

Corscombe News

St Mary's Corscombe – February Services

5 th February	17:00	Evening Prayer		
12 th February	11:00	Holy Communion		
19 th February (Village)	11:00	All Age Worship (Hall)		
22 nd February Service at	19:30	Ash	Wednesday	Halstock
26 th February	11:00	Holy Communion		

Please come and join us at any of the above services.

“Snowdrop Service”
5.00pm
Sunday March 6th 2012
at St Mary’s, Corscombe
A quiet reflective service for the
memory of our loved ones, family or
friends who have died
All welcome

Carols in Corscombe 2011

We had a great time this year – not so freezing cold! The church was beautifully decorated (thanks to all those who did the work) and the Carol Service on 11th December was a wonderful time of singing, led by the Melbury Team Choir (thanks to Rev Graham Perryman and choir) and Christmas bible passages read by members of different community groups in Corscombe. Paul Rendell gave the address reminding us of the difference that Christ can make in our lives if we ask Him. Mulled wine and mince pies finished off a lovely evening and people were reticent to leave the warmth of the friendship and the building!

The midnight Communion service was taken by Rev David Harknett – again carol singing and a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus with “Lord

we greet thee; born this happy morning” as the midnight came.

Another good service on Christmas day, taken by Paul Rendell, was a further opportunity to give thanks for the birth of Jesus.

Carol singing round parts of the village – it is a long walk!! – was enthusiastically supported by up to 20 singers at various places along the way. Thanks for the warm welcome and refreshments from various houses along the way and at Sallie Else’s at the end. We collected £160 for Save the Children Fund – a very encouraging effort and response.

120 Club

The winners of the ‘120’ Club for January 2012 are;

1 st	£6	Celia Tomkins
2 nd	£4	Mandy Follwell
3 rd	£2	Ian Cox

Rainfall

The rainfall for December was 118mm. In 2011, the total rainfall for the year was 807mm compared with 972mm in 2010 and 1277mm in 2009. So far, it seems January is trying to redress the situation!

Corscombe First Responders

The Responders will be holding their highly successful 'Big Breakfast' on the following Saturdays between 9 - 11 am.

2012

4 February

3 March

Come along and enjoy a fine cooked breakfast of local produce.

Look forward to seeing you.

The Responders

The Third
Corscombe Village Quiz
of the 2011/12 Season
Saturday 11th February @ 7:30pm
Corscombe Village Hall

£2.50 per person to enter
Teams of up to 6 people
but you can come on your own and join a team
on the night
Bring your own drink
Baked potatoes available in the interval - £2.50
For more information contact Rosemary on
891415

Spring Term – Keep Fit

The Spring Term will run for 11 sessions until
March 26th

(No session on February 13th for half term)

Mondays 2:30 to 3:30pm in the village hall.

All enquiries to me please.

Jean Mosser 891096

Dennis Grier

Sad news that Denis Grier passed away on
Christmas Eve.

Dennis and his wife Elizabeth moved from Pine
Close a few years ago, to be near their son Paul,
in Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. Dennis did much
work for our Church, and both he and his wife
did a lot to help anyone that was sick and the
older people in Corscombe.

Denis was also a champion Bridge Player and
often played at 'Majolica' when it was Peggy
Blunt's home.

Our loving thoughts are with Elizabeth and Paul.
If any of Elizabeth's friends wish to write to her
this is her address - -

Mrs. Elizabeth Grier, 103 Manning Road, Bury
St. Edmunds, Suffolk, IP32 7GS

Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning will be on
Wednesday 8th February, at Highridge House,
Pine Close, by kind invitation of Lesley and
Chris Chapman from 10:30 to midday. All
Corscombe residents welcome.

Birthdays

We wish the happiest of birthdays to:

Poppy Roberts who will be 7 on the 1st

Eve Harknett who will be 6 on the 4th

Remember

Subscriptions

Just a reminder that your annual subscription to
the Chimes magazine is now due. Please put
£4.20 into the brown envelope enclosed in the
previous edition and hand it to the person who
delivers your copy, or myself at 3 Yew Tree
Farm. Thanks – James.

South West Coaches Bus Times

This picks up at Lindisfarne, High Street at
approximately 10.35/40am (ish), then stopping
at The Barton, Pine Close and Church Farm (if
people are waiting there), returning from Tesco's
Yeovil at 1.45pm and the Borough Memorial at
1.50pm. The bus runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays
and Fridays.

Halstock and Corscombe Website

Your website address is www.corscombe.org

Why not have a look and see what is happening?

You can register on the site, which allows you to
enter your own items on the news page, on the
calendar, or on the items for sale page.

If you have ideas on how it should be developed,
please let me know – all ideas welcome! Email:
chris@passedit.com

Library and Recycle Dates

The dustman and recycle dates for next month
are the 9th and 23rd.

The library will be visiting on the 9th and 23rd at
the Old Post Office Yard between 11:20 and
11:45am.

Halstock News

Church Flowers

5th Liz Stuckey
 12th Liz Stuckey
 19th Jennifer Gove

Side Altar

Liz Stuckey

Church Cleaning

Jennifer Smith

Chimes Subscription Envelopes

Please pass the brown "Chimes" envelope with your voluntary annual subscription of £4.20 to your Chimes distributor. In the case of Halstock, envelopes may also be returned to Churchwardens Ken Gove (The Old School) or Andrew Ellis (Lilac Cottage – opposite the Bakery), PCC Treasurer David Smith (Vale House) or Rosemary Bawn (3 Hollis Close). Any cheques should be made payable to "Halstock PCC" Many thanks.

Watch Found

A lady's watch was found in the Church following the Bowden/Fox wedding in November. If you think it might be yours, please contact Andrew Ellis (891767) with a description and he will be delighted to return it.

**Friends of St Mary's Church Halstock
 100+ Club**

Monthly Prizes: 1st £100; 2nd £40; 3rd £20; 4th £5
 Membership costs £4 per month per number
 If you would like to become a Member please contact Liz on 01935 891898

January Draw

1st 4 Mrs D Smith
 2nd 12 Mrs M Meaden
 3rd 27 Mrs M Diment
 4th 39 Mr E Brooks

Next Draw

Wednesday 8th February 2012
*In the Community Room
 (after Mid Week Holy Communion)*

Result of December Draw which missed the Chimes deadline as follows:-

1st D. Castleton; 2nd Rev'd. D Harknett;
 3rd Mr V Warner; 4th Mrs D Clark

'100 Club' Coffee Morning: As the second year of the '100+ Club' draws to a close we would like to thank everyone who is taking part and in so doing is helping to build up a reserve for the future maintenance and development of St Mary's Church. We would like to show our appreciation of your support by offering free tea/coffee and homemade cakes in the Community Room on Saturday, 17th March between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. If you are not already a member there are still numbers available and anyone wishing to join for the first time will be equally welcome: there will be an opportunity to join/renew during the morning.

Mid Week Holy Communion: will be celebrated as usual in the Community Room, behind the Shop, on **Wednesday, 8th February at 11 a.m.** with an opportunity to stay and chat afterwards over a cup of tea/coffee. If you would like to come but getting there is a problem please call Liz or Tony on 891898. Or if you or someone you know is housebound and would like to take Communion at home please let us know in advance and every effort will be made to arrange this.

Sunday Club: We usually meet in the church on the 4th Sunday of most months for activities, stories and songs based on the Bible. If you haven't been before, come and see what we get up to – everyone (from anywhere in the Team) is welcome. Current ages range from 1-7 (ish), but if older children wish to join in, it would be great to have their help and input. For more information call Liz on 891898.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, 26th February at 10 a.m.

However please note the following dates:

There will **not** be a Sunday Club meeting on the 4th Sundays of either **March or April**, instead we will be celebrating.....

Mothering Sunday

On Sunday, 18th March at 11 a.m.

And

Easter Day

On Sunday, 8th April at 11 a.m.

St Mary's Church, Halstock

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at St Mary's on Sunday 26th February 2012 at 5.15 pm followed by a Service of Compline at 6.30 pm. Refreshments will be served from 5.00 pm prior to the Meeting

Although only persons whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at the Parochial Church Meeting, at the meeting for the election of Churchwardens which happens first, anyone who is resident in the Parish and whose name is on the Register of Local Government Electors may vote. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting and are welcome to join in the service, whether or not attending the meeting. If you are not currently on the Church Electoral Roll and would like to be, please contact Trixie Young (details in The Chimes). Being on the Electoral Roll is an important way of showing support for your Church, so please consider it, even if you are not a regular Church goer.

Formal Notices of the Meeting will be displayed on the Church Door.

Help for Heroes

Despite a miserable evening, The Carol Singers collected £140 for the above Charity. Thanks must go to: David Wright who played the piano (and hopefully kept us in reasonable tune!!); to Paul Frampton who carefully drove the tractor and trailer around the village with almost 50 people on board, to Nigel Dowding and Gary Hawkins who helped Paul manoeuvre between parked cars.

Thanks must also go to refreshment providers en route: George Geraghty, the Diment family and Tony and Jenie Woodroffe and finally of course all the Carol singers and all of you for your contributions. A big Thank-you.

Apologies to those of you who did not receive a call this year but with so many cars parked on the road it is not an easy task – and with the

weather so poor – no-one wanted to leave the trailer – maybe it will be better next Christmas!!

The Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Royal British Legion will be held on Tuesday 8th February at the Rest and Welcome Inn at 7.30pm. Anybody interested in joining the Halstock and District Branch would be made most welcome. It is no longer necessary to have been in the services to become a member.

Village Hall News

Work on replacing the units in the kitchen continues and by the time this edition of the Chimes is delivered I hope the first half will be complete. As the space created by the old cooker has been filled with a tall storage cupboard, it is intended to replace the units on that side of the kitchen first and then decide what type of storage is needed on the other side, cupboards or drawers. Please **do not** turn off the cooker as the cooker will not operate until the clock is set to the correct time which may cause a problem for the next person using the kitchen.

Sadly the oak tree in the car park has honey fungus around the base which means it will have to be taken down before it becomes unsafe. If you have any ideas about what should be done with this area of the car park please let any member of the committee know your thoughts.

The New Year's Eve Party at Halstock Village Hall was a great success. Many complimentary comments have been received about Heather and Diana's food and also Mike's music.

A big thank you goes to Tony D and Eric B for setting up and for clearing away at the end with welcome help from John Ellis and others.

Many thanks to the ladies who stepped forward and helped out in the kitchen. The praise received from the many who enjoyed a fabulous night out makes it all worthwhile for those who put on the show. Make a note in your diaries for the next one – you know the date!

SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2012
(Please note change of date)

QUIZ NIGHT- HALSTOCK VILLAGE HALL
7.30 for 8pm start

HOT SUPPER PROVIDED – BRING YOUR OWN DRINK

Max 6 per Table - £5 per head
Not too late to come along!

Friends of St Mary's Church

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Including a 3 Course Dinner
Saturday 25th February 2012

7pm for 7.30pm

Halstock Village Hall

Tables of 6

Tickets £20 per person

From Gill Lynch 891859 or Betty Armour 891998

Superb Prizes to be won

Bar

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

There was a very good response to the request in the Chimes inviting people to a meeting on 23rd November with the intention of setting up a committee to arrange the festivities we would like to hold over the weekend of the Diamond Jubilee. At that meeting we arranged to have the next meeting on 1st February 2012 at 7.30pm in the community Room. So if you would like to join the committee please come along. We would like to have a representative from all the village organisations and anybody else who would like to get involved. So why not come and join us on 1st February and let us hear about any ideas you may have. The more people we have on the Committee will mean less work for each of us.

It is very much our intention that as much as possible of the work will be done before the event in order that all the committee members

will be able to take part in all the activities over the holiday period.

Pancake Day

Remember Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Day - Tuesday February 21st

This previously very successful event will be run again this year in Halstock Village Hall in aid of Hall funds

It will run from 11am to 2pm(ish)

Come for coffee and/or lunch, and you can try the pancake easy obstacle course

Donations of sweet or savoury fillings welcome and raffle prizes

We hope also to have a Bring-and-Buy and a Cake Stall

It would help for catering purposes if you could indicate if you can come - to

Trish Manning on 01935 891394

We hope to see you there



Women's Institute

Braving the worst weather this winter Halstock W.I. held their Christmas party. Six visitors were welcomed and after downing a glass of wine everyone was in the party spirit.

There was a Christmas Quiz followed by a tasty buffet provide by members before being entertained with poetry and carols by the drama and singing groups helped with the carols by the audience.

A raffle was held and then came good byes and good wishes before facing the bad weather to get home.

The next meeting in January is a talk by Mr Rylands on the Bumblebee, an endangered

species and at the February meeting on 27th the speaker will be Mrs E Ward talking on how to make friends and irritate people. The meetings are held in the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm, do come and join us.

Artsreach Presents
Rogue Theatre
"The Dancer & The Devil"

Sunday 4th March 7 30pm
Halstock Village Hall
Tickets: Adults £8 U 18 £6 Family £24
Youth club members free
Contact Hazel Darnley 01935 83347
Bar and Refreshments

Rogue Theatre return to Halstock with their new play "The Dancer and the Devil". Set in a secret bar, a club, a speakeasy, in a country smothered by war, Rogue Theatre presents a cabaret of those displaced, those who have had to hide, to run away from their past lives with hastily packed cases bursting with secrets and stories.

Bright, sparkling and full of comic mischief "The Dancer and the Devil" invites you to lose yourself in a world of twisted cabaret, the smell of wood-smoke and perfume, the taste of danger and the wild thrill of the forest. Meet Cupcakes the Murderous Master Baker, Minue who'll be whoever you want her to be, Ruby the jewel that fell from the crown, Celeste who'll dance the maps of your heart, Jacob; Mysterious Master of Ceremony and Lavena who'll get the fire blazing. With text written by Anna Maria Murphy (Kneehigh Theatre) and resplendent live music by Julian Gaskell the play is suitable for adults, 12+ and younger brave children.

Bridge Nights are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7.30pm in the Community Room. Enquiries 01935 891249

Mile of Pennies for the Village Hall

Well done all who have helped, we are nearly half way, 730 yards.

A very **Happy Birthday** to Justin White on 28th February, have a great day.

Community Room

Remember we have a very good selection of books available to borrow or buy. The children's library is free.

Watch the notice board for news of exciting range of sales, coff mugs, computer classes, coffee mornings etc.

The room can be hired for £5 a session.

The computers are available for use during shop hours at £1 for ½ hour. They have recently been updated so are faster to use.

We are planning a new display area for information leaflets, Train and Bus routes, Theatre leaflets, health and social information.

The local Community Police Officer, Alex attends for 1 hour on alternate Fridays, same Friday as Library and recycling collection. He will give advice about security etc.

Welcome to Tim and Pam Pocock who have moved into the village. We hope you will be very happy here.