

# ODCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

## *Newsletter No. 63 July 2009*

### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

#### **The 'Ups and Downs' of Fundraising**

As I mentioned in the March Newsletter we held another **'Table Top' sale** on 28th February. The hall tables were booked to capacity. We would have liked more buyers but raised a worthwhile £328 with minimum effort, well apart from Valerie who took all the bookings. April saw the **Easter Coffee Morning** with the emphasis on book sales, which provided a successful £441. A disappointing lack of Easter Bonnets.

Yesterday (27th June), **June Fayre** (indoor market and car boot). More 'car booters' than last year. Inside was a varied selection of stalls, cards, cider, confectionery, frocks and fripperies, jewellery, paintings and preserves together with our own raffle, tombola, cakes, books. etc. Wonderful weather helped us raise a wonderful £550. Thank you to all who came along and supported us and for the generous donations of items to sell or raffle.

And onto the next.....

#### **Flower Show 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

(see next page)

**Creative Talent** (preferably local)

**Christmas Sale 28th November.**

Some space already booked. Would you like to display, exhibit, sell? Call Diane 863832 for more details.

Other suggestions, a 'Spud Meal', a Variety Show. How about it?

Possibly a Sunday Afternoon Tea in a mystery garden. Keep an eye on the noticeboards.

#### **The 'Nitty Gritty' business of managing a village hall.**

A sign of the times, we have reviewed our hire charges. From calculations made using expenditure against income 2008 a base line hourly rate to cover costs was established. This resulted in an increase to both regular and village resident rates. The private rate remains the same because it is comparable to other village halls in the locality. Also we want to encourage these lucrative hirings as there is increasing competition to fund raising events and a general drying up of money available from grants. We have to use our very valuable asset, the hall itself, to continue to maintain the current high standard for all. A couple of very full weekends in May meant creative scheduling and some committee members giving up their time to check the hall was ready for the next person. But bring them on! The new boiler is in - £2300. We have even had a few complaints about the hall being too hot!

A 'painting party' smartening up the main hall was followed within a couple of days by sellotape being used on several walls and the appearance of scuff and kick marks. Still need to freshen up the committee room, kitchen and toilets etc. **ANY VOLUNTEERS?**

Young people have a fascination with the roof, even scaling the apex! Also the windows are used for 'spot kick' practise. Parents please take note of this for the safety of your children. The quote for repair to flat roofs is £11500. We have had no response regarding the grant application, delayed for a variety of reasons.

**Please look out for our events and come along, it isn't just about the money.**

## ODCOMBE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

Invite you to enter a **CRYPTIC TREASURE HUNT**  
Entry £1 as contribution to the Odcombe Village Hall Fund. £10 voucher for the winner  
Entry Forms available from Jack Loxston 862238, Jenny Fox 862041, The Masons Arms or any **OWA** Committee member.

Entries must be returned to the organiser, any Odcombe Walkers Committee member or the Masons Arms by Friday 21st August or may be handed in by 2.30pm at the Odcombe Flower Show 22nd August 2009 where the winner will be announced.

Join in and exercise both brain and body. As they say use it or lose it!

## ODCOMBE FLOWER SHOW SCARECROW COMPETITION

**Our second year. 5 entries last year can we do better?**

Entrants to be 16 years and over on 22nd August 2009.

(children have their own competition, see the Flower Show schedule)

Scarecrow(s) to be displayed outside your house/property and **made** from everyday items. Not shop style mannequins.

### Entry Registration Fee £2

When you register your entry, you will be given a site number.

Maps to be produced to show where Scarecrows can be viewed.

Start date for your display is of your choosing but the **closing** date for entry and display must be 16th August. To allow for judging.

Certificates will be awarded for the best SCARECROW(S) based on inventive use of materials, humour and creativity.

Winners to be announced at the Flower Show 22nd August

The judges decision will be final

Contact Diane 863832 for more information and to enter.

## ODCOMBE VILLAGE HALL FLOWER SHOW

### 22nd AUGUST 2.30PM

How does your garden grow? Hoping for bumper entries this year.

The committee has decided that the Flower Show this year will not be exclusive to Odcombe Village Residents but will also



be open to anyone connected with or participating in our regular village hall user groups.



Your schedule has already been delivered, if you have misplaced it ring Joyce 863545 or Diane 863832.

## CONGRATULATIONS.....

To Olive Helliar former chairperson of the Odcombe Village Hall Management Committee.

At our April meeting, Olive showed the committee the crystal glass bowl and certificate she had received after being awarded the title of the Somerset Community Council Trustee of the Year. The secretary gave the committee a brief background of the events leading up to the award and Olive was congratulated.

We were pleased she had received this recognition of her dedication to the management of the village hall and 20 years as chairperson. Olive responded by saying she had been part of a good team but we did think she was quite pleased as well. Well done.

## Newsletter Costs

We hope you enjoy receiving the Village newsletter which is published 3 times a year. Every house in Odcombe should receive one and a number are also left at The Masons 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. our business advertising rates are:-

£20 for a half page for the year (all 3 issues)  
£8 for a single issue

£12 for a quarter page for the year (all 3 issues)  
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# ODCOMBE SMBC

## Odcombe Short Mat Bowling Club

This summer sees us again playing a long list of League and Friendly games. We are at present playing in the Yeovil & District Division 1 and we have had some very competitive games with good results, and again we are hoping to be near the top at the end of the season. Nearly all of the top teams are in this division now and there are no easy games. We have been in the top two since the League was formed. We also play a lot of friendly games around Somerset and Dorset and take part in County competitions.



Thanks to the funding from AWARDS FOR ALL we now have an electric mat roller and this is a great benefit to our players at the end of play.

This year we are having our autumn break at Bideford in Devon. We have been with Leisure Enterprises before and it promises to be a very entertaining week.

One of our founder members, Ken Pain, is still very ill. Our thoughts are with him and his wife Thirza, and we wish them both well.

While bowling at night we sometimes have the occasional young onlooker. The club is open to all persons over the age of sixteen. Under that age they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Tony Helliar 862861

## ODCOMBE LUNCHEON CLUB

Lunches continue as always. We have some new diners, but still have room for more. There is a good cross section of people, most live in the village, some used to live in the village, but have since moved away and like to keep in touch. A few were born here and moved to Yeovil when they got married. We are really pleased to welcome them all.



If you would like to join us, there are no age limits. Ring Bridget or any of our other volunteers.

Bridget Langdon ☎ 862498

## Odcombe Walkers

What is a Bristol Gate? How many are there in Odcombe? Follow the path from Ham Hill Road past the burial ground, through Woodhouse Copse

to Dray Road to find the answers and have some good views. If you are less energetic, for just £1 you can obtain a copy of the *O W A*

*Odcombe Treasure Hunt*.

As well as the fun of solving the clues you will be supporting the Village Hall,

and you may win the £10 prize.

They are available from members of the committee:- Jenny Fox, Roger Fox, Penny Head, Terry Living, Jack Loxston, Peter Woolley and Ruth Woolley, all of whom were re-elected at the recent AGM.

You probably saw some of the 178 walkers who checked in at the Village Hall on a very wet 17th May as part of the St Margaret's Charity Walk. Thank you to the members who helped and congratulations to those who took part. Fortunately it does not always rain so hard, as several of our walks during the summer include or end with a picnic, often near the coast. A number of our recent walks have had a natural history theme such as birds at Sutton Bingham, bluebells in Lady's Walk and the famous large blue butterfly on the Poldens.

New members are always welcome, so why not join us.

Jenny Fox ☎ 862041

## Odcombe Nippy Bus Service

**Daily Monday to Friday**

**Higher Odcombe** (by the Church)

leaves	10.12 a.m.
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**Yeovil** (Borough)

arrives	10.30 a.m.
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## **ODCOMBE FOOTBALL CLUB**

Our end of season saw the best performances of the season by both teams. The first team beating Royal Oak Rangers 4-1 then Pen Mill Reserves by a creditable 7-0 in their penultimate game and then followed this with a 2-2 draw away against South Cheriton, in the last league game of the season. South Cheriton gained the runners up spot in the league, so it really showed how far we improved in the season after a poor start. Our first team will be in the first division yet again next season having stayed up on merit finishing 9th, whilst the reserve team will be in the third division after also finishing 9th in the league with wins against South Cheriton Reserves (4-0) and Baltonsborough Reserves twice (5-0) and (3-1). The Rothery Trophy was eventually won 5-4 by the first team squad after a tight game for which we had three officials, so there definitely was no cheating.



At our end of season A.G.M. and presentation evening at The Royal George, the annual awards went to Arthur Riley for being the First Team Player of the Year. The First Team Most Improved player was Luke Hicken whilst the Reserve team Player of the Year was Phil McCreadie, the Reserves Most Improved Player being Stuart Sloan. Our Top Goal Scorer for the season was Luke Hicken who found the net 26 times and the Most Appearances trophies went to Luke Hicken and Ant Macey as they both clocked up 32 appearances for the club. Steve White was awarded the Clubman of the Year Award for his reliability and hard work in putting the Reserve Team together over the past few seasons and his help with the first team this year. There was a surprise presentation by Mr Steve Cook on behalf of the players to the Chairman of an engraved glass plaque in recognition of his commitment and continued services to the club. The Chairman in turn thanked both secretary Jeff King and Treasurer Colin Francis for their continued support and hoped that the following season would be much easier to organise.

Pre season training has now started and will be held every Wednesday at 6.30 pm at the Recreation Ground. Our management team now comprises of Steve Cook being the first team manager with Glenn Seymour and Steve Cousins taking charge of the reserve team. We are looking for sponsors for new kit for the forthcoming season, so if you would like your business logo displayed on our shirts and on our website (which has received over 10,000 visitors) you can get more details by contacting Glenn Seymour. Sponsoring the team is not as expensive as you might think, and local tradesmen can benefit enormously. You can get more information about the club at [www.clubwebsite.co.uk/odcombecity](http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/odcombecity) or contact Glenn Seymour on 01935863961 or [grseymour@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:grseymour@tiscali.co.uk)

## **ODCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Michael Wheller has resigned from the Parish Council as his health has prevented his ability to give matters his usual excellent attention. We will miss his contributions and hope it will not be long before he has fought off his illness.

### **RECREATION GROUND / VILLAGE HALL**

Notification of the various expenditure and improvements have been reported in previous newsletters. It is doubly disappointing that all the work continues to be vandalised and YOUR TAXES wasted. The current craze is climbing onto the flat roof of the hall, another driving furiously about the car park and also driving motor cycles over the football pitch onto the BMX track. Goal posts are used for gymnastics. Litter is scattered liberally about the area for others to put in the bins. Notices which are required are pulled off posts.

All these matters are with the police who would appreciate vehicle registration numbers of offending vehicles. A watch is being maintained.

A playground management plan is to be prepared by Neil Griffiths and Rob Parr. Any assistance would be welcome.

### **NOTICE BOARDS**

Considerate use of these for VILLAGE affairs is not opposed but space must be left for Parish Council notices which are required by law and must be displayed for a minimum period. Please do not remove any Parish Council Notice unless it is clearly out of date, e.g. a Notice of meeting for a date that has passed.

### **ADVANCE NOTICES**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 20 July 2009 to hear representations by Somerset Rural Youth and young people of the village. Any member of the village would be most welcome and their views appreciated.

### **VACANCY ON PARISH COUNCIL**

The vacancy on the Parish Council has been posted on the village notice boards.

Barry Savill-Daw

### **Missed this issue?**

The deadline for the next Newsletter is  
Friday 30th OCTOBER 2009

but  the earlier we get your  
contribution the better.

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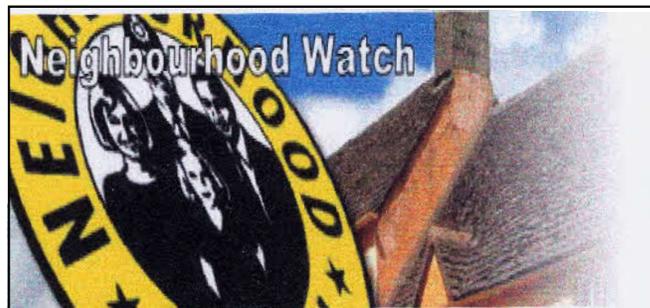
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Denise Dunford – Village NHW Co-ordinator  
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time? Let's hope no  
news is good news!

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**Odcombe Open Gardens** on 6th and 7th June was a successful new venture. The weather could have been kinder, but it did not seem to deter the visitors, who came from far and wide to inspect, and hopefully admire, the 16 Odcombe Gardens that were officially 'Open'. The organizing committee, led by Helen Dickson and St. Margaret's Hospice, had worked tirelessly to arrange publicity, car parking, produce programme tickets giving details of each of 16 very varied gardens, arrange for the displays and recruit the multitude of helpers. These helpers created a flower Display in Church, assisted the garden owners, directed traffic, advised visitors, helped in the car parks, sold tickets and provided home made teas and cakes all afternoon. The owners worked overtime to ensure their gardens were worthy of the occasion, and there were displays of wire sculptures, a watercolour studio, hamstone carving, woodwork, willow work, a wrought iron obelisk, beekeeping demonstration, lithographs and a scarecrow competition.

It was very much a Village occasion, and our most sincere thanks to all involved, and to our visitors, for making it such a memorable weekend, and raising £3250, which has been shared equally between St. Margaret's Hospice and Odcombe Church

The Village **Church Summer Fête** will be held on Saturday 18th July from 12 noon, in the Masons Arms field. Mark this date in your diary - it is an occasion not to be missed.

**Harvest Festival & Harvest Supper** will be on 4th October.

**Church Services** at Odcombe

July 5	4th Sunday after Trinity
11.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
July 12	5th Sunday after Trinity
11.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
July 19	6th Sunday after Trinity
11.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist
July 26	7th Sunday after Trinity
11.00 a.m.	Parish Eucharist



Saturday 18th July 2009

From Noon 'Til Late

Attractions will include:

Children Dancing Fun Games for Young and Old Jug of War  
Children's Races Stalls Beer Tent Tether Racing  
Barbeque Available All Day!  
Talent Show

For further Details Call Paula on Tel. 01935 862591

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**Odcombe Parish Notices**

1. Due to the resignation of Michael Wheller a vacancy exists on the Parish Council. Please contact Barry Savill-Daw or the Clerk for further information.
2. David Laws will be holding an advice centre at the Village Hall from 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, 30th July.
3. On Friday, 18th September at about 14.05 p.m. the Tour of Britain Cycle Race will be cycling through Odcombe (up from East Chinnock, over the top crossroads on to Old Road on their way to the finish line at Yeovil Town Football Club). The police are asking that people don't park on the road. I imagine that a good viewing point would be the village hall or where the roads will be closed (20 minutes before the race is due to take place). Hopefully there will be a good turn out of spectators. Roads will be shut for 20 minutes before the cyclists are due and re-opened as quickly as possible afterwards.

Mrs E M James, Parish Clerk  
Odcombe Parish Council  
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# Summer Term 2009 at All Saints Church of England Primary School

I expect most of you are aware, now, that I will be leaving All Saints Primary school at the end of this term. I have been here for over 13 years as I began the job on April 15th 1996. At that time the school was about 2 feet out of the ground! A lot of changes quickly followed as the two old schools were closed, amongst much sadness, and All Saints began to find its feet in the community. We added three more classrooms and a library as the years went by and are now very proud of our school building and school site.

The children of All Saints are very aware of their community – not only the village in which the school is sited, but the people, buildings, events that happen in all four parishes we serve. I have loved getting to know many of you, as villagers and parishioners, and seeing you at Church Services, the Carnival, and even out walking our dog.

Thank you for all your support for me and the school over these years – I am certainly going to miss it a lot!

Here are some dates for your interest – what the school is up to during the remainder of this busy term.....

The **Choir and Handchime Group** have become an established part of our school. Last term the Choir sang at the Somerset Spectacular and this term both groups are involved in the May Festival in Yeovil and the Stanchester Spectacular with other local schools.

## Stanchester Sports Centre.

Many of you may be aware that your closest leisure facility is at Stoke sub Hamdon but for those of you who haven't had the chance to come over and join us, a big welcome from all the staff at Stanchester Sports Centre.

We are very lucky to have such an amazing facility right on our doorsteps, with a fully equipped sports centre boasting a sports hall, squash court, outdoor floodlit tennis and multi use area, and brand new fitness room, **all available for the whole community.**

We run a successful adult and junior activity timetable with activities such as aerobics, circuits, pilates, fencing, trampolining and many, many

If you come along to the **Summer Singalong** (for older members of the community) on **Thursday June 25th at 2.00pm** you will see them in action!

We are having a **Scarecrow Day** on June 4th – all the children are coming to school dressed as Scarecrows and are then making a class Scarecrow each to take to Odcombe Village Hall that weekend. Should be fun!

Our lovely group of **Year Six Leavers** have a busy half term ahead. They have done their SATs and are now looking forward to a few days away in Lyme Regis, a First Aid training day, a trip to Bath, more cooking (which they love), a farewell Prom at Brympton, and to do their **Leavers' Service in St Catherine's Church** to which everyone in the community is invited. It will be **Tuesday June 16th at 2.00pm** – please do come along!

**Sports Day** this year is the afternoon of **Friday July 10th** - we'll pray once again for sunshine!

I hope to see you all soon. Even though I am changing jobs I will still live in the area so I'm sure I will see you around and about. I am certainly planning on coming back to Montacute Carnival each year!!

Best wishes to you all

*Liz Wilson-Chalon*

more. What better way of getting over the Christmas excesses, and making your new year's resolution a healthy one.

Stanchester also runs holiday activities for children, to stop them getting too bored over the school holidays, so why not give us a call to find out details of our next exciting instalment of fun and games.

For details on any of our activities or facilities give the Centre a call, or pop in for a tour. We hope to see you soon.

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# HIGASHI KARATE KAI

## YEOVIL

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He has been teaching in the area for over 30 years.

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**For further information contact: Steve Collier 07753938352**  
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Early June will find the Cubs and Beavers enjoying their annual camp at the Huish Woods Camp site near Taunton. Plenty of activities on offer; woodland crafts, climbing, abseiling, potholing, rifle and archery, plus of course the traditional camp fire with songs and stunts. It is a great time of year to be outside hiking too.

The new Brownie Pack on Fridays has got off to a good start, and both Tuesday and Friday Brownie packs have enjoyed evenings dedicated to bingo, everything pink, and sailing at Sutton Bingham. They are planning a trip to Bristol in June as part of their Science Investigator badge.

Rainbows have been having fun this term with a Pot of Gold party, a Pink and White Promise Party, a Bring a Friend evening, and making masks with recycled materials led by Beth from Somerset Waste Action.

There are some places available in the Rainbow unit at the moment; please contact Jane leFeuvre (862774) if you have a daughter aged 5-7yrs who is interested, or 7-11yrs interested in Brownies.

Book a date in your diary for the Scouts and Guides Summer Fair on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2:30pm at West Coker Recreation Field. Plans are in hand to make it a bigger and better community event, so we are inviting local clubs/groups/societies to join us and put up a stall, for the small sum of £10 a stall. Contact Jim leFeuvre (01935 862774) to book a place.

And finally, don't forget that the Scouts and Guides have a marquee, tables and chairs to hire for public and private functions. Rates at less than £100 are very competitive, and worthwhile for peace of mind.



<b>The following activities are regular events in our Hall</b>				
<i>If you are interested please contact the leaders</i> **Six figure phone numbers are area code 01935				
<b>Weekly Events</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Leader/Contact</b>	<b>Phone**</b>
Post Office	Mon	9.00 to 12 noon		
	Fri	9.30 to 11.30 a.m.		
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Short Mat Bowls	Mon	2.30 to 4.30 p.m.	Tony Helliar	862861
	Wed & Fri	7.00 to 10.00 p.m.		
Mums and Toddlers	Tues	9.30 to 11.30 a.m.	Julie Kember	864366
Higashi Karate Kai	Tues	5.45 to 7.00 p.m.	Steve Collier	07753938352
Whist Drive	Thur	8.00 p.m.	Joyce Holland	863545
<b>Monthly Events</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Leader/Contact</b>	<b>Phone**</b>
Parish Council (Public welcome)	3rd Mon	7.30 p.m.	Clerk Mrs E.M. James MCILM. 424332 Email :- clerk_odcombepc@btinternet.com	
Luncheon Club	1st & 3rd Wed	12.30 p.m.	Bridget Langdon	862498
<b>Other regular activities in our village</b>				
Odcombe Walkers			Jenny Fox	862041
Odcombe Football Club			Glenn Seymour	863961
Neighbourhood Watch	Local representatives in place		Denise Dunford	863444
Church Services St. Peter & St. Paul Parish Church (C of E)			Rev'd John Jenkins	863034
Parish Eucharist	Every Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Jan. June. July. Aug.	
Family Service	1st Sunday	11.00 a.m.	Feb. Mar. Apr. May	
Parish Eucharist	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sun	11.00 a.m.	Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec	
<b>Hall Lettings apply Jackie Collins telephone number 862017</b>				
Copy for the newsletter to Diane Francis 863832 or Colin Hill 863193 or Derek Halsall 862613 Adverts for the newsletter to John King 863165				

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>			There's a lot going on - don't miss out	
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
Friday	10 July	14.00` `	All Saints School Sports Day	All Saints School
Saturday	18 July	Noon on	Church Village Summer Fete	Masons Arms Field
Thursday	30 July	15.30	David Laws Advice Centre	Odcombe Village Hall
Saturday	22 Aug	14.30	Village Flower Show	Odcombe Village Hall
Friday	18 Sept	13.45 on	Tour of Britain Cycle Race	Chinnock Road/Old Road
Sunday	4 Oct	11.00	Harvest Festival	Odcombe Church
Sunday	4 Oct	18.30	Harvest Supper	Odcombe Village Hall
Friday	30 Oct	23.59	Last day for contributions to November Newsletter	
Saturday	28 Nov	10.00	Odcombe Creative Talent & Christmas Raffle	Odcombe Village Hall