



# YOUR VIEW



## CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

**Trudoxhill Christmas**

**SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER**

**CHILDREN'S PARTY** 3.30PM  
**VILLAGE HALL** TIL 5.30PM

Christmas crafts, sensory play, disco, afternoon tea, games and a very special guest. All residents, friends and family welcome. £2.50 entry. RSVP to Hazelcombe (one of the new houses in Trudoxhill), or to [doug.valentine8@gmail.com](mailto:doug.valentine8@gmail.com)

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS** 6PM  
**OUTSIDE THE PUB**

Come and join us round the tree for mulled wine, mince pies and singing! All accompanied by the Trudoxhill Allstars

by 6 Dec please

### CAN YOU SPARE SOME TIME TO...

Help before and/or after the children's party on the afternoon of the 10th December putting out the food, decorating the Hall then clearing up before the carols start at 6pm. We'll be there from 2pm on and would love to see you. Any queries phone me, Georgie, on 836070.

Please come along to the official Christmas Tree 'planting' on the green by the Trudoxhill notice board at 10.30am on Saturday 9th December. No previous knowledge required but an aesthetic understanding of tinsel would help. See you there. Thank you in advance

Christmas at the Friendship Café  
Friday 29 Dec, 10.30-12.00

Our December Cafe will be welcoming members of The Frukes to play for us again and there will be a raffle. All proceeds to our chosen charity This Cafe welcomes everybody and anybody!! Come along and be sociable!!

Small and large groups can be catered for but we do recommend early booking

01373 836324

Our wonderful festive dishes can be enjoyed in the relaxed atmosphere of our lovely 17th century ex coaching inn



### SING FOR SOMERSET RINGS IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Somerset Community Foundation is once again inviting members of the public to join them for their annual Sing for Somerset carol service in the magnificent Wells Cathedral on Saturday, December 16 at 7pm. Admission is free, no tickets are required and doors will open at 6.15pm.

Sing for Somerset features a festive mix of traditional and contemporary music conducted by Laurence Blyth, featuring the Mid-Somerset Orchestra, Somerset Voices choir and organist Matthew Redman. Carol sheets will be provided for all to join in the festivities.



The retiring collection will benefit the work of Somerset Community Foundation. For more information, email: [info@somersetcf.org.uk](mailto:info@somersetcf.org.uk) or call 01749 344949.

## SPEEDING

Some of you may have noticed that a Police Speed Enforcement bike has visited Trudoxhill and will be doing so again over the coming months. Locations and times have not been revealed, so beware!

I am in touch with our new Police Community Support Officer, Olga Hapova; she is now out on the beat in our area while our previous officer, Shelley Day, is confined to the office because of a back injury. Meanwhile, our recent PC Matt Thomas has been temporarily transferred elsewhere but we hope will return in the New Year.



Sheila Salmon  
(Cllr responsible for Highways)

## BROADBAND (NOT SPEEDING)

Our old telephone system was never designed to accommodate **today's digital traffic. An old system has been dragged, kicking and screaming, into the digital era, and the signal still has to come down the same old copper cables. It's high time fibre optic cable came to the parish.**

Residents of Nunney are already able to get a fibre connection from BT, but the only plans for Trudoxhill appear to rest with provider Gigaclear who have plans to reach us by the end of 2019, but that does not yet appear to be funded.

When Joss Green-Armytage, who runs the Place to Stay at Knoll Hill Farm, found herself face to face with local MP David Warburton, she stated in no uncertain terms that broadband service speed and reliability in this area is unacceptable. She gained a verbal commitment from David that he will come to the village and host a meeting to discuss our needs. Joss would like to hear your thoughts and experiences. Please contact her by email on [theplacetostayuk@gmail.com](mailto:theplacetostayuk@gmail.com). The Parish Council will also be writing to Mr Warburton in support of this initiative. You can also contact him direct on [david.warburton.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:david.warburton.mp@parliament.uk).



In autumn 2016 it was discovered that the A361 underpass, and the path on either side of it, did not officially exist as far as Somerset County Council, Highways were concerned.

After much correspondence and a designation as an Urban Footpath, which did not permit cycling, we have now received an official notification that, from 5th October, it is a shared, **unsegregated, footway and cycleway**. I'm sure it will come as a great relief to all walkers and cyclists who use the path, that they can now do so with official blessing



Clarinet, saxophone and ukelele lessons in and around Trudoxhill.... children and adults welcome....ring Julie on 07920053220 or leave me a message



## ST LEONARD'S, MARSTON BIGOT

Marston Church paid tribute to the long life of Joyce Stride, who passed away on 5th September aged 93. The Thanksgiving for her life was just as she had chosen, with the Sound of Music playing, and then Vera Lynn singing Wish Me Luck (As You Wave Me Goodbye). What a beautiful service, created by Nicola and her family. Thoughts go to all those who have sought the church for family events or support.

The church goes forward with big projects, mainly with thanks to Mrs Yeoman and her efforts in raising funds. The Celebration of Harvest held at Marston House on Saturday, 7th October raised over £5,500. Thanks to Dede and Tim Sanderson for their kind permission to use the house, and especially Lois Gumm for providing the food. Many more to thank, which includes everyone who were so generous at the auction. The funds raised have already been committed to church projects. Water has been connected to the church with a tap on the outer wall of the Vestry, and one inside the Vestry. This heralds a sink, which will enhance the opportunities for events of many types.

The stained glass is expected to be replaced in the New Year after refurbishment. More improvements are anticipated, but all will need money. Please keep supporting the church in all its activities. We pass Remembrance and head towards Advent. May the church be part of your lives.



The late summer weather could not have been better for the Parish Walk on October 8th. Starting at the White Hart 14 people and Womble the dog followed a route up through Postlebury Wood opening out at the far end onto stunning views of Witham Vale. Negotiating ploughed fields, easy footpaths and a little road-walking we reached Witham Friary. The route then took us through fields past the fishing lakes and back to Trudoxhill along the Macmillan Way. To most of the walkers many parts of the route were new to them despite being so close to Trudoxhill. No-one knew everyone at the start but did at the end and we all enjoyed the amazing unfolding views of our beautiful corner of Somerset. Covering five miles in a leisurely two and a half hours left plenty of time to enjoy the scenery and the sun.



Another Parish Walk will be arranged in the spring. Look out for the date in a future edition of Your View.