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CAW Crowcombe Village Magazine

AUGUST—SEPTEMBER 2014

As school breaks up for the summer holidays we must hope the weather continues to be sunny and warm, so for those going away or abroad have a good holiday and rest..

We must welcome Anthony Trollope Bellew's report from the District Council back now he is recovering and able to attend.

We also have a article called 'Letters to the Editor' expressing villagers thoughts about the village. This will be a regular section if items are emailed or sent to me; address see below.

We have information about a classical guitar concert being held at Church House at the end of September which is something different for the village.

The Flower Show as usual takes place the Bank Holiday Sunday so we must hope the weather is kind so we can all enjoy the afternoon.



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Sun 10 th	10.30am	CW Benefice Communion at Bicknoller
Sun 17 th	8.30am	BCP Communion
Sun 23 rd	6.00pm	BCP Evening Prayer


September 2014

Wed 3 rd	10.30am	Community Communion
Sun 7 th	10.30am	Family Service
Sun 14 th	10.30am	CW Benefice Communion at Crowcombe
Sun 21 st	8.30am	BCP Communion
Sun 28 th	6.00pm	BCP Evening Prayer

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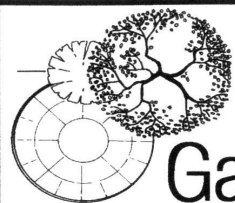
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WI NEWS

A great time was had by all at our meeting on June 11 when Jill Venn came along to entertain us. The title of her talk was 'From Head to Toe in Reverse.' We wondered what on earth that could mean? Well it turned out that Jill had been a dancer since she was seven years old and had for many years pursued a career as a teacher of dancing. When she finally felt her toes were telling her it was time to hang up her dancing shoes, she decided to turn from toes to her head and go for yet another glamorous career, in hats! Now in Edwardian times and before, all women wore a hat. This continued until the second world war when fashions changed due to the emancipation of women who began to have a very different lifestyle, and trousers and a headscarf were more in vogue. Except of course for that special occasion like a wedding or visit to Ascot. Realizing the price of special occasion hats which were often only worn once and then sat in a hat box at the top of the wardrobe, she decided there was an opening for someone to set up a business hiring out hats at reasonable prices to anyone who wanted one. So she set about gathering together her collection. To help pay for her hats Jill realized lots of women would love the opportunity to try on and model the hats. And that was where we came in. Jill had upwards of 50 hats for us to try, from Mother-of-the-bride hats to Fascinators, which I think are supposed to make you feel a bit like a flower (er... I am not too sure about that?!). Some of us were asked to dress up in a posh frock and model the hats and afterwards everyone had a go. Great fun and thank you Jill for a splendid evening.

Our July 9 evening meeting was very different. Our excellent secretary, Sue Billinge, talked to us about her recent holiday with daughter Rachel in Alaska. Sue has a delightful sense of humour and started by saying that absolutely everything that could went wrong. Their arrival at the hotel at Heathrow was a complete shambles! Firstly, although they had booked supper they were not expected as their names were not on the list! Fortunately this was eventually sorted out and they progressed to a most delicious meal. In the morning they got on the shuttle bus to find it wouldn't start and they had to wait for another one. They were flying from Heathrow to Vancouver. This time Rachel's name was on the list twice and some other poor soul was not on at all. More shambles! They must have been wondering if they were going to get off at all. Anyway all was eventually sorted out and away they flew. After a short trip from Vancouver to Seattle the holiday really took off. What an adventure.

The weather was hot, the mosquitos a pain, they had lots of barbeques, rode in a sledge pulled by huskies, (mush, mush) saw Cariboo Moose, beautiful countryside, ate reindeer sausages, met lots of nice people and generally had a holiday to remember. To top it all Sue and Rachel were in the bar just before they headed for home, when Sue was chatted up by an Australian grandfather! Well really Sue, YOU AT YOUR AGE!!

WI NEWS continued Table Top Sale.

Thanks to all who took a table at our table top sale and also to all who supported us. The weather was unsettled so, rather than risking the rain in Sue's Courtyard we held it in the gallery at the Church House. I think we all enjoyed it, so thank you also to the organizers who made the afternoon go so smoothly.

Dates For Your Diary

Aug 13.... W.I. Tour of Forde Abbey House and Gardens
W.I. Members £5.00 Visitors £9.50 (lunch extra or bring a picnic)
Leave Crowcombe car park 11.00 a.m.

Aug 31. W.I. Tombola at Crowcombe Flower show. All contributions very welcome
Please deliver to Sue Billinge (Please put them in the box in the courtyard a few days before to give her time to mark them up.

***NO SOUP KITCHEN IN AUGUST**

Sept 13...Next Soup kitchen.... 12.30, Crowcombe Church House

***Nov 7** Pudding Mix at Puddies Meadow, home of 'Trish and Rob
Note: Pudding Mixing for W.I. members 10.00 – 12.00 a.m.
Collect 3.00 – 6.00 p.m.

£2.50 a pound

*Put this date in your diary right away. Be sure not to miss this very popular event.
P.H.W.

Crowcombe Church

At the end of May the flower arrangers of Crowcombe Church used their other skills of making cakes, scones and serving teas at the open garden of David and Rosemary Freemantle.

The weather held fair and the money raised which included a kind donation from Flaxpool Nurseries amounted to £280.

A big thank you to everyone who helped and especially to David and Rosemary for giving us the opportunity to raise these funds for the benefit of the Church and flower arrangers.

Linda Robertson

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Classical guitarist **Keith Hyett** will be performing at **Church House Crowcombe** on **Friday 26th September** at **7.30 pm**. Tickets will be available on the door price £7.00.

Keith will be giving a concert of guitar music which creates landscapes in our minds, he will send you into quiet contemplation with pieces like 'Autumn Time' and 'Forest in Moonlight' to the beautiful narrative of the 'The Mill' which catches the ear, and then rushes and falls as a millstream does.

Many of the pieces are inspired by the countryside and the estuary of the Severn where Keith lives, especially 'Dance of the rivers' which tells the tale of the river from the time it starts up in the hills to the climax as it reaches the sea.

CROWCOMBE FLOWER SHOW SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 2014

Spare schedules are available from The Village Shop and there are classes for everyone.

There are stalls, tea's and cakes will be available in Church House and also a raffle.

Donations for the raffle will be gratefully received so we can make up hampers, prizes with all donations.

Please contact Julia Woollard 618396 or leave in the porch of 2 Priory Cottage. Thank you Julia.

CROWCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL – DIGEST

The Parish Council met on 3rd July 2014.

Police Report: Between 1 June & 1 July there had been 28 calls to Police via 101 and/or 999.

6 Information calls, 7 calls re an incident in Stogumber which resulted in an arrest and charges being laid against an offender, 5 calls re Lamping and Foxing, 9 Traffic related calls all on the A358 and 1 property alarm call - false alarm. There were 8 recorded crimes - all filed with the exception of one which is under investigation.

Remember to be aware of suspicious vehicles, suspicious persons etc, and report any incidents to Police via 101 or 999 if ongoing or urgent.

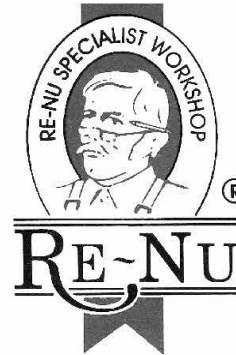
County Councillor's Report: Christine Lawrence reported the Speed Indicator Device would finally be sited by SCC to assess traffic speeds through the village. The Health & Well-Being department were starting a housing workshop wanting to find out what type of housing people actually wanted. BT Superfast Broadband – there seemed to be some confusion as to if and when Crowcombe would be getting this service. Cllr Druitt will be contacting Matt Ballard at SCC as he was project managing this alongside BT to find out what the actual position was.

District Councillor's Report: Anthony Trollope-Bellow reported WSC had agreed to match fund the Government/SCC towards getting all areas with BT broadband. The council wanted to achieve the 95% cover across the area. The Council had voted to spend £240,000 over the next three years to try and achieve this. The Hinkley Point Impact Mitigation Fund was available for those communities affected by the building of the new Hinkley Point C project. Details could be found on the WSC Community Newsletter. Please remember to use the brown food waste bins rather than the large black wheelie bins for food waste.

Finances: Balances as at 24th June 2014 was: Current a/c £7,679.85, Deposit a/c £3,220.52, Amenities a/c £2,680.68. Unpresented cheque £126.00. Unpresented bankings £3,149.17 Balance £16,604.22.

Play Area Update – Cllr Chipp reported the issues resulting from the recent post installation inspection had been carried out. Still outstanding was a quote for additional barriers to go around the tunnel. Concerns regarding the grass growth and general condition of the play area are being addressed with tenders going out for maintenance. It has not been agreed an opening date for the new area yet.

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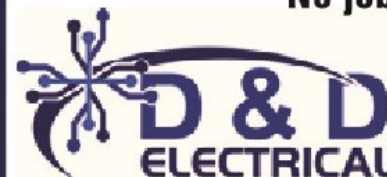
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Build A Dream Presentation - Two representatives from this company outlined their position regarding custom build housing. This is based on self-build schemes where land and properties could be built at below market value. Various options are available which you can adapt to your needs and requirements. The PC are keen to ensure local people could be part of this scheme and to ensure once these houses were built not to be able to sell them at market value, but to remain in perpetuity and are affordable.

More information regarding how these types of projects can be managed and how they are set up as legal entities is required so all those interested understand the full implications of entering into such a scheme. Other areas around the village were shown as possible future sites but would require support from residents. Although this idea is in its very early stages with the PC it was felt it should be investigated more.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 4th September 2014 at Church House.

THE CROWCOMBE CHEST

I have been sounding out a number of people in the village about having a Village Fund and the idea has been greeted with interest and enthusiasm. Some other villages already have similar funds and the idea seems worth pursuing. The idea of the fund, which would be run as a separate Charity, is to provide an account where money could be placed for use by the village or villagers should it be needed for some future requirement. Money for the fund could come from any surplus from fund raising activities, from charitable gifts to the village or principally from legacies. Different villages run their funds in different ways and more research would be needed to find the best method. My current thought is that it should be administered by, but not controlled by, The Parish Council; perhaps with five Trustees two of whom could be Parish Councillors

It would be necessary to produce a Charitable Deed laying out the purpose of the fund and the uses to which money could be granted. Such a document would need to be drafted carefully in order to allow maximum scope for future Trustees

The idea of this short note is to raise the idea and to give the village the opportunity to respond in the next issue of CAW. Depending on the interest shown I would like to have a meeting in October to discuss the idea more widely and to agree a way forward.

Do please let me know your views by letter, email or Phone call. At this stage this is only an idea which may go no further.

David Freemantle

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

from District Councillor Anthony Trollope-Bellew

I am sorry I have not written a report for a few months but I have been in hospital and am now making a very slow recovery from Guillian Barre Syndrome. I can now deal with any problems you may have so please do not hesitate to contact me.

The creation of one officer team with Taunton Deane Borough Council is progressing well. There are new faces around but the hope is that you will notice no difference. If you do please contact me.

Broadband : Central Government and Somerset County Council have come forward with funding for wider coverage of faster broadband than is included in the present BDUK scheme. This would mean an extra 2,400 properties being enabled in West Somerset. The big problem is that West Somerset Council would need to put in £240,000 matched funding that it does not have. However there is a get out clause that WSC can withdraw if it does not feel it is getting good value for money. After a very good debate only 4 councillors voted against the proposal. I spoke and voted in favour as if West Somerset's economy is going to thrive it is going to have to be based on broadband as the roads are not going to be improved in the foreseeable future. Also an opportunity for outside funding may not come again. The money has to be found over three years. It will mean other capital projects will have to be put on hold.

The Hinkley Point C Community Impact Mitigation (CIM) Fund

The Fund is now open for applications. To find out more about the fund go to the WSC website or ring 01643 703704.

West Somerset Council gave planning permission for Hinkley Point C site preparatory works in January 2012. A Community Impact Mitigation fund was negotiated at that time to be paid to West Somerset Council to administer on behalf of local communities in the district and neighbouring Sedgemoor at the commencement of the next stage of preparatory work on the site.

The early phases of preparatory works were started in 2012 and now phase two is beginning which involves preparing the land for Hinkley Point C nuclear power station.

During this phase of the preparatory works £3.5 million will be available for communities most affected by the work. From the fund £2 million will be allocated in West Somerset with a further £1.5 million allocated in Sedgemoor district – specifically £500,000 to Cannington and £1 million to Bridgwater.

A separate £500,000 is being specifically allocated to Stogursey as the host parish for the site preparation works.

Crowcombe Scottish Dancers

The Crowcombe Village Hall is now booked for our eighth season of autumn classes up to Christmas. We start on Tuesday September 16th, the time is 8.00 p.m., and we look forward to greeting old friends and welcoming new. Do come and join us, even if you haven't done any Scottish country dancing before. It's such good fun, and if you have never tried it you don't know what you are missing!

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Contact me on 07977 591940 or atrollope-bellew@westsomerset.gov.uk or Hurley Farm, Crowcombe, TA4 4AJ

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Bus Shelters are a welcome addition to Crowcombe village – but what a pity one has to stand because they don't have even a basic bench to sit on. A quick survey along the No 28 route from Taunton to Minehead reveals that Crowcombe is the odd Bus Shelter out. So, please Parish Council, review the matter at your autumn meeting and take the strain of our ageing feet with a bench to provide the final finishing touch.....

David Fisher

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I may be a bit sensitive but.....

Around 40 years ago, I was driving down the A38 toward Bristol when a boy ran out from behind a bus on the opposite side of the road, and into the path of my car. The police said it was not my fault, it didn't help. Fortunately the boy survived the collision.

I sometimes watch in horror as drivers, many of them local, sublimely driving at speed through the village totally lacking in anticipation in such a built up area. Should a cat, dog.... or a child run out, they and you would not stand a chance.

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Tony Allen.



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We will also outline the programme of fund raising events, one of which will be:

**The Church House Ball
to be held on
Saturday 28th March 2015
at Crowcombe Court**

by the kind invitation of Kate and David Kenyon

More details of the Ball will feature in October's CAW, but please make a note of these dates NOW.

*These plans are subject to our finding a sponsor of this launch event over the next couple of months.

Peter Menneer



CROWCOMBE CINEMA AT CROWCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

The films we have chosen for the autumn season are listed below.

You will see that, in addition to the normal Sunday night films, we are going to show on Friday nights a selection of the less usual films, either classics of former times or modern films you are unlikely to see at The Odeon or on the box.

With luck we will get a subsidy from The British Film Institute for showing these films, which we will call **Screen Two**.

For the final Screen Two film, The Lunch Box, we will serve a curry supper

Main films

Sunday 28th September Love Punch
Sunday 26th October The Two Faces of January
Sunday 23rd November The Book Thief
Sunday 14th December Belle

Screen Two

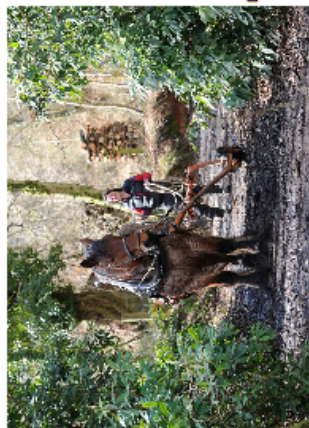
Friday 12th September Calvary
Friday 10th October Cinema Paradiso
Friday 7th November Like Father Like Son
Friday 5th December The Lunch Box With Curry Supper

Full details of the film will be sent be published in CAW and sent by email. If you would like the email version do let me have your email address.

David Freemantle

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Numbers are limited so booking is essential.
Directions will be sent with booking confirmation.

An Introduction to Horse Logging

Friday 3rd October 2014

9.00am – 5.00pm

£85 per person

The day will focus on looking at different breeds of working horse, types of harness, safety, basic horse handling including long lining and extracting timber in the woodland environment. This is a hands-on course and a yummy lunch is provided. It will be a day of learning and doing!

Horses offer a low impact 'tool' in woodland environments and are ideally suited for difficult sites such as steep, wet ground or environmentally sensitive sites. They are the ideal solution to working in small spaces and woodlands where large machinery would not be necessary or welcome.



Family Experience Day

Saturday 4th October 2014

1000 – 1230 and 1330 – 1600hrs

£10 per family, per session or £5 per person per session

Have you ever fancied watching a Horse Logger in action and the power of our four-legged friends? Now is your opportunity to see a horse logging demo with experienced and knowledgeable Kate Mobbs-Morgan, with Kipp and Sol.

All ages and families welcome, children MUST be accompanied by an adult. There will be two horses in the woodland extracting timber and you can have a more hands on experience by learning how to harness the horses, plus other woodland craft activities. Refreshments and cake will be provided!



The Carew Arms
Crowcombe
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Thanks to everyone who supported our beer festival - thanks for bringing the sunshine!

Try our fabulous new Autumn Menu from September

Have a look at our new website -
www.thecarewarms.co.uk

We are open every day from 12 noon, with lunches served from 12-2.30pm

A full restaurant menu is available each evening from 7pm

Fish and Chips served each Friday evening from 6-7pm

Everyone welcome to our fun quiz night – each Sunday from 8pm

Great real ales - fabulous food - traditional setting

We look forward to seeing you at your local pub!

Emma, Iain, Jamie and the team

Crowcombe and Stogumber Federated Primary Schools~ News

The children all had an action packed summer term, including the summer concert, a trip to Exmoor Zoo, painting on the hills and much, much more. At the time of writing this, we are preparing to say farewell to our head teacher, Jennifer Yates in the form of a picnic.

Class 2 Crowcombe have studied the Quantocks and The Gambia this term. We would like to share with you some of their persuasive writing as a result of this study. In addition they had a fantastic time at Woodland Play Centre which stimulated further persuasive writing.

The Quantocks

Don't you like towns and cities?

Do you want a nice quiet place to relax?

Well, why not escape to the wonderful Quantock Hills!

Sounds boring? Well this is what you can do.

Go to the challenging Kilve Court to do incredible activities!

Hop on to the West Somerset Railway and go from relaxing Bishops Lydeard to mysterious Minehead!

Prepare for fabulous activities including watching wonderful wildlife, unbeatable bike riding and much more. (Oban Mackie – yr 4)

Woodland Play Centre

Are the kids making your life a misery?

Do the kids need to run free?

Then why not go to Woodland Play Centre and enter a world of freedom.

The Woodland Play Centre is at Crowcombe Heathfield and not that far from the A358. It is open for all ages and they can build dens, create fires, climb trees and camp OVER NIGHT!

If you get bursting for the toilet then there are some trendy toilets and a smashing kitchen and free car parking.

(perhaps not all at the same time Fia ! – Mrs P)

See you there if you are coming! Fia England (yr 3)

We hope these have given you some ideas on how to spend your summer holidays. Enjoy! Mrs Phillips ; Class two teacher

