



The Vicarage
Thorncombe.

Dear Friends,

On September 8th the Chard & District Team Ministry came together in St Mary's Chard to celebrate the Third Anniversary of its formation. Bishop Andrew gave the sermon and indicated that it is not only the ordained that have an important part to play in the church today, it's the laity as well that make up the team. Representatives of all the churches came together and enjoyed evensong and further fellowship afterwards.

Margaret and I have now been here for two years. Life here as many of you know is very lively, rarely does a week pass by without something of interest taking place. Talents and gifts that each of us have are a gift from God and was meant to be used not only for ourselves but also for those around us. So if you have some talents or skills and time to help your church, do let me or the churchwardens know.

The Diocese of Bath & Wells, with Christian Aid, CMS, MU & USPG have launched an HIV/AIDS Appeal called Positive Action running from September until December. Whilst HIV/AIDS is very much a problem in Africa it is a worrying problem for the whole of the world. Further information can be obtained through Bath & Wells Diocesan Office, The Old Deanery, Wells, Somerset or your local church.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD a project of the SAMARITAN'S PURSE. The Shoebox Appeal covers over 100 countries throughout the world. There is an appeal leaflet available and shoe boxes if required. Please contact Margaret Chivers, St Mary's Vicarage or telephone 01460 30479.

The Chard & District Team is a large team. St Mary's Chard, St John the Evangelist Tatworth, The Good Shepherd Furnham, St Michael and All Angels Chaffcombe, St Mary's Thorncombe, St Mary Magdalene Cricket Malherbie, St Stephen's Winsham and St Thomas Cricket St Thomas. Like the team Jesus formed of his disciples, each of our team of churches has a contribution to make to the whole. Let the way of Jesus, in truth and love, bring us together in growing spiritual maturity, thus bringing more and more power to the work of Christ in our world today.

Ernie Chivers.

AN ANGLICAN ALPHABET

T IS FOR TABERNACLE – In the Christian Church it is a small-safe like receptacle with a veil over its front used to hold the Blessed Sacrament, often placed in a side chapel of a church or cathedral. Its presence is marked by a lit candle or light in the Sanctuary.

T IS FOR TE DEUM – A hymn or prayer set out in the Book of Common Prayer that can be said or sung at matins or at morning and evening prayer.

T IS FOR TRINITY – It is the glory revealed in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God ever to be worshipped and adored.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS 23rd August Margaret Kathleen Calvert, Thorncombe – Cremation Taunton
 10th September Sarah (Sally) Ann Baldwin, Winsham

WEDDING 14th September Anthony Reginald Ford & Lucy-Anne Hampton, Thorncombe

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH WINSHAM

Minister – Revd John McMinn – 01935 872105

Hon Secretary – Michael Hebditch – 01460 30201

Sunday services at 10.30am. 1st Sunday, tea and biscuits after the service. 3rd Sunday Holy Communion
3rd Thursday 12.15-1.30 monthly Soup & Cheese Lunch at the Sports Club



THORNCOMBE CHAPEL

Normal Sunday Services: 11am and 6.30pm

Bible Study: **Wednesdays – 7.30pm** Ladies Bright Hour: **Alternate Wednesdays – 2.30pm**

Saturday Club for Boys & Girls: Two age groups 5-8 years & 11-15 years. 11am to 12 noon every Saturday



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH CHARD

Priest: Canon James O'Brien – 01460 62197

Services: Sunday Mass 8am and 11am. Weekdays – 9.30am. Holy Days – 9am and 7pm.

Confessions – Saturdays 11am – 12 noon.



THANKS

Thank you so much for the painting of St Mary's Church, it is a memento that will always recall such happy years spent in the service of our church - some 30 years! Your kindness in arranging this is so appreciated.

May I take this opportunity to thank those friends, neighbours and villagers that sent cards, 'phoned to enquire how I progressed – regret to say slowly. Having never been one to do as I was told I have had to accept the consequences. I hope it will not be too long before you see me in my usual pew. God Bless you all.
Iris Hanchard-Owen

I would like to thank friends and neighbours for all their help prior to Barry's death. The chauffeuring to and from the hospital and the nursing home and accompanying me on my visits to him helped me greatly and was very much appreciated. Thank you all again.
Sadie Coleman



ST MARY'S NATIVITY PLAY



If there is any child aged 4 and over who would like to take part in the Christmas Nativity Play please contact me, Joyce Speed on 01297 678246. There will be about six weeks' rehearsals.

FROM THE NEW DAYLIGHT BRF NOTES

Adrian Plass on
Matthew 11 v7-11

"I pray that you and I might inspire passion in the heart of our saviour. Not by getting everything right, because we won't; not by understanding all that happens to us, because that will not be possible, but by doing the job we have been given as well as it can be done in the light of what we know and by calling out to him for the warm glow of his reassurance when darkness falls."
OMM



WELCOME TO

Russell and Mary Haggard and Richard, Louise and Ella White to 33 and 35, Church Street, Winsham.

HOLDITCH HALL AUCTION

The annual auction for Axminster and Chard hospitals will be held on Monday October 14th at 7.30pm. We would be most grateful for any items that you can spare for this worthy event. If you would like us to collect please contact one of the Holditch Hall Committee.



WINSHAM WEB MUSEUM –Johnny Rowsell’s Brewery



Johnny Rowsell’s brewery wagon used to travel the streets of Winsham during the late 19th century, but no one ever stopped him for a quick drink. To find out why you will need to visit the Winsham Web

Museum, or find your copy of ‘The Winsham I Remember’ by W.H. Paull. By agreement with Suzanne Butler, Mr Paull’s granddaughter and her father, the museum has acquired her web site that she used to record the contents of the book. It is full of fascinating information and reminiscences and Bob Osborn is using a new technique to link parts of the museum to relevant sections of the book.

The museum is now trying to develop the gallery dealing with Winsham at work. We are very keen to borrow, for scanning, any pictures Winsham residents may have relating to any of the shops or businesses that used to operate in Winsham. We also want to hear your stories and reminiscences about them. Do you have any information about Tinkers that visited Winsham? Did a Tally Man ever call on people? Can anybody tell us about the savings clubs, which we believe, operated? Did people use credit? If so how did it work?

Just call me John Sullivan on 30026 or speak to any other members of the museum committee.



DORSET ACTION VAN

Every Wednesday morning during August the Dorset Action Van has visited Thorncombe Village Hall providing fun and games for children over the age of eight at a charge of £3 per session. Not many availed themselves of this, so for the last Wednesday we had a free morning and they brought a bouncy castle. Unfortunately they were not insured for under eights, so Stephie hired another bouncy castle for the little ones and there was paper and chalks to draw with when they needed a breather.

This was so successful that we plan to do it again next year and if it could be a free session every time



we feel more children would avail themselves of it. Ideas for fund raising during the winter please. The final morning was such fun that we will definitely try and to it again.



THORNCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Forthcoming attractions at the hall include a Wine Tasting in October and a Food Festival in November to give an opportunity to buy local fare for Christmas. If anyone is interested in hiring a stall to sell or show local produce at the latter please contact Rose Richards on 01460 30247.



The next Artsreach Productions in the hall are “The Last Voyage of Alfred Wallace” on 5th October and “Sinbad” a puppet show for children on the morning of 28th October. VD



WINSHAM FLOWER SHOW

With the success of the Horticultural Society’s Annual Flower Show on Bank Holiday Saturday, it looks as if we might have got it right at last! Thank you everyone who contributed – the gardeners, the cooks, the craftsmen and women and the artists. Thanks also to Charlotte Roper for presenting the cups and the many visitors who came from far and wide.

We are proposing one or two winter meetings with speakers on interesting topics horticultural – suggestions welcome. Incidentally, we are still looking for a secretary, not an arduous job by any means (the show schedule is safely ensconced in Roy’s computer) but it would help to spread the workload. *Janet Smart-Treasurer*



WINSHAM WALKERS

At the monthly meet, near equal numbers of walkers and dogs set off from The Bell at 11am on September 5th in bright sunshine.

Following the path by the cemetery the route went out via Ammerham and round Forde Abbey to cross into Dorset via the footbridge. The walkers then crossed the road and went around Forde Abbey Farm before regaining the road and following Wheel House Lane as far as Shedrick Bridge. The footpath by the river was then followed to Bere Farm before

returning to The Bell where refreshment was taken. The total time taken for the walk was just over 2 hours.



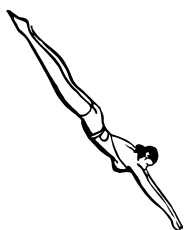
The next walk will be on Thursday, 3rd October starting from The Bell at 11am. Why not join us!

Further information from Peter Pye on 30751.



THORNCOMBE COMMITTEE

SWIMMING POOL



The committee were delighted that so many people supported our annual cream tea and grand prize draw on Tuesday, 13th August on what turned out to be a wonderful sunny day. It just goes to show that the great “British summer” can surprise

us at times!

The afternoon started at approx 2pm and got off to a healthy start with brisk trade being done at all the stalls (bric- a-brac, plants, books, cakes, etc.). The cream teas were ever popular and excellent value for money.

Derek Wickett won the Grand Prize Draw main prize. Well done. Are we to see yet another ‘demon cyclist’ hurtling around the village or will it be seeing sunnier climes. Time will tell no doubt!

The committee would like to thank everyone for their support before, during, and after the event. A **grand total of £385.62** was raised which will go towards ensuring that the village swimming pool continues to remain open for the benefit of the community.

Once again - thank you one and all.



LEUKAEMIA AWARENESS DAY AND FUN WALK

We would like to thank everyone who so kindly supported our Awareness Day on Saturday, 7th September. We are very appreciative of so many who helped and contributed, raising the magnificent sum of £252.13.



Our special thanks to those who baked cakes and gave raffle prizes. A big ‘thank you’ to Vivienne and John

who organized and lead our afternoon walk, also to Stephie who so ably ran the raffle.

Congratulations to June Ede who almost guessed the exact number of bulbs in the jar (just one away from 121 bulbs.) We look forward to the additional array of spring colour in her garden.

We still have a number of Christmas cards and gift catalogues and would be pleased to handle orders for the area to save on postage. Please call us if you would like a copy.

For more information concerning this event please contact Richard and Angela on 01460 30916.



TELL IT TO THE MEDIA

Those who are involved in organising village or parish activities are certain to be faced at some time with the problem of getting the message around that something is going to happen that you want people to know about, who are outside the immediate membership of your group. It may be a public meeting, or a fund raising coffee morning, or occasionally, something much larger.

For many such events, the people you wish to inform will live in the close vicinity, when a poster or notice in the shop or on a church or village notice board will suffice. You may also put a simple handbill through letterboxes, and if you have sufficient time this magazine will carry details, free of charge, in the ‘This’n’ That’ section.

If your event would benefit from a wider circle of people knowing about it, recent examples being the Winsham Street Fair, the Winsham Open Gardens Weekend or the launch of the Winsham Web Museum, select the areas in which the people you wish to make contact with are likely to live or perhaps work. Then notify the local newspapers, free-sheets (those papers that carry mainly advertising and get put through your door free of charge,) and very importantly the local radio stations.

If the event is a really major one, especially if you are lucky enough to get a celebrity to open it, then local television news might become interested. If you can persuade David Beckham to open your next ‘Bring and Buy’ sale, be sure to let all the media know well in advance. The result is likely to be massive coverage and half the county turning up to it!

You may also find it worthwhile to include special interest magazines, if the story is likely to be of interest to a particular group of people. For example

the Winsham Web Museum sends information about its activities to the museum magazines, and magazines such as 'Thatch', which reaches other villages. Copy dates for magazines can be quite long and you must bear this in mind when planning your coverage-and you do need to plan it as soon as the details of the event are finalised.



The media will not guarantee to cover your event, but nor do they charge, so if you do have an interesting story to tell, with perhaps a photo opportunity, you may well get very worthwhile coverage.

Don't forget that your own local people are also likely to see any press reports, and hear local radio coverage. This will reinforce the message of the local posters and leaflets that you will have circulated and

probably enhance the status of the event. The media is the message!

Using the Web is also becoming an increasingly important way of getting news of an event to the attention of interested people or groups. If you are in South Somerset you can post details of your event on the coming events 'Notice Board' on the District Council Web Site. Call up www.southsomerset.gov.uk on the internet and follow the instructions. Dorset and Devon councils probably have the same facility.

Listed below are the some of the contacts for the local media. They will all be pleased to hear from you. One thing more. If you do contact them, make sure that you have all the correct details. If you are calling the radio stations make sure that you know what you wish to say; you may find yourself being interviewed over the telephone, there and then. They do it very nicely and it is nothing to be scared of, but do have your story straight first.

SOME USEFUL MEDIA CONTACTS

- Joint Parish Magazine**, Cricket St.Thomas, Thorncombe, Winsham
Jill Stone, Editor, Fourways, Whatley, Winsham, Tel:01460 30565. e-mail:jillstone@4-ways.fsnet.co.uk
- Chard & Ilminster News**, 3a Fore St, Chard Tel: 01460 63442/67474
- Western Gazette**, Sherborne Rd, Yeovil, BA20 4YA Tel:01935 700500 e-mail:www.westgaz.co.uk
- Western Daily Press**, Sherborne Rd, Yeovil, Tel:01935 423355 e-mail:taunton.wdp@bepp.co.uk
- West Somerset Free Press**, 26a,The Avenue, Minehead, Somerset. Tel: 01643 702187
- Taunton Times**, 5,Mendip House, High Street, Taunton. Tel:01823 250500
- South Somerset Express & Star**, 46,Princes St, Yeovil. Tel:01935 706300
- Clarion Community Newspapers**, 24, Princes St, Yeovil. Tel:01935 415444
- Blackmore Vale Publishing Co.**31, High Street, Stallbridge, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, DT10 2LH. Tel:01963 362868
- Somerset County Gazette**, 44,St.James St, Taunton. Tel:01823 365000
- Somerset Magazine**, 23, Market Street, Crewkerne, TA18 4JU. Tel: 01460 270000

Radio & TV

- Somerset Sound**, Max Cotton- Senior Producer. Tel:07776 164521
- Orchard FM**, News Desk. Tel:01823 368330
- BBC TV News-West**, News Desk. Tel:0117 9732211
- Carlton TV West Country News**, News Desk. Tel:01823 322335

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It is good to know that people read Cricket Croakings, even if it is to reprimand me for spelling or grammatical mistakes! *(I should have noticed but didn't. Ed.)*

Within the park the hoards of summer visitors faded away and peace and calm resumed as Warner guests gently promenade, admiring the animals and playing 'spot the baby porcupine' within the lemur woods. The one remaining bison is desperately awaiting her new (friendly, we hope) mate and has to contend with a flock of soay sheep instead.

The health and leisure club is brimming over with people of all shapes and sizes, all with the sole intention of obtaining the ever elusive but perfect body. Aqua aerobics is back on Monday evening with Ed Wraight as the new task master, determined to ensure that his class of Pamela Andersons look more like Kate Moss in time for Christmas. The club is also holding another evening gathering for local members. This time archery and shooting practice will be on offer, so take care if you stroll past and see a large group of inebriated ‘wannabe Rambos’ looking your way!

The church has been full to bursting point most Sundays. Weddings and christenings, an abundance of flowers, horse drawn carriages and joy, bringing the beautiful, but usually quiet church dramatically to life. Whilst on the subject of life, David Savill gave a sizzling service one Sunday in September...so much so that whilst conducting a christening, his surplice went up in flames!! Luckily for both David and the congregation he managed to put himself out before calmly resuming proceedings. Baptism by fire and water – who knows? *SV*



THORNCOMBE ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are starting up our computer club after school on Wednesdays. In order to assist more parents to participate with their children, we will in future be open from 3pm to 4.30pm.

Anyone in the village is welcome to join us and we shall be holding special sessions during the term to help people with word processing, e-mailing and using the digital camera. If there are any other aspects of using a computer that you would like to see on the agenda please let us know.
Jenny Mather - Headteacher



FRIENDS OF ESSEX HOUSE MEDICAL CENTRE

The coffee morning on August 21st raised £160 for surgery equipment. Without such events some of the items would not be able to be purchased so quickly.

Thank you to all who supported this worthwhile event.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Those of us who find it difficult to “give an answer to those who challenge us about the hope that we have” may enjoy a study on evangelism by Rebecca Manley Pippert. Rebecca is light hearted but not flippant, and has a fund of stories to light up this thorny subject. The first meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday, 1st October at Higher Hewood, Hewood. I shall look forward to seeing you.

Mary Rose Mangles – 220235



WINSHAM ART CLUB

A bit late getting into the magazine, for which, apologies, but at last we have managed to revive the art club. It is now divided into two (except for the pub lunches on the first Tuesday of every month starting again on November 1st.) Please everyone come if you possibly can.



Gwen Cabbage will tutor her classes, for more information call her on 30024, if you have not already done so.

The Thursday afternoon classes start on September 26th from 2 – 4.30pm in the Jubilee Hall with Bette Hardinge-Smith as tutor. She will be with us for four weeks and for the following four Thursdays the tutor will be Nigel Jones from Beaminster who exhibited at the Dorset Arts week in May and June this year.

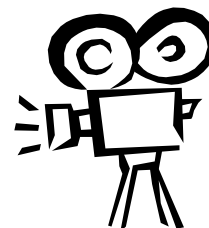
The membership will be £5 and then £5 per class after that. We hope as many as possible will attend otherwise we will not have the money to pay the tutors!

For further information please contact Lizzie Tadema – 30378 or Penny Pargiter – 30260. *PP*



THORNCOMBE CINEMA CLUB

Following two very successful film seasons a selection of recent films will be shown over the winter months in the Village Hall. The programme has yet to be finalised, but most of the films will be shown on the first Thursday of each month. However, the first film, “Gosforth Park” is being



shown in conjunction with the Purbeck Film Festival on Tuesday, 22nd October. Please look out for further information on posters in the village. From mid October please call Pauline Holt on 3042.



ST MARY'S HOLIDAY CLUB or WHEN JONAH CAME TO THORNCOMBE

This summer St Mary's decided to hold a Holiday Club. After several meetings of prospective helpers and a visit to the Resources Centre in Yeovil, we were ready.

On Monday, 19th August the Village Hall opened its doors to seventeen children between the ages of 5 and 10 who were not sure what they were letting themselves in for. They soon rushed off to the school playing field and played lots of games. Throughout the week twenty children in all attended and they played games, sang, watched a video, listened to stories and painted – boy how we painted!

On Monday we painted whales, on Tuesday fish scales, on Wednesday we made houses out of cardboard boxes and on Thursday we made invitations for our parents. By this time all was becoming clear. Our video had been about Jonah and the whale that strange thing that Sophie and Meg had been constructing was a whale and our scales were fixed on its back. Our houses were the houses of Nineveh and we were going to do a play on Friday – hence the invitations to parents.

During the week we learned new songs and on Wednesday, Marina came in and taught us a finger knotting song with actions about twelve men spying in Canaan. We ended every morning with a story and a quiz. We thank David and Lubla Crisp and their sister Bandra and Liz Rutter for coming and telling us the stories. The quizzes were keenly contested.

Friday was the big day. Liz brought us a boat and the ground outside the back of the hall was transformed with blue sea, fishes, the boat, the houses of Nineveh and of course, the whale. The children were dressed in their costumes and had their faces painted by Daphne. We had a last run through of the play and the song and then our parents came to watch us. Jordan read the story and everyone else acted it out. Ivy was a very stubborn Jonah but she jumped from the boat and swam to the whale very convincingly and then she sat inside the beast. To add to the atmosphere just as we got to the storm at sea a big black cloud came overhead and there was a huge clap of thunder.

We had a very happy week and hope to make plans to do it again next year. Our thanks must go to all who helped, especially Mary Rose whose idea it was; Liz and Pauline for being indefatigable with games; Penny for organising the painting and craft so expertly; Paula and John for bringing their keyboard, working the badge maker and being so knowledgeable about the video recorder; Jill helped with games and singing; Margaret, Sheila and Janet checked the children in and helped everywhere; Joyce provided the costumes. We thank Jenny Mather for allowing us to use the school playing field and to Sue and Ed for unlocking the gate. All in all it was a great success. *MT*

WINSHAM WOMEN'S ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Eleven members attended our meeting on 9th September.

A short silence was observed in memory of Mrs Grace Hoare, a loyal member, who died recently. A letter was read from her daughter.

Thank you letters for donations had been received from various legion aids. Names were taken for the county meeting on 23rd November. The draw was won by Mrs M Fowler and the quiz by Mrs J Spurdle.

We ended the meeting by enjoying a drink, as it was Sue's birthday. MF



BIRDSMOREGATE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

A successful games night was held at the Thorncombe Sports Club on 3rd September to launch the millennium book of remembrance. Legion members and representatives from other local branches, schools and churches attended and also some of the relatives of those whose names are inscribed on the war memorial and included in the book.

Dorset R.B.L. County Field Officer, Lt.Col. Howard Fairman, M.B.E. gave an address and thanked Mr Farley for his endeavours and time spent in producing the book. He said it helped to give a personality to the people whose names are recorded on our war memorials.

Mr Farley was unable to attend because of illness but his wife Kathleen, sisters and grandchildren attended on his behalf.

Mr Farley has given copies of the book to local churches, schools and museums. Copies can be obtained from him costing £5.50. Contact Mr Farley on 01460 30522.

There is a coffee morning advertised in the Coming Events in aid of this project.



WINSHAM MISSIONARY GROUP

Our cream teas at Paccombe Cottage raised £100 for group funds. Our grateful thanks to Jean and Jack Thompson for the use of their home on what was a lovely afternoon. Thanks also to those who came to support us.

On Wednesday, 16th October at 7.30pm we shall be having a Harvest Supper at Winsham Sports and Social Club. This is to raise funds for the children we are sponsoring in Romania. Ian and Joan Sherwood will be showing us slides of Romania and pictures of the children.

Tickets £3.50 are available from Margaret Long or Edie Jones. There will be a draw and bring and buy of harvest produce. ML



THORNCOMBE VILLAGE TRUST

The village walk will take place on 13th October and we are all looking forward to it. It will be led by Eve and John Higgs and those who enjoyed last years' walk, will, we hope, join us again. We extend a warm welcome to anyone who will be joining us for the first time. All are welcome even if you are not a TVT member. Details are given below.



There will be tea in the community room at the end of the walk. Joan Lovegrove will be in the hall from 11am-12 noon on the Sunday morning to receive contributions for the tea. Please ring her on 30313 if you would like your contribution to be collected. There will be no charge and we hope to have a very enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday November 14th at 7.30pm when the talk will be given by David Ramsden from the Barn Owl Trust. All are welcome.

On Saturday 16th November our Christmas sale and coffee morning takes when Miss Helen Brotherton and her team from Dorset Wildlife Trust will join us.



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HANSEL & GRETEL



This year's TVT annual afternoon autumn amble is the Hansel & Gretel Walk!

Scheduled to take place on Sunday, 13th October, weather permitting, this gentle four miler will take you through a wood, past a hidden pond and...a gingerbread cottage! If it sounds a bit too far – no problem! A couple of chauffeur driven cars will be waiting at the halfway point to take the footsore back to the village hall where, like last year a splendid spread of sandwiches and home-made cakes, washed down with lashings of tea awaits. Members and non-members, children and well-behaved dogs on leads, are all welcome. Stout footwear or wellies advised. Park in the village hall car park. Meet on the track at the entrance of Thorncombe Wood on Chard Street at 2pm. For further information contact Eve Higgs on 30994.



WINSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



The new school year is in full swing and the children and staff have quickly settled back into the routine. We have welcomed six new children, four in the reception group who have had no problems adjusting to their new surroundings! We have also welcomed a new member of staff, Mrs Halse, who will be teaching the junior class one day a week.

The theme for the infant class this term is “Toys Old and New” when the children will be looking at the differences between toys today and in the past. If anyone has any old toys that they would like to lend the school for an exhibition in October we would be very grateful. Even better, if you would like to talk to children about the toys you played with as a child you would be most welcome.

For the juniors, keeping healthy will be a theme running throughout the year. The school has a weekly contribution of fruit – one piece per child – from Stokes Greengrocers. The children are also undertaking a programme of fitness activities under the guidance of our P.E. specialist, Ann Taswell. We are also planning “Bug Busting” weeks aimed at tackling the ever-present problem of head lice.

All in all a busy term ahead!



HOLDITCH FLOWER SHOW



The 47th show was held on Saturday August 10th and was opened by the

Reverend Ernie Chivers who was presented with a buttonhole by Charlotte Down and Margaret, his wife, a bouquet of flowers made by our President, Mrs Mary Turner.

Entries totalled almost 800 and the committee would like to thank everyone who entered and those who supported us in any other way, sideshows, cream teas, the auction etc. We couldn't do it without you. There was a profit on the day of £833.93. Thank you to you all.
Holditch Hall Committee



WINSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk writes: -

The Parish Council is still actively trying to get a 20 mph speed restriction applied to the B3162 through the village. We have asked to be considered as a special case because of the bad bend and converging roads near the War Memorial, but are told that “pleas of special cases are running at about 6 per week!” The way forward, we are advised, is to try for partnership funding of the project. This would mean the County Council, Winsham Primary School and the Parish Council working together. The school can apply to County Hall for ‘safe routes to schools’ funding. If this is agreeable to all concerned and with funds from the parish, we may be able to make progress and achieve county funding much faster.



There is growing support for ‘Speed Watch’, a concept that I have written about before. We have volunteers. I have already spoken to our Beat Manager, who is making enquiries about how to set up the scheme. I have now found out that the officer responsible for “Speed Watch” is PC Nickerson, based in Crewkerne.

Recently there has been damage to graves in the cemetery; some of the ornaments and flowers have been moved around. This is happening in the early evening. Relatives are concerned, unhappy and very upset about this. The police Beat Manager knows about the incidents and has visited the site. The cemetery is a remote spot where people can go for a quiet thoughtful moment, but it is obviously attracting people with other motives.

The Parish Council has received a booklet from South Somerset District Council “Housing and

Accommodation Strategy 2003-2006,” available from myself to anyone who would like to read it.

The next meeting of The Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 2nd October at 8 p.m.** in the Jubilee Hall. If you can, please come along.



LISTEN-The best part of praying is being still long enough to listen. Psalm 17:6 2 Samuel 22:7

