

Corscombe

St Mary's Corscombe – March Services

6th March	17:00	Snowdrop Service (see below)
13h March	11:00	Holy Communion
20 th March (Village Hall)	11:00	All Age Worship
27 th March	11:00	Holy Communion

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

6th March at 17:00
“Snowdrop Service”

Time to remember.
Time to give thanks.
A quiet reflective service for the memory
of loved ones who have died

All Welcome

'Big Breakfast'

The Corscombe First Responders will be holding their highly successful 'Big Breakfast' on Saturday
5th March
between 9 and 11am
Come along and enjoy a fine cooked breakfast of local produce
Look forward to seeing you.
The Responders

First Aid

I would like to thank the members of our First Responder Group who organised the First Aid Course held on January 15th. We all learnt a great deal and benefited from the practical exercises.

Many questions were asked and concerns raised. These were expertly dealt with by the two

paramedics who so generously gave up a Saturday morning to be with us.

Many thanks also to Lesley Chapman for providing us all with a delicious lunch at the end of the session.

Daphne Davis.

120 Club

The winners for the January '120' Club are as follows:

1 st	£6	Mike Mosser
2 nd	£4	Paula Bowles
3 rd	£2	Mr & Mrs Girling

The winners for the February '120' Club are as follows:

1 st	£6	Mr Platt
2 nd	£4	Mr G Taylor
3 rd	£2	Mr B Starkings

The Wizard of Oz – Corscombe & District Panto Group

The good news, the panto achieved sell-out for the weekend performances.

The bad news, not everyone who wanted tickets was able to buy them.

Apologies to those unable to get tickets this year. Hopefully there will be a screening in the village hall of the filmed performance, so there will be an opportunity to see it later this Spring.

The drama was not only confined to the script! The Cowardly Lion was laid low with flu, in the last fortnight, but luckily, our original Toto (who had hoped to escape learning lines this year) leaped into the breach, and one of our talented children's group saved the day by playing Dorothy's plucky pet. It was also riveting wondering what voice would emerge from the Scarecrow; and whether the flying monkey would swing right off the stage and into the loos!

All who came to support the Pantomime as audience seemed to be having a great (and noisy!) time.

The cast and crew also had a lot of fun in rehearsals, in fact the Dame is having difficulty reverting to collar and tie again!

The group comprises talent from all the villages around, so... if you want to tread the boards, help with any of the many and essential backstage and production tasks, sing, dance, or just have a lot of fun, please come along when we begin again later in the year.

Adults and children – we need you.



A Scene from the Wizard of Oz

Tuesday Club

At our meeting in February, Tony Castleton and his wife, Liz came and gave us a very informative talk on the 'Living Paintings Trust'. Tony, who lives in Halstock is blind himself, and has been heavily involved with this charity from the outset. Together, he and Liz, continue their efforts to inform people of it's existence and to promote it's special qualities. It provides unique touch and sound packs for visually impaired children and adults and this opens up a whole new world for them. I cannot list all the wonderful facilities that the trust provides but it is a truly great organisation.

Our next meeting on 1st March is a talk by Anne Martin, 'A walk through Bridport and West Bay' which I know will be of interest to us all, members and non-members. At the meeting I will be taking names of people who would like to come on the tour of Palmers Brewery on 5th April. The tour starts at 11.00am and takes 2 hours. Sorry I do not know if there are free samples! Heather. 891538

Corscombe Village Hall

Are you Spring Cleaning your cupboards & drawers?

Have you any white cotton sheets which are never used?

Around the summer holiday period our store cupboards were found left unlocked. This did not seem to matter until October, when we realised quite a lot of our large white table cloths which we knew had all been washed & put away after last use, were now missing. A Chimes appeal for return had no response & since then there have been times when we have been forced to use banquet roll.

This is an appeal for white cotton sheets which we could convert to tablecloths

It does not matter if they have gone a bit yellow or have dark fold lines from long storage: it is amazing what a soak & modern detergents will do. Any offers very gratefully received via 891645

from Corscombe Village Hall Committee

Corscombe Quiz Nights are back by popular demand

Come along for another session of brain teasing question.

7:30pm start on Saturday
12th 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

Keep Fit Spring Term 2011

The Spring Term will run until the 4th of April.

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

All enquiries and cheques payable to Jean Mosser 891096

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

Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning will be on March 9th at 10:30am at 3 Woodfold View, by kind invitation of Kay Thornycroft. All Corscombe residents welcome.

Halstock Pot Luck Lunches

Halstock have been generous in including Corscombe in the excellent Pot Luck Lunches, held on Wednesdays at 12 noon, for many years. There are several teams of providers, and helpers are urgently required. This is valuable voluntary work and only required once every few weeks, taking only about a couple of hours of your time. If you are interested and want to know more **Ring George on 01935 891359 or Paula on 01935 891494.** You will find it fun, and also make many friends.

Corscombe's Royal Wedding Party

The idea is to have a Party, suitable for all ages, no charge, no advance booking, just turn up with food to share.

This is being written before the time of the Wedding has been published, but anyway it is assumed that the Party will not start until the main TV coverage is over.

For lots of obvious reasons the most practical venue will be the Village Hall, which has been reserved for 29th & also the afternoon & evening of 28th to allow for advance setting up.

The current plans include a bar & music, possibly live. Any other suggestions very welcome.

The amount of organisation needed looks to be fairly minimal, but no event can arrange itself totally so it would be good to have an informal planning group.

If you are willing to lend a hand to plan or help in any way with the Party, Henry (415) Paula D

(494) or Edna (645) will be delighted to hear from you.

Ladybirds Playgroup and Toddlers

We were excited to be given the opportunity to apply for a grant in order to upgrade our play resources. We have to be able to show how we will use it to improve the quality of our early years provision. The paperwork is done so now it is just a case of keeping fingers crossed. Being such a small group money has always been tight and there is very little to spend on new toys, so this would be really welcome, let's just hope!

We have been able to take advantage of some kinder weather to enjoy playing outside for longer periods of time. We conducted a survey and overwhelmingly the children said that they liked being out of doors most of all. We will be hoping to start sowing some seeds in our new garden and watching them grow. For a second year we are running a Suttons Seeds fund raiser. If anyone in the local area would like to buy their seeds or hanging basket plants through us and have them delivered to their door, they could help us to earn a small amount for our funds. Please let us know if you would be interested.

The staff team are delighted to have been supplied with a new printer. We can now print off all our photographs which is much the easiest way of recording children's work and progress. Marie is super efficient and even manages to print off photos during the session and have them ready to show parents when they come to pick up their children at the end of the morning.

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

The Pudding Club

A selection of canapés

A choice of Main Meals:

Hungarian Beef Goulash

Chicken Braised with Cider and Bacon

Spinach and Feta Filo Pie

All served with new potatoes and green beans

Followed by:

A pudding **Extravaganza!**

Tea or Coffee

Bar Available

With music from Mike Caplen!

Saturday 26th March 2011 – 7pm

Corscombe Village Hall

Ticket Price £15

Tickets available from:

Halstock Village Shop

Vicky Harknett 891247

Corscombe Action Plan

After the liveliest meeting in Corscombe for a long time

(after effect of the pantomime?)

the Corscombe Action Plan is ready for its

Launch on Friday 18 March

7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Come and celebrate your hard work and fresh ideas.

Refreshments of course!

Contact: Freda Hennessy 01935 891448

Corscombe Tithe Barn Fete – Saturday 18th June

Helpers are needed for the 2011 Fete, if you can help in any way please ring Tony Frost 01935 891321 or Paula Denham 01935 891494 or come along to the meeting to organise the fete on Tuesday March 1st at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

This is our big event of the year, and we want it to be our best.

Silence

The silence this month will be held at “Gatcombe”, the home of Helen and John Perris on Monday 28th March at 5pm.

Birthdays

We wish the happiest of birthday's to:

Lucy Attwell who will be 17 on the 2nd

Edward Coleberd who will be 3 on the 6th

Alysia Howard who will be 7 on the 11th

Jonathan Pring who will be 17 on the 12th

Jack Harvey who will be 16 on the 30th

Remember

South West Coaches Bus Times

This picks up at Lindisfarne, High Street at approximately 10.35/40am (ish), then stopping at The Barton, Pine Close and Church Farm (if people are waiting there), returning from Tesco's Yeovil at 1.45pm and the Borough Memorial at 1.50pm. The bus runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Halstock and Corscombe Website

Your website address is www.corscombe.org

Why not have a look and see what is happening?

You can register on the site, which allows you to enter your own items on the news page, on the calendar, or on the items for sale page.

If you have ideas on how it should be developed, please let me know – all ideas welcome! Email:

chris@passedit.com

Recycling and Library Dates

Both of these events are on Thursdays, the 10th and 24th of the month



COMMON LANE

News and Forthcoming Activities

please see the article in the Halstock section.

Halstock

Church Flowers

6th L Dowding
13th Lent)
20th Lent) No flowers
27th Lent)

Church Cleaning

Liz Dowding

Brass Cleaning

Brenda Erscott

Church Electoral Roll

Rev. Graham Perryman inserted a piece concerning the Church Electoral Roll in last month's Chimes. Is there anyone in Halstock who is not on the Roll and would like to be? It means that whilst you are most welcome to come to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, if you are on the Electoral Roll you would also be able to have a say in the affairs of the Church.

If you would like to be entered on the roll please contact your Electoral Roll Officer for a form. The roll officer for Halstock is Mrs T Young, Meadow View Tel: 01935 891420

Friends of St Mary's Church Halstock

100+ Club

Monthly Prizes: 1st £100: 2nd £40: 3rd £20: 4th £5

Membership costs £4 per month per number

If you would like to become a Member please contact Liz on 01935 891898

February Draw

1 st	43	Mr W Ashman
2 nd	79	Mrs B Erscott
3 rd	10	Mr E Bawn
4 th	65	Mr & Mrs K Buck

Next Draw

Wednesday 9th March
In the Community Room
(after Mid Week Holy Communion)

100 Club

For those paying their subscription annually, please note that the March draw is the last one before renewal is due. We do hope you will want to continue your membership of the club and if you haven't already renewed, please contact Liz on 891898.

Mid Week Holy Communion will be celebrated as usual in the Community Room, behind the Shop, on **Wednesday, 9th March 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 Diary: dates for the coming months are:

Sunday, 27th March – 10 a.m.

Sunday, 24th April (Easter Day) – 10.30 a.m.

Sunday, 22nd May – 10 a.m.

We meet in the church for activities, stories and songs based on the Bible. If you haven't been before, come and see what we get up to – everyone (from anywhere in the Team) is welcome. Current ages range from 1-7 (ish), but if older children wish to join in, it would be great to have their help and input. For more information call Liz on 891898.

Pancake Day

Tuesday 8th March from 11am -
2.30pm

Halstock Village Hall

For donations of fillings or any
bookings for Pancake Lunch
or if you would like to volunteer to
help

Please contact Trish Manning on
891394



Everybody Welcome

The Chimes Magazine

At the beginning of each month most of us look forward to hearing the "Chimes" magazine drop through our letterboxes. It is a great little read, full of useful information such as church service times, what's on in the Melbury Team villages, news, letters and lots of useful local ads.

However, as with everything else these days the production cost rises from year to year and Halstock's share for 2011 is over £600.

We welcome any contributions that will help towards the cost of the magazine and would also like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their support over the years.

If you do not have a collector in your street/road then envelopes may be dropped off at the following addresses.

Andrew Ellis, Lical Cottage, The Square
Gill Lynch, 3 Hollis Way
Rosemary Bawn, 3 hollis Close,
The Village shop

Many thanks Rosemary Bawn, PCC Treasurer

The Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Royal British Legion will be on Tuesday 8th March at the Rest and Welcome Inn. We are a small friendly branch and always looking for new members to join us. You do not need to have served in the forces to become a member and you would be made most welcome if you wished to join us.

St Mary's Church
Halstock

Coffee Morning
Saturday 12th March
10.30am – 12 noon

Halstock Community Room

Halstock W.I.

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 5th March

Halstock Village Hall

Doors open at 2pm

Admission 50p Adults, Children free

Teas and Coffees available

All proceeds to Halstock WI funds

Women's Institute

At the January meeting, held in the Village Hall, there was no speaker but instead a discussion was held to decide whether Members would like to change or adapt the meetings; suggestions for outings, the programme and different venues were also made.

A picture competition was held. This involved trying to identify ordinary articles photographed at odd angles. Refreshments were provided by the Committee.

The skittles team have qualified for the next round. A Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday 5th March for W.I. funds.

At the meeting on Monday March 28th the speaker will be Mrs Gillespie who will talk about some of the paintings in the National Gallery which houses paintings covering 600 years.

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BOOKING ESSENTIAL

GROUP BOOKINGS AVAILABLE!

Village Hall News

If you have been to the Hall recently you will probably have noticed that the old sign from The Quiet Woman Pub has been mounted on the wall in the entrance porch. If you have not seen it, do make a point of looking next time you are at the Hall. It has been restored by a professional pub sign writer and now looks wonderful. We are most grateful to the Village Trust as they have paid for the work to be carried out.

The possibility of having a hearing loop installed in the Hall has been raised. I would be very interested to hear comments from anybody as to whether this would be worth pursuing and whether you would find it a benefit.

I would like to remind users of the Hall that any damage should be entered in the record book which is kept in the kitchen and if necessary reported to a caretaker. At the beginning of February, a power socket in the passage outside the kitchen was found to be damaged. As the front of the socket was completely broken, there

were live wires exposed which could have proved to be very dangerous. There was no report of this damage.

There is a full size table tennis table in the Hall which is no longer needed. It is in reasonable condition and if you know of anybody who may be able to make use of it, could you please let me know.

Finally if you are thinking of having any double glazing or a conservatory installed, the Hall could benefit if this is carried out by Thermaglaze on a recommendation from the Hall. Again, if interested please let me know. Peter Brinck 01935 891822

Halstock Community Room

Computer Classes - a new series of classes is starting soon – please look out for posters with the details.

Save the date! - **Spring Market** – Saturday 21 May – local produce, crafts, plants and our popular bacon butties.

The current display in the Community Room is on **St Mary's Church** – learn about the history of our Church and Village

We are planning to display **paintings for sale by local artists** – do come in and see what wonderful talent we have locally.

Finally, we will be having a **Fair Trade Coffee Morning** on Saturday 5 March as part of Fair Trade Fortnight:

The Big Brew

Saturday 5 March 10.30-12.30

Come and have a free cup of Fair Trade coffee or tea and browse and buy Fairtrade goodies from all over the world. Help developing countries by making sure you buy from a farmer who has been paid a fair wage for his produce.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Ashton Peter Coombs on 9th

Rosanna Daisy Thomas on 27th

Benjamin leather on 7th
Annabelle Leather on 13th
Daisy Campbell 1 on 26th March



COMMON LANE News and Forthcoming Activities

Update

The information about the Common Lane project at a recent exhibition in Halstock Community Room about the Roman villa was of great interest.

On 28 November last year, a party of enthusiastic volunteers made great progress clearing overhanging bushes on Woodfold Hill.

What's Ahead

Sunday 13 March – Can you spare an hour? If so, do join a working Party out on Common Lane. Practical activities to help maintain and clear the route. All welcome – no qualifications save enthusiasm and a dose of energy. Please contact Jenny Dalton for more information Tel : 891 671

April – Another working party! Contact Freda Hennessy Tel: 891448

June - Family walk and picnic/kite flying organised by Rev David Harknett.

June/July - Bracketts Coppice walk for summer flowers with Dorset Wildlife Trust. Contact Freda Hennessy Tel: 891448

Look out for other activities in 2011 including our annual events: a Treasure hunt and the 2011 Photo Competition.

We are not alone!

You may have seen Oliver Letwin's recent piece in the Western Gazette about the problems that residents in Broadwindsor are experiencing with a similar lane to ours. The Committee is in contact with their CLAG and we will share

“common lane” experiences. We have also written to Oliver Letwin to let him know of our plight.

The Project (Your Support is Appreciated)

With all the cuts envisaged in local government, we do not expect the same practical support from Dorset CC as last year. We will have to rely on fundraising, and your support, the fundraising team are working hard at putting together funding applications. Please spread the word. For more information on the project and how to become a Friend, please contact Tony Woodroffe, Halstock, 891312 or Katharine Smith-Singleton, Corscombe, 891111.

[www.corscombe.org /Common Lane](http://www.corscombe.org/Common Lane)

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

Halstock Sports & Social Club

Saturday 2nd April 2011

QUIZ NIGHT

Halstock Village Hall
7.30 pm

Tables – Maximum of 6
£5 per head
(to include Bangers & Mash Supper)
Bring your own Drink and Glasses

Prize Draw
Question Masters
Adrian & Allison Rees

To Book a Table
Ring: Liz Dowding 891480