

Church Flowers & Side Altar

4th Fiona James
18th Mary Clegg

Church Cleaning

Tish Costello

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 - they are truly grateful for all they receive. Thank you.



We're so pleased that more and more people are trying Breakfast Church and enjoying the relaxed social opportunities it offers as well as the chance to find out what the Bible has to say about our lives today.

We next meet on **Sunday 25th Feb**, so come and share croissants, bacon rolls and good coffee, plus some songs and a talk, and we'll search for answers as we travel through life together.



Breakfast Church
Part of Melbury Team Ministry
Every fourth Sunday at 9.30am
in Halstock Village Hall
Church – but not as we know it!

Friends of St Mary's Church
100+ Club

Prizes of £100, £40, £20 and £5 awarded every month

Winners in January Draw

1st = # 75 - Ms R Bradbery

2nd. = # 68 - Mr P Knox

3rd. = # 36 - Ms M Farrell

4th. = # 98 - Mr & Mrs C Dowding

Next Draw

Wednesday, 14th February 2018

Urgent note:

After 8 years of running the 100 Club I am standing down in April. It is not an onerous job and plays a crucial role in funding the maintenance, repair and development of our beautiful village church. Is there anyone out there who could spare a little time each month to ensure the continuation of this vital fundraising initiative for our church.

PLEASE contact Liz Castleton on 891898 to discuss PLEASE!!

**Tea/coffee and cakes are being served
in the Community Room
between 10.00 and 11.30
every Tuesday & Thursday**

Useable second hand clothes and shoes for Refugees

Do please continue to donate your wearable unwanted clothes and shoes to support this humanitarian project. They also need a range of other items including cleaning products such as washing up liquid, hand washing powder or liquid for clothes, washing lines, pegs, dish cloths and tea towels, not to mention personal hygiene products such as toilet paper, men's deodorant and razors, shower gel and shampoo. **(If you do donate toiletries please place them in separate bags from clothes - thank you! And please - only new toiletries - half empty pots/bottles are not wanted!)**

Blandford Cares is also supporting an initiative to provide accommodation for homeless people in Dorset by converting a double decker bus into 20 sleeping pods. They require single fitted sheets, duvet covers, pillow cases and blankets. If you have any secondhand suitable bedding you would like to donate it can be left at the collection point in the church (at the back near the bell tower).

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 February / 3 March

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Our talk today was entitled The History of Walsingham England's Nazareth.

Walsingham has been a place of pilgrimage since the Middle Ages. During medieval times the village was visited by thousands of pilgrims from all over Britain and Europe, including kings and queens of England from Henry III(c1226) to Henry VIII(1511).

Pilgrimages were popular throughout the 20th century, today Walsingham is one of the most spiritual places in the country.

An excellent insight to Walsingham.

With thanks to our speaker Mrs Rosemary Clary.

Halstock WI welcomes new members.

February birthdays in Halstock

3rd Wilfred Lemmey

12th Sophia Frampton

28th Justin White

We hope you all have very happy birthday.

Halstock Has Giant Egg!

Some of you will know that we keep chickens up here. Recently one of our new hens laid an egg weighting 140gms. Average is 55gms. I decided to use it, along with some other pullets' eggs to make a Spanish omelette. I prepared the shallots, mushrooms, red peppers, broccoli, herbs, etc., then braced myself to crack open the monster egg. Imagine my surprise when another egg, complete with perfect shell, emerged with the contents of the main egg. Quite a surprise, but apparently not unique!

There's something new every day on a smallholding.

Diana Brooks

**HALSTOCK AND DISTRICT
GARDENING CLUB**

19TH FEBRUARY

TALK

BY

NEIL LOVESAY

**"TWELVE MONTHS IN
COLOUR"**

Halstock Village Hall

7.30 pm.

The Royal British Legion

I can now report that the final amount collected during remembrance week for the Poppy Appeal was £3,740.78. I am sorry that this wasn't published last month but the final collection did not come in until after the deadline for the January Chimes. Don't forget to mark Saturday 3rd March in your diary when Halstock Village Cinema will be showing 'Dunkirk' at Halstock Village Hall. It has been agreed that 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 13th February at 7.30pm at the Rest and Welcome Inn.

Village Hall News

I am writing this a day after the hall Management Committee meeting. At the meeting it was agreed that as we have now completed our last project, the hearing loop, we should start on another. In fact we are now looking at two areas that we feel need attention. Firstly, the crockery in the kitchen is of very mixed quality and we should have 100 pieces of all the items we stock, so we will be purchasing some new crockery. Secondly, we have felt for a long time that the toilets at the kitchen end of the hall do need to be updated. So, keep supporting the hall in all its money raising ventures such as taking your paper to the paper shed, coming to the Film Nights and putting your loose change into the Mile of Pennies tins to enable us get on with this work.

Summer Fete

I know that it is only the end of January but we are beginning to organise the Fete which will again be on the August Bank Holiday which this year is Saturday 25th August. We are always looking for help and we do also need a little new blood on the committee. Are you new to the Village? If so, to come on the committee or help at the Fete is a wonderful way to meet new people. There are many jobs to be done before the day as well as on the day. So if you can offer any help please let me know. At present we have not fixed the date of our next committee meeting but if you give me a ring I can let you know.

Peter Brinck. 01935 891822

Halstock Second Friday

Taking place at the Fox Inn in Corscombe
between 1800 and 2000 hrs
on Friday 9th February.

We had a very successful December gathering when around 20 people turned up and the party did not break up until after 2030hrs! We have had to go to press prior to the January get together to which I hope even more people will attend than in December. Sadly I shall be away for the February Second Friday and the March date will be Friday 9th March which I hope to attend. Please put the dates in your diaries.

John Bright, Russell House

Halstock Community Shop (Lottery Funded)

We hope that you had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Your support of the shop was tremendous and we had some very busy days indeed. Christmas not only brought Santa but also coughs and colds, which added some strain to staffing the shop. Thanks to all staff and volunteers who did extra/longer shifts enabling us to keep the shop open.

The draw for the raffle prizes took place on Christmas Eve. The proceeds came to £51.60 which has been sent to Julia's House Hospice for Children. The winners were:

Dog – Lesley Waters - who named it Cuddles!!

Bottle of Wine – Liz Stuckey

Box of Biscuits – Sarah Whittington

Thanks to everyone who took part. Look out for the Easter Raffle at the end of March.

It is back to normal routines and ordering again and with the Christmas items gone the shelves will again be stocked with our usual range of goods. Please let us know if there are any particular items you would like us to stock. If there is a big enough demand we are always willing to try and source specific products.

Finally, a note about bread and papers which you ask us to hold for you. We are finding that occasionally these are not collected. Bread has to be thrown away which is a loss to the shop. Papers if not collected can usually be returned for credit but this could result in our future supplies being reduced by the wholesaler (Smiths) resulting in fewer papers being available for us to sell and customers to buy. Also, other customers who might wish to purchase those papers are not able to do so, which results in a loss of sales. So please, if you do not require your papers or bread, let us know in good time to avoid these problems arising.

Tony Woodroffe on behalf of the Community Shop Committee

Artsreach presents

Townsend Productions "We are the Lions Mr Manager"

Friday 23rd February 7.30pm

Tickets available from Deb Childs Tel: 01935 891744 and Halstock Community shop

Suitable for all ages.

Adults £9.00, U18 £6.00, Family £25.

Light Refreshments, Tea/Coffee and Bar available.

Description

Jayaben Desai, the inspirational leader of the 1976-78 Grunwick Film Processing Factory Strike, was recently named amongst the women as having the biggest impact on women's lives over the past 70 years as part of the Radio 4 Women's Hour Power List. Desai brought the issue of workplace exploitation and racism to the fore, challenged the perception of Asian women being inherently passive and docile, whilst having the measure of the most brutish and charmless of her managers, telling them:

“What you are running here is not a factory, it is a zoo. But in a zoo there are many types of animals. Some are monkeys who dance on your fingertips, others are lions who can bite your head off. We are the lions, Mr. Manager!”

She not only stood up for workers’ rights and against oppression with selfless dedication, but with her steadfast resolve, she turned the dispute into a national movement for human rights and dignity inspiring future generations.

Townsend Productions return with an entertaining, engaging portrayal of social history, delivering a serious message in an energetic and comedic manner with songs and music of the 1970 s.

"A powerful story, powerfully told." The Observer

HALSTOCK VILLAGE CINEMA

Our great spring season continues!

Make sure the dates below are in your diary and join us for the best in up-to-the-minute releases, on the big screen in Halstock Village Hall.

Sat 17th March

VICTORIA AND ABDUL (PG)

The true story of the unlikely and devoted alliance which the queen’s household tried to destroy. With Judi Dench and Ali Fazal heading a cast of star names.

Sat 3rd 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 17th February

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 21st 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

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Responders