



To the community minded parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you from Abby and all of us for your efforts to tidy up the centre of the village, it really is appreciated



YOUR VIEW

Thank you to several parishioners who regularly litter pick so that everyone can appreciate our lovely rural area without rubbish all over the roads and verges.



Many thanks to the community spirited three generations of one local family who tend, water and weed the planters in the Community Gardens by the Village Hall. Pop in and appreciate their hard work and sit and enjoy the lovely environment, even if you don't feel up to using the adult exercise equipment

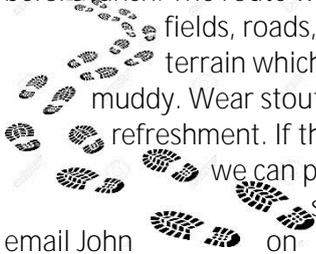


Happy 1st Birthday on 25 August to the Friendship Café which meets on the last Friday of each month in the Village Hall.



A PARISH WALK

On Sunday 8th October starting at 1000 from the White Hart, John Salmon will lead a circular walk following local footpaths. Anyone can join in. Currently the proposed route is about 3 miles long and we should be able to complete it at a leisurely pace and get back in time for a drink before lunch. The route will include woodland, fields, roads, tracks so a mixture of terrain which in a few places could be muddy. Wear stout shoes. Bring water and refreshment. If the weather is too awful we can postpone to another day, so if you are interested, email John on thesalmonfamily@tiscali.co.uk to be informed of last minute changes, or for further information.



MARSTON CHURCH NEWS

The roof has had extensive work with Welsh slates. An addition of a stone carved cross has been placed on the apex, and looks Eastward towards Tytherington.



The wall was completed to the budget. The steps at the east end of the church yard have been enhanced with a solid hand rail replacing the old one. A solar light has been erected by the bell ringers from a kind donation that will illuminate the gate and path.

Since re-opening in June, after closure in February, we have had two baptisms, a wedding, a funeral, an interment of ashes, and services besides, all for our community.

Plans are in hand to Celebrate **Harvest** at Marston House on Saturday, 7th October, 7 for 7.30. Tickets £25 in aid of further restoration of St Leonard's to include two course supper, guest speaker and auction Tickets sale shortly from Mrs Yeoman (836209) and Jane Norris (0777 620 8531).



FLY THE RED ENSIGN for Merchant Navy Day 3rd September 2017

In 2016 the Merchant Navy Fund grants exceeded £2.5M to improve the quality of life for those who are, or have, served at sea. One of our parishioners works for the Merchant Navy and as the Parish Council do not have a flag pole, may be able to fly the flag from his window and we'll advertise here and on notice boards. Any donations are welcomed via Seafarers UK.



"For Five reasons we should eat & drink. Good friends, good times, or being dry, or lest we should be by and by, or any other reason why"

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Trudoxhill Parish Council is working with colleagues from Witham and Wanstrow to support the weekly bus service to Frome. Parishioners use this as a social, as well as practical way of visiting the Market Place and shops and it is a service we are keen to see maintained. Cllr Jon Symes, with his IT-savvy son Jack, spent many a fraught hour completing a grant application to Somerset Community Foundation. We have been awarded £770 for the year to subsidise the scheme. Many thanks to Jon for all his hard work and to Michael Gay from Wanstrow Parish Council for implementing the scheme and his enthusiasm and encouragement over the past months. It's good to see us all working towards improved facilities for our small parishes when budgets are being cut everywhere.



Somerset Waste Partnership have stated that "overall dumping figures for Somerset are at an all-time low". However this good news is not reflected in our parish as our local farmers are having to cope with waste left on their land, taking up their valuable time to clear and at considerable cost to them. Please could we all be vigilant when walking, cycling or driving through the lanes and report anything suspicious using the dedicated phone line on 03708 506506.

On a positive note to finish one resident who walks up Gare Hill did this and the offender was traced and fined £500, so it is can work.



Marston Park will be hosting a public meeting and presentation at Trudoxhill village hall on Thursday 31st of August at 6pm. This is an opportunity for all residents to ask questions about the proposed small leisure development at Marston Woods and Pond. Refreshments provided.

It is very important for there to be good 2-way communication between the Parish Council and the parishioners they represent. With that in mind, the Council has now adopted a communication policy, which sets out our aims, the various ways we can keep in touch, the things we should be saying and how best to keep everyone informed about potential developments that may develop into planning applications in the future. We hope that will remove uncertainty and provide a good foundation for the future. The policy can be found on the Trudoxhill website (www.trudoxhill.org.uk). Email clerk@trudoxhill.org.uk to be on the e-newsletter mailing list.

PCSO Shelley Day has taken over from Lucy Gumm. She has already started to liaise with the speed bike team to identify areas where they can set up their speed traps. PC Matt Thomas is our new Beat Manager and assures us the police will try to support the parish with concerns we raise. We look forward to working with them both and establishing a Speed Watch scheme (volunteers?)



GARE HILL NEWS

We are now the proud owners of the phone box purchased for £1 with permission from Maiden Bradley parish council as it is actually in their Parish.



Volunteers needed in September for vegetation clearing, paint stripping, window repair and painting. What will it become? A history of Gare Hill, maps, a small library. Suggestions and volunteers welcome.

Plans are afoot to improve road signage. Wiltshire Highways have promised new signs to hopefully slow traffic. Somerset have done some improvements to fill in the gutters adjacent to the tarmac.

Large lorries are a concern. The most noticeable are the George's lorries as a local company. Their haulage manager reports that he has requested drivers to observe a 20-30mph speed limit from the A303. Any reports from the public which he receives are passed to the drivers whose licenses and livelihoods depend on their skills. Please report incidents if you feel at risk to the haulage manager and Cllr Chris Kenyon.

Don't forget the weekly and monthly events in the Village Hall. Details on the Trudoxhill website.