

Odcombe Village Hall

Newsletter

November 2019

No. 94

Q U I Z

- ? Saturday 23rd November
- ? 7 for 7.30pm
- ? Fun Quiz Evening with
Quiz Master - Gary Stayner
- ? Team Entries of 4 – 6
- ? Individual – join our 'Welcome Team'
- ? Tickets £6.50 per person to include a 'Spud supper'
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- ? Tickets available from November 1st to Wednesday
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B I N G O

- ? Saturday 14th December
- ? Doors Open 7pm, Eyes Down 7.30pm
- ? Family Prize Bingo & Bangers Evening
- ? Reverse Bingo & Raffle
- ? Prizes kindly sponsored by local businesses
- ? Tickets £5 each to include 1st book of Bingo,
Sausage & Mash or Hotdog
- ? Licensed Bar selling beer, cider, wine and
soft drinks
- ? Tickets available from December 1st from
Denise on 863444



'Tis the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, yes it is the last newsletter of the year.

Since last time we have had our annual flower show, which was a success despite the weather. Strong winds were forecast, which meant we were unable to risk using our outside Gazebos, so everything was inside, which meant things were a bit of a crush. However all entries were up on last year particularly in the fruit/veg and flowers, and once again you showed your support for the event. Let's hope we have better luck in 2020.

The hall has not made any major purchases recently, only a new ash tray outside for the smokers and we are having the kitchen redecorated over the coming month, so apologies for any disruption.

Following on from the travellers encampment on the field in August, in conjunction with the Parish council we have been looking at ways of improving security and to deter repeat incursions. Various suggestions have been made including CCTV, and

exterior lighting but as yet no decisions have been made.

Looking forward, our annual Quiz Night with your quiz master Gary will be held on 23rd November. Tickets will be available soon and as it is always a popular event, tickets sell out fast so get yours early to avoid disappointment.

Saturday 14th December is the ever popular Bangers and Bingo. The tickets for this will also be available soon. Donations of raffle prizes will be welcomed.

Thank you for your support once again this year and I wish you all a Merry Yuletide and a prosperous New Year.

Simon Wright
Chair, Odcombe Village Hall



The Village Hall will once again be selling tickets for the **'Rotary Club Draw'** in the run-up to Christmas.

Organised by Yeovil Rotarians, who provide all the prizes and tickets, we sell them and benefit by the ticket price plus 10%. Last year this raised £317.90 towards our funds.

Please look out for committee members to buy your tickets.



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Next deadline is

Friday 21st February 2020

Our Newsletter is published three times a year - in March, July and November.



Village Hall Lottery

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

Jul:	1st -	260	Christine Seymour
	2nd -	183	Angela Cottrell
	3rd -	313	Hans Rennie
Aug:	1st -	248	Simon Wright
	2nd -	241	Margaret Clotworthy
	3rd -	113	Tony Helliard
Sep:	1st -	229	Roger Emery
	2nd -	259	David Welfare
	3rd -	146	Carol Goudie
Oct:	1st -	}	
	2nd -	}	Not available at time of publication
	3rd -	}	

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Odcombe Movie Nights

Our new season started successfully with a near sell out for the film "Fisherman's Friends" that had the humour of last year's season opening film "Finding Your Feet" written by the same writers.

We are having an additional afternoon film on Friday 15th November that the audience for "Fisherman's Friends" chose by a vote. The four films and the votes were as follows:

The French Lieutenant's Woman	23
The Italian Job	22
Dirty Dancing	10
Four Weddings and a Funeral	4
There were a few abstentions.	

So **The French Lieutenant's Woman** will be the film.

Perhaps as the other three have been shown on TV many times, and with its famous scene on the Cobb at Lyme Regis, helped it win the vote

Our Monday evening film on 4th November, 8pm start, will be "**Wild Rose**" which has had great reviews.

Our December film, on the 7th, will be "**Sometimes Always Never**" starring Bill Nighy, with free Stollen & Mince Pies.

We will not be delivering leaflets every month as the cost of getting them printed has become too expensive now that SSDC has stopped their print service.

There will still be posters on notice boards, and if you send your email address to odcombevillagehall@gmail.com and request to be updated on Village Hall activities, regular news of Movie Nights will be sent to you.

David Welfare

Chairman of the
Movie Group



Odcombe Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club usually meets on the third Wednesday of each month when residents can catch up with a chat and enjoy a two course, mostly home cooked, lunch with tea or coffee for £4. Bread and butter pudding and anything featuring roast potatoes are particularly popular. Please note that in February it will be on the *second* Wednesday, which is the 12th.

If you would like to join us please give me a call or email me.

Deryl Rennie

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CLASSIC MOVIE

at ODCOMBE VILLAGE HALL



Friday 15th November at 2:30pm

Doors open at 2:00pm

Tickets: £3.00 in advance

Tea and Cake available for £2.00

Contact Judy on 07934 737104

Odcombe Carols



The Odcombe Carols will be sung around most of Higher Odcombe on Sunday 22nd of December and around Lower Odcombe, Dray Road, Cherry Lane and Boundhay on Monday the 23rd. We will be meeting on both evenings at the Village Hall at 7pm. There will be practice sessions in the Church on Mondays the 2nd, 9th and 16th of December at 7pm. All comers welcome; if you cannot sing, collectors and callers on the 22nd/23rd would also be very much appreciated. All money raised is split between the Church and the Village Hall.

The carols have been sung around the village for over 150 years and maybe longer. Traditionally they started out at midnight on Christmas Eve/morning at Brympton House before calling at every house in Odcombe, greeting the occupants by name and wishing them 'A merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous new year'. The practice was common in the 19th century West Country but has died out else where.

There are 12 carols sung in four part harmony. You may not be familiar with the carols at the start of the evening but as we work our way through the repertoire quite a few times you should be well practiced by the end of the evening. Some of the carols and some of the tunes are unique to Odcombe. Please come and join us and keep this fine old tradition going.

Deryl Rennie



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Flower Show 2019

A very big 'THANK YOU' to those who entered the show, young and old. What a beautiful assortment of flowers, arts & crafts, bakes, preserves, photographs, fruit and veg you displayed! In fact, 61 people displayed 380 exhibits, so well done to all. The Judges had a hard time but they managed to make decisions and we are proud to display the winners of the Awards below. Our thanks, as always, to the Judges who willingly gave their time and expertise.



Many thanks to this year's Openers of the Show – Helen & Derek Taylor from Greensleeves Nursery.

We are hoping for better weather next year – 8th August 2020, 2pm – which will allow our outdoor attractions to go ahead. Schedules will be out early in the year so that you can start planning ahead! Look out in 2020 for our new Award for the Men's Bake. You may have noticed that the Mrs Axe Memorial Cup, which had to be renewed this year, has been renamed the Axe/Stonelake Children's Award. Mrs Axe being Paul Stonelake's mother we felt it appropriate to keep the name alive and honour Paul, who has been a stalwart of the hall for many years and will be known to many of you for how helpful he is.

Our thanks also go to the village hall committee members and Chairman who helped set up and run stalls, along with the host of volunteers who gave their time to help, on a blustery, windy day! We value your contribution and know that many of you went home with tired feet at the end of a long day!



The Team are already starting to think of next year's show so if you can contribute in any way please email: odcombevillagehall@gmail.com putting **Flower Show** as subject.

Many thanks for your support.

Flower Show Team – Denise, Fiona, Jean, Joyce, Judy, Kay, and Margaret



Odcombe Village Hall

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- ◆ **Christmas party bookings** now being taken, please see our website for the menu and booking information.
- ◆ **New Years Eve party**, disco with DJ Herbie, only £5 entry and pizza takeaway open until midnight, bar open until 1am, call in to book your tickets!
- ◆ **Regular charity quiz nights** with cash prizes, dates on the website events page.
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We look forward to seeing you soon,
Paula & Drew.



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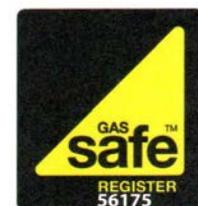
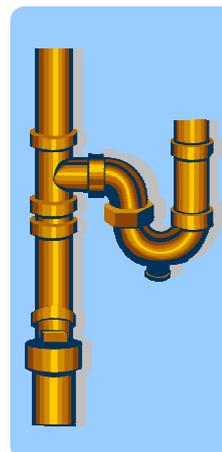
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I'm sorry to mention the 'C' word so early on in November, but I know I'm not the first, as our shops are already full of glitzy items to let us know Christmas is on the way. This year, we are hoping to remind people that Christmas can be Eco too! We can still make our homes and gifts festive and beautiful using recycled or recyclable materials. With this in mind, we are planning an exciting **Eco Christmas Evening on Tuesday 10th December**. This will consist of four or five activities which will utilise natural or eco materials. Examples of the mini workshops we hope to offer are pictured below. The cost will be £15 for participation in all or some of the activities. Materials will be provided, along with a glass of prosecco or mulled wine!



To book your place for this Eco Festive Fun, contact Gaynor or Carole-Ann.

Gaynor on 01935 863117, 07508 442629 soulsbygaynor@gmail.com

Carole-Ann on 01935 863854, 07802 765704 carole-ann@odcombe.com

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Odcombe Parish Church

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A word from St Peter and St Paul

www.hamhillchurches.org

As we write the country is facing a potentially huge upheaval in the form of Brexit and many individuals and families are facing uncertainty, division and worry. Whether you are involved in manufacturing, food production or processing or have residency concerns, we are saying prayers to our Unchanging God for everybody affected by planned changes or continuing uncertainty. Both the church doors and my door stand open for anyone who would find it helpful to come to pray or if you need a listening ear.



We recently celebrated Harvest over a busy weekend and considered our good fortune to live in Somerset and considered the impact of climate change on those less blessed and what actions we can take. Our supper this year at the Village Hall featured Eddie Upton and the Stanchester Quire singing traditional tunes of old England. Deryl and Fizz led a team producing a lovely supper and, together with the Sunday collection, we raised £265 for the charity *Farming Community Network*. On the Sunday, amidst a traditional Harvest Festival and a church beautifully decorated, Ian Silk encouraged us to grow our own food, and extolled the virtue of allotments, whilst Emily Martin (pictured) came to receive her cheque from Dr Hody's Charity to help with her studies, presented by George Leaver, one of our trustees.

We have recently hosted two late Summer/Autumn weddings, so congratulations to Amber Charles and Tom Fussell, and to Jess Darley and Emeka Ugwuanyi. And we recently helped her family say a fond farewell to Maureen Harris at Yeovil Crematorium.

The church continues to provide a worship service in Odcombe every Sunday at 11am, everyone welcome, and a reminder that the church is open every day for visits or quiet prayer. I'm very grateful to all those volunteers who make that possible. We also meet on Tuesdays at 8.30am to pray for the village.

With the cold weather coming we received our 5 year inspection of the church building and need to do some urgent maintenance on the rainwater goods – my thanks to Trevor and George for keeping an eye on the church fabric, especially whilst we have no churchwardens. We still hope there is someone local who would enjoy mapping the monuments in the churchyard – there are about 300 to plot on the map. This would be a great help in keeping the churchyard open. Do let me know if you'd like to help. It could be a fun family activity!!

Looking ahead, on Friday November 1st there is a Benefice **All Souls Service** at 6.30pm at St Marys, Stoke sub Hamdon – for all who have been bereaved – invitations in church or just turn up.

On November 10th we will be holding a community **Remembrance**, starting at the Memorial at 10.50am and continuing in the church.

In December there will be our usual community **carol service** on December 15th (do contact me if you'd like to take part), and the popular **crib service** on Christmas Eve at 6pm, plus a service for all the family on Christmas Day at 11am. The **carollers** will be again blessing us with their singing the weekend before Christmas, and if you'd like to join in, do come to the church at 7pm on Mondays in December.

Following the success of previous concerts, on December 14th we will be hosting another junior musician's concert. Lovely to have so many small children in God's House making music – often before an audience for the first time! On first Sundays we invite junior musicians to help lead the All Age service – if you and your children would like to be involved, we'd love to hear from you!

After Christmas, David and I are hosting another **Alpha course** at the Prince of Wales – Wednesdays at 7.30-9pm, starting 22nd January, supper included. If you have questions about the Christian faith do join us; contact david@northdownfarm.co.uk to book a place.

Meanwhile do contact me if you need a pastoral visit, want to discuss a special service or any matter of faith. I'd like to thank everyone for their support – and patience (!) as we wait to appoint a new Rector for the 7 parishes, as meanwhile I am spread a little thinly. The post has been advertised and interviews are due to be held on 21st.

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The team would like to give a really big thank you to all supporters of The Macmillan Café in September.

We look forward to seeing you all again: **October 28th, November 25th & December 16th**, 10am – 12 noon for coffee/tea & cake.

We are continuing our Sale Table for Yeovil Breast Cancer Unit Appeal until the end of the year; £142.61 raised to date!

The Café Team always welcome new & regular customers.

Denise Dunford Tel:863444



Odcombe Football Club

This is the time of the season when all the players, having done pre-season training (or not), have a good idea what the next six months will bring in terms of how the teams are coming on (or not) and whether they will fit into a team's set up. Only a handful of league games have been played with quite a few early rounds of cup competitions.

So far the First team, who having won promotion last season to the top flight, have shown that they are up to the higher standard that the Premier League teams achieve. They have won two league games, a 3-1 away win at Martock United and a 3-2 home win against Stoke, drawn one game at home against Pen Mill Athletic (2-2) and lost one game at last year's division one rivals (who eventually won that league) Milborne Port, when on the first day of the season we were not at the races and lost 5-0. Even so, with seven points after 4 games we are in the top half of the league and Steve Cook, the first team's manager, is creating a reputation for being a very competitive team who will battle for ninety plus minutes. There have been a few new boys in the squad but with having such a successful season last year all the regulars have returned.

In comparison John Dixon, manager of the reserve team, has had quite a change over in players. His pre-season friendlies at South Petherton and Merriott, trying out a variety of new players much to the teams detriment, as they lost 6-3 and 9-3 respectively. But as the league fixtures began even more players signed and the team strengthened. They find themselves in the top half of the league having won two games, beating Stoke Reserves 8-1 and Barwick Reserves 8-2 in their most recent games, drawing a home game 2-2 against South Cheriton (the current league leaders) and losing the first game of the season 3-0 at home against Barwick. So you can see, there is a marked improvement.

Both teams entered the Somerset F.A. cups. The first team having to go into the Junior Cup, due to their Premier League status, and the reserves into the Somerset Intermediate cup. Neither team made it through to the next round. The first team travelled to Winsham United of the Perry Street

league and in a close game where the result didn't reflect the closeness of the contest lost 3-0. The reserves had to travel all the way to just south of Bristol to play Cutters Friday A (their third team) and although they led the scoring at half time (being 1-0 up) eventually fell foul of the half time changes made by their opponents and lost 3-1.

The first team have had better luck in the Charity Cup (open to all teams in the Yeovil and District League) where they entertained Martock in the first round and won 4-1, so are now in the quarter finals. But there will not be an Odcombe Reserves cup run (semi-finals last year) in The John Hayward Cup (Division one and two) as in the first round Ashcott Reserves ran out 5-2 victors on a Saturday morning that John was continually on his phone trying to find replacements for players that couldn't make the game at the last minute.



The Les Rothery Trophy game was held pre-season between the First and Reserve teams, both fielding a strong squad. The reserves taking an early lead thanks to a Tyler Dodge own goal which was quickly cancelled out by a Steve Ayling close range shot. A Ricky Rose penalty restored the reserves advantage only for Tyler Dodge to put one in the right net before half time. The introduction of Ian Harris at half time was the changing factor as he netted twice to give the first team the win.

We are now into winter mode training at Westfield 3 on Wednesday evenings 7-8 pm.

The change in website provider during the latter part of last season can be accessed by using www.pitchero.com/clubs/odcombe where you will find all the usual information in a slightly different format.

**For all enquiries contact Glenn Seymour on:
01935 863961 or grseymour@tiscali.co.uk**



Odcombe Village

Street Party

Friday 8th May 2020

(national bank holiday)

2:30pm for a 2:55pm opening ceremony outside the
Masons Arms, Lower Odcombe.

An opportunity to join the nation in this special day of remembrance and
celebration of Britain's Victory in Europe during WW2.

Please bring sharing plates for the adult and children's tables, your own drinks
(the Masons Arms bar will be open), live music from the era, evening pizza and
revelry in the Masons Arms garden. A raffle and donations will be taken raising
money for SAAFA - the armed forces charity.

Please feel free to come dressed in red, white and blue, attire from the 1940s
or your party best!



Community Council Somerset – Hallmark Awards

Hallmark is a quality Standard Scheme which uses a system of trained peer visitors, they use checklists to identify performance and provide an external validation of achievement.



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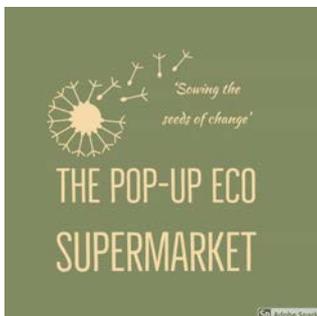
By entering the quality standard it evidences the management committee are following charity law, legislation, their legal document (Trust Deed/Constitution) at the very least. Not only does it help to organise a committee and its administration, it gives some recognition to the very worthy volunteers for their hard work and efforts. We often take for granted our community spaces, not always recognising the hard work, dedication and commitment of the volunteers. Hallmark recognises this and makes us all proud that we have well managed, legal, safe facilities, often bright, clean, multifunctional spaces as a hub for the whole community.

District Awards

Our District Award winners were hand selected by our visitors as standing out as being exceptional.



We were very surprised and delighted to receive the District Award on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. Judy & Denise



at Odcombe Village Hall

Well, what a way to round off the last few weeks of this decade? The *Pop-Up Eco Supermarket* was featured in the November issue of *Country Homes and Interiors!* (see on right)

I decided to share a daily snippet of “What’s Special About Odcombe” on our Facebook page - hoping to catch the eye of the magazine readers - and there was so much to report! Both sorts of Odcombe Spring, Coryate and Hody, to Bygone Memories.

The snippets attracted such a following we have dedicated a table at the next Pop-Up (Saturday 2nd November) for you to bring and share local folklore and stories. At a later date we hope to collate the stories for everyone to enjoy.

Looking ahead into 2020 we continue our good work

offering you Eco Stalls, Terracycle Recycling, Repairs, Charity Stalls and our wonderful Eco Cafe!

We are always grateful for help, so if you would like to get involved and have a few hours to spare, please do come forward! We are a non-profit community project, and many hands make light work.

All of us at *The Pop-Up* thank you for your fabulous support in 2019, and wish you the very best for 2020!

Claire Ashton



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Odcombe Short Mat Bowls

Summer is now over and we are getting ready for our winter friendly and league matches. Not so many league matches, as some clubs have decided not to participate in the winter, but that leaves plenty of time for our friendly matches which are very enjoyable. Our membership is steady but we could really do with more. Do come along if you are interested and want to know more, or you could contact me either by email or mobile.

We are holding our club single and pairs competitions in October and November. These are very enjoyable and sociable events.

Although we are just starting Autumn we are organising our Christmas Social and Annual Dinner, and that's another year gone.

It is with very much regret that I have to announce that Dave Phillips, a valued friend and bowls player,

passed away at the beginning of October.

Dave played in both Friendly and League matches, was Chairman of the Bowls Club and also had been our representative on the Odcombe Hall Committee. He also belonged to Stoke Bowls Club before joining our club. Dave lived all his life in Stoke and was the postman for this area for many years.

We will sorely miss Dave, his laughter and smile, and his guidance whilst serving on our Committee.

Hazel Smith
Secretary

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Village Act of Remembrance

At the War Memorial in Coryate Close at 10:50am on
Sunday 10th November

Odcombe



Parish Council

Unfortunately due to high winds the Play Day had to be cancelled but we have been promised that we will definitely be scheduled to have one next year.

Grants have been given to the Village Hall and the Church for churchyard maintenance.

Please keep your hedges and trees cut back so that they do not obstruct pavements, footpaths or roads. Also please dispose of the cuttings properly; footpaths and neighbours fields are not the place and it can be classified as fly tipping. Thank you to the villagers who cleared a fallen tree from the Orchard Path.

A bund (earth bank) is being designed to prevent travellers accessing the playing fields.

Our county councillor Mark Keating continues to chivvy the highways department about our missing

Old Road hump.

Progress has been made with the village web site and it is hoped that it will be live before the next newsletter.

Please keep an eye on your local grit bins and contact me if they need topping up. As ever, a reminder that 1 spoonful will clear one square metre. A little goes a long way and excess will not improve the road surface.

Deryl Rennie

Chairman, Odcombe Parish Council

w: odcombeparishcouncil.gov.uk



From your Village Agent, Cath Holloway



It's getting colder! Now is a good time to think about your heating and insulation.

SMART meter roll out continues. The meters ensure that your bill is correct every month and not estimated. Smart meters tell you when your energy usage is high. They will save you money if you can turn off the high usage appliances but please don't turn off your heating and risk illness to save on the bills. **Free room thermometers** are available which tell you what temperature a room should be and how yours compares. Call : 0117 934 1400 or look in local information places such as libraries and CAB. Those on income based benefits can apply to their electricity or gas supplier for a warmer homes discount. If you find yourself getting into debt, always talk to your utilities company who may be able to support you. Contact Wiser Money 01823 461099 enquiries@wisermoney.org.uk or Christians against Poverty <https://capuk.org/> 01274 760720 for advice and support (This can vary depending on your postcode) and check money saving expert for good deals.

Open fires and wood burners need to be cleaned regularly. The National Fire Protection Association says, "Chimneys, fireplaces, and vents should be inspected at least once a year for soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearances." **Chimney Cleaning / Chimney Inspection Should Be Done Annually** by Dave Lamb – dave@mychimneys.com

Also check that your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms (for oil fired heating and open fires and wood burners) are working. Consider a home safety check from Devon and Somerset fire service <https://www.dsfire.gov.uk>. Call Freephone 0800 05 02 999 who are focussing heavily on fire prevention alongside the proposed service cuts (don't forget to sign the petition!).

Age UK are offering free practical advice about keeping warm and other information about how to insulate well and manage your heating costs for those over 65. Call: 01422 252 040 / 01484 535 994.

Cavity wall and loft insulation can really help and it is worth checking with your provider to see if there are any offers available Eon, EDF and NPower are mentioned by Martin

Health Tip!! – most of us think it is important to drink more in the warmer weather to avoid dehydration but did you know that the same can apply in wintertime too? Turning on the heat can also lead to dehydration especially as we get older so make sure you are regularly drinking even in the colder weather. Keeping adequately hydrated is especially important in helping to keep infections such as urine infections at bay and taking simple steps such as drinking enough water can help us stay healthier. If you have any concerns about your fluid intake then please contact your GP.

You may wish to add that warm drinks raise your body temperature in a cheaper way than turning on the heating!

Lewis <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/utilities/free-cavity-loft-insulation> Remember to be wary of sharing information with telemarketers and always research their offer independently and don't agree to anything on the phone!

Heating oil costs can be managed by using an oil buying scheme such as the one provided by ourselves <https://somerstrcc.org.uk/oil> 01823331222 or using an online comparison tool such as boiler juice <https://www.boilerjuice.com>

Winter tip 1: Drying clothes on a radiator can cause the damp to circulate around the house until it finds a cold patch where it will turn to mould. Try to keep the doors closed and windows open in the room that you use to dry. A bowl of salt can be used to catch the humidity or hanging wardrobe dehumidifiers can be purchased cheaply from discount stores. See Centre for sustainable energy 0117 934 1400 <https://www.cse.org.uk/advice>

Winter tip 2: If you are in the house throughout the day, you may consider volunteering and joining social groups so that you are not having to heat the house so much and this will also make the evenings less isolating.

Winter tip 3: Don't forget to check your drains and gutters for the build-up of debris which can cause blockages and splits when the water starts to freeze. Local window cleaners often offer this service if you are unable to check yourself.

CCS Agents are on hand to support you this winter - to find out more about our work, go to our brand new website www.somersetagents.org – we help when other don't, won't or can't! For Carers specifically go to www.somersetcarers.org

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Report, view or discuss local problems

If you wish to report a problem in your street, like broken paving, fly tipping, graffiti, potholes, parking on pavements, dog fouling etc., then go to

fixmystreet.com

mySociety Limited is a project of UK Citizens Online Democracy, a registered charity in England and Wales. For full details visit mysociety.org

All Saints Church School

Dear All

Autumn term at All Saints has already been full of fabulous learning opportunities. Our new Acorn children have settled in extremely well and have made great relationships with their Year 6 buddies.

Outdoor Learning

Pupils at All Saints Church School have just finished their seventh week of Outdoor Learning, come rain or shine! The children have enjoyed carrying out different activities outside linked to their topic units and have had the opportunity to use their new 'Forest of Friends' to enhance their STEAM learning.

As part of their topic 'To the Stars', Class 5 have been finding out about Van Gogh and his famous works of Art by visiting a 'gallery' set up in the forest area. The children have now planned their own versions of 'Starry Night' and will be using natural materials to create their pictures. Class 3 are learning about 'Are humans animals too?' The children developed an Animal Rescue Centre in the forest area to help them learn about what humans and animals need to be healthy. Children used their knowledge, combined with their imaginations to create a healthy plate from a variety of natural materials. Leaves, twigs and grass were all used to represent food from the different food groups. The children have also dissected owl pellets to enhance their learning about skeletons!

All classes have had the opportunity to spend time in the 'Forest of Friends' and have all been involved in the development of new ideas.

School Trips

Class 2 went to Magdalen Farm recently to have a Harvest Experience and spend time learning about 'Incredible Edibles'. A full day started with the children feeding the animals on the farm. There was a lot of excitement as the chickens pecked the children's hands and the goats licked them. The children learnt the difference between types of food as well as gaining further understanding of how different animals are used for food. After learning about the food growing process the class were able to harvest some fruit and vegetables. They were able to dig up their own carrots, which they then cleaned and ate, picked raspberries, sorrel, basil and apples.



The children discussed how different plants are pollinated and were able to taste the nectar from nasturtium flowers. The day ended with the children making their own apple juice. Apples were chopped and washed before being squashed and pressed into pulp to make apple juice. It was delicious!

Dandelion Club

The children from Dandelion Club (club for Service children) have really enjoyed being back together this term and have welcomed new members to the club. In the words of a Year 6 member we are called Dandelions because "service children move around a lot, just like dandelions that blow around in the wind, but wherever they settle, they thrive". Dandelions were particularly excited to receive some new resources; the uniformed teddies are enjoying their new home in the library!

Red, White and Blue Day

On Friday 4th October All Saints Church School celebrated Red, White and Blue day. Acorn children got into the spirit of Red, White and Blue day by dressing in the named colours. The children drew their own Union Jack flags and made boats and planes. They learnt about our Armed Forces keeping us safe and even got to wear a real Navy hat!

Best wishes

Mrs Sharon Bowditch,
Head Teacher
01935 826626



Neighbourhood Policing Team

There hasn't been much happening specifically in the Odcombe area, however you can look up the crime statistics by looking on the Avon and Somerset Website at www.avonandsomerset.police.uk selecting your area.

There have been a few suspicious vehicle seen in the villages recently and some items taken from within a garage of a property during the day, therefore please give everyone the advice to ensure they lock their doors even when at home. This includes sheds and outbuildings even if nearby working as it only takes a matter of minutes for items to be taken.

If anyone would like any security advice or knows of any vulnerable members of the community, please contact myself or PC Georgina CRITTENDEN so that we can assist.

PCSO Fiona Wilson
Neighbourhood Policing Team
Avon and Somerset Police
Yeovil Police Station, Horsey Lane,
YEOVIL BA20 1SN

Odcombe Parish Council

As from October 2019, agendas for meetings of Odcombe Parish Council will be placed on a noticeboard outside the Village Hall and on-line on www.odcombeparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to receive the agenda, please email the clerk on clerk@odcombeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Meetings will be held at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on:

21st October

18th November

16th December

20th January 2020

17th February

16th March

20th April - also, the Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on this evening.

Mrs E.M. James
Clerk to Odcombe Parish Council

Newsletter Advertising

We hope you enjoy receiving the Village Hall Newsletter which is published three times a year. Every house in Odcombe should receive one and it is also available to view or print from the Parish Council website:

odcombeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Our business advertising rates are as follows:-

Quarter-page (portrait, approx. A6 size):
 £5 for a single issue
 £12 for the year (all 3 issues),

Eighth-page (landscape, approx. A7 size):
 £3 for a single issue
 £7 for the year (all 3 issues).

All adverts accepted are subject to availability of space.

To place an advertisement contact:

John King
 Pantiles, Dray Road, Higher Odcombe
 t: 863165

Buses from Lower Odcombe (Montacute Road) to Yeovil

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S = Set down only



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For local beat officers for Odcombe go to avonandsomerset.police.uk Your Area

There are active NHW schemes in Odcombe. If you would like to join the scheme and are not sure if there is one in your road, please contact Lindsey Stone, Watch Scheme Administrator, Somerset Local Policing Team, Bridgwater Police Centre, Sandy Padgett House, Express Park, Bristol Road, Bridgwater TA6 4RR

t: 101 (or 01278-644799 direct line) or lindsey.stone@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Lindsey will be able to give you the details you require.

Post Office at the Village Hall



All the normal services found at a village post office are provided in the hall:

Monday from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Friday from 9:30am to 11:30pm

Free cash withdrawals, by card, from most banks and building societies can be made.

International letters/packets and Bureau de Change facilities are also available.

Other items are also on sale including a few basic groceries (e.g. tea bags, tinned foods, biscuits, loo rolls), confectionary and, on Mondays, a selection of greetings cards and stationery.



Bank Holiday road-side collections:

Christmas & New Year - Friday 27th Dec. and Thursday 2nd Jan., but **no garden waste collections from 23rd Dec to 3rd Jan.**

Garden waste collections resume on **Wed. 8th Jan 2020.**

Recycling at Artillery Road, Lufton Trading Estate, Yeovil - OPEN weekdays 9:00am to 6:00pm (Apr. - Sep.) and 9:00am to 5:00pm (Oct. - Mar.), Saturday and Sunday 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Decoration-free natural Christmas trees under 2 metres can be put out with your GREEN wheelie-bin, or taken to the recycling site.

www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

CLOSED on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.



Footpaths Officer - If you find any problems with footpaths around the parish, please contact Jack Loxston
t: 862238 e: jack.loxston32@gmail.com

Bus Service 44

Odcombe Church gates	dep. 10:30
Yeovil (the Borough)	arr. 10:45
Yeovil (the Borough)	dep. 12:45
Odcombe Church gates	arr. 13:00

Mondays to Fridays

Mobile Library Service

Tuesdays every 4 weeks:

Westbury Gardens 11:35 - 11:55am

For information about this service, contact Libraries Direct t: 0300 1232224 or visit

www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries

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Odcombe Village Hall

Regulars in the Village Hall...

Post Office	Mondays - 9:00 to 12:00 noon Fridays - 9:30 to 11:30 am	
Stitch and Knit	2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesday in month - 7:15 pm	Gaynor Soulsby t: 863117
Short Mat Bowls	Mondays - 2:00 to 4:30 pm Wednesdays - 7:00 to 10:00 pm Fridays - 7:00 to 10:00 pm	Hazel Smith m: 07720 724745
Odcombe Baby & Toddler Group	Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:30 am	 Odcombe Toddler Group
Modern Sequence Dance	Monthly on a Sunday - 2:00-5:00 pm	Des & Marj Vincent t: 01308 425509
Whist Drive	Thursdays - 8:00 pm	Joyce Holland t: 863545
Parish Council (public welcome)	3rd Monday in month - 7:30 pm	Mrs E.M. James PSLCC m: 07549 643402 e: clerk@odcombeparishcouncil.gov.uk
Luncheon Club	3rd Wednesday in month - 12:30 pm	Deryl Rennie t: 864523
@ the Hall Café	4th Monday in month - 10:00 am till noon	Denise Dunford t: 863444
Pilates	Monday - 6:00 to 7:00 pm Thursday - 6:00 to 7:00 pm	Cordelia Worsley t: 01935 412104 Anna Chapman AVC Physio Pilates 
Pilates & Zumba	Friday - 10:00 am till noon	Debbie Knight m: 07970 258085
Pop-Up Eco Supermarket	1st Saturday in month 9:00 - 1:00pm	 The Pop-Up Eco Supermarket
Odcombe Movie Nights	Monthly from October to April	Judy Welfare m: 07934 737104

Other activities in the Village...

Odcombe Walkers		Penny Head t: 01935 862908
Odcombe Football Club		Glenn Seymour t: 863961
Neighbourhood Watch	Local representatives around the village	Deryl Rennie t: 864523 Alan Hiscock t: 863388
St. Peter & St. Paul Parish Church		Associate Vicar: Revd Annie Gurner t: 824167

Special events coming up...



4th November - Odcombe Movie Night
at the Village Hall, doors open 7:30pm
Film starts 8:00pm

'**Wild Rose**' (15), 1hr 41min.
Jessie Buckley, Matt Costello, Jane Patterson



10th November - Village Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial, Coryate Close 10:50am



15th November - Odcombe Classic Movie
at the Village Hall, doors open 2:00pm
Film starts 2:30pm

'**The French Lieutenant's Woman**' (12),
2hrs 4min.
Meryl Streep, Jeremy Irons, Hilton McRea



23rd November - Fun Quiz Night
at the Village Hall 7:00 for 7:30pm

See front page for more details.



7th December - Odcombe Movie Night
at the Village Hall, doors open 7:30pm
Film starts 8:00pm

'**Sometimes Always Never**' (12A), 1hr 31min.
Bill Nighy, Sam Riley, Alice Lowe



14th December - Bingo & Bangers Evening
at the Village Hall 7:00 for 7:30pm

See front page for more details.



15th December - Carol Service at 11:00am
24th December - Crib Service at 6:30pm
25th December - Family Christmas Service at 11:00am

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