

## **UNITED BENEFICE MAGAZINE - July 2006**

### **ST JOHN'S CUTCOMBE**

July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.30pm	Readers	Mr R Webber & Mrs G Brooks
		Sidesman	Mr P Webber
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Sea Sunday.</b>	
		<b>United Benefice CW HC at Upcott Fm Winsford</b>	
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Informal open air at Langdons, Cutcombe	
		Reader Lady Burns	
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.15am	<b>Family HC</b>	
		Readers to be arranged	
		Sidesmen	Daniel and Nick Matravers
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	<b>United CW HC</b>	
		Readers	Mr A Gaskell & Mr A J Takle
		Sidesmen	Mr R Neal & Mr J Howe
Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Readers	Mrs M White and Mrs W Schofield
		Sidesman	Mr P Webber

### **FLOWERS & BRASS**

July 1 <sup>st</sup> & July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rose Peto
July 15 <sup>th</sup> & July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Linda Atkins
July 29 <sup>th</sup> & Aug 5 <sup>th</sup>	Caroline Webber

### **CUTCOMBE FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

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### **MOORLAND HALL 100 PLUS CLUB**

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### **CUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at which Councillor Roger Webber was unanimously elected as Chairman and Councillor Eric Clarbull as Vice-Chairman to serve for another year. An extraordinary Parish Council meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at which two planning applications were considered which had arrived too late from ENPA for the usual monthly meeting. The monthly Parish Council

meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, too late for details to appear here. Draft minutes of all meetings are available on the website ([www.wheddoncross.org.uk](http://www.wheddoncross.org.uk)) and the latest meeting's minutes are posted on the Parish noticeboards at Wheddon Cross and Luckwell Bridge.

The new noticeboard at the Londis store is now in place, so please remember to check both for postings of interest to the Parish: Minutes and Agenda will be placed on the new noticeboard as this is probably of greater convenience to the majority of parishioners.

A new Public Transport Timetable for Taunton and West Somerset Area is available: contact 0845 345 9155 or e-mail [transport@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:transport@somerset.gov.uk) for a copy.

The Somerset Partnership (NHS and Social Care Trust) Fit for the Future: Mental Health Services: is to hold a local consultation meeting in Minehead as the original consultations did not include a local meeting: this will probably be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June but contact the Chief Executive Edward Colgan on 01278 720212 or e-mail [fitforthefuture@sompar.nhs.uk](mailto:fitforthefuture@sompar.nhs.uk) for confirmation of the date, venue and time.

The Draft Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West 2006-2026 report has been produced by the South West Regional Assembly and was submitted to Government on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006. The Assembly is a partnership of Councillors from all local authorities in the region and representatives of various sectors with a role in the region's economic, social and environmental well-being. A consultation response form can be downloaded from the website [www.southwesteip.co.uk](http://www.southwesteip.co.uk) : the consultation period is 6<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2006. The Parish Clerk has a copy of the Draft report if parishioners wish to see it: please contact her on (01643) 841193.

A Somerset Funding Fair is to take place on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006 from 1.30pm to 8pm at The Exchange, Bridgwater. Local groups are invited to attend to talk to National and Local Grant-giving Organisations and workshops will be held throughout the day on topics such as attracting funding and

volunteers. Contact Katherine Armstrong on 01278 699140 or e-mail [katherine@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:katherine@somersetccc.org.uk) to book a place by 16<sup>th</sup> June.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm in the Moorland Hall. The agenda will be available on the website and on the Parish Noticeboards in Wheddon Cross and Luckwell Bridge several days beforehand.



### **COMPUTER DROP-IN SESSIONS**

will be held at the Moorland Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Cost: £2 per hour. Maximum of 3 people.

Tel: Eric on 841535 (evenings) to book 1 hour or 2

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*a place cannot be guaranteed if not pre-booked.*

An experienced tutor will be available to help you.

### **DULVERTON PATIENT GROUP**

The group endeavours to function as a link between the surgery and patients, to help us achieve this we intend to take some of our meetings out to the villages where all will be welcome to attend. The first one will be in Exford on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Village Hall. If this is a success we shall hold further meetings in all the villages.

Cutcombe has two representatives on the group

Linda Atkins: Tel 841230 and Maria Davies Tel 841639

Please feel free to call us if you require assistance or advice regarding use of the surgery services.

# Cutcombe Fete & Flower Show

BBQ



Side Shows

Saturday 5th August 2006

2pm at the Recreation Field, Wheddon Cross

Sports



Teas

Dog Show  
Starts 2pm



Produce & Cookery  
Competitions



Admission: 50p Car & Driver, 30p Adults, Children Free

## **SNOWDROP VALLEY**

For the last few years Edgar has prepared pots of snowdrops to sell to visitors during 'snowdrop' time. This year thanks to the garden landscaping at Snowdon in Cutcombe he was able to pot up 220 pots of snowdrops using their snowdrops plus his own bulbs provided 320 to sell. The total made was £570.50. Using part of this years taking and some kept back from last year enabled him to get the new pictures adorning the foyer of the Moorland Hall enlarged and framed. You can see pictures of the snow in 1963, the Blacksmith's shop, the Bawdens at Dunkery Gate – before the cattle grid was installed, the windmill supplying water to Cutcombe and Wheddon Cross put in by the Bouveries in the late 1800s plus several more.

Edgar would like to thank everyone for making it possible – for providing the snowdrops, the old photos – Christine and Clarence Stevens and the Coombes family and the Snowdrop Valley helpers in the car park.

We would like to thank Edgar for his foresight in planting the snowdrops and coming up with a very profitable fundraising scheme and donating the money raised to the Moorland Hall. This year they received £400.

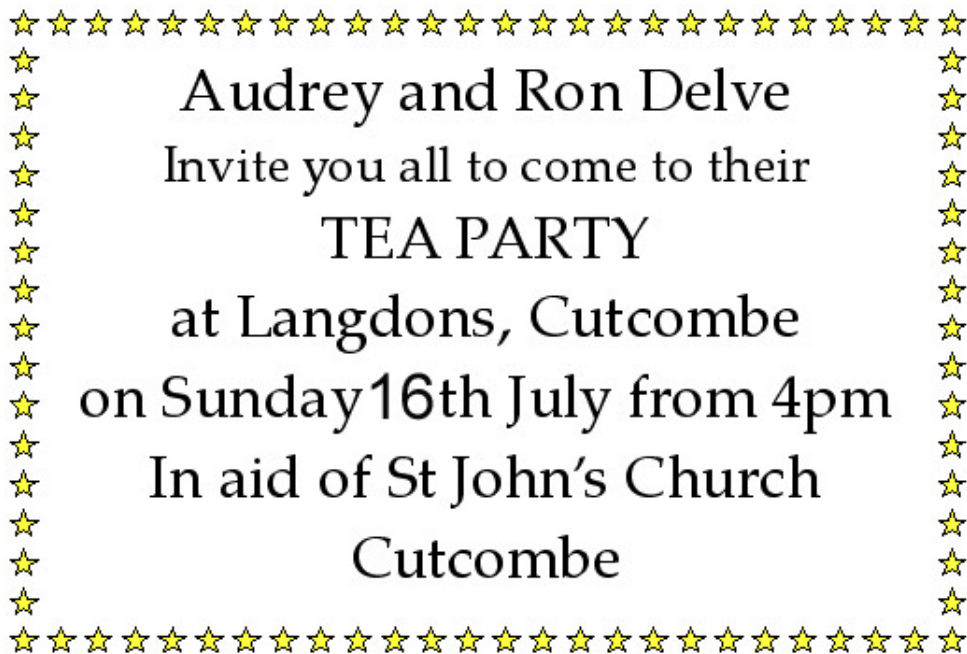
## **CUTCOMBE HORSE SHOW AND GYMKHANA**

With so many things happening on and around Exmoor on the same day as our Horse Show – The Iron Man Competition at Wimbleball Lake and the Elton John Concert in Taunton to name just two we were thrilled to have so many people choose to spend the day with us at Dunkery Gate. We have never had so many horseboxes and trailers parked up in the field, entries for the main ring, show jumping and the dog show.

The bacon rolls went down a treat in the morning followed by a burger, a clotted cream ice cream and Pimms after lunch – if only they would let me snooooooooze!

We would like to thank everyone for their hard work on and before the day, the sponsors, Cutcombe School parents in the refreshment tent,

everyone who contributed and of course the competitors for making it such a successful day. Full report to follow.



## **CUTCOMBE CRICKET CLUB**

Our cricket fixtures for July are as follows:

### **JULY**

1 <sup>st</sup>	H	Radiac
8 <sup>th</sup>	A	Cannington
15 <sup>th</sup>	H	Ashbottle II
22 <sup>nd</sup>	A	Timberscombe
29 <sup>th</sup>	H	Taunton

### **AUGUST**

5 <sup>th</sup>		CUTCOMBE FETE
12 <sup>th</sup>	H	Stoke St Mary <sup>h</sup>

## **CUTCOMBE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

On June 21<sup>st</sup> a great number of us are assembling at Simonsbath to walk from Blue Gate to investigate the old iron ore mines and go prospecting in the tips! Dug into the hillside before rejoining the route to Cornham Ford. Supper will be at Boveys Restaurant. For our walk next month we will meet at Aldermans Barrow at 7pm on July 19<sup>th</sup> followed by supper. Please ring Jacky for details on 01643 841330.

## **CUTCOMBE SCHOOL**

Highlights of the last month have been the Juniors 2 day stay in Bristol. Not only did they visit the 'At Bristol' Museum, they saw the SS Great Britain and went Ice Skating as well. They also took part in the Country Dancing Festival at Halsway Manor with the girls performing the first ever 'Mop dance'. Three visits to the Aquasplash preceded the opening of the school pool where the children are now swimming regularly.

Sadly at the end of the summer term we are to say farewell to our Year 4's, Mark Matravers, Hannah Boniface, Catrina Gould and Georgia Weatherlake and we wish them well in their new schools. The Leavers Service will be at the church on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm when the Archdeacon of Taunton Ven. John Reed will be present.

Also we wish a fond farewell to Mo Best, our Headteacher at Cutcombe for the last nine years. A concert performed by the children and evening of fun will take place at the School on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. May her retirement be filled with music, singing, drama, costume making and much more.

We are pleased to welcome Mr Bryan White from Wellington as our new Headteacher. He will take over in September.



late I am afraid this year – so please do some intensive selling to your friends and relations. The West Somerset Railway is the biggest attraction in the area so the first prize will be well worth winning and of course so are all the numerous other prizes.

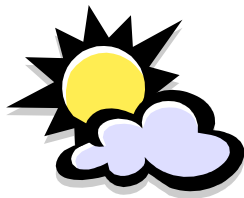
The Fete is a major village event and packs a lot of activity into a short time to support the Moorland Hall, the Parish Church and the Chapel. There is something for everyone; the produce Show aspect and its following auction; the stalls and sideshows; the children's races; the Dog Show – with an added obedience Ring this year and of course the famous Cutcombe Teas. To achieve all this we need offers of help in all departments before, during and after the 'Day' especially from younger and newer parishioners to help the regulars who have kept things going for so long.

Jill Thompson is in charge of the stalls and is contacting the stallholders. Sheila Stevenson is organising the teas so will want all the contributions and kitchen help she can get.

We have Mother Brown's Kitchen again so please sort out your cracked and chipped crockery and give us a smashing time – good for relieving stress.

Please support our/your Fete again this year and turn out (with the family dog) for a rattling good afternoon on this the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our own field.

## **WEATHER EYE**



*The more thunder in May  
The less in August and September*

May day started the month with a cold NW wind, but was also mainly sunny. The rest of the first week became warmer, (the 4<sup>th</sup> being the warmest day of the year so far), with a southerly breeze, which continued well into the second week, bringing sunshine and lightish showers.

The 10<sup>th</sup> brought thunder and lightening after dark, but no rain, and thunder was also heard during the afternoons of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> which were both warm and humid.

The 13<sup>th</sup> St Servatius' Day (he used to be thought able to give protection against rats and their bubonic plague carrying fleas) brought a change to a lower temperature and much less sunshine and more wind. The third week continued mainly grey, damp and breezy with the 19<sup>th</sup> being very wet and windy over night.

The fourth week continued likewise, with a chilly NW wind, only a little sunshine and some showers. The last 4 days were mainly dry and sunny with Bank Holiday Monday, (29<sup>th</sup>) once again having a strong chilly NW wind. Night temperatures dropped and there was a ground frost on the 31<sup>st</sup>, although the air temperature stayed just above freezing according to the maxi/min thermometer.

The total rainfall for the month was 170.5mm (nearly 7") making this the wettest month so far, the driest being May 2004 with less than 2". They tell me Honeymead at Simonsbath received 9" of rain so don't complain!

## **APOLOGIES**

I am sorry if your article is missing this month but a tree fell on the telephone wire breaking the line on deadline day. I have done my best to gather last minute bits and pieces and had to 'find a friend and computer' to send the copy to Winsford for publication. Mobiles don't work from home so that isn't any help either! If possible please don't leave things to the last minute as it isn't always possible to retrieve what you have sent. I usually acknowledge an email so you will know that I have received anything sent to me for the magazine. Cynthia