

### **Church Flowers**

May 13<sup>th</sup> June Povey  
27<sup>th</sup> Meg Withers

June 9<sup>th</sup> Gill Lynch

### **Church Cleaning**

TBA



**Breakfast  
CHURCH**  
in Halstock Village Hall  
**Next meeting Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May,  
and every fourth Sunday at 9.30am**  
Come and share croissants, bacon rolls,  
good coffee, and explore the Christian  
faith in an easy, relaxed style of worship  
that's ideal for the family.



Part of Melbury Team Ministry  
*Church – but not as we know it!*

### **Friends of St Mary's Church**

Winners in April Draw

1st = # 78 Mr & Mrs C Thomas

2nd = # 11 Mrs R Bawn

3rd = # 10 Mr E Bawn

4th = # 31 Mrs E Dowding

Next Draw - Wednesday, 9th May 2018

## **OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

Tea/Coffee & cakes/biscuits are served in the Community Room  
**every Tuesday & Thursday mornings**  
**at the new time of**  
**10.30 to 12 noon**

### **The Lord's Larder**

The collection point is under the desk in the Community Room. Please continue to contribute to this local charity helping those in need - your support is truly appreciated.

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

Do please continue to donate your wearable unwanted clothes and shoes to support this humanitarian project. The collection point is inside the church at the back near the bell tower.

### **Lent Lunches**

A huge thank you to all who supported this event - the five 'chefs' who provided the fare and all those who enjoyed eating their efforts. They were definitely not frugal occasions as perhaps the term 'Lent' suggested but they did encourage generous donations from the participants. A total of £250 was raised and this has been divided equally between the Sudan Medical Link and Centrepoint (a charity supporting homeless youth).

### **Village Hall News**

We have now started short mat bowls again after the Easter break and we have been joined by some people from Corscombe. If you would like to join us we play at 3pm on Friday afternoons and like badminton, which we play at 7pm on Tuesdays, we do not take it too seriously but enjoy a laugh and good banter. At the next committee meeting we are going to arrange a hall clean and tidy-up day so watch for the date and in next month's Chimes I will list a few of the tasks that need doing. The paper shed is still generating a very useful amount of money for the hall, I have just received a payment of £196 from the last time the shed was emptied.

*Peter Brinck 01935 891822*

### **Village Fete**

We had another meeting in March at which the usual small group of people that forms the committee continued to plan this year's Fete. By the time this Chimes comes out we will have had another meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> of April. Unfortunately we won't set the date for the June meeting until we have the April meeting so I can't let you know the date of the next meeting but if you would like to join us just give me a ring and I will let you know.

Goods for the Fete continue to arrive, we already have a very good selection of books, items for the motor jumble stall and general items of Brick-a-Brac. One item that we have is a high quality record turntable and as vinyl discs are coming back I can see that there may be a lot of interest in that.

*Peter Brinck 01935 891822*

### **Royal British Legion**

At last we have been able to show the film Dunkirk after it had to be cancelled in March due to the snow. We are very grateful to Halstock Village Cinema for making this possible and allowing all the proceeds to go to the Poppy Appeal. We had a good attendance with 42 people enjoying a very good film. There was the usual raffle, bar and tea, coffee and biscuits along with ice creams which always seem very popular at the film shows. The final figure raised was £239.60. Thanks to all the people that came and for the donations that made it possible to raise this very helpful sum for the Poppy Appeal.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, if you would like to join us just give me a ring and I will let you know where we are going to meet.

**Birthdays this month.**

Lottie Adamson on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tyler Coombs on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and  
Frankie Balch on the 30<sup>th</sup>

We hope you all have a great time

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The speaker at our March meeting was an author, Mrs Diane Janes. She writes crime fiction books, and also writes about true unsolved murders. We had an absorbing afternoon, as she unravelled the events surrounding the murder in 1931, of Evelyn Foster, near Otterburn, in Northumberland. She had access to the police and court records concerning the case, and explained events very clearly. Afterwards she took questions. She also told us that she would be running a course, "You the Jury", at Denman College in June, where over two days those attending would act as the jury on a murder case and then come to a verdict and explain their thinking. It proved an engrossing afternoon for us all.

**Halstock birthdays for May**

Wishing the happiest of birthdays to:-  
Millie Balch on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Charlie Frampton on the 18<sup>th</sup> and  
Tristan Thomas on the 19<sup>th</sup>

**From the Smallholding**

In spite of the weather things progress – if a little slower than usual.

By the time this issue comes round we should have our lambs – let us hope not too many multiple births. The newts have already shown themselves back around the pond and we have opened top windows in our buildings ready for the swallows. With the weird weather we have experienced this year, no doubt we shall be given a hose pipe ban soon, so make sure all the water butts are full.

And remember the old wives' lore:-  
*Sow seed generously,  
One for the rook,  
One for the crow,  
One to die and  
One to grow.*

**A little ditty**

With apologies to Pay Ayres!

We have a little postie who cometh up our hill  
Sometimes he brings good tidings  
Other days just bills  
Come rain or shine he's always fine  
Never a whinge never a whine  
Happy to go that extra mile  
To make his customers smile

*Thank you!*

**Halstock Village Second Friday at the Fox on Friday 11th May**

I have had to write this prior to April's Get Together and now the days are getting longer I hope we might look forward to a greater attendance!

The Stalwarts of the Village continue to turn up and a great time is had by all but we want to see more of the Villagers we have not met before!

I look forward to a good turnout in May and I should be there.

*John Bright 01935 891810*

## **HALSTOCK VILLAGE CINEMA**

**Announcing our brand-new summer season of recently-released films on the big screen at Halstock Village Hall**

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May**

### **THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING MISSOURI (15)**

Oscar-winning performance from Frances McDormand in this story of a determined mother's fight for justice for her murdered daughter. Brilliantly-reviewed masterpiece.

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> June**

### **EDIE (U)**

An older lady takes on a Scottish mountain. Thought-provoking performance of her life from an 83 year-old Sheila Hancock.

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June (3pm Family Matinee)**

### **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN (PG)**

Hugh Jackman stars as PT Barnum in this breath-taking, feelgood musical for all ages.

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> July**

### **DARKEST HOUR (PG)**

Another Oscar-winner. Gary Oldman as Churchill fighting against odds to rally a nation and change the course of history.

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Aug**

### **WALK LIKE A PANTHER (12A)**

Hilarious all-British comedy. A group of over-the-hill wrestlers don the lycra one more time, to save their local pub from closure.

**Tickets from Halstock Shop or on the door.  
Join your friends at 7pm for 7.30 each month  
at HALSTOCK VILLAGE CINEMA**

### **Halstock Community Chairman's Report May 2017-March 2018**

We have had another successful season hosting high quality Artsreach shows which included four plays and a dance show with audience numbers ranging from 52 to 85.

Bar and refreshment sales continue to be popular with the audience and make us a moderate profit. Prices are deliberately kept low to help create a welcoming atmosphere.

The group has not been involved in any productions of their own.

We are very pleased with the new village hall chairs, towards which we donated £1000. They are comfortable, attractive and easy to stack. We have also given all of our profits from the past five shows to the village hall fund to be used at the discretion of the committee.

#### **Artsreach Shows**

**Living Spit "The Tortoise vs Hare" Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May. This talented duo once again delighted the audience with their ridiculously funny and clever rendition of one of our well-loved fables.**

**Owdayado "A View from the Edge" Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This was an excellent piece of theatre; dark comedy/ detective story which was brilliantly acted and very well received by an audience of 52. The aim of the play was to fuse two storylines from different realities to the point where the audience had to decide which one was real. That wasn't easy!**

**Uchenna Dance “The Head Wrap Diaries” Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.** This was a very colourful and unusual piece of dance which delighted the audience of 85 and the “post show” head wrap demonstration was fun and much appreciated by those audience members who participated.

**Anonymous is a Woman “Think of England” Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January matinee.** This was our first matinee performance and proved to be a great success especially with the older audience members for whom the show brought back many war time memories. The cream teas which we offered before the performance and in the interval were very popular and made us a profit of just under £100. The company had set up the hall so that the play could be performed in the round and their festive decorations coupled with our colourful tablecloths, tea lights and vases of flowers made the hall look very welcoming and attractive. Attendance 67.

**Townsend Productions “We are the Lions Mr Manager” Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.** This was an extremely thought provoking, well-acted and powerful play based on the true story of the 1976-1978 Grunwick strike and Jayaben Desai’s inspirational fight for freedom, equality and human dignity. Although we only had an audience of 56 the play was very well received and was, without doubt a story that needs to be told.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members for their help with the promotion of shows, ticket sales, setting up the hall and refreshments; John and Bridget, Jim and Bardy for providing accommodation for performers; Tony Hill for his help with setting up; Kate White Hamilton for providing flowers and our audience members for their continuing support. I would also like to thank Betty Armour for her wonderful promotional window displays at the village shop.

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

My hopes last month that the awful weather in March would improve were dashed and as I write this, it is gloomy, wet and miserable! Let’s hope that May is better!

There have been changes in the shop, however, and Rachel left to enjoy an outdoors’ life. We hope that the rain stops for her soon! Thank you Rachel for all your hard work and being the Shop’s Poet Laureate. Your erudite comments on the board outside the shop will be missed! We wish you well in your new endeavour.

So, goodbye Rachel and hello Graham. Graham Bryan has moved up from Devon and he will be living in Halstock. We hope that he will enjoy being a part of the team. Please be sure to say “Hello” to Graham when you see him in the shop.

The shop Easter Raffle to name the “Bunny” raised £42.00 for St. Margaret’s Hospice. On the day of the draw, volunteer Rosemary Clary was in the shop and kindly made the draw. First prize was won by Sebastian Langdon who named the “Bunny” – Goofy! Good choice!! I won the bottle of wine (I assure you it was a fluke!!) and the selection of Borders biscuits was won by Katherine Singleton. Thank you to everyone who entered and so helped support the charity.

Finally, my marketing spot!! Summer cannot be far away (can it??) so that must mean that BBQ’s and drinks on the patio must be in the offing! Don’t forget to get your BBQ gas canisters or local Halstock charcoal (hand fired by Rick Smith) for the cooking and we also have the finest rump steak available. Have you tried it yet??

We always have a good selection of wines, spirits, ciders and beers so be sure to check out our stock. We also have a wide range of non-alcoholic drinks.

Post Office:

Holidays will soon be on the agenda so those of you venturing abroad, remember the Post Office offers:

1. Competitive rates for your foreign currency requirements;
2. Pre-paid, multi-currency travel cards. These can protect you against loss of cash if your wallet or purse are stolen by simply calling the card company number and they will cancel the old card and send you a new one with the current balance.

For home use you can purchase International Phone Cards which allow you to make international calls at great rates and even some free weekend calling.

New philatelic issues are available:

1. RAF Centenary – Pack and individual stamps;
2. Reintroduced Species – Pack and individual stamps

Check out all of the Post Office offers when next visiting the shop!

*Tony Woodroffe on behalf of the Community Shop Committee  
April 10<sup>th</sup> 2018*

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

*Responders*

**HALSTOCK AND DISTRICT  
GARDENING CLUB**

**Next Meeting**

**21st May**

**CORSCOMBE VILLAGE HALL**

**7.30 pm**

**A Talk by a speaker  
from Castle Gardens**

**"ROSES"**