

Crockernwell, Drewsteignton, Sandy Park, Venton, Whiddon Down

# Drewsteignton ParishPost

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## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Our Annual Community Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June (7.30pm) at Whiddon Down Village Hall, was well attended by group representatives and parishioners. The minutes of the meeting will shortly be available on the Parish Website. [www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk](http://www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk)

Planning matters:0167/24 Full Planning Permission, conversion of barn into holiday accommodation, South Cuma, Drewsteignton,EX6 6PX. Representations were heard from the applicant's representative,neighbouring properties and local parishioners. The PC unanimously determined a negative view of this application, noting an overdevelopment of a historical site contrary to a remote and tranquil setting. 0220/24 Listed Building Consent, for replacement windows, raising chimney stacks and internal alterations at Hobhouse, Drewsteignton, EX6 6PF was supported.

Highway matters: Quotations are invited from local contractors for “drop kerbs” to provide wheelchair accessibility at both Crockernwell bus stops; we have the funding. If you can assist please contact the Clerk. By contrast, DCC Highways have advised there is no funding available for new 30mph zones across the county. There is however, funding available for 20mph zones,[Devon 20mph Schemes-Roads & Transport](#), which was called for during the Public Speaking Time. The PC will investigate the application process, given the self-funding option for a 30mph zone would exceed £25k. Local organisations provided a wide-ranging summary of their activities, ambitions and collectively reinforced the strength of volunteerism in the parish. The Playing Fields Committee, Drewsteignton Gardeners Club, both our Village Hall Committees, Parish Post contributors and editor, Stone Lane Gardens and the newly formed Drewsteignton Community Society, highlighted fundraising success, improvements in membership and the need for new volunteers, as long-standing contributors step down. Don't be shy and get involved. The opportunity to thank our Parish Cllrs was not missed and the significant time and effort given by all is greatly appreciated. A more detailed summary of all the reports will shortly be available on the Parish Website.The Parish Council **2024 Parish Community Recognition Award** to recognise the hard work and dedication of volunteers within the Parish, was awarded to Dee Douglas. Dee has worked tirelessly to restore the roundabout and verges at Whiddon Down, creating a vibrant, shared space for all of us. For every seed you plant, you renew our community spirit. Thank you. (Cont.)

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 7.30pm, at Drewsteignton Village Hall** - all welcome to come along, engage & participate in matters affecting the Parish. Please note that any changes to meeting dates or venue will be posted on the website. [www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk](http://www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk)  
**Cllr. Peter Brennan, Chair**

**Post Office Van - Wednesday - Drewsteignton Village Square  
12:30 to 14:00 – Use it or Lose it. 20 transactions /week are needed to ensure its continuation.**

### **General Election 2024**

On **4 July 2024** you can vote between 07:00-22:00 BST

You can vote at **Drewsteignton Village Hall, Drewsteignton EX6 6QT** You will need photo ID to vote in these elections, find out more from the Electoral Commission. Students [can be registered at both their home and term-time addresses, but must only vote in one place.](#)

### **Member of Parliament for Central Devon - Candidates**

- Jeffrey Leeks, Reform UK
- Ollie Pearson, Labour
- Arthur Price, Independent
- Mel Stride, Conservative
- Gill Westcott, Green
- Mark Wooding, Liberal Democrats

**Drewsteignton Village Hall**

### **Notice of Special Meeting**

A public meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 19:00. The purpose of the meeting, is to discuss and vote on the future of the Hall. The DVH committee propose that the lease of the Hall be surrendered and, consequentially, that management of the hall be returned to the Diocese, from whom it is leased.

There will be a vote for this resolution, which must have 75% or more in favour to pass. Voters must be over 18 years of age.

The meeting is open to all residents of the Parish. *The white piano that was in the Drewe Arms snug, opposite the bar, is currently in the Village Hall and in need of a new home. Anyone interested, please contact me for further details at [hamish@dumbreck.uk](mailto:hamish@dumbreck.uk)* **Hamish Dumbreck – DVH Chair**

**Holy Trinity churchyard What a gorgeous display For Spring and early Summer**



**A 'thank-you' to our ever-busy team of churchyard gardeners.**

The drifts of oxeye daisies, in blocks throughout the churchyard were stunning and provided us with a scene of joy as we held out against wind, rain, more wind and, yes .. more rain.

Now for the sun  
**Ed**

**Morecare Chagford - New volunteer drivers are always needed**

Morecare volunteers provide transport to and from medical facilities, collect prescriptions and help with other needs, are where possible, for those who

registered at Chagford Health Centre or living in the surrounding area. Expenses can be reimbursed.

If you can spare a little time to help others, please contact us to find out more on 07914 853 726. Morecare Chagford Association. [www.morecarechagford.co.uk](http://www.morecarechagford.co.uk)

## WHIDDON DOWN VILLAGE HALL

This year seems to be galloping on!! Well, the hall's AGM was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> June in the evening. Despite advertising, leaflet drops within Whiddon Down, Facebook, word of mouth and the promise of tasty refreshments, only one member of the public attended the meeting, along with the outgoing committee. Thank you Neil. I was extremely disappointed that nobody else could be bothered. Being just two weeks post op myself, I chaired the meeting. We bade farewell to Alison Chapman and thanked her for all her hard work and wished her well in the future. The remainder of the committee were re-elected and the roles Alison was responsible for have been filled by members of the existing committee. Details for booking the hall will be updated here in the Post and on the hall notice boards, any other enquiries can be directed to me by phone or email.

We have no fundraising events planned until the autumn so details will be in September's edition. Hopefully, maintenance work to the outside of the hall will be ongoing and completed throughout the summer. Enjoy the sunshine when and if it appears. **Best wishes Jenny Turner.**

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### Acorn Community Support

*If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead.*

**Roald Dahl**

Summertime and the living is easy! At the time of writing its somewhat chilly outside but in Acornland its always sunny and busy!

We are closely monitoring Dr Clunie's journey raising funds for our wonderful Charity. Also we have been planning a little outing for our VOLUNTEERS who are the best anyone could ask for. A Volunteer Walk and Talk from Steps Bridge at 11.30am followed by afternoon tea at the **Walled Garden, Dunsford** at 2-4pm. Join us for both or just tea if walking doesn't appeal. If you are thinking about volunteering for Acorn and would like to meet us and have a chat, please we would love to meet YOU! *(Please contact the office)*

#### Activities From Cheriton Bishop

- **Lunch Club**, at The Kings Arms - Tedburn St Mary **Tuesday 2nd July 2024**- contact Jean Martin on 01647 24586 to book (a couple of days in advance please). *(6<sup>th</sup> August 2024 will be the next one)*
- **Shopping** is at Sainsburys – Fortnightly on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**. The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping.
- **Outing – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Trip to Buckfast Abbey** always a favourite

### For those in any Area of Acorn's domain!

- **Tea @ the Hub** – Fortnightly on a **Friday 2-4pm** at the Young Farmers Head Office Building in Cheriton Bishop. Join us for Tea, Talk, Coffee, Cake and a mingle making new, and catching up with old, friends. **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024** No need to book just turn up.
- **Memory Lane Café** – **11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. If you know of someone who you feel may benefit from this targeted club, then please call as below.

### Activities From the Teign Valley

**Lunch Club** – **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024** – **The Manor at Lower Ashton** (*Pre-book menu so please call Mandy or Fran to choose your meal*)

**Shopping** at Sainsburys – **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Outing** – **22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024** – Jack's Patch for a bit of garden therapy!

**Coffee Morning** - **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024** 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! Our members LOVE to see new faces.

**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 Seats are allocated on a first come first served basis. Best wishes The A(corn) Team**

### DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

**If you think that you know someone who could spare an hour or two a week or a month and would love to know more about volunteering then please ask them to visit [www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk/get-involved](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk/get-involved) or contact Mandy or Fran on 01647 252701**

### STONE LANE GARDENS – Three Inch Fools

**The Comedy of Errors**

\*\*\*\*\* "SHOCKING U.S. HEADLINE" - THE NEW YORK TIMES

\*\*\*\*\* "ONE OF THE BEST SHAKESPEARE PLAY FILMS EVER MADE" - THE NEW YORK TIMES

\*\*\*\*\* "SO ENTERTAINING... LAUGH OUT LOUD FUNNY" - THE NEW YORK TIMES

**Stone Lane Gardens**  
14 AUGUST . 7PM . Outdoor performance  
Gates open from 6pm. Picnics welcome.  
FOR FULL INFORMATION, & TO BOOK TICKETS SCAN QR CODE  
OR VISIT [WWW.STONELANEGARDENS.COM](http://WWW.STONELANEGARDENS.COM)

WWW.THREEINCHFOOLS.COM

*News from the Moor***Hi everyone**

I hope that you are all well. As I write, June has turned in to March with high winds and heavy rain forecast. The weather is certainly keeping us on our toes.

May and June has been packed full of lots of lovely events and activities. We had a visit at Castle Drogo by Exeter University renewable energy students, MED theatre led a drama and creative writing session for local primary schools at Finch Foundry, a Mossy Carpet was created at Parke, Lydford and Drogo, the Disabled Ramblers visited Lydford Gorge and we marked Carers Week by welcoming unpaid carers and the Devon Carers team to our places. It is such a pleasure to be connecting with so many wonderful local groups and organisations and for the places in our care to offer respite, inspiration and joy to so many people.

We also thanked our wonderful team of volunteers in Volunteers Week. We have 300 volunteers across Dartmoor – these are the fantastic people who share stories with you in our buildings, help care for wildlife habitats, keep our gardens beautiful or give you a lift in the buggy. Volunteers are involved in every area of our work and every place in our care. Huge thanks to everyone who gives their time to enable us to share these incredible places with so many people.

Coming up, as we head in to summer, we are hosting work experience students from local secondary schools, providing placements and training for Exeter University students, welcoming group visits by local groups, holding outdoor theatre events and preparing for our stands at various local shows including Chagford Show and Lustleigh Show. I very much hope to see some of you at the shows and let's hope the weather cheers up by August!

Finally, I have an exciting and equally terrifying announcement to share with you. This September, I will be part of a small team of Dartmoor National Trust folks embarking on a challenging 108 mile trek around Dartmoor. Starting on Friday 20 September from Castle Drogo, we are going to walk the whole route of the Dartmoor Way in 8 days – a 108 mile circular route which loops around the National Park.

Our aim is to raise money towards getting a fully accessible Changing Places Toilet on Dartmoor. As well as raising funds, we want to raise awareness that, although there are Changing Places Toilets in Exeter, Plymouth, Tavistock and Bovey Tracey, there isn't currently a Changing Place Toilet with hoist and adult sized changing area on Dartmoor. The difference this provision would have for people is significant. I know that times are hard for so many people and money is tight, but I would be really grateful for any support. If you are able to spare a few pounds please visit our Just Giving page on [www.justgiving.com/team/dartmoorwaychallenge](http://www.justgiving.com/team/dartmoorwaychallenge) Or if you feel inspired to run a fundraising event to contribute to our mission, that would be amazing too. Thank you for any support.

Take care everyone. Kind regards, **Paula**  
Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor  
07826 945107, [paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk)

What's *really* important? Human potential is something that I am really interested in, and I regularly question whether or not I am living life to the fullest. Well... I recently read a book by an Australian palliative care nurse called Bronnie Ware called 'The Top 5 Regrets of the Dying'. She talks about how, when she was caring for people in their final weeks, she picked out patterns and similarities in what people was saying. She said that the most common things people said at the end of their lives were: I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me - I wish I hadn't worked so hard, I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings, I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends, I wish I had let myself be happier. Surprising? Note that there is no mention of anything material. I wonder... how many dreams go unfulfilled? How much time is spent doing less important things? How many emotions are suppressed? How many friendships fade away? How many people don't choose happiness?

These regrets can serve as lessons so we can make wiser choices based on what truly matters to us. Maybe if everyone were aware of these regrets of the dying, we would experience more kindness, more compassion and greater connection in our communities.

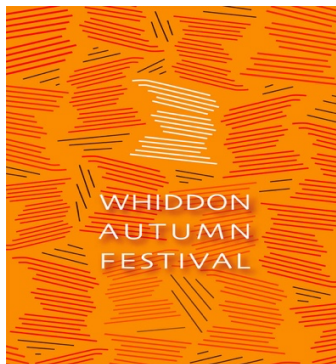
### Here's to a life of few regrets.

With love and appreciation!

Joe Arnold (Doctor of Chiropractic, MChiro)

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Join us **18-22 September 2024** for the **Whiddon Autumn Festival**, one of Devon's freshest and most exciting cultural events. **TICKETS** are now ON SALE. Scroll down to take in **WAF 2024 at a glance**, or visit our **EVENTS** page for more details.

*"The Whiddon Autumn Festival is a delectable cocktail of youthful vitality, ambitious programming, topnotch musical integrity, and a breezy, easy-going amiability."*

— *The Moorlander* (2023)

(Cont.)



Set in and around the picturesque [Whiddon Parishes](#) of north Dartmoor, the annual Whiddon Autumn Festival sees an exciting range of musical happenings including choral performances, chamber music, solo song, education work and community participation events, with a dazzling line-up of young artists, all curated by local-born Artistic Director [Freddie Crowley](#).

## The Drewsteignton Parish Post

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