



## The Trudoxhill Oscars

And the winners are.....

For Litter Picking – Many thanks to all 17 parishioners who turned out to keep our local area tidy. A special thanks to Ann French who does a great job in organising us.

For Christmas Tree construction – The men of the village who put the tree up and then took it down. It was handy that it was so close to the pub so they could reward themselves for all their work. Also thanks to the local resident who donated the tree.

For Decorating the BT Box – Molly Allen who took sole responsibility for this. Well done.

For organising the Barn Dance and Children's Christmas party – Jean, Maureen and helpers who always put in such a lot of effort to support village events.

For Carol Singing – Thanks both to the Frome Town Youth Band and to Martin Hemmett for trying to organise the hoard of singers and work out which verses to sing.

For Organising the Christmas Market and providing mince pies and mulled wine – huge thanks to Graeme, Crystal and team who are the hub of village life and work so hard and cheerfully throughout the year.

For welcoming the New Year – Ray Starr for his vigorous bell ringing at midnight and a quiet thankyou to Freda for keeping him awake till 12!

# Your View

The Trudoxhill Newsletter

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## Village Bus Service

As you might be aware, Trudoxhill is in danger of having the weekly bus service withdrawn. I know this is a lifeline for a lot of you and with that in mind I have found an alternative; The Slinky Bus.

This is a door to door service provided for senior citizens, those with disabilities and people living in rural locations. Once registered this service is FREE for people who have bus passes. There is also a volunteer service for trips which are further afield and a small fee is charged for this.

I am in the process of having information leaflets and registration forms sent to me and will leave these in the White Hart or alternatively you can contact the service direct on 0845 345 9155 or email [Transport@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Transport@somerset.gov.uk).

I hope this will put your minds at rest.

Mrs T Wacey – Trudoxhill Parish Clerk

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Update

We're extremely grateful to all of you who have volunteered already. So far we have pledged to organise the dog show, the horse parade, to bake a very special Jubilee Cake as well as many other events. Our Chairman, Rod Lewis has also been successful in securing sponsorship from several generous members of our parish in support of making the day a big success! Thank you so much to everyone who has helped us so far. But there's still plenty of time to get involved. We're looking for people to help run the fete events on the day. You can either take over the whole stall / activity, or just volunteer for an hour on the day – we're really grateful for anytime you're able to give. We're looking for help with the following activities: Welly- wanging, splat the rat, tug of war, three-legged race, coconut shy, hoopla, tombola, horseshoes, egg & spoon race and possibly a cowpat bingo! If you'd like to run any other kind of stall, that's great too. If you run a business, maybe you'd like to hire a stall, sponsor an event or advertise in the celebration programme. To get involved, call Carol Driver on 836695 or email [trudoxhilljubilee@gmail.com](mailto:trudoxhilljubilee@gmail.com).

## Children's Corner

We are planning a 'practical party' for the youngsters to make hats, bunting and anything else they can think of.

The proposed date is **Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>**, 2-5pm in the Village Hall; more details nearer the day.

We are also hoping to hold a 'Red, White and Blue Beads' jewellery making session for teenagers, with the products being sold at the fete on **Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Again, more details to follow.

Please contact Georqie Blackshaw: 01373 836070

## MARSTON CHURCH GOSSIP

So much news, so little time – but have you heard that the church was packed on Christmas Eve and that a tractor was put in the nativity crib by one of the darling children! The nativity figures, purchased in memory of Reg Stride, whose hand made crib eventually had to be replaced by one made by Alick Moore in 2009, still took centre place! I'm sure Fr Anthony and his family appreciated the gesture! Have you seen the view from the church across the park to the Wiltshire ridge? Go on – "stand and stare- and maybe say a prayer!" If Marston Matters to you, do pop up and sit a while.

Did you know? (Favourite Facts Part 1)

Marston Church is named after St Leonard who is the Patron Saint of prisoners, domestic animals, cattle and women in labour: someone for everyone perhaps?

### Forthcoming special services:

31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, 12.30 Wedding of Stuart Bird to Charlotte Ryan

### SERVICES AT MARSTON:

19th February 9.15 a.m Sung Eucharist

25th March 11.00 a.m Sung Eucharist

Jane Norris. Assistant to the Church Warden  
0777 620 8531 - ring me!

### Village Hall Events

Keep Fit, China Restoration, Mother and Toddler Group and Zumba are all continuing on the same day, same times as previously advertised.

Tuesdays **Floral Art classes** 3-5pm

With demonstrator Margaret Bown

4 week course starting March 13<sup>th</sup> 2012

An evening class can be arranged if enough people are interested, but not on Tuesdays

**Puppy Training Classes** 6-8pm (change of day)  
Contact Donna 01985 300398 or 01373 452952

Further enquiries to Jean Lemon on 01373 836681

### **WARNING!** **DOG POO** **BAG IT AND BIN IT**

People seen allowing their dogs to foul in the village will have one warning, and if their dogs foul again they will be reported to Mendip and receive a £1000 fine.

**You have been warned!**

**A serious message from Trudoxhill Parish Council**

**Also pick up from footpaths  
and fields where farmers  
graze their livestock .**



### **Rubbish news!**

Please note collection dates as usual except, due to the Easter Bank Holiday, **there** will now be a collection on **April 14th**

### **BT Box Appeal**

The box will be redecorated in red (mainly) white and blue (the top) and used as an information area. Has anyone a spare bookshelf to donate, Size 60cm x 15cm x 1m? Thank you.  
Paul Wacey 01373 836222

### **News from The Chapel**

**19<sup>th</sup> February** - All age service at 10.30am with communion

**27<sup>th</sup> February - 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Fairtrade Fortnight - watch this space for the date of an evening of wine and chocolate tasting!

**18<sup>th</sup> March** - All age service at 10.30am to celebrate Mothering Sunday

**15<sup>th</sup> April** - All age service at 10.30am – thinking about Easter hope

### **White Hart News**

Regular Quiz Nights on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in every month.  
Keep your eyes on the notice board for upcoming events

### **News from the beat**

Old style Land Rovers (Defenders) are still being targeted. Please spread the word as since 1st January 7 Land Rovers have been taken, 2 from our area. 2 of the 7 Land Rovers have since been recovered. Police have stepped up patrols, and we are looking into some forensic evidence we may have, so hopefully it'll be only a matter of time before the offenders are caught. Latest Land Rover to be taken was in Batcombe around a week ago. **Please report any suspicious activity in the area to the 101 number.**

**Send any comments and contributions to Georgie (Blackshaw) email: [georgian2@btinternet.com](mailto:georgian2@btinternet.com)  
By April 16th for next edition**