

ODCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Newsletter

November 2011

No. 70

Village Hall News



The Good News ...

Our happy band of volunteers has worked well together and in August we were rewarded by receiving confirmation from the Community Council for Somerset that the Hall and its committee had successfully met the required standards to warrant the Hallmark 3 award. Having attained Hallmarks 1 and 2 for several years now, this is quite an accolade. Not only must the building and its equipment be kept in good, clean, safe order at all times, offer excellent facilities, and be accessible to all, the committee must demonstrate that it takes its role as custodians of the hall seriously; must have in place a range of policies for the safety and well-being of all users and visitors, and show that it can deal with unexpected problems in a sensible, timely manner. However, we couldn't have done it without our users who have played a vital role in achieving H3 by their responsible attitude when using the hall by removing their rubbish after use, leaving it clean and tidy for other users, returning the key as required, reporting to the committee any broken or damaged equipment, and generally taking care of our community building. THANK YOU! Although grant money for projects is almost non-existent in the wider world at the moment, having Hallmark 3 does give us a small head start when applying for funds – proving that we are a well-managed, deserving organisation that takes its responsibilities seriously.

As notified in the last newsletter, the Committee still desperately need a permanent **Booking Secretary** to relieve Joyce Holland of her double role. If you'd be interested in joining us and would like to know more please ring Joyce on **863545**.

Saturday 3rd December

As well as our **Crafty Christmas** event which opens at **10.30am** (details from Diane 863832) our **Fun Quiz evening** takes place on the same date. Doors open at 7pm for a **7.30pm start**. Book your team of 4-6 or join up with others to make a team – tickets at **£5 per person** (supper included) available until Wednesday 30th

November from Valerie on **862905**.

Christmas Raffle

The Hall has accepted the Rotary Club's invitation to participate in their big money raffle this year, with prizes being donated by local businesses. Tickets cost £1 each (£5 per book) and OVH receives monies from all their ticket sales plus 10% which will help to swell our funds. If you feel inclined to purchase Rotary Club tickets please support your Hall by buying them from us, available from early November. Thank you.

Cycle Rack

The committee is considering the installation of a cycle rack for users of the hall but there are differing opinions amongst members as to whether it is a sensible acquisition and something that will be used. We are hoping to obtain a grant towards the cost but would welcome your views (862905).

Village Lottery

Having recently recruited some new members, as from the October draw we were able to increase the monthly prize monies to £42, £22 and £13. Why not take this opportunity to join the lottery (only £4 to pay until March 2012) - and swell the prize money even more. Act quickly and you could be in the December draw – just in time for Christmas! Ring Joyce on 863545 to join up.

Community Service

OVH has teamed up with the Parish Council in discussions with the Probation Office in the hope of obtaining the services of a team to help with painting and decorating at the Hall, and clearance of various paths and outside areas within the village. Work is unlikely to commence until 2012. These individuals have obviously broken some rules in the past but they are endeavouring to make recompense, so if you do see some of these visitors working in the village please give them a cheery smile or a friendly word.

Oil Heating

For those of you who have oil heating we have been asked by the Community Council for Somerset to inform you that they have set up a local buying syndicate with the aim of reducing oil costs. If you would like further information the CCfS can be contacted on 01823 331222, emailed on oil@somersetccc.org.uk or you can access their website: www.somersetccc.org.uk/oil.

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Care of the Hall

We have almost given up on the recruitment of a caretaker within the village – unless of course you are keen to earn a few pounds each month – if so please ring Valerie on 862905. Meanwhile we have managed to persuade our regular Monday morning professional cleaners, Helliars, to give us a spruce up on a Friday morning – ready for the weekend. We'd like to thank them for doing an excellent job week in week out and helping us out with an extra session.

Thanks also to all of the Committee for being such a dedicated team, as well as all our occasional helpers at various events, not forgetting certain of the 'Bowlers' who regularly replenish hand towels and loo rolls – where would we be without them?

A very Merry Christmas to everyone!

Valerie Leaver, Village Hall Committee



News and Views

If you would like your views to be aired, we will be delighted to include them in the newsletter, space permitting. Just e-mail us at:

OdcombeVillageHall@gmail-com

or contact Diane Francis 863832 or Colin Hill 863193

WANTED

Someone to look
after the bookings at
the Village Hall!



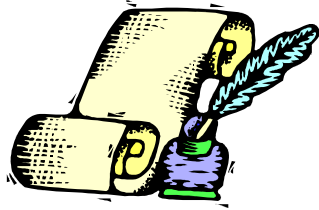
If you'd be interested
in joining us and would like to
know more please ring Joyce on
863545.

Missed this issue... ?

The March issue deadline is

Friday 24th February 2012

... but the earlier we
get your contribution
the better.



Village Hall Bookings



contact Joyce Holland on 863545



Village Hall Lottery

£13—£22—£42 from Oct'11

Congratulations to the lucky winners over the last four months ...

July:	1st - 213 Bridget Bastin,	2nd - 157 Alistair Graham,	3rd - 181 Pauline Greenwood
August:	1st - 255 Jane Gegg,	2nd - 253 Deryl Rennie,	3rd - 227 Ruth Woolley
September:	1st - 133 Malcolm Glover,	2nd - 297 Pam Bailey,	3rd - 258 Barbara Martin
October:	1st - 255 Jane Gegg,	2nd - 227 Ruth Woolley,	3rd - 184 Hazel Smith

To get or renew tickets, contact Joyce Holland ☎ 863545

Crime Reduction and Community Safety



The Bobby Van

Sgt Mark Harvey is seeking referrals for the **Bobby Van** to support vulnerable members of the community. The Bobby Van scheme run by Avon and Somerset Police, helps to reduce the fear of crime for vulnerable people and victims of burglary, domestic violence and hate crime.

Trained carpenters visit the homes of people to offer advice on security issues and where necessary, fit locks, bolts, chains, door viewers etc.

This service is free-of-charge to victims of crime and the vulnerable. Further details available from 0845 4567000 or your local Police contact.

Odcombe Parish Council

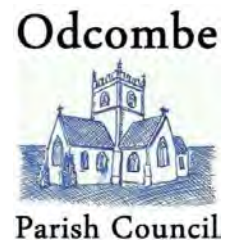
You may have already received a notice inviting you to the Village Hall to suggest and consider improvements to the Recreation Ground. Support from as many parishioners as possible would allow a plan to be drawn up.



With winter fast approaching would you please report any street lighting failures. The number on the lamp and its location must be given.

Three more grit bins have been ordered and will, subject to S.C.C. approval, be situated to cover Westbury Gardens, Orchard Close and Broadway.

Barry Savill-Daw
Chairman



Grit Bins and Peacocks

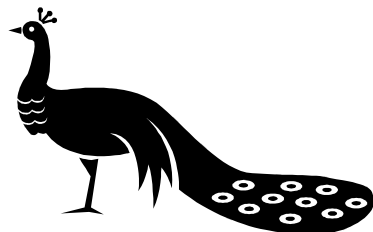
GRIT BINS

There maybe some good news for the other side of the tracks, well the other side of Ham Hill Road. (Broadway, Orchard Close and Westbury Gardens).



PEACOCKS

Since the increase in the family, the birds have been visiting further afield and the number of complaints has grown. **WARNING** - wallflower plants are a favourite.



Happy to receive any positive comments,
Diane Francis

What's going on?

We hear from most of the organisations in Odcombe, but how about sharing some of YOUR news?

Letters, comments and views of residents are welcome - had a super holiday at a resort you can recommend, births, marriages, hobbies, local issues?

Or a story about historical or amusing events in Odcombe?

If you would like your views to be aired, we will be delighted to include them in the newsletter, space permitting. Just get in touch with us and look forward to seeing your name in print.

Copy for the newsletter to:-
Diane Francis 863832 or
Colin Hill 863193

Adverts for the newsletter to:-
John King 863165



On 3rd December 2011
10:30-3:30pm
@ Odcombe Village Hall

Refreshments
all day

Homemade
soup 12noon
until 2pm

Crafty Christmas



An Art Exhibition supported by local crafts & skills, giving
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contact Diane 01935 863832



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Crafty Christmas

This is our third year and looking forward to it being as good if not better than the previous two.

Previous stall holders and some new ones include:

cakes both traditional and fanciful, cards wrapping paper and decorations, hampers, honey and preserves, jewellery for adults and children, bird and insect boxes, soaps, magic balloons, Odcombe Stitch & Knit who will also be running a Craft Workshop and we will have 1 or 2 surprises.

Refreshments all day and Deryl's Homemade Soups between 12 and 2pm. Not forgetting our own Odcombe Artists, Pam Bailey, Peter Cooper, David Gibbings and Mollie Slee.

Starts at 10.30am on 3rd December. See you there!

Odcombe Luncheon Club

In October we celebrated our 12th birthday with a splendid meal. It was also a very sad time for us as we have lost one of our valued helpers, Anita, who will be sorely missed. It has caused us to appreciate that our helpers are all getting on in years, and we would really welcome some more help, so please contact Bridget or any of our ladies if you can spare a couple of hours or so on a Wednesday.



The Christmas meal will be really early this year, on Wednesday 16th November.

Our thanks, as always, to all our helpers.

Bridget Langdon ☎ 862498



FUN QUIZ EVENING



Odcombe Village Hall

Saturday 3rd December 2011

7:00 for 7:30pm

Join others to form a team of 4 or 6
or enter your own team

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Odcombe Parish Church

It has been a busy October in the Church with our Harvest Festival. The Church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and for this we thank all those involved – and thank you Montacute for the sheaves of wheat.

In the evening we had the Harvest Supper attended by about 70 people followed by the auction conducted by Mr. Martin Dare, thank you Martin. The food served was of the standard we have come to expect - really excellent – thank you all. In total we raised about £350.00 including selling the sheaves of wheat for a generous amount probably to feed the ducks.

This month we have installed new heating in the Church which has proved very effective, do come and try it – all we need now is some cold weather!

In the coming months we look forward to the Advent season followed by Christmas. The Christmas Services have not yet been finalized as the Rev. John has four churches to satisfy and it can take a bit of manipulating to satisfy each Village. We will however publish the dates when known.

Services (See notice board for other December Services)

6th Nov. 11:00am Village Family Service

13th Nov. 10:50am Remembrance Service
followed by Parish Eucharist

20th Nov. 11:00am Parish Eucharist

27th Nov. 11:00am Parish Eucharist

4th Dec. 11:00am Village Family Service

There will be the 'Crib Service' at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve. Come early to get a seat!

John Worledge ☎ **862874**

Tribute to Mrs Ellenette Ivy Haine

27th August 1910 – 20th October 2011

The passing of such a longstanding member of the Community must be mentioned.

“Ettie” lived in The Bungalow, at Street Lane, for 60 years. In the beginning with her husband Ernest Haine. They had a son, Norman in 1928, but he died at 2 years old. “Ernie” farmed with tractor and dairy cows until 1965. When he died Ettie sold the farm buildings and land, and remained in The Bungalow. Her brother, Reg, came to live with her until his death in 2003. They always had a pet dog and latterly “Sheila” accompanied Ettie as she lived on her own until she was 99 years old.

Over the years Ettie enjoyed great friendships and kind support from all her immediate neighbours, including Jean now in Yeovil and Jean now at Tintinhull, as well as many Odcombe Villagers. She was very close to the Parish Church, the Reverend



Dean, Pat, Liz and Simon.

In November 2009 Ettie needed more care and accepted a Care Home at Yeovil Marsh. She celebrated her 100th Birthday there, receiving Congratulations from

The Queen. In August 2011 she reached her 101st Birthday but sadly since then became unwell. Hospital treatment was unsuccessful and she was kept comfortable until her end on the 20th October 2011.

Ettie’s long life saw many changes; she has been a hard working wife. **“A remarkable and truly inspirational lady with such strength of character and sprit.”**

Jacky Fox (niece) and Gloria Williams (niece)

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Odcombe Football Club

We really didn't have a gap between seasons as we were on the village recreation ground most Wednesday evenings, sometimes there wasn't many of us but we kept it going until the first friendly on the first Saturday in JULY! Due to the dry weather and early start of the friendlies there was no chance of getting any grass seed to grow in the goalmouths.



We'll have to wait for wetter weather before trying again. Both teams had quite a few friendlies rather than enter the leagues pre season Hospital Cup and most games were a mixture of players used in both teams who were available.

The Rothery Trophy was eventually won by the first team 3-2 with goals by Arthur Riley, Luke Hicken and Steve Ayling although they were made to fight for it all the way with Chris Game levelling the scores at 1-1 midway through the first half and Mark Preece tapping in to make it 3-2 with ten minutes remaining. With the league starting in September both teams have played about 6 league games. For a while our first team were undefeated and top of the league on goal difference, with wins against Tor (5-1) Abbey Moor (4-1) and Martock (4-3), however in the last few weeks a couple of defeats have dropped us off the top spot but it seems that the league (Div 1) could well be quite a close run thing, so here's hoping!

Steve Cook is having his problems trying to keep a settled side, which was not helped by players picking up long term injuries in the pre season friendlies. Liam Rogers started the season as Reserve Team Manager but due to work commitments he has handed the reigns onto John Dixon of Cherry Lane, who is now trying his hardest to support the first team but also make the Reserve Team as strong as possible. We have already signed on over forty players but in this day and age, what with work commitments and various other activities, it has sometimes been hard getting two full teams together.

The Reserve team is still looking for its first win but we are not rock bottom thanks to a point at home to Martock Reserves. We were drawn at home against a team from Banwell (Nr Weston super Mare) in the first round of the Somerset Intermediate Cup, which is a competition which we have done relatively well in, in the last few years, but we lost by the odd goal so there will be no away day trips to faraway Somerset locations this year.

We have started our Wednesday evening indoor 5 a side training at Preston Community Sports Centre sports hall 7 pm to 8 pm so if you fancy a bit of a run out and can put up with a bit of mickey taking when things don't quite go according to plan, then you are welcome to come along.

There is a £3 fee payable on the night and you can get any up to date news about the club on our website www.clubwebsite.co.uk/odcombecity

or contact **Glenn Seymour** on **01935 863961**
or grseymour@tiscali.co.uk

Odcombe Walkers

Members of Odcombe Walkers held their AGM in June and voted in Alison Read from Yeovil, as the new Chairman. This will be the first time that the post of Chairman has been held by someone from outside of Odcombe since the group started in 1996. This reflects the way the group has changed over the last 15 years, as most of our walkers are now from outside of Odcombe, as are most of the walks.

During July, August and September, we averaged a walk a week, including a local walk via Bagnall Farm and a walk as far out as Preston, near Weymouth.

The late summer heat has made the walks even more enjoyable, long may it last.



Terry Living ☎ **862315**

Newsletter Costs

We hope you enjoy receiving the Village newsletter which is published three times a year. Every house in Odcombe should receive one and a number are also left at The Masons Arms and at Greensleeves Nursery for browsers.

Our business advertising rates are as follows:-

£20 for a half page for the year (all 3 issues),
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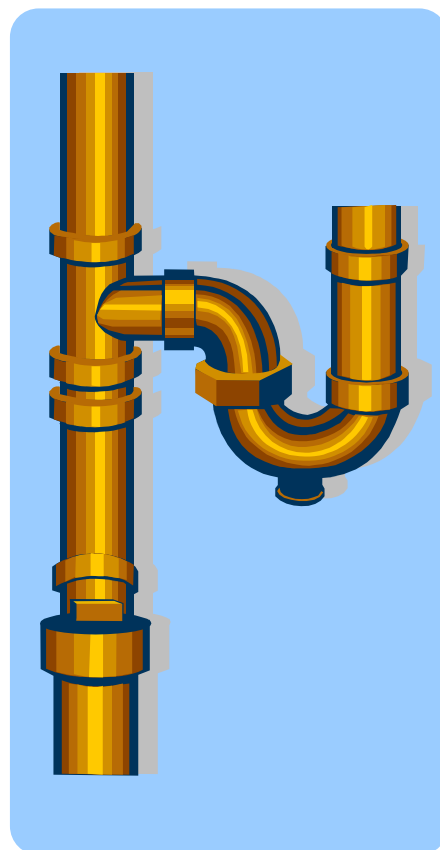
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Links with the Past

THE PROPERTY in the July edition of the Newsletter was the **Rising Sun**, one of the many Inns Odcombe used to have. The link with a man called Eric Burdon? He was the lead singer of a band called the Animals who had a hit single with **House of the Rising Sun** in three decades, the 60s 70s and 80s. It was a No1 in 1964 for those of us who can remember it. Thank you to all who responded.



This photograph is of the property as it is today.



DRAY BARTON

by kind permission of Wally and Angela Cottrell

THE LARGE GROUP photograph was taken outside of the old school. It is a Sunday School outing possibly in 1946. You could go on the outing if you had attended church for the required number of weeks beforehand so possibly not everyone in the photograph would have gone to the Sunday School.



Diane Francis, November 2011

Odcombe Scenes from the Past

VILLAGE HALL

None of your memories to share on the 40th Anniversary of your village hall as none received despite our request in the last newsletter!

Your village hall didn't get from this



to what it is today



without community spirit, enthusiasm and a lot of hardwork by unpaid volunteers.
Please don't take it for granted.

All Saints Church of England Primary School



The children and staff have all come back to school refreshed, recharged and ready for the new year ahead. The Acorn Children are enjoying getting to know their new surroundings and I am pleased to say that they have settled in well. They are enjoying spending time with their buddies from Class 6 at playtimes and have even enjoyed a welly walk together.

The new School Councillors this year are:

Class 6 Oliver Ryan and Lauren Martin
Class 5 George Borland and Leah McCamley
Class 4 Ben McGeough and Sophie Ewens
Class 3 Ethan Garland and Hatty Baldacchino
Class 2 Liam Price and Lucy Grenfell
Class 1 Ander Brinck and Kiera Tavener
Acorn Class Kieran Sharpe and Erin O'Brien

We celebrated our Harvest Festival on Thursday 20th October. The children sang beautifully and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody who attended. All the food that we received at our Harvest Celebration was donated to The Lord's Larder in Yeovil.

The application process has begun for those children who are due to start school in September 2012. If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008 they will be due to start school in September 2012. If you would like to come and have a look around All Saints, I would be more than happy to show you around the school. Please ring the school to make an appointment.

We will be holding an All Saints Service on Wednesday 2nd November at 2.15pm in St Catherine's Church, Montacute. It would be wonderful if you could join us to celebrate the occasion.

The children are busy filling shoe boxes full of presents and gifts for children around the world who are less fortunate than themselves. The shoe boxes will be collected by Operation Christmas Child at the beginning of November. This appeal is one that the children greatly enjoy taking part in and will hopefully spread a little happiness.

The Friends of All Saints have been extremely busy with their fundraising. The Christmas Café and Advent Fayre will be on Sunday 27th November between 1.00-4.00pm. It would be lovely to see you there if you are able to come along.

My very best wishes,
Paula Park, Head Teacher ☎ 01935 826626

Odcombe Short Mat Bowls

Winter is creeping up on us again and we start another Winter League. We are running two teams again in the Yeovil and District League. Our membership is quite healthy and all are eager to compete in these games. Though our membership is strong we would still like to see some younger members joining. We did not fare too well in the Summer League but we hope to put that right in the oncoming months. Most clubs now have their own bowling strip and we have decided to do the same with a blue and white strip. These will be used in all League and Friendly games.



In October we held our in house competitions, the first being the Ladies and Gents Championship which was quite well supported. The Ladies Championship saw Olive Helliar beat June Hession in the final, and in the Men's Championship John Gibbons beat Tony Helliar. At the end of the month we play our Mixed Pairs Championship which again will be very competitive.

In November we compete in the Taunton and District Triples. All money that is raised will be donated to the Children's Hospice SW, a very worthy cause.

Playing times: Monday 2:30 to 4:30pm
Wednesday/Friday 7:00 to 10:00pm

Tony Helliar ☎ 862861
Secretary



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Ladies, have you ever thought of joining the W.I.?

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Why not come along for a free visit and find out who we are and what we do? One thing we don't do at our meetings is to sing Jerusalem (or any other hymn for that matter) and plenty of our members don't make jam!

For more information 'phone Elaine on 863026, or Karen on 862790 (evenings).



ODCOMBE

OUR VILLAGE

OUR SCHEME

We have a new Beat Manager covering the Coker Ward, PC Nik Smith. Nik can be contacted via email:

nicholas.smith@avonandsomerset.police.uk

or by telephoning the new 101 number (see below). PCSO Tony Over remains with us and can also be contacted via 101 or email

tony.over@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Recent messages from the police:

1. Have Your Say - the Force has launched an online consultation website where you can have your say on policing. By taking part in the surveys you can make a real difference. If you would like to be kept informed of when a survey or results are being published then please email consultation@avonandsomerset.police.uk. Consultation via post, telephone or face-to-face are welcomed via the Citizen Focus Team, Police Headquarters, Valley Road, Portishead (Tel 101 from 19 September).

2. From 19th September you will be able to contact Avon and Somerset Police by calling 101. 101 will not replace 999, which will continue to be used for emergencies. It will however replace our existing 0845 number, although there will be a 3-month period when both numbers will be available. Calls to 101 from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long your call lasts.

3. Community Policing Awards - If you know of a police officer, staff or team who has made a difference to your community or continually goes the extra for you then nominate them now. The award categories are:

- Neighbourhood Beat Manager of the Year
- PCSO of the Year
- Special Constable of the Year
- Neighbourhood Team of the Year

- Outstanding Customer Service Award

The closing date for nominations is November 21 and you can nominate online at:-

www.communitypolicingawards.org.uk, call 01275 816386 or alternatively you can collect a nomination form from your Neighbourhood Watch Administrator (01823-363348).

If you have any information about any crime contact the police on 101 or you can call anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers 0800 555 111. In an emergency contact 999.

My thanks, as always, to the 22 street NHW Co-ordinators throughout the village who volunteer their time to make our scheme work. Co-ordinators are still required for Broadway cul-de-sac and Orchard Path/Church Terrace. If you feel able to help please make contact. Many thanks.

Denise Dunford

Village NHW Co-ordinator ☎ 863444

ddunford1@btinternet.com

**Please remember to report crime
direct to the police**

**then
alert other residents via your street's
NHW Co-ordinator.**



There ↓	Service N12 Daily Monday to Friday	& Back ↑
10:32	Higher Odcombe - by the church	13:49
10:37	Lower Odcombe - Masons Arms	13:45
10:44	Preston Grove surgery	13:35
10:49	Hendford Lodge surgery	13:32
10:52	Yeovil - Borough	13:28
Go 'green' - use the bus!		






Regulars in the Village Hall...

Post Office	Mondays - 9:00 to 12:00 noon Fridays - 9:30 to 11:30 am	
Doctor's Surgery	Mondays - 1:30 pm	Dr Cox ☎ 862212
Short Mat Bowls	Mondays - 2:30 to 4:30 pm Wednesdays - 7:00 to 10:00 pm Fridays - 7:00 to 10:00 pm	Tony Helliar ☎ 862861
Mums and Toddlers	Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:30 am	Gaynor Soulsby ☎ 863117
Higashi Karate Kai	Tuesdays - 5:45 to 7:00 pm	Malcolm Glover ☎ 07883 067592
Whist Drive	Thursdays - 8:00 pm	Joyce Holland ☎ 863545
Parish Council (public welcome)	3rd Monday in month - 7:30 pm	Mrs E.M. James MCILM ☎ 380841 clerk@odcombeparishcouncil.gov.uk
Luncheon Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays in month - 12:30	Bridget Langdon ☎ 862498
Stitch and Knit	2nd & 4th Tuesdays in month - 7:15 pm	Gaynor Soulsby ☎ 863117

Other activities in the Village...

Odcombe Walkers		Peter Woolley ☎ 863656
Odcombe Football Club		Glenn Seymour ☎ 863961
Neighbourhood Watch	Local representatives around the village	Denise Dunford ☎ 863444
St. Peter & St. Paul Parish Church	All at 11:00 am	Rev'd John Jenkins ☎ 863034
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Eucharist every Sunday • Family Service 1st Sunday • Parish Eucharist 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. Jun. Jul. Aug. • Feb. to May and Sep. to Dec. • Feb. to May and Sep. to Dec. 	

Special events coming up...

	15th November - Recreation Ground meeting at the Village Hall 7:30pm	Have your say on any improvements
	27th November - Christmas Café and Advent Fayre at All Saints school 1:00pm to 4:00pm	The Friends of All Saints fundraising
	3rd December - Crafty Christmas at the Village Hall 10:30am to 3:30pm	Refreshments throughout the day.
	3rd December - Fun Quiz Evening at the Village Hall 7:00 for 7:30	Teams of 4 - 6 people, £5 per person to include a supper, wine/beer/soft drinks at reasonable prices.
	24th December - Crib Service Odcombe Parish Church 6:00 pm	Come early to get a seat!

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