

CROSS TREE CHRONICLE

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**Tony Barrow & Charlie Dunn Tidying up the Brook
1980's**

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A Note from the Editors

This month we would like to send our best wishes to Gordon & Maureen Rutley celebrating 65 years together. They have been involved in so many different aspects of village life, congratulations to them both.

It is also that time again to tidy up our little village. We do this once a year and we would love your support again. Please see further details in the social committee report.

Keep sending in your news and any information which would benefit the whole village community, we love receiving it. Also, if you have a small business and live within the Parish, please let us know as we are happy to advertise what you offer free of charge.

The daffodils and snowdrops are making an appearance now, don't know about you but I'm looking forward to getting back out into the garden – roll on spring!

We will see you at the village tidy up on the 2nd!



W.I. News (Rosemary Brace)

Our meeting this month is on Thursday 21st at 2:30pm in the Village Hall. We have a fantastic speaker, Gaie Tomkins, telling us about her holiday experience. Gaie has been on some different holidays, travelling alone, so it is an afternoon to look forward to. The competition is for a favourite holiday souvenir.

We have planned our outing this year to Morwellham Quay near Tavistock. It is on Sunday 8th September and the price includes the coach, entrance, a train ride into the mine, and a carvery meal on the way home. A £15 non-returnable deposit needs to be paid in May. Please contact Barbara or myself if you would like to come. All are welcome.

Parish Council (Don Hill) – Broadband Update

As explained last month, Gigaclear, the contractors used by Connecting Devon and Somerset to supply fast broadband to the area, are experiencing delays after the collapse of their main sub-contractor, Carillion, and we still have no firm information about a revised timetable for them supplying our Parish.

Truespeed are offering us a genuine alternative, and their representative **Andy Moore** came to our January Parish Council meeting and gave a presentation of Truespeed services to the Council and attending residents. At the risk of repeating ourselves, it is worth reiterating the offer Truespeed are making because it is potentially the quickest, most hassle-free and secure way for us all to get what we want - faster and more reliable broadband.

Vitaly, supply via Truespeed depends on how many of us sign up for the service. We need 30% of our homes to sign up before Truespeed can commit to bringing in their service which, uniquely, offers fibre to the home via leases on Western Power and BT poles rather than via underground excavation. There is no up-front cost from the community. The consumer commitment is to a one-off £120 installation fee and an 18-month fixed price contract at £47.50 per month, which includes broadband at a full 200mb/s, up and down (potential for 1000mb/s), and a telephone line, which can carry the customer's existing telephone number. The school (if there is one) and Village Hall are provided with a free service. In the absence of a school, the possibility was raised of the Church being included instead.

In signing up, you commit to taking the Truespeed service, only so long as they provide that service within 6 months of your sign up. Their service will not reach us for another year to eighteen months, so nothing is lost by signing up! We need as many sign-ups as possible in order to get us on the Truespeed work schedule, and if the CDS/Gigaclear service does come through and is earlier, then, again, nothing is lost. Our neighbours in Kenn went through this sign-up process and they are now likely to 'go live' with Truespeed by the end of the year - so the more people who sign up, the sooner we can expect to receive a genuinely fast broadband service.

To sign up, go to the Truespeed website at <https://www.truespeed.com>, type in your post code, and follow the online instructions. It literally takes

about two minutes. Alternatively, fill out the form accompanying this month's Chronicle and post it back to Truespeed.

If you have any queries do contact Truespeed's Andy Moore - see below. Andy is a local of over 40 years standing, understands our area, and only lives in Clevedon.

Andy Moore, Community Engagement Manager.

Email: amoore@truespeed.com. Mobile: 07548 239261.

TrueSpeed Communications Ltd, Milands House, 4 Rock Road, Keynsham BS31 1BL.

Village Hall (Deb Tovey)

How lovely to see the Hall decorated for Christmas and again hosting the Village Christmas Lunch! It was a great community event. The lights outside the Hall were very festive and certainly cheered up the motorists driving by.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: the AGM will be held on Friday, 22nd March at 8pm in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We need to boost the numbers on the Committee. We hold 4 meetings a year, either in the Hall or in members' homes. Please contact me if you are interested or need more information.



Community Speedwatch (Kevin Edwards)

The group was very active last month completing 3 sessions on 4th, 18th and 25th January. Many thanks to our volunteers who give up an hour of their time to try and slow down the vehicles in your village. We reported a total of 36 motorists exceeding the limit (36mph or above) out of 1,717 vehicles in three hours. The highest speed recorded was 50mph – and it's a quiet village!

There was also a police speed campaign running in January but unfortunately we were unable to coordinate a mutual time with the Police to have the speed bike in the Village. We hope the speed bike will be back soon.

If you would like to volunteer, then drop me an email or call.

Social Club (Andrew Francis)

Whilst the last few weeks have been fairly quiet for the Social Club we have been meeting and planning events for 2019 for you all to enjoy throughout the year.

The first event, whilst not so enjoyable perhaps, is certainly an important one so we hope that as many people as possible can join us for the **Village Clean-Up on Saturday 2nd February from 10am** with a bring and share lunch in the Church – we need as many people as possible to help – bring tools and suitable clothing. We hope that the efforts of those who come along are noticeable throughout the bottom part of the village. Our efforts are very much restricted to the area around the brook and Church because this is where we need to keep the brook clear to prevent possible flooding. If there is a particular location you would like to nominate for a clean-up do please let us know, and with **your** help, we will see what can be done collectively.

We will be holding another **Pub Night on Friday 29th March** so do please put this date in your diary as this always proves to be a popular and fun event.

We have also heard from North Somerset Council that we will again this year be receiving an allocation of flowers for our floral displays. More on timings when I know them but for now get your gardening gloves and trowels at the ready to help with the planting out.

Planning for the **Village Fete** on Saturday 13th July 2019 is also well underway and we have already booked a number of attractions and events for the day. Once again, we will be asking for volunteers to help and for cakes as well as donations for the bottle stall, bric-a-brac and book stalls.

Even at this early stage I am putting out an appeal for help – we have just been informed that the ladies from the W.I. who have for many years done a sterling job of serving the teas and coffees will be unable to help out at the fete this year. This is a critical and significant part of the fete and without it we cannot hope to proceed. We need **your help**; can you spare a few hours to help serve the teas and coffees? We need to get a team together to do this for the 4 or 5 hours of the afternoon of the fete – **PLEASE** let me know urgently if you can help. Thank you.





St. Paul's Church (Sue Betts)

Thanksgiving Service Sunday 3rd: What a difficult year 2018 proved to be and at such difficult times it is even more important to count your blessings. For our little village church our greatest blessing is the fantastic team that does so much to keep the church going – that's you lot.

So we want to say thank you to all those friends of our village church who have been priceless over the past year. Come and join us for this unusual celebration featuring our 'Giant Money Cake' and find out how our finances have worked out over the last year with Cake-o-nomics. And all the plans we have for the year ahead. It's all the kind of information you would get at our annual church meeting but in a much more digestible way – you can really eat this pie chart! This is all followed by our thanksgiving lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese in the church and lots of cake! All welcome! If you want to contact us to say that you're coming just give Brodie or Sue a ring.

Easter: With Easter being so late this year the Lent season doesn't start until 6th March so details of our Lent Giving for 2019 will be in next month's Chronicle. We are holding our Easter Fayre on Saturday 20th April with our Easter Egg Hunt – it might be hot enough to melt the Easter Eggs by then! And there's all kinds of things coming up in 2019 – news soon.

Did you Know.....???

- During the 1950's Miles Estate was asked to supply land for a council estate following WW2.
- In 1974 the Parish Council had plans to install a children's play area in the garden of 3 Manor Cottages.
- World famous band 'Portishead' was founded by Geoff Barrow who lived in School House.
- During the 70's a planning application was submitted for a garden centre in the village.
- A German prisoner of war was temporarily held at Home Farm during the war
- Somerset Group 'The Wurzels' practised music in our Village Hall.

Village Diary	
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Bob Baldwin	As above (Clevedon Road)

Dates for Your Diary		
Date	Event	Time
Saturday 2 nd	Village Clean Up *	10am
	Welcome In Community Café, St. Paul's Church	10:30am onwards
Sunday 3 rd	Thanksgiving Service followed by lunch, St. Paul's Church *	11:15am
Sunday 10 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Monday 11 th	Parish Council, Village Hall	7:30pm
Sunday 17 th	Morning Prayer, St. Paul's Church	11:15am
Thursday 21 st	W.I. Village Hall *	2:30pm
Sunday 24 th	Holy Communion, St. Paul's Church	11:15am

* More details in the information sheet under the relevant section

Recycling Calendar

	Rubbish	Recycling & Food Waste	Garden Waste
February:			
Tuesday 5 th	x	✓	x
Tuesday 12 th	✓	✓	x
Tuesday 19 th	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 26 th	✓	✓	x
March:			
Tuesday 5 th	x	✓	✓
Tuesday 12 th	✓	✓	x

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