

## **Church Flowers & Side Altar**

Lent – no flowers

## **Church Cleaning**

Liz Dowding

## **Brass Cleaning**

Pam Williams

## **Friends of St Mary's Church 100+ Club**

Winners in February Draw

1st = #34 Mrs R Clary

2nd. = #13 Mrs P Moon

3rd. = #32 Mr N Dowding

4th. = #98 Mr & Mrs C Dowding

Next Draw

Wednesday, 14th March 2018

As a token of our thanks for those who continue to support this fundraising initiative an invitation is extended to join us...

**in the Community Room  
on Saturday, 24th March 2018  
between  
10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.  
for *FREE* tea/coffee and homemade cakes**

The draw on 14th March sees the end of the Club's year, so for those paying by cheque or cash on an annual basis there will be an opportunity to renew your membership during the morning. **If you are not a member yet and would like to join or just find out more you too will be warmly welcomed!**



**Breakfast  
CHURCH**  
PALM SUNDAY – 25<sup>th</sup> March

**9.30am**  
**Halstock Village Hall**

Come and enjoy a continental style breakfast  
and celebrate the events of Palm Sunday,  
with special activities for children.

All welcome!



**Breakfast Church**  
Part of Melbury Team Ministry  
*Church – but not as we know it!*

## OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Tea/Coffee & cakes/biscuits are served in the Community Room  
every Tuesday & Thursday mornings - 10.00 to 11.30 a.m.



### St Juthware and St Mary's Church Halstock

**Palm Sunday  
25<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

09:30 Palm Sunday Breakfast Church  
-at the Village Hall.

Including special activities for  
children

*Join us to enjoy a breakfast including  
bacon rolls, cereals, toast, croissants and  
more to celebrate the events of Palm  
Sunday*



*Followed by a procession to Halstock  
Church for-*

11:00 The Big Churchyard tidy up  
-at Halstock churchyard  
and fun children's activities

*Refreshments (BBQ planned) will be available*

All Welcome

**Please bring garden tools & gloves along**

### **The Lord's Larder**

The collection point is under the desk in the Community Room. Deliveries continue to be made to Yeovil Community Church on a fairly regular basis thanks to your generosity - a copy of their letter of thanks can be seen on the Community Room notice board or at the back of the church.

### **Useable second hand clothes and shoes for Refugees**

Do please continue to donate your wearable unwanted clothes and shoes to support this humanitarian project. The collection point is inside the church at the back near the bell tower.

**Great news** - the Bus Project, providing accommodation for homeless people, is now up and running in Weymouth and had its first occupants on 22nd January. Thank you to everyone who has donated bedding for this venture: your kindness to both these initiatives is hugely appreciated.

### **Lent Lunches**

will be served in  
the Community Room

### **Big Breakfast**

Back for the autumn / winter season  
Corscombe Village Hall  
In support of Village Hall Upkeep  
Great food and a chance to meet up with  
friends & family  
9am to 11am  
**Saturday mornings on  
3 March / 7 April**

**each Friday during March**  
I.e. 2, 9, 16 & 23 March  
**12.30 for 12.45**

A simple meal of soup, bread & cheese for which a donation will be invited to raise funds for a charity to be chosen by those attending. We do hope you can support this initiative.

It would help for catering purposes if you could book in by leaving your name and phone # on 891898 although passers by will be welcome.

**Please spread the word**

**Lent course**  
**"What is prayer?"**

The course, which started in February, is being held at **4 Hollis Close** on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month **at 7.30 pm**. This month the sessions continue on **Monday, 5th and 19th March**.

**Everyone is welcome**  
**Come and enjoy an evening of lively discussion and a cup of tea/coffee**  
**(no biscuits - it's Lent!)**

for more information please contact Liz on 891898

Church of St Juthware & St Mary

**COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**In the Community Room**

**10.30am – 12 noon**

**Cakes & Produce Prizes Bric-a-**

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INSPIRING WOMEN

We had a splendid start to 2018. Our speaker was Andrew McElwee, a former National Trust manager at Polesden Lacey. He recounted many happenings during his time there, which reduced some members to tears of laughter, but was also very informative. After tea and biscuits we had reports on our skittles team, footpath walks and speakers' auditions.

Our speaker on February 26<sup>th</sup> will talk on "Ladies in the Sky". This will be an open meeting.

**HALSTOCK AND DISTRICT GARDENING  
CLUB**

**NEXT MEETING**

**TUESDAY 20TH MARCH**

**VISIT**

**CASTLE GARDENS SHERBORNE**

**OPEN EVENING - 6.45pm**

**TALK**

**25% Discount available on all products**

**Min number of 25 members required**

## **Halstock Village Tidy Up 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Gathering at the village hall at 10.30am, litter pickers, bags and gloves will be provided. We hope to see you all there. Refreshments will be provided after at the village hall.

### **Plenty of birthday celebrations in Halsock this month.**

Wishing very many happy returns to Benjamin Leather on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Ashton Peter Coombes on the 9<sup>th</sup>  
Annabelle Leather on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
Nina Powell on the 14<sup>th</sup> and  
Rosanna Daisy Thomas on the 27<sup>th</sup>

## **HALSTOCK VILLAGE CINEMA Our great spring season continues!**

Three more exciting spring titles coming to the big screen in Halstock Village Hall.

### **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

#### **DUNKIRK (12A)**

The heroic story of 'Operation Dynamo', seen through the eyes of a soldier, RAF fighter pilots and a civilian boat owner. Mark Rylance and Kenneth Branagh star.

**PROCEEDS FROM THIS SHOWING GO TO ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

### **Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March**

#### **GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN (PG)**

Suffering stress after his WW1 experiences, A.A. Milne moves his family to the country, where he spins fanciful yarns about his son's toy animals.

### **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April**

#### **THE MOUNTAIN BETWEEN US (12A)**

Stranded on a mountain after an air crash, two strangers must work together to cross hundreds of miles of wilderness. Kate Winslet and Idris Elba on top form.

Join your friends at 7pm for 7.30 each month at

## **HALSTOCK VILLAGE CINEMA**

Tickets £6 each from Halstock Shop or on the door

### **The Royal British Legion**

Have you heard of GP90? This is the Great Pilgrimage 90 and is a re-enactment of an event, organised by The Royal British Legion, to commemorate a similar event held in 1928. It is now 90 years after that event but 100 years after the end of the First World War. Our branch is going to send two people, one to carry the standard and one to lay a wreath. It will take place during the week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August.



Don't forget on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we will be showing the film 'Dunkirk' (12A) at Halstock Village Hall. All the proceeds from this will be donated to the Poppy Appeal so please try to support this event.

The next meeting of the branch will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. As the Rest and Welcome Inn is closed we are unable to meet there, so if you would like to join us please give me a ring and I will let you know where we will be meeting.

*Peter Brinck 01935 891822*

### **Village Hall News**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February, a very wet and windy morning, but that did not put off six willing volunteers who turned up to empty the paper shed. The shed was very full and as well as papers there was a lot of glossy advertising leaflets which are good because they are heavy and of course we get paid by weight. Please remove any plastic covering from packs as we cannot put plastic in with the paper and it does slow us down if we have to do it on the day. It will also help us if the paper is not put in loose, either tied into manageable bundles or put into plastic bags. Personally, I put mine in wine boxes, they are then easy to handle and stack well and we can easily get rid of the boxes afterwards. The added bonus is the fact that you have to drink the wine in order to get the boxes! Please keep putting your papers in the shed.

### **Summer Fete**

I am glad to say that after the article in the Chimes last month I did get some offers of help but we still need more, so if you are interested in joining us please let me know. It's not too early to start collecting the things we ask for each year. If you have any books, bottles of anything from water to wine, or any spirits for that matter, please let me know and I am happy to collect them or you can bring them up to my house. As always we are looking for items for the Bric-a-Brac stall and also items we can put in the silent auction.

*Peter Brinck. 01935 891822*

### **A superb Artsreach Production**

There was a good attendance at Halstock Village Hall for the Artsreach Production 'Think of England', a new play by Madeline Gould - especially arranged for the afternoon of Sunday 28th January, which suited many of our Senior Citizens who prefer not to drive in the dark.

The Company performing were 'Anonymous is a Woman'. The atmosphere was enhanced by the audience being sat at tables arranged around the hall for cream teas, as in the 'Tea Dances' of the 1940's.

No stage and no props were needed for this gripping story that stirred many of our memories.

Bette and Vera were travelling the Country hosting Tea Dances to boost the morale of communities and R.A.F personnel. A Lancaster Bomber was portrayed by members of the audience and actors being placed in the shape of a Bomber in positions suitable for Pilot, Engineer, Bomb Aimer, and Gunner - sparking our imagination and, for some, memories.

Bette beautifully and lustily sang some war songs. The Story slowly developed after a Canadian R.A.F Crew arrived on the scene; a story of love and scandal similar to that actually witnessed in the 1940's.

There was dancing, mainly jive, which also involved a few from the audience

These Productions help not only to promote Artsreach but swell the much needed funds for Halstock Village Hall. So thanks to a brilliant team of actors and Artsreach Promoter Debbie Childs with Members of Halstock Community Theatre who arrange these Productions. People from Halstock and Corscombe spent a memorable afternoon.

*Paula Denham*

### **Halstock Community Shop (Lottery Funded)**

March is a busy month this year!!

First, some important news! The “old” £10 note is being withdrawn from circulation from March 1<sup>st</sup> and will no longer be legal tender, although they can be exchanged at Banks and the Bank of England after this date. Post Offices will also accept them for a short time. Look through all of your piggy banks, teapots and other hiding places and use them before the deadline. Be sure not to accept any old notes after March 1<sup>st</sup>, or even a short time before if possible!

Mothering Sunday is March 11<sup>th</sup> and the shop will have plenty of whatever you need to keep in “Mum’s” good books – cards, boxes of chocolates, potted plants, etc. No need to go to town!!

Then on March 17<sup>th</sup> we can all join the Irish to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. Don’t forget to pick up your Guinness, Baileys Irish Cream or your other favourite tipple.

Spring is supposed to be arriving soon (March 21<sup>st</sup>) and snowdrops, crocus and daffodils are already showing their colours. It is a pity that, as I write, we are still facing cold winds and rain but let’s hope the weather improves - in which case you will see a 2<sup>nd</sup> wheelbarrow appear outside the shop. No it is not for construction but will be full of bedding plants ready for you green fingered wizards to transform your gardens into oases of colour!

Easter is at the end of March and we already have our Moore’s Easter Biscuits and chocolate eggs. Hot Cross buns will arrive soon but it is never too early to start preparing. Also watch for the Easter Raffle and Betty Armour’s Easter Window display.

The village has seen a lot of new residents in the last few years, many of whom are regular customers of the shop for which we thank them. For those new residents (and possibly some who have been here longer) it is probably appropriate to explain about the Community Shop.

The shop is owned and operated by Halstock Village Shop Ltd. (HVSL), a not-for-profit company whose shareholders consist of local residents and Halstock Village Trust (HVT), a registered charity. Any profits made by HVSL which are not required to run the business, are covenanted to the HVT for the benefit of Halstock and the surrounding community. Applications for grants can be submitted to HVT by local groups or organisations.

*Tony Woodroffe on behalf of the Community Shop Committee  
February 10<sup>th</sup> 2018*

## **Halstock Second Friday**

Taking Place at the Fox Inn at Corscombe  
Between 1800 and 2000 hrs on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

There was another good turnout for the February gathering with some more new faces. We look forward to seeing another good attendance for the gathering on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone welcome. John Bright hopes to be back in March.

*Tony Woodroffe*

***Please see the Corscombe section for information about First Responders***

***Responders***