



# Your View

## The Trudoxhill Newsletter

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### Death In Service of PCSO David Adams.

It is with deep regret that I have to report that our local Police Community Service Officer David Leslie Adams died on Tuesday 28th April whilst on duty.

Dave was in attendance at a Road Traffic Collision on the A36 at Brown Shutter near Norton-St-Philip when he collapsed. He was attended by his colleagues, passers by and paramedics who worked tirelessly in an attempt to resuscitate him. Dave was taken by air ambulance to RUH in Bath where he was, sadly, pronounced dead.

His experience, knowledge and fairness will be very much missed by his friends, colleagues and the communities he served with such distinction. Dave leaves a wife, three grown up children and grandchildren.

I am sure you will all join with me in passing on our condolences to all of his friends, colleagues and family.

### Parish Council News.

A meeting has been held between members of the Parish Council and a representative of Somerset County Council Highways Department to discuss lighting at the A361 junction to Trudoxhill. We were informed that planning guidelines dictate that a minimum of twelve lights would be required at the junction, at a cost to the Parish Council of £1,500 each, and we would also have to fund the cost of supplying the power to the lights. Obviously this cost is out of reach of the Parish Council so other safety avenues are currently being explored.

The Parish Council are also putting pressure on Somerset County Council to tidy up the Trudoxhill junction with the A361. So far there has been an undertaking to repair the stretch of footpath leading up to the A361, and pressure is being applied to have the briars cut back from both sides of the road to make litter picking a little easier up at this end of the village - something that I know Anne Friend will be all in favour of!

Finally, the width limit of 6 ft through the village has been largely ignored up until now, and the occasional quarry lorry drives through these lanes rather than using the A roads to the north and east. The main quarry companies do not condone this behaviour and are prepared to reprimand drivers who use Trudoxhill as a 'rat-run'.

Unfortunately the only way to identify the offenders is to make a note of the registration number, as well as the time, date and livery of the offending vehicle. If anyone is able to identify a culprit, could they please forward the details to Councillor Carol Driver at: [cidriver@btopenworld.com](mailto:cidriver@btopenworld.com).

### Speed Indicator.

You may have noticed a temporary speed indicator at the turning to West End Lane, this warns approaching vehicles if they are breaking the 30 mph speed limit and has been installed to slow down vehicles that use Trudoxhill as a short-cut. This should make the narrow lanes safer for the many walkers, cyclists and horse riders who use them. A special mention goes to the numpty who turned the indicator round through 180 degrees so that it was facing back towards the village, and in the process broke the speed measuring device.

### Please Pick Up After Your Pet.

The local farmers have been busy collecting grass for silage in the local fields around our village. At this time of year it is especially important for all dog owners to pick up any mess left by their pets (not that it is any less important at other times), and dispose of it sensibly. The parasite *Neosporum caninum* is easily passed from canine faecal matter (dog poo to you and me) to cows, causing early abortion of fetuses - so please bag it and bin it. Just because your dog appears healthy does not mean he does not carry the parasite.

## Cookery Corner - with Justin Thyme.

Asparagus is now in season and here is an unusual way to enjoy it. The recipe combines the sweet asparagus with crispy prosciutto ham and tart tarragon butter, all topped off with a poached free-range egg - irresistible!

### Ingredients.

20-30 asparagus spears, trimmed  
1 tbsp white wine vinegar  
4 free-range eggs  
8 slices of prosciutto ham  
100g/3½ oz unsalted butter  
Juice of 2 lemons  
2 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon  
4 brioche slices, toasted  
Salt to taste.

### Method.

Steam the asparagus over a pan of boiling water for 3-5 minutes, depending on the thickness of the spears.

Meanwhile place the prosciutto slices on a flat metal tray and toast under the grill until crispy.

Bring a pan of salted water to the boil and add the vinegar. Whisk to make a whirlpool, then crack an egg into the middle of it. Simmer for 2-3 minutes, remove and keep warm, repeat with the remaining eggs.

Melt the butter in a pan and stir in the lemon juice and chopped tarragon. Place a pile of the asparagus spears on each toasted brioche. Add a poached egg and spoon on the butter sauce, top with two rashers of the crispy prosciutto. Eat straight away.

### View From Our Window - Greystones, May 2009.

If our trusty MPs weren't so busy filling in their extravagant horticultural expense claims, they would discover one of the simpler pleasures of life is sowing and growing their own, and at this time of year, getting out into the garden under the occasional blue skies is a joy that money can't buy! With the risk of frosts mostly over, even tender plants can soon go out without too much worry, and the benefits can be deliciously enjoyed in the weeks and months to come.

Growing your own has never been so popular - and straightforward too, but just to avoid any confusion, you don't need a moat-sized garden to grow your local legumes, and no chandeliers (clean or otherwise) are required for those tumbling toms! Any old container or small patch of ground will do, and there are loads of vegetable seeds available that are ideally suited for patio growing, and dwarf varieties can be had for smaller spaces such as window sills.

But it's not just the veggie patch which is springing into life; with the onset of summer the sky is dotted with a variety of twittering migrants from beyond our shores - swallows and swifts can be spotted high in the sky, and the occasional cuckoo can be heard out towards Postlebury woods and beyond.

Other than a sneaky squirrel, the bird feeders in our garden are eerily quiet although the stage is set for their triumphant return with smaller feathery bundles in tow...and whilst our elected politicians who bicker and squabble may not agree, many of the best things in life are simple fun and free.

### This Months Cover Photograph.

The lych gate at Marston Church in Marston Bigot.

## What's On

### Rubbish News - collection dates

	refuse	recycling	garden
5th June		✓	✓
12th June	✓	✓	
19th June		✓	✓
26th June	✓	✓	
3rd July		✓	✓
10th July	✓	✓	
17th July		✓	✓
24th July	✓	✓	
31st July		✓	✓

### Village Hall Social Events

#### Badminton

Our regular club on a Monday evening has been going well with 6 regular players coming along and having great fun. We will be having a break over the summer months but will be back in September. If you are interested give Sandy a call on 836484.

#### Car Boot Sale

To be held on Sunday 14th June. Pitches cost £5 and you can choose a table indoors if you would prefer. Contact either Louise on 836277 or Sandy on 836484 to book. All pitches need to be booked in advance so that we can organise crowd control! Any monies raised will go towards the Village Hall to help with running costs and organising further community events throughout the year.

#### Village Day

Is anyone interested in helping to run a village day? If you are interested in running a stall for half an hour or helping to set up/tidy away, give Sandy a call on 836484. The proposed date is 26th July 2009.

#### 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

Wed3 June	10.00am, Sharing the Lord's Supper
Tue 9 June	12-2pm, Lunch Club - suggested donation £2
Sat 20 June	2pm - 4pm, Open Afternoon
Sat 20 June	4pm, BBQ
Sun 21 Jun	10.30am, All-age Service - refreshments available
Sat 27 June	Spring Recorder Concert at Trudoxhill Village Hall
Wed 1 July	10.00am, Sharing the Lord's Supper
Tues 7 July	12-2pm, Lunch Club - suggested donation £2
Sun 19 July	All-age Service