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CAW Crowcombe Village Magazine



JUNE 2015 — JULY 2015

Hurrah, summer is a coming. The days lengthen and the days are warmer, the sun is shining, plants growing and blooms appearing everywhere. With Open Gardens happening in all the villages around us, we now have our very own on Sunday 7th June to look forward to, please support this for Church House Restoration Fund.

Don't forget the Scarecrow competition on the same day, get those names and addresses to me by the 5th June so a list can be compiled for the judges. Make them as funny and colourful as you can

We have all the summer to look forward to and it will not be long before the school holidays and parents trying to fill in the long days. We have information inside about Playday, Woodland Play Centre and Wild and Wet for activity days or longer.

For those of us who enjoy a social time at The Carew, the Beer and Music Festival takes place at the end of July, details inside.

At the Parish Meeting it was requested that information about the Mobile Library was sought, and I have included the dates and times that I have managed to find out until the end of September.

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June 2015

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| Sun 7 th | 11.00am | Family Service |
| Mon 8 th | 10.30am | Weekday Communion Service |
| Sun 14 th | 10.30am | CW Benefice Service at Nettlecombe Church |
| Sun 21 st | 8.00am | BCP Communion |
| Sun 28 th | 6.00pm | BCP Evening Prayer |

July 2015

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| Sun 5 th | 11.00am | Family Service |
| Mon 6 th | 10.30am | Weekday Communion Service |
| Sun 12 th | 10.30am | CW Benefice Communion at Sampford Brett Church |
| Sun 19 th | 8.00am | BCP Communion |
| Sun 26 th | 6.00pm | BCP Evening Prayer |

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On the 18 April under the chairmanship of Chris Staniland, the Crowcombe Hall had its AGM. There was much to report on and discuss. Bookings of the Hall had held up well and as a result the Hall's finances were positive, enabling the Committee to donate £1000.00 to various projects in the Village. Of note were the successful Fireworks night and the enthusiastic support for the Cinema.

In pursuit of the Committee's policy to maintain and improve the facilities of the Hall, an extensive programme of work was carried out in 2014-2015. Externally, roof repairs, redecoration of the exterior, replacement guttering and repairs, and siting of a bollard on the approach to the car park were carried out. Internally the kitchen was redecorated and the gas cooker replaced by an electric cooker with a ceramic hob. The year was concluded with the installation of Broadband by BT.

The Committee were voted back in office en bloc, and thanked for their support by the Chairman.

As an aside, the Chairman and the Committee are keen to recruit 'new blood', recognising the fact that most of the Committee members have been involved in the Hall since its inception, so would the next generation of committee members please step forward !!!

Tony Allen

On behalf of the Crowcombe Hall Committee

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library visits Crowcombe every 4 weeks at Hagleys Green.

Time 12.40—12.55

Dates for visits this year are: 29th May
 26th June
 24th July
 21st August
 18th September

These are the only dates given so far for the remainder this year's timetable.



NEWS

I think we all went along to our April meeting feeling slightly apprehensive! It was to be an evening of Bollywood Dancing with Rah Cattell and most of us didn't have a clue what it was, let alone how to do it! Well we needn't have worried. Make idiots of ourselves we may have done but Rah's easy manner and obvious love of her subject soon put us at our ease and those who could were soon gyrating round the room using muscles they didn't even know they had and thoroughly enjoying themselves at the same time. Those who couldn't sit on their chairs and encouraged us on, most of them doing the steps with their feet and clapping in time to the music. Thank you Rah for a lovely evening.

*Note: If anyone would like to have a go and fancies having a figure like hers(!) Rah holds a class in the Crowcombe Hall 2.15 -3.15 p.m. on Monday afternoons. The class is for all ages and enhances mobility, flexibility and core strength.

Details: contact Rah on rah@thecattells.co.uk 07786 436616.

Our May meeting was taken up with the AGM when we discussed among other topics which Resolution will be sent to the government and could help sway the vote. The most popular seemed to be the banning of mutilation of female genitals which seemed to us to be the most barbaric thing to be allowed in the 21st century and quite unacceptable. On a lighter note the last topic on the agenda, which seems to me to be well worth mentioning was that this was the 'Last call for Bra's for the Developing World.' Nice one Sue!

This was followed by a very lively quiz. Sue split us into four groups and the questions were all clues about villages in this area and well known to us. I do like quizzes where you are put in groups as then nobody is shown up as a complete pratt with Nil Point!

If anyone would like a 2016 diary (and they are very nice) Please order and bring your money to our June meeting.

Dates for your Diary.

The next Soup Kitchen will be held at Church House at 12.30 on Thursday, June 18 and July 16. All are very welcome.

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This is a garden performance so do bring seats and warm clothes. I

Tickets £12. Students and unwaged £5

She Stoops To Conquer has a classic place in the history of theatre; it is one of those plays that inspired a host of imitators – from London Assurance (which The Thespians toured a few years ago) right up to To The Manor Born – on the theme of the city slicker being outwitted by the cunning of the countryman. It's a perfect Summer Tour play - almost all of the action takes place in one room, there's a core cast of eight with four or five decent cameo roles as well and it's an 18th century piece so the costumes are great – and it's genuinely funny.

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Any queries

David Freemantle

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Report from Crowcombe Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 12th May 2015 which was the Annual Parish Council Meeting, the first meeting for the new term of office for the Parish Council. Your new councillors are as follows: Bob Druitt (voted as Chairman), Dennis Lock (vice chair), Tony Brooks and co-opted on was Anthony Trollope-Bellow, Martin Smith and Julie Long. There is still one vacancy available which is hoped to be filled soon.

County Councillor's Report – Christine Lawrence was delighted to see the PC up to 6 members, because at the Annual Parish Meeting there had only been three councillors. Christine stated she covered 15 parishes which included her area of Alcombe. She chairs the cabinet under Health & Well-being too. Extra funding was required to cover Children's Services and more qualified, mature Social Workers were desperately needed. A clear pathway of improvement was needed and was being discussed.

The Superfast Broadband project and issues were continuing and the need to get proper coverage over the Exmoor National Park and other rural areas is key.

District Councillor's Report: Anthony Trollope-Bellew reported following the recent elections WSC Conservatives had overall control of the council. Tim Taylor did not stand again and a new leader is to be elected.

Highway Issues – main concern was the culvert at Broad Meadow still not repaired and it was agreed to follow up again for answers. Church House members were going to carry out a traffic count in June to help understand the speeding issues in the village and have some accurate numbers of cars and speeds.

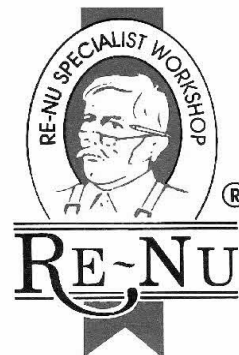
Bus Shelter – it was agreed to get three quotes to replace the damaged bus shelter which was going through the council's insurance company.

Finances:

Year End Accounts: these were discussed and approved. The balance as at 31st March 2015 was £14,353.39. The Internal Auditor had checked all the figures and paperwork and had no issues to report.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd July 2015 at Church House commencing at 7.30pm.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Report from West Somerset Council by Anthony Trollope-Bellew.

I start by thanking all those of you who voted for me on 7th May. It was very flattering to be returned with such a large majority. I will do my best for ALL the residents of the ward over the next four years whatever their political preferences.

The Conservative group has been returned with an increased majority. There are 21 Conservatives, 4 UKIP, 2 independents and one Labour. The non-conservatives have combined into the West Somerset Opposition Group. At Full Council on Wednesday 20th May I had the honour to be elected the leader of West Somerset Council. So I now have a duty to all the residents of West Somerset. This is an enormous task but I will give it my best efforts. The main problem will be reduced government funding. The forecast for next year was that £300,000 of savings would have to be made, a large task in itself. However during the election campaign we received notice that due to the re-rating of Hinkley Point "B", WSC would receive £194,000 less in business rate retention. This increases the savings we will have to make in the 16/17 financial year to approximately half a million pounds. This is out of a budget of approximately £4.8 million. It has to be remembered that the joining of the officer team with Taunton Deane Borough Council is giving savings of over £300,000 annually

Due to the final investment decision not having been made work at Hinkley Point C has been reduced to care and maintenance. This does not mean that the project will not proceed in the long run. But it does mean further delays in starting and more pressure on WSC.

As usual please do not hesitate to contact me if you think there is anything with which I can help you.

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This is surprising bearing in mind the number of elderly people who live in the benefice. It would appear that the majority are reasonably well off not to need increased benefits or other help or are too proud to ask for assistance. Loneliness on the other hand is a different matter.

Over the past 2 years I have met many people who without exception have been charming and supportive. However, I have seen that many people are in real need and I have been very pleased to have been able to help most of them.

The whole 2 years has been a humbling experience and made me very conscious of how fortunate most of us are in our lives.

Best wishes and thanks to you all.

Nick

CROWCOMBE VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEME

Crowcombe Cars Volunteer Scheme is supported by Somerset County Council, The (WSCSP) West Somerset Car Scheme and Crowcombe Parish Council. The scheme is run by a small committee with a number of volunteer drivers. The scheme is non profit making and is available to all in the Parish who are unable for whatever reason to use public transport.

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It has been one of the most colourful years in the garden with cool nights keeping the rhododendrons, azaleas and flowering shrubs blooming later than usual.

Come June I think many of them will be over but their place will have been taken by a range of colourful herbaceous plants. The vegetable garden which has been a slow starter because of the cold and varmints various, should be looking good. As always a wide range of interesting trees and shrubs will be there, paths to explore and the twenty fun things for children to discover. Lots of car parking.

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Vellacott, Lawford will be open for the NGS Annual Festival on 6 & 7 June from noon until 5.00pm

We are sorry this clashes with Crowcombe Open Gardens but our opening dates had to be submitted long before the village date was chosen.

Over the years the NGS has raised over £43 million for nursing and caring charities and 2014 donations totalled £2.5 million, from which Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie Cancer Care each received £500,000.

Pat and Kevin Chittenden

THE STOGUMBER STANDARD FROM THE STOGGY JOURNALISTS

This month we have also taken part in a cyclocross pursuit event in Taunton, Quad-kids athletics, hatched chicks in school, had a day of Outdoor Learning and Story-walks up on the Quantocks, and taken our end of year tests. We've been busy!

Cyclocross

On the 7th of May the year 5s and a few year 4s went to SCAT college in Taunton to do a cycle cross, on a field. Dave Bullock, the man in charge, set up this event to help kids learn to cycle and to compete in a challenging bicycle race.

Other than racing, most people said the funniest part of the day was when Evelyn's (a year 4) lace got stuck in the chain but even though this happened she carried on going and actually did pretty well.

The places Stogumber and Crowcombe took were: team A came 2nd and team B came 4th, out of approximately 10 teams.

This event will hopefully encourage other teachers to take their class to other tournaments to give them an opportunity that other classes get.

Stogumber and Crowcombe may get through to the final that will take place in July.
By Issy Hogevoid (9)

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FROM THE STOGGY JOURNALISTS

We held our own political debates in class, and journalism club called in on the polling station (thank you to the kind officers and members of the public who let us observe and interview them). Here is a part of Oban's, aged 9, assessment of the election process:

On Thursday 7th May 2015, the UK was plunged in to a day of voting, disappointment and success, as the people of the United Kingdom decided who would form the next government. This involved all the MPs (Members of Parliament) campaigning in their local constituencies to become their new MP. The political party with the most MPs with a seat in parliament would form the next government, with their leader as the new Prime Minister. This happened because every five years all the MPs get sacked (this is called the Dissolution of Parliament). So, the people can decide what they want.

Then, after 1 month and 7 days of campaigning, it was finally election day! So, everyone over 18 and who had registered to vote, went to their local polling station in their constituency and voted for who they wanted as their local MP. The polling stations were open from 7am to 10pm to make sure everyone had their chance to vote. After that, the official counters emptied the ballot boxes and counted the votes of the MPs (this was still going on after lunchtime on the next day). Then, the new MPs were announced in all the different constituencies across the country. The next day, all the MPs were counted up and eventually, David Cameron (from the Conservative Party) became the new Prime Minister with the majority of parliament in his party's hands. Ed Miliband, the leader of the Labour Party, stepped down because he lost 56 seats in Scotland and after weeks of campaigning, he felt he didn't do as well as he should have. Harriet Harman, the deputy leader of the Labour Party, will be the acting leader for the party until they find a new leader. Also, Nigel Farage, the leader of UKIP, resigned as the party's leader because he only gained one seat and he didn't become an MP for any constituency. Finally, Nick Clegg, the leader of the Liberal Democrats, stepped down because he had lost 40 seats and he felt he didn't do a good job.

Conclusion:

The Election was important because it decided what would happen to the country and you can't argue with the outcome.

Our new Conservative government promised to do many things, such as increasing the number of homes and investing £8 billion in the NHS. It remains to be seen how many of these promises they will keep.

As for the opposition, they will be electing new leaders and re-grouping to try again in five years' time!

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