



# YOUR VIEW

## THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Well done to 'Dean and his Team' i.e. the Village Hall Committee who, with the support of the Parish Council and lots of willing parishioners, devised, organised and made such a success of the afternoon of June 12th. We were blessed with sun for everyone young and old to try their hand at the fairground games. Then inside the Hall we were able to enjoy a cup of tea and delicious cakes while listening to the lively music, with time to view the fantastic display of photographs of the Queen's life. This wonderful community event was made possible by a generous donation from a local benefactor. Our very grateful thanks for this and to all of the willing helpers who gave their time and energy to make it such a success.



## Connecting Devon & Somerset Broadband

As a Parish, our broadband speed is on the slow side and the further you get from the green box at Knoll Hill, the worse it gets... If you are not yet able to receive broadband speeds of over 2Mbps you may be able to get connected through the CDS voucher scheme. The scheme will provide a subsidy of up to £500, in the form of a voucher code, to fund the installation of a new broadband connection. Most of the service providers that you can spend the voucher with are wireless, but one is fibre based.

The cost of running fibre to the parish will exceed £500 by quite some way. However, if enough of us are eligible for the £500 voucher and group together we just might be able to do it... So please could **everyone** do the following.

Go to <https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/broadbandvoucherscheme/>

Click on 'TEST YOUR SPEED' (big picture of a stop watch on it).

If your download speed is LESS THAN 2Mbps then fill in the form here

<https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/broadband-voucher-scheme-enquiry-form/>

Once you get your voucher code from CDS, let us know by emailing [trudoxhillplayground@gmail.com](mailto:trudoxhillplayground@gmail.com)

If we don't get enough vouchers to do something useful, then everyone with a voucher will still be able to choose a wireless solution from one of the CDS recommended suppliers – it just won't be as fast as fibre!



## FOOTPATH FOCUS

Trudoxhill is blessed with a marvellous network of footpaths, many running through and around the village, but also across the countryside towards Nunney, Marston, Gare Hill, Witham Friary, Postlebury Wood and beyond. The long distance path, the Macmillan Way, which runs from Boston, Lincolnshire to Abbotsbury in Dorset, comes through Nunney, straight through the centre of our village, past the White Hart and on across the fields to Gare Hill. So, there is no excuse. Get those walking boots on and get out into our wonderful countryside.

The Macmillan Way organisation also provide an accommodation guide to long distance walkers. If there is anyone who would like to offer B & B, or just a room for the night, to passing walkers and lives within half a mile of the Macmillan Way route you can have a free entry in the guide. Contact details are on the website [www.macmillanway.org](http://www.macmillanway.org). Apparently the guide has a number of entries for Nunney, but none for Trudoxhill.

**Walkers Unite!** Sometimes, rather than a solitary stroll, it's nice to go out with a group of other like-minded people to enjoy some fresh air. So, would anybody be interested in taking part in group walks in and around the parish? If anyone is interested in that idea please get in touch with Chris Galpin on 01373 836227 or email [chris@galpos.com](mailto:chris@galpos.com), with the idea of organising a walk. Watch this space for more details.

**Adopt a Footpath!** Footpaths are up for adoption – it's official!! If you have a footpath near you that is looking sad and unloved and in need of a bit of TLC, this may be for you. Last year Somerset County Council launched an Adopt a Footpath scheme. If you are happy to use the path, keep stiles or gates clear and report problems, the council will provide tools and gloves, and insurance cover for you when you are performing that role. If you are interested you can find more information and apply at [www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/rightsofway).

**Be a responsible walker** Please keep dogs under control, especially near livestock, pick up dog mess and close gates after you. A dog bin will soon be installed near the centre of the village.

West End Lane is a Restricted Byway and that means vehicle access for residents and land users only. There have been times when parked cars have prevented access to property, or livestock, so please don't drive, or park, in West End Lane unless you are accessing your property.

## RUBBISH DATES

Recycling is collected every Friday. Rubbish is collected on:

Friday 29 Jul  
Friday 12 Aug  
Friday 26 Aug  
Friday 09 Sep  
Friday 23 Sep  
Friday 07 Oct  
Friday 21 Oct



## COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

There will be a community coffee morning on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July from 10am til 12 noon at the Village Hall. As well as decent coffee, tea from a proper tea pot and some rather nice cakes, we'll also have toys and games out for the little ones and a selection of laptops, iPads and tablets if you'd like to learn about how to use video calling to keep in touch with friends and family who live far away without racking up expensive phone bills. Everyone very welcome.



## FRIENDSHIP CAFÉ

### Trudoxhill Village Hall

The Friendship Café will be an opportunity for people living in Trudoxhill and surrounding villages to get together and enjoy a warm welcome and an occasion to make friends. There will be a light-hearted song session – people can join in or just listen. There will be table games if people are interested, and naturally there will be tea, coffee, cake and a chat. We would particularly love to see people who may be feeling shut in their homes and need an excuse to get out. It is all about companionship and fun.

So put the dates in your diary and come and join us:

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> August**, 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 a.m.

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> August**, 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 a.m.

If anybody would like to contact me, the number is 079 2005 3220.

**Julie**



**WHITE HART**  
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The popular White Hart  
**pub quiz**  
supporting local charities  
returns in September

Ask in the pub for details.