

# Corscombe

Rev Graham Perryman – by popular request!

## St Mary's Corscombe – September Services

4<sup>th</sup> September 18:00  
Evening Prayer

11<sup>th</sup> September 11:00 Holy Communion

18<sup>th</sup> September 11:00 All Age Worship (Village Hall)

25<sup>th</sup> September 11:00 Holy Communion

2<sup>nd</sup> October 18:00 **Harvest Festival** Village Praise  
(Followed by Harvest Supper at 19:30 in the village hall)

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

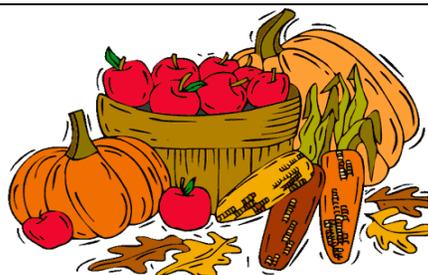
## Melbury Men's Breakfast – Hot Potatoes in July

The MMB which meets every two months on a Saturday morning normally has a very interesting

visiting speaker who describes his job and how their Christian faith affects the way they live. The July meeting was different. It gave an opportunity for the group to tackle some "Hot Potatoes" – important topics that face us all but not necessarily covered in the sermons in our local churches. So we set up 3 members of a panel to give a one minute response to some key questions.

The topics put forward were:- "It's all in God's hands" – is there any point in persevering in prayer?, Should Bishops be removed from the House of Lords? Do we have too many churches in Sherborne Deanery? Does Hell exist? What do you think of the removal of Religion from the curriculum of state schools? What actions are the clergy taking to meet with people of other faiths? Of course it is impossible to hear a comprehensive response in such a short time but it was a start and there were important contributions from the floor.

Do you fancy joining in or listening to discussions on these and other contemporary issues? Well, MMB will, by popular request, do this again in 2012 so watch the MMB news! In the meantime – feel free to attend an MMB. The food is good, the company is fine and the speakers are excellent. Look out for news of future meetings, in the Chimes, from Paul Wilcock.  
Andrew Tomkins



**Come and Celebrate!**  
**HARVEST FESTIVAL, October**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Harvest Service at 6pm in St Mary's Church**

**(Groceries for Pilsdon Community)**

**followed by**

**Harvest Supper at 7.30pm in Village Hall**

**(Auction of Fresh Produce. Entertainment by**

2<sup>nd</sup> £4 Mrs Lovegrove  
3<sup>rd</sup> £2 Mrs Platt

<b>Corscombe First Responders</b>	
	The Responders will be holding their highly successful 'Big Breakfast' on the following Saturdays between 9 - 11 am.
	2011
	<b>1st October</b>
	5 November
	3 December
	2012
	4 February
	3 March
	Come along and enjoy a fine cooked breakfast of local produce.
	Look forward to seeing you.
	The
	Responders

### **Tuesday Club**

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who helped make our annual cream tea a success and to all who came along to support us. We had a lovely afternoon at Milton Brook. Special thanks go to Andrew and Celia for the use of their garden and kitchen.

The cream teas made £202 and a kind donation of £25 was given by Rosie, Kelvin and Glynis from the profit they made on their bottle stall. The total of £227 will go to the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

The October meeting will be the Skittles Evening for which the date and venue is to be arranged but all are welcome.  
Heather

### **120 Club**

The winners for the August 120 Club are;  
1<sup>st</sup> £6 Mrs Platt

### **Autumn Term – Keep Fit**

The Autumn Term will begin on September 19<sup>th</sup> and will run until December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The price is £25 (12 sessions for the price of 10!)

Mondays 2:30 to 3:30pm in the Village Hall.

There will be no session on October 24<sup>th</sup> for half term.

All enquiries and cheques to be made to me please.

Jean Mosser 891096

### **Dirty Goings-On**

Once again the sewers of Corscombe have overflowed! This has become a regular event and is causing great concern.

The cause is a back-up because of blockage by naughty things that are being put down the loos of the village. A block occurs and this makes an inspection cover blow its lid! So far the overflow has been into a field but next time it could be into the road - or into houses.

The spillage cannot be left in the field as it is nasty pollution. Heavy machinery has to be brought in immediately at great expense by Wessex Water to dig up and take away the polluted soil, and new topsoil carried in to replace it. Then new grass has to grow.

What will be involved if there is overflow into roads, gardens and houses?

Please could householders make sure that no one in their dwelling puts: cotton buds, cotton wool balls, sanitary towels, tampax, razor blades, nappies, incontinence pads, kitchen waste, etc, etc down the loo. Your thoughtlessness may create another person's smelly problem. And it will certainly put up our water rates for the clear up.

Remember:

*Toilet paper, pee and poo*

*The only things put down the loo.*

Freda Hennessy

**Common Lane – Wow!**

Reminder: the Common Lane photo competition closes 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **Common Lane Treasure Hunt**

...With real treasure!

Meet at Corscombe Village Hall car park at 9:45am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Come prepared for mud and fun.

If you take some special photos on the Treasure Hunt, I'm sure we can enter them in the competition.

More details; Freda Hennessy 891448 or Jenny Dalton 891671

### **Fox Cricket Club hosting the Corscombe Companion Dog Show – July 9<sup>th</sup> 2011**

The Fox Cricket Club are pleased to report that the first Companion Dog Show yielded a profit of £664 which was divided between Macmillan Cancer Support and the Fox CC, which will use the money to upgrade equipment for maintenance & improvement of the outfield and square.

After this first venture for Corscombe, we hope to repeat the dog show in 2012 and expand the attractions available on the day.

Rob Fear 891200



**Fireworks Night**  
**St Mary's Church**  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
**5pm Village Praise – Informal**  
**Worship**  
**6 pm Fireworks and Bonfire**  
**Hot Dog and Soup**  
**£2 for Adults (Children free!)**

### **Coffee Morning**

This month's Coffee Morning will be on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at Chilterns, Corscombe, by kind invitation of Paula Bowles. All Corscombe residents welcome.

### **Corscombe Parish Meeting**

About roads, hedges, potholes, drains, winter gritting etc

Open to all

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 19:30

In the Village Hall.

Come and hear about the County's plans for our roads'

How to report problems and complain too.

What can we do as a community?

Also, it is hoped to have the revised Corscombe Street / House Names Map for you.

Freda Hennessy - Clerk

### **George Ellis fills the Church**

George Ellis was laid to rest last month in Corscombe churchyard after a moving service of remembrance taken by Team Rector Graham Perryman in the presence of 150 family members and friends. They included a strong contingent from the Royal British Legion's Halstock Branch, of which he had been first Chairman and then President for a total of no fewer than 27 years.

He now lies in a green and peaceful place, appropriate to one whose war service had been with the 14<sup>th</sup> Army in the Far East, most notably in the grim horrors of Kohima, from which has derived the now-famous epitaph: 'When you go home, tell them of us, and say: For your tomorrow we gave our today'.

That was many years ago, but now remembered every year in November. In his enlightening tribute at the service, Glen Tavener, a Corscombe neighbour of long standing, recalled how George had returned to marry local girl Win in 1948 to begin a happy and life-long partnership.

With her help they ran a building and undertaking business and were instrumental in the conversion of the village school into the present village hall. They were very much to the fore in the local social life and were active members of the Chideock Farmers Discussion Group. Ever a keen sportsman, his interests ranged from the local point-to-point and the Cattistock Hunt, to cricket and football.

Glen recalls that he and Win gained Millie as a daughter when John married, and in time became proud grand-parents to Jane and Michael. In due time, Jane joined the military, rising to the rank of Major, while Michael joined the family building business – with the same values as George. Thus the two abiding motivations, the army and building, as Glen put it, ‘flowed down through the generations’.

At the end of the service, Simon Roriston went ahead of the coffin carrying the Branch Standard, while other members, led by Branch Chairman Alan Jakeman, lined the route to the grave.

George would certainly have been pleased and proud to see the church-filling congregation unpack itself and struggle up the hill over the slippery grass to the graveside. There the Rector read the beautiful words from the 21<sup>st</sup> Psalm: ‘I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help ...’ after he had pronounced the Committal. So there, in this quiet place, he lies. The sun will shine, the wind will blow, the rain will fall. He will be at peace; but not forgotten, never forgotten.

Peter Bell

### **Silence**

The silence this month will be held at “Gatcombe”, the home of Helen and John Perris on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm.

### **Birthdays**

We wish the happiest of birthday's to:  
Alexandra Mary Adams who will be 12 on the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Nathaniel Anstey who will be 12 on the 21th

### **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](http://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](mailto:chris@passedit.com)

### **Recycling and Library Dates**

Both of these events are on Thursday's, the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month.

## HALSTOCK

### Church Flowers

4<sup>th</sup> Ruby Crocker  
11<sup>th</sup> Ruby Crocker  
18<sup>th</sup> Brenda Escott  
25<sup>th</sup> Sue Cockrem  
2<sup>nd</sup> October Ann Leather

### Church Cleaning

Sue Cockrem

### Brass Cleaning

Sue Cockrem

### 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

### August Draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	50	Mrs K Prior
2 <sup>nd</sup>	101	Mrs J Rule
3 <sup>rd</sup>	29	Mr D Wright
4 <sup>th</sup>	15	Mrs B Armour

### Next Draw

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
*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 September 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:** After the summer break we will be meeting again in the church on Sunday, **25<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00 a.m.** We look forward to seeing our 'regulars' again and catching up on what they have been up to over the last couple of months, but as always we would be delighted to welcome any 'newcomers'. 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.

### St Mary's Church, Halstock COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September

at The Old School  
by kind permission of Dr & Mrs Gove

10.30am – 12 midday

Produce Cakes Prizes Bric a Brac

### St Mary's Church, Halstock HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 12.30pm  
Halstock Village Hall

Adults £6, children £3

Tickets from Gill Lynch, 891859, or  
Halstock Village Shop by 24<sup>th</sup>

September

All welcome while tickets are available

### The Royal British Legion

As the summer comes to an end, it is time to start the monthly meetings again. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at the Rest and Welcome Inn. Please do make an effort to come to this meeting as we shall be arranging the dates for all the events in 2012 and also preparing for the AGM which will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

We are always looking for new members and it is no longer a requirement to have served in the Armed Forces, to become a member of the Legion. So if you would like to join you would be made most welcome.

### **Women's Institute**

The July meeting and outing took the form of a trip on the Bridgewater Canal starting from Maunsel Lock. Some members arrived via the longer and more scenic route over the Somerset Levels but when everyone was assembled a lovely trip was taken through the Lock and along the canal and finished with a really good fish and chip supper.

A Table Top Sale will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall from 10am – 1pm.

The next meeting will be on September 26<sup>th</sup> and the Speaker will be Mr Bolton giving a talk entitled "Funny, it used to be here".

**Halstock W I**  
**Table Top Sale**  
24<sup>th</sup> September in Halstock Village  
Hall

Set up 9.15am for start at 10am until 1pm

Tables £7.50 Admission 50p  
Tea and Coffee available

To book telephone 01935 891923  
Last day for booking Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
September

In aid of Halstock W.I.

### **Halstock Community Room News**

The computers have now received their makeover and are much improved, giving much faster internet access and use.

The display of paintings by local artists continue to be much enjoyed, come and appreciate the creative talent we have in this area.

The book selection continues to be well used and is regularly renewed.

### **Reservoir Walk – Saturday 3 September**

We will meet at the Fishing Hut by Sutton Bingham Reservoir at 4.45pm. The walk will be led by Ivan, the Ranger at the Reservoir, who is very knowledgeable about the management of the Reservoir and the conservation of the flora and fauna that live around it. It is a leisurely 5 mile walk which is always very enjoyable and interesting. Afterwards we will enjoy a glass of wine at the Fishing Hut as the sun goes down over the Reservoir. Tickets will be available from the shop. For further information phone 891004.

### **First Responders Coffee Morning Saturday 24 September**

Bring and buy or just come for a cup of coffee and learn more about this valuable community resource. Ambulances take about 20 minutes to reach patients in Halstock and Corscombe but the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders can be with you much more quickly.

### **bclc @ home**

**become computer literate and confident**  
Continuing the work of the Beaminster  
Community Learning Centre

A Beginners course will run on Thursday mornings throughout October at the **Halstock Community Room**, between 10 and 12pm. The 2 computers in the Community Room, which have recently been revamped, will be used alongside bclc@home's laptops as part of the class, allowing local people, without a computer at home, the chance to learn on a computer which they will then be able to practice on.

Interested? Don't miss this opportunity! For more information contact either Betty Harris via the Community Room, Halstock or telephone Adele on 07929 355 342.

For details of venues and the full range of courses available locally this autumn, or if you are looking for a specific subject, advice or have a computer problem, please phone one of the tutors directly:

Adele Kemp 07929 355342  
Catriona Macphee 07966 549713

Mollie Baldwin 07866 698796  
or email: [bclcathome@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bclcathome@hotmail.co.uk)  
Alternatively visit our website at  
[www.bclcathome.com](http://www.bclcathome.com)

**Common Lane WOW!**

Remember photo competition closes 3<sup>rd</sup>  
September

**Common Lane Treasure Hunt**

with real treasure.....

Meet at Corscombe Village Hall car park at 9.45  
am on Saturday 3 September.

Come prepared for MUD and FUN!

If you take some special photos on the Treasure  
Hunt I'm sure we can enter them in the  
competition.

More details Freda Hennessy 891448 or Jenny  
Dalton 891671

**We are all very saddened** that Richard and  
Amanda Craddock have had to give up the Golf  
Corse, Bar and Restaurant and would like to  
publish our most sincere thanks for all that they  
have done there over the years and for all the  
wonderful times we have had there. We wish  
them and their family the very best for the  
future.

**Mini Maestros**

Our Mini Maestros sessions have been such fun  
over this last year, all the children have grown in  
confidence. We are sad to say goodbye to three  
of our mini musicians and wish them well.

In September the East Coker group will be  
joining us when we will be changing the class to  
Wednesday afternoon at 1.45pm held at my  
home. We are a small friendly group of Mums  
and Dads with babies, toddlers and pre-school  
children, learning to sing songs, beat rhythm,  
play instruments, dance and listen to music. We  
have puppets, soft toys and "What's in the box?"

New littlies are very welcome, come and join in  
the fun! Give me a call on 891021

**Don't forget Mini Maestros restarts on  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 1.45pm**

Adele Jackman

*Step Back in Time and Join Us  
For a traditional 1920's Tea Party  
At Halstock Village Hall*

*Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
From 3.00pm - until 5.00pm*

*Adults £6.00 Children £3.50*

*Family Ticket £17.00*

*(2 adults 2 children)*

*Under 5's Free*

*Closing date for tickets: Wed 5<sup>th</sup>  
October*

*Available from*

*Sheila 891374, Adele 891021*

*John at Halstock Village Shop*

*Proceeds to:*

*St Mary's Church, Village Hall*

*Halstock and*

*Julia's House, Dorset Children's*

*Aspice*

**Halstock Village Shop**

John and Karen would like to thank all their  
customers from Halstock, Corscombe and  
surrounding areas for their custom over the past  
ten years since the new shop opened in  
September 2001. We would have liked a party  
to celebrate but the shop Ltd. felt it was not  
really necessary.

We hope, thanks to you our customers, to carry  
on for another ten years and look forward to  
serving you all in your shop.

John and Karen

**A warm welcome** to John and Emma who have come to live at the Cottage on Halstock Square. We hope you enjoy living in Halstock and look forward to seeing you around.

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

### **Birthdays**

A very happy birthday to Mollie Mae Crabb on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and many congratulations to Andrew Withers who will be eighteen on 21st September.

**Research has shown** that we can assist the wildlife of our country in many ways. The RSPB can advise on nest boxes, the Woodland Trust will fit and monitor bat boxes but on Adams Green Hill a new development had taken place, the use of high tech equipment to assist the swallow population to breed more successfully has been tested. A pink bath towel, soaked, folded and placed on the hot asbestos roof above the nest was found to protect the nestlings from the extreme heat.

For further details contact the Adams Green Smallholders Association.

### **David Francis Pring**

David Francis Pring was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1934, at Pondclose Farm, to Jessie and Edgar Pring, dairy farmers. Although having severely restricted sight, he proceeded to prove that was no handicap. He first attended school at Closworth and then as a boarder at Exeter. He came home to run the farm, while still finding time to take up speed and distance cycling and photography (especially light/colour and the landscape). In 1961, having met on Killin Bridge in Scotland, David and Marguerite were married in Halstock Church, a decision which led to fifty years, bar eleven days, of wedlock; two daughters, Sarah and Honor; three tall grandsons, Sam, Will and Craig; and a great deal of fun.

Due to further sight restrictions, David sold the farm and retired in 1988, still living on part of the farmland. He and Marguerite took up long distance walking, leading many groups, and indulged their love of music, history, wildlife and earth sciences, David managing an Open University degree unsuited to his level of sight but great fun all the same! The discovery of a regrowing tumour caused health problems but not sufficient to restrict travel around Europe, following Roman tracks and listening to wildlife, nor to walking, as it was at this time that the Parish Walks Group was created with David always the fastest pair of boots! The most hospitable of men, he loved entertaining and giving Marguerite marks out of ten for cuisine!

Sadly, a chest infection last winter became ever more serious and he spent five weeks and then twelve weeks in Yeovil Hospital, before losing the fight at last, Marguerite and the girls with him. He was much loved - a kinder, funnier gentleman did not exist and the way he will be missed was shown by the funeral, which had been designed by his daughters to reflect the man and his life.

On Thursday, 28th July, he was buried in Halstock Churchyard after a service which described David. It saw Sarah playing the old organ, as had her grandmother; the flowers were simple (wild flowers, sweet-peas and English garden blooms, designed by Helen, arranged and supplied by friends and neighbours. There were no sweet-peas left in Halstock!); simple farming hymns, the poem "Skylark" and "The Lark Ascending", preceded by favourite pieces; an amusing and true address by Honor, describing pictorial memories of her Dad. The final touch was provided by our stalwart Pot Luck team providing the refreshments for the beautifully decorated hall.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in the medical professions who contributed to David's ability to make the most of his life; to all those who put together the funeral and made it such an unforgettable occasion; to all the Clubs who sent representatives; to all those who sent good wishes, and finally, to all those who came.

David always said that he didn't want to move as long as the great Oak stood at the bottom of Pondclose, and he never did. They had a great deal in common.