

Crockernwell, Drewsteignton, Sandy Park, Venton, Whiddon Down

# Drewsteignton Parish Post

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## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Our latest Parish Council (PC) meeting was held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June (7.30pm) at Drewsteignton Village Hall, which was after the deadline for the Parish Post. Minutes of the meeting will soon be on the Parish Website.

[www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk](http://www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk)

Planning matters: The Planning Inspectorate resolved to dismiss appeal Ref: APP/J9497/W/21/3289908 for the proposed development of housing at Land West of Crockernwell. Previously reviewed application 0115/22 Erection of hay and straw storage building at Venton Farm, Drewsteignton and a retrospective planning application 0162/22 for a stable block at land south of Knowle Cottage, Drewsteignton are with DNPA for decision. A site visit for new application 0214/22 Crossways, Crockernwell - repositioning of pergola and erection of summerhouse is pending.

Look out for a survey dropping through your letterbox from the Devon Community Housing Hub, who are seeking your views on housing needs in the Parish. The

survey can also be completed online:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ChagfordHNS](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ChagfordHNS)

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 18th July 2022, 7.30pm at Drewsteignton Village Hall, with all 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.

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## DEVON & CORNWALL PROCUREMENT PARTNERSHIP Presents:

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OPEN MIC Nights - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month - 8pm start

## Holy Trinity News

Everyone will remember the amazing exhibitions in the church over the jubilee weekend and the week after it. The kneelers attracted a lot of interest; many people commented on the history of the village embodied. The village as it is *now* was wonderfully depicted in the twenty-six family posters, which ranged from going back two or more centuries in the village to lovely people who have only recently moved here. Certainly, every poster made fascinating reading. The weddings exhibition brought a tear to the eye, and evoked a lot of happy memories for all those pictured. We want to extend a MASSIVE thank you to everyone for all the hard work which went into these displays and I think we should all be very proud of how it all looked on the day! Worthy of special gratitude are Jane Hocking for the weddings AND the kneelers, Pauline Rowe and Bunny Johnson for working with Jane on the kneelers, and Judy and Stuart in the shop for all their help with getting the cards out to families for the posters. Without these people's hard graft and enthusiasm, none of the exhibitions would have existed.

Impossible not to recall the wonderful hospitality. Hazel Craddock's pop-up café was constantly busy and I know that, as well as a huge **thank you** to her, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to all the cake bakers, sandwich providers and volunteers who turned up, served and washed up. THANK YOU ALL. The bell ringers' festival brought us much joy on Saturday afternoon and we are so grateful to Jonathan Bint for organising that. The home teams did very well on the day! Finally – and it is a big one – we were all so happy to be able to socialise and enjoy each other's company at the village picnic on the Sunday, which was a very joyous occasion despite the somewhat threatening weather! Happily the rain held off (mostly) and in any event we all enjoyed the free drinks supplied by Holy Trinity and the deserts – another thank you to all the many cooks, and an extra applause for the pub and Jayne and Phil. Many people commented afterwards how much we all need these lovely community events – it was so good to see everyone pitch up in the square and start eating and drinking **together**. A really good vibe.

Thinking of community events, please remember that the space at the back of the church is a village asset and we love it to be used. Most of the time there is no charge for this, and folk are starting to realise how useful it can be to have a comfy and flexible open area for a training session, a musical rehearsal or just a small get-together for a group.

Ruth keeps the church calendar to ensure no clashes: email her if you want to use the space: [ruth@merttens.co.uk](mailto:ruth@merttens.co.uk)

Meantime, the PCC and FODCA are working hard together to move toward a carbon-neutral church with solar panels on the south facing roof, an air-source heating pump and new LED lighting to replace the existing, old, very inefficient lights. Watch this space but we are determined to get all our ducks in order, obtain the relevant permissions and ensure our beautiful old church is sustainable for another 1000 years without harming our planet. ***A candle burns in the Ladies' Chapel at all times to symbolise our thoughts and prayers for all those suffering in the war. We pray for peace.***

*Club Jubilaeus + Ukraine*

**Hamish sends a big thank-you to all who supported the club night. £160:00 was donated to DEC's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**

**TEIGNTON FAYRE – WINDING UP**

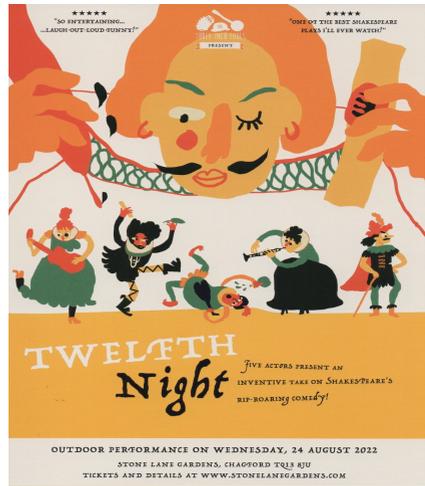
The outgoing committee is disposing of its assets such as chairs, Skittles alley and Ducks. Having discharged all relevant responsibilities, the committee will be formally wound up. If you are interested in any of the Fayre's accoutrements, please contact us at [fayre@drewteignton.org](mailto:fayre@drewteignton.org).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

**STONE LANE GARDENS***GlaStoneBury Lane*

Hi Guys, really sorry I couldn't join you on Sunday. I gather the stage set-up looked pretty good and having the option to play indoors or outdoors was a hell of a lot better than the Pyramid Stage I signed up to. Also having just two mikes makes our set up in Somerset seem ridiculously complicated.

Hope it went well.

Paul (James Goodwin actually)



## Acorn Community Support



*And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees,  
Just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was  
beginning over again with the summer.*

*F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby*

Well, what a triumph the Jubilee Bank Holiday was. Up and down the country the celebrations continued throughout the four days. There was plenty to enjoy in all our areas too. From Pathfinder and Longdown to the Teign Valley there were beacons lit, street parties attended and bunting galore. There is nothing like an occasion such as this to dispel the gloom of the last two years. Well Done to Her Majesty. 70 years is no mean feat for anybody but staying under the microscope of half the world must be a little irksome at times!

We managed some great trips - to Powderham, Buckfast Abbey and Dawlish. All thanks to our wonderful volunteers without whom we would achieve little social activity. ACS is looking for compassionate community-spirited people to help keep our high-quality service commitment to elderly and vulnerable people living in the Cheriton Bishop and Teign Valley area. If interested in finding out more then please visit our website [www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk/get-involved](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk/get-involved) or contact Mandy or Fran on 01647 252701

The **Cheriton Bishop Lunch Club**, at The Red Lion in Tedburn St Mary is **very popular the next one being 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022**. 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.) Shopping is at Sainsburys fortnightly on a Monday and there is plenty of room for more eager Acorn shoppers from the Cheriton Bishop end of the Practice. This month it is **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.

The **Cheriton Bishop Outing** – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Destination Otter Nurseries. Please phone the office to book your place.

### From the Teign Valley

The Teign Valley shoppers now shop at ASDA in Newton Abbot. A stop for coffee to wait for those with a larger shopping list to finish, is much appreciated by all.

Any new Acorn shoppers who would like to try ASDA are more than welcome!

Shopping at ASDA - **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

- Outings – **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022** – Destinations under consideration are **Babbacombe Cliff Railway and Lady Chapel and Bishops Garden at Exeter Cathedral** – Please phone for details
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022** are the dates for **Lunch Club** (different venues each time). This is very popular.
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for Coffee Morning** at the Teign Valley Community Hall. Activities such as Bingo, Quizzes and much more with plenty of chatter to go with your coffee and cake!

Please contact the office if any or all these activities appeal, and we will book you on.

Our **Memory Lane Café** is running monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Thursday. So, for **July it will be 4<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**. (Cont.)

Please contact the office if you know of someone who would benefit. We have a great time. To book a seat on the minibus for any trips, lunches or coffee mornings 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. Best wishes, **The A(corn) Team**

### **WHIDDON DOWN VILLAGE HALL**

Summer is well and truly upon us. What a lovely time was had by all who joined us to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Although we weren't blessed with the weather it didn't dampen our spirits. A huge thank-you to the children who participated in our competitions. To commemorate the occasion, the royal pictures created on the day will be framed and displayed on the back wall of the village hall for all to see.

Thank you to those who donate in lieu of parking. It is noted that many tradesmen regularly use our Carpark. It would be nice to receive a contribution from them too. Many thanks to Ian Rowe and Southwest Handling for the safe removal of the traffic cone from the hall roof. We know who was responsible and are very grateful that they did not fall whilst attempting their foolish prank. They might not be so lucky again!!

Lastly, we will be setting the date for the AGM in the next few weeks. We are always looking for new ideas and fresh input. If you think you might like to contribute, please get in touch with me, Jenny Turner 01647231179 or [jennyjturner21@gmail.com](mailto:jennyjturner21@gmail.com)  
Watch out for details. Enjoy the sunshine.

**Best wishes, Jenny Turner**

**The Greatest Healer of All** - Who is the greatest healer of all? Is it one of the great and famous physicians? one of the renowned religious or spiritual sages? a celebrated scientist or researcher?

We can all think of miraculous healers throughout history but I suggest something that the greatest healer of all is you, and your wonderful body!

With the abundance of healthcare options available to us today, it can be easy to forget that our own body is our greatest healing physician and pharmacy; we sometimes just need to give our body the ingredients it needs, and step out of the way, to experience wondrous healing and health – I've seen it many times!

The body can create a scab and heal tissues, raise its temperature to clear out infections, mend and knit together bone, cough and sneeze to evacuate foreign material, even grow a new human! The developer of Chiropractic, B.J. Palmer, said: "Nature Needs No Help, Just No Interference."

We can all do things (relating to our food, drink, relationships, work, and other lifestyle habits) that interfere with our body's truly remarkable healing prowess. If you ever doubt your own healing potential, firstly remember what a powerful miracle the body is and secondly, try and see if there are any lifestyle factors which may be limiting your healing potential and make little positive changes.

With love and appreciation! Joe Arnold (Doctor of Chiropractic, MChiro),  
Dartmoor Chiropractic, Strawberry Hill, Dunsford

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MED Theatre will be reproducing their sellout production of 'Salmon' this summer with a short adaptation of the environmental play. This 30-min. version, renamed 'Leap' will feature the magical salmon, Salar, Grilse and Kelt, sharing the plight of Dartmoor's rivers through tales of giants, poachers and water nymphs. Families, visitors and locals will all be able to enjoy this educational dance-drama in three outdoor locations:

Lustleigh Orchard at 2:30pm and 16<sup>th</sup> July at Castle Drogo



For more information or to book tickets visit [www.medtheatre.co.uk](http://www.medtheatre.co.uk) [www.medtheatre.co.uk](http://www.medtheatre.co.uk) or [www.dartmoorresource.org.uk](http://www.dartmoorresource.org.uk)

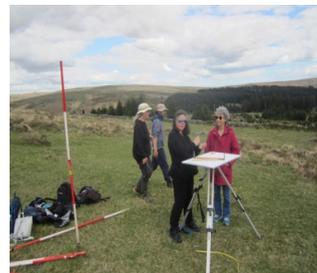
### **ACE Archaeology Club. Springing into Summer!!**

In March we were helping out an ACE member with work on her parish churchyard at South Tawton. We had previously surveyed most of it but have now finished that & also helped to decipher some of the older inscriptions on the gravestones. This will help visitors with family research.

Our April ACE day was a trip to Mardon Down, near Moretonhampstead, exploring prehistoric cairns, saw stone rows and discussed local legends. The surprise of the day was that seemingly the whole of Marden Down is riddled with World War 2 practice trenches. There was even evidence of bridging, railway cuttings and embankments which had been constructed by American engineers. The morning prehistory session was led by Andy Crabb, our Archaeology adviser and DNP archaeologist. The afternoon session was led by our member, Anne Whitbourn.



*In the churchyard. Chloe using her not yet patented cardboard tube to help read faded inscriptions. It works!*



*Plane table surveying.*

The Goadstone area (or Goatstone, depending on your preference) is very popular and accessible with the result that there is a fair amount of erosion happening around the prehistoric sites. We were comparing 4 previous surveys with what we could now see on the ground and working out what remedial work needs to be done to protect the sites.

We plane-table surveyed 2 cairns and started an off-set survey of 2 stone rows but this wasn't finished so we will be going back there at some stage.

The rest of the summer will be taken up with preparation for our dig in July, 16-31. We hope to have an open day, probably on the 23<sup>rd</sup> so do look out for information about that on our website and our Facebook page, we really would like to see anyone who is interested.

As ever, contact us through our website or our Facebook page.

Erica Williamson (with thanks to Mac Howard and Janet Daynes for their contributions). ACE Social Media and Publicity Editor.

<https://acearchaeologyclub.wordpress.com/>

## **Bird Notes**

Swifts returned to Drewsteignton on 7 May, an arrival date four days later than last year. I first heard a swift call in the morning and on looking up, saw there was a swift high over our row at Churchgate and there were three overhead at 5.30pm. It was a great joy to have them back, but it just got better over the next few days with six seen on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 12 on the 9<sup>th</sup> and then fifteen in the morning and twenty-two counted in the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup>. With the good weather over the last month, I am getting regular counts of 30 to 40 birds over the village in the evenings. Malcolm and his team will be with us soon to start ringing the chicks in nest boxes.

I saw my first swallow in the village on 14 April but sadly we do not have them nesting in our woodshed this year for the first time in 19 years. The house martins were very late this season and the first I saw of them was a flock on 27 April over the Teign valley but they didn't reappear in the village until 13 May. They do seem to be using all their usual nests on familiar buildings in the square again now.

Every year we get Red kites moving through the county during the spring and summer months but this year there has been a big influx of these wonderful birds. I have seen about ten over the last two months, including two over my garden. I have also seen two over Exeter, one of which flew over St. Michaels church where the peregrines there have had three chicks, all of which have now fledged and are noisily gracing the skies over mount Dinham. The Exeter peregrines haven't bred for the last two years (three eggs that didn't hatch in 2020 and none laid last year) which we presumed was down to the age of the female. It is a brand-new pair of peregrines at St. Michaels as a new male has also arrived, but they didn't find the nest box with the webcam but laid their eggs on an external ledge. This meant we weren't able to watch the developments of egg laying, hatching and the growth of the young through to fledging, and also were unable to put leg rings on this year's brood.

**Nick Dixon**

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## *News from the Moor*

Hi everyone

I hope that you haven't melted in the heat of the past week or so. The garden team have been working extra hard to look after some of the more delicate plants in the gardens. We even had to water some – a most unusual occurrence at Drogo!

We had a delightful event this week when we welcomed some of the donors and funders that made the building project possible thanks to their generous donations. We were also joined by Hilary McGrady, the Director General of the National Trust, and a lovely mix of staff, volunteers, representatives from local groups, members of the historic family and some of the contractors who completed the work. It was a lovely opportunity to officially mark the end of 9 years of the Saving Castle Drogo project. And the castle was sparkling in the glorious sunshine.

On a sad note, there has been an increase in damage being made out on the Teign Valley footpaths. This has included damage to the Iron Bridge and Hydro Turbine inlet, including throwing a safety gate in the river, and some graffiti. I know this has been quite upsetting to see, especially as this area is so popular and much loved by local people. Please do let us know if you see anything out of the ordinary or spot any damage.

Let's finish with a more positive story. I hear from the Ranger teams that the High Brown Fritillary, the UK's rarest butterfly, has been spotted flying in good numbers out on the Moor. A sign that all the hard work to care for these precious habitats is working, so thank you to all of you who do your bit in looking after nature.

Best wishes all, **Paula** - Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor  
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