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DECEMBER 2015 — JANUARY 2016

With Christmas so quickly approaching and the New Year 2016 let us hope that 2016 brings us joy, happiness and fulfilment in all we do.

So whilst there is a little space left let me wish you all a Happy Christmas and Good Wishes for the New Year and and I hope you have enjoyed your magazine in 2015 and I look forward to seeing you again in 2016..



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Monday 7 th	10.30am	Weekday Communion Service
Sunday 13 th	10.30am	CW Benefice Communion at Stogumber
	3.00pm	WSC Civic Service
Wednesday 16 th	9.30am	Schools Christmas Service
Sunday 20 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
	5.00pm	Carol Service
Thursday 24 th	4.00pm	Crib Service
Friday 25 th	10.00am	Family Communion




January 2016

Sunday 3 rd	11.00am	Family Service
Monday 4 th	10.30am	Weekday Communion Service
Sunday 10 th	10.30am	CW Benefice Communion
Sunday 17 th	8.00am	BCP Communion
Sunday 24 th	9.30am	BCP Morning Prayer
Sunday 31 st	10.30pm	CW Benefice Communion at Monksilver

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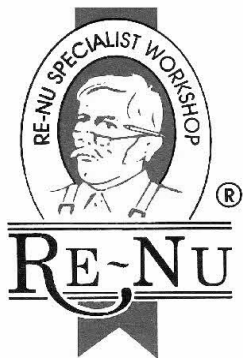
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The Church Fabric Fund £100.00—we are not charged for the use of the building.

The Organ Restoration Fund £200.00

Church House Conservation Project £200.00

The Bellringers £50.00

And the Women's Institute to go towards the cost of replacing the tablecloths in Church House—the existing ones have lasted over 30 years.

FLOWER SHOW 2016

Advance notice of Division 5 (handicraft) and Division 6 (photography)

Division 5:-

An item of decorative needlework—any format i.e. picture, cushion.

An item of knitting or crochet.

A mounted or framed picture—any medium

An item made of wood, metal or clay.

A shopping bag—any technique.

A gift wrapped parcel—any size.

Division 6:-

Photography Water

An architectural delight.

We look forward to seeing the result of your labours next August!

Pat Chittenden and The Flower Show Committee.

WI **NEWS In OCTOBER** Dr. Karen Stead-Dexter gave us a wonderful presentation of falconry bringing with her some of her beautiful birds. Karen told us her love of falconry began in South-West Scotland as a child, where fixed to the spot, she watched the buzzards soar above her head with their haunting call. Little has changed. She is still transfixed by birds of prey, never losing her passion for these magnificent creatures. Her amazing relationship with her birds was quite evident; they took no notice of us as long as she was there!

She now runs two businesses. Kingfisher Falconry and Kingfisher Health. Through Kingfisher Falconry she is able to give people the chance to get really close to the birds allowing them to handle and fly them in small groups, indeed one or two people handled the birds at our meeting. (Karen didn't fly them at our meeting for the roof is so high at Church House they might have stayed up there forever!) Karen also takes people on hawk walks and does five-day falconry courses, weddings and corporate events. She also lectures throughout the South West. Through Kingfisher Health she offers a therapeutic service where her birds are taken to Hospices, Residential Care Homes etc. and has recently started 'Bird Therapy' and a Falconry School for children between 7 – 16yrs at the Conquest Centre near Taunton. Her great joy is to spend quality time with her birds making sure they are flown daily and given her undivided attention. Her love and care came through very clearly to us. Thank you Karen for an inspiring evening. Unfortunately I was unable to attend our November meeting but as it was an open evening and as the subject interested him my husband went in my place. Thank you Barry for filling in!

At our **NOVEMBER** Meeting, we were fortunate to have Nigel Hester, Country-side Manager of the Holnicote Estate, whose illustrated lecture was most interesting. We learnt the Estate covers an area of 12,000 acres, including North Hill. After damaging storms in the 1920s, Porlock Bay was rebuilt and the salt marshes are now home to relatively rare birds including Oyster Catchers and Curlews; the bones of an Auk, some 2000 years old, were found buried in the shingle in the Vale of Porlock.

Farming has thrived in the area, although, of the 175 established farms only 21 have survived. The Acland family ran the Estate for many years but in 1970 handed it over to the National Trust. The quaint buildings at Selworthy and Bossington belong to the Estate, many of them now holiday lets. The rivers Aller and Horner Water are also tended by the Estate, an essential service when very high rainfall causes flooding. The spin off from that is wet woodlands which help to absorb floodwater; Levies were also built to protect the fields.

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Continued... Old oaks thrive on this wet seaboard, in fact there are 117 species of trees in Horner Woods alone. Bird life thrives on the Uplands where old Settlements going back 3,400 years used to proliferate, and is now home to 400 red deer. The Stoneway above Selworthy was recently restored when 15-20 volunteers rolled up there sleeves and made the area safer. It is now popular for mountain bike events.

One of the main aims of the Estate is to make people aware of what it has to offer. (50 things to do before you are 40!) For a start there are 320 miles of coastline to be explored, and Exmoor beckons those who love wildlife, painting, walking and riding. All this on our doorstep. What's stopping you? You won't be disappointed.

N.B.W.

Dates for your Diaries.

Dec 9 Christmas W.I. Meeting 7.30 p.m.

Please bring:

1. A little present for the lucky dip
2. A gift for the Women's Refuge (For those less fortunate than us)
3. A plate of something sweet or savory to share (The Committee are providing the drinks)

Wear something Christmassy!

Dec 17 Christmas Soup Kitchen 12.30 Church House. All are welcome. Come and get yourself into the Christmas spirit.

Dec 25 Have a Very, Very, Happy Christmas! from all of us at the W.I. Jan 13, 2016, 7.30 Church House. First W.I. meeting of the New Year.

PLEASE KEEP IT FREE!!!

P.H.W.

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Crowcombe Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Thursday 5th November 2015 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 covered.

County Councillor's Report : Cllr Christine Lawrence, chair of SCC, explained that County Hall is currently sporting a fetching 'purple glow' in order to support Pancreatic Cancer UK's 'Purple Lights for Hope' campaign.

Buses : there is a consultation process in place for the period 9th Nov- 11th Jan regarding possible cuts to concessionary fares and subsidised routes. This is not expected to impact buses running through Crowcombe but may impact regularly used services further away such as 'park and ride'. Christine urged people to look on the web-site and register their views.

The Queen is 90 next year and a 'Patron's Party' on The Mall is planned for 12th June. To mirror this celebration, Somerset is hoping to have 90 street parties across the county on the same weekend. Christine hoped that Crowcombe would host one of them.

Quantocks AONB Board : The Quantock Hills AONB Service wish to replace the notice board in the car park and councillors raised points of village information that they felt should be included in the text.

Church House Notice Board : Trish Kennedy, as a representative of the Church House Management committee, gave a brief outline of the plans to submit a second bid to the Lottery Heritage Fund for a grant to assist in the re-pointing of Church House. Included in this submission will be the provision of two new notice boards – one in the car park covering the history of Church House and complimenting the AONB board already in place, and the second on the front of Church House to carry notices of events in Church House itself.

Councillor Resignation : Julie Long has resigned from the Parish Council. If there is not a petition for an election registered with WSDC by 26th November then it is planned to co-opt a new member at the January meeting.

Steps at Pencarrow House : West Somerset Rights of Way have contacted the clerk to inform the Parish Council that it was planned to resurface the stone steps by Pencarrow House to make them less slippery.

Future meeting dates : Parish Council meeting dates for the rest of the Civic Year were confirmed as Thursday 7th January, Thursday 3rd March and Thursday 5th May

Friends of Quantock

The leaves are off the trees and the rut is over; the hills take on a different hue as we prepare for winter. Some people have forecast a hard winter and if we get snow, the sight of the hills under a white blanket is always a pleasure.

This is the time of year when the rangers organise the swaling which is such an important tool in regenerating the heather. It is a highly skilled operation needing careful planning and a team of experienced people to help, but the weather also has to be just right to provide the conditions that are safe for a burn. The areas to be burnt are dealt with on a rotational basis and are agreed in advance between the landowners, commoners and rangers but it is not easy to find enough days over the winter to cover the necessary area.

Natural England monitor the health of the common as it is all designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). At present it is classed as 'improving' but we are glad that thanks to the hard work of the rangers and commoners it may soon be upgraded to 'in good health'.

The rangers are vital to this work and so the funding of the AONB Service, which includes the rangers, remains a concern. Indications are that the County Council, Taunton Deane and Sedgemoor will maintain their contribution; West Somerset have financial problems but we hope that they will also continue to support the AONB. Next year Friends of Quantock will also be making a small contribution to the core funding of the Service as we place such value on the work that they do.

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Super Fast Broadband : Super fast broadband has now reached part of the village with anticipated speeds of 28mb per second. Unfortunately it is not known when the rest of the parish will be connected.

Finances to Date : Balances were : Current a/c £10,808.71, Deposit a/c £3222.67, Amenities a/c £2682.20. Balance £16,713.58

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 7th January 2016 at Church House, commencing at 7.30pm and the agenda will be available (online and on the parish notice board) approximately one week prior to the meeting.

PENSION WISE

Pension Wise is a free and impartial Government service designed to help people make sense of the new pension freedoms. Pension Wise appointments are offered to people approaching retirement to enable them to take the right choices about the use of their pension savings. One of the 50 Pension Wise delivery centres is based in Citizens Advice Taunton.

The service is available to people over 50 who have built up savings in a Defined Contribution pension pot (i.e. one not based on salary and length of service). The guidance that is offered takes account of individuals' personal circumstances and helps to explain the options available in what can be a confusing financial environment. Although the service does not provide financial advice, clients can be signposted to organisations and websites which offer more information.

Free appointments are being offered across Somerset and can be arranged by phoning the Taunton Pension Wise Team on 01823 448970.



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Report from West Somerset Council by Anthony Trollope-Bellew

As I am sure you have read elsewhere the President of China duly signed the agreement to finance one third of Hinkley Point "C" for £6 billion. This is a step in the right direction but the Final Investment Decision still has to be made. The sooner it is made the better for everyone. People living near the construction site will then know when their peace will be shattered. Local businesses will know when they have to provide services for which they have contracted. West Somerset Council will have more idea of how far they will have to stretch funding provided to cover regulatory services during the construction period.

The devolution process is progressing. A great deal of work is being put in to produce a plan that will suit the whole of Somerset and Devon including the unitaries of Plymouth and Torbay. There is still not clarity on whether a mayor is mandatory but everyone involved does not want a mayor.

West Somerset Council has again signed up to The Big Community Switch. This scheme enables individual households to benefit from the economy of scale for energy supplies. There is no need to accept the offer if you register. Registration starts Tuesday, 1 December 2015 and is free. Register either online at : <http://www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk/Community---Living/Big-Community-Switch> or call the customer contact team on 01643 703704.

Somerset County Council is short of foster carers to offer a safe stable home to a child or teenager when their own family is unable so to do. Around 480 children in Somerset need to be cared for by people who are not their parents. This is not for everyone but if you have a spare room and the patience to look after a child and are interested in learning more please ring 0800 587 9900.

A date for your diary for those interested in the Quantock Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty the Joint Advisory Committee which oversees the ANOB team is meeting at Halsway Manor at 2.15pm on Tuesday 26th of April 2016. I chair this committee. The meeting is open to the public and there is a slot for public questions. You are most welcome to come along.

As usual please do not hesitate to contact me if you need help or advice with a problem. I may not know the answer but the chances are I know someone who does.

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External Fabric Conservation Funding A Progress Report

Church House is making steady headway with external grants towards the 100% lime mortar re-pointing of the building and adjacent Pound. Here is an interim report.

The village itself has been amazingly supportive in raising a total of £22,000 towards this £65,000 project - the combination of:

Family donations
Last year's Fireworks, Flower Show and Soup Kitchen
Rev. Jon Rose's Longleat Run
The Primrose Ball
The Open Gardens
The 100+ Club

The committee has been busy writing grant applications, ideally seeking matched funding. Our strike rate has been quite good. We have grants now from

Garfield Weston Foundation
Foyle Foundation

The Prince of Wales's Charitable Foundation

that have added a total of £10,000 to our funding. It is clear that obtaining grants is a much more competitive business than it was when we were seeking grants towards the Church House 2007 internal refurbishment.

So we are halfway. We still have £33,000 to find. The Flower Show has generously made a donation to us again this year. We are very grateful for this.

We have a number of grant applications outstanding. The most important of these is our bid for £25,000 from the **Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)**. What they require from their applicants are *activities to achieve outcomes for people and for the community*. Our first application was turned down because our proposals to achieve these were insufficiently spelled out. We have, however, been invited to bid again in January.

HLF essentially look for engagement with the local community for all projects they fund..

The key activity we are working up is a powerpoint presentation on the History of Church House to be offered to invited groups of students, school children and history and archaeological clubs. What we have to demonstrate is *community engagement* in our conservation project - but this must be realistic and practicable.

Peter Menneer

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Arrangements as usual. Doors open 7 p.m. Show starts 7.30. Tickets (£6) from Crowcombe Post Office or pre ordered from me.

We now have confirmation of next terms films and dates which are

Friday 15th January	45 years
Sunday 31st January	Suffragette
Friday 12th February	Walk in the Woods
Sunday 28th February	Spectre
Wednesday 16th March	The Martian
Sunday 3rd April	Lady in the Van
Friday 15th April	Brooklyn
Sunday 1st May	The Dressmaker

I would just like to remind everybody that I have in my stable a fairly light folding wheelchair which was purchased with Community Cars money but is seldom used by their customers. If you have a short term need for such a chair (say for a visiting elderly relative or because you have broken a leg or had an operation on your foot) you are welcome to borrow it. Just contact **Sue Billinge on 618287**. I also have a device to help you get in and out of a bath which, at the moment thankfully I do not need for myself, and that also is for loan.

Our last Rector Val Plumb borrowed it for a while so it must be especially blessed!.



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There's so much going on at The Carew this festive season. Why not take advantage of our fabulous seasonal menu to make time for friends and family, without having to decide who does the washing up? Running at lunchtime and in the evening from 1st December to Christmas Eve, we are offering a two course menu for £19.95, or three courses for £24.95. Please pop in or take a look at our notice board outside for more information. Please note that this is for reservations only and is in addition to our normal menus.

Once again, we are celebrating the Christmas season with our Tree Lighting Evening on Friday 4th December, when we will illuminate our big tree outside the pub to the tune of Christmas Carols from Phoenix Brass Band. Join us for traditional carols and mulled wine

from 6pm and start to feel Christmassy with us!

Everyone welcome.

We are delighted to welcome the West Somerset Fox Hounds on Saturday 30th January at 11am for their meet, and, traditionally, the Quantock Stag Hounds for their meet on Boxing Day at 11am. Why not reserve a table for Boxing Day after wrestling with the turkey the day before?

Opening hours

Christmas Day – open for lunchtime drinks only from 11-1pm.

Boxing Day – open all day from 10am for the Boxing Day Hunt

New Year's Eve – join us outside the pub at midnight (if not before!) to see in the New Year

From Monday 11th January 2016 we will be reverting to our winter opening hours and from Monday to Thursday will be closing each day from 3-5pm.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at The Carew Arms