

# Your View



## The Trudoxhill Newsletter

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### New PCSO for Trudoxhill.

Paul Edwards is the new Police Community Services Officer for Trudoxhill. Paul has been a PCSO for just over two years, during which he patrolled the Berkley Down beat in Frome. He has always wanted to go 'rural' and was delighted to be given the chance to cover the Postlebury and Mells beats.

Paul thoroughly enjoys his job as a PCSO and is keen to make a difference in and around the villages on his beat.

Paul lives in Frome, is happily married to Mandy and they have two girls - Lily aged seven and Poppy aged three. When he is not being a dad or PCSO, Paul enjoys writing (he has had a number of short stories published in various magazines and anthologies), listening to obscure rock bands and watching very bad b-movies.

Paul is always happy to help, so please feel free to contact him via the police switchboard number on 0845 456 7000 if you have any queries, worries or concerns that you feel he can help with.

### Litter Pickin' Good.

The date for the next village litter picking event is Sunday, November 15th at 10 am. As with previous litter pickings, please meet in The White Hart car park where you will be issued with your grabbers, bags, gloves and any other equipment required.

Please make an effort to come along, we had an excellent turnout for the last event, and the village looked spick and span after just one and a half hours work (which is actually bad planning as The White Hart does not open until noon!).

### Digital Switchover.

The analogue television signal will be turned off in this area in March 2010, but what will this mean to local residents?

Help is at hand in the form of David Farwig, part of the team working for Digital UK in this region. He will be coming along to the Parish Council meeting in the village hall on December 3rd at 7:30 pm to answer all of the residents' questions on the big switch over. Make sure you come along to find out how it will affect you.

### Speed Indicator.

The mobile speed indicator has been back in action on the outskirts of our village. Once again the flashing speed warning has been slowing down speeding drivers in a manner more friendly than a fine and points on the licence!

### Local Resident Walks Great Wall Of China For Charity.

After surviving the various ordeals associated with cancer, most people would be content to put their feet up and take things easy - not Jo Bucket! During her illness she turned to Macmillan Cancer Support for help, and now that she is in remission she has decided to repay their help, by doing a sponsored walk along parts of the Great Wall Of China.

When I last spoke to Jo she was very excited about the whole adventure, and she also told me that she had managed to raise over £8,000 in sponsorship, including over £1,700 from events held at The White Hart.

By the time you read this, Jo will have returned from her trip to the far side of the world, and I hope to have more details of her adventures in the next edition of Your View.

### News From Around The Village.

The silver birch by the notice board and post box has been given an overdue short-back-and-sides. The branches were growing dangerously close to the overhead cables, so the decision was made to reduce the profile by 25%. At the same time a lower branch, which was growing into the steel protective enclosure, was also removed to allow for future growth.

At the same time the Golden Acacia that was planted to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II was also given an examination. Unfortunately the prognosis was not good, the tree was dying and would not survive another year. This has now been removed and discussions are taking place on what to plant to replace it. If anybody has any ideas, the Parish Council would love to hear them.

## Cookery Corner - with Justin Thyme.

### Bubble and Squeak Cakes.

Here's an interesting way to turn leftover mashed potato into a tasty side dish. These go great with bacon, black pudding, chops, gammon or as part of a fried breakfast. Alternatively, they make a tasty snack on their own.

### Ingredients.

3 large spring onions, roughly chopped.

Large slice of butter.

Olive oil for frying.

3-4 cardamom pods.

1 heaped tsp coriander seeds.

1 heaped tsp cumin seeds.

Leftover mashed potato.

Small pot (150ml/5fl oz) double cream.

Handful of fresh coriander leaves, chopped.

Strong cheese for stuffing and/or grating (optional).

### Method.

Heat a frying pan and add the spring onions, butter and a good drop of olive oil to stop the butter from burning.

Meanwhile, remove the black seeds from the cardamom pods using the back of a knife. Place in a mortar, add the coriander seeds and cumin seeds and work the pestle until they are coarsely ground - don't grind them to dust as we are after texture and nuttiness from the spices.

Add the spices to the spring onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until they turn a pale golden brown, but before they start to burn and crisp up. Add the onion mixture to some leftover mashed potato in a bowl and form into four cakes using your hands, each cake should be 2 - 3 inches across and between 1 - 2 inches high. At this stage if you wish you can insert a cube of strong cheese into the centre of the cake - the size and strength is purely down to personal taste. Place the cakes back into the frying pan and cook until crisp and brown on each side, literally a few minutes each side, and remove from the pan.

If the rest of the meal is not quite ready, place on a baking tray and put in a heated oven to keep warm, you can also grate more cheese over the top at this stage. Leave in the oven until the cheese has melted, producing golden rivulets running down the sides of the cakes.

For a quick sauce, add the cream and some fresh coriander to the pan used to cook the bubble and squeak cakes. Bring to the boil and season well. Serve the bubble and squeak cakes straight away with the sauce.

### Christmas Carol Service.

The plans for this year's Christmas carol service are well under way, and we are hoping to expand on last year's very successful event. The date for the service is penciled in for Saturday, 19th December. On this date the village hall will hold the children's Christmas party between 4:00pm and 5:45pm, then the children will be led supervised round to the front of the White Hart. At 6:00pm there will be the annual lighting of the Christmas tree, with carols, minced pies and mulled wine, (an alternative will be available for the children.)

## What's On

### Rubbish News - collection dates

	refuse	recycling	garden
2nd October	✓	✓	
9th October		✓	✓
16th October	✓	✓	
23rd October		✓	✓
30th October	✓	✓	
6th November		✓	✓
13th November	✓	✓	
20th November		✓	✓
27th November	✓	✓	

### 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

Tuesday 13th October	12-2pm, Lunch Club. Enjoy a chat over a hearty soup and a pud - suggested donation £2.
Sunday 18th October	10:30am - Family Service. All welcome and refreshments served afterwards.
Tuesday 10th November	12-2pm, Lunch Club. Enjoy a chat over a hearty soup and a pud - suggested donation £2.
Sunday 15th November	10:30am - Family Service. All welcome and refreshments served afterwards.

### What's On at The White Hart

Thursday 8th October	Eyes down for bingo - 7:30pm start.
Thursday 17th October	Monthly Quiz - £5 for each team of four with special meal and drinks offers.
Thursday 19th November	Monthly Quiz - £5 for each team of four with special meal and drinks offers.
Friday 30th October	Karaoke night. Bring Halloween a day forward with optional fancy dress. Prizes for best costume.
Friday 4th December	Karaoke night - polish off your tonsils, 'I did it myyyyyy way!'
Thursday 10th December	Live Music - more details nearer the night.
Thursday 17th December	Quiz night - more brain teasers with a festive slant.
Saturday 19th December	Carols outside The White Hart, with mince pies and mulled wine. Afterwards there will be a hog roast for the local residents (at a small cost).
Every Wednesday	River Rats Poker League, from 7:30pm. Fancy your hand at the cards, then come along and join in.
Monday to Thursday Lunchtimes	Every week, between 12:00 and 2pm we are offering a special senior citizen's menu at reduced prices. Also, every Friday night is Steak & Sizzler night, with 2 rump steaks or 2 sizzlers for only £15.

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 the December/January edition are required by 20th November.