

Crockernwell, Drewsteignton, Sandy Park, Venton, Whiddon Down

# Drewsteignton

## Parish Post

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### NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

In contrast to a quiet April, this month a Parish Council (PC) meeting was held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May (7.30pm) at Drewsteignton Village Hall, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (7.30pm) at Whiddon Down Village Hall and an extra-ordinary PC meeting on the same evening. Lots of activity that I will endeavour to summarise ahead of the minutes being uploaded to the Parish Website.

Planning matters:

WDBC refused planning applications 3600/21 proposed drive-thru coffee shop at Whiddon Down services and 2530/19 proposed farm shop at the A30 junction, Whiddon Down.

New planning application 1170/22 for new livestock gates & crossing warning lights near Fursham Yard, Whiddon Down was supported by the PC with recommendation to remove the warning lights to reduce "Sign Pollution" in a rural setting. The PC provided a neutral view for a retrospective planning application 0162/22 for a stable block at land south of Knowle Cottage, Drewsteignton.

All financial year-end reports, statements and Internal Auditors Report were examined and approved, enabling the PC to approve the Annual Accounting Statement 2021-22. All documents are available to be examined under the Exercise of Public Rights from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022. It was noted that the finances of the Parish Council remain in good health.

The Annual Parish Meeting was well attended and commenced with a minute's silence to recognise the life and contribution of Mike Rowe to the Parish and for all those we have we have lost in recent times. Reports were received from County Cllr James McInnes and Borough Cllr Paul Ridgers who highlighted future budgeting challenges, as hard-built reserves are being used to support funding gaps for critical services. Housing shortages, rough-sleeping upsurge and the cost-of-living crisis are adding to existing hardship in our rural communities. PC, Drewsteignton & Whiddon Down Village Halls, Castle Drogo, Playing Fields, Gardeners Club and Drewsteignton Allotment representatives provided excellent reports which will be uploaded to the Parish website.

**Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 7.30pm at Drewsteignton Village Hall with our recently co-opted PC Cllr Julie Macey, Drewsteignton attending.** All are welcome to come along and see local democracy in action. Please note that any changes to meeting dates or venue will be posted on the Website.

**Cllr. Peter Brennan** Chair, Drewsteignton Parish Council

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The sad loss of a much-loved and rightly respected Drewsteignton husband, father, grandfather and friend

### **Mike Rowe**

Pauline, Nick and Dougie would like to thank everyone for all the messages, cards and flowers, full of love and support after the death of Mike. Thank you to everyone who came to his funeral on Monday and for the donations to Cancer Research of over £700. His passing has left a big hole in our family. Special thanks to my amazing family, Jill my gardening advisor, friends and neighbours.

### **Drewsteignton Village Store - Jubilee Weekend**

Opening hours over the Jubilee weekend will be as follows.

Please note there are no post collections on Thursday or Friday.

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	8.30am – 1.00pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	8.30am – 1.00pm
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	8.30am – 1.00pm
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm – 5.00pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June CLOSED (Newspapers in Green Box)

**We will be open during the Jubilee Picnic in the Square serving Tea & Coffee to enjoy with your picnic.** Ice cream will also be available.

Let's hope for good weather.

I would like to thank you all for your care and support while Cheryl is unwell. I apologise for the odd day where I have had to close early. Please remember to support your local shop if you want to keep it. Let's all try to make sure Drewsteignton doesn't become yet another Devon village that has lost its shop.

**Stuart**

### **The Chagford Singers' Concert in HTC - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

A huge Thank-You to Jane Hocking for her help in preparing the church for the Chagford Singers' concert on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. Vivaldi's Gloria and the short pieces rang out with excellent acoustics, to a large audience that covered all ages.

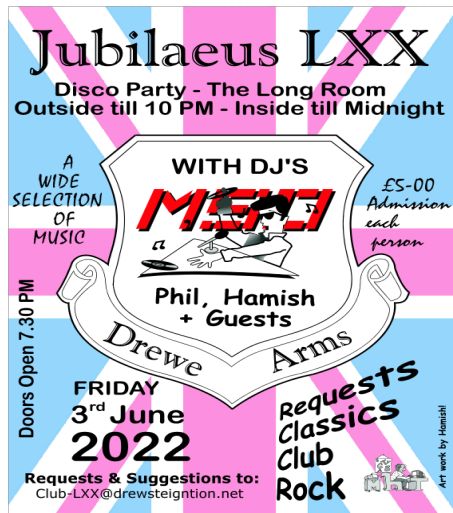
We hope to return someday soon. **Shelley Mansfield – Chair**



## Drewe Arms

**OPEN MIC Nights - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month.**

**Next Open mic night may 11th and every 2nd Wednesday of the month . 8pm start**



## Drewe Arms Long Room

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Club Jubilaeus LXX

Disco,

From 7:30PM Outside till dark, Inside till midnight.

£5 Pound admission, profits to Red Cross Ukraine appeal.

Send music request/suggestions

[club-LXX@drewsteignton.net](mailto:club-LXX@drewsteignton.net)

## Holy Trinity News

Who are our village? Using the Jubilee as a great excuse, we are planning to involve the whole village in three exhibitions and several events.

**Exhibition – Who are Drewsteignton?** – will be displayed in the church throughout the Jubilee weekend. Make sure that you are all a part of this – It's not too late!

Collect a large piece of card from Drewsteignton Village Stores or from the church.

Create a poster of events in your family over the last 70 years.

Use photos, drawings, paintings, speech bubbles, descriptions, newspaper cut-outs, etc. Don't forget to add family names! Bring your poster back to the church or shop.

### **Exhibition – Church Kneelers –**

Most of these wonderful hand-crafted kneelers represent families from the village and some of them date back over 100 years.



**Exhibition – Weddings –** We are hoping to have photos from marriages which have taken place in the church over the last 70 years. So, if you got married in Holy Trinity, or know anyone who did, please bring photos to the box in the church on or before 30th May.

All Posters and Photos may be collected after the exhibitions are over.

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## Jubilee Celebration Event Schedule:

Exhibitions in the church – 70 years in our village.

Friday and Saturday – Pop-up Café – open 10:30 to 4pm. Eat as you view!

Bell Ringing Festival – Saturday late afternoon/early evening.

Songs of Praise – Sunday 12:30: Tell us your favourite hymns (list in shop)

Picnic in the Square – Sunday 1:30 onwards. Bring your own picnic.

Desserts and a free drink for everyone provided by Holy Trinity church, tables and chairs supplied by the Drewe Arms.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

### Post-Jubilee!

We are looking forward very much to two weddings, one at the end of June and one at the start of July. Both, of course, are now permitted unlimited guests and no doubt will have beautiful flowers, so worth looking out for!

**Village Space** – we remind everyone that the space at the back of the church is a village space – available to anyone who has a children's party, a meeting with friends, a training session or anything else that they want to host in this lovely area. It makes a safeguard against rain, and we do not usually charge – it is yours to use! Email me if you would like to use it – [ruth@merttens.co.uk](mailto:ruth@merttens.co.uk)

***A candle is kept burning in the Ladies' Chapel at all times to symbolise our thoughts and prayers for all those suffering in the war.***

***We are all praying for peace.***

### STONE LANE GARDENS




**Stone Lane**  
 garden sculpture nursery

Stone Lane Gardens,  
 Chagford, TQ13 8JU  
 RHS Partner Garden  
**Open all year round**  
 Woodland and Water Gardens  
 National Collection of Birch and Alder

Summer Sculpture Exhibition  
[www.stonelanegardens.com](http://www.stonelanegardens.com)

### Drewsteignton Gardeners' Club

A huge thank you to all who brought plants, left plants outside the Village Hall, came & bought plants etc We raised £ 481.00 in 1.5 hrs. So lovely to see people queue outside the Hall from 9.30pm, quite like old times in 2019!

Put the date in your 2023 diary! Always the May Bank Holiday Saturday

Thank you all so much for supporting us

**Bunny – 0164 742068**

## WHIDDON DOWN VILLAGE HALL

WDVH Committee invite the village to a picnic, to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, from 12:30. BYO savouries and fizz. We will provide tea, coffee, cake and soft drinks. Competition for the best crown and to draw a royal picture to be displayed in the hall to commemorate the event. Look out for the posters and, children, please bring an Adult!

A quick round-up of other news. The Hall has new flooring in the toilets, the notice boards have been freshened up and the outside space has been tidied and weeded. Many thanks to Debbie Scott. Two advance dates for December, pig-racing Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Christmas bingo Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow... Best wishes to you all and enjoy the celebrations. **Best wishes, Jenny Turner**

**You are your Captain** I'd like to share a powerful quote which can be a useful reminder when life throws you a curve-ball: **'We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails.'**

Without adjusting the sails on a boat, the wind would carry the boat off wherever it pleases. To stay on course, the boat must work with the wind and adjust its sails to continue on its path. Similarly in life, there are some things that happen that are out of our control. Like the wind. At this point, we can let these things push us around, or we can make choices to be more adaptable and flexible so we can cope with these things better.

This way of thinking can be applied when unexpected occurrences happen in our relationships, in our work, to our health and other aspects of life. When we choose to adjust the sails, rather than fight the wind of life, we choose resilience rather than resistance. Resistance results in a struggle, exhaustion and ending up reluctantly somewhere where the wind took you, rather than where you want to be. Resilience results in heightened awareness, confidence, and strength to tackle the next storm. Remember, life can be turbulent, but you are your Captain - happy and healthy sailing to you! With love and appreciation! **Joe Arnold** (Doctor of Chiropractic, MChiro) [www.dartmoorchiropractic.co.uk](http://www.dartmoorchiropractic.co.uk) | 07308148159 | [dartmoorchiropractic@gmail.com](mailto:dartmoorchiropractic@gmail.com).



### Acorn Community Support

*It was June, and the world smelled of roses.  
The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside ~ Maud Hart  
Lovelace*

The next meeting of the **Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club**, at The Red Lion in Tedburn St Mary is **7<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. (Next month it will be 5<sup>th</sup> July.) Always room and a big warm welcome for a few more so if you are interested then please do contact Jean Martin on 01647 24586 to book (a couple of days in advance please.)

We also run a minibus from Cheriton Bishop once a fortnight on a Monday for Shopping at Sainsburys and there is plenty of room for more eager Acorn shoppers Our **Memory Lane Café** is also running – held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday of the month. So, for **June it will be 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact the office if you know of someone who would benefit. We have a great time. (cont.)

This month it is **Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June '22.**

The **Cheriton Bishop Outing** – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Destination Buckfast Abbey. Please phone the office to book your place.

### From the Teign Valley

Due to Sainsbury's closing its café the Teign Valley shoppers have decided to shop at ASDA in Newton Abbot for a change. A coffee-stop to wait for those with a larger shopping list to finish, is much appreciated by everyone. Any new Acorn shoppers who would like to try ASDA are more than welcome!

### Shopping at ASDA - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Outings – Monday 6 & 20 June 2022** – Destination TBA - Phone for details

**Tuesday 14 & 28 June: Lunch Club** (different venues each time). Very popular.

**Tuesday 7 & 21 June: Coffee Morning** at the Teign Valley Community Hall.

Bingo, Quizzes and more with plenty of chatter to go with your coffee and cake!

If you would like to book a seat on the minibus for any of our trips, lunches or coffee mornings, then please contact **Mandy or Fran at the Office on 01647 252701**

Acorn continues with all its usual services so please do call us and if you just want a chat then you know where we are.

**The A(corn) Team**

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### *Acorn Jubilee Trifle Recipe - Fit for the Queen*

**Our trifle is fun and easy to make. It aims to represent our various peoples and the monarchy.**



It has a WI recipe Victoria sponge (of course!), Scottish raspberry jam and whisky, custard the colour of a Welsh daffodil, and lovely double cream representing the dairy products of Northern Ireland. At the heart of our trifle, we have more exotic ingredients to represent our friends in the commonwealth and all those who have made their homes in our wonderful United Kingdom. And of course, pride of place goes to Her Majesty in the form of a crown of edible delights on top. Beryl (one of our tasters) said "Lovely. T'is fit for a queen". We hope you agree.

**2 Litre Bowl - serves 8-10 (Suggest a clear bowl to see the smile!)**

#### **INGREDIENTS: Victoria sponge**

175g hard margarine, 175g caster sugar, 3 large eggs

175g S/R flour, 175g raspberry jam (no lumps)

#### **Filling**

80g ginger nut biscuits (broken), 175g drained mandarins

30g flaked almonds

225mls whisky/mandarin juice (suggest a 50/50 mix)

#### **Custard**

60g custard powder, 60g caster sugar, 800mls full fat milk

#### **Cream**

250mls double cream

#### **Decoration**

8-10 clementine/mandarin segments, 8-10 blanched almonds

**METHOD: Victoria Sponge**

1. Line a 28 x18cm baking or roasting tray with grease proof paper.
2. Set the oven to Gas Mark 4/ Electric 180C/ Fan160C
3. Whisk to cream the margarine and sugar together until light and fluffy.
4. Beat the eggs in one by one.
5. Fold in the flour.
6. Pour into tin and spread flat. Bake for 20 - 30mins until light brown and springy to the touch.
7. Leave in the tin for 5 mins, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool.
8. Cut the edges off to neaten, and slice off the top if it is too brown or uneven. (There will still be plenty.)
9. Turn over and spread the jam on the bottom side. (This will be flat)
10. Cut in half to give two equal 9x14cm pieces and put one on top of the other
11. Slice into 1.5cm wide fingers and carefully line the bottom 2/3 of the bowl, always putting a jammy edge against a plain edge. (If you start across the bottom you should end up with a smile on both sides.)

**Filling:**

1. Layer into the middle of the bowl the ginger nuts, then the drained mandarins, and finally the flaked almonds.
2. Pour over the whisky/mandarin juice mix contacting as much of the cake and contents as possible.

**Custard:**

1. Mix the custard powder and sugar with a little of the milk.
2. Warm the milk to blood temperature and add a little of this to the custard powder/sugar mix.
3. Pour this mix into the warmed milk.
4. Continue to cook, stirring continuously, over a low heat until the custard thickens and leaves a trail as you stir. Do not boil.
5. Pour over the trifle and tap to bring air bubbles to the top. Refrigerate to set. (This will make a thick custard so don't be tempted to make it before you are ready to pour.)

**Cream:**

1. Whisk the double cream to a soft, spreadable consistency.
2. Spread over the set custard using a spatula.

**DECORATE:**

Make a crown with the clementine segments and almonds.

Refrigerate until required. Can be made a day or two before the event.

**TEIGNTON FAYRE – WINDING UP**

The outgoing committee is disposing of its assets such as chairs, Skittles alley and Ducks. Having discharged all relevant responsibilities, the committee will be formally wound up. If you are interested in any of the Fayre's accoutrements, please contact us at [fayre@drewteignton.org](mailto:fayre@drewteignton.org). **Hamish Dumbreck (Outgoing TFC Chair )**

## Dedicate a Tree for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Moor Trees is offering tree dedications in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee marking the 70<sup>th</sup> year of Her Majesty's reign, Dedicate a tree to a loved one, to mark a special occasion of your own, or to honour The Queen. South Brent-based Moor Trees has nurseries in Dartington and near Diptford where native broadleaved trees are grown. Seed is collected from local woodlands and hedgerows. In winter volunteers plant out the trees to create new woodlands for South Devon landowners. Adam Owen, Director, said: "We are very excited to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee , or 'TreeBilee' as the Prince of Wales has coined it. Trees play such an important part in our lives and we are thrilled to offer the opportunity for everyone to dedicate a tree for someone they love."

Darryl Beck, Tree Nursery Officer, added: "Tree planting is a key way of enhancing our natural environment and helping to fight climate change. The Queen's Green Canopy is a fantastic drive for national woodland creation and helps reverse the steep decline in wildlife across the country."

Between them, the two nurseries grow over 50,000 trees this year, most of which will be planted in the South Hams and on Dartmoor. Dedicated trees will be planted from November onwards when conditions are favourable to the trees. Each tree will not only help raise vital funds for the charity, but also prevent soil erosion, creating new woodland habitat, reducing flooding downstream, and fighting climate change.

To dedicate a tree: [www.moortrees.org/get-involved/tree-dedications/](http://www.moortrees.org/get-involved/tree-dedications/) or email [tree.dedications@moortrees.org](mailto:tree.dedications@moortrees.org) for more information.

### Bird Notes –

Sad note: swift boxes being taken down from buildings in Drewsteignton that have housed nesting pairs for years. The birds return annually to their regular nests.

### Nick Dixon

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