

ODCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Newsletter

July 2011

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Village Hall News

Committee changes

At our AGM on 1st March we were sad to say farewell to a stalwart committee member – Diane Francis - huge thanks to Diane who fulfilled the role of Secretary for many years before handing over to Louise in 2010. She may no longer be on the committee but we do still rely on her for her knowledge and expertise and she may still be seen lending a hand at some of our future events.

Thanks also to Colin Francis who has stepped down as Chair but still remains on the committee.

Unfortunately as from the end of June we shall lose our Booking Secretary, Jackie Collins, without whom we shall struggle to maintain such an efficient service to our hirers. Our thanks to Jackie for all her support. Joyce Holland has kindly volunteered to step in temporarily alongside her role as Treasurer until we can find a replacement. We desperately need a Booking Secretary – if anyone is interested in taking on this important committee role please give Joyce a call to discuss (863545).

Now for the good news - at our June meeting we were fortunate to welcome onto the committee Margaret Clotworthy and Simon Wright. We shall look forward to having their support and new ideas. Committee details as from 1st July are:

Chair / H&S:	Valerie Leaver	862905
Vice Chair:	Hans Rennie	864523
Treasurer / Bookings:	Joyce Holland	863545
Secretary:	Louise Duffy	863580
Newsletter Editor:	Colin Hill	863193
Bowlers reps:	Les & Mary Hutchings	414615
Football rep:	Colin Francis	863832
Karate reps:	Malcolm Glover	07883 067592
	Lisa Betts	824309
Luncheon Club rep:	Bridget Langdon	862498
Walkers reps:	Penny Head	862908
	Terry Living	862315
Elected members:	Margaret Clotworthy	863863
	David Patterson	864374
	Simon Wright	862396

Events

Our Quiz evening on 2nd April was once again a great success although Gary was accused of making some of the questions just a little too difficult! As ever the atmosphere and food were great, the laughter and banter raucous, and everyone appeared to have a good time. The next one will be on 3rd December so why not round up your quizzers (teams of 4-6) and give it a try - ring Valerie on 862905 to book.

Future Events

This year's **Flower Show** is on Saturday 20th August at 2.30pm. Our long-term friend and neighbour, Mr Charles Clive Ponsonby-Fane of Brympton has kindly agreed to open the event. You should already have received your Flower Show Schedules and be planning your entries. However, if you've mislaid your schedule please give Joyce a call on 863545 as she does have a few spare copies.

Crafty Christmas - Saturday 3rd December

Can 2011s whole day event possibly be as successful as last year's? Arty-crafty items by day in time for Christmas pressies (and teams of happy quizzers by night). Limited wall and table space available by contacting Diane on 863832. It's never too soon to apply as space goes really fast. Refreshments available throughout the day and the not to be missed Bumper Christmas raffle will also be drawn.

Other News

Over the next few months the committee intends to investigate the possibility of **upgrading the ladies and gents toilets, and it has also been suggested that the footballers changing rooms need a facelift.** We obviously can't do everything at once but if you have any constructive suggestions to offer, or would like to proffer advice or expertise to the committee to make this happen, your input would be very welcome. The Hall belongs to the village so let's have local input and work together – ring any committee member.

The hall has a number of 6ft wooden trestle tables and some plastic chairs that it is willing to hire out to responsible individuals (or loan to local charities / Odcombe functions) upon request. Please note that our more vulnerable lightweight folding tables and sturdy square tables are only for hall use and cannot be borrowed or removed from the hall.

We would still like to employ a **Caretaker / Cleaner** for around 3 hours per week, mainly during the day on Fridays, and checking the hall between hirings some weekends. If you might like to give it a go or would like some more information please ring Valerie 862905.

Due to ever increasing energy costs, the hall has recently managed to fix its gas and electricity rates until the end of March 2014, which should help to maintain our competitive hall hiring charges for the rest of 2011.

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A reminder of our hiring rates ...

Users: (reps on committee - non-fundraising) **£4.50 /hour**
Villagers: **£7.50 /hour**
Non-Villagers: **£14.00 /hour**

These charges cover everything – heating, gas, water, and electricity plus full use of the main hall, committee room, quiet room and kitchen facilities. Glasses and cutlery are made available upon request. The only other charge is for use of the stage if required.

And, it's not too late to join the **Village Lottery**. **£1 per month, payable annually, with 3 chances to win** each time - £40, £20 or £12. The lottery is normally drawn after our Committee meeting on the first Tuesday each month. If you'd like a ticket (£8 until March 2012) please ring Joyce on 863545.

Please remember that all committee members offer their time and effort voluntarily. We won't always get things right but we do our best!

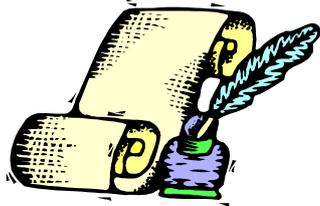
Valerie Leaver
Village Hall Committee

Missed this issue... ?

The November issue deadline is

Friday 28th October 2011

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



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Village Hall Bookings



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Village Hall Lottery **£12—£20—£40**

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

March	1st - 253 Daryl Rennie,	2nd - 181 Pauline Greenwood,	3rd - 248 Caroline Schaefer
April:	1st - 298 Angela Cottrell,	2nd - 199 Colin Hill,	3rd - 125 Tudor Masters
May:	1st - 175 Pat Halsall,	2nd - 187 Honor Hacking,	3rd - 290 Anita Foan
June:	1st - 202 Mrs Morgan,	2nd - 131 Bob Slee,	3rd - 293 Joan Montacute

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Possible regular class if sufficient interest

Odcombe Parish Council

A copy of the Annual Report to Odcombe Parish Council 2010-2011 will be circulated throughout the village in the near future. This will, I believe, cover the points of concern in the Parish.



One question that causes concern is that of dogs on publicly owned lands. The South Somerset District Council has issued two notices that cover dog fouling and dogs on leashes. The notices have been displayed, so please take note if you are exercising a dog as there could be financial penalties.

Barry Savill-Daw
Chairman

"Thank you" to all the responsible dog walkers who **do** clean up! - Ed.



The Grit Bins and Village Meeting Point

The extreme cold weather seems an age ago now, especially with the exceptionally long dry and sunny spring, but at the time of writing the gardens are receiving a welcome drink.



The 'Grit Bins' item in the last newsletter prompted a telephone call, a letter and several verbal responses. Thank you for those, a couple are shown below:-

- "areas only in close proximity to the bins were cleared"
- "maybe some enquiries could be made re putting a bin in the bank near Orchard Close/ Ham Hill road area".

The topic for this issue was a close run contest with the **Village Meeting Point** narrowly winning over the Peacocks.

Yours comments are....

- "Who is responsible for it?"
- "A waste of money not fit for purpose as a shelter"
- "Should have been something more practical as a shelter for parents meeting the school bus"
- "Money better spent on new play equipment or more doggy poo bins around the village"
- "Nicknamed the 'Odcombe Folly'"
- "Could look quite nice when it's finished.....Oh it is finished!"
- "How long will it last" (suggestions as to what might happen to it not printed).



Happy to receive any positive comments,
Diane Francis

Odcombe Village Fete

In the Mason's Arms Field

Saturday 16th July

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Karate Event

On 19th March 2011, the first ever-local junior karate event, organised by Wessex HKK, was held at Preston School, Yeovil, with clubs being invited to take part. These included Wessex HKK, Bridgwater Karate Club, Crewkerne Karate Club, and, of course, Yeovil HKK, who train at Odcombe Village Hall.

The aim of the event was to give the youngsters a first taste of competing in a competition, the age groups being from 6 to 16 years old. With over 54 entries from the various clubs, Yeovil HKK entering 7 of them, supported by the coaching team, came away with:

Kata

Team event – Gold – Callum Mosdall Callum Mabon & Zara Hardy

Individual gold – Jorja Redward

Individual silver – Ellie-K Hardy

Individual bronze - Chelsea Glover

In the **Kumite** (fighting), we won one Gold two Bronze, Jorja Redward winning gold Chelsea Glover and Zara Hardy winning Bronze in the various categories.

Odcombe Luncheon Club

Lunches are as usual, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. We have had some very tasty food, and our numbers are still about 50. We have managed to hold the price at £4.00 for 3 courses plus tea or coffee.



Thanks to our unpaid volunteers.

New diners are always welcome.

Bridget Langdon ☎ 862498

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



Pictured left are the team that represent Yeovil HKK with their medals – Left to Right.

Back row: Chelsea Glover, Callum Mabon and Callum Mosdall

Front row: Jorja Redward, Zara Hardy, Ellie-k Hardy and Liberty Hughes.

Also pictured, are all the competitors.

Malcolm Glover, Chief Instructor, would like to thank his team of instructors and the parents for their help and support.

Anyone interested in joining Yeovil HKK, please telephone 07883 067592 or arrive on a Tuesday night at 5.45pm for registration and training, starting at 6pm and finishing at 7pm at Odcombe Village Hall.



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Odcombe Parish Church

Christian Aid.

The house to house envelope collection in May raised over £600. On behalf of Christian Aid we thank Roger Fox, who organised the collection (and did the bulk of the visits!) and his other helpers, and thank you also, the good people of Odcombe, who gave so generously.

The last **Family Service** before September will be held on 3rd July; it's great fun - come and join us.

At the A.G.M. this year the following were elected Members of Odcombe PCC:-

John Jenkins	- Chairman & Rector
Claire Ashton	
Fiona Cumming	
Cheryl Ronaldson	- Church Warden and Treasurer & Synod
Gaynor Soulsby	
Trevor Walton	
Victoria Waldron	- Minutes secretary
Nan Worledge	- Synod
John Worledge	- Church Warden

The Church Village Fête is to be held in the Mason's Arms field by kind permission of Paula and

Drew, on 16th July. Do come along to this very special Village event. Bar, BBQ, Stalls etc. from 1 p.m.

Events start with the children's dancing at 1.30 p.m., followed by dog racing, children's races, and a 'tug o' war'. We need helpers for the activities, on a rota system - please contact Nicky Webster - email Webster.nicola@virgin.net or phone her on 862058 to volunteer.

If you have anything you wish to donate - cakes, books, jumble, bottles, etc. please contact John Worledge. Help is always appreciated!

In the evening at the Mason's Arms there will be a disco with Karaoke, and food - tickets available from the Masons Arms - Adults £10, Children £5 - limited numbers, so book early!

Derek Halsall ☎ **862613**



Royal Wedding Day

On the 29th of April a village street party, to celebrate the wedding of William and Catherine, was held outside the Mason's Arms pub in Lower Odcombe.

The weather was fantastic and there was a really great atmosphere. This was a memorable day for everyone who came.

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Odcombe Football Club

We eventually finished the season on time, with a few mid week games, having played 58 games (that's league, cup and friendlies) during the season. But we didn't make it to a final as the Reserve Team lost 4-1 at Ilchester Reserves in the semi final of the divisional cup and they went on to win the competition. There is no doubt that the Reserve team had a better second half to the season than the First team as with players being unavailable for one reason or another Steve Cook couldn't put out a settled side one week after another. The games which earlier in the season we had won comfortably on the return leg were tight affairs with the opposition getting the points by the odd goal, the team eventually finishing in 8th position in the league.



At least Steve had a few weeks before his really big match, to Lea, to get things sorted and we all wish them well in married life. Hopefully the new Mrs Cook will permit "the Gaffer" his Saturday afternoons of footy.

The Reserves, having improved through out the season, found themselves losing the semi final and then in the last game of the season losing to the eventual league winners Brhoden in a tight game. We eventually finished up in 6th position in the league. The good news is that as the first team were not fighting relegation, as we have done in previous years, we therefore start next season in the same leagues and ready for another crack at getting promotion and trophies on the table.

At our annual general meeting, held at The Royal George at West Coker, the management team of Chairman Glenn Seymour, Secretary Jeff King, Treasurer Colin Francis, Vice Chairman and First Team Manager Steve Cook, and Reserve Team Manager Liam Rogers remains the same and presentations were made for the 2010-2011 season:

- First Team Player of the Year. Jason Bundy,
- First Team Most Improved Player. Mark Collins.
- Reserve Team Player of the Year. Steve Ayling.
- Reserve Team Most Improved Player. Josh Tizzard.
- Top Goal Scorer. Nathan Boon.
- Most Appearances. Rob Daintith.
- Clubman of the Year. Liam Rogers.

We are still on the look out for more players for the new season so if you fancy a go, come and join us on Wednesday evenings on the recreation ground from 6.30 pm onwards. The new season starts in September but before then we will be playing friendly matches through out the summer.

You can get any up to date news about the club on our website www.clubwebsite.co.uk/odcombecity or contact **Glenn Seymour** on **01935863961** or grseymour@tiscali.co.uk

Odcombe Walkers

The spell of decent weather during Spring and early Summer encouraged more of us to stretch our legs, with plenty of walks to choose from.

Since the last report, the list of walks has included Milborne Port, Ash, Crewkerne, Ilminster, Norton Sub Hamden, Chetnole, South Perrott, Thornecombe, Martock, plus a couple of local walks. The Martock walk was attended by 23 Members which might be a record.

By the time this report appears in print, we will have held our AGM and will be looking forward to a whole Summer of walks, with good company and hopefully good weather.



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.

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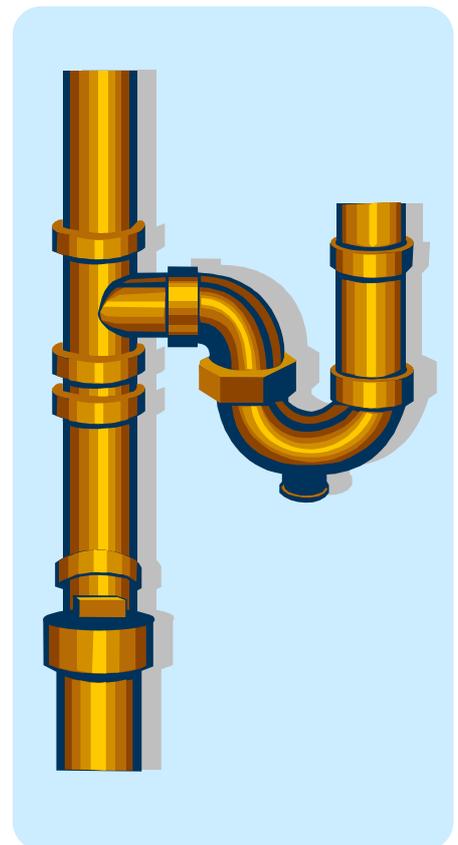
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Links with the Past

I was delighted to receive your responses to the items in the last issue even though there were no claimants for the Lucas/Frampton family tree.

The Odcombe view was looking at Manor Farm, Street Lane from the top of Westbury Gardens in the early 1970's. No the lamp post is not still there as it was repositioned on the opposite corner. Correctly identified by several village residents.

There are some alterations to the names on the Odcombe Carnival photo.

Rene Holland should be Rene Sartin, thank you for the correction from her daughter Valerie, and also for the additional photos you supplied. I believe someone said Montacute should be Montague, which is correct? But no definite confirmation of the date of the photo.



There are two more photographs on the next page. Hoping for some more responses and or contributions.

Your village hall celebrates it's official Ruby Anniversary of opening on 25th September. It would be great to include some photos and memories in the next newsletter. Colin Hill or myself will be happy to receive these.

Diane Francis, February 2011

A message from Diane...

I retired from the village hall committee at the AGM in March and would like to thank the committee for my new golf bag. It was with mixed emotions that I left after several spells on the committee since 1978 representing a variety of village organisations and latterly as secretary from 1995-2010.

I wish everyone well and sincerely hope for new committee members prepared to take responsibility for a wonderful village hall.

I have offered to sell wall and table space for the 'Crafty Christmas Sale' again this year on behalf of the Village Hall. The date is the 3rd December, so if you, or anyone you know, would like to exhibit/sell their 'crafts' or art, please contact me.

Diane 863832.

Odcombe Scenes from the Past



WHO are these people, **WHAT** are, or have, they been doing, **WHERE** is it and **WHEN** did it happen?



What does this building and a man called Eric Burdon have in common?

All Saints Church of England Primary School



I would like to start by thanking you all for support you have shown to the school this academic year.

The Open Afternoon which was held in June was a huge success. The children from Class 6 gave visitors a tour of the school and the comments which we received from the visitors were extremely positive. The staff and children are proud of their school and this was evident from the way they conducted themselves and talked about their school on this afternoon.

Children in Class 5 have forged a link with Greenleaf Primary School in Walthamstow, which they had the pleasure of visiting in May, they slept on the school hall floor returning home the following day. The children visited sights in Central London, such as the Changing of the guard, Buckingham Palace and 10 Downing Street, as well as a visit to the Science Museum. A great time was had by all and we look forward to welcoming Greenleaf Primary back to visit us on Thursday 7th July where they will also be sleeping in our hall for the night and returning to Walthamstow on the Friday.

The end of this term will see our Deputy Head teacher leave the school. Ed Goater has been with the school since it opened in 1997 and spent a term at Odcombe Primary School prior to the school opening.

Ed has been a much loved and respected teacher, always putting the children and parents first. He exemplifies so many of the Christian values, his quiet and calm approach and his obvious love of, and care for, the children have benefited many pupils as they have moved through the school. He will be sadly missed, but we wish him a well deserved happy and relaxing retirement.

The Friends' and Governors' Summer Barbecue is the evening of Friday 8th July 5.00 -7.00p.m. You are very welcome to come and join in what is usually a relaxed and fun filled family occasion.

Year Six will be holding their annual Church Service at St Catherine's, Montacute on Wednesday 20th July 11.00am. You are all warmly invited to attend.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday 16th July at the Odcombe Village Fete, where our Country Dancers will be performing.

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

Odcombe Short Mat Bowls

Sessions held at the Village Hall

Mondays: 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Wednesdays: 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Fridays: 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Tony Helliar ☎ **862861**
Secretary



Keeping South Somerset Orchards Alive

This is a new project covering 28 parishes in South Somerset. A recent survey discovered that 61% of orchards in the county are in poor condition. The aim of this project is to reverse the decline in our traditional orchards.

The project will:

- Offer orchard owners advice and training in restoring, managing and planting orchards
- Train volunteers to carry out wildlife surveys in orchards and to plant and manage community orchards
- Encourage schools to explore the natural heritage of the traditional orchards on their doorsteps and plant new ones in their school grounds.
- Celebrate Somerset's orchard heritage with the local community at special events such as Apple Days and Wassailing.

Charlotte Thomas, Orchard Project Officer said, "Your parish is within the project area so if you would like a site visit or if you would like to become involved as a volunteer then do contact me".

The two year project is funded through grant aid from the Heritage Lottery Fund and members of the Somerset Biodiversity partnership.

For more information please contact:
Charlotte Thomas at FWAG on 01823 355427
or email cmthomas@somerset.gov.uk

Scott Little

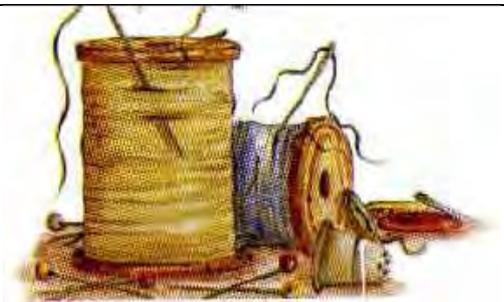
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- Cut the lawns before you go.
- Cancel deliveries of milk, newspapers etc, discretely - don't announce your departure to a shop full of people. Only tell people who need to know you're going away.
- Make sure your house looks occupied. It is worth getting an automatic time switches to switch lights, and a radio, on and off in downstairs or upstairs rooms.
- Mark any valuable items with your postcode or take photographs of all valuable items.
- Consider leaving small valuable items, like jewellery, on deposit at the bank, install a small floor safe.
- Don't leave valuable items like TVs, videos or stereo systems visible through windows.
- Lock the garage and shed with proper security locks, after putting all your tools safely away so they cannot be used to break into your house.
- Don't have your home address showing on your luggage for the outward journey. Put this only on the inside of your cases.
- Lock all outside doors and windows. If you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is set - and that you have told the police who the key holder is.

Register all your belongings on the national property database www.immobilise.com

If you have any information about any crime contact the police on 0845 456 7000 or you can call anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

If you wish to contact the local Beat Manager or Police Community Support Officer phone 0845 456 7000 or email them direct:

PC Justin Pitman – Neighbourhood Beat Manager
Justin.pitman@avonandsomerset.police.uk
PCSO Tony Over – Police Community Support Officer
tony.over@avonandsomerset.police.uk

My thanks 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 Salsby ☎ 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 ☎ 424332 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 Salsby ☎ 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...

	16th July - Odcombe Village Fete at the Mason's Arms field	Bar, BBQ, Stalls, Children's events, Dog racing and lots of other items.
	20th August - The 2011 Flower Show at the Village Hall	The schedules have already been sent out to all households in Odcombe.
	3rd December - Crafty Christmas & Fun Quiz at the Village Hall	Refreshments throughout the day.
	3rd December - Fun Quiz Evening at the Village Hall 7:30 for 8:00	Teams of 4 - 6 people, £5 per person to include a supper, wine/beer/soft drinks at reasonable prices.

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