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Christmas is coming!

The dark and cold in late December is a good time to hold a big jolly festival. Who's to complain about a good dose of communal activity, fuelled by lavish amounts of food and liquor, made the more exciting with lights and decorations, games and seasonal rituals?

But Christmas celebrations - at least for those who aren't practising Christians - have become a stressful, expensive juggernaut that we poor individuals seem powerless to change. Even those with money, time and organisational skills to live up to the expectations of a 'traditional' Christmas need to address hangovers, indigestion and family frictions, let alone organise visits to far-flung family members via jam-packed motorway and rail networks.

Beneath the cheer, the nominal theme of peace and goodwill to all mankind may still prick the conscience a little. How appropriate is it to binge on turkey and pudding, put up trees and buy presents and watch Christmas specials on TV when we know how many of our world neighbours are having a terrible time just trying to survive?

But for those in our community without much money, who don't have family (or are estranged from them for one reason or another) or who live on their own and struggle with ailments or afflictions or even keeping warm, Christmas is really not something to look forward to. Should we not consider how our selfish family-centred activities impact on these, our near neighbours? Many will be anxious for their food deliveries, personal care and supplies of medication.

The suspension of daily routines can be very disruptive in other ways too. Loneliness, adequately managed in the normal way, is harder to fight off in a period of enforced holiday. Sad thoughts flood in for things that went wrong in the past, and for loved ones who are no longer there. Shouldn't we instead be working to create a festival that everyone can look forward to enjoying?

Were we to give due regard to peace and goodwill to all, maybe we should strike out to reform these overblown events? For a start, Christmas comes around too often and lasts much too long: how about we just hold Christmas every four years – like the World Cup? (Practising Christians, of course, can continue as usual since Advent and the birth of Jesus are part of a strict all-year-round calendar of religious observance.)

Then it would be a good idea for Christmas gatherings to focus on local friends and neighbours rather than family. In this way people on their own will be included. We also wouldn't have tens of millions of people criss-crossing the country to visit relations all at the same time.

Would it not be better for families to meet up to celebrate the birthdays of their senior members instead? Then travel congestion would be averted as journeys would be distributed equally around the year.

Surely these summer months provide a useful opportunity to review the situation before the nights start drawing in?

CRITTERS OF CREDITON

by Bess Tiarie

An occasional column featuring some of the weird and wonderful creatures with which we share our town

Orb Web spiders



European garden spider (*Araneus diadematus*)

In this instalment of Critters of Crediton we take a closer look at the Orb Web (or Orb Weaver) spider, of which the best known to us is the garden spider (*Araneus diadematus*). While far from being the most common spider in our gardens, these strikingly patterned arachnids are notable for being visible much of the time, often found sitting upside down at the centre of large webs built across garden plants and bushes. The naturalist Peter Marren describes their webs as “*among the most beautiful – delicate, mysterious, and enchanting*,” and who could disagree? Well, unless you’ve just walked into one, in which case you might be feeling less generous.

The lifespan of the orb web spider is generally about a year from the point at which it develops inside the egg, and they get a great deal done in that time (two of them even made their way into space on the Skylab 3 mission and spun

webs in microgravity, but that’s another story). They mate in summer, sometimes at the peril of the male, who must approach with caution and is occasionally eaten. Contrary to popular myth, most spider species do not consume the males after mating, but an orb web male can be at risk if the female is hungry. The female places the egg sac in a safe location and protects it until she dies, generally at the first hard frost, leaving the young to grow securely inside the sac throughout the winter months.



Their miniscule offspring, known as spiderlings, emerge in April and May, so this is a good time to spot them. I'm happy to report that Crediton already has a good number of them. Michael Roberts' *Collins Field Guide to Spiders* (surely a must for any well-stocked bookshelf) notes how the spiderlings "initially cluster together in a fuzzy ball which 'explodes' on the slightest disturbance."

Lest this introduce within you a new and unexpected fear of erupting eight-legged entities (forgive me), this merely describes the way the spiderlings fan out from the centre of the cluster, moving radially to escape from potential predators.

The garden spider catches a variety of insects within its impressive webs, unintentionally providing a helpful service to humans who might wish to enjoy sitting outside on a sunny day. In fact, their presence in the centre of their webs has in the past been considered a reliable barometer for good weather. Next time you're in the park or walking past some bushes at the side of the road, take a look and see if you can spot some of the little spiderlings as they spin their tiny threads.

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NB: Our correspondent is a Crediton resident. Bess Tiarie is a pseudonym

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For anyone finding the stairs tricky, or simply planning ahead, a through floor lift can be a practical way to stay safe and comfortable without moving away from the community you know. We're based here in Crediton, so if you'd like some friendly advice, we're always happy to book in a survey and see what might work for you in your home.

See Dolphin Stairlifts' advertisement elsewhere in this issue

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TOWN COUNCIL CHAIR/MAYOR ELECTED

At the Town Council's mysteriously named Annual Meeting - they have lots of meetings a year! - on 5th May, the annual election of Chair/Mayor was made, with Steve Huxtable elected unopposed for a 2nd year. There is an expectation that the Chair will serve for a maximum of 2 years at a stretch to enable fresh faces to occupy the role more often.

Three councillors had put themselves forward for Deputy Chair: Liz Brookes-Hocking (Independent), Rachel Backhouse (Independent) and Guy Cochran (Lib Dem). The other five Liberal Democrat members were all absent, and Cochran withdrew his nomination. With just 7 councillors present, Brookes-Hocking was elected Deputy Chair/Mayor on the deciding vote of the newly re-elected Cllr Huxtable.



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Disused phone box proposals

The town council purchased (for £1) the now-decommissioned red phone box at St Lawrence Green some time ago.

Two interesting suggestions have surfaced for its future use – either as a ‘camera obscura’ (whereby an external image is projected via a pin-hole in a blacked-out interior on to a screen), or as a Lost Glove Repository (or LGR) - the idea being that people would be able to deposit a glove here that had been found, dropped anywhere in the town, enabling its owner to look for it here and hopefully reunite it with its pair.

It has been pointed out that there could be confusion over the letters LGR. The three letters have been on the minds of local politicians anxious to win new seats following Local Government Reorganisation.

The council is hoping for a volunteer to take on the phone box’s maintenance. It needs repainting among other things.





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CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL - REPORTS

Town Council reluctant to clean tables, even before Food Festival!

At the very end of the 14th April's Full Council meeting was an innocuous-sounding Agenda item: *Town Square Bench Cleaning*. The proposal put forward by independent councillor Rachel Backhouse was for the town council to set up a cleaning schedule for the tables/benches on the Town Square, at least during the summer months.

You'd imagine this would be a straightforward Yes. However, even when reminded of the upcoming council-run Crediton Food Festival when the tables would be in strong demand for *al fresco* dining, most councillors were loath to take responsibility for this basic hospitality requirement.



Tables & benches on the Town Square: some are so soiled that visitors have been carving noughts & crosses through the grimey surface!

The much-used tables and seating are owned by the town council. They were the sensible idea of the late Rod Brookes-Hocking and were installed on The Square during the Covid lock-down. But since then the town council has ignored calls to keep them clean and hygienic, despite the potential health hazards from a cocktail of deposits including bird droppings, beer spills and cigarette ash, grease, mayonnaise, ketchup - and the occasional vomiting episode.

In the discussion that followed Cllr Guy Cochran (Lib Dem group leader) sought to pin the responsibility, at least partly, on the nearby pub. The former police officer (as he sometimes reminds fellow members) suspected that, if indeed the tables were contaminated with traces

of ketchup, this might have come from the Three Little Pigs. He suggested approaching the new owners to clean the tables. Cllr Backhouse wondered whether this wasn't just a stalling tactic, but Cllr Steve Huxtable, Chair, proposed that the Town Centre & Events Officer should be tasked with raising the matter with the pub, and a majority agreed. It was also finally agreed that quotations should be sought from would-be contractors – in case the pub declined to co-operate. (But couldn't one of the council's own paid staff members take a bucket of soapy water and a brush out on to The Square once in a while?)

Most curious of all was a comment by Cllr Cairney (Lib Dem town, district and county councillor). The former proprietor of Cairney's Bistro, and a chef himself, cautioned against the town council washing its own tables. By setting up a cleaning schedule, he said, the council might be seen to be assuming responsibility. Should there be a future health-related complaint by a member of the public, the town council might be held liable, Cairney explained.

At the time of writing, two of the twelve tables were missing, damaged and moved to the council's store awaiting repair. Independent member Giles Fawssett urged the council to keep on top of their maintenance and repair.

Residents' tensions exposed over yellow-line proposals

The pressure on the town council's meeting time was illustrated at the same Full Council meeting. Nearly an hour was taken up by a single issue raised at Public Questions (15 minutes is normally allowed) when 17 local residents, variously from Westwood Cottages, Westernlea, Tuckers Meadow and Salmonhutch Lane, took turns to say why they supported or opposed a Devon County Highways proposal to apply double-yellow lines to a short stretch of kerb, where at the moment up to three cars can park.

There were simmering tensions as demands for nearby parking amenity were pitted against concerns to improve visibility at junctions, to enable local drivers to safely join the Yeoford-Crediton road, a busy thoroughfare with cars, delivery vans and haulage vehicles, and where vehicles were often going too fast coming down the hills on either side. The short strip of free parking, some residents explained, meant that drivers coming from Salmonhutch or Westernlea find themselves having to join the highway on the wrong side of the road, with the obvious potential, they said, of a serious collision.

Chairing the meeting Cllr Huxtable, notably patient and calm, thanked the visitors for sharing their concerns and also gave town councillors the opportunity to make some comments. The erection of large signs urging caution and speed reduction seemed to find general favour.



*Westwood Cottages and car-parking spaces opposite.
These are causing visibility issues and are hazardous
for cars emerging from nearby roads, say some drivers*

Extending double yellow lines in residential areas, it was mentioned, is not at all popular with residents who don't have their own off-street parking – a position which many others around the town might agree with. More double yellow lines mean that commuters returning home are displaced to parking spaces even further from home - and it is ever more difficult to find a space, so a further proposal - to extend double yellow lines over the top of Westwood hill - would make matters even worse, albeit the aim of Highways was to retain visibility at the brow of the hill and to ensure a viable safe passage for buses and emergency vehicles.

CLlr Jim Cairney, town councillor and also Chair of Devon County's Highways committee - had the final word. It was a matter of safety above all, he stated solemnly, and this exceptional case would be subject to the most senior Highways officers' recommendations.

The issue highlights in microcosm the ever-growing problem to which Cridton is exposed - that of too many motor vehicles, whether moving or stationary, for its roads and residential streets to accommodate - and the latent frictions that can be generated between individuals, and between residential community and the responsible local authority.

A comprehensive solution to traffic and parking problems in Cridton seems stubbornly out of reach, although there has been some talk about promoting an App that links car-owners looking for off-road parking with local residents with space to provide it – for a fee.

Have town councillors taken on too much?

Lately the Town Council (or at least some of its members) has seemingly grown tired of being asked questions by members of the public or, more accurately, certain sorts of questions. In particular, questions raised by a few persistent council tax-payers who have attended meetings regularly.

Our poor elected members have a point. Not only are Public Questions time-consuming, but these members of the public have taken to complaining repeatedly. They have been pointing out minor procedural failings, they have protested at the time taken to carry out simple tasks or to answer questions. They have queried proposed spending decisions on major projects and objected to the growing burden of council tax.

If you are one of our elected councillors it can't be nice to listen to criticisms of either policy or procedure, nor is it comfortable to have it pointed out that things haven't been done around the town. Yet, at every meeting, members sit and listen patiently as these querulous individuals make their points. That said, local residents have a right to ask questions of the council that spends their council tax money, and some are annoyed and frustrated at the apparently poor rate of service delivery.

Really, the issue is that the town council has developed aspirations that it cannot fulfil

What is the answer - or rather, first, what is the problem? Really, the issue is that the town council has developed aspirations that it cannot fulfil. Instead of focusing on the micro-local environment – the supposed role of a parish council? - Crediton Town Council has been spurred on by certain of its members to take on a growing list of projects far bigger and complex, time-consuming and expensive than it has the capacity, time, and energy to deliver.

A parish or town council is legally entitled to raise all the financial resources it wishes from its local council tax-payers. How tempting then it must be, by a mere show of hands, to vote to increase the budget – to employ more admin staff, to redevelop a building, run a youth service, adopt a toilet block, or commission a splash-park for the children's play area. However, there is little thought given to the planning and design, the execution and future maintenance of these aspirational projects.

There is no person with the authority to get things done other than on a simple small scale

In fact they are all but impossible to achieve, given that the town council has no lead person with executive and decision-making powers, let alone the substantial funds to deploy, and no workforce to carry out practical work. Meanwhile councillors themselves are volunteers and carry no individual responsibility for their decisions, and the town clerk is an administrative



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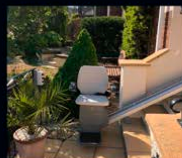
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role whose central duty is to run meetings and record decisions made. There is no person with the authority to get things done other than on a simple small scale, organising a community event here, repairing a notice-board there, and so on.

Unfortunately our Town Council has become crippled by a massive agenda which its already long and tiring meetings are unable to address. Small things that need to be done around the town are neglected as they seem too trivial to prioritise, while larger projects are beyond the efforts of twelve elected representatives to reach a consensus about.

One option taken by the town council is to stave off the responsibility of decision-making by commissioning another consultants' report, or organising a residents' survey. Even this is not without its time-consuming requirements: a 'task & finish' group was recently created to devise questions to ask of Crediton households regarding water-play facilities in Newcombes Meadow. It was painful to watch councillors realise that this would mean yet another series of meetings just to come up with the text.

And the answer? Basically, leadership – and a significant change in direction

The situation is not an acceptable one: the tasks now facing councillors are much too big, and progress on things both big and small, is - as one member admitted in frustration over progress with Old Landscore School - 'glacial'. And the answer? Basically, leadership – and a significant change in direction.

We might look for leadership in three possible places. First is the role of the Chair (simultaneously Mayor, and thus town figurehead). Although not vested with any formal authority, the town council's Chair may, by force of personality and reason, persuade his and her fellow members that the ambitious path they have jointly embarked upon has been a mistake: the council would be sensible to revert to carrying out only what it has the capacity to do, and dispense with the rest. (In doing so they will also be saving Crediton's residential population hundreds of thousands of pounds a year.)

Secondly, leadership could be exerted by the single party grouping on the council. The 12-strong town body is currently made up of 6 independent councillors and 6 members of a single party (Liberal Democrat). Although not in a majority the party can take a group position and effectively dictate policy to the rest of the council. That this group, having been elected on a party ticket, declines to do so is an odd dereliction of its own *raison d'être*: why be a political party if you are not willing to take an agreed position?!

Thirdly, the town clerk is in a strong position to advise on measures to be taken to reduce councillors' workload. To date, the administrative response has been to request the council to approve extra paid hours, or to fund more members of staff. This has merely condoned and contributed to an upward spiral of projects and their consequent administration. For councillors, it all just means more and more, and longer and longer meetings.



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FOCUS ON COMMUNITY GROUPS

CODS - a peep behind the scenes

As a relative newcomer to Crediton, I have been impressed by the range of musicals and plays, concerts and films that are on offer in our local area. Amazing, considering that we have no cinema, concert hall or theatre to host them! But Crediton doesn't let the lack of infrastructure get in the way and it manages to culturally punch above its weight.

One of the most established groups is Crediton Operatic & Dramatic Society - always known as CODS. The brainchild of George and Dorothy Sheppard, it began life in 1964, originally as the Crediton Operatic Society, and formed with *"the primary intention of performing Gilbert & Sullivan or similar light operatic works"*. In 1965 they put on their first performance of *HMS Pinafore* at the Shelley School at Barnfield (now QE Lower School).



Image courtesy Mike Canning/CODS

CODS' junior choir in full voice with Jaimie Page-Smith in the lead role for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

Following its success, they went on to perform G&S operas *The Gondoliers*, *Trial by Jury* and *The Mikado*. However, not wishing to limit themselves to musical productions, by then an annual event, the society in 1972 expanded its name to Crediton Operatic & Dramatic Society. That year they performed *The Chalk Garden*, a play by Enid Bagnold. From one show a year, CODS was now performing two or three.

If that wasn't enough, in 1977 CODS started to serve up a 2-course meal to accompany musical evenings to make a complete night out. The first of these soirées was a Viennese Evening, with choral selections that included *Die Fledermaus* by Johan Strauss II. (For nostalgic purposes a bottle of wine to enjoy with the meal cost around £1.70 a bottle! and the evening ended with old-time dancing to a live band.)

CODS has performed several productions every year since 1965, even in the lockdown year of 2020, when they took part in Christmas in the Square.

To help celebrate last year's 60th anniversary, it launched the CODS Youth Theatre Academy, aimed at young people up to the age of 17. The group meets at The Old Town Hall, Crediton, on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm.

CODS biggest production of the year is the all-singing, all-dancing musical, which is performed at QE's Barnfield site in the Easter school holidays. Taking several months of preparation, it begins life the previous autumn, with rehearsals in October and auditions in early December. Recent productions have included *Beauty & The Beast*, and their recent *Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat*. These are lavish productions and always well received, with sell-out audiences at nearly every performance.

With elaborate staging and costumes, each musical costs over £20K to put on, including the costs of musicians, lighting, sound, costumes and venue hire, but CODS' former chairman Mike Canning is keen to recognise all the (unpaid) volunteers who help and support backstage - from costume design and set building to selling refreshments, raffle tickets, ice creams and programmes. Indeed, I may have checked your ticket as you arrive at a show, as I joined CODS to help with front-of-house.

So, whether you are an actor, singer or dancer, or prefer to help behind the scenes, there are many ways to get involved. Or you may just enjoy coming along and watching Crediton's local talent. You may recognise some of the performers underneath their theatrical make-up!

Contact: cods1964@outlook.com or follow CODS on Facebook for the latest news and booking information

Judith Casey

Forthcoming CODS shows:

UK No 1 Top of the Pops choral evening, by CODS - to include 2-course meal: 18th & 19th September at the Boniface Centre

Matilda the Musical JR, by CODS Youth Theatre Academy: 29th-31st October at QE Upper School

Rock of Ages, 5th-10th April 2027, at QE Lower School

REVIEW

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

CODS at QE Lower School, 14-18th April Judith Casey reports

CODS' spring show 'Joseph' was a wonderful, colourful mix of youth and experience. With over 60 years' experience of putting on musical productions, CODS has got it down to a fine art. With newcomer Jaimie Page-Smith, 16, playing the title role with such voice and presence the group continues to attract new young talent.

The show was performed in the round, and told entirely by song and dance, including the narration, making it joyous from start to finish. With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, the show tells the story (from The Bible's first chapter) of the changing fortunes of Jacob's favourite son, Joseph.

Familiar songs, such as *Any Dream Will Do* and *Close Every Door*, stay with you long afterwards. "This much-loved musical celebrates imagination, resilience and the courage to dream big – themes that resonate strongly within community theatre," says Lyndsey Betts, Acting Chair of CODS.

The show was chosen by Mike Canning, co-inciding with his 50 years' performing with CODS. It was directed by Holly Harris, who herself was in the junior choir of the professional UK touring production in the 1990s, so knows the score inside out. Assistant Director Lyndsey Betts, musical director Simon Carter, and choreographer Daisy Down completed the team.

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No baguettes are left
in this vehicle overnight

The funny side of Tesco lorries (KQ gives marks out of 10)

Those who tread the pavements of the High Street may wonder at the curious, even surreal phrases and punning witticisms on the sides of Tesco's delivery lorries.

Playing with familiar sayings, popular car-stickers and so on, the corporate heavy-weight no doubt aims to inject a light-hearted tone into the logistics end of its retail operation. But these humorous touches perhaps need decoding for the sake of young people, or non-English speakers, or in fact anyone who can't really see what point they're making.

For instance **My other truck is a trolley** alludes to the jokey notices seen on the rear window of modest hatchbacks, saying 'My other car is a Porsche' (Porsches being cool, posh and expensive). Both trolleys and trucks have wheels, which is where the comparison holds up. You wouldn't have a clue what it was talking about if you weren't *au fait* with the car stickers. **5/10**

Baby carrots on board is a homage to another common car sticker ('Baby on board') displayed by families transporting new-born infants). Baby carrots are a product line in Tesco supermarkets, from the frozen veg section. It's quite a sweet take on the original phrase, and pleasingly concise. **6/10**

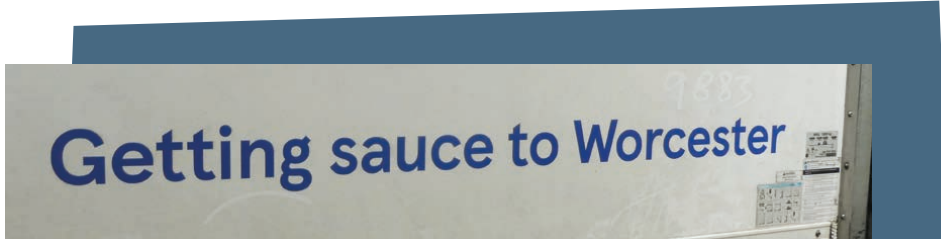
How about Picking up some piccalilli?

If you have a GCSE (or O Level, for older folk) in English Language you'll have no trouble identifying this one as an example of alliteration (using the repeated sounds of letters for effect), alluding also to the tongue-twister 'Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper'. Piccalilli is a cauliflower-based relish or condiment, flavoured with mustard and turmeric, adapted in colonial times from an Indian pickle. Does anyone actually eat it? **3/10**

King Edward of the road combines the title of the song *King of the Road* (a no. 1 UK hit in 1965) with the King Edward potato variety. The song was written and recorded by singer Roger Miller, the lyrics telling of the day-to-day life of a traveling hobo. This effort will be lost on people who don't know much about potatoes, or easy-listening country music. **3/10**

No baguettes are left in this vehicle overnight is the most surreal of all, if you don't recognise the reference to notices on tradesperson's vans windows saying 'No tools are left in this vehicle overnight' (discouraging thieves from breaking in). But why baguettes? Are they intrinsically humorous items, or just funny for being French? **7/10**

They could have done better, surely, than the puzzling **Getting soles to Newcastle**. Some people will remember that the Newcastle area was once synonymous with coal production (thus it's a pun on soles/coals), hence the once-familiar 'Like taking coals to Newcastle.' The phrase is still used to indicate an activity that is pointless because there is plenty of it there already. However, Tesco's substitution of 'soles' for 'coals' is very weak. Buying a sole from Tesco (unless they're talking about soles as in shoes?) would be an unusual and expensive fish purchase. How about 'coleslaw' instead, or even the (mildly dyslexic) 'cola'? **3/10**



Getting sauce to Worcester



Picking up some piccalilli



Salmon en route



My other truck is a trolley



King Edward of the road

Salmon en rôûte makes a funny pun on 'route/croûte' - especially with the redundant circumflex above the 'u' - which is pleasingly absurd [*as is this whole article – type-setter*]. Salmon en croûte is a pretty upmarket dining experience (although versions of it appear both in Tesco's ordinary and Finest ranges). En croûte literally means 'in a crust' (ie: pastry). The purpose of the circumflex (in French) is to indicate the omission of an 's' after the letter). Tesco's product is described on its website as a portion of salmon in 'a butter enriched puff pastry with a silky mature Cheddar sauce.' Yum! **5/10**

Getting sauce to Worcester is easy enough to comprehend. Worcester is a town and there's a condiment called Worcestershire Sauce. Tesco moves food products around. That's it. **2/10**

Our final example (though there are more out there) is **Making Cheddar grate again**. This is perhaps the cleverest one, though its reference to contemporary US politics might grate on some people. [*Ha, ha – typesetter*]. Cheddar is a common dairy product, so most people should spot the spelling of 'grate' as a pun on the US President's slogan Make America Great Again. Still, it could be lost on people with poor spelling. **6/10**

Perhaps KQ readers can suggest a few more – which we will happily send on to Tesco head office for consideration.

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Digby, Irish Water Spaniel, 10 years old

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KQ wot did it?!

Word on the Street (KQ8) highlighted the plight of pigeons caught under netting at the top of this building on the corner of High Street and Market Street. The netting was removed in early May – along with dead pigeons and a Buddleia shrub sprouting from the cornice.



KIRTON QUARTERLY NOTES

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Pigs sold to Punch



The pub is having a month-long renovation from early May.

Once known as the Market House Inn, The Three Little Pigs was sold recently to Punch Pubs & Co. for somewhere over £1 million. Punch, based in Burton-on-Trent, is a chain with around 1300 pubs nationwide. The Three Little Pigs' current annual turnover is around £600K on drink sales, and nearly half again on food.

Once known as The Old Market Inn, its modern identity was forged 30 years ago by legendary night-club owner Maurice Wonnacott, who passed away a few years ago, the pub since being run by his widow Sandy. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Many patrons, new and old, turned out for a raucous farewell on Sat 2nd May, spilling out over Market Square to commemorate the last weekend before the pub changed hands.

Massive Libraries survey response

Around 25,000 people responded to Devon County Council's survey re keeping libraries

open and staffed and seeing how visitors use them. While local libraries, such as Crediton's, are highly valued and serve very many functions these days, DCC is now pondering how to balance opening hours and staffing costs, against a background of reduced budgets due to other priorities. The conclusions of the survey have not yet been published.

Makita, macchiato or mohican?



Eakers has a bold new presence on Marsh Lane following substantial renovation over several months. The site has had a major makeover, the builders' and hardware supplies store transformed. It's now open 7 days a week.

Additions include a café with access by lift if desired and an outside roof-top area (see top right of picture above), and is now home to R&G barber shop.

Our local tradespeople will now be well-fed and beautifully turned out, and all are welcome to browse tools, paints and branded apparel while awaiting their cappuccino and raspberry muffin.

Delicatessen to 'wind down'

Pate and local cheese connoisseurs will be sad to hear that the Kitchen @ 25 (once Treloars deli) plans to close gradually.

Proprietor Emma writes on Facebook: *"After six brilliant years, I've made the decision to start slowly winding things down over the next few weeks".* Among other factors she mentions: *"We've seen how much things have changed - people are more mindful with spending, and the convenience and quality of supermarket options has had an impact too. That said, I truly believe there's a great opportunity here for someone new ..."*

Exhibition: Crediton in 21 objects

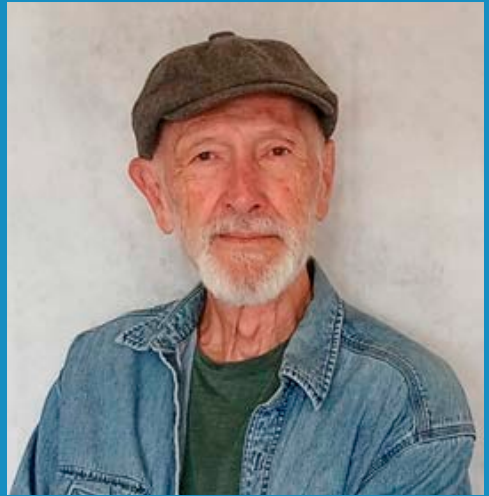


Leather boot, said to have been found inside a wall, possibly hidden to bring good luck

Crediton in 21 Objects, the Museum's 2026 exhibition, is a journey through the history of the town, in which we are reminded of Crediton's traditional boot-making industry (Elston and others), confectionery (Bristow's) and medicinal lozenges (Ernest Jackson). On show are violin scrolls and templates used by Arthur Richardson, a pioneering viola maker when not working as craftsman with builders Dart & Francis.

An enlarged map from 1743 is displayed, of houses along the High Street just before the major fire, as are later plans for highway improvements. There is a case of keepsakes surviving from a local lad serving in France during the 1st World War. By contrast are Roman and even older artifacts discovered by chance or during excavation works at Pedlarspool, the site of the Libbets Well development.

Tony Gale 1951 – 2026



This year's exhibition at Crediton Museum was researched by historian and Chairman of the Crediton Area History & Museum Society Tony Gale, who sadly died in April.

Cheryl Lewis, a close colleague of Tony in CAHMS, writes: *"Tony worked tirelessly for CAHMS in recent years. He also ran the u3a History group. History was his passion and he loved sharing his knowledge. He will be remembered by many for his talks, history walks around the Crediton area, books and exhibitions. He will be greatly missed by many."*

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Cover picture: Path running down from Wellparks Hill, which comes out on the A377/ Exeter Road just east of the Wellparks roundabout. (Photo taken in Summer 2025)

Tree broke on St Lawrence Green



The metal seating is now more popular with those wishing to bask in sunlight

An elderly chestnut tree broke in two without warning in early April. Contractors were on hand within hours to make the site safe and later its branches were put through a chipper before being removed. The remaining stump may be levelled off.

Volunteers play greater role in urban conservation and horticulture

Nearby residents continue to look after the flower beds and paths on St Lawrence Green, in partnership with Mid Devon District Council (who mow the grass and remove debris).

The Lawrence Group is looking forward to the annual visit of the Royal Horticultural Society judges who have praised the area as 'thriving'. Their certificates are endorsed by the RHS President, Keith Weed.



Post Box corner flourishing under the care of volunteers

Opposite Old Landsore School, two residents, supported by sustainable Crediton's Pollinator Project, have been awarded 'Outstanding' for their custodianship of a small triangle of unadopted land which is now full of floral interest.

Up at Peoples Park, owned by the town council, areas of grass are being allowed to grow longer, new oak trees have been planted, the wildlife garden is being maintained, the use of weed-killers discouraged, and a notice-board installed, promoting climate change awareness - and the proposed cycling route into Exeter.



Noticeboard installed at Peoples Park

Credit is due to Cllr Giles Fawssett, independent town councillor who is a self-declared 'environmentalist'.

More volunteers are sought to help out with the wildlife garden area.

Park Run coming to Crediton?

Discussions are progressing over setting up a weekly Park Run event in Crediton, based around the fields and footpaths the top of Barnfield. The national scheme, typically run weekly on a Saturday morning, often involves participants at any level of fitness, covering a modest 5km circuit.

Welcomed by town councillors at a recent meeting where Sandford-based Julie Box explained the proposal - there were concerns raised about many car-drivers coming from far afield.

What about The Park House theatre?

The Crediton Heart Project last year launched a proposal to create a 300-seat performance centre on the site of the Union Road toilet block overlooking Newcombes Meadow.

Kate Lock of the Crediton Heart Project, which supports the creative arts by running festivals and events, and aims to develop a larger arts venue, says: *A draft plan was drawn up and over 600 people shared their views. Lots of people said they looked forward to coming to theatre, dance, film and more.*

Over 50% said that, when open, they would join the team and volunteer. Lots of people raised the sticky issue of parking, very understandably. Others worried about the impact on other venues in the town.

The plan did not include provision for visitor parking, as its proponents felt that audiences should be encouraged to walk or use public transport. Concerns have since been raised as to whether the War Memorial would need to be relocated, and re the fate of a number of mature trees.

Reading between the lines, it looks as if The Park House project may be quietly

abandoned in favour of a new site of interest. Heart Project representatives and others have been meeting with the Ted Wragg Trust (which runs QE Academy) over the future of College House, the oldest part of QE school.

Its Grade II-listed buildings overlooking Western Road are closed and need major repairs, due to start soon. Kate Lock says: *The school is keen to work with the community and the Heart Project to make College House a space everyone can use for arts and community activities*

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CREDITON TOWN COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

For venue see meeting Agenda posted on W: crediton.gov.uk/

NB: the town council has voted to revert to 1 Full Council every 2 months, with responsibilities including for finance and planning delegated to monthly Community and Oversight committees. There are also HR (Human Resources) and Youth committees.
No meetings in August.

Tues 26 May, 6.30pm
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,
Statutory meeting of local parish community
Town Square

Tues 7 July, 7pm
Informal discussions, then
FULL COUNCIL
Meeting

CIVIC & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fri 29 May, 6.30pm
(also on Fri 26 June & Fri 31 July)

TOWN BAND CONCERT
Town Square

Sat 6 June, 11-4pm
BIG BONIFACE BASH Annual community event (CTC)
Newcombes Meadow

Mon 8 June, 7pm
(and 2nd Mon of month)
CLIMATE ACTION TEAM (Sus Cred)
Crediton Inn

Sat 13 June, 11-4pm
FAMILY FUN DAY (CCC) Free barbecue, games & activities

Sat 11 July, 11-4pm
CREDITON FOOD FESTIVAL (CTC)
Stalls, demonstrations
Town Square

Sun 14 June, 3-5pm
HIGH STREET WEED 'N' SWEEP. Annual clean-up by residents & others (Kirton Quarterly/Independents for Crediton. Outside 98, High Street (Crediton Congregational Church)

Sat 11 July, 10.30-3pm
MAKERS MARKET
Local artists and crafts
Boniface Centre

1st & 3rd Saturdays
FARMERS MARKET
9.30 -1pm
Town Square

2nd Sat of month 10-12
[CUT!]
community weeding & path tidying: contact town council to join in

4th Sat of month, 10-12
REPAIR CAFE
(Sus Cred) Elephant

**PERFORMANCES/
EXHIBITIONS/TALKS/
WORKSHOPS**
Wed-Fri 10-4pm, Sat 11-2pm, until October
CREDITON IN 21 OBJECTS (CAHMS)
Old Town Hall

Sun 17 May, 3pm
Concert: **KAMMERPHIL-HARMONIE EUROPA** (SBCS)
Parish Church

Fri 22-Tues 26 May, 10-4pm
SUMMER ARTS EXHIBITION
12 local artists
Arts Centre

Wed 10 June
Film: **NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING** re climate and nature crisis (Sus Cred)
7pm at Crediton Methodist Church

Thurs 11 June, 7.30pm
Recital: **GERARD FLOTATS (CELLO), JULIAN CHAN (PIANO)** (SBCS)
Parish Church

Sun 14 June, 3pm
Recital: **PHILIP LANCASTER (BARITONE), ALEX WILSON (PIANO)** Parish Church

17 June, 10am
Talk: **A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME** (u3a)
Boniface Centre

Sat 20 June, 7.30pm
Play: **THE TEMPEST** (Arts Centre)
Parish Church (+ touring to local venues
19 June-5 July)

Sun 21 June, 3pm
Recital: **DELPHINE TRIO** (SBCS)
Parish Church

Thurs 2 July, 7.30pm
ROB BURTON (SAXOPHONE), MARK ROGERS (PIANO) (SBCS)
Parish Church

Sat 18 July, 3pm
CREDITON SINGERS
Venue tbc

15 July, 10am
Talk: **GRACE DARLING & THE ART OF SAVING LIVES AT SEA** (u3a) Boniface Centre

Wed 22-Thurs 30 July
SUMMER ARTS YOUTH FRINGE (Heart Project)
Art workshops. Battle of the Bands, animated film Rio, etc
Various venues

Sun 26 July, 3pm
Recital: **EWAN MILLAR (OBOE), TOMOS BOYLES (PIANO)** (SBCS)
Parish Church

19 Aug, 10am
Talk: **BIRD MIGRATION,
HOW THEY DO IT AND WHAT
WE DON'T KNOW** (u3a)
Boniface Centre

Fri 28 Aug, 7.30pm; Sat 29,
4pm & 7.30pm
Youth theatre: **MELTDOWN IN
MALIBU** (CYT)
Arts Centre

REGULAR ENTERTAINMENT
1st Thurs, 6.30pm
JAZZ ON THE GREEN
(jazz/Sri Lankan buffet: £27
advance booking only) Arts
Centre [B]

3rd Thurs, 7.30pm
MOON JAZZ CLUB
(venue unknown following
Punch acquisition of 3 Little
Pigs)

1st & 3rd Fri, 7pm for 7.30pm
CURIOUS CINEMA CLUB
Elephant

2nd Fri of month, 7pm
MUSIC NIGHT
(Night Train) Roster of local
musicians, bar
Elephant

**REGULAR SOCIAL EVENTS/
ACTIVITIES**
Tues 10-11.30am
TUESDAY DROP-IN
(coffee social) Boniface Ctre

Wed 10am-12
CAUSEWAY
(esp learning difficulties, with
carers etc) CCC

Thurs 10-11.30am
COFFEE & COMPANY
(esp older residents) CCC

4th Fri, 6.30pm
BSL SOCIAL
(deaf/hard of hearing)
Elephant

Sat, 10am
TOGETHER 4 COFFEE
Methodist Church

SPORTS FIXTURES
Crediton Rugby Club,
creditonrhc.rfu.club
Exhibition Road

Crediton United AFC
(football)
fulltime.thefa.com/
Lords Meadow

CHURCH SERVICES
Holy Cross Parish Church
Sun 9.30am +
Choral Evensong 1st Sun, 6pm

Congregational Church (CCC)
Sun, 10.30am

Methodist Church Sun,
10.30am

Rediscover Church
Wed, 7.30pm at Elephant

St Boniface R.C. Church Sun,
9.30am

OUT OF TOWN
Sat 23 May 10am-12pm
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Newton St Cyres (Sus Cred) [B]

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published Thurs weekly.

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events as well as those with
admission charge.

Abbreviations
BSL = British Sign Language;
CAHMS = Crediton Area
History & Museum Society;
CCC = Crediton Congregational
Church; Heart Project =
Crediton Heart Project; CODS
= Crediton Operatic & Drama
Society; CTC = Crediton Town
Council; CUFC = Crediton
United Football Club; [CUT!]
= Crediton Urban Taskforce;
CYT = Crediton Youth Theatre;
Elephant = Elephant on the
Green; IfC = Independents for
Crediton; SBCS = St Boniface
Concert Society; Sus Cred =
Sustainable Crediton; u3a =
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Kettles, radios & white goods

In the last issue, under retail news, you mentioned Adams staying open and Lewis's closing. Yes, we will now need to go further afield for our white goods. Unless, of course ReFurnish have what we need. They now sell a variety of white goods. We do not need to go further afield for a kettle or a radio as Adams sell both of these items. Some years ago I bought a kettle from them and only a few months ago, a radio.

I hope that customers will look locally first - as I do- before going elsewhere.

Caroline Bradley

Baptist Chapel Court rats plague neighbouring property



After months of pleas to the town council and Mid Devon housing officers, residents are suffering from rat infestations due to neglected rubbish collection. The council has not provided enough bins for the tenants of the housing block and fail to recognise the need for the rubbish to be collected from behind the property - a service which is meant to be available on request.

Even after council service collections the courtyard remains in a state of disrepair, a perfect haven for vermin - which cannot be a healthy environment to live in. Although requests have been made to the council to install enough bins and that the courtyard be

cleaned up, nothing has been done. As the weather warms up, rubbish is left to fester in black bags for weeks at a time, which has encouraged rats. The rats are now infesting the surrounding properties. Two members of the town council have responded to correspondence regarding the matter of rat infestation and rubbish collection, as has the housing officer, but no action has been taken.

Name & address supplied

Words in Crediton

Whilst waiting for a train at Crediton Station I passed the time by seeing how many words I could get from the word CREDITON. I thought I was being clever to find at least 12 before the train arrived but then I looked into it further. Would you believe there are (according to Google) an astonishing 320 words including two eight-letter words, centroid and doctrine.

Name & address supplied

Crediton Town Band Summer Engagements

Sun 24th May, 2.30pm:

Crediton Christians Together service and picnic, Newcombes Meadow

Fri 29th May, 6.30pm:

Open air concert, Town Square

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