

CHIMES – CORSCOMBE – MARCH 2019

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FLOWER/ CLEANING ROTA FOR MARCH

2 nd	Sallie	Lucy	Helen
6 th	Ash Wednesday. No flowers until Easter. Cleaning only		
9 th	Sallie	Lucy	Helen
16 th	Paula	Jenny W	Sue K
23 rd	Edna	Jenny D	Lesley
30 th	Rosie	Daphne	Margaret

Thank you everyone; still looking for more help please!

Sallie Else - Lower Farm - 891425

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT CORSCOMBE – 2018

Carol Singing in “the Fox” was very much appreciated – by all. We had a much warmer welcome than Mary and Joseph when they were told, with Mary in labour, that there was “no room at the Inn”.

Our Carols by Candlelight Service was just great – with the church beautifully decorated and representatives from different community groups reading the Bible accounts of how Jesus’ birth was predicted many years before and His arrival celebrated by Shepherds and Wise Men from the East.

On Christmas Eve, the ancient barn at Corscombe Court was packed out with children and parents at an informal time of carol singing and involvement of all as the story of a mouse who was possibly present at the birth of Jesus was shouted out!

At midnight, as we welcomed in Christmas Day, a very special Communion Service at St Mary’s church enabled all to remember that Jesus is alive today and offers a personal faith to any who wish for His presence.

Christmas Day was a wonderful time of celebration in church as we celebrated the birth of a baby who has transformed the lives of millions over two thousand years and continues to offer to do so for any who so wish.

Thanks so much for all who hosted and enabled these events, the musicians, the readers and leaders of the celebrations. It was a very special time when “***Corscombe came together***” to “***celebrate something deeply meaningful***”.

Andrew Tomkins (church warden)

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
St Mary’s, Corscombe
Monday April 1st in the Church
6.30pm for 7pm.
Light Refreshments Provided
All very welcome**

**Lent Bible Study/Discussion Course –
2019
Starting weekly at 7.30pm on Tuesday
12th March
Meet at the Vicarage, St Mary’s
Corscombe
All very welcome
All enquiries to Rev Daniel Ingles –
01935 891858**

CORSCOMBE COFFEE MORNING

The Coffee Morning is changing to **the second Tuesday of the month**. The reason for the change is to avoid a clash with an exciting new venture at the village hall on a Wednesday morning. Glynis and Kelvin Braithwaite are kindly hosting the next



Coffee Morning on Tuesday 12th March, 10.30 am to 12 noon, at their home, 3 Pine Close.

All Corscombe residents are invited, so please come along and enjoy good coffee and good company.

Please bring a £1 for entry and a raffle prize worth around £1 - proceeds in support of the village hall.

Lesley Chapman

CORSCOMBE LOCAL HISTORY

There will be a meeting, open to all, at Lindisfarne, High Street, by kind invitation of Paula Denham - on **Tuesday 12th March at 7.30 pm**.

It is planned to have an exhibition later in the year of Corscombe Houses and their Stories. The group is working on this now.

Any information about the history of your house (not just the old ones) would be very helpful.

Contact: *Freda Hennessy 01935 891448*

FIRST RESPONDER TEAM



We have a training session in Corscombe Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Why not come along and find out more about what we do?

Why not contact us to find out more?

Geoff Williams (01935 891575)

Chris Chapman (0781 66 55 278)

Dick Thorne (01935 891 847)

We would be pleased to give you more information - without obligation.

CORSCOMBE AND HALSTOCK COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS



Your First Responder Team took delivery of the Raizer Chair at their training meeting on the 7th February. It will prove

to be an invaluable asset in safely lifting a patient from a fall.

Funding for the project was donated by The Somerset and Dorset Air Ambulance Charity. Claire Baker (pictured on the right), a HEMS specialist Critical Care Practitioner, presented us with the equipment. Claire explained that equipping medical teams on the ground leaves the helicopter crew free to attend more serious emergencies. She emphasised that it was about getting the right help to patients as quickly as possible



From left to right: David Toman (our SWASFT Trainer), Jan Williams, Geoff Williams, Chris Chapman (sitting on Raizer Chair), Gill Clark, Lesley Chapman, Claire Baker (HEMS - helicopter)

Claire Warner, Head of Communications at SWASFT (South West Ambulance Service Foundation Trust) attended the presentation and spoke warmly about the value of Responders to the Trust.

David Toman (on the left of the photograph), our Liaison and Training Officer, once the presentation

was over, started our formal training in the use of the equipment. It is anticipated that we will be using the equipment from about mid-March onwards.

Our next project is the replacement of the Halstock and Corscombe community-access defibrillators. We are entered in the Tesco (Yeovil) Bags of Help scheme, and doing quite well. If you shop at Tesco, please consider collecting a blue token at the cash-out till and placing it in the Corscombe & Halstock Community First Responders receptacle

Our thanks to Corscombe, Halstock and District Parish Council - we are delighted to be awarded a grant of £250 towards the cost of replacing the community defibrillators

Your Responder Team

CORSCOMBE WEBSITE

www.corscombe.org

Sample from the calendar:

Friday 1 March	<p>Artsreach</p> <p>Holy Moly and the Crackers</p> <p>With an amazing 2018 behind them, 2019 brings folk/rock Holy Moly & The Crackers back out onto the stage with a brand new album and an army of growing fans. Come along for the ride - the craziest party in town always has room for one more!</p> <p>Influenced by an eclectic range of music, HMATC play an exciting and visceral blend of rock, pop, folk, blues, Balkan, klezmer, ska and reggae. In the perfect collision of rowdy tunes, pumping danceability and compelling storytelling, this wrangling folk group present a medley of original songs and old time drinking tunes, both hilarious and thrilling, and sure to entertain!</p> <p>HMATC released their album Salem in July 2017, receiving acclaimed reviews and radio play from several stations. The band have toured the UK twice, selling out venues across the country and appearing at festivals including Glastonbury, Boomtown Fair, Bestival and Beautiful Days. Salem's lead single, the barnstorming indie-rock anthem Cold Comfort Lane, was used for the end credits for the 2018 blockbuster movie Oceans 8.</p> <p>www.holymolyandthecrackers.com</p> <p>Tickets from: Deb Childs - 01935 891744 or Halstock Community Shop £9 adults, £6 under 18's, £25 for family Bar - Teas - Coffee - Light supper (ordered in advance)</p>	Halstock Village Hall	7pm for 7.30pm
Saturday 2 March	<p>Big Breakfast</p> <p>A Full English Breakfast (you can select what you want) is still only £6 for adults and £3 for children</p> <p>Supporting the village hall – hope to see you there</p>	Corscombe Village Hall	9am to 11am
Saturday 2 March	<p>Sam Kelly's Station House Blues and Funk Band</p> <p>Call Andy McAney on 01935 83784 for more details and tickets</p>	Evershot Village Hall	
Tuesday 5 March	<p>Tuesday Club Meeting</p>		

Why not visit the site to up-to-date information on local activities?!

CORSCOMBE FEST SATURDAY 8th JUNE 2019

Looking out at the crisp snow covered landscape, it is perhaps the ideal time to think about what summer will bring.

Already in the planning stage, we are looking forward to repeating the great success of last year, when a record amount of money was raised for village activities - every penny being given to organisations within our area.

The whole event is organised and run by volunteers. Local stalls are manned by volunteers. The items for sale are made or donated by volunteers. Raffle prizes and auction items are all donated.

The end product in 2018 was a massive profit of over £4000.00 - all distributed to local groups - Saint Mary's church, the village hall, children's playgroup, Responders, and many other groups within our small community.

And, of course, the distribution of funds is decided by the volunteers.

The word **Volunteer** is key to this enterprise. Volunteers are crucial for the success of the Fest. Without volunteers there is no Fest, and so no funds to support local groups.

You will have got the idea by now! We need people.

For a few hours over the weekend of the 7th. 8th, 9th June, we need your help to

- Prepare the Fest area on Friday 7th.
- Help in any capacity on the day of the Fest.
- Decommission the fest area on Sunday 9th.

If you think that you may be able to help in any way on any of these dates, or if you would like more information then please get in touch with me:

Ray Mottershaw. Phone 891311 / 07747017658

Email, rasumo@hotmail.co.uk

Ray Mottershaw

GARDEN OPPORTUNITY

Really good horse manure, free for collection, will be available soon.

Contact: Freda 891448 or Emma 891128

CORSCOMBE BIG BREAKFAST

A Full English Breakfast (you can select what you want) is still only £6 for adults and £3 for children

Supporting the village hall – hope to see you there
All from 9 – 11 am at Corscombe Village Hall

Saturday 2 March	Big Breakfast
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Saturday 6 April	Big Breakfast
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TUESDAY CLUB

At the February meeting in the village hall, we spent a very pleasant afternoon listening to a talk by Mr Welch from the Dorset Wildlife Trust.

He explained how to go about creating a meadow, particularly in churchyards as these are very important habitats for pollinating insects and are now quite a rare environment.

Simply by making corridors through the wildflowers creates paths to allow the flora to be enjoyed. Similarly, we can all do our bit to help nature by setting aside an area in our gardens for wildflowers.

Heather Starkings

Fancy a spot of cake decorating?

Then come and join the **Tuesday Club** meeting on **5th March** at 2.30 pm at the village hall.

The theme is Easter and we will be decorating cup cakes with the help of Heather from 'Fancy That' in Fleet Street, Beaminster.

No need to bring anything, just yourselves and your pinny.

The cup cakes will be made and donated by some of the members, but it would be appreciated if a few more folk could bring half a dozen, so that everyone has some to take home.

If you would like to make some cupcakes for sharing, please contact me for further information - size, recipe etc.

Also, places are limited, so please let me know in advance if you plan to attend. It promises to be a lot of fun!

Pat Tolin - 01460 73222

TUESDAY CLUB VISIT

Just a reminder of the Tuesday Club visit to the RNLI College, West Quay Road, Poole, BH15 1HZ on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 14:30 hours The cost is £7.50 per person - if paying by cheque please make it payable to Corscombe Tuesday Club.

The RNLI require numbers and payment a month in advance so those wishing to attend please let me know so I can make the final arrangements.

Jenny Thorne 891847

Corscombe Village Litter Pick

Saturday 9th March, 10am

@ Corscombe Village Hall

Litter pickers, gloves and bags
will be provided

Your support would be much valued

Jodie Carter, Clerk to the Parish Council

A SPRING CONCERT BY THE RENOWNED CHOIR



Saturday May 11th 7.30 pm
St Mary's Church Corscombe

This extremely popular and highly regarded Beaminster based choir will sing a wonderful range of music from mediaeval to modern, including Tudor anthems, English part songs and spirituals, as well as works by Pizzetti, Gesualdo and Rutter.

Two young musicians, a pianist and a saxophonist, will perform short interludes.

Parnham Voices have been invited to sing at many beautiful places including Cathedrals, Abbeys, Stately Homes, private chapels and at the Beaminster Music Festival.

Tickets £10 - to include glass of wine/juice and light refreshments.

Tickets available from:

Celia Tomkins celiatomkins@gmail.com

01935 891083

Charles Gaskell thegaskells@waitrose.com

In aid of Funds for Restoration of St Mary's Church Corscombe

RAINFALL

Rainfall for January was low, at 66 mm. This does not include melt-water from the snow which fell in the evening of 31st. Most of it will have fallen after midnight anyway so will be added to the February total

Fete de la Soupe



Fete De La Soupe, planned for Saturday 16th March, clashes with some significant sports coverage on the television.

We have therefore decided to move Fete De La Soupe - to autumn 2019.

As soon as we have a date we will let you know - hopefully we will have the opportunity of welcoming you to this fun and novel event!

Your Responder Team

WEEKLY MINIBUS

Travel and meet friends. Our Nordcat bus to Yeovil on a Friday and to Dorchester on a Wednesday.

Telephone **01258 473154** to book a place on the bus between 9 am and 4 pm the day before you travel. Friday is a market day in Yeovil and Dorchester has an even bigger market on a Wednesday.

BIRTHDAYS

Many happy returns and birthday good wishes to:

Alysia Howard who will be 15 on the 11th March

Harvey Catton who will be 16 on the 31st March

If you would like a birthday announced, please contact Chris Chapman (891015). Email chris@passedit.com **It is nice to see your child's name in print!**

COMMON LANE UPDATE

Common Lane and its countryside in the snow – magic! (Unless you have to go out and tend animals or get to work and the shops!)

Maintenance on the Lane proceeds slowly. The Ryewater spur has had its drainage (grips and ditches) sorted and awaits a bit more grit on top. Many thanks to Pete!

There was a minor drama at the Corscombe end below the stables; a mudslide blocked the lane and the Wessex Water Lorries couldn't get through to the sewage works. We appealed (complained) to Dorset Highways and their team cleared the blockage and put down some surface hardcore. Highways will investigate the source of the water causing the landslides and hope to remedy it.

We will have to continue maintaining the rest of the Corscombe 'loop'. Hopefully this can be done by the end of March.

The possibility of Wessex Water Lorries approaching the sewage works from the Pines end was suggested (not by us!) and investigated. If you know that stretch of Common Lane, you will appreciate it is not possible without extensive grubbing up of hedges, tree lopping etc!

So, **Back to plan A!**

Following the meetings last year about linking walking opportunities and countryside access in the parishes, and with the blessing of the Parish Council, two groups are forming to nurture the local rights of way. If you'd like more information contact:

- Mel Harper for Corscombe harpermelanie1@googlemail.com
- Diana Staines for Halstock and the Chelboroughs distaines19@gmail.com

The **Common Lane Project** (Friends of Common Lane) will continue to look after Common Lane, and possibly some of the other green lanes / byways in the area. Your subscriptions go a long way to support the work being done. I hope Members who have not yet done so, will renew their membership for 2019, and other residents will consider joining.

So, along with visitors from all over Dorset, enjoy the coming spring on the Lane.

Freda Hennessy

Refuse Collection	
Friday 1 st March	Rubbish and Food Waste
Tuesday 5 th March	Garden Waste
Friday 8 th March	Recycling and Food Waste
Friday 15 th March	Rubbish and Food Waste
Tuesday 19 th March	Garden Waste
Friday 22 nd March	Recycling and Food Waste
Friday 29 th March	Rubbish and Food Waste
Tuesday 2 nd April	Garden Waste

HOME COMMUNION.

Do you find it difficult to get out? Would you like to have communion at home? Please contact Paul Rendell (telephone numbers at front of Chimes) who would be glad to visit.

HALSTOCK VILLAGE CINEMA

Here are our spring season titles. For full details please see the Halstock pages

Saturday 16th March - THE WIFE (15)

Saturday 20th April - STAN & OLLIE (PG)



Breakfast CHURCH

Part of Melbury Team Ministry

**We meet next on Sunday 24th March
In Halstock Village Hall**

A church for all the family



TAI CHI

Liz Southern is starting Tai Chi classes from 6th March for a 10-week trial period. Sessions will run on Wednesday mornings, from 10.15 am to 11.30



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am and will take place in Corscombe Village Hall.

The cost will be £3 per class, with monies going to support the village hall.

If interested please contact Liz on email elizabethsouthern0@gmail.com