

Drewsteignton Parish Post

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

After welcoming several members of the public to the meeting the council welcomed Alice Turner, the new clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, her appointment was confirmed, and her contract signed. Alice has been busy updating our policies and procedures. You can find these ratified policies on the website, if they are not now then shortly, Alice is still undergoing training, including uploading documents to the website.

Cllr James reported that there had been some interest from the public in setting up a **Carbon Neutral working group**. The first meeting will be on **9th November at 13:30** in Drewsteignton Village hall. **Everyone is welcome**. This group will look at ways to support sustainable carbon neutralising projects and business in the parish, if you have a project or business that you want to promote or need support with please let us know.

Cllr Redman proposed holding a **community day** on **30th November** to tidy up Drewsteignton. If you would like to join in bring tools and gloves (and warm clothing) and meet Cllr Redman in the Drewsteignton car park at **10:00am**, if you would like further information please contact Cllr Redman via email.

Cllr Brennan discussed the purchase of another Vehicle Activated Speed sign for Crockernwell and is going to discuss with Sticklepath a more regular use of the current VAS in Crockernwell. If any parishioners would like to set up Speed Watch groups in their locality the Parish Council would be happy to help, please contact us in the usual way.

We are sad to announce that the public WC in Drewsteignton has had to be closed temporarily, due to tenancy and insurance issues. We are in the process of contacting the National Trust to discuss the future of the WC's.

Cllrs discussed the proposed introduction of an annual parking pass for Dartmoor car-parks and the fee of £35.00 a year seems reasonable.

Cllrs reported to Peter Rich, the DNPA Ranger, the state of the public footpaths. Most were in good repair with only a few minor issues reported. The footpaths in Crockernwell remain a concern. Leading on from this Cllr Brennan is proposing a Beating of the Bounds in 2020. Anyone interested please contact Cllr Brennan via email.

It was a long meeting, concentrating on getting the new clerk up and running therefore I won't go into detail here. The minutes will be available on the website and noticeboards. Cllr Rowe reported attending the Whiddon Down Village hall committee meeting and that they have some fundraising events coming up. 7th December they are holding a Christmas fair and on 16th December there will be a Bingo night. There is also another Pig racing night coming up in the new year.

Alison Chapman attended for the Playing field Committee to inform the Parish Council that there will be a Bonfire night on 9th November, torch light procession to start at 17:30, tickets £2.00. The Parish Council agreed to donate £400.00 to the event. (cont. over)

(SEE PAGE 2–YOUR INPUT NEEDED RE. FOX CLOSE, DREWSTEIGNTON)

After the meeting a small presentation was given to the retiring clerk **Lucy Bruckner** who was thanked by the Parish Council for her support during her time in office.

Drewsteignton Parish Lands Non-Ecclesiastical Charity

Under the umbrella title of Drewsteignton Charities are currently two distinct Charities individually registered with the Charity Commissioners and accounted for separately: The first and larger by far in income and assets - 'The Parish Lands Ecclesiastical Charity' - and is wholly responsible for the three bungalows in Fox Close, Drewsteignton. The Charity owns the freehold, appoints tenants as available, maintains the exterior fabric and ensures that the dwellings are in adequate state for purpose both in the short and long term.

The second, and less endowed, Charity is called 'The George Ponsford Charity' (initiated in 1847). This has a small capital sum and income. Its purpose was to relieve by grant or loan essentials or monies to parishioners in dire need. The Officers believe that the necessity for this second Charity no longer exists. Social services have taken over this role in society and the need for community involvement in people's private affairs eliminated. Thus, it would seem sensible to amalgamate the two Charities. The capital and thus income that supports the Bungalows would be enhanced and assist in the long-term high standard of upkeep. Separate administration and costs would be negated.

Any resident objecting to the amalgamation contact Mrs Pauline Rowe (clerk) 07484196800 email: pauline_lily@hotmail.com by 30th November 2019

Whiddon-Down-Village-Hall

As many of you will remember, earlier this year many motorists were stranded at Whiddon Down due to heavy snow. The Hall Committee opened the hall to provide emergency shelter for those affected and we would like to be in a position to help if the situation arises again this winter, although this time with a little preparation in place.

We wish to compile a list of residents who live within walking distance of the Hall, who would be willing to bring along bedding, blankets and food supplies to help the stranded. If you would be willing to help, please call 01647231179 so we can keep you updated. I will also be informing Devon and Cornwall Constabulary of our intention.

The car park at the Hall is for Hall Users only. We allow others to park, at our discretion, for a donation towards its upkeep. This year many people have been abusing this discretion and we have seen more usage for less donations! It is therefore our intention to chain the entrance at random times when the hall is not in use to make people aware of this. This will be ongoing, so we welcome opinions from the public on this matter.

We are still in need of someone to take on the role of Treasurer. If anyone could help, please call me, Jenny Turner, on 01647231179

Dates for your diaries:

Sat 7th December Christmas Fayre 2.00-4.00pm

Mon 16th December Christmas Bingo Eyes down 8.00pm

Look out for the posters.

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

FODC - Club Drewe

Some of us had a fantastic time at the Club Drewe disco in the Drewe Arms in October. Many thanks to everyone who danced their way to helping us raise £342 for FODC (Friends of Drewsteignton Church) and support the Drewe Arms.

Watch this space for news of the next one. **Alison Chapman**

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Drewsteignton Playing Field - Bonfire Night

A reminder that Bonfire Night will take place on Saturday 9th November and is a ticket only event. Food and drink available from 5pm, the torchlight procession will start about 5.30pm. If you want to be part of the torchlight procession, please be there much earlier than 5.30pm as there are limited places available and you will need to listen to the safety instructions. Please wear wool or cotton gloves with no synthetic material - also applies to anyone using sparklers. The torchlights will be used to light the bonfire and the fire-works will start about 7pm.

Our event licence and insurance limit us to a maximum of 499 people, including all children (however young) and helpers on the night. Tickets cost £2 each and are available from Drewsteignton Post Office and the Drewe Arms. If you have tickets but cannot attend please hand your tickets back. We expect to sell all the tickets and so it is likely there will be no tickets available to sell at the gate on the night. There is a real risk that families with children could be turned away as we will not run this event without proper insurance and event licence. I apologise in advance if this happens, but this is necessary if the event is to go ahead.

Hoping to see many of you there. **Alison Chapman**

Puddings Night

Thank you to everyone who came to the Puddings Night at the Drewe Arms at the end of September. We raised £211 for the Playing Field, which is very helpful as we have spent a lot of money on new equipment this year. Many thanks to all the people who made such lovely puddings and to Gary for hosting the event and for making so many delicious puddings. **Alison Chapman**



DREWSTEIGNTON CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

Saturday 30th November 11am – 5pm

Sunday 1st December 11am—4pm

**In Drewsteignton Church Local Crafters –
for unique and different gifts**

All sellers are raising funds for Holy Trinity Church

**Homemade refreshments including
morning coffee and cake, light lunches
and afternoon teas
available on both days**

~ The Drewe Arms ~

Thursday 7th
Thursday 14th
Tuesdays to Fridays

Open Mic Night
8:00 Defibrillator familiarisation
Buy 1 steak, get 1 half-price

Whiddon Down Village Hall and Whiddon Down Methodist Church Christmas Fair

Village Hall on Saturday 7th December at 2.00pm

Christmas cream teas, cakes, draw, Bring & Buy and Christmas Wreaths.

Come along and enjoy a tea and a chat with your friends.



Volunteering with us at Marie Curie



We're looking for friendly and reliable volunteers to visit people with a terminal diagnosis, their families and carers, to offer practical and emotional support. As a Helper volunteer you will take on a number of simple yet crucial tasks that will make a huge difference, this could be in a family's home, a care home or out in the community. You will provide one-to-one companionship and support, offer a listening ear, and spend time engaging in everyday conversation, activities or hobbies with the person you are supporting. We will provide you with extensive training so you can take on the role confidently.

**To apply visit our website or call us below. Marie Curie Helper [Click Here](#)
Marie Curie Helper Lead Volunteer [Click Here](#)**

If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to contact us on the below details.

Southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk

0800 3047 400



What's on in November 2019

www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – Lunches are held on the first Thursday of each month. November 7th at the Red Lion. Come along and meet new people, please phone; Jean Martin 01647 24586 or ring the Acorn Office on the number below for details. Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Dates are November 13th & 27th. Help is provided in store & we will help carry your shopping too! The fare is just £5 return. Acorn monthly Cheriton Bishop Outing - Date & venue to be confirmed! £7.50 per person for a return trip. Call the office for more information.

Teign Valley Memory Café - November 14th & 28th.

Meetings held 10.30–12.30 Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 – look out for the sign Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Community Hall – Tuesday November 12th & 26th.

The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30-12.00 Please drop in for a tea or coffee, a slice of homemade cake & meet up with friends, everyone welcome. We have a fantastic group of volunteers who help provide transport to medical and wellbeing appointments, we can deliver prescriptions, we can also loan equipment to assist you in the home. 01647 252701 for information or to join our team.

STOP PRESS++++Dr Clunie's Half Everest Challenge update+++STOP PRESS

Dr Clunie Half Everest Challenge raised a staggering £1,1028.23 for Acorn Community Support. A huge thank you to everyone for the wonderful donations, the support on the day and all of the lovely messages. What a wonderful community we live in! Funds will be



Remember - There's No Planet B!



I know it's only November, but some people are beginning to start their Christmas shopping. (Apologies to those who have already finished...!)

Christmas is traditionally a time of giving, receiving and generally consuming far more than we do during the rest of the year. This year why not try to limit your impact by making a few simple changes: for example, opting for plain brown wrapping paper or tissue paper (instead of traditional wrapping which is not easily recyclable), choosing recycled paper cards, or even better, send an e-card, and by choosing organic, ethically-produced food and drinks.. For me, the biggest, most wasteful products of the Christmas period are the crackers we feel compelled to buy, and which probably end up in the bin after 5 minutes. Each year approximately 154,000,000 (yes, million!) small pieces of plastic rubbish will end up in landfill or the ocean - FROM THE UK ALONE!

TOP TIP for November:

Join me in boycotting shop-bought Christmas crackers this year.

Local contributor

We are all contributors to climate change and many people have known this emergency would come. Our everyday habits are big contributors of greenhouse gases, we have to reduce our consumption. A friend of mine, who ran a permaculture school, asked students, to 'Live Lightly' some thirty years ago. Since then, I have learned much and visited many communities, living a low impact way and are now a catalyst for change. Many feel powerless by the scale of the problem concerned for all life on earth. Huge steps are needed in cutting omissions. We can't change human nature. We can change the rules and the norms and take positive steps.

Green Tips:

Try not to fly ~ Holiday at home ~ Use public transport when possible
Buy locally & support a veg box scheme ~ Compost all veg waste
Don't consume needlessly ~ Join the Transition movement

A community kitchen where all can share food and conversation

Look at an energy decent plan for your community or village.

Julia Whatley ☺🌿

Carbon Neutral working group. The first meeting will be on 9th November at 13:30 in Drewsteignton Village hall.

November sees the start of the tree-planting season.

Get your wellies on and dig in.

<https://www.moortrees.org/volunteering/>

<http://www.southdevonaonb.org.uk/coast-countryside/land/trees-and-woodlands/tree-planting-guide>

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/large-scale-planting/>

<https://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/take-action/garden-wildlife>

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November Events at Okehampton Library

Friday 8th November 18:30 – 21:30 – Games Night

To celebrate International Games Week we invite you to bring along your board games to Okehampton Library, or just come along and learn a new game. This is a chance for you to teach others how to play your game and have a chat.

Join in, meet new people, relax and have some fun! £3 per person or £10 for a group of 4. No booking required. Refreshments will be available to purchase.

Friday 15th November 10:00 – 17:00 – All Wrapped Up

Create your own design of wrapping paper for Christmas using paint and sponges. Decorate a piece for the library to use (no charge) and you also have the chance to make a piece to take home, just 50p per metre. Suitable for all children, all materials provided.

Commencing Wednesday 6th November 13:30-15:00 – The Joy of Reading

Join The Royal Literary Fund Reading Round – a reading group with a difference!

No pre-reading/assigned texts, just turn up on the day. Meet weekly to discuss short stories and poems. Some classics, others new and startling, all will be thought provoking! Led by Morgen Witzel, internationally known author of more than thirty books. For more information or to join, please email morgen@carucate.co.uk or telephone 01409 221939

Okehampton Library joins the fight against hygiene poverty

Staff at Okehampton Library are thrilled to announce a new partnership with Beauty Banks. Libraries and Beauty Banks support people in local communities to be the best they can be. This joint partnership means that libraries can help more of the most vulnerable people. “We’re looking for donations of basic hygiene products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, shaving gel, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, tampons/sanitary towels, body lotion, hairbrushes, combs, essentials for children – baby shampoo, nappies, wipes, nappy cream, baby bath and lotion, hairbrushes and toothbrushes. Teens need deodorant, spot cream and sanitary protection. Beauty Banks clients living in temporary accommodation and homeless shelters need travel minis they can carry easily from place to place.” Beauty Banks serve all kinds of clients of all genders and ages, put yourself in any of their shoes and donate what you would need to feel human and dignified. Also accepted are donations of otherwise-unattainable luxuries like makeup. Beauty Banks asks that only unused and unopened products are donated for health and safety reasons. These donations will then be distributed in the community through a local organisation.

To get involved and to donate to your local Beauty Spot, visit Okehampton Library or head to Exeter Library, Barnstaple Library or Paignton Library. To find out more about Libraries Unlimited visit librariesunlimited.org.uk follow on Facebook.com/LibrariesUnlimited, Twitter @LibrariesUnlimited Instagram.com/LibrariesUnlimited.

Okehampton District Community Transport Group CHRISTMAS BINGO on THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

CONSERVATIVE CLUB, OKEHAMPTON
DOORS OPEN 7.30PM FOR 8.00PM START
We will also have a raffle and Bar available

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Subsidised Costs: £6 Okehampton And Along The Route, £8 Outside This Area

2nd November Paignton Zoo (Admission £16.95 Seniors)

9th November Tavistock

16th November Plymouth Aquarium (Admission £14.95 Seniors)

30th November Christmas Market, Bideford

Please note that these will be Okehampton (or along the route) pick-ups only.

We may add more midweek dates if there is enough demand, please check with us or look on our Facebook page or Website for up to date trip information.

MIDWEEK/SUNDAY TRIPS

November 5th Totnes

November 11th Homeleigh, Launceston

November 24th Sunday Lunch – Roadford Lake

November 28th Bernaville Garden Centre, Crediton

News from the Castle

Hi everyone,

It has been a real mixed bag for the last month of our main season. The low has been the recurring high winds which have arrived like clockwork every Friday in October. Drogo is on such an exposed site with lots of lovely trees that we need to be extremely careful about access on these high winds days. It also has an impact on the building work on the final sections too – frustrating for everyone.

The high over the past month has to be the amazing Takeover Day which took place with children from Okehampton Primary School. The children spent 4 weeks learning about the stories of Castle Drogo and what makes a great day out before sending the adults out of the way and welcoming lots of visitors to the Castle on Thursday 17 October. The children were brilliant and you may have seen them on BBC Spotlight. The Thursday volunteer team did an amazing job of encouraging them to be brave and chat with people. The feedback from everyone has been wonderful so we plan to make this an annual event. It was just joyous.

News from the estate is that fencing is nearly completed in Rectory/Drewston woods near Drewsteignton - you may have seen the fenceline and new gates going in. Once we are happy the entire wood is properly fenced, and water is not an issue we will be in a position to put some ponies into the wood. Once the ponies are in, please help us by encouraging people to keep their dogs under close control. I'm sure that nobody wants panicked ponies! We are always grateful for anyone who wants to keep an eye on them and let us know if they spot any issues. We are also starting to put plans in place to thin the large Beech trees along the castle drive. These trees are very large and very close together and, being beech, are suffering from lots of damage by grey squirrels. We want to thin them to

increase light levels to enable us to underplant with young trees, whilst allowing the remaining large trees room to spread. We are currently planning this work for winter 2020-2021. It won't be easy as the areas are small and the trees are large and we won't be shutting the castle when we do it. We hope that as much as possible of the good timber can go for high quality, long-lived uses such as furniture. Best wishes, **Paula** Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk 01647 434130

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Readers' Letters and e-mails

I love reading the Parish Post but wondered if there is anything you can do to please keep Nick's article in. It is such an interesting read for all ages and educates us all! To read the Bird Notes helps us understand the birds we have around us.

Many thanks, Fiona Ridgers, Line Producer

VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR

2 Nov	Service of Love, Light & Loss	Holy Trinity Church
2 Nov	Quiz Night	Drewe Arms
3 Nov	09:30 Said Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
3 Nov	5:00 Family Service	Holy Trinity Church
7 Nov	7.00 Talk	Fingle Bridge Inn
7 Nov	Open Mic Night	Drewe Arms
9 Nov	1:30 Carbon Neutral Working Grp	Drewsteignton Village Hall
9 Nov	Bonfire Night	Playing Field
10 Nov	10:50 Service of Remembrance	Holy Trinity Church
17 Nov	11:15 Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
18 Nov	7:30pm Parish Council Meeting	Whiddon Down Village Hall
23 Nov	Big Quiz Night	Fingle Bridge / HTC
24 Nov	11:15 Guest Talk	Holy Trinity Church
30 Nov	10:00 Community Day – clean-up	Drewsteignton Car Park
30 Nov	11:00-5:00 Christmas Craft Fair	Holy Trinity Church
1 Dec	11:00-4:00 Christmas Craft Fair	Holy Trinity Church
1 Dec	5:00pm Family Service	Holy Trinity Church

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Contributions for the next edition **by** 27th November - Thank You

