

UNITED BENEFICE MAGAZINE - July 2007

ST JOHN'S CUTCOMBE

July 1 st	6.00pm	EVENSONG Readers Mr E Beckett & Mr R Webber Sidesman Mr P Webber
July 8 th	11.15am	SEA SUNDAY UNITED BENEFICE CW/HC On the playing field Readers AN Other & Mr A Takle Sidesmen Mr R Neal & Mr J Howe
July 15 th	6.00pm	Informal open air service at Langdons, Cutcombe Reader Mrs M Russell
July 22 nd	11.15am	Readers to be arranged Sidesmen Daniel, Nick and Mark Matravers
July 29 th	10.30am	UNITED BENEFICE CW/HC at Luxborough
Aug 5 th	6.00pm	Readers Mr R Webber & Mrs W Schofield Sidesman Mr P Webber

FLOWERS & BRASS

June 30 th & July 7 th	Doris Neal
July 14 th & July 21 st	Mrs J Clarbull
July 28 th & Aug 4 th	Ms L Lyle

CUTCOMBE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday 10 th July	Teas – Yvette Lee
Tuesday 24 th July	Teas – Jean Webber

MOORLAND HALL 100 CLUB April Draw

£20 No.75 Mrs J Robins: £10 No.106 Pam Stevens:
£5 To be drawn again next month

CUTCOMBE CHURCH

Don't forget the Benefice Lunch on July 8th in the Moorland Hall at 1.00pm.

CUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council met on the 6th and the 19th of June, draft minutes of all meetings are available on the website www.wheddoncross.org.uk and are posted on the Parish noticeboards at Wheddon Cross and Luckwell Bridge.

The Somerset Village of the Year Competition, sponsored by Calor and managed by the Campaign for Rural England, is open to Somerset Parish Councils and village community groups who complete a simple entry form and submit it before the 27th July, so come on, get together and win a prestigious award. The entry form can be downloaded from www.cpresomerst.org.uk or ask Marlene for more details.

You may have noticed that the area around the recycling bins in the Rest & Be thankful Inn's car park has been tidied up by West Somerset Council after a meeting with the Parish Council. All parishioners are urged to please use their kerbside recycling boxes as much as possible: if you have not received a "black box" please contact WSC's Customer Services on (01643) 703704 to request one and also to receive a collection dates calendar for your area: we have already asked for boxes to be delivered to all residents of Luckwell Bridge who seem to have missed out last time.

Publications received: The Avon & Somerset Police Authority Local Policing Summary 2006-07 and a new Rail Timetable: ask Marlene if you would like to see either or both.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 17th July at 7.30 pm in the Moorland Hall. The agenda will be available on the website and on the Parish Council noticeboards in Wheddon Cross and Luckwell Bridge several days beforehand. Please remember that all parishioners are warmly welcomed at Parish Council meetings and time is set aside at the beginning of each meeting for public questions and statements.

Contact the Clerk, Marlene Allinson, for any further information: (01643) 841193 or e-mail marlene@marleneallinson.wanadoo.co.uk

NEW ADDITION TO LUCKWELL BRIDGE

Congratulations to Caroline and Chris Harding at Warrs, Luckwell Bridge on the birth of their little girl – Dulcie May on Wednesday 13th May at Musgrove Park Hospital weighing in at 6lbs 2oz.

CUTCOMBE & DISTRICT WI

As you all know fund raising is an ongoing, never ending pastime, especially if you have the responsibility of raising money for a concern such as St Margaret's Hospice, Taunton. Micelle Evans gave a brilliant and enthusiastic presentation of her work for the Hospice. There were interesting insights into everyday happenings and the special atmosphere between patients and staff that seems to prevail at all times.

We were shown the plans for the new extension to the Hospice; an ambitious project that will lead, eventually, to better comfort and ease of care for the patients whilst retaining its unique ambiance.

We hope you will all support Wendy's Coffee Morning on the 30th June.

Our next meeting is Wednesday July 11th in the Moorland hall at 7.30pm followed at 8.00pm by an open meeting with Mr D Smale of Norfolk Lavender as our speaker for the evening. He will give us a 45 minute presentation on the history, growth and distillation of lavender and will have some products for sale. Please do come along, meet your friends and see what WI is all about.

CUTCOMBE FETE STALLS 2007

These are the Stalls for Saturday 4th August 2007. All Stallholders have been asked but if there are any problems, please let Mully (841892) Gill (841330) Jill (841075) know **now**, not on Fete day.

Dog Show	Di Stevens
Plant & Produce	Wendy Schofield / Caroline Webbber
Bric a Brac	Kathy Morton / Sue Willey
Mother Brown's Kitchen	Angela Edwards

Bar-B-Que	Tracy Stiling / Robert Simmons
Archery	Jim / Pauline Wiles & Archery Club
Ice Cream	Ken Atkins
Soft Drinks	Nick Matravers
Grand Draw	Linda Atkins
Mother's Union	Gill Langdon
Gift Stall	Jackie Ablett
Spinning Jenny	Jeff Howe
Smack the Rat	Pete
Bottle Stall	Sheralee Matravers / Carol Matravers
Treasure Hunt	Jan Rice
Cakes / Guess the Weight	July Morris
Books	Maria Davis / Marlene Allinson
Face Painting	Jannina
Table top Skittles	Micaela Beckett
Moorland Hall Teas	Sheila Stevenson and team

New Villagers to move around the stalls when needed:

Ros, Jon and George from "The Green"

Linda, Bryn and Harry Hopkins from "Watercombe"

Sandy and Michael from Cutcombe.

We hope that they will come on the committee next year!!

As always, we hope that the day is warm and sunny and no wind. In the 8 years we have been in this village, it has only rained once, climate change maybe? The new layout of the Playing Field seemed very successful last year and Giles and Eric are working on improvements for this year.



Tesco's vouchers: Please note that the last day for the collection of Tesco's Computers for Schools vouchers is on Friday 29th June. We intend to purchase 2 digital cameras with these vouchers, one for each class, for the children to use in their work. Thank you for all your support.

Cutcombe Fete & Flower Show

BBQ



Side Shows

Saturday 4th August 2007

2pm at the Recreation Field, Wheddon Cross

Sports



Teas

Dog Show
Starts 1.30 pm



Produce & Cookery
Competitions



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

OUR VILLAGE CENTRE

What a pleasure it is to see the rebirth of the Rest & Be Thankful. Every time I pass by, something new and improved has happened; from exuberant window boxes and hanging baskets, to glimpses of white tablecloths and flowers glinting on the tables. What a transformation of our

take back home with them as many came from as far away as the Midlands. This proved very popular as Ruth from Brendon Hill Crafts run out of whortleberry jam and only had a few pots of strawberry left - she was very pleased! We started serving at 3pm and our last two customers left at about 5:30pm before all helpers sat down for their tea. After expenses the event raised £528.23 for the Moorland Hall and Recreation Ground which is brilliant.

Because the car club are not local, this money is 'new money' so we are very please to have raised so much.

I'd like to thank everyone who made scones or gave a donation, and my marvellous team of washer-uppers, waiters and catering staff - not as hard as the village breakfasts!! We had so many compliments, so whether you made a couple of scones or several dozen pat yourselves on the back - our customers were very satisfied.

We couldn't have done it without the tremendous support of the village so thanks again. *Sally Parish*

News just in: The organisers of the classic car run have asked me to thank everyone for their hard work, and let you know that the event raised over £1,900 for the Devon Air Ambulance

CUTCOMBE SHOW

Sunday 17th June - Out thanks to Mr and Mrs Harold Stevens for kindly allowing us the use of their field to hold our 20th Cutcombe Show. The rain held off until the very end allowing everyone to have an enjoyable day. Thanks also to all who contributed to the day's success, from our sponsors, to judges, to stewards and to our wonderful team of helpers – too many to name individually but all greatly valued.

As the show has just happened it is too early to have any financial information, but we believe we will have done very well. Watch this space! Thank you all. *Diana Stevens, Secretary*

Swimming Pool Hire



£2.50 per
person

To a maximum of £10

at Cutcombe First School

**Open to the local community Tuesday
mornings from 10 am - 12 pm**

**Or Private Hire, Monday -
Saturday from 6 - 8pm**

**Bookings and Key holder please contact Carol
Matravers 841038**

Subject to terms and conditions, all proceeds to Friends of Cutcombe School

STAINED GLASS WINDOW UNVEILING

On Saturday 9th June almost 50 villagers gathered to witness the unveiling of Cutcombe's latest artistic work - a stained glass window made by artist

Avril Silk. Jan Ross co-ordinated the project with funding from the Arts Council England South West and ARTlife, working in partnership with West Somerset District Council, and both Jan and Avril were thanked for their hard work and enthusiasm by Eric in his speech at the event. Workshops over the winter gave parishioners the opportunity to make light catchers and have a go at designing features for the final work with the main theme of the window being poet Coleridge as Wheddon Cross is on the Coleridge Way national trail. Part of one of his poems, Frost at Midnight, is included in the window together with seasonal elements, views and flora and fauna from Exmoor. The window was designed to fit the new porch of the Moorland Hall and make use of the light that floods the entrance - even on a cloudy day. Eric and Holly Abraham carried out the official unveiling and judging by the positive comments made by everyone there, it was to everyone's liking. During the afternoon everyone enjoyed tea and cake and it looks like Avril spotted another artistic opportunity so watch this space.....

CUTCOMBE FETE 2007

Sheila & her Team will be serving Light Lunches and Teas in the Snowdrop Café from 12 noon.

Our entries in the competitions were a bit low last year. Can everyone have a go this year. Maybe we need to pit the cooking skills of men against women and see a real battle of the sexes

Once again we ask everyone to; dig in their drawers, loot the larder, plunder the garden, bake that cake, make perfect preserves.

Think of your liver; donate that bottle instead of drinking it!!

As always, it is our villagers who keep this Parish alive and kicking by donating as well as buying, so come and buy that bucket that your neighbour threw out "perfectly good bucket, why would they chuck it?!". You can leave things under Mully's Car Port. Send us your old china for a satisfying smashing session in Mother Brown's Kitchen.

The hugely successful Dog Show will be starting earlier this year, so that all events don't happen all at once.

The Archery Team will be with us again this year so come and have a go. It will be a while before they can come again as they are booked years in advance.

Styles Ice-cream and soft drinks will be on sale again by popular request.

The Bar-B-Que will be fired up for Burgers and Hot Dogs.

There will be a party in the Darley Tent, everybody is invited.

Apart from that, we look forward to a lovely afternoon with all of you on the playing field 2pm 4th August. See you there. *Mully Woolmer 841892.*

To painters, riders, bikers, walkers, naturalists, singers, writers, talkers...

'A LITTLE PEACE ON EARTH'
PAINTINGS BY MICAELA BECKETT
at the HERITAGE CENTRE, DULVERTON

SUN 1ST JULY
to
SAT 7TH JULY



OPEN DAILY
11AM - 4PM

Micaela's paintings are based on Exmoor views
and include sketches of farming activities

10% of profit on sales will go to The Somerset Association for the Blind

HAVE YOU GOT NEWS FOR ME?

If you wish to put anything in the magazine please contact Cynthia on 831513 or cynthste@talktalk.net

WEATHER EYE



May makes or mars the wheat

The first week of May was mainly dry, with lots of sunshine and a cold east/north-east wind at times. By the 6th the wind had changed to a west/south-west direction, which brought in nearly a fortnight of grey, wettish weather with some sun. The 9th, 10th and 11th all had 20mm or over of rain and the 13th gave us 32.5mm. St. Isidore's Day on the 5th (he's the patron saint of farmers) brought sunshine and showers with the rest of the third week being changeable.

By the 20th it had become drier and the following days were mainly sunny and quite warm and humid after a grey start. This lasted until the Saturday (26th) of the Bank Holiday when a chilly north-west breeze blew, which turned to a cold east wind by Sunday, (27th) and brought the wettest day of the month with 36mm (almost 1.5"). Bank Holiday Monday brought hail showers; the rest of the month was also showery with some sun, although not so chilly.

The bluebells have once again been good this year. This British flower, found everywhere from Cape Wrath (Sutherland) to Land's End is really a woodland flower, but humidity is its main requirement. On the Lizard Peninsular in Cornwall it grows among the rocks only feet away from the tide line.

Total rainfall for the month was 194.5mm (nearly 8") falling on 17 days, (so should have suited the bluebells) and was the wettest May this century, next wettest being May 2006 with 170.5mm.

