

UNITED BENEFICE MAGAZINE - June 2008

ST JOHN'S CUTCOMBE

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| June 1 st | 11.15am | BCP MP | |
| | | Readers | Mrs W Schofield & Mr R Webber |
| | | Sidesman | Mr R Neal |
| June 8 th | 8.00am | BCP HC | |
| | | Readers | Mrs M Russell & Nick Matravers |
| | | Sidesman | Daniel Matravers |
| June 15 th | 6.00pm | BCP ES | |
| | | Readers | Mr R Webber & Lady Burns |
| | | Sidesman | Mr P Webber |
| June 22 nd | 11.15am | FAMILY Not HC | |
| | | Readers | To be arranged |
| | | Sidesmen | To be arranged |
| June 29 th | 10.30am | UNITED LMG CW HC at EXFORD | |
| July 6 th | 6.00pm | BCP ES | |
| | | Readers | Mr R Webber & Mrs W Schofield |
| | | Sidesman | Mr P Webber |

FLOWERS & BRASS

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| June 7 th & June 14 th | Linda Atkins |
| June 21 st & June 28 th | Caroline Webber |
| July 5 th | Julie Hirst |

CUTCOMBE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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| Tuesday | 10 th June at 2.30 | Teas: Eve Cummins |
| Tuesday | 24 th June at 2.30 | Teas: Barbara Norman |

MOORLAND HALL 100 CLUB – April Draw

£20 No. 34 Rest and Be Thankful £10 No. 66 Anne Clarbull
£5 No. 120 Mrs S Saunders

CUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council met on the 20th May, too early for details to appear in this magazine. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming year were elected at the May meeting, draft minutes of which are available on the website www.wheddoncross.org.uk and on the Parish notice boards at Wheddon Cross and Luckwell Bridge. Remember to leave any community notices or correspondence for the Clerk in the yellow folder at the Londis garage shop.

BT: Proposed Removal of Payphones: Consultation

BT are proposing to remove the payphone at Luckwell Bridge, postcode TA24 7EL. The 90 day consultation period ends on 25th July 2008: any correspondence and comments should be addressed to BT Payphones, PP 05A23, Delta Point, Wellesley Road, Croydon CR9 2YZ or e-mail: btp.authorisation.team@bt.com

Surface Dressing Programme for Cutcombe 2008

Somerset Highways have announced their Surface Dressing Programme for 2008:

Popery Lane, Lower Park Lane and Upper Park Lane will be dressed in late July: it is essential that traffic speeds are kept down when the surface is freshly treated to avoid damage to the road and vehicles.

Rural Verge Cutting Programme

This is under the control of the Environment Directorate of Somerset County Council:

A & B routes: 6th to 27th May 2008; second cut (provisional depending on growing conditions) will take place between 28th May and 2nd June.

C and unclassified roads will be cut between 3rd June and 28th July.

Private landowners are reminded that hedges bordering highways are mostly in private ownership and the onus is on the landowners or occupiers to maintain their boundary outside of the bird nesting season (1st March to 31st July) to ensure that hedges, trees or shrubs do not obstruct highway users or visibility splays and that debris is removed from the highway surface.

The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be on the 17th June at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall. The agenda will be available on the website and on the Parish Council notice boards 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 on 07964 521206 or e-mail marlene@marleneallinson.wanadoo.co.uk



Audrey and Ron Delve
invite you all to their
TEA PARTY
Followed by a short service
At **LANGDONS**
Cutcombe
from 4pm
On Sunday 20th July
In aid of St John's Church
Cutcombe

HEATING OIL

I have been given to understand that representation was made to Cutcombe Parish Council by Major-General Edwin Beckett, on behalf of some of the parishioners, for the possible formation of an oil club to save money on heating oil.

Coincidentally Alan Jarrett and I thought it was a good idea to save money on heating oil and decided to set up an oil syndicate based on Wheddon Cross and Cutcombe. To which an article appeared in the May magazine published under the title MONEY TO BURN? This has met with a very limited response.

Recently Marlene Allinson, Clerk to Cutcombe Parish Council, phoned me. As a result of that conversation she was happy to leave the organisation of an oil syndicate to Alan Jarrett and me.

Orders for oil would be taken by us and passed to the oil company. They will invoice **you** direct. There will be no charge by us or the Parish for the running of the syndicate.

At the weekend the price of crude oil was \$128 a barrel with predictions of it to continue to rise. Consequently heating oil will follow suit. In the 15 months I have been here it has risen almost 100%. Pennies per litre will be saved by being part of a syndicate. The larger the syndicate the greater our negotiating power will be.

Those interested in joining should phone Alan Jarrett 841799 or me
Robert Simmons 841150.

VILLAGE NEWS

On the 11th May, we had, at Cutcombe Church, another lovely Baptism. Guy James Schofield is now a fledgling Christian.
Cynthia and Jim's grandson Geoffrey Thomas Illing was Baptised at Exford Church on Sunday the 18th May.

We seem to be having a baby boom here in our Parish. Everywhere I go there seems to be a tiny tiny child being proudly and gingerly, shown to the gathering crowd.

May all the blessings of this Exmoor Paradise let these children fly and soar.

Next year, 2009 will be the 1100th Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese. In 909 the massive and ancient Diocese of Sherborne was divided into three to form the Dioceses which now are, Salisbury, Exeter and Bath & Wells. The Diocese is planning to celebrate and commemorate this important anniversary in a number of ways.

One of these is the production of a diocesan history book entitled “Bath and Wells, a Diocesan Celebration” written by Dr. Robert Dunning, Historian. Complementary to this is a children's history book entitled “Big Drips from Bath & Wells” written by Hilary Binding, Historian.

The Diocese has obtained sponsorship to keep the cover price down.

The pre-publication order form will be available to the Parish Churches from September. Please contact your own Parish if you wish to order a copy. In Cutcombe's case; Mully@woolmer.org.uk.

Or Mully Tel: 01643 841892.

I shall give you the prices as soon as possible and will, of course, remind you nearer the date.

CALLING ALL SCONE MAKERS

You may remember last summer the Moorland Hall was booked by the Stag Owners car club to provide cream teas for an afternoon and many of you kindly made scones which raised valuable funds for the hall. Because of this event we have been booked by the MG Owners Club to provide cream teas for approximately 100 people on 29th June which means I am on the scrounge again for around 200 scones. If you are able to bake a dozen plain scones or if you would be able to help serve tea/wash up please let me know on 841891. Many thanks in advance! *Sally Parish*

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Peter and Janet Barbuti, who have just moved from Kent into Park Lane Bungalow in Cutcombe. We hope they will be very happy here and glad they made the move

APOLOGIES

My sincere apologies to the Mothers Union for missing out the advert for their May Coffee morning. I was given the advert but unfortunately failed to turn over the piece of paper to see if their was anything written on the back. I understand that word of mouth does work very well in the village and it was quite well supported and money was made.

EXMOOR 4X4 JAUNT & CHALLENGE

On the weekend of the 8th & 9th of March 35 four-wheel drive vehicles took part in the 11th Exmoor Challenge. Drivers taking part came from all parts of England including Dover, Essex, Coventry, Cornwall and Somerset most staying locally for the weekend. Once again Wheddon Cross proved to be an excellent host and was praised for its hospitality and the excellent facilities we offer for their use. The Auction Field, The Rest and Be Thankful, Garage, Londis, Village Hall etc and of course the accommodation which are ideal for their needs.

This year they added a considerable sum of money to the local economy with £3000 spend on just providing evening meals and pub lunches. The children from Cutcombe School once again provided a vehicle wash for competitors raising £90 for school funds. A donation of £200 was given to the Moorland Hall. The profits of around £6000 for the weekend were given to the 'Wooden Spoon' organisation based in Rugby but providing help for mentally, physically and socially handicapped children from all over England including those living in Somerset. More details of this organisation can be found on the Internet.

I'LL BE TRUE BY JOHN WHITWORTH

Could have been, should have been, probably would have been,
Texts are corrupt and their meaning obscure,
Credible, viable, rarely reliable;
All we can say is that nothing's for sure.

May have done, might have done, too bloody right have done,
Things may be different from what we suppose.
Speaking pragmatically, axiomatically,
All we can say is that nobody knows.

Life is precarious, random and various,
Probably fatal, but possibly not,
Too much analysis causes paralysis
All we can say is it's all that we've got.

EXMOOR FOOD FESTIVAL

It has now been confirmed that the Exmoor Food Festival will take place in 2008 and will run from 4th - 12th October inclusive. Once again Breakfast in the Heart of Exmoor will take place on both Sundays (5th & 12th) so put the dates in your diaries now!



**Cutcombe Horse Show & Gymkhana
& Dog Show**

Sunday 15th June 2008

At

Dunkery Hill Gate

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs H Stevens

Showing, Mountain & Moorland, Showjumping, Clear Round Jumping, Fancy Dress, Fun Dog Show, Terrier Show, Dog Agility, home-made refreshments, barbecue, ice cream and side shows.

Schedules available from secretary

Di Stevens 07980 293019

Angela Edwards 01643 831549

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS TO THE PARISH MAGAZINE

Dear Readers,

Many of our Parishioners willingly pay a yearly, voluntary subscription of £3 towards our Parish Magazine as our only other income is derived from Local Business Advertising.

This Magazine is run on a shoestring with all Articles and Fund-raising Posters being free. However costs are rising and there is a funding shortfall.

If you enjoy reading the magazine and would like to make a donation we would be delighted to accept your contribution towards the future of this Magazine. Gill Langdon, Mully Woolmer and Eileen Webber will all happily take your donations.

CUTCOMBE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

On Wednesday June 18th June we will be walking to Cow Castle, meeting at the car park in Simonsbath. Followed by supper at Boevey's Restaurant.

I need to know numbers by Friday 13th please.
Look forward to seeing you! *Jacky - telephone 841330*

CUTCOMBE SCHOOL

A few months ago there were plans displayed in school in relation to a proposed extension to the school. The process has slowly been moving forward to the stage where we are about to have the builders on site! In the next few weeks the company H. D. Lynch will be working in the school grounds to build an extension at the rear of the school. This will affect all of us but I am sure the long term benefits will far outweigh the short term inconveniences.

Where is this extension?

The extension is at the rear of the school where the current dining room is situated. This room is being extended into the space beside it to create a much larger room with its own entrance and toilet facilities.

Why are we having this extension?

There are a number of reasons:

- 1) As an extra space for groups of children to work. Class assistants could work with individual children or small groups of children from either class in this space. Whilst working there they will not be distracted by the other children in the class.
- 2) An area in which to operate Dunkery Pre-School. At present the children attending Dunkery Pre-School have the use of the school hall 3 mornings a week. This limits the time we can use the hall for

teaching purposes, i.e. drama, physical education etc. The Pre-School children would no longer have to either walk through a classroom or around the outside of the building if they wish to use the toilets. The new toilets will be designed for Pre-School age children. Another benefit of the new space would be the possible opportunity to offer more times in which Dunkery Pre-School could operate.

- 3) This room would be ideal for the running of breakfast and after school clubs. This is a long term aim of the school.
- 4) The room could also be used for groups to use during the day or in the evening, i.e. parents coffee morning, adult education etc.

When will it be complete?

We hope that the extension will be ready by the beginning/middle of September.

How will the build possibly affect us?

The build is not just happening during the holiday period but during the school day. Therefore there will be builders around the school with the children. We are taking every precaution possible to ensure they should not be entering the school building itself to get to the building site but around the side of the building. They also have been told the times of the school day and so deliveries should not be happening at the busy times (8.45-9.15 & 3.00-3.30). I know that at some point this is not going to happen and so please bear with us and the building company.

Their compound will be situated where the staff park their cars at present, so other parking arrangement will have to be found. The compound will also obstruct the entrance to Dunkery Pre-School and so they will have to enter Pre-School through the classroom. Please be sensitive to the children in the classroom and walk through quickly and quietly so not to disturb their learning.

The last thing will be the noise of the build. We don't know how noisy it will be but if it gets too noisy then the children might have to be taught in different areas, even in the garden!

What if I have a question?

If you have any questions now or during the build, please don't ask the builders directly but come and see Bryan White or Sue Greenway. If they are not available then please talk to one of the teaching staff. I know it will be difficult over the next few months but I am sure that once it is completed we will have a spectacular room which will benefit the whole school community. *Thank you. Bryan White - Head Teacher*

Don't forget to let the school have your supermarket vouchers soon before they are out of date.

WEATHER EYE



When the cuckoo sings on an empty bough

Keep your hay and sell your cow!

The first week of April was very mixed, starting mainly sunny but cool on the first, with temperatures rising to make the third the warmest day of the year so far. The fourth proved cooler again with a frost on lower ground. Temperatures continued to drop bringing heavy mainly sleet and hail showers with a little snow on the sixth and seventh. A swallow and 2 hares were seen on Salisbury Plain on the fifth and a swallow spotted near Dunkery Beacon on the seventh as well as a pair of siskins and four goldfinches in the garden.

The second week continued frosty in the mornings (the lowest temperature of the month -5°C air temp. being recorded on the 8th) with sunshine and wintry showers during the day and a chilly W/NW/N breeze most of the time.

The third week proved more changeable, starting frosty and sunny, but by the seventeenth the wind had become easterly, bringing 'The Eurowhiff' to the south of England. The next three days were grey and miserable, with a lot of low cloud and rain on the nineteenth, 15mm (over 0.5") making this

the wettest day of the month. House Martins were seen at Withypool on St Drogo's Day (16th) and a cuckoo heard near Dunkery on the twentieth.

Total rainfall was 101.5mm (just over 4") falling on 20 days making this the wettest April since 2004.