

# Corscombe

## St Mary's Corscombe – September Services

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

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

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

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

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

### “Hops and Crops” Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>

All welcome to a special service of **Harvest Thanksgiving** for adults and children at 6:00pm at St Mary's. Gifts of tinned / packet food appreciated – for taking to the Pilsden Community Centre. Gifts of fresh food also appreciated – for auction at the Harvest Supper.

All also welcome at the **Harvest Supper** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets at £7 for adults and £3 for children from Mike Mosser 891096, Norma Jones 891365 or Celia Tomkins 891083. Music / entertainment (come and see) and auction (come and buy).

### Hymns and Pimms at St Mary's

A great attendance (over 70 people) at a Special Service of singing favourite hymns on Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>, while sipping a glass of Pimms. A wonderful range of songs and reasons for choosing them. For some there were memories of a wedding or friendship or time in the Forces or a special meaning in their Christian faith. For others, it was just because they liked the tune and the words. Thanks to the musical lead from the Jevons Family (friends of Emily Rendell who coordinated the music) and other musicians and to Sarah Mitchell (new Church Warden) for co-ordinating the many requests for hymns to be sung. Sorry they could not all be sung – keep them till next year! People did not want to leave

at the end of the service – perhaps the liquid refreshment helped.

### Tuesday Club

I am happy to report that both of our July events were very successful and enjoyable. The Cheese and Wine party, kindly hosted by Dick and Jenny Thorne, who worked very hard to make it such a lovely evening, raised £210 for the Club. Thank you both.

Our annual Cream Tea, held at Milton Brook, raised £267.30 which has been donated to Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. Our appreciation goes to Celia and Andrew for letting us use their garden year after year.

The final thank you goes to those who helped in any way and those who came along and supported us.

Our meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> is the craft afternoon at the village hall at 2:30pm and do not forget the skittles evening will be in October – details to follow. Heather.

### 'Big Breakfast'

The Corscombe First Responders will be holding their highly successful

'Big Breakfast'

on the following Saturdays between 9-

11am

2010:

2<sup>nd</sup> October

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

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

Come along for another year of brain teasing questions.

7:30pm start on Saturdays:

16<sup>th</sup> October 2010

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.

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

**formerly Corscombe Oil Group**

Please see Community Page

### **Corscombe Needs You!**

We have been promised “a radical shift of power from Westminster to local people.” Are you ready? In 1994 the Corscombe Parish Plan was produced (do you remember writing your comments on yellow post-its?). Some ambitions were realised: some are still in limbo. A new, revised Plan is in the pipeline, consultations starting in October.

**Wanted** – Fresh ideas for Corscombe's future – Watch this space. Freda Hennessy 891448

### **Treacle Eater Clog Morris Dancers**

Treacle Eater Clog Morris Dancers would like to thank everyone who turned out to watch us when we were touring around the area this summer in particular at Rampisham and Cattistock. We had a great time performing for you and meeting lots of interesting people in some of the beautiful and lesser known parts of Dorset. Many of you

expressed an interest in having a go with a view to joining the team either as a dancer or a musician or both. You will be pleased to know that we are starting the practice season again on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September and we would like as many beginners as possible to come along and join in.

You will be given a warm welcome and we will prepare you through the winter weeks to enable you to perform out with us through the summer months starting on Mayday Morning at dawn! We will provide you with an opportunity to keep fit, improve your social life and to meet many interesting new friends, you will have lots of fun too. Furthermore we do not limit our performances to Dorset and Somerset recently we have spent weekends dancing in Devon, Cornwall, the Isle of Wight and Derbyshire; meeting other teams and performing at festivals. We have also enjoyed trips to various parts of Europe.

If you would like to find out more about joining us come along on any Monday from 20<sup>th</sup> September onwards to Preston School, Monks Dale, Preston Road, Yeovil. Our practices last from 7.30 -9.30 pm (and afterwards down the pub!!).

Or if you would like more information first please contact Rosemary on 01935 891415 or Jenny on 01963 210562 or have a look at our website [www.treacleeaterclog.org.uk](http://www.treacleeaterclog.org.uk)

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

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

Mondays 2:30 to 3:30 in the village hall.

£25 for the term (12 sessions for the price of 10!) Cheques to be made payable to me please.

If anyone is thinking of leaving the group or would like to join, please let me know.

All enquiries to Jean Mosser - 891096

### **The Great Sponsored Cycle Ride**

This annual event takes place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September when you are able to walk or cycle to some of Dorset's churches & chapels to raise money for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and a church of your choice.

I will once again be taking part to raise money for St Mary's Corscombe. If you would like to sponsor me for this event, please contact me in the normal way. Thank you in advance for your support. James

### **Welcome**

A very warm welcome to Julie & Phil Lee & family who have come to live at 10 Woodfold View. We hope you will all enjoy living in Corscombe.

### **Corscombe News**

The Bridport News, a newspaper that has interested Colin & I for many years, has asked if someone from Corscombe could report on the Village occasionally. I will endeavour to take this on, but would like another interested party from the Village to assist me. Anyone in the know regarding events, births, marriages, deaths, or indeed any happenings within the village, please contact me.

If at times I am unable to fulfil this, let me know if you can help. They would also like photos.  
Paula Denham 891494 /  
[paula.colin7438@btinternet.com](mailto:paula.colin7438@btinternet.com)

### **Friends of Common Lane AGM**

Now officially 'friends'!  
Do come for an update on the exciting developments and the massive tasks still ahead, and for a sociable evening with friends. Exhibition of photos of the Lane and news of planned activities.  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 at 7:30pm at Halstock Golf Club.

### **Distribution of Corscombe Tithe Barn Fete Proceeds 2010**

Well done to everyone, and particularly Tony Frost, for a successful fete which also produced a record profit of about £4200 of which £4110 was distributed as follows:

Corscombe Village Hall	£1050
Corscombe PCC	£1050
First Responders	£ 700
Ladybirds Playgroup	£ 500
Playground fund	£ 200
Friends of Common Lane	£ 200
Fox Inn Cricket Club	£ 100
Friends of Sticklands School	£ 100
Chimes correspondent	£ 50
Weldmar Hospice	£ 50
Halstock Youth Club	£ 50
St Johns Ambulance	£ 30
Liz North's charity	£ 30

This has set a very high standard for future years! The reason for the increase was the success of the village raffle, so thanks and well done Chris and Leslie Chapman for all that hard work (net proceeds £1296, 2009 - £843).

### **Coffee Morning**

The coffee morning this month will be held at 12 Woodfold View on Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, by kind invitation of Ian & Pat Tolin.

### **Rainfall**

The rainfall in July was 42mm.

### **Silence**

The silence this month will be held at "Gatcombe", the home of Helen and John Perris on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8:00pm.

### **Birthdays**

We wish the happiest of birthday's to:  
Alexandra Mary Adams who will be 11 on the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Nathaniel Anstey who will be 11 on the 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Remember**

### **Stagecoach Bus Times**

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

### Recycling and Library Dates

Both of these events are on Thursday's 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month.

### Village Website

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

### Moth Count

A moth count was carried out on the night of 24th July in the orchard of Yew Tree House using a light lent by the Butterfly Trust. A total of 35 different moths were counted.

### 120 Club for August

1st	£6	No. 24	Mr Craft
2nd	£4	No. 63	Liz Male
3rd	£2	No. 107	Joe Vassey

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### Church Flowers

5 <sup>th</sup>	R Crocker
12 <sup>th</sup>	B Erscott
19 <sup>th</sup>	S Cockrem
26 <sup>th</sup>	A Leather
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	M Pople

### Side altar

B Erscott

### Church Cleaning

Sue Cockrem

### Brass Cleaning

Liz Castleton

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

**Mid Week Holy Communion:** will be celebrated as usual in the Community Room, behind the Shop, on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 11a.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.

### Friends of St Mary's Church Halstock

#### 100+ Club

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

Membership costs £4 per month per number

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

#### July Draw

1 <sup>st</sup>	45	Mr A Pring
2 <sup>nd</sup>	64	Mrs G Poulten
3 <sup>rd</sup>		Mrs A Rees
4 <sup>th</sup>		Mrs M Ellis

#### Next Draw

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September  
*In the Community Room*  
*(after Mid Week Holy Communion)*

**Sunday Club** starts again this month on **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 10 a.m.** in the church. There will be activities, stories and songs and this month we will be joined by Rev. David Harknett. 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

A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our celebrations at St Juthware's Festival so successful. The Nursery Rhyme depictions were very inventive and were great fun. Especial thanks are due to Allison Rees for all her hard work in organising the "Halstock's Got Talent" evening in the Village Hall and for attracting such a talented bunch of entrants. The food and drink were good and everyone had a really good evening. Thank you also to the ladies who worked in the church "Cafe". The

service on Sunday morning was well attended and was a fitting culmination to our celebrations.

In this month's timetable of church services you will see an alteration to the pattern of our services. **Evening Prayer** will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month and **Sunday Club and AAW** on the 4<sup>th</sup> **Sunday**. This pattern will also be in place for November and December but not for October which is the month for our Harvest Festival and Thanksgiving service.

We shall be having a **Church and Churchyard Clean Up Day** on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. Please come along **between 9.30am and 3pm** for as long as you can and bring tools, dusters and polish with you. Food will be provided at lunchtime for all workers. Having managed to get the roof and floor repaired, we have to ensure that the village church and churchyard are kept in good order and the more people who come the easier the load.

Finally we were all saddened at the death of John Sowden, former churchwarden, who worked so hard at keeping the church building in good order and who enhanced our services with his lovely tenor voice. He will be very much missed by us all. Our thoughts are with Barbara and his family at this time.

**The charity "The Friends of St Mary's Church, Halstock"** is looking for a volunteer to join its Executive Committee as Treasurer to relieve pressure on Rosemary Bawn, so that she can concentrate on her much busier role as Treasurer to the PCC. "The Friends" are an entirely separate organisation to the PCC and exist to provide financial contribution towards maintenance of our church building and its assets. We are now on the first step of the path to achieving a more regular income and so the work load has increased but is not onerous and Rosemary will remain available to offer advice if required. If you would like and feel able to fulfil this role as part of a lively and business-like committee working hard for the community towards this worthy end, then please give our Chairman, Mike Clark, a call on 01935 891331.

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Coffee Morning  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
10.30am – 12 Noon  
AT THE CHURCH  
Come and support the  
Dorset Historic Churches Trust  
Annual Cycle Ride**

**St Mary's Church Halstock  
HARVEST FESTIVAL & THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 11am

To be followed by

**HARVEST LUNCH**

In the Village Hall at 12.30 for 1pm

Tickets available until Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

October from The Village Shop

Adult Ticket £5 ~Child Ticket £3

Family Ticket (2A,2Ch) £12.50

**SCREEN BITE PRESENTATION**

**Halstock Village Hall**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm

A food tasting evening  
Many local food producers

Followed by a feature length film  
**"Kitchen Stories"**

Tickets £7.00  
Peter Brinck Tel 01935 891822

For all enquiries and tickets ring Betty Armour on 01935 891998/mob 07786 523398 or e-mail [betshan@btinternet.com](mailto:betshan@btinternet.com)

### **Women's Institute**

Halstock's July meeting took us around the world with food, seven different countries were represented with traditional food.

There were the usual few minutes of business when future events were discussed, including the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September which will be an Open Meeting when the entertainment will be provided by Bonny Sartin and our forthcoming Mah Jong Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

The meeting continued with a competition and then everyone enjoyed the wide variety of foods and flavours of the various countries ending a very enjoyable evening feeling well fed!

### **Royal British Legion**

The next meeting of the Royal British Legion will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at the Rest & Welcome. This is the first meeting after the summer break and we will be setting dates for the next year's events so please do try to attend. We are a very small but friendly branch and we are always looking for new members, so why not come and join us, you would be made most welcome.

### **The 2010 Royal British Legion Hog Roast**

The accounts for this year have now been finalised. A total of £736.74 was made for the Poppy Appeal. The branch would like to thank all those who came to the event and of course all those who helped, especially the kind folk who provided the wonderful salads, floral decorations and help in so many other ways.

**Mah Jong Day** at Halstock Village hall on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am – 3pm.

A day for all levels of Mah Jong players with tuition if needed by Seven Frost.

Tickets are £12 to include morning coffee, ploughman's lunch and afternoon tea and cake. Proceeds to be shared between the Red Cross and Halstock W.I.

### **Village Hall News**

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall was held on July 12<sup>th</sup>. This, I am sorry to say was not well attended with, apart from committee members, only three people attending. However, several items were discussed and on a positive note it was agreed to put in hand the replacement of the fascias and we have a start date of September 14<sup>th</sup> for this work.

We do not have enough money in the 'Improvement Fund' at present to cover this work so we will have to take some money from the general account to cover the cost. This means that we are still needing to raise funds and would be very interested to hear from anybody who may have any ideas as to how we can do this.

There was criticism regarding the way the hall is sometimes left after an event especially with regard to rubbish. On several occasions the caretakers are left with, what can only be called, a disgusting mess to clear up. We can only put out two black bags for the dustmen so please try to combine bags as often there are lots of bags with very little in each. All waste must be in bags, on several occasions the caretakers have had to empty all sorts of rubbish which has been put in the bin without any bag.

If there are large items left from an event or a sale which cannot be put into black bags these must be removed and disposed of by the hirer. As I have stated in the Chimes before, several halls insist that all rubbish is removed from the hall and charge a deposit which is not refunded if people do not comply with this. We do not wish to go down this route but if the situation does not improve it will have to be considered.

Bottles and cans is another issue which causes a problem. There are no recycling facilities at the hall for these and it would be very much

appreciated if users could put these in their domestic recycling boxes.

The walls of the hall are getting very marked and need to be painted. There has been a suggestion that a mural could be painted on the rear wall (the north wall leading to the changing rooms). We would like to have your comments regarding this and if you are in favour, what the subject of the mural should be.

### **Mini Maestros**

Our Mini Maestros sessions have been going very well over this last year, the children have grown in confidence and fun. We are sad to say goodbye to three of our musicians but wish them well at school and their move. We are a small friendly group of Mums with babies, toddlers and pre-school children, learning to sing, beat rhythm whilst playing instruments, dance and listen to music – with puppets, soft toys and “What’s in the box? New littles are very welcome, come and join the fun!

**Don’t forget Mini Maestros restarts on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

*For a friendly chat please contact Adele on 891021*

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

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

### **Birthdays**

Mollie Mae Crabb has a birthday on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, have a lovely day.

And....Beware the ‘L’Plates! Andrew Withers will be 17 on 21<sup>st</sup> September. We hope you have a fantastic time, remember M.S.M.

### **James (Jim) Pring 1925 – 2010**

James was the second son of Thomas and Dorothy Pring of Harvard Farm, Halstock and in recent years he enjoyed reminiscing about his childhood there. On leaving school he took a job in a wireless shop in Yeovil, cycling in every day.

He was called up in 1943 and became a signaller in the RAF, serving some time in Egypt. He was unscathed in the war but afterwards lost half a finger in a motorbike accident on Portland Bridge at Halstock!

After the war when electricity came to this part of Dorset he learnt about the business, wiring many houses in Halstock and the surrounding area. It was said that he had been in more ladies’ boudoirs locally than any other man! He also wired the Church, before which oil lamps were used.

He was a great sportsman, motoring (he was a founder member of Yeovil Car Club), sailing, water skiing, skiing, swimming and walking, in later years following the beagles.

He was a much loved uncle, always interested in what was going on in the lives of the younger generation.

He lived with his parents at Harvard and Fernleigh and looked after them as they grew old. When they died he bought his own home in Yetminster. Jim and Janet were married on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1994, two days before his 69<sup>th</sup> birthday! This was a very happy time; he inherited a step-daughter Ann and became granddad to her two lovely daughters, Sophie and Philippa, of whom he was very proud.

His greatest love in later years was the Royal British Legion; he became Chairman of the local branch and after his initial anxiety he took it to heart and encouraged members to keep up the standard.

Jim’s last two years were made very happy by Dee’s companionship. They were together at the annual Royal British Legion Hog Roast at Halstock the day before he died peacefully on the settee at home.

The family thanks everyone for their love, support and help through this sad time, especially the British Legion members and all those who helped to give Jim such a great goodbye at his funeral service.

