

ODCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Newsletter

November 2010

No. 67

Village Hall News

Isn't it great to deliver good news!

The brilliant management of your village has been officially recognised once again. The Somerset Community Council has awarded Odcombe Village Hall, *Hallmark One* for the third time and *Hallmark Two* for the second time. *Hallmarks* are awarded every 3 years so we are consistently good! Well done to all involved.

The Flower Show on 21st August saw a change in the weather which at first meant only a few people witnessed the official opening by Ange Hardy. However about 30 minutes later we had a queue to enter the hall and then ran out of table space for the teas. Not so many exhibits this year for a variety of reasons but more villagers and visitors than we have seen for many years in the hall. Despite the weather the 'games' organised by Odcombe Football Club (many thanks to Glen) were great fun. The Cream Teas by the Luncheon Club, delicious and very popular, and the singing of Ange Hardy added something different and entertaining.

Of course not all in life is perfect - we still have petty vandalism, ongoing maintenance and hall cleanliness issues to resolve.

27th November Arty Crafty Christmas and Fun Quiz (see poster). Both events have proved extremely popular previously and we are hoping you will all come along, whether it's for a spot of retail therapy, having lunch, exercising your brain or just having fun!

Are you thinking you might like to be involved? Suggestions are: spare an hour on the village hall 'Bargains' stall, assist in the kitchen, make a cake, donate a raffle prize or an unwanted item that can be used as a bargain. Ring Diane 863832 or Valerie 862905.

Diane Francis

on behalf of the Village Hall Committee



Village Hall Lottery

£12—£20—£40

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

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August: 1st - 263 Jenny Fox, 2nd - 178 John Hockey, 3rd - 156 Stella Beale
September: 1st - 275 John Gegg, 2nd - 181 Pauline Greenwood, 3rd - 260 Christine Seymour
October: 1st - 261 Margaret Bishop, 2nd - 281 Una Dean, 3rd - 313 Hans Rennie

To get or renew tickets, contact Joyce Holland ☎ 863545

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. It's a good medium for publicising events taking place in the Village and reporting on the regular activities of the various clubs and organisations in Odcombe.

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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.

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7pm for 7.30pm start.

£5 a ticket which will include a welcome drink and light refreshments.

There will be a licensed bar and a raffle.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 17th January 2011 but can be booked in advance.

We will have limited space so book your ticket or obtain more info by ringing either Jackie 862017 or Diane 863832.

Sorry gentlemen, this is a Ladies Only Evening.

A village hall fundraising event.

Odcombe Luncheon Club

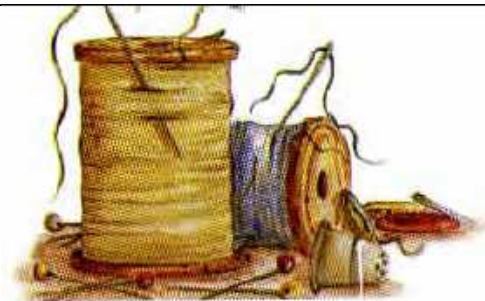
October saw us celebrating the eleventh anniversary of the club. As we were originally going to try it for one year, things have obviously gone well. Several of our helpers are "originals", we have lost some along the way, but new ones have volunteered.

The Christmas lunch will be on the third Wednesday in December – the 15th.



Over fifty of us had a birthday lunch, eating roast beef & Yorkshire pudding, horseradish, roast potatoes, sprouts, carrots and peas, followed by meringue nests with cream, peaches and summer fruit coulis, cheese & biscuits and a glass of bubbly.

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Odcombe Parish Church

Our **Harvest Festival Service** was once again very well attended – it is always encouraging to see so many village people there.

The Church was looking especially good this year and we are very thankful to the ladies who give their time not only now but throughout the year to make the Church so attractive and, of course, to those, both young and older, that brought produce to the service for display.

In the evening we held the annual **Harvest Supper** and 'Auction of Goods' in the Village Hall conducted by Mr. Martin Dare. (Where would we be without Martin!) Our many thanks to all who gave us such a wonderful supper and decorated the Hall so invitingly. The many children that came really enjoyed themselves and although there were nearly 20 behaved themselves and were a credit to their parents. Thank you.

We were able to bank over £500.00 for the Church funds and to just say thank you to all who made the day so successful would be to understate our feelings but thank you all anyway.

Odcombe Carollers. There will be practice sessions for the Christmas Carol Singing on

Mondays 6th and 13th December in Church at 7.30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come along to these sessions, if only to learn the carols even though you may not wish to join the singing around the Village on 23rd/24th December.

Dates for your diary:-

In the Church...

- Dec 6** Monday, 19.30 Odcombe Carols practice
- Dec 13** Monday, 19.30 Odcombe Carols practice
- Dec 19** Sunday, 11.00 Village Carol Service
- Dec 24** Friday, 18.00 Crib Service
- Dec 24** Friday, 23.30 'Midnight' Eucharist
- Dec 25** Saturday, 11.00 Christmas Eucharist

In the Village Hall...

Saturday evening 29th January 2011
Odcombe's Own

"NOT So Strictly Come Dancing"

...details to come later.

Derek Halsall ☎ 862613

FUN QUIZ EVENING



Odcombe Village Hall

Saturday 27th November 2010
7:30 for 8:00pm

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

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Odcombe Football Club

You would hardly think that there was a gap between last and this season with the World Cup in between - anyway the less said about that the better. We were pre season training just as the World Cup was in it's last stages and the England players were on holiday - there I've said it again.

Our own season started with the Yeovil and District's Hospital Cup where we reached the semi-final after a thrilling penalty shoot out at Chilthorne Domer against The Mermaid. We eventually won 8-7 on penalties after the full time score ended 2-2. Yes eight of our players actually scored a penalty! In the semi-final we played top flight team Henstridge who scraped past us 3-1 on our pitch and eventually went on to win the competition, so we were encouraged by our early games.



Unfortunately between pre season and the commencement of the league programme we had some re organising to do. Steve Cousins decided that he had too many other commitments to be able to manage the Reserve Team and so the baton has been passed to Liam Rogers who has played for us for a few years and was up for the challenge. There were several players who were off on their travels to college or university or seeking new challenges away from home so team changes had to be made. First team manager Steve Cook has a former player in Adie Chappell to assist him and although the first game of the league season met with close defeats for both teams, we have made progress in the opening month and the first team have had victories at Pen Mill (7-0), home against Castle Cary (6-1) and away at Martock (5-1) so they must be doing something right.

The Reserves, after a shaky start at Zeals (Wiltshire) more than a bus ride away, where they lost 4-2 have had a recent return to winning ways with successes against Baltonsborough (3-1) and Templecombe (5-2). So both teams are mid table with everything to play for. We have not played a single cup game so far as the first team had a bye in the first round of the Somerset Intermediate Cup and now have to travel to Wincanton in early November. Not really an away day as in having to travel to say Bath or Bristol but that's the luck of the draw.

We are now training indoors at Preston Community School Sports Hall on Wednesday's 7-8 pm and welcome new players. This season we have unfortunately already had two players injure themselves quite badly with a broken arm (whilst training) and a torn ligament (during a game) but it is hoped that both players will be back training when they are given the all clear to start again. We still retire to The Royal George at West Coker for our post match inquest and thank them for their hospitality.

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

Glenn Seymour ☎ 863961

Odcombe Walkers

As reported in the last newsletter, Jenny Fox stood down as Chairman of the group at the Walkers AGM in June, after 6 years in the position. The whole group owes her a debt of gratitude for her work over that time. We are still looking for a replacement, but in the meantime, Peter Woolley and I are sharing the duties.

Our members have been very active in providing us with a good supply of walks and since the last newsletter we have had five walks in August, three in September and four in October. The current walks programme takes us up to next January and includes a further six walks.

We also manage a few social events during the year and, in August, Penny Head held a BBQ at her house, which was well attended. Penny has also organised this year's Christmas meal, which will be held at the Lord Nelson in Norton sub Hamdon on 16th December.



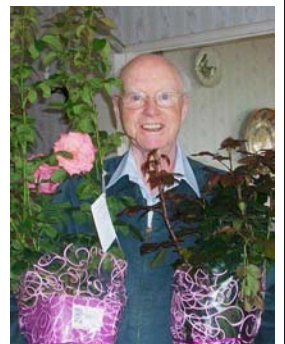
If you are not already a member of the group why not give us a try. The latest walks list can be obtained from Ruth and Peter Woolley by emailing woolleypeter@yahoo.co.uk

Hope to see you soon.

Terry Living ☎ 862315

Derek Retires.....

The photograph shows Derek Halsall with the rose bushes presented to him on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. They were a small token to mark our appreciation of 20 years producing the Village Hall Newsletter. Derek 'retired' somewhat dramatically at the end of June and Colin Hill took on the July issue and we are delighted that Colin has agreed to continue to produce the newsletter.



Our best wishes to Derek and Pat hoping they enjoy the roses.

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Odcombe Parish Council

I am pleased to report that the Parish Council is back at full strength. Sarah Moore and Peter Cooper were co-opted to fill the existing vacancies.

YOUTH SHELTER.

With the considerable help of Rob Parr we are able to advance to the stage of appointing a surveyor to appraise the design of the Youth Shelter. The next stage will be to apply for Planning Permission and then to seek tenders. Money is set aside in the current Parish Precept and further grants are approved to aid costs and will be available once the work has been completed.

ROAD GRITTING.

A number of salt/grit bins have been ordered to be situated around the village. The sites will have to satisfy the road's authority.

Barry Savill-Daw
Chairman



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All Saints Church of England Primary School



I would like to start by thanking all those of you who supported the school at its many events at the end of the summer term. It was wonderful to see so many faces from the community at the school.

The school year has started well, 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 trip to the park!

The new School Councillors this year are:

Class 6	Frazer Harley and Charis Bugler
Class 5	Jack Borland and Yasmin Dodge
Class 4	Owen French and Gabrielle Cobner
Class 3	Mali Horner and Ellie Burt
Class 2	Joe Wilson and Abi Mortimer-Ball
Class 1	Jayden Freeley and Bea Dicks
Acorn Class	Ethan King and Eleanor Dawkins

We are currently having some building work completed at the school, to enlarge the staffroom and office area at the front of the school. We hope the work will be completed by the start of November.

We celebrated our Harvest Festival on Thursday 21st 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. A member from the organisation came and talked to the children to explain how their food bank works. It is wonderful to think that we can help those in need locally in this way.

The application process has begun for those children who are due to start school in September 2011. If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2011 and 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 Friday 5th November at 2pm in St Catherine's Church, Montacute. It would be wonderful if you could join us to celebrate the occasion.

Please remember we are always looking for volunteer helpers. If you are able to spare an hour or two a week to help in one of the classes, or to hear a child read, then we would like to hear from you. You will be made very welcome, and I am sure that you would enjoy your time whilst helping. Please get in touch if you feel that you may be able to help and would like to discuss it further.

My, very best wishes.

Paula Park, Head Teacher ☎ 01935 826626

Odcombe Short Mat Bowls

After a long and busy summer catching up on Friendly games and playing League games, once again we were runners up in the Premier Division. We had a good break at Torquay in the autumn. Twenty of our members went, we had some good results and all enjoyed their time there. Once again we are looking forward to a winter programme of league matches. We now enter two teams in the Yeovil and District League which does not leave us many dates for friendly games.

In October we held our Ladies and Gents Singles Championship and we had a record number of entries. Due to illness the Men's Championship found that they had an odd number, but one of our ladies, Nan Worledge, stepped into the breach and was the star of the championship winning her group. The Men's Championship was won by David Collins and the runner up was John Worledge. The Ladies Championship was won by June Hession and the runner up was Val Lucas.



We still have time for Club Nights and we are always glad to see new faces, though you must be 16 or above.

Tony Helliar ☎ 862861
Secretary

Missed this issue... ?

The deadline for the March issue is

Friday 25th February 2011

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For more information on your nearest textile bank and how to help the Air Ambulance visit www.bagitup.org.uk.

For more information about the air ambulance, see www.dorsetandsomersetairambulance.org.uk or ring 01823 669604



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OUR VILLAGE

OUR SCHEME

There is a need for a new Co-ordinator for the top part of Rex Road as unfortunately Aidan has retired from his role due to ill health. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his support to the scheme and wish him all the best for the future. If you live in that area (Nos. 27 to 37 Rex Road) and feel that you can help please get in touch.

PC Justin Pitman, our beat manager, reminds us all to report anti-social behaviour and all crime, no matter how small to the police. In an emergency ring 999 - where a crime is in progress, where there is danger to life or risk of injury, where the offender is still at the scene or has just left. 0845 4567000 for all other crimes and anti-social behaviour.

Letter from the Chief Superintendent – Nikki Watson
CS Watson sent a letter out in September to parish, district, county councillors and NHW co-ordinators to update on the Somerset East policing district. The main messages were around; Operation Harrier aimed at disrupting attempts to supply and distribute drugs in Somerset; ongoing efforts to reduce the effect of drink related violent crime; the Rural Crime Team's work preventing and bringing to justice criminals who target farming and rural communities. If you would like to see the letter please contact your co-ordinator.

The most recent police messages are:

Cold Calling of security equipment - There was a report at the end of September of someone cold calling homes trying to sell security, specifically monitored alarm systems that connect to the police. The company involved does exist but is not based locally.

Avon and Somerset Constabulary cannot and do not recommend any businesses to the public.

If you need any security work done, get several written quotes from reputable firms, then decide which one is best. If in doubt, talk it through with a neighbour or someone in your family.

If you do get any suspicious calls, either in person or over the telephone:

1. Do not give them any personal information, however convincing they may seem.
2. Report incidents to the police/crimestoppers or the relevant services if they say they are from the Council, Water Board, etc. Large companies will always know where their employees are working.
3. Finally, if you are interested in what is being sold, do not sign anything or commit yourself - a genuine company will be prepared to wait for a decision. Get yourself some other quotes and advice before going ahead with any work.

Halloween

Halloween is fast approaching and posters have been produced to either deter or encourage door knocking by 'Trick or Treaters'.

These posters can be printed from our Website at: avonandsomerset.police.uk - click on 'Relentless on keeping you safe' and choose the option from the left hand column 'Keeping you safe at Halloween'. There are two posters available - a) Trick or Treaters Welcome or b) Trick or Treaters Not Welcome.

Local shops are encouraged not to sell flour and eggs to youngsters at this time of year in a bid to stop any incidents of 'trick'.

Denise Dunford
Village NHW Co-ordinator ☎ 863444



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

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...

	27th November - Arty Crafty Christmas at the Village Hall from 10:30 to 4:30 'Morph' modelling from 1:30 to 4:30	Art Exhibition, local crafts, special gifts on sale, 'Bargains' stall, clay 'Morph' modelling for the children, refreshments.
	27th November - Fun Quiz Evening at the Village Hall 7:30 for 8:00	Teams of 4 - 6 people, £4 per person to include a 'spud' supper, wine/beer/soft drinks at reasonable prices.
	19th December - Village Carol Service Odcombe Parish Church 11:00 am	
	24th December - Crib Service Odcombe Parish Church 6:00 pm	
	29th January - NOT So Strictly Come Dancing at the Village Hall	Details to be announced later.
	25th February - A Fashion Show at the Village Hall 7:00 for 7:30	Ladies Only Evening. £5 a ticket which will include a welcome drink and light refreshments.

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