

Crockernwell, Drewsteignton, Sandy Park, Venton, Whiddon Down.



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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman Cllr Chris Gosnay, apologises for the alteration of the date of the Annual Parish Meeting which will now take place at Drewsteignton on **Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm**, this was due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Council welcomed feedback from residents of Barn Close & Chapel Hill at Whiddon Down regarding the use of this road by vehicles contravening the Traffic Order and are waiting for communication from the Police. We would love to hear from others affected by this matter.

Devon County Councillor James McInnes has informed the Council he will update us at the APM on the Travellers Site.

We were surprised to hear from the Road Safety Officer at Devon County Council Michael Newcombe, that the matter of the children's safety getting off the late school bus at Whiddon Down was "not part of their remit" as the bus was arranged by the school directly with the bus operator. We have asked for clarification as clearly the safety of our children is a matter for ALL of us, Devon County included.

We considered planning 0160/13 for three banners on the drive to Castle Drogo and after a vote it was resolved we would submit a neutral view. A further matter 0161/13 regarding a statue on the river Teign was sent back to the Dartmoor National Park as it was on the southern side and therefore in the parish of Moretonhampstead.

On the subject of parishes and their borders, it appears questionnaires have been delivered to addresses in Crockernwell from the Cheriton Bishop Parish Plan committee wrongly entitled. Crockernwell is part of the Parish of Drewsteignton and our Parish Plan was published in 2009. It is available on the Parish website or from the

Clerk. Those who have had this correspondence are advised they are under no obligation to return it.

It is noted that work is continuing in the Parish to repair various potholes and we have been informed of three proposed road closures between May and August. They will be:- the road between Ford House Drewsteignton & the A30 underpass at Harepath, the road between Greystone Cross Crockernwell & Burrow Cross and finally the road between Sandy Park & Trenaway Cross Drewsteignton.

The closures should be for no longer than 3 days each and signs giving the exact dates will be posted 7 days before the closures come into force (that's what Devon CC have told us!!)

The honesty boxes in the Car Park & Toilets at Drewsteignton continue to be successful, but any contribution is entirely on a voluntary basis and NOT compulsory as has been alleged, the expense involved in enforcing a car parking charge would be prohibitive.

We are still waiting a response from West Devon Borough Council regarding fly tipping and the tipping of road waste on the verges.

In line with the Dartmoor National Park planning meetings, the Parish Council have adopted the DNP policy of setting a time limit of 3 minutes for members of the public to address the Council on a planning matter.

An additional site visit and public planning meeting was held at Wallon Drewsteignton on 29th April where we resolved to support applications 0194/13 and 0212/13 concerning the building of a general purpose agricultural building and a live-stock building,

Our next Council meeting will be on Monday 20th May 2013 7.30pm at Whiddon Down.

Drewsteignton Playing Field Annual General Meeting
7.30pm, Tuesday 21st May Downstairs Room, Drewsteignton Village Hall

My Toughest Game Yet

From time to time I write about my girls football team, and this month I felt I had to, as our last game against Moor's was probably the hardest match I've ever played while being in the West Exe girls side. It was a top of the league clash and we were in second place with the leaders, Moors, just 3 points ahead of us. A lot of our games had been cancelled due to all the bad weather over the winter, so we had played a match the day before and won 20-0! We needed to win this match to be in with a shot of topping the league, and our previous result had brought our goal difference up by a lot, so if we won this match then we would go top of the league on goal difference! However we still had to beat them to do that and it was not going to be easy as they have been not lost a match all season.

It was a home match so we had a lot of support on the touch line, and when the Moors team got there we were all surprised at how tall they were, some of them looked a lot older than under 12s. As it was a home game, we had to supply the referee but due to it being a week day match we couldn't get one. This meant our manager had to referee the game, which was a disadvantage to us as he's not allowed to coach his team when refereeing. One of our players was un-well, and actually sick before the match but she insisted on playing due to the fact that we had no substitutes, and Moors had brought three.



The match started and after about ten minutes, Charlie our leading goal scorer added to her total by slipping one past the keeper. The Moors team were well built and used that to get the ball off us, we may have been smaller but we were feisty and shoulder barged our opponents a fair bit, however they seemed to like elbow barging quite a bit more which hurt. I think that most of my team were knocked to the floor at least 5 times in that game, for me though I lost count.

They then equalized and the pressure was really on, if they won this game they would most likely win the league unless they lost one of their remaining matches against a team who haven't won a game yet. I've never seen so many drop balls in a single game. At one point I went for a header but so did the defender and we clashed heads and she somehow managed to scratch just beside my eye, I mean honestly who scratches in football? My head hurt for the rest of the game but it's much better now!

We scored again bringing the score to 2-1, yes! And it just got better as Charlie scored a third much to our supporters delight, but the match was not over yet. Charlie then had to go off the pitch for a bit so we struggled with just six players and they scored bringing the score to 3-2. She came back on again as we hung in there for the final minutes and we ended with a victory.

At the end of a match as Captain, I have to do three cheers for the opponents and I accidentally called them Dawlish instead of Moors, whoops! So we're top of the league now, but only on goal difference and guess who we're playing at their ground next week?

Tilly

Spring Into Volunteering!

All aboard the Dartmoor Railway

Roll up all railway and heritage buffs

Good at admin? Lend a hand at Community Lynx, Okehampton

Okehampton Community Transport needs community drivers.

Get behind the wheel and be a lifeline

Blaze a new trail with West Devon Marshalls

Join this brand new group and experience different large local events

For details of these and many more volunteering opportunities

Contact us:

Drop in at 13 East Street, Okehampton EX20 1AS Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am-2pm

Freephone 0330 660 0357 Email volunteering@westdevoncvcs.org.uk

Cubs

9 Cubs attended the St Georges Day Parade in Crediton and were very smart. Ben performed an excellent reading and Dora very proudly carried the flag. This term we are mostly outside and we have trips planned to visit Cheriton Bishop cubs, a hike and a campfire evening at Higher Fingle.

The group AGM is on the 13th May at 8pm in the Village hall. We have lots to discuss and we are looking for extra help to run the cubs now we have so many new members. From September Isabel has kindly agreed to take on the Akela role when Rona moves to Cornwall, but she needs some assistance. It's a fun and rewarding job and there is lots of support from Mid Devon District Scout Group. You don't need to be a parent and if you are looking to work with children it's a great experience to add to your CV. Please don't be shy phone or call in for details, it is very rewarding working with our local young people, they are a great bunch!

Akela 01647 281281



Bird Notes

We have had a real change over the last month, the temperature is up, the daylight hours are longer, grass now needs cutting weekly and trees, shrubs and plants everywhere are springing into life. Along with this seasonal change, the winter flocks of starlings, redwings and fieldfares have returned to their breeding grounds and, in return, we have our spring migrants back.

I saw my first swallows of the year in south Devon on the 9th April but not in the village until the 15th. I heard that housemartins were back in the village on the 15th but I only saw my first on the 23rd and I am still waiting for the return of the swifts. They normally reappear at the end of March/beginning of April with the 25th of March (in 2002) the earliest arrival date back in the village and the 5th of May (in 2008) the latest.

I was speaking to a friend who is very involved with migrant arrival and monitoring, and he said poor weather and northerly winds across France and Spain over the past month had not only delayed arrival dates of many species but that many migrants were in poor condition for the last leg of the journey. This is quite important as it involves crossing the English Channel. This factor has also caused a greater spread of arrival dates as birds have had to get back into condition before they make the last leg. This information has failed to stop me scanning the sky on the recent sunny evenings in expectancy of the sight of swifts back over the village, and I await the sound of their screaming parties as they chase each other over the rooftops, which I am hoping will be the case by the time this issue is out. Their return this year is all the more exciting as two adults from my nest boxes were fitted with tiny geolocators (a 6 gram backpack) last year and they will be trapped again (hopefully) and we will learn exactly where and when they have spent the last 8 months since they left Churchgate Cottages.

I love this stage of the year, blackthorn flowers and cherry blossom brightening up the hedgerows, trees just budding and putting on leaf and the emergence of all the wildflowers. The sound of the countryside changes too with the arrival of the warblers back and any brief walk out of the village will be heralded by the songs of these shy birds as they sing to attract a mate and advertise their territory. As much as I love the sound of all the spring birdsong, I always wish I could identify more specific birds by their calls and attempt to again try and learn a few more calls.

The peregrines at St. Michael's church in Exeter hatched all three of their eggs on the 28th of April and all between 2 and 7pm, and we captured it on film. I have been busy at the church during most early mornings over the weekends recording the peregrines via my laptop and the camera we now have into the nest box there, and are still awaiting broadband at the church so images can be viewed via the internet. From the hatching date, it is estimated that the young peregrines will be fledging (taking their first flights) around the week end of the 8/9 June. This is always an interesting time as we nearly always get one coming down to the ground before they are fully ready to fly and so they need capturing, checking over and returning to a safe height back on the church.

Nick Dixon

New Timetable for the 510 local bus route, full version available from Western Greyhound.

bus 510		Newquay/Truro > Wadebridge > Camelford > Launceston > Exeter																		
showing buses on the 594 which connect with the 510 at Wadebridge. Also shows connecting buses from Truro																				
showing buses on the 599 between Okehampton and Exeter which start from Bude																				
Monday to Saturday buses																				
Okehampton West St leaves	0655	0725	0845	0933	1033	1145	1233	1345	1545	1638	1745		Sunday buses	0903	1033	1145	1433	1545	1638	
Sticklepath Devonshire Inn	0704	0734	----	0942	----	1042	----	1242	----	1647	----			0912	1042	----	1442	----	1647	
Whiddon Down Post Inn	0711	0741	----	0949	----	1049	----	1249	----	1654	----			0919	1049	----	1449	----	1654	
Crockernwell	0718	0748	----	0956	----	1056	----	1256	----	1701	----			0926	1056	----	1456	----	1701	
Cheriton Bishop Cross	0721	0751	----	0959	----	1059	----	1259	----	1704	----			0929	1059	----	1459	----	1704	
Tedburn St Mary Garage	0727	0757	----	1005	----	1105	----	1305	----	1710	----			0935	1105	----	1505	----	1710	
Pathfinder Village	0730	0800	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1608	1713	1808			0938	1108	1208	1508	1608	1713	
Exeter St Davids Station	e	0815	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1625	1730	1825			0955	1125	1225	1525	1625	1730	
Exeter Bus Station	0748	0830	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1635	1740	1835			1005	1135	1235	1535	1635	1740	
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Exeter St Davids Station	0757	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1700	1730	1800	1900		1030	1230	1330	1630	1730	1800
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Tedburn St Mary Garage	0810	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1650	1720	1750	1820	1920		1050	1250	1350	1650	1750	1820
Cheriton Bishop Cross	0816	---	1056	---	1256	---	1456	---	1656	1726	---	1826	1926		1056	1256	---	1656	---	1826
Crockernwell	0819	---	1059	---	1259	---	1459	---	1659	1729	---	1829	1929		1059	1259	---	1659	---	1829
Whiddon Down Post Inn	0826	---	1106	---	1306	---	1506	---	1706	1736	---	1836	1936		1106	1306	---	1706	---	1836
Sticklepath Devonshire Inn	0833	---	1113	---	1313	---	1513	---	1713	1743	---	1843	1943		1113	1313	---	1713	---	1843
Okehampton West St arrives	0842	1010	1221	2101	3221	4101	5221	6101	7221	7521	8101	8521	9521		1122	1322	1410	1722	1810	1852

My Vision For Community

I have never understood people's apathy and a reluctance to believe that another way is possible. My vision of community, a collection of like minded people who are committed to living a happy, holistic, organic, sustainable and low carbon life style, they would be my neighbours. Loneliness will be eradicated and we will all have a sense of worth and belonging. I have deep feelings regarding this life style and it is a constantly on my mind looking for a way to drum up interest. Transition Movement are making waves and there are hundreds of initiatives around Britain and globally. I feel that they need a much bigger platform. Food security is a very real but unappreciated issue as the current monoculture and oil based food production cannot continue to feed us all. Using the permaculture model which is a system proven to work for people and planet. We will be using the many green spaces in our village to create our vegetable gardens and have a community composting scheme. Poly tunnels will be needed as we can't rely on seasons. Chickens will provide the eggs and meat for those who can kill and eat them! Nut and fruit trees will be planted and bee hives built. Food preserving and baking with our produce in the community erected store, a busy and joyful place, many hands making light work, catching up on the gossip too. A car share scheme would be set up in order to reduce petrol consumption and cut down the running costs of a car. We will all be working to live and not living to work. I am so tired and the more I work in a low paid drudgery job the more it disheartens me. So, I am scheming, trying to get off this tread mill. Localisation and using The Gift Economy will enable us to barter goods and be localised, no money required! Money has always been hard to acquire and is so counter productive and I have never had any, it won't be so difficult for me to live without it. Also, I have never liked being measured for what material wealth I have amassed. Natural buildings, low impact environmentally friendly homes will be built and even a community hall. This will be a special place for all, holding educational classes for all. Many established communities live in low impact dwellings. We will build an Earth Ship in our community, or perhaps a straw bail or hemp building. A library will be set up here too and also regular film nights. All skills will be shared and we will work together to educate the young and old people. Together we can adapt and use renewable energy, a community power station, i.e. a bio mass boiler, solar and hydro where possible. Humanure, is a brilliant source of energy. We waste millions of gallons of fresh drinking water discarding the unspeakable! A low-cost composting toilet system can be useful, all can contribute! Personally I could live off grid. It is possible. I love the idea of making do, using materials available. For five years I have helped at the Off Grid conference in the U.K. which is sustainably run using renewable energy. I always return home enthused, positive and full of ideas. Connecting to like minds, these dedicated people are a real lift for me, if only; it could always be like this. Weekly meetings will be held, so we can discuss important community ideas and a news letter to share our events, progress and awareness raising. Music, dancing and community events will be held regularly, home made wine and beer donated! "Either we are all going to perish together or we'll build a permaculture future"

Julia.

Fantastic Youth Theatre Opportunity:

MED Theatre is recruiting now for young people between 13-19 yrs to take part in workshops and a project called *Dartmoor in World War One*, consisting of film-making, a residential, creating and performing theatre and an exhibition. This is a free opportunity. To find out more and book your free place contact MED Theatre on 01647 441356 or abbystobart@medtheatre.co.uk.



Teignton Fayre – June 1st From 6pm



It's that time of year again when we can all let our hair down and have a great evening out whilst also raising money for our local charities and organisations.

For those of you new to this area - Teignton Fayre is an annual fundraising event held in Drewsteignton Square from 6pm onwards and is fun for all the family with great stalls including – Skittles, Coconut Shy, Bouncy Castle, Splat the Rat, Slippery Pole, Bric-a-Brac, Plant, Cake and Bottle stalls and many others. There is also a wonderful Hog Roast and Bar-B-Q so you can dine out as well. All these stands are manned by Drewsteignton parishioners who not only give very generously with their time but also support by donating prizes, cakes etc. and selling and buying raffle tickets. We are also indebted to many local establishments and in particular – Fingle Bridge Inn, Drewsteignton Village Stores, The Post Inn and - in the past -the Drewe Arms .

This year we will have entertainment from the magnificent Tano Taiko Drummers and Mariners Away and the event will round off with dancing in the square to a fantastic disco.

The main objective is to raise money for local charities and organisations and in the past we have been

able to give donations to Exeter Leukaemia Fund (ELF), Hospiscare, HeartSWell Southwest and Devon Air Ambulance amongst others. Local organisations such as Drewsteignton Playing Fields, Riding for the Disabled, Whiddon Down Village Hall, Holy Trinity Church, On the Edge Youth project and many others in the immediate area have also benefitted from this event.

Our main chosen recipients this time are FORCE Cancer Support and Exeter Diabetes Research and we also hope to be able to give to other local groups as well.

None of this can be done without the help and very generous support from the people of Drewsteignton and surrounding areas, and also all who attend both the Duck Race and the Fayre so please come along, bring your family and friends and have a night of entertainment and fun.

We would also appreciate a donation of a really good bottle of Cognac, Malt or equivalent for us to raffle and if you could provide this or would like to organise a stall please contact either Adrian Bowden on 281239 or Jane Hocking on 281605.

With very many thanks

Teignton Fayre Committee



Dartmoor Road Show Visits Twelve Villages

An information and advice road show goes on a tour of Dartmoor this summer visiting 12 villages in one week.

West Devon Borough Council is teaming up with Dartmoor National Park Authority and Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service to visit communities across Dartmoor this June.

They'll be stopping off at Whiddon Down on Thursday June 13.

The Dartmoor National Park outreach vehicle will be parking up outside the Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm.

The road show will give residents the chance to meet face to face with an advisor from the borough council who will be able to answer questions about a range of public services.

Everyone who visits the road show vehicle will get the chance to be entered into a free prize draw to win a luxury Devon hamper worth £50.

An advocate from the Fire Service will also be available to chat to residents about fire prevention and home safety visits. Some people may even qualify for a home safety visit which could include a free smoke alarm which would be fitted in their home.

Local Dartmoor National Park Authority Ranger, Ian Brooker, will be joining the road show to talk to residents about his work in the parish.

For more details call 01822 813600 or go to www.westdevon.gov.uk or www.dartmoor.gov.uk

News From The Castle



Isn't it lovely to see the sun! I am keeping everything crossed that this fabulous weather continues.

Up at the castle we are all still working hard on this massive building project. We still have a long way to go, but we are definitely heading in the right direction. There have been some tricky things for us to deal with (nobody mention the scaffolding – who would have thought it could be so complicated) but plenty of highs to help us through the tough days. Thank you so much to everyone who has shown their support so far,

whether it is coming for a look to see what we are doing, making donations or giving us some great feedback at local meetings. It is all appreciated.

It's all about our volunteers - I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team of volunteers. Every day, they welcome our visitors and share the great Castle Drogo stories with them. The first week of June is National Volunteers Week so I would like to say a HUGE thank you to our brilliant team for all of their hard work, enthusiasm and support. We really couldn't do it without them. Volunteering with the National Trust at Castle Drogo is fun, rewarding and a great way to meet new people. If you would like to join this amazing team, please get in touch with me on the number below.

Community Engagement – We had a lovely group up from Exeter College recently who were helping us to clear some of the brash in the woodland either side of the drive. They worked very hard and the bonfire helped to keep everyone nice and warm. I have also been meeting with the team from Med Theatre about a joint WWI project.

Let's go fly a kite – We are having a Fathers Day Extravaganza on Sunday 16 June. Visitors will be able to meet the builders, see displays of machinery, gadgets and even do some tree climbing. To tie in with this event, I would like to invite you all to take part in a kite making competition. If you would like to design and build your own kite, please get in touch with me to register and for more details. You will then be invited along on the day to fly your kite in competition with everyone else. There will be a prize for the best one.

Hope to see you all soon.

Best wishes, Paula

Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo 01647 434130, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

Acorn Community Support

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Our popular fortnightly minibus trip to Sainsbury's Alphington supermarket provides an opportunity for you to be collected and returned to your door with your shopping carried for you. We run a minibus service on alternate Wednesdays from Drewsteignton, Crockernwell, Cheriton Bishop, and Tedburn, this month it will be 8th, 22nd May and 5th June. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267 or Jackie on 01647 252701. The fare is now £4 return.

Teign Valley Memory Café - We run two morning cafés on the second and last Thursday of each month 10.30 to 12.30. This month it will be Thursday 9th, 30th May and 13th June. Please call Margaret on 01647 252622 for more details. Meetings are held at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford, look out for the sign.

Acorn Coffee Morning at Strawberry Hill – On alternate Tuesdays 10.30 – 12.00 drop-in coffee morning at Strawberry Hill, near Dunsford. It's in the old café and has a lovely atmosphere, attractive surroundings. It's run by a small team of friendly volunteers. It's a great place to bring a friend and there's ample parking. This month it will be Tuesday 7th, 21st May and 4th June. Volunteer drivers can collect you if transport is a problem. Please ring Jackie on 06147 252701 if you need a lift.

Acorn Services - Should you need transport to an appointment, a prescription delivered or any other Acorn service, please phone Sylvia Tripp on 01647 24267. Please leave a message on her answering machine if she is not at home and she will call you back. If you have not heard back within 24 hours please call Jean Martin on 01647 24586.

New acorn website - We're pleased to announce that we now have our new website up and running. You can find us on www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

All Change At Drewsteignton Village Hall.

New Booking Secretary : Mrs Daphne Greener 01647 281256,

email: daphne.greener11@virginmedia.com

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Key Holder: Mrs. Carol Mason, Heather Cottage, Drewsteignton. 01647 281185

Drewsteignton Royal British Legion Womens Section

Thank you to everyone who supported
our Afternoon Tea at the Village Hall.

We raised £281.50 for the
Benevolent Fund

Our next fund raising event

Devon's Big Cream Tea

22nd June

3.30pm to 5pm

At Drewsteignton Village Hall

Raffle Bring and Buy

THE Fingle DASH 2013

1.5k (ish) 3k (ish) 7.5k(ish)

Tough, off road, multi-terrain race with steep uphill start.

ARC permit number 13/171

Fingle Bridge

Sunday 9th June 2013

Start: 10.00 (1.5k) (3K)

10.30 (7.5k) (16 years and over)

(Registration from 9.30am)

Proceeds to Cheriton Bishop C.P. School and Tanzania.

All competitors will receive a prize.

Please car share as parking is limited.

E-mail for an entry form:

fingledash@gmail.com



Rosettes! Raffle!
BBQ!



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