

Corscombe

St Mary's Corscombe – May Services

1 st May 18:00	Evening Worship
8 th May 11:00	Holy Communion
15 th May 10:30	Team Service (Sticklands School, Evershot)
22 nd May 11:00	All Age Worship (Village Hall)
29 th May 11:00	Holy Communion
5 th June 18:00	“Hymns and Pimms”

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

Also:

‘Prayer’ each Monday, 9:30am at St Mary’s.
Church is also open for prayer from 6-8pm each Friday evening.

Corscombe Tithe Barn Fete – Saturday 18th June – 12-5pm

Corscombe needs you, and any contributions to the fete!

This is our biggest event and most important fund raiser of the year. All profits to be distributed around the Village Clubs and Church, and Village Hall.

Brica- brac to Joan Fender, The Heights, High Street. 891554.

Plants. Jane Allen, Yew Tree Farm, 891684

Cakes, Sallie Else, Lower Farm, 891425

Preserves. Heather and Brian. 891538

Any contributions i.e. cakes and sandwiches for the tea tent, either delivered to the tea tent on the day, or delivered to Paula & Colin at Lindisfarne High Street, 891494

Bottles for Tombola can be delivered to any of the above addresses. Or to Edna at Woodfold

View 891645, or Rosie at Popes Cottage 891380, or Glynis and Kelvin, Pine Close, 891133.

If you have any jewellery you either don't like or never wear, Barbara Darnely of Crispin Cottage, High Street would like it for her jewellery stall. Her phone number is 891193

Dog Show - Tiggy Jones 891365. If you are used to handling dogs and would like to help please ring Tiggy.

Please give generously. Ring Paula On 891494 or Tony on 891321 for enquiries or if you can offer any help on the day. This too is very much needed.

Tuesday Club

A small party of us went on the Palmers Brewery tour spending the morning learning the processes they follow to produce their real ale. In addition to this, we saw older equipment some of which is no longer used but Palmers is the only place that it still exists in the U.K. At the end of the tour we enjoyed the free samples of their ales.

On 3rd May, non members are welcome to come and have afternoon tea with us and sample our home made cakes and maybe buy a plant at the auction.

Looking forward, 7th June, there is a talk by Rob Curtis about ‘Turnpikes and Dorset Coaching Days’.

A coach trip is planned for 5th July to Mottisfont, an historical priory in Hampshire. This is a National Trust property that has an exceptional rose garden. All in the village are welcome to join us, more details available later including the costs.

Heather 891538

120 Club

The winners for April are as follows:

1 st	£6	Tony Frost
2 nd	£4	Mrs I Russell
3 rd	£2	Mrs Raitt

Keep Fit Summer Term 2011

The Summer Term will start on May 9th and will run for 9 sessions until July 11th.

(No session on May 30th for the Bank Holiday)

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

All enquiries and cheques for £20 – payable to Jean Mosser, 891096

(If anyone would like to join our group, please contact me as we now have a vacancy)

Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning will be on May 11th at 10:30am at Hebditch Cottage, High Street (by the postbox), by kind invitation of Liz and Mike North. All Corscombe residents welcome.

Doing Honest Business in Africa – is that possible?

Let's face it – the newspapers contain more bad news than good news when it comes to Africa. So it was very interesting for men at the Melbury Men's Breakfast on Saturday morning of March 19th to hear of the positive experiences of Graham Carr, an accountant who has lived in East Africa for many years. Having trained in the UK he worked in and set up accountancy businesses in Kenya, Uganda and Malawi. Graham told of his times during the Idi Amin era in Uganda when he and his family were not at all sure what was going to happen. On one occasion he and his wife felt it right to leave but they were stopped by somewhat menacing guards at the border with Kenya. Looking for bribes or something to steal, the guards noticed a large box in the car and wanted to know what was in it. So Graham took out the Accordion and played some Christian songs; the guards happily joined in! Graham and family were waved through the customs barrier.

Graham acknowledged the integrity of the Christian leaders in the church, many of them suffering for being honest. He maintained high standards for audit and accountability and has been enormously thrilled to see his companies continuing to do well and being awarded prizes for honesty – so much so that they now audit for large international companies and agencies.

It was right for family and work reasons to return to the UK but before long Graham and his wife (who does some amazing work in training talented musicians and arranging for pianos to be delivered to Uganda) returned to Africa for several more years. Graham shared with us his experiences of having to trust in God in difficult situations and how his personal Christian faith had been a wonderful guide as well as a strength when making commercial and family decisions. A remarkable account of a life lived as a close follower of Jesus. Graham made it clear that whatever our job or situation, God is present and will guide if we ask Him.

Ladybirds Playgroup and Toddlers

We are delighted to welcome Freddie and his family to our playgroup, and look forward to watching him develop and become part of all the fun. Now that we have kinder weather we are spending the majority of our time out of doors. Most children prefer to be outside and many children become more confident learners while outdoors. Boys in particular are far more likely to paint and draw when they are outside, they like the larger scale opportunities and the fact that it is less formal so are more likely to experiment with areas of learning that they would steer clear of indoors. It is at this time of year that the staff team really appreciate the facilities the Village Hall offers. We can open the front door and allow the children to choose where they would like to play, and allow them the opportunity to alternate between being indoors and out. We are also making good use of our fantastic sensory garden area and have been watching the seeds we have recently planted, grow.

Marie is coming towards the end of her Level Three course and has been doing us proud again. She has managed to gain a distinction for all her latest course work, so should be on target to qualify at this higher level with another overall distinction; she puts a lot of time and effort into her studies and deserves the rewards. Whilst Marie is away on college days we are very lucky to be able to call on Kate Bartlett as a replacement member of staff. Kate joins us on Forest School days and is a great asset.

Our government funding is now operating on a different formula and unusually we find ourselves benefitting. It has been recognised that small rural groups struggle to cope financially and we will now be given more funding per child than larger groups in urban areas. It would be nice to think that in the future we can target our fund-raising to keep improving our resources rather than having to use it just to pay the bills. I hope it will also make our committee members' jobs easier by relieving some of the financial pressures.

If you would like to learn more about our Forest or Playgroup sessions at Ladybirds please ring Lindsay on 07845 118177 or 01460 73005.

Pudding Night – Ladybirds Fundraising

We would like to thank everyone who joined us for our Pudding Night, organised in aid of raising important funds for Ladybirds Playgroup, Forest School and Toddlers. It was great to see a full house and your support is hugely appreciated.

It was a fantastic evening – guests were greeted by none other than David Harknett, who showed them into the elegantly decorated Village Hall which had been transformed by our Ladybirds Committee. Canapés and chatter soon filled the Hall until seats were taken to enjoy a home-cooked dinner and finally being presented with a difficult decision of which pudding to choose from! Luckily there was no limit and very little need to feel guilty for eating a few extra portions as Mike Caplen had people up and dancing before we had time to move the tables! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Mike's performance, dancing to his songs until the very early hours of the morning!

We would particularly like to thank Loders Butchers of Yeovil for supplying locally reared and produced meat for our main course at a discounted price for our charity fundraising event and to all our volunteers, supporters and Committee Members for making such a tantalising array of puddings! And to Henry and Rosemary for organising and running the bar which was a very important job and vital to the evening's enjoyment!

And not forgetting the ladies in the kitchen and our waiter and waitresses who did an amazing job of making the catering run so smoothly throughout the entire evening, well done!

From the comments received on the evening we hope to hold another Pudding Night next year – we'll keep you posted!
Ladybirds Committee

Call to budding photographers

Corscombe Village Hall is putting together a Corscombe Village Calendar for 2012.

Please send in your photos of Corscombe to tessa.safadi@sky.com before May 27th 2011.

The photos will be displayed at the Corscombe Village Fete where everyone will get a chance to vote for their favourite 12 images, which will then be included in the calendar.

Quizzes

Following the success of this year's quiz season the Corscombe Quizzes will be back in the autumn.

The dates will be Saturdays:

8th October
12th November
14th January
11th February
10th March

Auction Of Promises

Advance warning - there will be an Auction of Promises on Saturday 26 November - please start thinking about what you can promise.

Halstock Book Club

Calling all bookworms

The book group meets monthly at members' houses to discuss the "book of the month".

Discussions aided by a glass of wine or two!

Books have included latest best sellers as well as prize winners.

New members are welcome, so if you love reading come and join us.

Contacts for details: 891744; 891449.

Arts and Crafts Fair - Saturday 22nd of October 2011

We are looking for talented members of the community. Are you a photographer, love sewing, make cakes, cards, paint or design bags, jewellery or work in wood, and would be willing to come along and display your work? There is no charge for your stand and it is up to you whether you just want to display or sell your work. If you would like to take part please contact:

Tessa Safadi as soon as possible on 01935891068 or at tessa.safadi@sky.com

Books, Books, Books

Please keep those books that you don't want any more! We need them for the book stall at the next Corscombe fete in June.

Please deliver as usual to "Chilterns", or ring for collection 891317

Chimney Sweep

I hope to book Nick Rutter Chimney sweep in May. If others in the village would like me to make a block booking, ring me Paula Denham 01935 891494. This could save Nick coming to Corscombe several times, and also save on his diesel, which is so expensive now.

Silence

The silence this month will be held at "Gatcombe", the home of Helen and John Perris on Monday 30th May at 8pm.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Becky and Jason Crabb on the birth of their first child, a darling little boy Samuel Frederick, born on the 15th March.

Heather and Mike Caplen are delighted to have their first grandchild.

Birthdays

We wish the happiest of birthday's to:
Digby Barrowcliffe who will be 13 on the 10th
Amos Raitt who will be 2 on the 11th
Noah David Raitt who will be 6 on the 17th
Jasmine Anstey who will be 16 on the 19th
Matilda Barrowcliffe who will be 17 on the 28th

We also wish a special happy birthday to Will Childs and Franchesca Fell who will both be 18 on the 4th and 13th respectively.

Please Be Vigilant

Two women, and two men, aged between 20 and 40, with a small grey dog have been seen looking in to gardens around Bankside, High Street, and snooping around Pitts Farm, Whitehouse Farm and Tagra farm. This has been reported to the police. When questioned they were abusive. They got into a V.W. dark grey car.

I know most of us are vigilant, but please would you all keep an eye on your neighbours' properties, and if you see anything unusual please ring the police.

Remember

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

Recycling and Library Dates

Both of these events are on Thursday's, the 5th and 19th of the month.

Corscombe's New Adventure Playground

It was disappointing that more people were not at the 'Opening' of the new playground in Corscombe on Saturday the 9th April. However, Henry Lovegrove was there to give a short rundown on the history of the playground, and

Paula Bowles was present to cut the tape and declare the playground open.

Parents and Grandparents present were - - Jenny and Richard Thorne, Miriam Howard, Beverly Coleberd, Jonathan Ansty, Sue Havard, and Penny Talbot.

Also present to watch the children play were - - Freda Hennessy, Heather Starkings, and Esme Allen.

The excited children playing on the new equipment were - - Rosie and Lily, Jason, Flora and Edward, Sophie, Poppy, and Alysia.

Nathaniel Ansty displayed his caring side by helping and looking after the children.

In 1995 the field was donated for this purpose by the Chase family who lived at ' Milton' now known as ' Milton Brook', next door to the playground.

We have to thank Tracy Taylor, Cathy Anthill, and Alan Axworthy, for applying for a lottery grant in 1995, which paid for the first swings, slide etc.

The present new adventure items were purchased with grants from West Dorset District Council, the P.C.C. and from gifts from The Corscombe and District Players, The Fundraising Committee, Coffee Mornings and a few individual gifts. Our grateful thanks to all.
Paula Denham

HALSTOCK

Church Flowers

1st Easter
8th Dottie Foote
15th Dottie Foote
22nd Helen McNab
29th Helen McNab
June 5th Gill Lynch

Side Altar

Dottie Foote

Dottie has resigned from organising the Church Flower rota and Liz Dowding is currently trying to find someone willing to take on this task. Please ring Liz on 891480 if you think you could help.

Church Cleaning

Tanya Coombes

would like to take Communion at home please let us know in advance and every effort will be made to arrange this.

Sunday Club: as the Team Weekend falls on the fourth Sunday, Sunday Club will meet a week later on **Sunday, 29th May** at the usual time of **10 a.m.**

We meet in the church 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.

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

April Draw

1 st	93	Mr G Childs
2 nd	42	Mrs D Brooks
3 rd	18	Ms K Jones
4 th	29	Mr D Wright

Next Draw

Wednesday 11th May
In the Community Room
(after Mid Week Holy Communion)

Mid Week Holy Communion: will be celebrated as usual in the Community Room, behind the Shop, on **Wednesday, 11th May 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

St Mary's Church, Halstock

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 7th May

Halstock Village Hall

7pm for 7.30pm start

Teams of up to 6 people

£5 each person, including supper

BYO drinks & glasses

To book your table ring Gill Lynch

Tel: 01935 891859

All proceeds to Church funds

St Mary's Church, Halstock

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD

SPRING CLEAN

Friday 27th May, 3pm – 7pm

Everybody welcome

Bring your own tools, dusters,
polish, etc

Women's Institute

The speaker for the March meeting was Mrs Gillespie who gave a most interesting talk describing pictures spanning 600 years. She showed slides of paintings from the National Gallery by many famous artists and described how their styles had differed over the 600 years from early religious paintings to Stubbs's horses and Turner's landscapes. Members enjoyed her talk very much.

After refreshments were served a competition was held which taxed members' memories.

The April meeting will be the AGM and Birthday party and on 23rd May Mrs Buckler-Gale will talk about Women in Agriculture and the Land army. The meeting will begin at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and visitors would be welcome

PRAM RACE AT HALSTOCK VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 21st May 2011
From 3 pm
Judging At 3.30 pm
First Race 4 pm

Prizes For Best Fancy Dress
and Best Dressed Pram
2 Per Team
Children Under 15 £4 /Pram
Adults 16 and Over £8 /Pram
Bar Barbeque
Large Raffle

Entry Forms from Halstock Youth
Club and Halstock Village Shop
Organisers:
Halstock Sports and Social Club
and Halstock Youth Club

Coming Up

1920s Tea Party

25th June
Halstock Village Hall
3pm – 5pm
Further Details Next Month

The Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Halstock and District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be held on Tuesday 10th may at 7.30pm at the rest and Welcome Inn. New members would be made most welcome



Put your Thinking Caps on!!

JUTHWARE FESTIVAL WEEK-END

*Following the success of the
Nursery Rhyme Trail
last year*

*This year's challenge is going to be
Children's Books
(more details next month)*

Halstock Parish Meeting

The Halstock Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Halstock Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 9 May. All villagers are welcome to come and hear what is going on in Village organisations, and to give their views.

Halstock Pancake Day

Trish Manning would like to give a big thank-you to all who came, helped, donated, or participated in any way in this successful and enjoyable event. It raised £245 for the Village Hall funds.

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

Three Birthdays in May

Katriona Withers on the 4th

Millie Balch on the 6th

Charlotte Lee on the 26th

We hope you will all enjoy your special day.

Spring Village Market

Saturday 21 May

In the Community Room

10.30 am – 2.00pm

Local produce, Crafts, Plants, Refreshments

Including the famous Bacon Butties