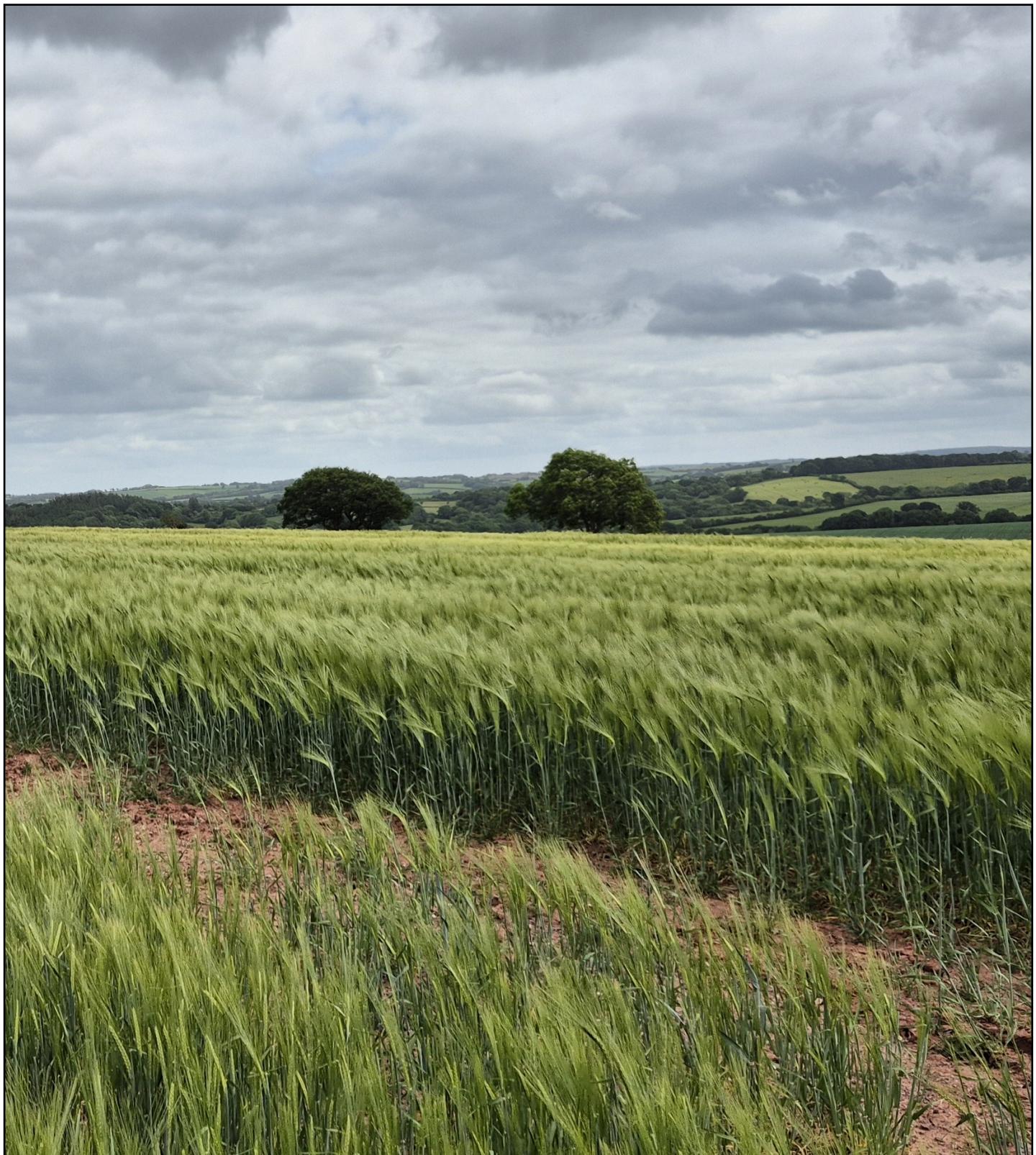


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**This month:** Sun! Animals and Plants! Blue Skies! Litter Bin Removal Fiasco!  
Woodland Head Letter! Skittles Trophy Mystery! And much, much more...

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# Editorial

It's June, which means the summer is officially here...

There's something quite wonderful about June...brighter skies, a glimmer of sunshine, warmer days, holidays approaching, it just oozes a sense of optimism and happiness. Lovely!

Anyway, what's been going on in village? Well, not a huge amount, the public rubbish bin has inexplicably been removed by the Council from outside the pub, meaning that there's no public bin at that end of the village, which is a bit bizarre seeing as the other bins in the village still need emptying. Very odd.

With the increased farm traffic travelling through the village, there has been more murmurings regarding the pitiful number of public footpaths in the area. It's certainly not the first time that this has cropped up and looking at DCC's interactive map, you can see there isn't a lot around us despite the rolling countryside ([www.devon.gov.uk/prow/interactive-map/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/prow/interactive-map/)). For those exploring how this can change, maybe speak to landowners directly or contact Parish, District or County Councillors...

What else? Oh, some activity seems have occurred on the road surfacing front, which was much needed, especially up towards Punchbowl and other bits and pieces seem to be happening on the main Crediton road. Oh, the excitement!

That's about it, have a wonderful June (how couldn't you?!), enjoy the weather, look forward to the holidays if you're having one and keep smiling...

Cheers...

The Editor

## The Village Voice Is YOUR Village Magazine

We want to hear from you and want you to use it to convey anything you feel of interest to your fellow villagers.

Please leave any items for the YVV at Torridon, Station Road before the **20th of each month**, anything after that date may not be considered until the following month. **You must provide a name and address**, even if this is not for publication.

You can also email the editor, Jonathan, at **yvveditor@yahoo.co.uk** or phone **01363 84501**

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# Local Information

## YEOFORD COMMUNITY HALL

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Saturday 8:00-14:00

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### Top Tip!

Make the sound of a coconut by  
banging two halves of a horse  
together

### Yeoford Community Garden

Yeoford Community Hall now has an area dedicated to providing a small community garden. Any villagers are welcome to get involved in running and maintaining the garden.

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0630	0633		0813	0816	
0725	0730		0918	0921	
0834	0837		1019	1018	1017
0937	0937	0938	1117	1117	1117
1037	1037	1039	1216	1216	1221
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## Fo – Friday only

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**677 (Fridays only)**

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Coleford Gospel Hall	0927
Colebrooke Church	0932
<b>THE DUCK AT YEOFORD</b>	<b>0936</b>
<b>YEO VIEW</b>	<b>0938</b>
Raddon Down Cross	0945
Crediton TIC High Street	0955
Exeter Sidwell Street	1020

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Raddon Down Cross	1350
<b>THE DUCK AT YEOFORD</b>	<b>1355</b>
<b>YEO VIEW</b>	<b>1357</b>
Colebrook Church	1403
Coleford Gospel Hall	1408
Zeal Monachorum Church	1423

**669 (Tuesdays only)**

MD Buses

MB Buses	
South Zeal Oxenham Arms	0915
Whiddon Down Shelter	0922
Hittisleigh Cross	0930
Crockernwell	0945
Cheriton Bishop School	0947
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Colebrook Church	1010
Coleford Gospel Hall	1013
Crediton St Saviour's Way	1022
Crediton Morrisons	1027

Crediton Morrisons	1115
Crediton St Saviour's Way	1235
Coleford Gospel Hall	1244
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Daytime slots on occasional Tuesdays and Thursdays are also available.

## CREDITON HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held its Annual PC Meeting on Tuesday the 6th of May. Cllr John Stevens was elected as Chair for another year and Cllr David Parker was again elected as Vice Chair.

The Annual Meeting was followed by the May PC meeting. Cllr Yarnold updated Councillors on plans to brighten up Yeoford Station with some planting. The application to the GWR Station Fund has been submitted and a training session for volunteers is planned for the 15th of May. Councillor Yarnold also reported that he had been approached by a resident of Yeoford about DCC's poor workmanship in the clearance of local drains. Councillors will raise this with Cllr Cairney, the Parish's new DCC Councillor at the next meeting. A resident of Binneford had reported faded road markings, raising the fear of vehicles and tractors not giving way at the junction. This will also be raised with Cllr Cairney.

The Council usually meets on the first Monday of the month. The next full Council meeting will be on Monday 2nd June in the Crediton Boniface Centre If you would like to read the full minutes of the May Parish Council meeting they are on the PC website. Please contact one of your councillors or Rachel Hodder, the Parish Clerk (clerk@creditonhamlets-pc.gov.uk or 01363 85523), if there is something you would like to have discussed at the next Council meeting. Members of public are very welcome to attend any meeting and speak during the public session. Meeting details and contact information for Councillors are on the Parish Council website ([www.creditonhamlets-pc.gov.uk](http://www.creditonhamlets-pc.gov.uk)).



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## JOKE OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

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# YEOFORD VILLAGE VOICE FUN QUIZ

No prizes, no pressure...this month...Animals and Plants...

1. Its Indonesian name, malu malu, means "shy one". It is known for its large eyes and stores its toxin in an elbow patch. What is the world's only poisonous primate?
2. Native to New Guinea and north-east Australia, what is the third largest and second heaviest living bird?
3. Which small, ugly scorpaeniform fish of the Triglidae family are also known as sea robins?
4. Which botanist began his "Expert" book series with Be Your Own Gardening Expert in 1958?
5. The bodega El Carpicho, near Leon in Spain, serves what Time magazine has called "the perfect steak". It is a huge chuleton taken from the central rib of which ox breed?
6. Known by its binomial name Macrocheira kaempferi, when fully grown its leg span can reach 4 metres, with a body size of up to 37cm. What is the largest known arthropod?
7. The leaves are used to make file powder, a spice used in making various types of gumbo. The roots of which plant were used to flavour root beer, until it was banned by the FDA?
8. Hydrurga leptonyx is said to be the most dangerous pinniped and only species with a reputation for making apparently unprovoked attacks on people. What is its common name?
9. Which creature gave its name to the WWII project, later Project Orcon (for "organic control"), that was behaviourist B.F. Skinner's attempt to develop an "organic" guided missile?
10. Used for cordage, what stiff fibre of the Mexican agave is named after the Yucatan port from which it was exported?

Answers below...

1. Slow lorises; 2. Southern cassowary (only the ostrich and emu are bigger); 3. Gurnard; 4. Dr. D.G. Hessayon; 5. Rubia Gallega (Galician Blond); 6. Japanese spider crab; 7. Sassafras; 8. Leopard seal; 9. Pigeon, as in Project Pigeon; 10. Sisal/Agave sisalana

**Quiz Answers:**

## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

### REPORTING A PROBLEM WITH ROADS TO DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

All drivers will be aware that state of repair of roads in Crediton Hamlets Parish is appalling, with more and more potholes (or are they craters?) appearing. The lack of action by Devon County Council is exceedingly frustrating but please report potholes in the hope this makes a difference.

Problems with roads can be reported on the Devon County Council website:

[www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/)

There is a link to this page under "Useful Information" on the Parish Council website  
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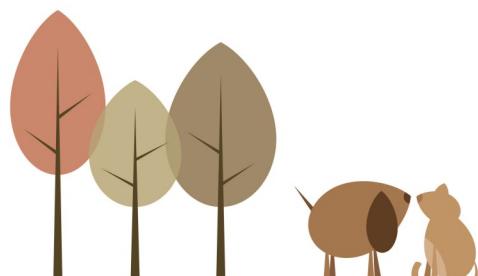


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# Trespass at Woodland Head – the truth

Old Smithy, Woodland Head, Yeoford EX17 5HF

Dear Yeoford Village Voice,

We write this with a sense of both sadness and being ill-served. It concerns a groundless claim, made to Crediton Hamlets Parish Council [minute 8446]. In it a councillor falsely stated that the neighbours of the derelict house in this hamlet [Bell Cottage] had been using its garden, for around ten years, trespassing in order to obtain squatters rights. In an email on Council business, seen following a Freedom of Information request, they named us twice.

They said they were complaining, with the claimed support of several neighbours, using the pronoun 'we', disseminating their fake news beyond minute 8446, including, according to an independent witness, immediately prior to the start of a public meeting in Crediton. Certainly one friend from Bow told of having heard the accusation second hand.

In fact the boundary between Bell Cottage and us zigzags, a form of flying freehold, running within 5 metres of the cottage, as our deeds [since the 1960s] and Land Registration confirm. To a thoughtless, casual observer it might appear our use of our 10 x 25 metre vegetable garden behind Bell Cottage was trespass, although the councillors' Code of Conduct obligations call for a higher standard than casual observation.

To show the ridiculousness of the claim, one of us [ALS] was growing salad plants there competitively in the 1970s while a pupil at Yeoford School, when Bell Cottage was a well-kept family home the other side of a fence. A straw poll of the hamlet's long standing residents showed none of them supported the councillor. When asked who the several 'supporters' were, only three names [scarcely 'several'], were forthcoming, with two of them openly denying any involvement. The councillor eventually backtracked from directly supporting the accusation, saying they were just reporting the concerns of the 'several'.

When first confronted over the false accusations the councillor was evasive and obfuscative. On 9th May 2022, after a substantial cooling off time, we [TRH and SEH] discussed the matter with the councillor, who agreed to issue a retraction and apology through the Parish Council, accompanied by a statement in the Yeoford Village Voice and the Crediton Courier. None of these have happened, despite them saying at the time they wanted to clear up the matter; even though they asked to shake hands on the agreement.

On 11th October that year I [TRH] spoke to the councillor, asking about their progress with the agreement. Their reply was abruptly dismissive and they drove off. The following October 4th, I saw them and repeated the question. They said "What are you going to moan about now?" and walked away. Subsequently I gave a brief statement of the facts to the public session preceding the May 2024 Parish Council meeting. A clear implication of it was that if the councillor did not carry out what had been agreed, we would complain to the MDDC Monitoring Officer, who is responsible for parish and district councillors' Code of Conduct and their standards, as set out as the 'Nolan Principles'.

As the councillor's promised statement has not been forthcoming our resort turned to the MDDC Monitoring Officer and their complaints procedures. The preliminary paragraphs of MDDC's rules covering complaints express a preference for an informal approach, and if wished, avoidance of their formal proforma. This avoidance is necessary anyway for users of some Apple computers, such as ours, its software is not compatible with their proforma. In any event an informal approach has been our choice all the time.

Despite MDDC's preference for informality the complaint was rejected because we had not submitted on their form and that the whole procedure had taken more than the 3 months limit they set for formal proceedings. While appreciating the District Council has much bigger fish to fry, we are left feeling let down by their inability or unwillingness to enforce the Nolan Principles. Those are rules for basic civility and decency in public office. Beyond that MDDC has turned a blind eye; not even a two minute phone call with 'a word to the wise', all in their preferred spirit of informality. That blind eye is to a councillor who disseminated untruths for motives best known to their self, then failed to honour an undertaking to retract and apologise, in spite of having shaken hands on it.

Yours sincerely,  
TR Harrod, SE Harrod, GH Harrod, LA Skipper

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## Library at the Church

Following the demise of the Mobile Library, alongside the books at the station, there is also now a small library in Yeoford Church and all are welcome to borrow books.

## Looking to the future

The Committee of the League of Friends of Redlands surgery, recently held a meeting to discuss future fund raising events.

Two Bingo sessions have been arranged, to be held at Crediton Football Club on Fridays 29th August and 28th November.

It is also hoped to have a Skittles evening, where players will compete for a purpose built trophy. Unfortunately, the existing trophy has apparently disappeared without trace. It was last fought for pre-Covid, when it was still in Chiddenbrook League of Friends hands.

Does anyone know of the trophy's whereabouts? If so, could they please telephone 01363 84385.

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# Holy Trinity Church Yeoford

I hope when you read this summer will be with us.  
There are no Bank Holidays in June so all our activities will be on the usual days.

You will always find a warm welcome at Holy Trinity and don't forget the library is for everyone to use. Apart from fiction we have non fiction and children's books to borrow.

The Community Lunch will be on June 2nd 12-15 for 12-30pm.

Coffee Company Monday's 10 till 11am unless there is lunch or it is a bank holiday

## Service in June

Sunday June 8th

Holy Communion 9-30am

Sunday June 22nd

Family Service 11-15am

## West Down Chapel Yeoford Road

Sunday June 1st morning worship at 11am with David Ball.

Sunday June 8th morning worship at 11am with John Allan.

Wednesday June 11th at 2pm Friends and Neighbours come and join in the different activities with tea and biscuits.

Sunday June 15th morning worship at 11am with Adrian Dawe.

Sunday June 15th Right after the morning service it's Sunday Lunch, to book contact Kate on 07772 239419. This is followed by Prayer Fellowship at 2pm.

Sunday June 22nd morning worship at 11am with Rev David Cole.

Sunday June 22nd afternoon at 3pm Missionary Outreach to Rwanda an update with Chrissie and Jano Malbigwee

Sunday June 29th morning worship at 11am with Robert Partridge.

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# THE DUCK AT YEOFORD



Not much to mention this month apart from the fact Devon County Council have decided to remove the public bin. When we enquired into why this is the reply we received - *Following a review of its usage over the past three months, we identified that the bin was used infrequently and was also positioned on private land. As a result, a decision was made to remove it and it will not be replaced. We kindly advise that dog waste can be disposed of in black general waste wheelie bins, which are collected as part of the regular household waste service.*

The matter has now been passed onto the Parish Council and we'll hopefully get a new bin for this end of the village.

Opening times for the Pub and Pub up Shop are

Monday/Tuesday CLOSED  
Wednesday 4.00 - 11.00  
Thursday 11.30 - 11.00  
Friday 11.30 - 11.00  
Saturday 11.30 - 11.00  
Sunday 11.30 - 5.30

Please note we will be closed Friday 13th June from 6.00pm and Saturday 14th June all day due to private functions.

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If you pass the recreation ground or see anybody playing with the goals in the centre, could you please remind them (politely) that they should be returned to the edge after use, or move them back if you find them abandoned like this.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

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