

Drewsteignton Parish Post

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

There was good attendance at the parish meeting this month, more on that in a minute. From last month's agenda the Councillors were looking at the possible need to employ a lengthsman, after a brief discussion it was felt that currently the parish was enjoying a good state of repair and any outstanding issues could be dealt with by either a community working party or by the Community Payback Scheme. The Clerk was asked to remind Devon County Council that they are responsible for the verges and gutters and that these needed attention throughout the parish. Councillors were very appreciative of the work carried out by Dee Douglas on a voluntary basis in Whiddon Down, keeping it looking tidy. The clerk was also asked to find the previous costs of cutting the hedges by Drewsteignton WC's as they need doing again.

A final decision on the signs for the new village gates was made and the clerk will be progressing this as soon as possible.

Councillors have discussed and decided to form a working group to support the parish to become carbon neutral, if any parishioners would like to get involved please contact either the Clerk or Councillor James. It is interesting to note that Devon County Council have appointed a Net Zero Taskforce and I look forward to hearing what their findings are.

Councillor Rowe has been approached by residents of Drewsteignton who are concerned about speeding through the village, with the suggestion that reduce speed signs could be an option. More signage in Drewsteignton could be problematic, however, the council are open to suggested sites.

The reason so many parishioners attended this meeting became apparent when planning application WDBC 2530/19/FUL was discussed. This is a new application by Mrs Mann and is, in essence, the same as the previous application which her husband is currently taking to the planning inspectorate. The retail impact assessment has now been completed but the information used is out of date and there was no consultation nor engagement with the ward before publishing. Councillor Brennan informed the meeting that the final date for comments is 3rd October 2019, and there are no on-line comments as yet. The councils in the majority to reject this planning application and asked the clerk to confirm the rejection to West Devon Borough Council. The Chair thanked the parishioners for their input into the discussion and confirmed that representatives from the council would attend the public meeting being held in Whiddon Down on 25th September 2019.

Unfortunately, Councillor Barrie Wood has had to resign, which now leaves the council 3 councillors down. If anyone is thinking of volunteering, please do get in touch, we are a friendly bunch and you would be fully supported. Councillor Wood's resignation also left a vacancy on the Playing Field Committee which Councillor James was happy to fill. (cont.)

On another sad note our clerk of the last few years, Lucy Bruckner, has resigned as she has moved further from the parish. We will be sad to see her go. She has been an excellent clerk, friend, worked hard for the parish and we would like to thank her for her service. Looking forward, we have interviewed and have been able to appoint. I am pleased to announce that Alice Turner has agreed to join us for the October meeting and Lucy has kindly agreed to work with Alice to bring her up to speed. **Ysanne James**

Dear Parishioners – a reminder of the legal position regarding parking regulations.

Vehicles parking on roads with a 40-mph limit require lights at night. When the speed limit is 30mph lights are not generally required. However, vehicles parked less than 10 metres from any junction do need lights at night. In addition, at night all vehicles should be parked facing the direction of travel.

~ The Drewe Arms ~

3rd October ~ Open Mic starts 8pm

12th October ~ Club Drewe presents the super-dancy **JoLo Disco**

Tickets £5 with proceeds going to FODC

19th October ~ Oktoberfest:

German-themed meal and oompah band
£8 with £1 per ticket going towards
FODC



Okehampton District Community Transport Group

Coffee Morning and Launch of In Touch Oke

Saturday 5th October 9am – 12noon

The Charter Hall, Market Street, Okehampton

Raffle and Bric-a-brac/Books

We are also being joined by other groups/stallholders including:

Pete's Homebake, Okehampton Community Garden, Oke Tree Network

~ St. Mary's Dunsford EX6 7DB ~

Future dates for your diary (subject to confirmation)

Sun Nov 3rd 2020 "Les Nuits D'Ete" Christine Marsden - Soprano
& Andrew Daldorph- Piano

Sun April 26th 2020 - Piano Duets with Paul McLure & Roger Stephenson (It'll be fun!!)

Sun Sept 20th 2020 - Duo Flute & Violin – Details to follow.

Drewsteignton Playing Field - - Bonfire Night !!!

The Bonfire Night will take place on **Saturday 9th November**. This will be a ticket only event and we will again need to control parking. Food and drink will be available from 5pm and 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 also wear wool or cotton gloves with no synthetic material. This also applies to anyone using sparklers. Torchlights will be used to light the bonfire. **Fireworks will start about 7pm.**

Tickets - Our event licence and insurance limit us to a maximum of 499 people, including all children (however young) and all helpers on the night. The only way to achieve this is to have a ticket only event and no-one will be able to enter the Playing Field without a ticket. Last year we sold all the tickets, but there were fewer people at the event while we had people who couldn't come because they couldn't get a ticket. To reduce this risk we have increased the cost of the tickets to £2 each this year - available from Drewsteignton Post Office and the Drewe Arms. If you have tickets but can't attend please hand your tickets back or give them to me. Please note that we expect to sell all the tickets again and it is likely that there will be no tickets available to sell at the gate on the night. Therefore there is a real risk that families with children could be turned away as we will not run this event without proper insurance and a temporary event licence. I apologise in advance if this happens, but this is necessary if the event is to go ahead.

Parking - There will be at least one field available for parking and we will have marshals directing people to the parking areas. Lamb Park and Knowle Lane will be manned and inaccessible for Bonfire Night parking. It would be helpful if people could car-share, although I appreciate that this will be difficult/impossible with families in many cases.

Wood – please - We would like some more wood so that we can again have an enormous bonfire. If you have any spare firewood can you take it to the field, please? If possible, can you leave it at the bottom corner but away from the burnt area where the bonfire will be built? No old furniture, no painted or stained wood, a minimum of nails and screws please. Thanks, and hope to see many of you there. **Alison Chapman**

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

Our very popular Christmas Craft Fayre will be held in the church on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December. The marvelously talented local crafters will have an array of unique and unusual gifts and homemade refreshments will be available on both days. If you would like a table, contact Jane Hocking on 01647 281605 or email: j.hocking05@btinternet.com as soon as possible please as space is limited. (No charge for table but 15% of sales to church funds).

THE 6th ANNUAL BIG QUIZ ????? Saturday 23rd November

7.00 p.m.at Fingle Bridge Inn

Teams of six £8 per person includes refreshments

Entries by Sunday 17th November

Entry forms from Drewsteignton P.O. or

Angela Thomas 281602

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All proceeds to the Friends of Drewsteignton Church

October Events at Okehampton Library

Saturday 5 Oct 09:30-12:30 – Okehampton Fun Palace

Fun Palaces is an annual weekend of action including arts, science, craft and tech activities. Have a go at the following activities which people from our community are sharing with you for free. **Crochet - Embroidery - Ukelele**

LIBRARIES WEEK 7 - 12 October - A National Celebration of Libraries

Look out for our **Pop-Up Library** around the town during libraries week, there will be free books, subject to availability.

Wednesday 9 October 14:00-16:00 - Celebrating Libraries in a Digital World

Struggling with your hand-held device? Bring it into the library for staff to assist you. Take the opportunity to find out about digital services offered by Devon Libraries. The library will be open for customers to browse and use our usual services plus. Coffee and home-made cake provided by the Friends of Okehampton Library. Free but donations welcome. During Libraries Week we will be welcoming a class from South Tawton Primary School to show them around the library. Other schools are welcome to contact us to arrange a visit during their term times.

Thursday 24 October 10:00-11:00 - Make a Mad Money Box

Decorate a money box to keep your cash in!

Tickets £1.50 per child, please book in advance, suitable for ages 5+

Thursday 31 October 15:30-16:30 – Halloween Tricks & Treats

Join the spooky fun at our monster bash! There will be games and ghosts galore. Dress up in your most ghoulish outfit and try not to get scared!

Tickets £1.50 per child, please book in advance, suitable for ages 5+

Okehampton District Community Transport Group

Coffee Morning - We will be holding a fundraising coffee morning in the Charter Hall, Okehampton from 9-12 on Saturday 5th October. There will be a raffle and many stalls including Books, Bric-a-brac, Cakes and Clothes, also stands from Okehampton Community Garden, OkeTree Network and In Touch Okehampton. Donations of raffle prizes and other goods welcomed.

Drivers - We are always looking for volunteer drivers and would particularly like to find someone from South Zeal, North Tawton and Chagford areas. Please ring for more information. We welcome Roger Tope from Bratton Clovelly and James Lloyd da Silva from South Tawton.

Crowdfunding - We are fundraising to buy a 15-seat minibus to enable us to continue our Ring and Ride service, this is as a result of DCC withdrawing their lease agreement for our current vehicle. The cost of a new vehicle will be approx. £75,000 We have been extremely lucky to have obtained £40,000 as the Charities of Holditch and Others in Okehampton wound up and gifted their remaining funds to 5 local groups including ourselves. Please donate if you can using: <https://crowdfunder.co.uk/odctg-purchaseofminibus>

Website/Facebook – We are now live – please check us out at www.odctg.co.uk and let us know what you think. Please also sign up, providing your email address so that you will be kept up to date with news and information. We also regularly update our Facebook page – please take a minute to give us a review, we are always grateful for feedback. We

are grateful to Simon Hill of Moorsites who has helped us achieve this new look which has already received some great reviews!

There's No Planet B



Technology left on standby can cost households an extra £86 a year, but almost half of Brits don't believe the savings are worth the effort of changing their energy behaviour at home. Comparison site MoneySuperMarket looked at the annual cost of running over 130 household items and found that a TV box - such as Sky or BT - is the biggest energy drain, costing households over £27 a year, **even when the TV is switched off**. Even just having your phone charger plugged in and not charging costs 27p a year. Although not a lot per household, collectively with approximately 300 households in the parish, the cost (financially and in wasted kilowatts) mounts up.

According to MoneySuperMarket's research, the most expensive household items to leave on standby over one year are as follows:

1. Digital TV box (left on)
2. Broadband modem (left on)
3. Microwave (left on)
4. TV (on standby)
5. Phone charger (plugged in, not charging)

TOP TIP for October:

Save energy by not leaving appliances on standby when not in use

Drewsteignton Green

<https://campaigns.woodlandtrust.org.uk/page/46713/data/1?locale=en-GB>

This campaign is asking for volunteers to commit to planting trees on 30th Nov. Will Drewsteignton Parish residents commit to planting? I will!

Chagford Dental Surgery have started to offer a recycling service for packaging relating to dental care that has previously been difficult to recycle. Funds raised from the recycling go to charity so worth dropping off toothpaste tubes and so on there!

Moorland Paws - pet shop in Chagford have started to recycle flexible pet food packaging which raises money for Dartmoor National Park. It doesn't have to have been bought at the store. Just wash it out and drop it in.

Local Contributor

Moor Trees

Moor Trees is a woodland creation charity based in South Brent who have been creating new native broadleaved woodland on and around Dartmoor for over 20 years, planting over ninety thousand new trees since they started.

Their aim is to restore native broadleaf woodland by growing trees from locally collected seed in their nurseries. The year-round operation is staffed by three part-time members. The charity relies on volunteers to help plant trees, in all weathers, from November until the end of March. "It's a year-round operation" said Director Adam Owen. "In September we start collecting seeds until the end of October, those seeds are processed, some we have to take out of their shell or put in the fridge. Once germinated, they are planted in soil at one of our two tree nurseries until ready to be planted permanently at a new site".

Landowners can approach Moor Trees who conduct an assessment to establish whether funding is available for woodland creation on their land. Depending on the size of the land, grants are available from the Woodland Creation Countryside Stewardship scheme or Moor Trees own 'Trees for Woods' scheme, which covers the cost of the trees and (cont.)

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tree protection. Moor Trees plants the trees the following winter and retains the funding which helps keep the charity running.

Adam and his team are increasing the number of trees they plant fivefold. Through making some changes to the planting method Adam believes they can go from currently planting ten thousand trees a year to producing around fifty thousand annually. "This is achievable", said Adam, "it's about getting people to come and volunteer with us and we will be producing and planting fifty thousand annually within three years". Adam, who is qualified in woodland management believes planting "cell grown" trees will help to achieve the increase in their output. Cell Grown trees are young trees grown in a pot, they have the benefit of a firmly developed root system. "It's a very efficient system of growing trees, and a lot easier to transport and plant them in the field" said Adam. We will also continue to grow bare root stock as some tree species prefer this method.

If you would like to volunteer the group are planting every Thursday and Sunday from mid-November until the end of March. Volunteers also help out every Tuesday and Wednesday in the tree nurseries. Moor Trees can be contacted on 01364 649277 or info@moortrees.org. Website www.moortrees.org and Facebook @moortrees.org.

Dear Editor,

I look forward to reading the Parish Post each month and in particular the Bird Notes by Nick. Over the years I have learnt a great deal about bird life, Peregrines and Swifts in particular, in fact he has inspired me to place swift nesting boxes on my own property. I'm sure I'm not the only parishioner disappointed in reading the September issue where he states that that will be his last contribution. I would like to encourage you and others in the village to persuade Nick to continue with his interesting and informative column. If however it is not possible for him to be persuaded back I would like through the Parish Post to thank him for his ten years commitment which has added greatly to my knowledge of natural history.

I hope to keep on adding to my knowledge through discussion and sometimes good-natured argument with Nick whenever I meet him in the village shop, pub or square.

Alan Brooks

What's on in October 2019

Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club – Lunches held on the first Thursday of each month, this month it will be October 3rd at the Red Lion. Come along, meet new people Please phone Jean Martin 01647 24586 or ring the Acorn Office on the no. below for more details.

Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton – Dates are October 2nd, 16th and 30th 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 £5.00 per person for a return trip. Call the office for more information.

Teign Valley Memory Café - October 10th and 31st

Meeting 10.30 – 12.30 at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212 – look out for the sign.

Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Community Hall – Tuesday October 1st, 15th and 30th.

The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 - 12. Please drop in for a tea or coffee, a slice of homemade cake & meet up with friends, everyone welcome.

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NEDCare news

A big thank you to all the local businesses who have donated prizes for our grand summer raffle and to those that are helping us by selling tickets.

We are raising money for our Legacy fund, through which we subsidise the cost of care for people who can't afford it – about half of all the work we do.

Tickets can be brought online via our website, which also lists all the local shops and pubs where you can pick them up.

The raffle draw will take place at our Community Meeting on **Saturday 5th October** at the Parish Hall in Moretonhampstead (10.30-12.30) which promises to be fun, informative and fulfilling!

We will be starting with a short entertainment, followed by a thought-provoking session to cover NEDCare's impact to date, an in-depth look at our business realities and a chance to hear from our Care team about the difference they make



News from the Castle

Hi everyone

National Trust I cannot believe that we are already heading towards the end of the main season here at Castle Drogo. This year seems to have flown by! It has been wonderful to welcome visitors into the newly presented Drawing and Dining rooms and we have had so many collection items back out on display, including the incredible tapestries which wrap the Billiards room. The difference outside is striking too with the main scaffolding down and the builders working hard to get the waterproofing work completed on the Kitchen and Scullery roof. The granite store area is looking pretty empty too. It is mainly the new granite slabs in there now, all cut and ready to lay across the final sections of the roof. The estate is gearing up for autumn splendor with a hint of red and gold starting to appear on the trees in the gorge. Thank you to everyone who has supported our work to improve butterfly habitats by buying a raffle ticket this year. Numbers are improving and many people were treated to sightings or some rare and unusual species over the summer. We are getting ready to open the castle for Christmas. We will re-open on Saturday 30 November right through to Monday 23 December with the castle dressed in 1920s style to celebrate when the Drewe family moved in to a not quite completed castle just for Christmas. We will be having a visit from a certain gentleman wearing a big red coat and a white beard on the 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 December. Tickets to see Father Christmas are bookable on the Castle Drogo website.

Best wishes,

Paula, Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo 01647 434130

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VILLAGE EVENTS CALENDAR

04 October	Hydro Turbine Open Day	Castle Drogo
05 October	Quiz Night	Drewe Arms
06 October	11:15 Harvest Festival	Holy Trinity Church
06 October	12:30 Harvest Festival Lunch	Drewe Arms
12 October	Exeter University Choir	Spreyton Church
12 October	Club Drewe Disco	Drewe Arms
13 October	5:00 Family Service	Holy Trinity Church
19 October	Oktoberfest	Drewe Arms
20 October	11.15am Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
21 October	7:30 Parish Council Meeting	Drewsteignton Village Hall
October	Journey into Silence	Holy Trinity Church
1, 8, 15, 22 + 29	5:30-6:00	
31 October	Halloween	Bit by bit - All over the world
09 November	5:30 / 7:00 Bonfire Night	Drewsteignton Playing Field

The Drewsteignton Parish Post

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