

Crockernwell, Drewsteignton, Sandy Park, Venton, Whiddon Down

# Drewsteignton Parish Post

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## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Our latest Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September (7.30pm) at Drewsteignton Village Hall. The minutes of the meeting will shortly be available on the Parish Website. [www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk](http://www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk) Planning matters considered: 24/0048 Works to Trees protected by TPO, The Rectory, Drewsteignton EX6 6QW, pollarding at 4m following wind damage; supported. 0345/24 Permission in Principle, land west of Crockernwell, EX6 6NA for up to five dwellings and up to four live/work units; discussion determined site visit to be arranged - subsequent notification received from DNPA refusing Permission in Principle to develop the site. 0355/24 Listed Building Consent & 0354/24 Full Planning Permission for minor alterations & repairs to Drewe Arms PH, Drewsteignton; supported. Thompsons Transport Yard, Whiddon Down. An Agreement has now been signed with Heritage Homes of Exeter to progress a Planning Application in partnership with Thompsons. Representatives from Thompsons (Jackson Stops) & Heritage Homes attended and provided an update on plans for the site. Heritage Homes are in the first stage of developing plans to address the 45% social housing provision outcome of a Housing Needs Survey and provide a mixed development of first homes, shared ownership, affordable housing for rent and open market housing. Heritage Homes are an experienced and award-winning local developer who have been building zero carbon homes for >10 years. The PC is supportive of developing the site and providing input into the initial concept plans. An emphasis on the provision of high-quality homes for all properties and open space was accepted. The potential inclusion of a children's playground and DAAT landing site was noted. Heritage Homes agreed that further public consultation would form part of the planning application process over the next 6-9 months. Highway matters: The promised speeding survey will shortly be implemented near Lamb Close, Drewsteignton. Additionally, the PC has supported Moretonhampstead TC initiative to introduce a 20mph speed limit across all Dartmoor communities. More details on how parishioners can support will be provided next month. Other matters: The rapid response to clear pathways of fallen trees by the Forestry team was acknowledged - thank you to Pete Rich and his team. Please continue to report pathway and bridleway issues to the Parish Clerk. The Drewsteignton Playing Fields Committee successfully applied and were granted £500 towards the upcoming Bonfire Night. The PC are launching a photography competition—look out for details on our Facebook page [@drewsteignton.parish.council](https://www.facebook.com/drewsteignton.parish.council) Next **PC** meeting on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 7.30pm, at Drewsteignton Village Hall**. All 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. **Cllr. Peter Brennan, Chair**

## Drewsteignton Playing Field - Bonfire Night



We start at 5pm on Saturday 9th November with the torchlight procession from 5.30pm and the fireworks later. Please be prompt if you want to join the procession, 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, which also applies to anyone using sparklers. Our event licence limits us to 499 people including all children (however young) and all helpers, and so this will again be a ticket only event and everyone must have a ticket. Tickets will be £5 each this year and non-refundable, but please note that everyone who gives us a decent amount of help before, during or after the event will get free tickets for themselves and their family. We expect to sell all the tickets again this year and so it is unlikely that there will be spare tickets at the gate on the night. Please get yours early from Oinkers or any member of the Committee. Last year we ran out of tickets two weeks before the event, so, if you leave yours to the last minute, you probably won't get any.

If anyone is up for helping us please let one of the Committee know.

If you've been before, you will know we have a huge bonfire for which we need loads of wood.

Pallets are our first choice and we would also like garden brash and any other clean timber.

No furniture please. We appreciate contributions of wood, especially wood taken to the Field, but, if you are doing that, **please** don't leave it in the actual bonfire area which will be fenced off. Having to move loads of wood away from the site before the bonfire can be built does create a lot of extra work for us. Please note this is a cash only event so bring loads of cash to spend! Mike's field at Netherton will be available for Bonfire Night parking. Lamb Park and Knowle Lane will be inaccessible for parking.

### Holy Trinity News

With the pub repairs visibly progressing, Church Cottage almost ready to let out and the engineer drawing up a plan for the solar panels on the church roof, the **village hub** is going from strength to strength. And the weekend with so many different events really showed how the community can benefit from having all these spaces available.

The Whiddon Autumn Festival Concerts – one in the church and one in the Long Room – were both really well attended and greatly enjoyed. I can personally attest to the fact that 'Gems of the Renaissance' with Freddie Crowley on Friday evening was indeed sublime. The church was also ideal for the wonderful memorial service for Ben Rubbra and then the Harvest Hymns and Pimms on the following day. So, the vision shared by the Pub Committee is coming to fruition and earlier than we might have imagined. We are starting to discuss ways that the pub and church can work together on extending the Honesty Store and including perishables in the produce available for folk to purchase. It is worth stressing that the PCC as well as the pub committee see both church and pub as available to the whole village community and not just to particular parts of it. We love the church be used and hopefully it is by now be clear to all that we are open to providing events and indeed services which are not Christian or indeed specifically religious occasions. The church is an incredible space where our spiritual needs can be catered for and our social and emotional needs – for friendship, fellowship and community – can also be accommodated. So, as I continuously try to stress – it is **your** church, feel free to use it! If there is an event or occasion you are thinking to run or host, just ask! (Cont.)

**Coming up this month we have...**

**Family Pet Service** 17:00 6<sup>th</sup> October – lead as always by Harriet and ALL pets and their owners are so welcome. Food and drink provided so you don't have to cook tea after it. As well as high tea, there are biscuits for well-behaved dogs and cake for well-behaved humans!

**Family Communion** 11:15 13<sup>th</sup> October – an informal communion service where anyone is welcome. NB We are a dog friendly church.

**Morning worship** – a thought-provoking reflective service, always worth every moment and orchestrated by our lay worship leaders. **Autumn Reflections – A Concert for Peace** by Cantemos, a Devon-based choral ensemble. 6:30 Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October, admission free. We are super lucky to have attracted these singers so put the date in your diary now! In addition, various training events are taking place in the church, and some groups have booked it out for meetings. So, on occasion, it is possible that the shop may be inaccessible for an hour or so. Please bear with us and come back later – it doesn't happen often! In addition, various training events are taking place in the church, and some groups have booked it out for meetings.



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**Pet Service - Holy Trinity** would be delighted to welcome you and your fantastic pets (small or large!!) to our special Pets Service on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm. Harriet will be on hand to bless us - and them – for the coming year and the service will be followed by refreshments. Please take note of the wonderful posters around the village designed and drawn by the very talented Phoebe Brown. We look forward to seeing you and if you need any special requirements ( for your animals!!) please do let me know on [j.hocking05@btinternet.com](mailto:j.hocking05@btinternet.com) **Holy Trinity team**

**Drewsteignton Christmas Craft Fayre - Holy Trinity Church**

**Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am-5pm and Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> 11am-4 pm**

Yes it's coming up to that time again so please come along and support our very talented local craftspeople - many of whom you will know - in our beautiful, friendly church and find that perfect gift for someone special. You may also wish to meet up with family and friends over coffee, soup lunch or teas at Hazels ever popular 'Pop up Café' open on both days.

**The crafters are kindly donating 15% of their sales to Holy Trinity Church ALSO ..... (see over)**

Following the very successful bric-a-brac stall over the past years, we will be having another so please bring any **Quality items** to the church on Friday 22nd November or contact me on 01647 281605 or j.hocking05@btinternet.com if you need them collected. **Thank you, Jane Hocking**

### Drewe Arms

## Refurbishing the Front of the Drewe Arms

If you've passed by the Drewe in the last couple of weeks, you'll have noticed the major refurbishment of the front and thatch of the pub. The project is running well ahead of schedule and we're very pleased with the results so far. Having the Drewe stripped of the exterior render has given us some unique insights into how the building we see today has evolved over the centuries. Speak to Simon if you want to know more!

Despite the upheaval, it's business as usual inside the pub, and at our outdoor tables.

### **Sunday Roast at the Drewe – From 6<sup>th</sup> October**

Get ready for our new Sunday Roast which launches on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Expect delicious pork, beef, chicken and vegetarian option, all served up with a Drewe Arms twist to make them extra special.



### **OctoberFest – 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October**



The Drewe Arms is going to have a bar-varian flavour from Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October. We're doing a 'tap-takeover' with a delicious range of locally made German style beers. There'll be food to go with it - Bratwurst hotdogs, sauerkraut, and more! Sam has been dusting down his lederhosen in readiness for the occasion

### **Head to our Facebook page for films and photos of the various stages of the refurb:**

Reed being stroked, netting being added, exterior walls being prepared for render, bunkrooms brightened and gardens tidied. It's all go !

**We're going to deserve the new, Sunday roasts !**



A special (30 mins) service for All Souls' Day including poems, music and an invitation to light a candle in memory of a loved one, followed by light refreshments for those who wish to stay. I would encourage all who are able to light a candle (see below) and place them in the churchyard on 2<sup>nd</sup> November as it is so heart-warming to see their lights, twinkling with love, throughout the night. The votive stand in Lady Chapel is always available (with a supply of tealights) when the church is open.

### **Outdoor Candles of Remembrance**

As you may know there has been a special service to remember loved ones on All Souls Day for the past few years. An important part of this is the lighting of candles of remembrance. Holy Trinity Church would like to gift to anyone who would like one a memoriam outdoor candle. If your loved one rests in Holy Trinity Churchyard the idea is that the candles will be placed on the graves and lit before the service: if they rest somewhere else you would be very welcome to choose a special place within the church yard to light your candle. If for some reason you will not be at the service, Holy Trinity would like to offer you a candle which someone could light on your behalf\*. Or, if you prefer, you may wish to collect a candle to light and place at a location special to you, at a time of your choosing. The candles will be available from Drewsteignton Post Office, the Drewe Arms or the Church from 27<sup>th</sup> October. \*Please contact me (Jennifer on 01647 281657 or [pmjmrmdm@aol.com](mailto:pmjmrmdm@aol.com)) or leave instructions in the Post Office.

### **6pm, Saturday 2 November - Light, Love and Loss**

A special short (30 mins) service for All Souls' Day, Holy Trinity Church, Drewsteignton to include poems, music and an invitation to light a candle in memory of a loved one. Light refreshments to follow.

### **WHIDDON DOWN VILLAGE HALL**

October is upon us. Welcome to the season of mist and mellow fruitfulness, shorter days and longer nights. How better to spend a Saturday evening than in a lovely warm village hall with lively and entertaining company and extremely congenial hosts. Whiddon Down Village Hall Committee invite you to our Quiz Night, devised and hosted by Tich and Debbie Scott on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7oclock for a 7.30 start. Teams of up to 6 are welcome to compete for a cash prize. £2.50 per person entry. Bring your own alcoholic beverages and snacks. Refreshments of the softer variety will be available for a donation. There will also be a prize draw. All proceeds to the village hall. To book your table please call 07708634426 or email [jennyturner21@gmail.com](mailto:jennyturner21@gmail.com) payment by Bacs preferred to secure your place. It promises to be a good evening. Thank you to the kind people who leave donations for parking, especially the owner of car registration ending V S K. Thank you particularly for your amazing donation. It is a shame not everyone values the Halls generosity. Now that the hall is back to normal use after the summer, we would appreciate that people using the carpark only, leave parking spaces nearer the entrance for hall users. Maintenance to the outside of the building is still ongoing but should not interfere with hall usage. Lastly, many thanks to our present committee for giving up their precious free time to ensure the survival of Your village hall. **Best wishes Jenny Turner.**

## Drewsteignton Gardeners' Club

Our next meeting is a talk on 14th October about Camassias with plants available to buy. Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the month at Whiddon Down Village Hall during Autumn and Winter. Annual membership is still only £5. Anyone can attend an individual meeting at a cost of £2.

Swirling leaves and golden light together with longer nights and dark evenings. The good and the bad of October. At Acorn we are well into the Autumn programme of enjoying ourselves. We have made sure that there are plenty of activities on offer fuelled by Tea and coffee and copious amounts of CAKE!

See below for the dates and times and please remember to book as some activities get booked up very quickly!

### Activities From Cheriton Bishop

**Lunch Club**, at The Kings Arms - Tedburn St Mary **Tuesday 1st October 2024**- contact Jean Martin on 01647 24586 to book (a couple of days in advance please). (**5th November 2024 will be the next one**)

**Shopping** is at Sainsburys – Fortnightly on **Wednesday 9th and 23rd October 2024**. The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping.

**Outing – Tuesday 15th October 2024 – Dartmoor, Widecombe and Ruggleston for Lunch**

### 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 4th and 18th October 2024** No need to book just turn up.

**Memory Lane Café** – Thursday **10th and 31st October 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 1st October 2024** – The The Ley Arms , Kenn

**Shopping** at Sainsburys – **Friday 11th and 25th October 2024** The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping.

**Outing** – Monday **14th October 2024** – Dartmoor Drive and Warren House Inn for Lunch

**Coffee Morning** – Fortnightly from **10-30-12.00** on **Tuesday 8th and 22nd October 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 make you very welcome.

**If you would like to book a seat on the minibus for any of our trips, lunches or coffee mornings, th 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.**

## *News from the Moor*

Hi everyone

I hope that you managed to find a glimpse of summer from time to time. As I write in mid September, we seem to have jumped straight into late autumn. I'm hoping for a return to kinder weather as I will be setting off on my fundraising walk along the 108 miles of the Dartmoor Way on Friday 20 September. The mission is to raise money towards getting a fully accessible toilet on Dartmoor with a hoist. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation – it is very much appreciated. It's not too late if you'd like to support by donating on our Just Giving page [Paula Clarke is fundraising for National Trust \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Paula-Clarke)

While we are talking about fundraising, thank you for all the support for our second-hand bookshops at Drogo, Finch Foundry and Lydford Gorge. Already this year we have raised over £20,000 which will make such a difference to helping us care for these wonderful places. We are always on the lookout for pre-loved books (especially children's books that fly off the shelf within minutes). Please do pop in with any books that you are looking at re-homing. All we ask is that they are clean and tidy.

November will be a busy month with some of our regular community activities taking place. The inter-school cross country run will be back for the 9<sup>th</sup> year on Thursday 7 November with 150 children from local primary schools running a 1.5 mile route at the top of the Gorge. I have no doubt that you will hear the children cheering each other on from miles away!

We then have the Drogo 10 taking place on Sunday 10 November. This is when 500 brave souls tackle the challenging 10 mile run through the Teign Valley from Castle Drogo. The race starts at 10.30am after a minutes silence is held to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. Good luck to everyone taking part and thank you to our neighbours for their patience on such a busy morning.

One of my favourite events of the year is taking place on Saturday 23 November at Finch Foundry. We will be marking St Clements Day at Finch Foundry together with our local blacksmith community. From 10am until 4pm, Finch will be ringing with the sound of blacksmiths marking the day of their patron saint with displays, demonstrations and competitions. It is a busy event so, if you are able to, please come along by foot, cycle or bus to help with car parking. Everyone is welcome to join us so please pop it in your diary – it is a wonderful event.

Best wishes all,

**Paula**

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