

## **Church Flowers & Side Altar**

10<sup>th</sup> Christmas

24<sup>th</sup> Christmas

## **Church Cleaning**

Dave and Maureen Gould

## **Brass Cleaning**

Barbara Sowden

## **Friends of St Mary's Church - 100+ Club**

Winners in **November** Draw

1st = #14 Mr D Armour

2nd = #38 Mrs M Pring

3rd = #34 Mrs R Clary

4th = #10 Mr E Bawn

Next Draw - Wednesday, 13 December 2017



## **Tea/Coffee & cakes/biscuits served in the Community Room**

**Tuesday & Thursday mornings - 10.00 to 11.30 a.m.**

**The last session before Christmas will be on Thursday, 14 December**

**Thank you to everyone who has supported this activity during 2017**

**The team wish you a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in the new year -  
the new season begins on Tuesday, 9th January 2018**

## **The Lord's Larder**

Christmas is a season when thoughts turn to the giving of gifts - could you consider buying an extra can or two of food when you are out doing your shopping to brighten someone else's Christmas table please? These gifts will be delivered to the Community Church in Yeovil for distribution to needy families. If you would like to contribute tinned or dried foods to this cause the collection point is under the desk in the Community Room.

## **Useable second hand clothes and shoes for Refugees**

**Wearable, repeat wearable, please,** unwanted clothes and shoes are still being collected in the box at the back of the church for distribution to refugees. Donated items are delivered to Blandford Cares where they are sorted and then despatched to help refugees in a number of different countries including those still living around Calais.

**Good news!**

A site has been secured in Weymouth for the converted bus providing temporary accommodation for homeless people. This will give them an address from which they can be registered into the 'system' and get a foot on the ladder to self improvement. If you have any single fitted sheets, duvet covers, pillow cases or blankets these can also be left in the collection box at the back of the church.

**Halstock & Corscombe**  
will be holding a joint  
**Christingle**  
**Service**  
on  
**Sunday, 3rd December**  
at 4.00 p.m.  
in  
**St Juthware and St Mary's**  
**Church**  
**Halstock**  
A special family service for  
everyone of whatever age  
but particularly for the children

Rather than giving individual cards to friends, neighbours and fellow-villagers, a donation has been made to The Children's Society and Naomi's House in support of their work with vulnerable and challenged children. We wish you all: *Hope & a joy-filled CHRISTmas and health & a peace-filled new year*

*Tony & Liz Castleton*

A big *thank you* to all those kind people who sent me best wishes on my birthday and also for a speedy recovery from the cracked pelvis I sustained. I wish I could have thanked you all personally but a rather prolonged stay in hospital has made this impossible. Hopefully, by the time this issue of Chimes is circulating I will be home again.

*Joan Pring*

**theWI**

Our October meeting had a real treat – a visit from Dr Francis Burrough. He gave us an account of “A Victorian Gardener”.

This started with the gardener’s arrival, as a 12 year old lad, to start work as a pot buy. It was fascinating and most informative. Vote of thanks was given.

Members were reminded that our next meeting will be the first of our winter afternoon meetings, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm, in Halstock Village Hall.

Forthcoming meetings:-

27<sup>th</sup> November Walsingham, Rosemary Clary 2.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> December WI Carol Service, Halstock Church Mince pies/tea 2.20pm

11<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Meeting 2.30pm

### **Village Hall News**

The hearing loop in the hall has now been installed. It is very easy to use so if you are holding an event at which you feel this would be useful, please let the booking clerk know when you book the hall.

By the time you read this we, hopefully, will have started playing short mat bowls at 3.00pm on Friday afternoons. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome, especially if you know how to play as you could then give some tips on how to play to the beginners. Don’t forget that if you would like a game of badminton we play most Tuesdays at 7.00pm, do give me a ring before to make sure we are playing.

Peter Brinck 01935 891822

### **Summer Fete**

After our meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> October I can now let you know to which charities the money raised at the Fete was donated.

Air Ambulance	£250
Julia’s House	£100

St Margaret's Hospice	£100
First Responders	£250
Village Hall	£750
Football Club	£100
Halstock & District Gardening Club	£100
St Juthware & Mary Halstock Church Fabric Fund	£400
Community Room	£150
Yeovil Ukulele Band	£100
St James Church East Chelborough	£150
The Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal	£150
St John Ambulance	£100
Halstock W.I.	£50
Bridport Model Railway Club	£100
The Chimes	£100
Core Creative Education CIC	£50

This leaves £158 which will be retained as we do wish to spend some money on things like improving some of the old, and very tatty, signs.

*Peter Brinck 01935 891822*

### **Halstock Village Hall Mile of Pennies**

By the time you read this I will have paid another £60 into the hall improvement fund. This means we will have raised £396 towards the second mile, which is exactly half way there. Well done everyone! We have now installed the hearing loop so we are looking for ideas on what to do next. One suggestion is the ladies' loos, which could do with some up-dating, so why not save your pennies to spend a penny in more comfort! Keep saving your small change which you can pop in the tin or leave in the shop for me. Thank you.

*Diana Staines*

### **Royal British Legion**

As I reported in the October Chimes we were due to have a visit from RBL Dorset HQ at our AGM. We were very concerned that we may have to close if we could not attract more new members. However, we were pleasantly surprised to hear about a new scheme which will enable us to operate as we do now but will only require two named people, who must have internet connection, and the Chairman and I are very happy to be the named people. The only change will be that the small amount of money we hold as branch funds will in future be held by the head office but will still be under our control. As we will no longer be looking for committee members I am hoping that will encourage people to join us and help in the running of our fund raising events.

The next meeting of the Halstock & District branch of Royal British Legion will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Rest and Welcome Inn at 7.30pm.

*Peter Brinck 01935 891822*

## **HALSTOCK 2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017 AT THE FOX INN, CORSCOMBE.**

The first Second Friday on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November got off with a slow start. Shane had kindly lit a warm fire in the Bar at the Fox Inn on the left as you go in the front door and 7/8 people showed up!

Let's hope a few more can make it on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December between 6 and 8pm at the Fox Inn in Corscombe. It would be good to see many more there and I will be there this time!

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

*John Bright, Russell House, Tel – 891810*

**OUR DECEMBER PRESENTATION  
ON OUR BIG SCREEN  
AT HALSTOCK VILLAGE CINEMA**

And what a great season-closer it is! Join your friends for an evening get-together, here at your own big-screen Village Cinema.

**Whisky Galore (PG) Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Eddie Izzard and Gregor Fisher in this hilarious remake of the joyous tale of whisky-loving small timers keeping officialdom at bay.

**...and coming In January 2018!**

**My Cousin Rachel (precise date to be confirmed)**

Rachel Weisz is captivating as the heroine in this adaptation of Daphne du Maurier's period novel.

**Showings at 7.00 for 7.30 in Halstock Village Hall.**

**Tickets £6 from Halstock Shop or on the door. Any profits to Village Hall Funds.**

**With your help we've now installed an induction loop for the hearing impaired!**

## **Big Breakfast**

Back for the autumn / winter season  
Corscombe Village Hall  
In support of Village Hall Upkeep  
Great food and a chance to meet up with  
friends & family  
9am to 11am  
**Saturday mornings on**  
**4 November / 2 December /**  
**6 January / 3 February / 3 March**

## **Artsreach presents**

**Anonymous is a woman with**

**"Think of England"**

**Sunday 28th January Matinee**  
**at 4.00pm**

Tickets available from Deb Childs Tel: 01935  
891744 and the Community shop

Suitable for 12 +

Adults £9.00, U18 £6.00, Family £25.  
Cream Teas and Bar available

"Think of England". The war office have employed Bette and Vera to travel the country hosting tea dances to boost morale in rural communities and RAF personnel. But how will the locals react when they discover the women's real purpose: to send the young men off to fight having experienced all of life's pleasures? Join the ladies at your local hall for an unforgettable dance, a rousing song and real-life, wartime scandal that threatens to destroy the women's lives, shame your community and tear apart one already splintered RAF crew. Can you save the night?

The show was commissioned by Live and Local Touring in the midlands, and developed specifically for rural village halls. Suitable 12+ with adults, sexual references and mild swearing.

## **Halstock Community Shop (Lottery Funded)**

As you may have heard by now, we did not win the Blackmore Vale Magazine Taste of Dorset Award for the Village Shop/Retailing category. The prize was awarded to The Udder Farm Shop from East Stour and our congratulations to them. We have now been nominated for the Countryside Alliance

Rural Oscars competition in the Village Shop category so perhaps we will be luckier with that. It is still early days and we do not know if we have made it past the nomination stage. I will let you know if we progress further.

Christmas is approaching and when you read this Santa will be busy preparing his lists of which children (of all ages!!) have been good and deserve a present! Let's hope Halstock is high on his list.

Barry is beginning to organise his stock for Christmas so look out for the "Specials" he has. There will be a Christmas Wine Offer if you purchase any 6 full priced bottles of wine. Look for details in the shop. We will again be having a Christmas Raffle with all proceeds going to Julia's House for Children so please support this very deserving charity.

Whilst on the subject of wine, following requests from some customers, we are stocking a new range of premium quality wines. Working in association with the Dorset Wine Company of Poundbury, who ship directly from selected small producers in Europe, we will choose a small, regularly changing range of wines to be featured in the shop. These wines will not be found in national supermarkets and are considered the finest the appellations can produce. We believe each wine will be appreciated by all wine lovers and can be ordered in larger quantities for special occasions. Please come and check our current selection and try them in time for your Christmas parties!! Support your Village Shop – Shop Halstock!!

We will of course have our usual supply of Christmas goodies – mince pies, biscuits, chocolates, etc. and our Christmas cards and wrapping paper have already arrived.

Don't forget the last posting dates for cards. Full details are available in the Post Office but as a guide, last airmail posting dates for International destinations are: Africa and Middle East – December 2<sup>nd</sup>; Asia and the Far East and some European countries begin on December 6<sup>th</sup>; Caribbean, Central and South America - December 7<sup>th</sup>; Australia and NZ - December 9<sup>th</sup>; North America - December 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't be late!!

For UK destinations last posting dates are: Second Class – December 20<sup>th</sup>; First Class – December 21<sup>st</sup>.

All that remains for me to do is to thank you all most sincerely for your support throughout 2017 and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in the shop in 2018!

*Tony Woodroffe on behalf of the Community Shop Committee*

**Church of St Juthware & St Mary, Halstock**  
**CHRISTMAS SALE EVENING**  
**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
**at 12 Meredith Close**  
**(by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Kenee)**  
**7pm – 9pm**  
**Admission £1**  
**includes hot punch & mince pie**  
**Cakes & Produce      Gourmet Raffle**  
**Turkey Draw          Christmas Gifts**  
**Craft goods            Prizes**  
**Bric-brac**  
**Chutneys & Preserves**  
**Everybody welcome**

*Please see the Corscombe section for information about First Responders*

*Responders*