

# Corscombe

## St Mary's Corscombe – November Services

7<sup>th</sup> November 17:00 Informal Firework Service (to be followed by fireworks and refreshments)

14<sup>th</sup> November 10:30 Service of Remembrance at Corscombe

21<sup>st</sup> November 11:00 All Age Worship (Village Hall)

28<sup>th</sup> November 11:00 Holy Communion

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

### Firework Service

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
at St Mary's, Corscombe

Service at 5.00pm followed by  
Bonfire, Fireworks and  
Refreshments  
All Welcome

### Advance Dates for Christmas

19<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm – Carol Service  
20<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm – Carol Singing Round  
the Village  
All Welcome

### “Hops and Crops” Harvest Festival at Corscombe 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Enormous thanks to the many people who contributed to this wonderful occasion. Over 80 people attended the service at St Mary's Church at 5pm. The church decorations were quite stunning with beautiful displays of flowers, fruit and vegetables. The theme of the service was “The Parable of the Sower”. Rev David Harknett, Kelvin Weaver and others described the outcome of the “Seeds Service” earlier in the year when everybody had been given a small

seedling in a pot. Some had produced - beans that had already been eaten and enjoyed! Others had been neglected and had shrivelled up! A good example of the way that God asks us to nurture the seeds of the Christian Faith in the lives of ourselves and others.

There was a special message from Bishop John Zawo in Ezo diocese in Sudan asking for prayers for their harvest – the climate is good but civil unrest prevents people planting and harvesting. Donated non-perishables were taken up to the front and subsequently taken to the Pilsdon Community Centre. Great singing, supported by the Music Group, and Folk music by Ian and Laura Cox. Beer tasting after the service enabled people to chat and admire the church before going to the fantastic **Harvest Supper** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Wonderful food and drink. Again - many thanks to the cooks and those who prepared the Hall and those donating items for the supper. The meal was followed by the musical magic of Revs Graham Perryman on the keyboard and John Rennie on the saxophone with a great range of songs and jokes! The singing was excellent and people hardly wanted to go home. Thanks so much Graham and John! The auction of produce was stimulated by a Bingo game – thanks Emily Rendell. Overall the event raised £714 which will be divided equally between the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute and St Marys Church, Corscombe.

### 'Big Breakfast'

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

2010:  
**6<sup>th</sup> November**  
4<sup>th</sup> December

2011:  
5<sup>th</sup> February  
5<sup>th</sup> March

Come along and enjoy a fine cooked breakfast of local produce.  
Look forward to seeing you.  
The Responders.

### **Dorset Historic Churches Trust Cycle Ride**

Many thanks to everyone who sponsored my dad and I on this event. Together we cycled 56 miles and visited 16 churches between Corscombe and Weymouth. We raised about £300 that will be split between the Trust and our own Church in Corscombe.

### **Village Hall New Heating System**

You may not be aware that the Village Hall has suffered several oil thefts over the , this, in conjunction with the Hall's concerns over rising oil costs and a desire to become more environmentally aware, has meant that the Village Hall Committee felt the need to look at other alternative fuel options for heating the hall.

After careful consideration of a range of possible low carbon, renewable energy systems it was decided that the best option was to look at a biomass fuel system.

Wood fuelled heating (Biomass) is organic matter of recent origin. It doesn't include fossil fuels, which have taken millions of to evolve. The CO<sub>2</sub> released when energy is generated from wood fuel is balanced by that absorbed during the fuel's production. This is why it is considered to be a carbon neutral process. Biofuels fall into two main categories:

- Wood fuel includes forest products, untreated wood products, energy crops, short rotation coppice (SRC) e.g. willow.
- Non-wood fuel includes animal waste, industrial and biodegradable municipal products from food processing and high-energy crops, e.g. rape, sugar cane, maize.

The system considered was a wood pellet burning boiler, which would use a renewable wood pellet source, this form of biomass will allow for automatic feeding to the boiler and offers the advantage of a low cost carbon neutral fuel.

However, the initial cost of this system, at about £33,000 was well beyond the means of the Village Hall finances. The ability of the Village Hall to install such a system, therefore, relied on being successful in a bid for two grants, which in total would cover this cost. The Village Hall Committee applied for these and were successful, being awarded both the Community Sustainable Energy Programme (CSEP) grant and The Low Carbon Building Programme (LCBP) grant which meant that at the end of August work started on putting in a new wood pellet heating system.

Ecofirst (<http://www.ecofirst.net/>) a local company based in Yeovil has managed the project. The boiler has come from Woodpecker Energy Heating Technology. Where possible we have tried to use local suppliers and companies. We would like to thank local electrical company Lawrence's and builder Martin Sibley for their help with this project.

The new heating system did require that some of the undercroft space had to be used for the wood pellet boiler. To compensate a new shed has been constructed next to the paper shed. This new shed has taken a large amount of the equipment stored in the undercroft. This has had the added benefit of freeing up space in the undercroft so that the stage can now be accessed easily.

It is hoped that this new heating system will not only ensure that Hall users can benefit from a low cost, low carbon, environmentally friendly fuel system but that it will also raise the awareness of renewable energy resources in the Village and further afield.

This has been a year of change for the Village Hall, not only the new heating system but also our beautiful new garden area thanks to the Ladybirds Play Group and a Grass Roots grant and a lovely new cooker thanks to the Corscombe First Responders.

If you would like to come and visit the Hall please do, we would love to show you around? There is also a display in the Village Hall outlining the new system in more detail. You

can also find more information on the Village Hall on the Corscombe web site; we now have our own page.

### **Tuesday Club**

Very short report from the Tuesday Club this month as the skittles evening (on 11<sup>th</sup>) has not taken place at the time of writing. I am sure it will be a great evening with the number of people coming along.

So just a reminder of the last two events for 2010 – 2<sup>nd</sup> November is a talk at the Village Hall

7<sup>th</sup> December is the Christmas Lunch

Heather

### **Corscombe Quiz Nights are back by popular demand**

Come along for another year of brain teasing questions.

7:30pm start on Saturdays:

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

11<sup>th</sup> December 2010

8<sup>th</sup> January 2011

12<sup>th</sup> February 2011

12<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Entrance £2 per person

Baked potato and filling - £2 per person

You can enter a team of up to six, or just turn up and be put in a team on the night.

There will be prizes for the highest score each month and an overall prize for the season.

You can book in advance by contacting Sarah on 891481 or Rosemary 891415.

### **Corscombe 120 Club**

The winners for the '120' Club draw for November are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs Jenny Bennett	£6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs Chris Garrett	£4
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr Brian Starkings	£2

### **Where Do We Go From Here?**

Corscombe is a large parish, including not only Corscombe Village, but also the hamlets of Toller Whelme, Benville, Catsley and Weston, and many scattered farmsteads. There are few amenities in the parish – two churches, two pubs, no shop, and a bus three times a week! Farming, as everywhere, is on the decline, work is in short supply and poorly paid. The parish is becoming a “retirement ghetto” in one resident’s words.

On the other hand most residents love it here!

The challenge to all rural settlements in the coming will be to build sustainable communities. This can only be done by everyone coming together to discuss ideas – visions even – of what might be done and how. In 2003 a Corscombe Parish Action Plan was published. Times move so quickly that it was felt that it was high time to revise the plan and give everyone a chance to think again and speak out about Corscombe’s future.

There was a public meeting on October 8th, and a questionnaire was included in each Chimes magazine. Drop in sessions were being planned to continue the debate.

It is hoped that all residents, including children, will take part in this vital collecting of opinions so that a new plan can be laid down as a foundation for the future vitality of what might otherwise be a dying rural idyll.

Freda Hennessy

### **Corscombe Interepids**

This group of golf players from Corscombe, Halstock and Evershot meet, usually in the spring and autumn, for a golf society match, playing at a number of local golf courses. This autumn’s match was played at Chedington Golf Club on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October when 27 players were rewarded with a magnificent autumn day.

The winners were: -

Highest men’s stableford score - Ian Tolin

Highest ladies stableford score - Sue Dowding

Nearest pin first and second shot were: -

Men - Nick Smith & Mike Bennett

Ladies - Barbara Baylie & Pat Tolin

In the evening players were joined by non playing ladies for a most enjoyable evening supper.

Local golf players interested in joining this society should contact either John Viol (01935 891611) or Terry Garrett (01935 891120)

### **Stella Workman**

Stella was 99 young on the 30th September. On the morning of that day she could be seen excitedly opening her many cards and presents. Her son John, who stayed for a few days, took her to lunch at The Winyard's Gap Inn.

In the afternoon, after Stella had had a rest, Paula Bowles had arranged a small Birthday Party for her at The Chilterns, Sallie Else made the Birthday cake, and Stella's closest friends were invited.

Stella enjoyed her day so much. She can still be found marching strongly up her steep garden path and on some days rushing to post a letter.

Good health and good luck Stella for your 100th year.



### **Ladybirds Playgroup**

We have been very excited by the delivery of a box of goodies from Tesco. With the vouchers everyone donated back in May we were able to

purchase some brilliant stepping stones for practising balancing and problem solving, they are really good quality and the children have loved playing with them. We also have a balancing board which you have to manipulate to move a ball around, it is very tricky but some of our children are getting good at it. People in and around Corscombe and Halstock were so generous that we were also able to purchase some ribbon sticks and mark making tools.

We would like to thank everyone who took the trouble to collect and donate their Tesco vouchers; we now have some really valuable educational equipment to use. This is especially helpful to us because the outcome of our Quality Improvement Audit though praising us for having an effective group which demonstrated high quality teaching, noted that our resources were in need of improving and upgrading. We are hoping to focus our fund raising activities on to purchasing a digital camera which the children can use to photograph any achievement they are proud of and a new printer so that they can keep a record of it for their files. We also need to upgrade our home corner resources and buy some new books

We have now increased our opening hours so that we can include a government funded lunch club for anyone who wants it and it has proved popular. I think all our funded children have taken advantage of this development.

Our regular Forest School sessions on a Tuesday morning are enthusiastically enjoyed by both staff and children. We love to watch the children return with such pleasure to the dens they made the previous week and collect natural "treasures" which change with the season. We are also rather touched to note how relaxed our snack time on the tarpaulin is, the children seem content to sit and enjoy convivial conversations with one another for a really long time.

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

### **CALLING ALL WAITROSE SHOPPERS!**

Each month Waitrose gives charities and organisations an opportunity to take part in a

scheme where each branch will share £1,000 between three local good causes.

**Ladybirds Playgroup** has been selected as one of the charities for **NOVEMBER**. This is great news as every penny makes a huge difference to our Playgroup and the children who attend. With the money we receive we would like to purchase equipment to further enhance our Forest School sessions so that Sarah Girling can offer even more activities to the children.

We would like to ask anyone who shops at Waitrose in **DORCHESTER** to help support our local Ladybirds Playgroup by popping in your green coin into our box.

For those who find any green tokens lurking in pockets or purses please pop them into our **collection boxes** which can be found at The Vicarage, The Old Police House and The Village Hall.

So don't forget – whenever you shop at **Waitrose in Dorchester** during **November** please **VOTE** for Ladybirds Playgroup! Many thanks for your support.

Rhiannon Raitt – Ladybirds Secretary

## Bonfire Night

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Halstock Village Hall  
5.30pm

*Banger in a Bun  
Fireworks  
Music*

£5 Adults/£3 Child  
In aid of Ladybirds Playgroup

Bonfire building from 11am if you wish to bring any burnable garden waste or wood

### Enid Williamson

Enid Williamson died in Dorchester Hospital on Tuesday the 14th September. Our loving thoughts are with her son and daughter and two grandchildren.

Paula Denham

### Enid Williamson 1927 - 2010

Enid grew up in Romsey, Hampshire, a true country girl, riding, fly fishing and enjoying the landscape of the chalk valleys. During the war she cycled to help at the local US observation post – and could still identify any plane flying overhead by its engine noise.

In 1970 she came to Corscombe with her second husband and her two teenage children to live at Weston Manor. She and her beloved Willie worked to transform the house, garden and fields into a rural idyll. But Enid didn't retire – that was not her nature!

She taught at Halstock School, later fondly (and embarrassingly) remembering some of the local residents as spotty schoolchildren! For a while she was Clerk to the Parish Council. She and Willie took part in local affairs, he as Rights of Way Officer and Emergency Planning Officer.

Enid was a knowledgeable gardener and had been part of a team exhibiting at the Chelsea Flower Show. Her gardening expertise was shared through lectures, typically useful and amusing, to Garden Clubs in Dorset and Somerset. She worked hard for the Pony Club, becoming a commissioner; and continued her association with the Dartmoor Pony Society. She did some recording work for the Spotted Pony Society and the British Prefix Register, both of which organisations encourage improvements in the quality of equines – one of Enid's many passions.

Another passion was cats. To Enid cats were people, each with its own personality. The cats

were a comfort when she had to give up work with larger animals.

Enid was an early and active member of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust and was instrumental in setting up the Dorset Support Group. This involved not only arranging meetings of local breeders but also spreading the word about the decline of native farm breeds to the public at the RBST stand at agricultural shows and farm open days – which she did with her typical missionary zeal. At home the Williamsons had acquired Jacob sheep – but Enid decided that she wanted some Dartmoor sheep to complement her interest in Dartmoor ponies. The pedigree flock she started is still resident in Corscombe.

Enid is probably best known in Corscombe for producing the pantomimes. She had learnt all aspects of theatre craft at Romsey where the local amateur group has a theatre and productions of professional quality. As in all her projects her standards for the pantomimes were high; her ability to inspire, cajole - and boss - always ensured superb performances - as enjoyable for the cast as for the audience.

When Willie died the idyll at Weston died too. Enid became increasingly frail (though she would still climb OVER a gate rather than walk through – just to prove she could!). She moved to Beaminster to be closer to her family who cared for her as she became more and more ill.

Freda Hennessy

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

Please see the Community Page

### **Corscombe Village Hall**

It would appear that someone has borrowed the glass jugs and a number of the large white tablecloths. This caused particular inconvenience when white cloths were needed on consecutive days for Big Breakfast & Harvest Supper.

Hopefully all will have been returned by the time this is published, but if not, the Hall Committee want their property back as soon as

possible. Cloths & jugs can be returned to, or left in the porches at Colin & Paula's at Lindisfarne, or Brian & Heather's at Brook House, or Edna's at Woodfold Corner.

### **First Responders – making a difference**

In an emergency would you know what to do? St John Ambulance has produced a pocket guide - **what to do in the 5 most common emergency situations.**

What they suggest is not difficult, and this knowledge will help you make the difference if you encounter an emergency.

If you would like a copy of the pocket guide, please email Chris Chapman – [chris@passedit.com](mailto:chris@passedit.com) or telephone 01935 891015 – and I will be pleased to send you a copy.

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

The Autumn Term will run until December the 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

All enquiries to Jean Mosser 891096

### **South Perrott Short Mat Bowls Club**

Have you just moved into the area? Would you be interested in taking up a relaxing game with a very sociable Club?

Even if you have no experience we would have you bowling within hours.

We meet (September to May) on Monday evenings (7.30pm to about 9.45pm) and Tuesday afternoons (2pm to about 4.45pm) in the South Perrott Village Hall.

More information can be obtained from: Peter Hinton 891292, Bob Buckland 891404 or Jane Allen (Corscombe) 891684.

Do come along – we are sure you will enjoy it.

### **Coffee Morning**

The Coffee Morning this month will be held at Woodfold Corner on Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, by kind invitation of Edna Leonard..

### **Rainfall**

The rainfall for September was 91.5mm

### Silence

The silence this month will be held at "Gatcombe", the home of Helen and John Perris on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 5:00pm.

### Birthdays

We wish the happiest of birthday's to:  
Hugh (Nobby) Scannell who will be 14 on the 12<sup>th</sup>

George Howard who will be 17 on the 26<sup>th</sup>

### 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.

#### Recycling and Library Dates

Both of these events are on Thursdays 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of this month and 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Apologies for giving the wrong dates for October.

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# Halstock

#### Church Flowers

7<sup>th</sup> Remembrance  
14<sup>th</sup> T Young  
21<sup>st</sup> A Carrick-Smith  
28<sup>th</sup> A Carrick-Smith  
December 5<sup>th</sup> D Clark

#### Church Cleaning

Sarah Pring

St Mary's Church, Halstock  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Halstock Village Hall  
Admission £1 to include Coffee and  
a Mince Pie  
Children admitted Free  
Christmas Gifts ~ Prizes ~ Food  
Gourmet Raffle ~ Etc. Etc.  
Everyone Welcome  
All proceeds to Church Funds

#### 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

#### October Draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	50	Mrs K Prior
2 <sup>nd</sup>	95	Mrs H McNab
3 <sup>rd</sup>	35	Mrs M Ellis
4 <sup>th</sup>	20	Mrs M Cockrem

#### Next Draw

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
*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, 10<sup>th</sup> November 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** restarted in September with a bang ... or rather a power cut, which left the church without light or heating for the whole session, but we were undaunted as we had plenty of energy of our own! First, we talked about the coming autumn/harvest time looking through the 'treasures' that the children had brought with them and which were later used to create a rather sticky, but very attractive pair of collage pictures

(on display at the back of the church). This was a particularly exciting Sunday Club for not only were we providing our own 'power', but it was also the first of many when we will have David Harknett with us. David took a lively part in the proceedings sharing in prayers (where he used a telephone to explain to the children that the line to God was always open; whether we want to shout, whisper or remain quiet, our appeals will always be heard), telling the Teddy Horsely story about Autumn and how we can look forward with anticipation to new life, and joining in the activities.

As always, our thanks go to Andrew for providing the musical accompaniment to our songs which were performed with gusto and plenty of actions to keep the children warm! During the session Frankie Balch and Ben Leather with David's encouragement composed a poem of their own entitled Autumn:

H appy season  
A pples falling  
R aindrops dropping  
V ery autumny  
E verlasting crunchy  
S unshine sometimes  
T rees spread their branches  
T o praise their God.

This was read by Frankie and Ben at the Harvest Service when the congregation also heard and saw a little of what the children do at Sunday Club.

At time of writing we are looking forward to our next meeting at the end of October with a theme of Bible Sunday and remembrance and then we will be preparing for Christmas....

**So... there will be no Sunday Club in  
November or December...  
instead**

**In November:**

we will be joining the rest of the congregation to celebrate the start of Advent with

**a Christingle service  
on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30 p.m.**

(a special family service for everyone in the village,  
of whatever age, but with a special part played  
by the children)

and

**In December**

**a Crib Service  
on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 a.m.**  
(more information in next month's issue of  
Chimes)

***ALSO... ADVANCE NOTICE TO ALL  
YOUNG FAMILIES ...***

In anticipation of Christmas ....

**The Nativity Crib Set** will be travelling around the village during December, starting its journey on Advent Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, when it will leave the church after the Christingle Service, and be staying every few days with a different family. If you haven't come across the Crib Set before, it is a set of knitted nativity figures including Mary & Joseph and the baby Jesus, the three kings, some shepherds and angels and a flock of sheep, as well as a Christmas story book and a Christingle Cube all contained in a 'stable' carrying case. It has proved very popular with young families in the lead up to Christmas and each child is able to keep one of the sheep as a reminder of the visit.

This year, due to popular demand, we actually have two sets to go round so the stable and contents can stay over a little longer with each family – our very warm thanks to John Ellis for crafting us another 'stable' carrying box and to Sara Pring for the donation of the second set of knitted figures.

Any family wishing to give shelter to the Holy Family and an ever increasing flock of sheep (!) should:



**call Liz on 891898  
no later than 19<sup>th</sup> November,**  
so travel arrangements can be finalized.

**St Mary's Christmas Party for 7 & unders**  
will be held in the Village Hall on **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> December** (more details will appear in the next issue of Chimes, but in the meantime if you know of any newcomers or you are a newcomer to the village and would like to join in please call Liz on 891898 so the invitation list can be updated... we would hate to leave anyone out!!

If you are thinking about clearing out your toy cupboard before Christmas please think of us!  
We are running a **'New to You' Toy Stall**  
At the **Rampisham Toy Fair on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November**  
and at the  
**Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
and would welcome any donations of good quality/condition toys

Please call Liz on 891898 to arrange collection

### **Community Room News**

The Halstock Roman Villa display is now up and has some very interesting photos and information about the excavation and what was found. It is already proving to be very popular and we do hope everyone will get to see it.

We plan to follow it up with displays on the church, the WI and other issues of local interest.

Halstock W. I.  
**Christmas shopping in Bath**  
Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>  
Coach leaves Halstock Shop at  
9.30am returns at 4.30pm  
Fare £12

To Book your Seat tell Brenda on 01935  
891264

### **Women's Institute**

The September meeting was an Open Meeting when members were happy to be joined by several guests. It was a pleasure to welcome the speaker Bonny Sartin, of Yetties fame, who not only joined in preparing the Hall for the meeting but gave a very interesting insight into how Dorset folk songs were collected over many from all corners of Dorset, many by the Hammond Brothers and Thomas Hardy in the early 1900s. It took many hours of travelling and then people had to be persuaded to sing the songs so they could be written down for people's pleasure today.

Bonny interspersed his talk with many of the songs and made the evening very enjoyable and entertaining.

The Royal British Legion  
Halstock & District Branch

### **COFFEE MORNING**

In aid of the Poppy Appeal

To be held at  
"Dosie," Adams Green, Halstock  
By kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Jakeman

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am  
Bring & Buy Raffle

For further information call  
Alan Jakeman 01935 891021  
Peter Brinck 01935 891822

### **The Royal British Legion**

The next meeting of the Royal British Legion will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Rest & Welcome Inn at 7.30pm. New members would be made most welcome.

### **Evening Garden Party at Wooden Cabbage**

The Evening Garden Party at Wooden Cabbage on August Bank Holiday Sunday has now become a well established event in Halstock's social calendar. At the start of the day the weather didn't look very promising for a Garden party, however, by late afternoon the rain had

stopped and the sun came out, enabling over 150 people to enjoy a very pleasant evening with views over the beautiful Dorset countryside. There was a new attraction this year in the form of an exhibition of art, by our many very talented, local artists, with several works being sold and a donation from these sales being given to the evening's charities. Summer Lodge once again made a very generous donation of wine to add to the raffle and auction and Rob Lemmey, from Liberty Farm, provided a BBQ and donated all the profits to the event.

The evening was a great success, raising £1,629.90 which will be shared between the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and St James Church, East Chelborough. Of course, without the generous hospitality of Martyn and Susie Lee, this evening would not be possible and I am delighted to say that they have agreed to host the event again next year. So put the date in your diary now, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2011, when we have plans to make it an even better event.

### **Village Hall News**

The good news this month is that the Hall was lucky enough to receive a very generous donation of £500 from the proceeds of this year's Fete. The money will go a long way towards the cost of replacing the wood on the two porches at the north and south end of the Hall, which is in a very poor state of repair, as was all the other external woodwork of the Hall. This will be the final stage of replacing all the external woodwork.

The Yetminster Health Centre Surgery, which for many has taken place in the Village Hall, is to be discontinued. This facility will be greatly missed by many in the community.

### **Halstock Fete 2010**

We had another very successful Fete this year and with a few items still to be sold at auction, we have currently made a "profit" of just over £2,500. This was after we had spent £140 to purchase a gazebo for the band and some coconut irons that will be available for use at all future fetes.

It has been decided that we will make donations totaling £2,430 which will leave a small surplus which can be used for any extraordinary items that might be needed next year or for payments of costs before the Fete revenues are received. The donations are as follows:

1. First Responders	£ 250.00
2. Halstock Village Hall	£ 500.00
3. Halstock & District Garden Club – Share of Raffle	£ 250.00
4. Holy Trinity Scouts – Tent providers	£ 30.00
5. St. Margaret's Hospice	£ 200.00
6. St. Mary's Halstock – Fabric Fund	£ 500.00
7. Afternoon Group	£ 150.00
8. Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance	£ 200.00
9. Dorset Blind Association	£ 100.00
10. VSO – in recognition of John & Bridget Dearlove	£ 100.00
11. Help for Heroes	100.00
12. Halstock Community Room	£ 50.00
	<u>£2,340.00</u>

By way of explanation of the VSO donation, this is in recognition of the support that John & Bridget Dearlove have given to the Halstock Fete over many . John & Bridget, who are both doctors, have volunteered to spend two working with VSO in Lesotho helping to administer medical aid. This donation, which is to VSO directly, will go into the charity's funds to help cover the costs of VSO in their projects around the world.

Thanks to everyone for all of their time and effort, without which, it would not have been so successful.

### **Goodbye to all our Halstock and Corscombe friends.....**

Dawn & Steve Green and family, formerly of The Cottage, The Square, Halstock, have now moved out of the village to re-open The White Post Inn at Rimpton.

We were made so welcome when we moved into Halstock and were very sorry when the time came to leave. We really felt at home there and a part of the wonderful village community. Being members of the First Responders, Ladybirds Playgroup committee, Halstock Golf Club and joining in the many varied events and fundraisers helped us to make many friends.

We apologise in advance to all of you if we maybe don't stay in contact quite as much, but we have precious little spare time now in our new venture. However, we would like to say that you are all very welcome to pay us a visit to say "Hello" or give us a call 01935 851525  
*Dawn Green*

**Artsreach  
Presents  
Hijinx Theatre**

**'Ill Met by Moonlight'**

Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>  
**7.30 pm Halstock Village Hall**  
Tickets Adults: £8 U18 £6 Family £25  
**Youth club members Free**  
**Contact Hazel Darnley 01935 83347**  
Well stocked bar and selection of  
homemade cakes and biscuits

'Ill met by Moonlight' is a play which will strike chords with all ages. A haunting and tender love story, a tale of magic and evil spirits with a more than passing nod to Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. "A descendant of Puck still roams the countryside causing mayhem and madness, results of which are often hilarious and sometimes tragic".

**Halstock Youth Club 8-17 Years**  
**Halstock Village Hall Friday 7pm – 9pm**

It's that time of year again, the nights are getting colder, shall we, shan't we put the heating on; children are back to the routine of school, many with a new uniform! Halstock Youth Club have put together an exciting and varied programme of activities for the autumn term. We are planning sessions with Hip Hop AND Street Dancing (I don't know what the difference is either!)/ Pizza Cooking, a Juggling Workshop, A Christmas Shopping Trip as well as our now customary Christmas Disco at the end of term with mince pies and coffee for parents.

### **Free Night/Bring a Friend 12<sup>th</sup> November**

We are also having a **free** taster session on 12<sup>th</sup> November for anyone who is interested in joining the club. As well as the usual games and activities, we are putting on Glass Painting and Crafts to try out. There will be NO entry fee for existing members or visitors so bring a friend along to see what it is all about.

All sessions are supervised by our qualified Youth Leader, Tim Pople and a rota of CRB checked volunteer parents.

**NB** There will be no Youth Club on 29<sup>th</sup> October because it is half term and no club on 5<sup>th</sup> November because it is Fireworks Night!

### **HYC Committee News**

Due to a variety of reasons, we will be looking for new Committee Members to help with the organization and running of the club from March 2011. The club is now well established and largely runs itself with the support of our Youth leader, parents and the wider community. Not surprisingly, it is **very** popular with the 25 or so regular club members who join us on a Friday night from all across the district. If the club is to continue then we desperately need some new faces to step forward at the AGM. Our next committee meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 in the Community Room in the Village Shop and everyone is welcome to join us- keep watching this space for more news as it happens!

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### **Halstock Sequence Dancing Class**

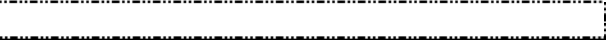
Dot and Jim are sorry to announce that the Sequence Dance Class held on the first Monday of the month in the Village Hall, will be discontinued at the end of this year unless someone can be found to take over the running of it from us.

If you, or anyone you know who might be interested in taking this on, please don't hesitate to contact us on 01935 872473 to hear what is involved. Incidentally you don't have to be able to dance as Kathy does all the instruction.

We have been running the class since we took over from Joan and Aubrey Pring about fourteen years ago but feel unable to continue on account of our other commitments in the Village and not being as fit as we were!

We have to thank Kathy who has been instructing since the class was first started by the late Betty Knapman some twenty years ago.

Thanks to all the dancers who have supported the classes all these years. Jim Foote



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

**A very Happy Birthday** to Abigail Humphries on 6<sup>th</sup> November – have a great party!  
Next year it will be double figures!

**Early Warning!**  
**New Year's Eve**



**Party**  
Halstock Village Hall  
(31<sup>st</sup> December!!)  
8 for 8.30pm  
Music by Mike C  
Tickets £10 from  
Heather 01935 83435  
Diana 01935 891753  
Halstock Village Shop  
Bring your own drink & glasses