

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 20th May (7.30pm) at Drewsteignton Village Hall. The minutes of the meeting will shortly be available on the Parish Website. www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk

Planning matters: 0167/24 Full Planning Permission, Conversion of barn into holiday accommodation, South Cuma, Drewsteignton, EX6 6PX – site visit to be arranged. 0183/24 Prior Notification, Erection of steel framed building for the keeping of livestock, Winscombe, Crockernwell, EX6 6NL, supported. 0248/23 Change of use from D1 (Methodist church) to C3 (dwelling), revisited at DNPA request. PC maintained its support, noting the unfortunately delay by DNPA in processing this application. Appeal to Planning Inspectorate, Shilstone Farm, Chagford, TQ13 8JX. Negative view of this development remains. Representations are due by the 3rd June 2024 via www.Gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate noting the lead case number 3335023 and a secondary (listed building) appeal 335059.

Highway matters: Funding to provide wheelchair accessibility at both Crockernwell bus stops has been approved by DCC, with the PC tasked with organising a contractor. DCC Highways legal notice for parishioners to properly maintain trees & vegetation bordering the highway. 30mph signage for Drewsteignton has moved to the next step – code for progress! Notice of night time road closure at Whiddon Down to North Tawton, for 5 days commencing Monday 17th June 2024 19:00 to 06:00. Highways are currently checking a number of poor-quality repairs in the parish. Please continue to report potholes via the DCC Highways website www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/

Misc Matters: Installation of the defibrillator for Sandy Park has been delayed until June. The PC accounts and finance are now “fully digital”, saving time on reporting and record keeping. Report from WDBC Cllr Guthrie advised that a advisory group will work alongside SW Water, with the intention to ensure greater accountability and proactiveness in maintaining our rivers and water supply. Borough councillors are keen to develop a more coherent approach to supporting the farming community, given the challenges faced by the sector. Future WDBC updates will report progress.

The PC passed on its support to the Fingle Bridge Inn, owners and staff, who have been impacted by the misreporting of the location of the Teign Valley dog incidents. Locals and their dogs have returned to the woods with no incidents of harm being reported. Please show your support-return to the woods and the Fingle Bridge Inn!

The next meeting is your **Annual Community Meeting** which will be held on **Monday 10th June 2024 7.30pm, at Whiddon Down Village Hall.**

For anyone new to the parish or simply curious, it is a great opportunity to learn about the strength of volunteerism in the parish and learn about opportunities to get involved. All are welcome to come along, engage and 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

Cllr. Peter Brennan,

Chair

Holy Trinity Church

A candle burns in the Ladies' Chapel at all times to symbolise our thoughts and prayers for all those suffering in war. We pray for peace.

Bonfire Blight III

Dear villagers all, a heartfelt request – Third Time - from your friends and neighbours:

It is not thoughtful to have a bonfire during the day UNLESS you have spoken with any household that may lie in the path of the smoke.

In the last couple of weeks people have lit bonfires in the middle of the day, spoiling the drying of bedding and clothes on neighbours' washing lines. Further, billowing smoke is unkind to those making the most of being able to have their windows open. PLEASE, before lighting up, check with your neighbours, the wind direction and the time of day. Many thanks, **Ed**

STONE LANE GARDENS

More details are available at www.stonelanegardens.com



STONE LANE GARDENS

Sherlock & Watson – Tickets are now on sale from our website SHOP

SHERLOCK & WATSON: A MURDER IN THE GARDEN, to be performed by professional theatre company Calf2Cow on the evening of Saturday, 8 June outdoors in our grass amphitheatre. Bring a seat and a picnic (gates open 6pm) and enjoy an evening of mayhem, murder and jolly good fun under the stars. (Cont.)

STONE LANE GARDENS TEA ROOM OPEN

Our lovely tea room and tea gardens are now open throughout the summer on five days a week serving delicious Devon Cream Teas and a variety of other great refreshments between 11 and 4. If you are passing by why not drop in to enjoy a fresh cuppa and, if you have time, take a stroll around the glorious Gardens and lovely wildflower meadows. Parking is free, entry via Long Lane.



WHIDDON DOWN VILLAGE HALL

People of Whiddon Down and surrounding area, Please show your support for this local community asset, and come to our AGM on **18th June, 7.30pm**, in the hall. Refreshments will be available.

We need your help, new faces on the committee, new ideas, to ensure our lovely hall can continue.

It's time to step up and be counted, to ensure a positive future for Whiddon Down's future generations.



*The month of leaves and roses,
When pleasant sights salute the eyes,
And pleasant scents the noses.*
—N. P. Willis (1807-67)

Here we are in June and our local Hero, Doctor extraordinaire and all-round Good Chap, Jason Clunie is heading out for a quick **2000 Mile cycle to Southern Italy**.

WHY you ask – to celebrate (!) his retirement of course **AND** raise money for his favourite charity – ACORN! We are so excited to be monitoring his journey and sharing this with you all via our Facebook Page **AND** amongst all this excitement we will continue with what Acorn does best – eat **CAKE!**

Activities From Cheriton Bishop

- **Lunch Club**, at The Kings Arms - Tedburn St Mary **Tuesday 4th June 2024**- contact Jean Martin on 01647 24586 to book (a couple of days in advance please). (*2nd July 2024 will be the next one*)
- **Shopping** is at Sainsburys – Fortnightly on **Wednesday 5th and 19th June 2024**. The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping.
- **Outing** – **Tuesday 18th June 2024** Seaside Time with a **Trip to Sidmouth**

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 14th and 28th June**. No need to book just turn up.
- **Memory Lane Café** – **13th and 27th June 2024**. If you know of someone who you feel may benefit from this targeted club, then please call as below. (Cont.)

- **Activities From the Teign Valley**
- **Lunch Club – Tuesday 11th June 2024 – The Taw River – Sticklepath** (*we had to cancel this last month, so we are trying again*)
- **Shopping at Sainsburys – Monday 3rd June and (then MOVING BACK TO FRIDAY by popular request which means a longer gap) FRIDAY 21st June 2024**
- **Outing –24th June 2024 – Off to the Sea Teignmouth Beach**
- **Coffee Morning - Tuesday 4th and 18th June 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 always LOVE to see new faces.
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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

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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

or contact Mandy or Fran on 01647 252701

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Best wishes, Mandy Vellacott



WHIDDON
AUTUMN
FESTIVAL

Our team is busy behind the scenes planning **WAF 2024**.

Here's a reminder of the dates:

WAF 2024

Wednesday 18th – Sunday 22nd September

We'll announce the programme on **Wednesday 12th June**,
and booking will open too!

Add the date to your diary. It's not long now...



National
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News from the Moor

Hi everyone

I hope that you are all well. Spring seems to have finally arrived (better late than never) and the various gardens across Dartmoor are suddenly full of colour. The walled garden at Parke is promising a lovely harvest later in the year and the Wisteria at Drogo is glorious and smells delicious.

June is going to be a busy month with various national weeks taking place. We are delighted that we will be supporting Carers Week (10 – 16 June) by hosting the Devon Carers team at Drogo on Monday 10 June and at Lydford on Thursday 13 June. If you are an unpaid carer for a friend, family member or neighbour and would like to know what support is available for you, please pop along on either of those days for a chat with the Devon Carers team.

Volunteers Week (3 - 9 June) is our chance to formally recognise the amazing contribution volunteers give. On Dartmoor we have close to 300 volunteers doing all kinds of roles. From sharing the stories of Drogo in the castle, to monitoring Pied Flycatchers at Lydford Gorge, our volunteers make it possible for us to share these wonderful places with thousands of people every year. Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to support a cause they are passionate about. (Cont.)

We then have Great Big Green Week (8 - 16 June). GBGW is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. As part of this, there are lots of different activities taking place across Dartmoor. These include a drop-in collaborative art activity at Drogo as part of The Mossy Carpet project, a hydro turbine open day at Drogo on 15 June, and a drop-in community volunteering day at Parke on 16 June. For more information, please visit our websites.

We are also inviting local people to have a day out at Castle Drogo without the car. As part of GBGW, we are excited to announce that we are offering a free Castle Drogo Shuttle Bus service on 5 selected dates to connect the town of Okehampton with Castle Drogo.

On **Saturdays 8 and 15 June**, starting from Okehampton train station, outbound buses run at **9:30, 10:30 and 11:30** which are coordinated to meet the arrival of the train from Exeter. On **weekdays 10, 12 and 14 June**, there will be two outbound services running at **9:30 and 11:30**. The **return bus** from Castle Drogo runs at **2:35 and 4:35** on all 5 of the days. The bus, which is wheelchair accessible, will leave Okehampton train station with one pick up in the town on Fore Street (McColls) before continuing to Castle Drogo. The bus will drop passengers just outside the Visitor Centre entrance to the property where you'll also find the café, shop and toilets. We look forward to seeing how many people take up the free shuttle for this week and hearing how it goes.

Finally, since my last article was written mid April, incidents have been reported to us of dogs falling ill after being exercised near or on land along the river Teign on Dartmoor. We were very sorry to hear that subsequently three dogs died. Please be assured that we are taking this matter very seriously. To date, nothing suspicious has been found but signage is in place to inform dog owners of the current situation. Our thoughts continue to be with the owners of these family pets during this difficult time. The incidents are being investigated by Devon and Cornwall Police. Please could anyone with any further information please contact the police on 101 quoting incident number DCP-20240420-0300.

Best wishes everyone,

Paula

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Recycling & Waste Collections over Spring Bank Holiday



Normal day	New day
Monday 27 May	Tuesday 28 May
Tuesday 28 May	Wednesday 29 May
Wednesday 29 May	Thursday 30 May
Thursday 30 May	Friday 31 May
Friday 31 May	Saturday 1 June

These changes also apply for Garden Waste Customers

Please put your waste out by 7.30am

For more information go to
find my collection day on our website
www.westdevon.gov.uk West Devon recycles

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