

Odcombe Village Hall

Newsletter

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Some of the winners of the Odcombe 2022 Flower Show - see page 5 for the trophy winners list

Odcombe Village Hall BINGO & BANGERS

- ❖ Sunday 27th November
- ❖ Doors open 6.30pm, Eyes down 7pm
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View from the Chair

Hopefully you've noticed that the view of the Hall has changed recently. Darren Caines made a great job of cladding over the wooden parts of the fascia on the roof. Much needed to protect the roof from water getting in and aesthetically bringing it up to date. Maintenance has been undertaken inside too when a blocked drain put our sinks out of action for a few days. Following investigations by Stephen Belben, Plumbing & Heating, with the help of our handyman Neil Chatfield to dismantle a kitchen cabinet, Dyno Rod had to be called in. It turned out to be a fat-burg blockage not helped by the kitchen being built over an outside gully to serve as a drain!



November will see the installation of our new cooker by David Balaam, Spark Electrical, who will be ably assisted to get it in place by Steve Long. Steve is a willing volunteer who is becoming invaluable in helping with maintenance checks and setting-up at many events.

To keep the Village Hall in good condition and open for the use of all, more willing volunteers with skills in chairmanship, note taking and organising will soon be required. At the next AGM, due in March 2023, I shall be standing down from the main committee after 10 years, along with our Booking Secretary, which, following on from other long-term members leaving last year, will leave a few gaps to be filled. We are very lucky as a committee of Trustees to have a range of ages; many halls struggle to attract younger members whilst we have a few who bring along new energy and ideas but have restrictions on the time they can give with family and work commitments. We also have a few experienced members who know the requirements of keeping the Hall well maintained. We do however need a few more people to come forward now, possibly newly retired who have a few hours to give to help keep the Hall running. This is an ideal opportunity to join the committee, to learn the ropes, before the next AGM. If you have time to give, please get in touch.

Since the Hall opened in 1971 it has been well maintained by various volunteers in the community. It has achieved the Hallmark Awards and more recently the Area Award to show recognition of the work put in by Trustees. With more volunteers this standard can be maintained, keeping the Hall as a welcoming place for community events, exercise, learning and family events.

I look forward to seeing many of you at events planned in the run-up to Christmas. If you are thinking about joining the committee and would like more information, please either email odcombevillagehall@gmail.com or speak to a committee member.

Denise Dunford (Chairman)



The Trustees were deeply saddened to hear of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II having served the Nation well for over 70 years.

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Village Hall Lottery



Past winners - 1st prize £25, 2nd prize £15, 3rd prize £10

August 2022

- 1st** 114 – Sally Gubb
- 2nd** 153 – Joy Rowlatt
- 3rd** 257 – Ellie Damon

September 2022

- 1st** 113 – Tony Helliar
- 2nd** 140 – Frances Shaw
- 3rd** 166 – Olive Helliar

Congratulations to the lottery winners.

Unfortunately the prize winners this year have not received the same cash prizes as in previous years, but this is due to fewer participants. Hopefully next year numbers will increase. Thank you to all those who have helped to support the Village Hall.

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but I do extend all best wishes to my many
friends in the village for a very Happy
Christmas and a healthy and peaceful
New Year.

From Angela

Dray Barton

In lieu of cards I shall make
donations to the church and village
hall funds.



Trophy Winners of the 2022 Flower Show

See a photo of Winners on the front page



Village Hall Cup - Fiona Cumming
The Village Hall Cup Trustees - Alan Goodger
Homecraft (Tray) - Maureen Belben
Men's Bake (Tray) - Alistair Graham
Bridget Langdon Rose bowl - Fiona Cumming

The Herbert Osborne Trophy - Roger Fox
The Dennis Lipscombe Tankard - Alan Goodger
The Acorn Trophy (shield) - Alan Goodger
John Moore Memorial Trophy - Deryl Rennie
The Millennium Cup - Paul Rogers

@ the Hall Café - Much more than a café – a social hub for the village

Fourth Monday of each month 10.00am – 11.30am

except for December when it will be a week earlier!

Our Community Café is open to all, a warm, welcoming place to meet friends and neighbours.

The Café is organised and staffed by volunteers who happily give their time to ensure that everything is set up, and you are made welcome. Our volunteer cake makers donate cakes so that we can keep prices affordable, especially welcome now in times of economic restraint.

There are always books for sale, thanks to all who donate their preloved novels, and a raffle where you might be lucky to win a prize to round off the day. Other stalls pop up now and then too and of course, we will make Christmas Café a little different!

Come along and bring your friends for a coffee, tea or hot chocolate @ £1 and a homemade cake @ £1.

We aim to provide a warm but ventilated space, where touch points and tables are still sanitised for your safety.

The Team looks forward to welcoming you.

Monday November 28th, December 19th for our Special Christmas Café.

Next year: Jan 23rd, Feb 27th, Mar 27th

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Odcombe Short Mat Bowls Club

It's been a quiet time, but competitive matches have now begun with us entering teams in both the monthly Givle Winter League and the Yeovil and District Winter League (which includes clubs as far away as Templecombe and Hazelbury Bryan).

We have had two new members join recently, so now have 27 members with up to 18 regular players. Monday afternoons seem particularly popular. Really good news is the return of a member who had a stroke but is progressing well.

Whilst pleased to have such a well supported club, we would love to have more Odcombe residents joining us, so if you think you'd benefit from gentle exercise we would love to see you.

Hazel Smith



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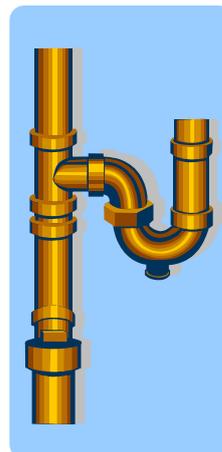
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Odcombe Movie Nights

We are pleased to say that our family movie, back in July, went very well with a good number of people enjoying **Sing 2**. We'd like to thank the parents who have offered help and are hoping to organise a Christmas film for families with them on board!



Kicking the regular season off, our October offering, **Operation Mincemeat**, attracted a good crowd and the table or row seating seemed to work well, giving a choice for all. Tickets are now on sale for the next film on Monday 14th November, **Downton Abbey - A New Era**. Email: odcombemovies@gmail.com for details.

Our December film, **The Railway Children Return**, will be shown on Monday 12th December and will be accompanied by some Christmas cheer!

All our evening films see the doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Prebooked tickets are £5 (£6 if you turn up at the door). We have a licensed bar selling beer, wine, cider and soft drinks and we sell tea, coffee and biscuits if you prefer. A warm space and a smile, what more could you desire!

The Movie Team look forward to seeing you.

Denise Dunford

Rotary Club of Yeovil Christmas Draw

Once again, the Rotary Club of Yeovil are organising a Christmas Draw with excellent prizes. We, along with other charities, sell the tickets and for every £1 ticket we sell, the Rotarians give us £1.10, a chance to greatly boost our funds! The more tickets we sell the more we raise, so if you would like to buy tickets or sell a few to friends and family for us, please get in touch. Email: odcombeyillagehall@gmail.com stating how many books you would like (£5 a book) and your contact details.



REMEMBER LAST YEAR! We gave congratulations to Jacky Dunkerley, a resident of Westbury Gardens, who bought a winning ticket and bagged herself £250. This year could be lucky for you!

Denise Dunford

Odcombe Walkers

Looking back at the weather since the last Newsletter, when some walkers said it was too hot for going out! (No thought of putting on the heating let alone worrying about the cost).



A few of us did a shorter walk from East Coker on an extremely hot day (10th August). Famous residents include explorer, pirate, privateer, navigator, naturalist and Yeovil Wetherspoons, William Dampier. In the Church is the final resting place for poet T.S. Elliott's ashes, famous for writing among other things "CATS", which is what Lloyd Webber based his musical on.

Approximately at the walks halfway point we decided to cool off in East Coker Church. The organist was practicing and humoured us by playing a request for "I do like to be beside the seaside" which cheered us on our way.

We also did a longer walk from Odcombe to Chiselborough where we found there are a couple of fields that have large vultures and various animals made of bits of scrap metal.

We continue with our weekly walks with the option of stopping for a meal and a drink at the end. Please contact me if you wish to join us.

David Welfare

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Christmas Bingo

Hello, my name is Jack Walton and I have lived in Odcombe my whole life. I have also been in Scouting since I was four. I am running a Christmas bingo to raise money for Project Kenya 2023 (PK23) which is a trip in August next year organised by Somerset Scouts to Kenya. We will be there for 14 days helping two schools and children.

In Kenya education is free as long as the students attend in uniform. Many families cannot afford the uniform so these two schools were set up, by a couple in Nairobi with links to Somerset Scouts, to teach those children. We will build playgrounds, give gifts and teach as much as we can. A percentage of the fundraising will be given directly to the schools.

Please come along to the Christmas Bingo on 10th December for a fun evening!

Thank you,

Jack

Christmas Market



Montacute Pre-School

Boundhay Allotments

Our gratitude.



We wish to thank Martin Dare and Dave Peters for their help in providing and delivering manure to our allotments. They supplied vehicles and put in time and effort for which we, the Allotment Team, are very grateful!

If anyone is interested in a bit more space to grow vegetables, flowers or fruit, then talk to me about having a section of the Allotments for as little as £10 per year. Plots may become available but there is a waiting list!

Ian Silk t: 862620



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Masons Arms

Hello from The Masons Arms!

As you may have all noticed, our beloved pub is undergoing some extensive renovations at the moment. We are having a new fully functional kitchen built for us and, rather excitingly, we will have the use of a brand new conference room. Our new conference room is suitable for a group of 8-10 people and will be available to be hired out once we have opened it. Perfect for those breakfast meetings away from the office or a small gathering requiring a little more privacy.



At the current moment in time we are operating out of a mobile kitchen and have a reduced menu which is available to view on our website.

We will be closed in the week November 7th-11th as the bar will also be undergoing renovations including a fresh coat of paint and new light fittings.

We would like to thank all of our regulars and locals for their ongoing support at this time. Just like you, we cannot wait for the works at The Masons Arms to be completed and the pub back to its glorious self, but we must be patient a little longer!

We will be hosting a grand reopening party (with dates to be confirmed) and we hope you will all join us!

If you'd like to know more, updates are regularly posted on our social media pages. Alternatively, pop in and see us for a drink and/or a meal and a chat!

Many thanks as always

Rose, Richard and The Masons Arms team

St Peter & St Paul Church, Odcombe Fundraising

We've had a couple of successful fundraisers in the second half of 2022 and were delighted to see so many of our residents and visitors supporting us.



In August, due to a lack of manpower in both camps, the first ever combined **Village Hall & Church Fete and Flower Show** was held, a departure for both organisations.

We worked well together and, if Odcombe wishes to continue to host such events in the future, we feel it is necessary to join forces. Otherwise what has been traditional for several decades in Odcombe will fall by the wayside, which would be extremely disappointing.

As you may remember, the day was an absolute 'scorcher' so we did our best to keep visitors out of the sun, but it was still a very HOT day! All expenses and monies raised were split between the Village Hall and the Church 50:50 so, at the end of the afternoon, each group benefitted from just over £350 – well worth the effort (and perspiration) I hope you will agree.

October saw the Church hosting its second **Harvest Tea**, with funds raised being shared between Odcombe church and the Lord's Larder. In excess of 40 visitors joined us and were treated to the usual hot drinks plus a vast selection of cakes, a few interesting stalls and our regular guitarist, Andrew Gillespie, entertained us in his usual way. It was a convivial afternoon giving the opportunity to catch up and chat with friends from within the village and outside. We raised a fabulous **£372.30**, of which **£286.80** will go to keep the doors of our church open for a while longer, and **£85.50** found its way to the Lord's Larder from the sale of perishable produce, along with an excellent assortment of Preserves made by Rev Nick's wife, Kath, in addition to the collection of non-perishable food offerings generously donated by villagers in our regular church porch collection.

The Lord's Larder is always most appreciative of everything Odcombe does to support them in feeding less well-off families locally – especially at this particularly difficult time. So, on their behalf, may I say

THANK YOU SO MUCH – ODCOMBE HAS DONE IT YET AGAIN!

Valerie Leaver

Odcombe Carols

It is hoped that the Odcombe Carols will be sung around the village as they have been for over 170 years. Notices will be displayed nearer Christmas with dates and time of both the performances and practices. Anyone who has moved into the village in the past year (or if you got missed last year) please contact me with your address and the names of the occupants. Also anyone who can 'call' (wish every resident a Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year), collect money (split between the Village Hall and the Church) or even better sing. No auditions and everyone welcome do get in touch.



It is believed that we are the last village keeping up this tradition which was once widespread. The carols are slightly different to the usual Christmas songs and it would be a great shame if there was insufficient support to maintain the tradition.

Deryl Rennie 864523. deryl@btinternet.com

Crafty Stitchers

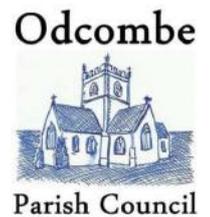
This really is a very friendly group - and we usually have at least one person who can solve our problems. We also put the world to rights while drinking our tea.

Margaret Clotworthy



Odcombe Parish Council

The work of the Parish Council is particularly busy at present with an increasing number of activities and exciting projects underway. So much so, that for the first time we held an additional budgetary planning meeting to enable focused thought on our future priorities - which are numerous!



It was fascinating to consider a five-year perspective and think about how we could achieve real progress on a range of issues that are of concern to parishioners - including the development of our recreation ground and Village Hall Car Park area as well as improving the 'fabric' of the village through new signage and the management of public areas, to name but a few.

Obviously, it's also that time of year when the Parish Council is tasked making its precept application for 2023 - 2024. Following the planning meeting a proposal for next year's precept will now be tabled at our November meeting.

Members of the Parish Council have recently held a number of meetings with Somerset County Highways representatives to discuss the poor state of some of the village signage. An application has been made for a 7.5t enforceable weight limit through parts of the village, something which comes as a result of a number of concerns raised by residents.

Councillors also met with residents who live adjacent to the recreation ground to hear a range of concerns regarding this area. Positive progress is now being made to address these concerns with a new maintenance contract that should have a significant impact.

During our last meeting, residents raised serious concerns regarding speeding in the village. In response to these concerns, our County Councillors suggested that residents could log traffic-related incidents with a view to assessing the feasibility of the introduction of speed control measures. Please see the 'News' section of the Parish Council website for further information.

You may be aware that the village opted to spend our 'Somerset Village of the Year' funds on hamstone signage that will enhance the rural character of the village. A planning application is underway to achieve this.

Quotes are also currently being sought to install shelving in the defibrillator kiosk in Lower Odcombe so that it can also be used as a seed-bank and book exchange.

A public meeting was held regarding the reinstatement of Chinnock Hollow. Various options were presented and discussed. A decision from Somerset County Council is expected later this year.

The Parish Council is also extremely pleased to welcome Brian Dufty as a new councillor. He has particular expertise in planning so his skills will be particularly appreciated, and also means that we are now back to our full complement of councillors.

The village Remembrance Service will be held at 10.50am on Sunday the 13th of November at the War Memorial in Coryate Close.

Dave Peters, Vice chairman Odcombe Parish Council

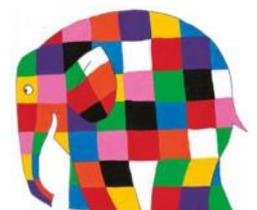
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Purple Patchers

We have, as a group, been making a quilt for 'care leavers' a charity which give quilts to young people who come out of foster care and start on their own. Nearly all of us have had at least a small part in making it ready to send off.



Margaret Clotworthy

All Saints Church School



It has been a very busy few weeks and a very positive start to the new academic year. It has been a pleasure to welcome our new Acorns class into the All Saints family, and to be able to see them happy, settled and engaged in their learning already has been wonderful. We have also welcomed two new members of staff to our wonderful, dedicated team.

Our start to the year has, of course, been punctuated by the sad passing of our beloved Queen. We have all paused to reflect, pray and remember.

As we prepare for harvest, Year 4 have been developing their sketching and shading skills and adding some natural resources for hair. Their display is aptly called "Best hairstyles for Autumn 2022!"



Year 2 ventured out to Magdalen Farm for their class trip, where they learned about where their food comes from and how it is grown and harvested. They had such a fun day and this will feed into some excellent topic work within the classroom.

We were lucky enough to have the Holy Trinity Scout Group come to help us clear and develop our forest area, ahead of some exciting Forest School projects this year. They worked very hard and achieved their community badge, as well as being rewarded by homemade pizzas cooked in our pizza oven. We continue to look for donations to help us develop our outdoor areas.



We held our harvest service in St Catherine's Church, led by Reverend Nick. It was lovely to have all of the children in the church once again and their voices rang out to celebrate and give thanks. Our school council have encouraged the donation of food and warming gloves, hats and socks to go to the Lord's Larder.

Jo Walmsley

Acting Head Teacher

Odcombe Parish Church

Revd Nick Clarke, Rector of the Ham Hill Villages Benefice



Well, what a remarkable autumn of beautiful golden weather tinged by the sadness of the death of our beloved Queen, followed by the political turmoil of seeing three Prime Ministers in two months. We gave thanks and said farewell to Queen Elizabeth at a lovely memorial service in St Peter & St Paul's and four weeks later lifted our spirits by celebrating Harvest Festival in church followed by a delicious Harvest Festival Tea and produce sale in the village hall. Thank you everyone for all the hard work making all these important events such a great success!

Looking back who would have thought that we would be mourning the death of Queen Elizabeth quite so soon. If, as she wisely said, 'Grief is the price we pay for love', the scale of national and international mourning proved how much she was loved by countless millions worldwide. I don't know about you, but the sad news of the Queen's death came as a real shock to me and I'm not ashamed to admit I have shed more than a few tears. That news clearly touched the heart of the Nation. The most poignant evidence was the sight of hundreds of thousands of ordinary people lining the streets, the 4-mile queue waiting 24 hours to pay their respects in Westminster Abbey and for the State Funeral.

As Archbishop Justin said, what other world leader or celebrity has commanded that level of spontaneous and voluntary respect, love and dedication? In all four of my 'jobs' I have been required to swear an oath of allegiance to the Queen on the bible, finishing with the plea, 'So help me God'. The same plea for God's help she made when she pledged herself to our service in her famous speech made when she was 21. A promise she faithfully kept for over 70 years, setting a supreme example of loving, Christian servant leadership, not only as our Queen but also as head of the Church of England. For most, if not all, of our lives the Queen has been our good shepherd, quietly reaching out with love to the millions of ordinary people she met, inspiring us with the Christian values she held true to throughout her long life. Let us take hope in the strong belief she lifted our hearts with during covid that "We will meet again!".

As I write, Rishi Sunak has just been elected as our next Prime Minister after a month of financial and political chaos, U-turns, and uncertainty. I pray by the time you read this he has shown the leadership ability, common sense, wisdom, vision, and judgment to bring some financial stability and unity back to the country. So, let us look forward to a more stable, peaceful and joyous Christmas season.

If you are eligible, make sure you get your flu and Covid jabs, and stay safe and well!

God bless,

Rev Nick

Memories of commemorative ringing associated with Queen Elizabeth II.



I learned to ring in 1946, at St John the Baptist Church Yeovil (then a 40 cwt 10, now we have 12) and still here, 2022, as Tower Captain.

As a 12-year-old my first official ringing engagement was for the Wedding of Princess Elizabeth to Philip Mountbatten, on Thursday 20th November 1947. The previous weekend the clapper of the tenor had broken, but it was welded in time for the wedding, a near thing!

For King George VI's funeral in 1952 I rang the treble of the back eight half-muffled for 67 "whole pull and stands". Since then, I believe (as I don't always keep records) I rang for the Coronation in 1953, Commemorations of Silver, Golden, Diamond and certainly, lastly Platinum, Jubilees of H.M. the Queen. Along the way there was the death of Diana on Sunday 31st August 1997: when the news broke early that Sunday morning, I rushed to muffle our bells in time for the morning service. For the Funeral of The Queen Mother, we attempted 101 Whole Pull and Stands, half muffled.



➔ This was thwarted when a rope-end became un-tucked at about number 60 – a re-start caused us to over-run into the time of the funeral. This led to an unflattering “dropping a clanger” headline in the local newspaper (Western Gazette)! But it also included a photo of me illustrating the muffling of a clapper.

At H.M. the Queen’s death I tolled our “light tenor” (16cwt) half-muffled for 96 whole pulls, on Friday 9th September. On Sat. 10th we rang a six, open, with call changes (including Queens and Kings, of course) for the Accession of Charles III, and this also celebrated a wedding which followed.

At Odcombe (St Peter and St Pauls 6,12cwt) in the village where I live, we rang half-muffled call changes for the special Sunday service on 18th. On the day of the funeral 19th Sept, there was half-muffled call changes on six bells at both Odcombe and Yeovil, during the appointed hour leading up to the Funeral. I organised all this and the flag management too!

Other royal connections: I was lucky enough to draw a place to ring at Westminster Abbey for the *RW centenary service 2011* - an awe-inspiring experience! And in 2000 a few of us in Somerset met and shook hands with Prince Charles when he visited the small village of Isle Abbots (6,15cwt) tower and was given an impromptu backstroke lesson, see *RW* page 705 July 14, 2000) for the full story.

Not quite royal occasions but nevertheless memorable was muffled ringing connected with the deaths of Winston Churchill (the only Prime Minister, I’m told, whom the Queen addressed by Christian name!) and U.S President J F Kennedy.

Roger Fox

Originally written for ‘*The Ringing World*’

Montacute W.I.

Montacute WI meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 at Montacute Village Hall. With a varied programme of events all women are welcome. Your first 3 meetings free. Little ‘jam and Jerusalem’ but a friendly social evening.



On Wednesday the 7th of December we will be putting on a coach to Wells at 9.30am, from the Borough Montacute, for the Somerset WI carol service. £10 fare and £3.50 for a programme.

Deryl Rennie t: 864523 e: deryl@btinternet.com

Odcombe Football Club

With the football posts removed during the summer period we were able to re-seed the top goalmouth thanks to the Parish Council. It still is a bit scarce of grass in places due to the very dry period we had and would ask that if you want to use a goalmouth you use the bottom one which has much more grass on it.



We played six friendly matches pre-season with mixed results losing against a South Petherton XI, Sherborne Town XI, Milborne Port and Yetminster but having more favourable results against Wyndham and Barwick. In the first league match with a Wednesday evening kick off we won a five goal thriller by the odd goal against returning club Wagtail Athletic and followed that up on the following Saturday with a creditable 1-1 draw away at Ilchester and the following week a 3-0 victory at home to Stoke-sub-Hamdon, and for a brief time were top of the league! It didn’t last though, and the following week went down by the odd goal of seven away at one of the favourites for the title, Manor Athletic.

Since then a poor second half performance against Martock saw us leak five goals in the 45 minutes and we have been mid-table beating Ashcott Reserves 3-2 but losing to a strong Castle Cary Reserve side 4-0. There is still a lot of football to be played in the league and with the main contenders dropping points we are still in with a shout.

This season two teams have pulled out of the premier division which leaves us with ten teams



➔ so we could do with a good run in the cup competitions we have entered. We have not played in any cup competitions yet having a bye in the first round of the Somerset Junior Cup, but in the second round have a home tie v Chilcompton Sports Reserves (their first team is in the Somerset Senior League) so that will be a testing game. In the Charity Cup (which we won a few seasons ago) we start the competition with a home game against Team Gryphon, a Sherborne based side who are only a few years old but already coming up the leagues.

Our old watering hole, The Phelips Arms at Montacute who kindly sponsored our new kit and “T” shirts, has decided to close during Saturday afternoons so we have re-located back to “The Mason’s Arms” Lower Odcombe, which was the club’s headquarters back in the days of the Les Rothery Chairmanship; I’m talking 1960’s and 70’s now. There are only a very few villagers who will remember that time with Clive Harris as the landlord and even fewer that actually played. The new management at The Masons have been very inviting so now we will be congregating at The Masons after every home game.

Winter mid-week training at Westfield Community school has commenced on their 3G floodlit pitch, and will carry on with Steve Cook in charge every Tuesday evening 7-8 pm. A fee of £3 is payable to cover the costs and new players are welcome.

Our club website is still up and running with match reports, news items and old Odcombe F.C. pictures www.pitchero.com/clubs/odcombe . All enquiries to Glenn Seymour on 01935 863961 or grseymour@tiscali.co.uk

Fitness & Dance with Debbie

How do you eat? It’s as important as what you eat!

Strange question from a fitness instructor isn’t it but still an important one. Nowadays a lot of us eat as we are travelling, driving, at desks working, sat on the sofa watching TV or just grabbing some food from the kitchen during a busy day at home. It’s very easy to not pay attention to your food when you’re not sitting at a table, eating properly. Eating quickly and not smelling, savouring and tasting your food means that your body ignores its own ‘full’ signals.



There are quite a few busy weeks coming up from Halloween to the New Year. There’ll be Christmas Parties, family Dinners and special events to attend, and all the fun but also stress of attending or catering for your friends and family.

Here’s a Challenge for you -

✓ Slow down, give your stomach a chance to catch up to your brain and it will help you to eat the right amount.

✓ Sit down when you eat, even a biscuit, sit at the dining room table. Use a plate too. Eat seated only.

✓ Chew each mouthful 25 times or more and put your cutlery down in between bites.

✓ Multitasking and eating is a recipe for mindlessly overeating.

✓ No TV, films, phones or any type of screens at meal times.

Enjoy your food but make sure you eat mindfully with no distractions.

Debbie Knight

BUS SERVICE 44 - Odcombe to Yeovil

See page 18 for times of service

It’s FREE if you use your Bus Pass



Christmas is a time to celebrate, but don't forget to stay scam aware. Fraudsters will take advantage of the fact you're busy and looking for a good deal, and will be out to steal your money and personal information.

Some scams that may be prevalent at this time include:

Fake online shops. These are bogus websites run by scammers that tempt bargain hunters with heavily discounted products. However, these items may never materialise, or be counterfeits, not worth the money you spent or different from the description.

Bogus shop vouchers. These are fake vouchers that look like they are from reputable well-known shops and are shared on social media. They tempt people by claiming to offer vouchers but in reality are simply a way for criminals to gain someone's personal or financial details to commit fraud or sell on.

Holiday fraud. Many of us book trips at this time of year, and fraudsters capitalise on this by advertising fake holidays online. They are often marketed as too-good-to-miss, last-minute deals but are just a sham.

How to protect yourself from Christmas scams:

Be suspicious about seemingly unbeatable deals. If something looks too good to be true, it usually is. Only buy from reputable shops and websites. Ensure the website is genuine, as scammers can set up convincing but fake online shops and pay to place them high in search engine listings.

Don't pay by bank transfer as you won't get any protection if you're the victim of fraud. Credit card is the best way to pay.

If you are worried you have been scammed:

Get advice from Citizens Advice on 03454 040506
Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

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Buses from Lower Odcombe (Montacute Road) to Yeovil

◇ = **Not** Saturdays
S = Set down only



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To place an advertisement email:

odcombevillagehall@gmail.com



For local beat officers for Odcombe go to avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area and select **Yeovil Rural**

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. **Temporarily Closed - more details later**

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

Post Box Collections

Higher Odcombe: Monday to Friday 4.00pm, Saturday 9.00am

Lower Odcombe: Monday to Friday 9.00am, Saturday 7.00am



Bank Holiday road-side collections:

after Christmas - **Thursday 29th December 2022**

after New Year's Day - **Thursday 5th January 2023**

No Green Bin collection on Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Recycling at Artillery Road, Lufton Trading Estate, Yeovil

Monday to Friday - 9:00am to 5:00pm (October - March), 9:00am to 6:00pm (April - September)

Saturday and Sunday - 9:00am to 4:00pm.

w: somersetwaste.gov.uk



Footpaths Officer - If you find any problems with footpaths around the parish, please contact Hans Rennie
t: 01935 864523

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 from 1-Nov:

Westbury Gardens 11:10 - 11:35

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

Activity Contacts ...

Post Office	Mondays - 9:00 to 12:00 noon Fridays - 9:30 to 11:30 am	Village Hall entrance lobby
Crafty Stitchers	2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday in month - 2:00-4:00 pm	Margaret Clotworthy t: 863863
Short Mat Bowls	Mondays - 2:00 to 5:00 pm Wednesdays - 7:00 to 10:00 pm Fridays - 7:00 to 10:00 pm	Hazel Smith m: 07720 724745
Modern Sequence Dance	Monthly on a Sunday - 2:00 to 5:00 pm	Des & Marj Vincent t: 01308 425509
Odcombe Football Club		Glenn Seymour t: 863961
Beginners Pilates	Thursday - 6:00 to 8:00 pm	Sarah Hicks S H Fitness
Parish Council (public welcome)	3rd Monday in month - 7:30 pm	Terry Heath m: 07549 643402 e: clerk@odcombeparishcouncil.gov.uk
@ the Hall Café	4th Monday in month - 10:00 to 11:30 am	Denise Dunford t: 863444
Pilates, Soul Stretch & Dance Fitness	Friday - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm until end of August then 10:00 am to 1:00pm	Debbie Knight m: 07970 258085
Odcombe Movie Nights	Monthly from October to April	Denise Dunford m: 07843 973561
Spanish	Tuesday - 10:00 to 12:00 noon	George Leaver t: 862905
Purple Patchers	Thursday - 1:00 to 4:00 pm	Margaret Clotworthy t: 863863
Jazz Band Practice	Tuesday - 7:30 to 9:30 pm	Ben Webster

Odcombe Walkers		David Welfare m: 07745 118106
Odcombe Parish Church		Rector: Rev Nick Clarke m: 07842 192402
Neighbourhood Watch		Deryl Rennie t: 864523 Alan Hiscock t: 863388

Future Events ...

14th November	Odcombe Movie Night at the Village Hall, starts 7:30pm	Downton Abbey - A New Era
26th November	Montacute Pre-School Christmas Market at Odcombe Village Hall, from 11am - 2pm	See page 9 for details
27th November	Bingo & Bangers at the Village Hall, doors open 6:30pm	See front page for details
10th December	Christmas Bingo at the Village Hall, doors open 6:30pm	A charity Bingo by Jack Walton See page 9 for details
12th December	Odcombe Movie Night at the Village Hall, starts 7:30pm	The Railway Children Return

Village Flower Show and Church Fete 2022



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