

# Corscombe

## St Mary's Corscombe – August Services

1st August 11:00	Holy Communion
8th August 11:00	All Age Worship in church at Halstock
15th August 11:00	All Age Worship in church at Corscombe
22nd August 11:00	Holy Communion at Halstock
29th August 11:00	Team Service at Chilfrome

We look forward to welcoming you at any of the above services.

## Corscombe Tithe Barn Fete

A visitor from Beaminster came to see me and said; 'This is the best fete I've ever been to.'

It's success owed everything to everyone who ran stalls, side shows, BBQ, boats on the moat, scuba diving, the dog show and much more. The atmosphere on the day was there for all to savour.

We are very fortunate that John and Venetia Peake allow the village and visitors to enjoy The Court and its' surroundings. John wanted to pen the geese, but they added to the rural aspect of the event.

Thanks to all who participated. Tony Frost

## Thank you

Thank you to all those kind people who so kindly made cakes, sandwiches and preserves for the Fete and those that donated bottles for the tombola, in fact anyone that contributed in any way to the Fete.

Paula Denham

## Tuesday Club

Preparing this report earlier than usual this month means that our two Tuesday Club events in July will not have taken place for me to comment on, but going by the sales of tickets for the Cheese and Wine it promises to be a very successful evening. We just need the weather to be kind to us, similarly, for the annual cream tea.

Our meeting in September, on the 7<sup>th</sup>, is a craft afternoon being organised by Daphne Davies. I am sure we are going to have a fun afternoon learning new skills. Heather Starkings

## Chimes Oil Group Syndicate (COGS) formerly Corscombe Oil Group

Please see Community Page

## Peggy Blunt

It is with sadness that we report the death of Peggy Blunt aged 95, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The funeral was on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July in Corscombe.

Peggy had been cared for at Abbey View Nursing Home in Sherborne in recent years.

Peggy ran the Bridge Club in Corscombe for many years. She often shared her memories of her special interest in dancing, mainly Ballroom, with her friends. I will remember her for her cheerful and bubbly personality, and her interest in everything going on in Corscombe. Paula Denham

## TAKE CARE

Please take extra care locking up cars and outbuildings and of course your main doors and windows. Prowlers have been around at night at the lower end of the High Street, things have been stolen from gardens and sheds and they tried to open main doors to properties, thankfully they were not successful with this.

Dial 999 immediately if you hear disturbances outside or hear someone trying your doors or windows at night.

## 120 Club

The winners for June

1st prize	£6	Tessa Safadi
2nd prize	£4	Steve Whitlock
3rd prize	£2	Helen Perris

### **Rainfall**

Rainfall in May was 39½mm and in June 29½mm. For the six months so far in 2010 rainfall was 416mm, for the six months of 2009 526mm fell.

Tony

Frost

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A very warm welcome to Bridget and Richard Storrie, who have bought West Farm. The children, Alice, Samuel and Grace will, I am sure, enjoy being near grandparents in Down Farm.

### **Talent Contest**

It was a great shame that there were not more participants, nevertheless we all enjoyed those that performed.

Nathaniel Anstey started the proceedings and delighted us all with his drumming act. Alice and Rebecca, twins, were second on our list, with a performance of gymnastics. Sam Robinson played clarinet, last, but far from least, came Adam Harris from Halstock, he won the contest with his singing. Congratulations Adam.

It was very disappointing that Stickland's School cancelled their dancing at the last moment. Thank you Adam, Nathaniel, Alice, Rebecca and Sam for taking part.  
Paula Denham

### **Coffee Morning**

The coffee morning this month will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30am at Eweleaze Farm by kind invitation of the Coleberd family. This will be in aid of the Village playground. Coffee and biscuit for £1 including your usual raffle ticket. Ample parking is available. Please bring a picnic chair or rug. Offers of help would be much appreciated. Enquiries to Bev Coleberd 891326

### **Keep Fit Autumn Term 2010**

The Autumn Term is expected to start on September the 20th and should run for 12 sessions until December the 13th. There will be no class on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mondays 2:30 to 3:30 in the village hall. If anyone is thinking of leaving the group or would like to join please let me know.

All enquiries to Jean Mosser 891096

### **Silence**

There will be no 'silence' held this month but this will resume in September.

### **Birthdays**

**Welcome**

We wish the happiest of birthday's to:  
 Daniel Peach who will be 16 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Josh Harvey who will be 13 on the 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Rohan Barrowcliffe who will be 11 on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Jonathan Greenwood who will be 12 on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Ludo Peter Raitt who will be 3 on the 28<sup>th</sup>

**Remember**

**Stagecoach 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.

**Recycling and Library Dates**

Both of these events are on Thursday's 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**Village Website**

For more details and village events please see our website which can be found at [www.corscombe.org](http://www.corscombe.org)

# Halstock

**Church Flowers**

1<sup>st</sup> M Coombes  
 8<sup>th</sup> D Foote  
 15<sup>th</sup> J Brinck  
 22<sup>nd</sup> B Sowden  
 29<sup>th</sup> R Crocker

**Side Altar**

J Pring

September 5<sup>th</sup> R Crocker

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

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

**July Draw**

1<sup>st</sup> 15 Mrs B Armour  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 74 Mr & Mrs J Foote

3 <sup>rd</sup>	33	Mr & Mrs J Pople
4 <sup>th</sup>	40	Mrs L Childs

**Next Draw**

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August  
*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, 14<sup>th</sup> August 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.

**Women's Institute**

Members enjoyed a warm sunny evening in the garden of Janet Douglas. After a short business meeting when we were told of the forthcoming Mahjong Day for beginners – improvers at the Village Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, we welcomed Jo Humphries from Toller & Hooke who was our delegate at the AGM in Cardiff. She gave us a detailed and interesting report of her day which she said was, although long, enjoyable.

Members then strolled around Janet's garden, solving some anagrams while admiring her flowers, followed by a strawberry cream tea.

The next meeting is July 26<sup>th</sup> when members "Go Around the World in Food". There is no August meeting but members gather again on September 27<sup>th</sup> when Bonny Sartin will entertain with Folk Songs of Dorset.

**Vicars and Tarts Party**

What a super evening at Tullycoora, at the invitation of Eric and Diana. Those who weren't there don't know what fun they missed! The costumes were very imaginative, ranging from a Medieval Archbishop, several sorts of modern day "Clergy" to a naughty nun, a harem girl and even an ayatollah. All these various characters bore a strong resemblance to some local people

too! The food was excellent, the bar overflowing and the raffle run most efficiently by Marguerite Diment and Julie Rule. The music, provided by Mike Caplen, struck just the right note. The whole event was Diana's brainchild and she had thought of everything. It was really good fun and lots of money was raised for local causes. Thank you so much Diana and Eric.

**Diana would like to thank Heather** for her great help and support; son Julian for the marvellous bar and outfit; Tony and Marguerite Diment for their strenuous efforts putting up signs, lighting and gazebos etc. and Marguerite for raising loads of money with the raffle. Many of the raffle tickets were sold to people who were not able to come on the night and we thank them as well as all the folk that came to the event. Thank you for all the generous raffle prizes. A grand total of £471 was raised. The Church Fabric Fund, receiving £300 and the Village Hall £171. Thank you all again.

#### **Village Hall News**

Another year has passed and at the time of writing I am preparing for another Annual General Meeting and hoping that we will have a good turnout from the village. We are still raising funds with a view to getting the fascias replaced before the bad weather starts. To this end the mile of pennies is doing well and we have received a very welcome donation of £171 from the proceeds of the "Vicars and Tarts" evening which was organised and hosted by Diana and Eric Brooks. Has anybody else got a good idea for raising more funds, if so let us know and I am sure that the committee would be very willing to help put an event on.

Regarding the security of the Hall, if you open both doors of the main entrance do please make sure that both doors are locked when you leave. Each door should be locked independently. Also if you are using the patio remember to turn this light off when you leave. Finally I would like to thank last year's committee for their help and look forward to the coming year with, maybe some new blood on the committee.

*Step back in time and Join us for a  
traditional*

## *1920's Tea Party*

*Halstock Village Hall*

*Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August*

*From 3 - 5.30pm*

*Adults £5.50 Children £3*

*Family Ticket £15.00 (2 adults 2 children)*

*Under 5's Free*

*Closing date for tickets: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
August*

*Available from*

*Sheila 891374, Adele 891021*

*John at Halstock Village Shop*

*Proceeds to:*

*St Mary's Church Halstock and  
Headley Court (Help for Heroes)*

#### **Halstock Sports & Social Club**

Despite a few hiccup The Pram Race in aid of Julia's House raised over £700, our best effort yet.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success ,the organisers, competitors, people who kindly donated prizes.

A big thank-you to all concerned.

### **HALSTOCK VILLAGE FETE**

Saturday August 28th

Halstock Village Hall & Playing Field

Gates Open 1 pm -

Entrance Fee 50p - Children Under 12  
Free

#### **ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:**

Tug of War -

Return Match Halstock vs Corscombe,  
Punch & Judy, Appalachian Clog Dancers,  
Band, Model Railway Display, Beer Tent &  
Hog Roast

#### **Stalls Include:**

Bric - a - Brac, Books, Silent Auction,  
China Smashing, Wine Game, Coconut Shy,  
Whiskey Raffle, Tombola and much, much  
more

There is also a BIG Raffle for a £100  
cash first prize plus many other prizes  
Tickets 50p each

Something for all the family  
Come along and support your Village Fete  
All proceeds to local good causes  
Last Year we raised £2,500 - Lets beat  
that this year!

**Sequence Dancing Class** at the Village Hall  
first Monday of every month. 8 – 10.30pm. All  
welcome. Enquiries 01935 872473

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

### **Thank you**

Brad and Tanya Coombs would like to thank everyone who helped make their wedding Day (June 26<sup>th</sup> 2010) such a very special day.

It was the perfect country wedding with beautiful summer sunshine.

Special thanks to Trish Manning and Diana Brooks for their initial help; to David for the memorable service, the bellringers, florists and organist of St Mary's Halstock.

Special thanks also to Amanda and Sue and their teams for the wonderful reception and to Andy Ellis for all his help throughout the day

Thank you all again.

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**Evening Garden Party**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August  
Wooden Cabbage, East Chelborough  
6- 8.30pm

Tickets £6 to include a glass of wine from  
Wood Croft 01935 83422  
Peter Brinck 01935 891822  
Halstock & Evershot Village Shops

In aid of  
St James Church &  
The Royal British Legion  
**Do come and bring a friend**

**The Royal British Legion**

The summer is passing quickly and in September we will be starting our regular monthly meetings at the Rest and Welcome. However, last month we held one of our main fundraising events of the year, the Hog Roast. This was a very enjoyable evening but I won't give any more details as there is a separate article regarding the event.

This successful evening, however, was overshadowed by the very sad news that on the following Monday Jim Pring had died. Jim was personally a very good friend and as usual had been at the Hall on the Saturday morning helping to set up for the evening and of course stayed on at the end of the evening to help clear up. He was a very long standing member of the branch who had been Vice Chairman from 1988 to 1994 and Chairman from 1994 to 2007. He will be greatly missed.

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August we are holding our next fundraising event. This is what has become the annual Evening Garden Party which is kindly hosted by Martyn and Susie Lee with half the proceeds going to the Legion and half going to St James Church East Chelborough. Please do come and enjoy this beautiful venue.

**Village Hall Mile of Pennies**

**Well done** we have 200 yards!! Thanks to all who have helped, only 1,560 yards to go.

**Community Room**

Thank to Philip and Shirley Crabb we now have a special bookcase for our Children's Library.

Books for lending to village children, especially the very young. Do make use of it and if you are tidying up we would like any books in good condition that you can spare.

Whilst we do not have anyone permanently on duty do feel free to look into the room. There is notice board with items for sale, events on in the locality, adult library, 2 computers and printer for use at £1 for half an hour.

The Community Support Police Officer comes on alternative Friday mornings.

Small groups can book the room for a £5 session for classes and meetings Tea and coffee facilities in the kitchen, you will need to bring the ingredients. Plenty of chairs, why not have a seat and chat to your friends when you meet up in the shop. Make shopping a social occasion, at least no one will ask you to move your trolley as happens in Supermarkets. It is there for your benefit. BH

**A very Happy Birthday** to Rosie Mae Price on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, have a great day.

### **William Philip Ashman 1912 -2010**

Bill Ashman of Woodlands, Halstock died in hospital in Haywards heath, Sussex near his daughter's home on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. He was in his 99<sup>th</sup> year and had recently become the oldest inhabitant of Halstock, well known to many and having made an active contribution over many years to village life. He was , of course, an incomer, only having arrived in Dorset in 1972, the year of his retirement, but living in the same place for nearly 38 years comes quite close to being a native.

He was born in Portsmouth on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1912. His father was in the Royal Navy but decided to buy himself out in 1913 and moved the family to Hendon in North West London. This was to be Bill's home until 1972. With a younger brother and two younger sisters, family circumstances did not permit Bill to take up the place he had won at Hendon County School. He left elementary school at 14 in 1926 and felt very lucky to get a job as an office boy with the Metropolitan Water Board at New River Head, Islington. He was to spend his entire working life there, he retired as a senior administrator after 46 years' service broken only by the war years which he spent in the Royal Navy.

Bill and Het started visiting the Dorset area with a view to finding somewhere to live and went to see old friends Fred and Dorothy Hinton who had retired to Halstock. Fred got to hear of a building plot with planning permission for a bungalow in the village and thus opened the final phase of Bill's life at Woodlands where he was still living independently until this Easter.

Het and Bill relished their retirement and became thoroughly immersed in village life. For Bill there was a new garden to be created and he joined the Horticultural Society immediately. He was still collecting subscriptions until well into his eighties. Fred Hinton introduced him to bowls and this was to become one of his mainstays and he continued to play until he was into his 90s . he was secretary to the local British legion for many years and a regular attendee at their functions. He and Het made many friends and enjoyed village activities, especially the Pot Luck lunches which they

attended whenever they could right from the start. In these early days they were inundated with family and friends who came to say with them and visit beautiful Dorset.

Unfortunately Het died in June 1990 almost exactly 20 years ago.

It was a wonder to us all that he could continue to live on his own with very little support and help until after his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday, a wonderful family event in Sussex which he thoroughly enjoyed. We are all very grateful that he lived in such a cohesive and caring community as Halstock and for those many of you who kept an eye on him. Bill's last years were not diminished by any failing in his mental faculties and his family appreciated the wisdom accrued from his long life. His final decline was mercifully brief and he retained both his dignity and lucidity to the end.