

UNITED BENEFICE MAGAZINE - June 2006

ST JOHN'S CUTCOMBE

June 4 th	6.30pm	Readers	Mr R Webber & Lady Burns
		Sidesman	Mr P Webber
June 11 th	8.00am	Readers	Mr E Beckett & Mrs G Langdon
		Sidesman	Mr R Neal
June 18 th	3.00pm	Joint in Chapel	
June 25 th	11.15am	Family Communion	
		Readers to be arranged	
		Sidesmen	Daniel and Nick Matravers
July 2 nd	6.30pm	Evensong	
		Readers	Mr R Webber & Gaye Brooks
		Sidesman	Mr P Webber

FLOWERS & BRASS

June 3 rd & June 10 th	Gill Thompson
June 17 th & June 24 th	Rachael Turner
1 st July	Rose Peto

CLARENCE STEVENS

The church was full on Wednesday with family and friends for the funeral of Clarence Stevens and to pay their last respects to him. Clarence, who with his wife Christine, farmed at Combeleigh all his life having taken over the farm from his father. On retirement they came to live in Cutcombe. Clarence still kept a keen interest in the farm; his other interests were hunting and watching the deer in all seasons. He and Christine were often to be seen out and about in the land rover. Christine and Clarence would have celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in November. **R.I.P.**

CUTCOMBE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday 13th June – Teas: Eve Cummings
Tuesday 27th June – Teas: Barbara Norman

MOORLAND HALL 100 PLUS CLUB – May draw prizes

£20 No. 89 S.Higgins; £10 No.32 S. Williams

£10 No.119 J Ratcliff; £5 No. 8 Captain Trouton

CUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 16th May after this message had gone to press. Draft minutes of the meeting are on the parish notice boards in Wheddon Cross and Luckwell Bridge and on the website (www.wheddoncross.org.uk).

The Chairman and Councillors welcome Mrs Linda Atkins as a new co-opted Councillor for Cutcombe Parish.

The Parish Council would like to thank all of the organizations which funded the new Parish Noticeboard situated at the Londis Store: £415 from the Community Chest Fund (funded by Somerset County Council, the European Social Fund and other local District Councils); £424 from the Rural Initiative Fund and £500 from Councillor John Edwards' County Councillors Fund.

The Parish Council Formal Notice of Audit is now posted on the noticeboard at the Old Post Office and available for all parishioners to view there until 23rd June 2006.

Two further incidents at the redundant chipping landing at Heathpoult Cross have been reported to Parish Council and to the Police. Once again Parish Council urges parishioners to contact the Police about any such incidents on the new Force Service Centre number: 0845 456 7000. The new number replaces all existing telephone numbers for the reporting of non-urgent matters. In addition the Police Beat Boundaries have recently been changed and Neighbourhood Beats have been re-aligned with local district council wards.

Exmoor National Park are launching an Exmoor Ancient Tree Hunt in 2006, the aim of which is to record and measure ancient trees (those with a girth of 3.8 metres or more) because of their value and importance as landscape features. ENP would like as many people as possible to get

involved and are looking for a person or group of people who could point out ancient trees in our Parish. Please contact Jeremy Sabel on 01398 322296 or e-mail jasabel@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk.

Attention is also drawn to World Environment Day which is being organized by the Environment Agency and will be held on 5th June. If you would like more information e-mail swdevon@environment-agency.gov.uk or check out the website at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/wed.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 20th June 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 CORNER



What can I run on my computer?

This may not seem to be computer orientated. Using a USB hardware receiver (cost £40), I can get Freeview TV on my computer from a Welsh transmitter. I can record a programme (free software), cut out the adverts (free software), burn the resulting video file to a CD/DVD (free software) and then play this on a DVD player. This demonstrates the variety of “free to use” software available.

There are very few software programs you really need to pay for, however you do need to invest some time in learning how to use these “freebies”.

Some examples for Windows:-

Microsoft Office

Open Office

Outlook PIM

Thunderbird & Sunbird

Internet Explorer

Firefox, Opera

Photoshop

The Gimp

Nero (CD/DVD burning software) CDBurnerXP Pro 3

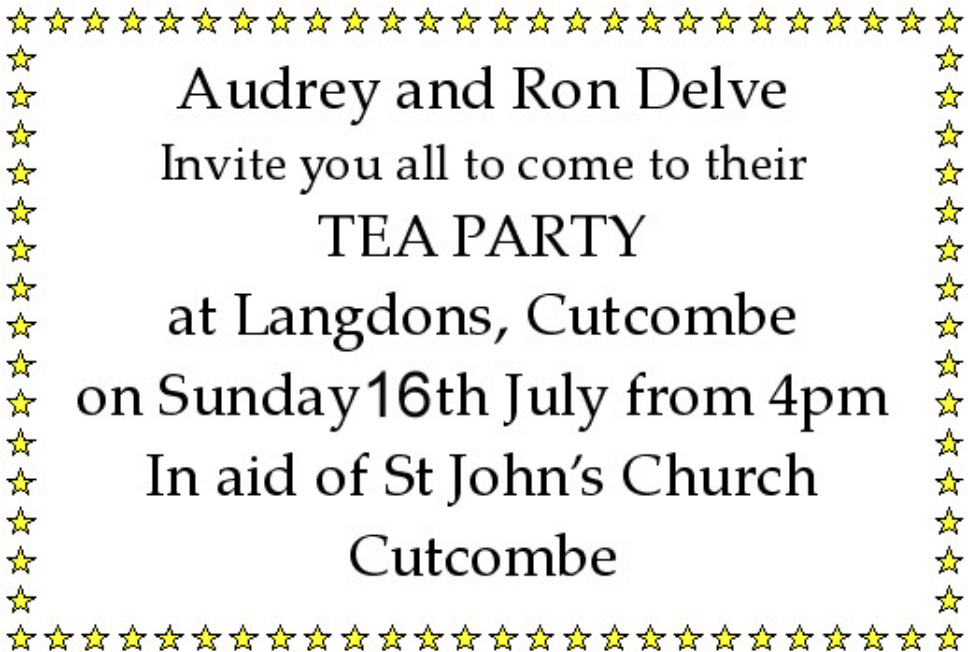
AutoRoute
ViaMichelin
Watch DVD films

Internet maps e.g. Multimap, Google,
VideoLan

In fact the only software packages I haven't found a usable replacement under Windows, is my voice recognition package and Microsoft Money. However if you switch to Linux then GnuCash can replace the latter as well as all the others.

Therefore there is no need to use pirated software.

If you have any examples please email me. charles@woolmer.org.uk



Audrey and Ron Delve
Invite you all to come to their
TEA PARTY
at Langdons, Cutcombe
on Sunday 16th July from 4pm
In aid of St John's Church
Cutcombe

CUTCOMBE HORSE SHOW AND GYMKHANA

Cutcombe Horse Show and Gymkhana is to be held on Sunday 18th June 2006, once again at Dunkery Hill Gate, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Harold Stevens.

Showing classes ranging from Best turned Out and Mountain and Moorland from Working Pony to Riding Club Horse will all begin 9.30am culminating in their Championships. Show jumping Classes commence at 9.30am also with a Clear Round Ring alongside. Fancy dress enthusiasts both on foot or mounted need to prepare their attire ready for a lunchtime parade which will follow the welcome visit of the Masters and Huntsman of the Minehead Harriers together with their hounds.

The thrill and spills of the children's gymkhana will take place in the main ring during the afternoon and also the Dog Show and Dog agility Classes begin at 2pm

Many helpers are required to set up and also make the day run smoothly so if you are able to spare a few hours the committee will be more than grateful for your assistance.

Further enquiries/schedules from Di Stevens 01643 841483

Angela Edwards 01643 831549

Dog Show

Jan Harris 01643 841449

CUTCOMBE CRICKET CLUB

We hope to see some of you at our home matches to give our young (and not so young!) players support.

Our cricket fixtures for June are as follows:

JUNE

3 rd	Home	Bishops Hull I
10 th	Away	Stoke St Mary
17 th	Home	Trull
24 th	Away	Blagdon

JULY

1 st	Home	Radiac
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COFFEE MORNING

in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Trust

SATURDAY 3RD JUNE, 10.30 - 12.00
at 1, Church Cottages, Cutcombe

Raffle - Bring & Buy – Book Stall – ‘All Sorts’

Please come and join us if you can

CUTCOMBE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

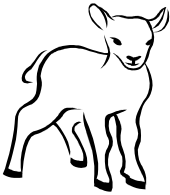
Over 20 members visited the museum at Lynton on the 17th May and followed the interesting tour with a bar snack at the Crown in Market Street. This rounded off a very enjoyable meeting.

On the 21st June we will be at Simonsbath looking at the Roman remains and the ford etc. This will be followed by supper at Boeveys Restaurant. Please let Jacky know in good time so that she can book your supper!!!

CUTCOMBE SCHOOL

If you have any Tesco vouchers lurking in your handbag or your car please could you let the school have them as soon as possible. They enable us to acquire some useful equipment for the children to use. Thank you.

WEATHER EYE



**Till April's dead
Change not a thread**

April proved a really changeable month, with no sort of weather lasting for more than about a couple of days. It was predominately dry, with only 42mm of rain, (well under 2") falling in the entire month, 9mm of which fell overnight on the first.

The first reported sighting of a swallow was near Dunkery on the 10th and cuckoo heard around the 22nd. A swallow was seen flying over the garden on the 18th (8 days to get from Dunkery!) and swifts on the 21st. Good Friday, on the 14th, brought some sunshine in the afternoon, although grey and damp in the morning and Easter Day was also mildish, with very little wind and some sun. Even Easter Monday continued dry, although a chilly NW wind blew at times.

The 19th is known as Primrose Day in honour of Benjamin Disraeli, and was a mixture of sunshine and light showers. Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, (novelist and sometime Prime Minister) died on this day in 1881, at the age of 77. He was a great favourite of Queen Victoria (who called him Dizzy) and she sent primroses to his funeral, personally labelled 'His favourite flower).

The 23rd, St George's Day, started mild and grey, but became cooler and sunnier with a NE breeze later, almost ideal conditions for the London marathon.

4 air frosts were recorded, and this April has proved to be the driest this century so far, the 2nd driest being April 2003 with 65mm (about 2.5") and the wettest being April 2000 with 245mm (nearly 10").

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Thank you to everyone that emails articles for Cutcombe's part of the magazine, it makes my life much easier. Please do send in bits and pieces of interest. If possible please send them to me at cynthste@talktalk.net or ring me on telephone 01643 831513 and arrange somewhere for me to collect your article. *Thanks Cynthia*