

**Minutes of Annual Assembly for Crowcombe Parish on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
at Church House, Crowcombe at 6.00pm**

**(in the format to be presented to the next meeting for approval)**

**Present:** Cllrs M Smith (Chair), T Brooks, J Laver, D Lock and A Trollope-Bellew.  
35 members of the public.

Cllr M Smith welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Assembly for Crowcombe

1) **Apologies:** Cllrs K Kenyon, B Druitt and SCC Cllr C Lawrence

2) **Minutes of the Parish Assembly 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

The minutes were circulated and agreed to be a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3) **Matters Arising:**

- **Broadband in the Parish**

Tony Motture (who has acted as the PC's representative with BT) confirmed that he and Bob Druitt had met with a BT representative, who had promised a follow-up that has never materialised. Anthony T-B added that Gigaclear had won the tender for Phase II and told the meeting that he was optimistic that a fibre solution better even than the existing village one would eventually benefit Crowcombe Heathfield and perhaps other outlying areas of the Parish. However, the chairman suggested that, as Crowcombe Heathfield didn't appear to be included in Phase II, the position might not be quite so rosy.

4) **Police Report:**

None

5) **Report by the Chairman, Martin Smith, covering the activities of the Parish Council**  
see attached report

6) **Somerset County Council Report by Cllr Christine Lawrence**  
SCC Cllr C Lawrence was unwell and sent her apologies.

7) **West Somerset District Council Report by Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew**  
See attached report

8) **Introducing Izzy Silvester, Village Agent for Crowcombe**

Izzy Silvester, the new Village Agent for Crowcombe, is employed by Community Council of Somerset, and gave a short presentation on her role and examples of things she had helped people with in the past: those who had insufficient income but were too proud to apply for benefits; those with difficult consumer issues; those who had lost partners and were unfamiliar with financial matters; those who needed IT support; and those with housing difficulties (e.g. evicted tenant farmers). She left some business cards to enable those that needed her help to make contact

8) **Short Reports from the Local Groups within Crowcombe Parish**

- i. **Crowcombe Tennis Club**, presented by Mariele Smith (report attached)
- ii. **Crowcombe Cricket Club**, presented by Chris Fitzgerald (report attached)
- iii. **Crowcombe Hall**, presented by Chris Staniland (report attached)
- iv. **Crowcombe Community Shop & Post Office**, presented by Judy Highton (report attached)

- v. **Church House**, presented by Roger Goodwin (report attached)
- vi. **Crowcombe Chest**, presented by Jonathan Denton (report attached)
- vii. **Crowcombe Cinema**, presented by Philip Comer (report attached)
- viii. **Crowcombe Cars**, presented by Jan Lock (report attached)
- ix. **Crowcombe Women's Institute** (report attached)
- x. **Neighbourhood Watch**, presented by Tony Allen (report attached)
- xi. **Crowcombe Parochial Church Council**, presented by Rev John Rose (report attached)
- xii. **Crowcombe Players**, presented by Kim Hughes (report attached)
- xiii. **Crowcombe Flower Show** (report attached)

9) **Questions and Comments from Parishioners**

Kim Hughes thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the village

There being no further questions, the meeting closed at 7.30pm

## **REPORTS**

### **CROWCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL Chairman's report for Parish Assembly**

#### Introduction and thanks

Good evening everyone.

There has been no change in the constitution of your Parish Council over the past year, and I would like to record my thanks to my vice-Chairman, Tony Brooks, and the other 5 Councillors for the time, effort and support they give to Parish affairs.

Unfortunately, our Parish Clerk, Claire Morrison-Jones, is unable to be with us this evening, but I must thank her in turn for her diligent work in overseeing our finances, controls and responsibilities, and generally keeping the Councillors on the straight and narrow!

#### Meetings held

Since the last Assembly in May 2016 the Council has held 6 x bi-monthly meetings and 2 x Extraordinary meetings, as well as its annual Kesteven Trustee and User Group meeting and today's Assembly. We have held 1 x formal and 5 x informal on-site meetings to consider planning applications and associated matters within the Parish.

The Council also convened a Parishioners' meeting in February this year so that they could understand better the plans for a campsite and other business activities next to Higil Lea, and have an opportunity to express their views on the proposals.

#### Planning Applications

We have been consulted on 10 x planning applications, all of which appeared reasonable and were supported by the Parish Council.

The Higil Lea campsite proposal did not constitute a planning application as such. The Parish Council was not formally consulted by the Freedom Camping Club on behalf of the applicant in question; but we made it our business to be involved. At our meeting in March following the meeting of Parishioners the Councillors resolved to write to the Freedom Camping Club with a number of targeted objections to the proposal, and I can report that the Club has since decided not to grant an annual certificate to the applicant. It remains to be seen what use of the field, if any, will be made. On other planning matters, Crowcombe and Stogumber Parish Councils were invited to a working meeting with the joint West Somerset and Taunton Deane planning team to discuss current matters of interest. Two particularly helpful points came out of that meeting:

1. Historically, applications for permitted development have typically been dealt with at District level without reference to Parish. In future, the relevant Parish Council will be notified of any such application, but will have to respond quickly if it sees the application as sensitive and would like it "called in", because of the very short time limits imposed upon the District Council.
2. There has been a change of process as regards the delegated powers of the District planners. In future, if the views of the case officer and the relevant Parish Council are opposed as regards any planning application, the case will be referred to a full planning committee meeting so the matter does not get brushed under the carpet.

#### Precept for 2017/18

After much careful consideration, the Parish Precept for 2017/18 was set at £9,240. This represented an increase of 5% over the previous year, which is never welcome, but was considered necessary to ensure we had sufficient reserves to fund an increasingly heavy burden of maintenance of the Play Area, as well as any shift of responsibilities from West Somerset to the Parish. As District Council

funding is squeezed ever tighter, there is an increasing temptation to push the burden downwards to the local Parish. Thankfully, we have no public conveniences in Crowcombe!

### Particular Developments in 2016/17

To highlight some particular developments or issues over the past year:

- Parts of the Parish continue to struggle with broadband services. The Council did appoint Tony Motture in Crowcombe Heathfield to act as our representative in efforts to persuade BT to engineer a local solution, but I fear he rather lost the will to live in the process and ended up paying for a personal 4G broadband service! Many of you will know that a new, fibre Openreach cabinet was installed at the entrance to Hagleys Green at the turn of the year. Although in theory this promises to increase broadband speeds for some in the village, the cabinet has been plagued with technical problems and has yet to be properly commissioned.

- I am delighted to report that more than a year after its partial demolition, the Crowcombe car park wall has finally been rebuilt, and very good it looks too. Although the wall is not owned by the Parish (frankly, no-one knows who does own it!), I like to think that our tenacity in persuading the District Council solicitor to persevere and wring a settlement out of the insurance company helped in some small measure to restore the wall.

- I mentioned just now that the maintenance of the Play Area and equipment is a significant financial outgoing for the Council. We have to commission an annual health and safety report, and as the play equipment ages and safety rules change, the work required to make repairs and remedy defects becomes more and more onerous. For example, this year we have been lifting and relaying all the rubber safety mats around the equipment, as well as adding some new ones. This work is costing several thousand pounds. Although I am hopeful that we may obtain a grant from the village shop for some part of this cost, there will come a time before too long when certain of the play equipment will have outlived its useful life, and if replacement equipment is desired by the community a further fund-raising may become necessary.

### Other matters

I will end my report with a few words on communications. Our Clerk, Claire, has spent quite a bit of time over the past year updating the Parish Council section of the village website, and populating it with a lot more archive material.

I would encourage everyone to visit the website if they wish to know more of the detail about what the Council is up to on your behalf, and the matters covered in and around our various meetings.

We also contribute regularly to CAW to keep people updated on Parish issues and events. Maggie continues to do a great job maintaining our village newsletter. She has a very small budget and the biggest cost is printing, so if anyone feels that they can make do with an electronic copy of CAW, do contact Maggie to let her know?

Thank you, and I would be happy to take any questions you may have before moving on to the next set of reports.

**West Somerset District Councillor Report**  
**Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew**

New Council : the submission has been accepted by government. We were hoping for an indication by the end of June, then the general process would begin. This is a new process and so will take longer than might be expected. The general election has thrown everything up in the air. But the civil service are still confident that we can hit the deadline of April 2019. The biggest problem is allowing the boundary commission enough time to draw the new ward boundaries. WSC is joint first but other councils will follow.

The Budget has been set for this year using reserves. Initially the expected savings for 2018/19 were £800,000 out of a budget, when the unavoidable has been taken out, of £1.7 million. Thankfully EDF have done a deal with the Valuation Office so the figure for next year's savings has decreased to £130,000. WSC is still not viable long term.

In May 2015 Hinkley the power station for business rates was valued at £8 million this increased to £29.4 million at the latest valuation. We had to presume that EDF would appeal and we would have to pay money back. EDF have negotiated a valuation of £20 million. They can still appeal but the chances are reduced.

Hinkley Point C is proceeding.

Devolution has stalled since George Osborne ceased to be Chancellor of the Exchequer. Also the leader of Somerset County Council John Osman, who was the driving force behind it, has lost his seat.

The local plan has been adopted. This gives the Planning Committee greater strength to resist developers.

Somerset Rivers Authority : we were assured that this would be set up as a separate precepting body this autumn. The general election has thrown this into doubt.

**Crowcombe Tennis Club Report**

Membership numbers slightly up on last year with 65 adult members and 29 juniors. It would be excellent for the club if we can sustain these numbers in order to fund major work which will be required very soon.

Membership fees have not been raised for the past two years so there has been a 4% increase this year.

This is the 6th year that Michele Hewitt has coached the juniors. She now runs three groups on a Monday as many of the younger children she started with are now much older. Once again juniors were entered into the mini league and the club was awarded £400 by the Somerset LTA to be spent on juniors. Apart from subsidising the lessons, we will continue with the free sweatshirts and also pay for the hire of courts for matches. We only have one court which is not feasible for match play. It cannot be stressed enough how lucky as a small village club we are to have Michele to coach and encourage the juniors – she is a real asset to our club, the village and the surrounding area.

Michele also started a Wednesday improvers class for adult ladies and subject to demand hopes to start a adult beginners class after half term.

Chris Highton has been an invaluable help to the club with the demossing and weed killing around the court and also undertook single handedly to prune all the trees on the road side of the court which will hopefully help with the moss situation. We managed to dispose of all the branches on the village bonfire thanks to help from club members and ATB and his man.

### **Crowcombe Cricket Club Report**

2016 was an excellent season for the club with both first and second teams gaining promotion back into their respective first and third Divisions and the third team finishing mid table. This success was also enhanced by the first team ending the season as Division two champions and the seconds as Division four runners up. Two players were also awarded league trophies, Eben Harding for bowling and Henry Owens for wicket keeping.

The juniors continue to go from strength to strength and thanks go to Chris Lewis who continues to coach the juniors who are so important to the future of the club. All-star and friendlies are still thriving and Crowcombe remains the only club in the West Somerset League to support three teams.

During the last season the artificial pitch was installed and new nets have been purchased ready for this season. The club now has five corporate sponsors with their Banners installed around the ground they in addition to our Vice Presidents support the running costs and development of the club enabling the purchase of new equipment alongside the debenture scheme which together with support from club funds has allowed us to purchase the new all-weather pitch.

Following funds raised by villagers, the village hall committee and the cricket club an 'old Father Time' weather vane has been erected overlooking the cricket pitch in memory of Richard Boddington. An event to dedicate the weather vane will be held during the season. (17th June) In June we hosted a touring team from Mumbai and we are delighted that they along with a team from France and Birmingham Children's Hospital will be returning again. This year we are reviving The President's XI match and this will take place on Sunday 17 September

### **Crowcombe Hall Report**

Our 14th year, 2016, it has been one of our quietest ones yet.

Lettings were steady form the small user groups but the bigger events were not forth coming such as weddings. Each year I say that the bonfire night was the best on record and this was certainly so this

year. Our film showings go from strength to strength with the addition of Philip Comer at the helm and we also owe a debt of gratitude to David Freemantle.

We welcome 3 new members to the committee and look forward to their input and support over the coming years.

As in previous years I cannot thank the hall committee enough for all their time and hard work in maintaining the hall.

Finally, I hope to carry on as Chairman in 2017 and though, to date, this year looks a little quieter, I am happy to report that the hall is in a good financial position.

### **Crowcombe Community Shop & Post Office Report**

The Community Shop has been going from strength to strength for 16 years now. In recent times it has changed its suppliers of fruit & veg, and now has a very attractive selection. The suppliers of cheese and ham have also recently changed for the better. During the past year, the extension floor has been dug up and relaid by the builders who originally put it in, new wooden shelving has been installed in one of the store rooms, and the shop counter has been resurfaced. Judy thanked the village residents for making use of this valuable facility, and all the volunteers who worked in the shop. She appealed for more volunteers to come forward if they would like to help. She reiterated the point I had made in my own report that the shop was able to make grants out of its financial surplus for capital projects of benefit to the community, and encouraged appropriate applications. On the Post Office, she said that our traditional mails' business continued to decline a little, but had been supported by the growth in online shopping and returns, and a number of local Ebay sellers. Our financial services business reflected strong growth, with a significant increase in banking deposits and withdrawals by private and business customers alike, as the banks continued to close their own branches

### **Church House Report**

At the 2014 Church House AGM the trustees approved a proposal from the committee that they should attempt, over 3 years, to fund the 100 % repointing of all elevations of the 2\*, 500 year old Church House without seriously depleting the reserves which stood at £8777 at 31 December 2013. The committee is delighted to report that this ambition has been more than realised. A total of £86,000 has been raised. £30,000 was raised locally ( a phenomenal effort for a village of about 400 people) and this facilitated successful applications to The Pilgrim Trust £22,000, Garfield Weston Foundation £5,000, Foyle Foundation £3,000, The Prince's Charities £2000 and the Heritage Lottery Fund £24,000 of which £18,400 was to be used for HLF activities to achieve outcomes for people and the community.

We have been able to achieve more than originally envisaged:

100% repointing of the building

New copings

New guttering and downpipes  
Structural restitching of the west elevation  
Replacement lead work  
Internal decoration.

In addition, arising from our obligation to the HLF we have been able to fund

A celebratory hog roast on completion; attended by 100 villagers

An apprentice day and an architects day to show lime mortar mixing in action

Archive research

Installation of an Interpretation Panel in the car park.

A new information board

A new website

A new Church House leaflet.

A powerpoint presentation on the history of Church House for visiting groups.

Publication of "A History of Church House, Crowcombe" co-authored by Peter Meneer and Catherine Brew, our interpretation design consultant.

As at 31st December 2016 our reserves were £8748 net of outstanding payments.

Bookings for 2017 have recovered to and beyond 2015 levels, after the building work and its associated scaffolding deterred some potential clients in 2016.

Our thanks go to Peter Meneer and his committee for carrying this project through. It has been a terrific effort and Peter, after many years as chairman, has decided to retire. I have agreed to take his place now that the hard work has been done.

Thanks also to Martin Smith for drawing up our annual accounts and to Roddy Saunders as their external examiner.

## **Crowcombe Chest Report**

To those of you who don't know me my name is Jonathan Denton and I am Chairman of the The Crowcombe Chest.

The idea of the Chest was formed by David Fremantle in 2015. The idea was to have a vehicle in place so that if anyone in the village wanted to give or leave (via a legacy), any money to the village that this could be done.

We have formed a partnership with Somerset Community Foundation who will administer the fund for us. There are 5 custodians, myself, Bob Druitt, Dan Davis, Ben Fawden and Chris Lewis. We will oversee the fund and make distributions when the fund reaches a required target, say £25,000. The plan initially is to help: Local charities and voluntary organisations working in our community. Further education and personal development of children. Hardship support for individuals or families where state funding is not available. Funding for village events such as street parties or essential village amenities.

It is difficult to report how the fund is doing at this stage. Fortunately the longevity of this village has been excellent and as a consequence we have no idea if any legacies have been made! However I would like to remind everyone that we have the necessary expertise and paperwork to enable anyone to donate to this superb venture. You can get in touch with myself, any of the 'custodians' or David Freemantle. Or if you would prefer you can Contact Somerset Community Foundation and give anonymously.

We will be endeavouring to develop a higher profile over the next 12 months in the hope that more of you will want to make bequests to this wonderful village.

I hope to report back in 12 month's time with news of further progress.

## **Crowcombe Cinema Report**

I took over running Crowcombe Cinema from David Freemantle early in 2016. The organisation of the cinema has stayed much the same and continues to be an important source of funds for the Village Hall, contributing about £3,600 in 2016. The only real difference introduced in 2016 is a Film Selection Panel that includes a number of members of our audience, in addition to members of the Village Hall Committee and our volunteer projectionists. We meet when the Menu for each season is received from Moviola, watch the trailers for all the films and vote on which we want to include on our programme. So far it has worked well.

We have shown 20 films in 2016, one more than in 2015, over three seasons. In general we have shown two films a month one on a Sunday and one on a Friday. As usual we did not show any films in August and only one in July and December. Over the year our average audience size was 54 (63 on Sundays and 44 on Fridays) similar to previous years. Our largest audience of 112 was for The Lady in the Van (with the ever popular Maggie Smith) and also for Florence Foster Jenkins with Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant.

The Cinematheque Programme that provided a £50 discount from the British Film Institute on certain English and Arthouse films over the past few years ended in March, but we decided that we would continue to show films of this general type on the Friday evening showings. These have proved very popular with a subset of our audience. In 2016, these included Theeb, Mustang, Desert Dancer and Dheepan.

Our main communication with our audience is through email, and we now have 325 email addresses on the list. We also put up posters in Crowcombe and surrounding villages, include a listing in the West Somerset Free Press and on the Exmoor Magazine Facebook page.

## **Crowcombe Cars Report**

Crowcombe Cars has had a fairly successful year.

We have made 220 trips, 52 down on 2016.

10 passengers, 18 in 2016, with one person using the scheme 60% of total trips

We have 15 registered drivers including 4 new ones.

Louise & Jeremy Normandale, Roger Goodwin & Rob Kennedy.

Crowcombe Cars is available to anyone in the Parish of Crowcombe & surrounding areas, for any reason, whether they have a bus pass or not can be used for any reason. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Passengers have been driven as far afield as Bristol Airport, Exeter & Shepton Mallet, all it requires is a willing volunteer from our 15 drivers and sufficient notice to Val Meneer our Co ordinator.

If you would like to volunteer as a driver, please contact any member of the Committee or speak to one of our drivers. There information leaflets in The Village shop.

Thank you.

## **Crowcombe Women's Institute Report**

Crowcombe W.I. re started in 1978 after a short break. It originally began after W.W.1 and the names of the early members, some of those being local ancestors, are held in the Taunton Record Office. This year has seen a new president – Pat Chittenden, and a new secretary – Michele Rose, join the Committee.

We meet every month to enjoy a range of speakers on a varied selection of subjects. In essence, the W.I. gives women an opportunity to come together socially, to bond across the community, to share knowledge and to learn new skills.

There are also events throughout the county we can attend if we so desire and we do. For example, last autumn a group of us attended a session at KwikFit to learn about basic car maintenance, which was informative and great fun!

We are renowned for our campaigning on current issues from climate change, food waste, reducing 'plastic soup' and many more. Each year we debate on proposals put forward to the Annual Meeting and to have our say nationally.

The monthly soup kitchen is held in Church House, and is run by the W.I. which provides a venue for Crowcombe residents to meet, chat and enjoy each others' company on a regular basis. It is much appreciated across the community – and the wide range of soups and cakes go down well.

On 17th June we are hosting a Great Get Together in honour of Jo Cox, at Vellacott in Lawford – look out for the posters nearer the time for details. This is a national event to bring local people together and WIs have been encouraged to promote it. Please join us.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. Meetings are usually at Church House – although we also have special events such as a Christmas evening meal together, a forthcoming Safari Supper around the Parish, and an annual outing in August. Last August, we visited Bristol quay and Bristol Blue Glass – and this year will visit the shortly to be re-opened and refurbished Glastonbury Rural Life Museum.

Visitors and new members are always welcome – just contact us!

The W.I. is what you make of it.

## **Neighbourhood Watch Report**

### **CO-ORDINATORS**

Top of village Maureen Glenister

Centre Tony & Jan Allen

Bottom Mariele Smith

Crowcombe Heathfield Tony Motture

Communications with the police has been primarily through email, which are then forwarded on to all N Watch members. If important the few people not on email get contacted separately. They regularly advise us of local incidents, most of which are thankfully not pertinent to Crowcombe but should be heeded as a warning to residents to be on their guard.

A typical example was the recent walk-in theft of a lady's handbag by a thief who, finding the front door unlocked, just walked in - it only takes a minute!

The prime concern continues to be outbuilding theft. It is not advisable to store expensive equipment in flimsy sheds and outbuildings where a small crowbar would gain excess in seconds. There is also

evidence to suggest that having stolen various pieces of equipment, the thieves return after a period of time, to steal their replacements.

It's a pleasure to see a growing number of children playing in the street. Whilst not strictly a Neighbourhood Watch issue, concern must be expressed in regard to the few thoughtless vehicle drivers who pay scant attention to their surroundings, and even less to speed limits.

## **Crowcombe Parochial Church Council Report**

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a charity excepted from registration with the Charity Commission and has the responsibility to co-operate with the incumbent, the Rev'd. Angela Berners-Wilson and her Benefice Ministry Team in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical within the ecclesiastical parish. In particular it:

- Maintains and where possible, enhances the buildings and land for services and for posterity.
- Facilitates the services organised by the Benefice Ministry Team.
- Facilitates any other Christian activity proposed by the Benefice within the ecclesiastical parish.

The full PCC met 4 times during the year with an average attendance of over 90%.

From within the Parish we are very well served by many unsung heroes: bell ringers, flower arrangers, Sacristan, organists, church cleaners, maintainers of the churchyard, the carol service choir and the many other volunteers.

Apart from regular services, there have been a number of special services which have been well attended by the community, including full churches for the School's Easter, July and Christmas services, Carol Service: 120, Christmas Day: 50+, Crib Service: 30, HM The Queen's 90th Thanksgiving service: 50, Harvest Festival: 70, Remembrance Day: 45 and Easter: 59. We have also had 2 Baptisms, 3 Weddings (with more to come), 2 Funerals, 1 Interment of Ashes, and 2 Memorial/Thanksgiving services.

We have 41 local residents on the electoral roll – this enables them to be informed about and vote on important issues relating to our village church. It would be good to have more members, to represent the community more fully.

Funds have been raised for the Deanery Mission projects, which is currently the Kathryn Mercy Home, a community project to provide education for the poorest caste of boys and girls in Devacotti in Tamil Nadu, south-east India. More locally, we collect donations of food for the food cupboard in Minehead. We also operate a planned giving scheme, where people commit to regularly giving the Church funds. Where appropriate, this can also attract gift aid.

The community has been very supportive in raising funds of around 9.5 thousand pounds for our organ refurbishment appeal. We received a large number of generous individual donations - some into three figures, bequests in memory of loved ones and special service collections. We received kind donations from local groups such as the Flower Show Committee, Fireworks Night, Crowcombe Cars, Crowcombe Soup Kitchen, Crowcombe Shop and the Church bell-ringers. We held fund-raising activities which were well supported, including two concerts, a coffee morning with donations, a barn dance, stalls at the Crowcombe School Christmas fair, the Crowcombe Flower Show and the Carew Arms at Christmas. We now have a wonderful fully restored organ, entirely cleaned and re-painted, with all failing parts rebuilt. An organ concert and organ lessons are now being planned.

Our next fund-raising projects include improving the lighting in the church and refurbishment of the churchyard.

Finally, the PCC has a forward plan, which is available to anyone on request.

### **Crowcombe Players Report**

The Crowcombe Players took a year off in 2016 due to various different reasons, but having recharged their batteries they came together again in 2017 with, what they hope was a successful performance depicting life on Craplins Holiday Camp. We will be having our own AGM very soon and hopefully we will be able to share any of the profits made from the show within the village. They will be celebrating their twentieth year as the Crowcombe Players in 2018 and are already planning another spectacular show to entertain you all. All we want to say is a big thank you to all the villagers who continue to buy their tickets and the Village Hall committee for their continued support

### **Crowcombe Flower Show Report**

The 2016 Flower Show was a huge success.

The entries were of a very high standard, which is especially commendable given the less than ideal growing conditions that preceded the show.

The highlight was an expansion of the remit of the show to include the inaugural Dog Show. This extended the reach and added considerably to the spectacle.

Plans for the 2017 event are well underway and the full schedule is now available to view on the village website and in the village shop. The printed versions will be circulated in July.

The Flower Show team are keen to open up the event to as many people as possible, making it a fun and inclusive event for all to enjoy.