classes in this division:



An item or collage made from recycled materials

A bowl - hand or machine made in any medium

A decorated cushion cover - any medium, complete with cushion pad inserted

An item made of patchwork

Handmade jewellery, eg a pair of earrings, a brooch, a necklace or a bracelet, made with handmade or bought materials

A picture of a landscape, made using any medium

Good luck working on these over the coming months.

For those of you that use Facebook, don't forget to follow us at [www.facebook.com/crowcombeflowershow/](https://www.facebook.com/crowcombeflowershow/)

## New Years Eve Bell Ringing

A number of people were disappointed when the church bells did not ring in the New Year. The church has six bells (some as old as 1400!) and not that many more ringers (a lot younger than the bells!). Family commitments plus a few ringers down with heavy colds reduced the numbers to the point where it was impractical to ring.



"Ready when you are, George..."

## The answer - more ringers!!

Ringling is a lot of fun and at the same time can be quite challenging. Why not give it a try. We practice every Thursday from 7.45 - 9 pm, and socially afterwards have a drink in the Carew Arms (not obligatory). If nothing else satisfy your curiosity and we all look forward to welcoming you.

**From Crowcombe Ringers**

## Crowcombe Parish Council

A Crowcombe Parish Council Meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Church House. The full draft minutes are available on the website for a more detailed description of events, but this report highlights some of the key points discussed.

**County Councillor's report:** Cllr Christine Lawrence reported that recently a ward has been closed at Minehead hospital due to staff shortages, with the patients being moved to Williton. Whilst this proves that Williton is still a very much needed facility it is worrying that staff recruitment is so difficult in Minehead. Christine is planning to meet with the clinical policy group later in the month to discuss priorities.

At the end of January, Christine will be attending a meeting and receiving an update about phase 2 of the super-fast broadband roll out across the county – she hopes to have more information to bring to the next parish council meeting.

**District Councillor's report:** Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew reported that the judicial review regarding the formation of a new council by Taunton Deane and West Somerset has been thrown out as expected. There is currently an ongoing consultation process (please see <http://www.yournewcouncil.org> for more details) before the final decision will be made by the Secretary of State. Hinkley Point C is progressing with 1,500 workers already on site and 2,000 expected by June. Construction is currently focused on building the ancillary facilities necessary before work on the nuclear power station itself is started.

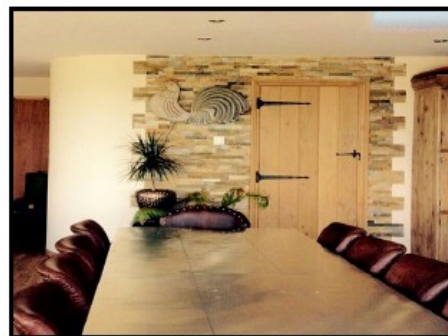
**Demolished wall adjoining car park:** Work to repair the wall is anticipated to start on 23<sup>rd</sup> January (weather permitting). Many thanks to West Somerset Council for their persistence with the insurance company regarding this.

**Expenditure to date:** The clerk reported that the balance total held by the council as of 30/11/16 to be £20,051.55 consisting of £14,171.92 in the current account, £3224.76 in the deposit account and £2683.67 in the amenities account, with uncleared cheques totalling £28.80

**Precept setting for 2017/2018:** The clerk had prepared a proposed budget for the next financial year which accounted for the fact that a significant sum in needed to be spent on the playground to renew the under-equipment matting. Councillors unanimously agreed to set a precept of £9240, which represents a 5% increase for a band D property.

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**Plans for an exempt campsite on the field adjacent to Higil Lea:** The owner of the land has applied to Freedom Camping Club for an exempt licence and Members of Crowcombe Parish Council and representatives of Falcon Rural Housing met with the applicant in December to understand better his plans for the use of the field adjacent to Higil Lea.

Councillors discussed the findings of this meeting and agreed to hold a meeting for parishoners at The Crowcombe Hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in order to outline the owner's plans in more detail to local residents, and to canvass their views before agreeing its response to Freedom Camping Club's original letter of enquiry at the next ordinary Parish Council meeting on 2nd March.

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd March 2017 at Church House, commencing at 7.30pm and the agenda will be available prior to the meeting (both online and on the parish notice board).



## **Hartwood House Garden Openings 2017**

We shall be opening our garden to the public four times this year

Sunday April 30th In aid of The Red Cross

Sunday May 21st In aid of National Garden Scheme

Sunday 18th June In aid of SSAFA The Armed Forces Charity

Sunday 27th August In aid of MSF(UK) Médecins Sans Frontières.





### Report from West Somerset Council by Anthony Trollope-Bellew.

New Council : the consultation process is ongoing at the moment and will run to the end of February. Parish Councils have been given an extension until early March to allow those that have not met in the consultation period to reply. You can take part in the consultation either on line at [www.yournewcouncil.org](http://www.yournewcouncil.org) or for those who prefer, like myself, to use paper copies they can be obtained from West Somerset House in Williton or Deane House in Taunton. Also I have put some in the village shop and will try to make sure that these are replenished when they run out but please let me know if more are required. Please take the time to take part in the consultation. Your submissions will be sent to the Secretary of State for his consideration before he makes the decision whether to make the order setting up the new council to cover the present areas of West Somerset and Taunton Deane.

If I had been told a year ago I would be advocating the disappearance of West Somerset Council as a sovereign and independent local authority I would not have believed it. My father was one of those who were instrumental in changing the Boundary Commission's initial idea in 1974 that West Somerset would be part of Taunton Deane. I believe that the people of West Somerset are best represented by their own council. However the cuts in central government funding in the past and those that are predicted for the future have forced me to change my mind. A separate West Somerset Council would be forced to cut services to a level that I do not believe is acceptable. Even door step waste collections could become unaffordable. There are those that are against the formation of the new council but what they have failed to do is come up with a financially viable alternative.

If the Secretary of State approves the creation of the new council will you see a difference ? I can see no reason why you should, the only difference will be that whoever you elect to represent you on the new district council will have to represent about twice as many electors.

Budget for 2017/18 : WSC has been hit by a triple whammy. Revenue Support and Rural Services Delivery Grants have been cut by £274,000 (36%) this is on top of a reduction £817,000 in the previous three years. New homes bonus has been cut by £171,000 (24%). Retained business rates has reduced by £382,000 (27%). Unfortunately we are having to increase council tax for a band D property by the maximum of £5 a year that is 3.44% on the WSC portion of the council tax.



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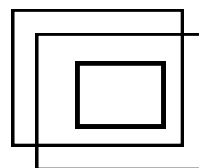
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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you think I can help in any way.

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<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Bridget Jones Baby (2016)</b>	<b>12A</b>
Bridget's focus on single life and her career is interrupted when she finds herself pregnant, but with one hitch ... she can only be fifty percent sure of the identity of her baby's father. Broad gags, choice turns and some terrific slapstick involving a hospital revolving door elevate a possibly opportunistic outing into a solid and satisfying comeback		
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>The Fencer (2015)</b>	<b>12A</b>
Fleeing from the Russian secret police because of his controversial past, a young Estonian fencer is forced to return to his homeland, where he begins to train a group of young children in the art of fencing. The past however catches up with him and he has to choose between letting his students down or putting his life in danger.		
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>The Girl on the Train (2016)</b>	<b>15</b>
Emily Blunt gives a great performance in this movie based on the bestseller by Paula Hawkins about a troubled divorcee who becomes entangled in a missing persons investigation that promises to send shockwaves throughout her life.		
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>The Light Between Oceans (2015)</b>	<b>15</b>
Michael Fassbender and Alicia Vikander star in this story of love and sacrifice, based on the debut novel by M L Stedman, about a lighthouse keeper and his wife living off the coast of Western Australia who raise a baby they rescue from a drifting rowing boat.		
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>A United Kingdom (2016)</b>	<b>15</b>
Director Amma Asante (Belle) gives us a romantic true story from our postwar past - and with some style and wit. It is the story of the heir to the crown of Bechuanaland (now Botswana) who falls in love with an English girl whilst studying law in 1947 London and so causes a mighty stir both in the corridors of power in Britain but also with the people of his country.		
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>A Street Cat Named Bob (2016)</b>	<b>15</b>
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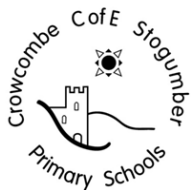
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## NEW RURAL CRIME INITIATIVE

We are asking rural communities and businesses to help us by providing information and intelligence about suspected crime in their area. The new number will allow the public to text information directly to the Rural Crime Team, who will be able to assess and action the intelligence quickly and efficiently. Inspector Joanna Mines, from the Rural Crime Team in Somerset, said: "We are trialling the number for three months. "Many people who belong to our Farm Watch scheme had said they wanted a facility to be able to pass on information and respond to messages quickly, and this new number will allow that.. "We want to hear from anyone who has information about any suspicious or potentially criminal activity in their area, for example - details of people/vehicles seen behaving suspiciously, potentially stolen goods or livestock being offered for sale either to the public or at markets, sightings of stolen vehicles we might put out an alert for. "No matter how small or insignificant people may think information is, it may be a vital piece of a jigsaw that helps us fill in the gaps and either prevent a crime or bring offenders to justice. "We have had real success using a text number to facilitate reporting of drink drivers in the past and we hope this will prove as effective." Messages are currently sent out via text message and email to members of the Neighbourhood, Farm and Horse Watch schemes to alert them to crimes and incidents in their area. This new number will allow people to text back information quickly and easily. Anyone can use it if they have information about rural or agricultural crime in their area, and isn't just for Watch members. The launch of the number happens to coincide with a recent livestock theft in Somerset (16/01) and we are hoping that the public will help provide vital information to help the investigation. 40 calves, 10-15 months old, of Friesian/Limousin/Angus breeds were stolen from Henton, near Wells. The calves had been wormed using Bimectin the day before and it's therefore vital they don't get into the food chain. Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens said: "Rural crime affects the livelihoods of farmers, smallholders and rural businesses and presents some real challenges for the wider rural areas. I know the Rural Crime Team, working closely with our local communities are committed to tackling and preventing crime. "I know from speaking to residents and farmers that there is a real desire to engage with the police when it comes to tackling rural crime. I'm sure that by providing an appropriate way for our rural communities to contact the police with intelligence will make a real difference to ensuring our countryside is safe and feels safe." The number won't be monitored 24/7 but the team will be looking at it when they are on duty, it therefore shouldn't be used for reporting crimes, or anything which requires an immediate police attendance. In those circumstances please dial 999.

The new number is 81819, please text us any information you believe could either help prevent or detect a crime in your area. You can still pass on information via the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. They never ask your name or trace your call.





Our topic this term is 'Journeys', and the children will be going on voyages of discovery as varied as 16th century privateering to the path of food through our digestive tracts! They are learning about exploration past, present and future, about the qualities of leadership, navigational

skills, log keeping, fieldworking and route planning, all preparation for voyages of their own upon the Quantocks! Our older children are designing and programming their own video game world using Kudo, free software from Microsoft. Brass band is going from strength to strength and our rugby, cross country and gymnastics squads all have contests to look forward to this term.

Without the excitement and fervour of the Autumn Term's build up to Christmas, and without the exams, residentials and 'events' of the Summer Term, this term could easily be overlooked. But inside the classroom things are not dormant; at this time of year we have the time and space to really develop our learning and our relationships, building the confidence and skills that allow us to blossom in the Summer. I love the Spring Term for its quiet quality.

Here is Tarot's recipe for *The Fizzy Float Drink*, a magical brew that will waft you away on a journey of adventure and discovery. Take care with those yew berries!

Josh Wedderkopp

### THE FIZZY FLOAT DRINK

Do you want to see the world from above? Well try my potion to see the Birdseye view of the world!!! This potion will levitate you into the skies!!

#### EQUIPMENT/UTENSILS:

A Shimmering Diamond goblet  
Gold or silver blade  
Silver spoon  
A blender of copper  
A supreme Kitchen roller

#### INGREDIENTS:

Shimmering water from a magic river  
Juice from an enchanted apple (make sure it's a good witch that casts the spell!!)  
A cone from a moonlight spruce  
Dried berries from a yew tree (picked under a full moon)  
A winged mushroom (this will give you the levitation)



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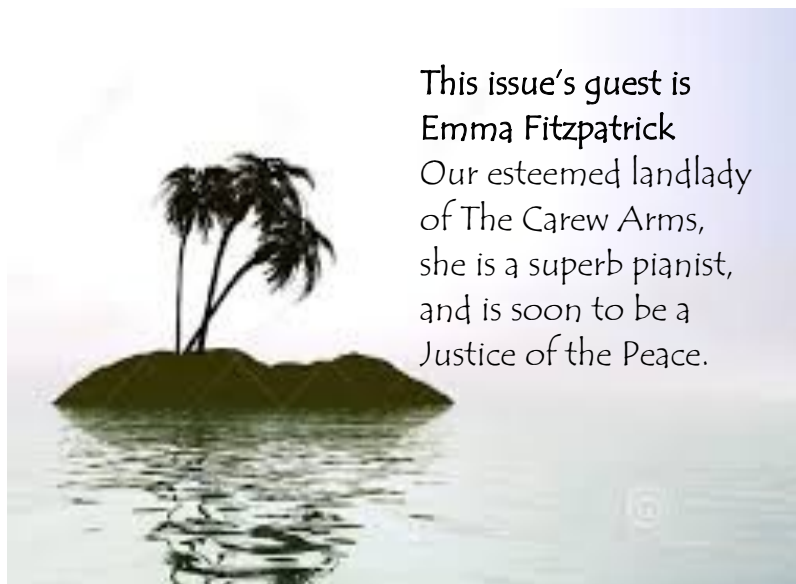
Don't forget to show your Mum that you care and secure a table for Mothering Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>!

Our Easter Sunday continues to be popular – this year it falls on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April so please do book early to avoid any disappointment.

We look forward to seeing you at your local pub!

Emma. Ian, Jamie and the team

# DESERT ISLAND DISCS



This issue's guest is  
Emma Fitzpatrick  
Our esteemed landlady  
of The Carew Arms,  
she is a superb pianist,  
and is soon to be a  
Justice of the Peace.

## GUESTS' RECORD CHOICE

- 1: **Rondo capriccioso in E Op.41—Felix Mendelssohn**  
I haven't managed to get this challenging piece into my repertoire—needs a lot more practice!. Depending on when I get stranded on my desert island, this will either be one of my favourite pieces or a reminder that I should have practiced more to get it perfect!.
- 2: **Jolene—Ray LaMontagne** which makes it impossible for me to skip past this song whenever it appears on my playlist. He sounds like he has really lived!.
- 3 **Ageing Superhero—Newton Faulkner**  
  
Ray LaMontagne has a great quality in his voice I love Newton Faulkner's style - and this song strikes a chord when things are getting too busy—'the ageing superhero in me is tired'.
- 4: **Vincent—Don McLean**  
This is a family favourite from when I was young. My family used to sing along in the car, with my sister and I making up harmonies.

- 5: **Movin'on Up—Primal Scream**  
I think I would need some songs to get me motivated, and this song definitely does that. It's one to dance around to!
- 6: **Sing Together—Train**  
While I am aware that this is a little depressing, I have requested that his song be played at my funeral!. I have always loved singing as part of a group—it really lifts the spirits. The lyrics go 'just smile, sit a while, with the sun on your face, and remember the place we met....without you I could never be me'. For all the people I've shared a musical moment with, this is the song.
- 7: **Hamburg Song—Keane**  
Tom Chaplin's voice is wonderful in this song. I like a lot of Keane's songs, so choosing one was tricky. I'm not sure why, but it reminds me of long distance travel.
- 8: **Accidentally in Love—Counting Crows**  
This is to remind me of all the times my children and I have sung loudly along to this in the car! It was used in one of the Shrek films and normally manages to get us all singing and clapping along. Precious moments.



## My book:

Vanity Fair by W M Thackeray—just because I have always meant to read it and never found time. I am sure I could fit it into my hectic island schedule....

## My luxury:

A large jar of Marmite—to add a little interest into my desert island fare..

If I had to choose just one disc it would be the Mendelssohn.....because I can't choose between the others..

As always my thanks for Jane for her help and to Emma for her very interesting and varied choice.

