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This month: Rain! Snow! Leaves! Mud! Flooding! Christmas Lights Competition! Yeo!Cider! CHRISTMAS! And much, much more...

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Editorial

Wet, Wet, Wet...

Love is All Around was their massive hit, but for us we had to replace love with water as Storm Bert gave us a right old battering. Torrential rain on saturated land, run-off pouring from fields onto the already mud-caked roads, leaves everywhere, blocked drains, snow melt, river levels rising and boom! A lot of flooding and a very cut-off village in most directions. Even the train, which often manages to get through regardless, came a cropper as flood water caused structural instability to many small bridges. A round of applause for those who have helped try and clean up.

Anyway, November and there was some very sad news in the village as we learned of the sudden passing of Sue Read, who was well known to many of us. She will be sorely missed. If anyone has any anecdotes or anything that they wish to share with the village, please send it to the Village Voice. We would like to collate a fitting tribute for her in a future issue.

So, by the time you read this it'll be December, which means we're really flying towards the holiday season. There's a few things coming up in the village, including the Christmas Lights Competition and the Christmas Fayre up at the hall, check Facebook for details.

This month's cover was provided by Yeoford School and shows the children making a Christmas pudding at the Family Service at Yeoford Church in preparation for the community lunch. As ever, send your contributions to the email below if you fancy getting on the front cover, providing some content or entering the joke of the month competition...

One additional thing, due to EE's complete ineptitude, you cannot contact us on our landline, so for any VV stuff or Hall bookings, please use the appropriate email. That's that! Have a great Christmas and New Year and see you around!

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 Torricon, 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 **You must provide a name and address**, even if this is not for publication.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**

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THE DUCK AT YEOFORD	0936
YEO VIEW	0938
Raddon Down Cross	0945
Crediton TIC High Street	0955
Exeter Sidwell Street	1020

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Crediton TIC High Street	1345
Raddon Down Cross	1350
THE DUCK AT YEOFORD	1355
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Hittisleigh Cross	0930
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To contact the Village Voice, please use yvveditor@yahoo.co.uk
To contact Yeoford Hall, please use yeoford.hall@gmail.com

CREDITON HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

At the November Parish Council meeting Councillors resolved to award a first prize of a £50 voucher for The Duck to the winner of the Yeo Ward Christmas Lights competition. Councillor David Parker (who lives in the Hookway Ward) will be the judge this year. The date of judging will be publicised on the Yeoford Hub. Boxes of chocolates will be awarded as the second and third prizes.

The Clerk updated Councillors on the acquisition of the chapel cemetery and parking area opposite. Progress seems slow but the Council's solicitor was in the process of carrying out pre-completion searches. Councillors resolved to proceed with the acquisition without waiting for a fence separating the parking area from the spaces which belong to the owners of the Chapel to be erected by a third party.

The Council usually meets on the first Monday of the month. The next full Council meeting will be on Monday 2nd December at Yeoford Community Hall. If you would like to read the full minutes of the November 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)



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JOKE OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

I once submitted 10 puns to a joke competition. I really thought with that many, one was sure to be a winner.

Sadly no pun in ten did

YEOFORD VILLAGE VOICE FUN QUIZ

No prizes, no pressure...this month...the London Underground...

1. Which US television presenter claimed to have been born in East Finchley Tube station during an air raid in 1944?
2. Which is the only London Underground station to share its name with a station on the Paris Metro?
3. The River Westbourne passes over the tracks of which station on the District and Circle Lines, encased in a large metal pipe?
4. Of the five underground stations located outside the M25, which is the only one not on the Metropolitan Line?
5. Which now-closed station is just perceptible on the Central Line between Tottenham Court Road and Holborn stations?
6. Edward Johnston designed what important element of the London Underground brand, which is named after him?
7. Which Metropolitan Line station is still signed with the additional name "Swakeleys" on its roundels, having borne that name in the mid-20th century?
8. Which Bayswater street contains a false front of a house to shield the road from the noise of the Circle and District Lines running behind it?
9. The London Underground's highest point above ground level is on the Northern Line where a viaduct carries the line nearly 60ft above which waterway?
10. In 2010, which London Underground station opened the shortest escalator on the tube, on of only two going up to the platform?

Answers below...

Quiz Answers:

1. Jerry Springer; 2. Temple; 3. Sloane Square; 4. Epping; 5. British Museum; 6. The typeface used for the signage, stations, etc.; 7. Hillingdon; 8. Leinster Gardens (numbers 23 and 24); 9. Dollis Brook; 10. Stratford.

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/

There is a link to this page under "Useful Information" on the Parish Council website **www.creditonhamlets.org.uk**.

If the pothole has already been reported please add yourself to the existing report so that Devon County Council is aware that another person has reported the problem.



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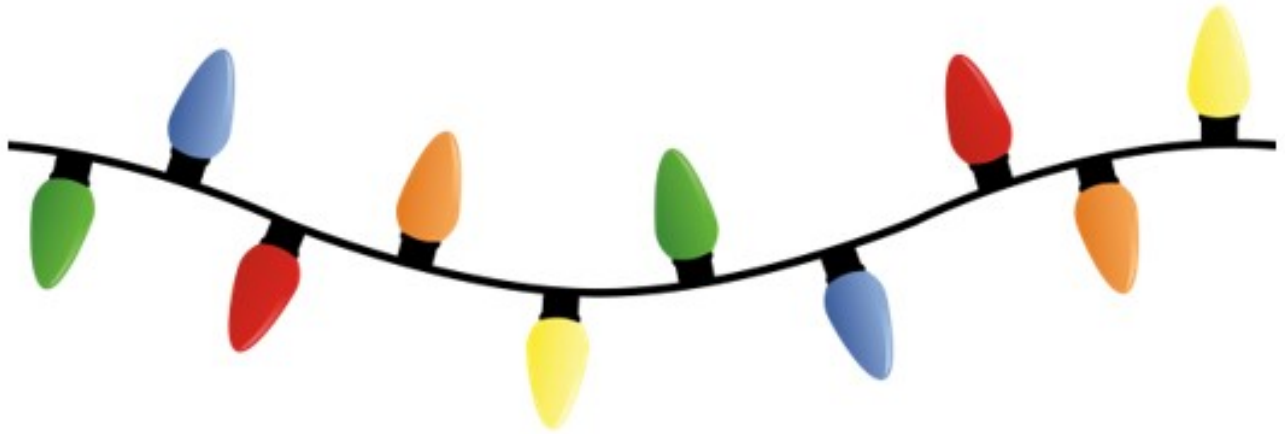
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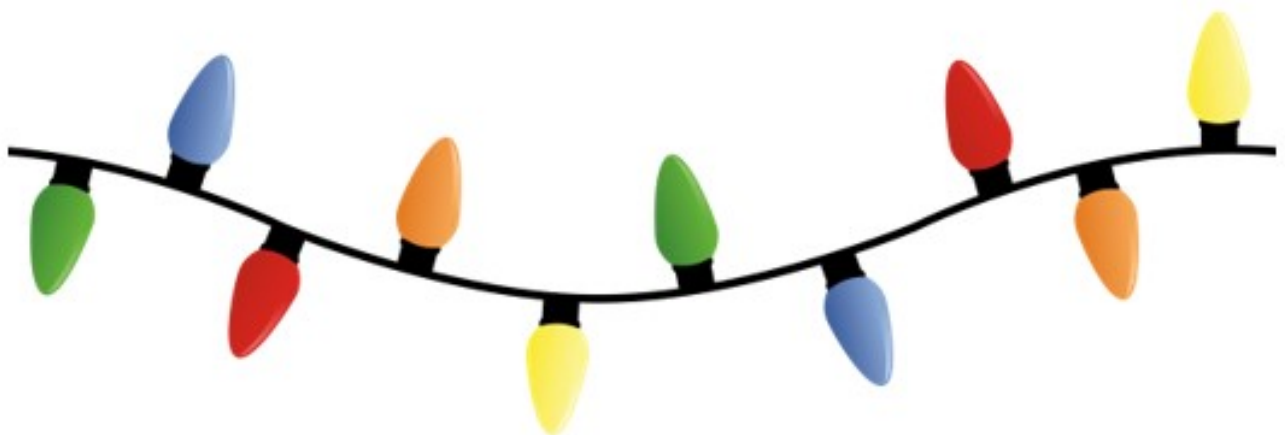
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

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**DATE OF JUDGING TO BE CONFIRMED ON YEOFORD
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We had a busy day on the 01/11/24 sprucing up some of the outside area of the school and giving it a clear up after all the autumn leaves had fallen everywhere. We're gearing up for Christmas now and have our wreath making event on Saturday 7th December at Penstone Glade - see poster. It would be lovely to see some of you there!

If you shop in Tesco then look out on Tuesday 10th December from 1.30 when some of the children from school will be singing some Christmas songs and we'll be out with our collection buckets.

The children have also started preparing for their Christmas performance at Yeoford Hall where we will be doing the refreshments. Then on the last day of term we are putting on a Christmas Disco/Party at the church hall for all the children. Followed by a much needed rest over the Christmas period!

www.facebook.com/Yeofordcommunityprimaryschool/

Update on the Rollout of Airband in the Parish

The Parish Council has received the following update on the Airband rollout from Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) programme.

As you are no doubt aware, CDS contracted with broadband supplier Airband in late 2020 to deliver fibre broadband to communities across Devon & Somerset over the course of three years, concluding at the end of 2024. Your parish is covered by cluster NF049. Unfortunately, Airband has faced a range of challenges over the intervening years which have delayed delivery of these contracts.

However, following Airband's restructure earlier this year, the company is seeking to maximise take up across its existing network while slowing down on build activity which means it can no longer complete its contracted build for CDS in full. As a result, in April, Airband sought a change to its contract.

Since then, CDS has worked closely with the Airband to retain as much coverage across as many communities as possible under the scope of our contracts. This process has had some success in allowing further clusters to be built and I'm pleased to be able to let you know that NF049 is one of them - however, there will be a delay.

This will clearly be extremely disappointing for you and your parishioners, and we share your frustration.



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County Councillor Newsletter—October

October has been a quiet month with few meetings of interest, all the important things coming towards the end of the month. The main event of course will be the budget! Upon this statement much will depend for councils at all three levels. We know that with the budget there will be winners and losers and some whose situations will hardly change. There is no doubt that there will be a big impact on employers and all our councils are employees of varying numbers. We are talking hundreds even thousands! So an increase in employer's National Insurance contributions could well have an impact on the council tax bills that we pay.

The other big event of October or perhaps November will be the publishing of the recent OFSTED inspection of the county's children's services. When the first full OFSTED was published the service was deemed very poor and put into special measures. There have been many changes and improvements but whether this will be enough to put the service into "requires improvement" we hope to learn soon. Although you might think that children's services does not have much impact upon you in fact it is a huge budget that is much larger than highways for instance!

As I travel around my division I'm still really disappointed in the white lining that has not yet taken place. I keep pressing my highways officer but he is constrained by his budget and staff availability. To me the most important thing is safety and there are areas where no white lining or arrows could easily lead to a very serious crash. I shall keep pushing and hope for the best.

One shining light in the month was my Mid Devon District Council Chairman's civic service. This year I held it in Tiverton and as my central theme chose Devon Young Carers. I first came across this group at the beginning of the year when I attended a meeting along with the Duchess of Edinburgh. A dozen or so youngsters were telling me what they have to do to care for members of the family. One even had to give her younger sister insulin injections once-a-day! What a responsibility! We had a wonderful presentation from an officer from Devon Young Carers who informed us that there were well over 2000 youngsters registered between the ages of four and 18! Yes that is right FOUR years old is our youngest registered carer. This is a little lad who, when his mother collapsed with an epileptic fit, was able to dial 999 and raised the alarm. He had been taught this by his mum and grandma.

We are soon to have the 5th November with all that means! Please be careful when you let off fireworks and remember to do so at sensible times. Those of you who have pets take precautions and make sure they are indoors and well protected from any unexpected bangs in the night.

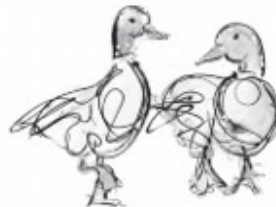
Cllr Frank Letch MBE (Crediton Rural)

Cover Photo

Fancy getting your picture on the front of the VV? Then send your photos, drawings, musings, or whatever to **yvveditor@yahoo.co.uk** and there's a good shout it'll appear on the cover!

There is no meeting in December, it's the u3a Christmas Lunch instead when members gear up for the festive season by enjoying far too much delicious food! The next open meeting will be on Wednesday 15th January and the 2025 programme of talks at the Boniface Centre is now on the website u3asites.org.uk Crediton. Everyone is welcome - you don't have to be a u3a member, £1.50 including refreshments.

Coffee mornings at 'The Hayloft', Mole Avon Country Store, are on the third Tuesday each month for anyone who wants to find out more about the u3a or just enjoy a chat with some nice people.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 17th December 4.30pm - 10.30pm TAPAS NIGHT	Christmas Eve 11.30am - 6.00pm	New Years Eve 11.30am - 8.00pm Kitchen open 12.00pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday 18th December Open as Usual	Christmas Day 11.00am - 1.00pm Kitchen Closed	New Years Day 12.00pm - 6.00pm Kitchen open 12.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 19th December Open as Usual	Boxing Day Closed	Thursday 2nd January Open as Usual
Friday 20th December Open as Usual	Friday 27th December 4.00pm - 11.00pm Kitchen 5.30pm - 8.30pm	Friday 3rd January Open as Usual
Saturday 21st December Open as Usual	Saturday 28th December Open as Usual	Saturday 4th January Open as Usual
Sunday 22nd December Open as Usual	Sunday 29th December Open as Usual	Sunday 5th January Open as Usual
Monday 23rd December Closed	Monday 30th December Closed	

Yeoford 200 C£ub

Due to a lack of power and internet due to the storms, we were not able to get the November winners announced in time for print. Therefore the next issue will feature November and December's winners. Apologies for the delay.

Thank you for your ongoing support and any queries, please contact -
club200yeoford@outlook.com

Thanks Lynsey

YEO!CIDER 2024

Sixteen ciders, including a couple perries, an awesome ale from the Beer Engine, loads of lovely hot and cold, games, music, a game-changing working card machine and some autumnal weather, it was yet another very successful Yeo!Cider!

This year, amazingly our 13th annual cider festival, we had over 160 paying punters turn up to taste our excellent selection of drinks. And as per previous years, we had a good turnout of families, with children enjoying the atmosphere and the games as well as making Yeo!Cider t-shirts the must-have fashion accessory of the moment!

This year's Festival Champion was Thistly Cross—Traditional, an easy drinking medium cider from north of the border, and the festival goes



YEO! CIDER Champion Cider 2024

- 1. THISTLY CROSS – TRADITIONAL**
- 2. Sam's – Beautifully Dry**
- 3. Lilleys – Bee Sting**

agreed with the judges, finishing the box by mid-afternoon.

The happy afternoon atmosphere was aided and abetted by live music provided by Busker Bernie and Ben Moseley. Meanwhile, the kitchen did a roaring trade, with pulled pork baps, hot dogs and sausage rolls flying out.



The evening saw the day take a slightly louder turn as Yeo Division pumped out a raucous set of 80s classics, much to everyone's delight!

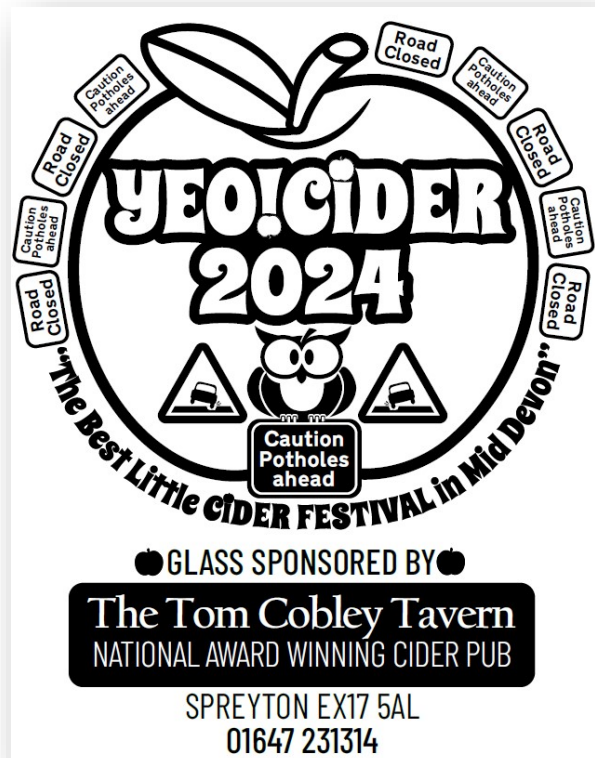
The day elongated into the evening before we finally packed up around 9pm. Initial estimates suggest we have made over £1,500 towards the running of the hall, keeping hire costs down for our local user groups, another great amount for a highly enjoyable day.



The organisers thank the generosity of our sponsors: Fargo Systems, The Copper Key, North Tawton, CREDITON Milling Company, South West Galvanisers, Devon Tree Services, SW Roofing Training Group, The Kings Arms, Winkleigh, Pool N Spa Services, Smart Drainage, North Tawton, Tom Cobley Tavern, Spreyton, New Inn, Coleford, The Duck at Yeoford, Southon & Co, The Beer Engine, Newton St Cyres, and SimpkinsEdwards.

We also must thank our amazing volunteers who gave up their time to support us, and all of those customers who came and enjoyed another superb festival.

Until next time!



THE DUCK AT YEOFORD



Well last week was interesting, thank you to everyone who came and supported us on Thursday when we had an unexpected snow day.

The WiFi issues caused no end of problems and to top it all off we had to close on Sunday due to a power failure. Hopefully December will be a better month!

Tuesday theme nights are proving popular, we have Fish and Chip Night, Steak Night, Burger and Rib Night and another Tapas Night still to come. Christmas Puddings are now on sale, call to reserve or pop in. Gluten free available.

Thank you to all the customers who have ordered one of James's delicious Christmas Turkeys Dinners, there's still plenty of time to order. Collection on Christmas Eve with full instructions on reheating.

A little reminder we will be closed on Wednesday evenings from January.

Finally we'd like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas, thank you for all your support for another year.

James, Sarah, Zachary, Lydia and Martha

01363 85273

www.theduckatyeoford.co.uk

Holy Trinity Church Yeoford

We had a great attendance for our Harvest Festival with most people staying for lunch in the church. Enjoying giving God thanks for our farmers and each other's company.

The Christmas Community Lunch will be on December 9th 12:15 for 12:30pm.

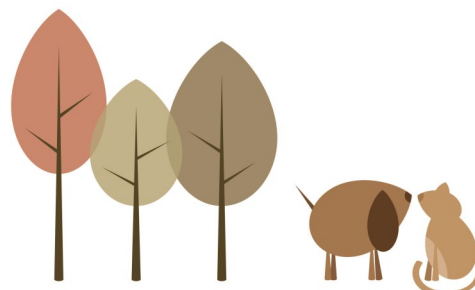
Coffee Company Monday 10 till 11am will be on 2nd December and will return in January.

Services in December
Sunday December 8th Holy Communion 9:30am

Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 22nd December at 5pm
Followed by Minced pies and mulled wine

Christmas Eve
Crib Service 4pm
Holy Communion for Christmas 9pm

I look forward to seeing many of you over the Christmas period. May I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.



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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.

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