

Your View

The Trudoxhill Newsletter

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Temporary Road Closures in Trudoxhill

Somerset County Council have applied for a temporary closure of two roads in Trudoxhill in early April to carry out resurfacing work. With a bit of luck this copy of Your View will hit your doormat before the work commences so you will have prior warning, and will be prepared for the disruption.

The first closure is in Foghamshire Lane and will affect through traffic for 2 days, starting on April 7th. The section of road affected runs from the junction with Ashfield Close to the Foghamshire Timber Yard, a distance of 480 metres.

The second closure affects the main road into Trudoxhill from the south (from Gare Hill). A section from Belle Vue Farm northwards towards the village centre for a distance of two hundred metres will be closed to through traffic. This closure will take place on the ninth of April, straight after the work mentioned above, but thankfully this work will only take one day to complete.

Neighbourhood Watch

An evening meeting was held on Monday 23rd February with Dave Adams our local Police Community Support Officer in attendance. Dave presented information on crime prevention, mainly opportunistic burglaries, to an audience of 40 local parishioners. There were opportunities for people to express their concerns and ask questions about other types of crime.

Feedback so far has been positive and many expressed an interest in becoming involved in Neighbourhood Watch.

Many thanks to the members of the Parish Council who facilitated at this event, and to the village hall committee who allowed free use of the hall on this occasion.

Cover Picture

This edition's cover picture shows the Trudoxhill road sign at the crossroads with the roads leading to Tytherington and Marston Bigot. As you can see it was taken on a lovely, sunny day. Let's hope we have a few more before the Summer is over!

Litter Pickin' Good!

A record 16 villagers turned out on Sunday 8th March for this bi-annual village event. Gin and Tonic seems to be the favourite drink of our local litter louts judging by the number of cans found in our hedgerows!

Many hands made light work here, we cleared Bunn's Lane, Cheese Hill and Iron Mills Lane in addition to our usual route from the A361 to Iron Mills Farm, before the rain arrived!

By 12 noon many were en route for a "quick pint", having collected 30 odd bags of rubbish, at least 4 old tyres and a "Grabber" that had found it all too much! If you don't know what one of those is, come along next time and all will be revealed!

Many thanks to all volunteers and to Patrick Twigger for the use of his pick up truck.

PS There are several litter pickers who spend a considerable amount of their own time regularly collecting rubbish locally on our behalf, so please accept recognition and grateful thanks on behalf of the Parish Council

Joke Book.

Question: What is brown and sticky?

Answer: A stick.

Your View - This is Your chance to speak!

If you have a point of view, we need to hear from you. Any thoughts, opinions or articles that you would like to be included, or maybe you would like to sponsor this newsletter, please get in touch.

Cookery Corner - with Justin Thyme.

We have now had the first warm days of the year, and the hope is that summer is not too far away, but ask any farmer and he will tell you that April and May can hold some nasty surprises, weather-wise. To this end I would like to share my rich, warming cheese on toast recipe with you, but this is no ordinary cheese on toast as a look down the ingredients will tell you.

Ingredients.

2 shallots/1 onion, finely chopped

4 tbsp port

250g Stilton

1 tsp English or French mustard

1 tbsp plain flour

1 egg

Pepper to taste

Over a medium heat reduce the shallots and port to a marmalade. Allow to cool then put in a food processor with all the other ingredients and blend. Toast the bread on one side and spread the mixture thickly on the untoasted side. Toast under a grill until the mixture bubbles and starts to turn brown. Eat whilst still hot. Makes four slices.

Parish Council News.

The council is requesting that lighting be installed at Trudoxhill junction with the A361. SCC say that power for lighting would have to be brought from Nunney Catch roundabout, and as this is paid for by the Parish Council, it has been prohibitive in the past. However power is available in the underpass by the junction, so the costs would not be as high as expected. Watch this space!

View From Our Window - Greystones, March 2009.

Gardens are an excellent habitat for wildlife, especially for birds at this time of year, and with the addition of a bird table and a feeder or two, the view from our window has been enhanced from an uninspiring back garden into an oasis brimming with chirruping activity.

During the uncommonly cold weather we've all recently endured, we spotted some unexpected visitors which don't often make it into our garden. From blackcaps to linnets we've been able to spot some of the rarer species and better still, some are still here! A pair of bramblings, the more upmarket Scandinavian cousins of our common chaffinch, first came into our garden during the snowy weather, and for the moment at least, they're staying put! It's unusual for these winter migrants to breed in the UK, so we're keeping our fingers crossed.

With the start of spring there's increased twittering in the air. Waking up to birdsong in the morning, and listening as the dawn chorus crescendos with the rising sun is a privilege of village life, and if you haven't noticed, love is in the air! Our pair of resident jackdaws have been hauling twigs and small trees down our chimney (cue the annual chimney fire!), in an attempt to build the 'best nest in the village'. It's a good excuse to leave some of those gardening jobs until later in the year, as serious pruning and clearing will do little to help our feathery friends. Moss-laden lawns, overgrown 'wildlife' areas and twig piles will all be gratefully received by our industrious nest builders. Let them do the hard work-relax, sit back and enjoy the view.

All comments, suggestions, contributions and corrections should be passed to Steve at Ilex Cottage - either pop in for a chat or email yourview@btinternet.com. Items for June/July edition due by 20th May.

What's On

Rubbish News - collection dates

	refuse	recycling	garden
3rd April	✓	✓	
11th April (Sat)		✓	✓
17th April	✓	✓	
24th April		✓	✓
1st May	✓	✓	
8th May		✓	✓
15th May	✓	✓	
22nd May		✓	✓
29th May	✓	✓	

Village Hall events

Badminton

Thank you to all the children who attended our Saturday morning session it was a great success and another one will be held shortly.

The adults open session has been changed to Monday evenings 7.30 - 9.30, come along for an enjoyable evening.

£2 adults

£1 children over 13 years

Beetle Drive

To be held on Friday 3 April - 7pm start

£1.00 per person, all ages welcome.

If you would like to donate an Easter Egg as a prize please pass them on to either Jean Lemon, Louise Olson or Sandy Golay.

Car Boot Sale

Forthcoming event to be held May or June 2009, more details to follow.

Trudoxhill Congregational Chapel

Come along and join us for any of the following events - all are welcome!

For further information call Sandy on 836484 or Revd Sara Iles (Minister) on 01761 414798 or email: orangeblossom67@hotmail.com

Weds 1 April	10.00am, Sharing the Lord's Supper
Tue 7 April	12pm, NEW Lunch Club - suggested donation £2
Sat 11 April	10am - 12pm, Kids Easter Crafts
Sun 12 April	10.30am, All-age Service
Wed 6 May	10.00am, Sharing the Lord's Supper
Tue 12 May	12pm, NEW Lunch Club - suggested donation £2
Sun 17 May	10.30am, All-age Service Afternoon: "Good Company" concert - back by popular demand