

Drewsteignton Parish Post

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NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

There was no Parish Council meeting in August hence a shortened report for this month t. Planning matters to be considered at next PC meeting: 24/0046 Works to Trees in conservation area, 1 Fulford Cottages, Crockernwell, EX6 6NE reduce crown of T1 Juniper/Redwood. 24/0048 Works to Trees protected by TPO, The Rectory, Drewsteignton EX6 6QW and 0345/24 Permission in Principle, land west of Crockernwell, EX6 6NA for up to five dwellings and up to four live/work units.

Highway matters: Please continue to report potholes that have a 40 mm(4cm) vertical edge and are 300 mm (30cm) wide on the DCC website www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/report-a-pothole-form/. Highways commit that all reports will be assessed onsite within seven calendar days. Following the assessment, repairs will be carried out by the end of the next working day, seven, or 28 calendar days, depending on the outcome of the assessment.

Asian Hornets: the British Beekeepers' Association www.bbka.org.uk are working hard to raise awareness that whilst Asian hornets pose no greater risk to human health than a bee, they are a threat to our native honeybees and other pollinators, which could in turn have a devastating impact on our wider ecosystem. A new "Asian Hornet Watch" app is available to download from app stores to quickly report sightings OR reported by email to alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk - with a photo.

Our next **Parish Council** meeting will be held on **Monday 16th September 2024 7.30pm, at Drewsteignton Village Hall**. All are welcome to come along, engage and participate in matters affecting the Parish. Changes to meeting dates or venue will be posted on the website. www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk

Cllr. Peter Brennan, Chair.

Drewe Arms

Food at the Drewe - We're excited to announce that the Drewe Arms kitchen is now fully operational. Instead of a conventional menu, we're calling ours 'The Chalkboard'. It changes every week and it's built around the freshest seasonal produce our local suppliers can provide us with and the best ideas from the kitchen team. It means there's *always* something new, fresh and delicious to try at The Drewe. Check out this week's Chalkboard

Serving times:

Wednesday to Saturday

Lunch: 12.00-2:30

Dinner: 6.00-8:30

Sunday:

Lunch: 12.00 - 4.00

We'll soon be launching the Drewe Arms Sunday Roast. It's going to be very special, so keep your eyes peeled.

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More Dates for Your Diary Kate Bush and Steve Reich - Friday 20th September, 9:00pm

We're very proud to be part of the Whiddon Autumn Festival. Friday 20th September we're hosting a special concert live in the Long Room. Experimental songs of the '80s: Kate Bush as you've never heard her before and a minimalist masterpiece by Steve Reich, performed by one of the UK's most adventurous string quartets. This concert will last approx. 75 minutes, with a short interval. Pre-concert drinks from 8pm.

Tickets:

<https://www.whiddonautumnfestival.co.uk/events/steve-reich-kate-bush>

Cider and Cheese Festival – 12th to 15th November

‘Cheese, Gromit?’ Well, yes! and cider too! What better combination? Simon, our landlord, is well known for his knowledge and enthusiasm for great cheese. He's putting that to good use with big plans for a Cider and Cheese Festival at the Drewe from 12th – 15th September. During the festival you will be able to choose from a range of delicious local cheeses, as well as Simon's favourites from further afield. These mouth-watering cheeses will be complemented with the very best locally-produced cider – from our friends at Sam's Cider in Winkleigh, along with Sandford Orchards in CREDITON, plus many more



Stay in the Loop - Sign-up to our newsletter via the drewarm.org website, or follow us on Facebook for all the latest news about the Drewe and the events details.

Village Harvest Party – Saturday 7th September

Proceedings will begin from 5PM in the Village Square. There will be a Music Stage, featuring a 12-piece band, The Loose Cannons, Our wonderful community-owned Drewe Arms will have a bar service from the Square. A BBQ with a vegetarian option will be held in the Churchyard.

This will be the 1st great, live event in the Square since Covid stole the excitement from us. It may also be the last event of its kind, before the MSD music crew and equipment scale down. Of course, there will be T-shirts on sale, mark the occasion. All profits from the event will go to Drewsteignton Community Society Ltd. Please note that we will start set-up on Friday evening and that there is a Parking restriction order (TTR02458645) for the Square, effective midnight Friday. Alternative parking will be available and signposted, for residents and guests, in Netherton field.

News from Holy Trinity

So, September starts and the swifts have departed for sunnier climes. The swallows are starting to gather on the wires and the days are not as long. It has been wonderful having the pub open five evenings a week and hearing the cheerful sounds of people eating and drinking in the square just outside the church. The long summer evenings have also seen the 'batman' come to carry out the bat survey and the swift experts counting and ringing some of the baby swifts in the nest boxes. Meantime, Jill has been super-busy in the church yard and we are very grateful to Graham and Anne who have been giving her some welcome support.

And as we start this new school year, 'support' really is the key concept, in Holy Trinity in particular and in the village in general. So many people are helping to make the village hub a reality. If we spend a moment listing the things that have to be done, we can appreciate the scale of the tasks ahead of us this year.

Meetings, discussions and estimates are required to get to the point where we are convinced that we have found the very best arrangement for the number, type and settings of the photovoltaic panels for the church roofs.

An energy survey has to be completed and structural surveys arranged and finalised. Necessary documentation outlining the proposals for the solar panels has to be researched and prepared for the diocese, English heritage and the DNP.

Church cottage needs to be made ready and shipshape for letting as part of the pub's offering to visitors.

The church yard has to be maintained and a system to raise money to sustain this lovely area should be resurrected.

The shop has to be organised and run as it continues to provide a much-needed resource providing the basics for our village community.

The weekly market – which includes Ros Brookes with her wonderful milk and coffee – has to be supported weekly.

In addition to all the above, the regular 'work' of our lovely church space must continue unabated. All the events require organisation and on-going support and this is not trivial. See below for a list! So, if anyone would like to offer support, no matter how limited, please do know that all of us on FoDC and the PCC would welcome you with open arms! **September events:**

1st September: Reflective evening service at 7pm.

7th September: Village Harvest Party from 5pm in the square

15th September: Family Service 5pm – hot potatoes and other jollities, all welcome!

20th September: Whiddon Autumn Festival concert at 6pm – drinks available

21st September: Memorial service for our very much missed Ben Rubbra, at 12 noon

21st September: Bell ringers from. 2:15pm – listen and enjoy

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Tom Martineau has died:

He passed away peacefully here at home, aged 88 at Drewston, on Tuesday morning 13th August 2024.

We came down to Devon from Wolverhampton, when our late Papa died too young and Mother wanted to get away from the Midlands. Tom had just done his National service in the Army (Royal Signals Yorkshire). As brother and sister we have always supported each other, with Tom farming sheep and chickens and growing their food. He also used to do the shopping for our late Mama as she did not drive. Meanwhile I taught in schools in Derbyshire and North Wales and drove down to Drewston to help Tom every school vacation and half term break.

We were very grateful to the late Arthur and Dorothy Fox (Elaine Chudleigh's Parents) who came down from the village to help Tom on the farm and help Mother in the house. Tom was musical and he learnt to play the Violin at school and later taught himself to play the Viola, Cello and Double Bass and so played in a number of classic quartet groups and orchestras.

Tom turned his schoolboy hobby of clock and watch repairing into a business to supplement his farming income. Consequently, he was called upon to tend the church clock and also Aunt Mabel's grandfather clock at the Drewe Arms. Eventually, he had to stop the striking and chiming of the church clock because local residents complained it kept them awake at night. SEPTEMBER 2024

Also he was a valued Churchwarden for many years. On one Remembrance Sunday in November, Tom played the Last Post on a bugle whilst standing on the balcony in the back of Holy Trinity Church Drewsteignton.

Tom was a clever wood carver and led weekly wood carving groups at Whiddon Down for several years. For some years, he valiantly mowed the grass in the Churchyard and playing field

Catherine Martineau

Thomas Martineau's cremation will be held at St Paul's Chapel, Exeter Crematorium at 11am on 13th September

****DATE FOR YOUR DIARY****

I know that it is only September but time passes very quickly so please can you put this on your calendar ?

Drewsteignton Christmas Craft Fayre

Saturday November 23rd 11-5pm and Sunday November 24th 11-4pm at Holy Trinity Church

Space is limited and filling up quickly so if you would like a place then please let me know asap and preferably before 30th September.

Please come along on 26th and 27th November and support our very talented local craftspeople – many of which you will know! in our beautiful friendly church.

Thankyou **Jane Hocking** – 01647 281605 email: j.hocking05@btinternet.com
(Always a lovely start to the Christmas season – Ed) (Cont.)

We have several new crafters joining us this year to help you find that perfect gift you've been searching for.

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.

ALSO: Following the very successful bric-a-brac stall last year, we will be having another this year so please bring any **Quality items** to the church on Friday 25th November or contact me on 01647 281605 or j.hocking05@btinternet.com if you need them collected.

Not all crafters are able to accept debit or credit cards so good old-fashioned cash would be most welcome. **Jane Hocking**

The crafters kindly donate 15% of sales to Holy Trinity Church

Safeguarding

This is an opportunity to bring to your attention, should you experience any concerns of a Safeguarding nature, that there is a Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) that can be used anonymously to pass the concerns on.

Details are to be found in Holy Trinity Church Porch giving phone numbers and contact

WHIDDON DOWN VILLAGE HALL

Countdown to Christmas has begun! The hall has been quiet over the summer, the carpark hasn't! Unfortunately, the work scheduled to be done has not happened.

Thankfully there was nothing major, just general maintenance.

Two dates for your diary :- Quiz night back by popular demand, hosted by Tich and Debbie Scott . Saturday 12th October. Teams of 4 or more. £2.50 per person. BYO drink and nibbles, tea, coffee and soft drinks available. Cash prize for winning team. Prize draw. 7- 7.30 start. To book your place email jennyjturner21@gmail.com or call 07708 634426.

This year's Christmas bingo is earlier than usual. Monday 16th December. Doors open 6.45pm, eyes down 7.30 pm prompt!! Last year was very busy, standing room only, so arrive early to avoid disappointment! All the meat prizes will be fresh on the day, so will be suitable for freezing prior to Christmas.

One final note. The road hedge in the carpark will need cutting during September so half the carpark will be cordoned off at some point. If you are a regular user, please park thoughtfully and responsibly. Thank you for those who leave donations, shame on those who don't. Best wishes **Jenny Turner – Tel: 07708634426**




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Acorn Community Support

Activities From Cheriton Bishop

Lunch Club, at The Kings Arms - Tedburn St Mary **Tuesday 3rd September 2024**- contact Jean Martin on 01647 24586 to book (a couple of days in advance please). (*1st October 2024 will be the next one*)

Shopping is at Sainsburys – Fortnightly on **Wednesday 11th and 25th September 2024**. The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping.

Outing – Tuesday 17th September 2024 Trip to Teignmouth – Fingers crossed for sunny day!

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 6th and 20th September 2024** No need to book just turn up. **Memory Lane Café – 12th and 26th September 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 3rd September 2024 – The Union at Moretonhampstead
Shopping at Sainsburys – **Friday 13th and 27th September 2024** The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping. **Outing** – Monday

16th September 2024 – Darts Farm and George and Dragon for lunch

Coffee Morning – Fortnightly from **10-30-12.00** on **Tuesday 10th and 24th**

September 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, 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?

The A(corn) Team: contact Mandy or Fran on 01647 252701

Hi everyone

This month has a bit of a Castle Drogo focus as we have some new things to share with you. If you're curious to find out more about the last castle to be built in England, September is the perfect time to visit.

Castle Drogo has recently been given a generous donation of over a thousand items that have been away from the castle for more than 60 years. These include all kinds of personal objects from a banjo that travelled to the trenches in the First World War, to diamonds and cherished family toys. These items are part of the Nursery corridor exhibition and will be open to the public most days, However, we rely on our fantastic volunteers to be able to open these spaces.

For the first time ever The Study at Castle Drogo has been opened as an exhibition space. It includes items that have recently been conserved, and items that have rarely been on display. The Study will be open everyday until Sunday 3 November.

Throughout the castle the team will be opening some of the most unique and beautiful cabinets in the collection, for visitors to look inside. The cabinets will be open daily throughout September until Sunday 3 November. If you've ever wondered what's behind the door, now's the time to come take a look.

Perhaps you're feeling inspired to help tell some of these fascinating stories? On Friday 6 September the castle will be holding a volunteer open day. If you'd like to find out about what volunteering means at Castle Drogo, come along between 11.30am – 2.30pm, have a chat with the team, join a tour or taster to give you a feel for the different roles you can get involved with. We are particularly keen for weekend volunteers and garden volunteers. To learn more, get in touch at drogovolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk or look at our opportunities online.

Out on the estate, the gardens and grounds, the team are getting ready for their annual programme of tree management work which will begin again in September.

This is where we check the health of trees, deal with any disease and squirrel damage, and make sure footpaths and key viewpoints are clear. This will start with work in Cod Wood so look out for any diversions while work is underway.

Finally, we have a series of free entry days coming up in September as part of Heritage Open Days. Lydford is open for free on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 September and Finch Foundry on Sunday 15 September. Castle Drogo will have free entry on Wednesday 11 September and the Hydro Turbine House upriver from Fingle Bridge will be open on Sunday 15 September. September tends to be a bit quieter so a great time for local folks to venture back out after the summer holidays.

My top tip is to arrive 2pm when other visitors are having tea and cake!

Best wishes all,

Paula

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor
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Stamps

The wonderful mobile Post Office van which comes to Drewsteignton Square on Wednesdays are changing the times to **2-3pm** from next Wednesday, please do support this important service, it needs 21 transactions a visit to make it worthwhile coming - use it or lose it!

If you are on Facebook then please like their page so that if there's any emergency news you will hear about it (such as last week's puncture resulting in the van changing to Thursday!)

Grants

Providence School Charity for Young Persons supports **under 25s** living in the Chagford, Drewsteignton, Gidleigh and Throwleigh parishes by awarding grants (up to £250) to support individuals for educational, sporting and cultural activities, such as: Education and training events and programmes

Apprenticeships

Sports equipment purchases

School visits and exchanges

Music lessons and instruments

Tools, books, special equipment to enable you to progress in life **The Trustees are particularly keen to hear from anyone about to start College, University or an Apprenticeship requiring help to purchase books, tools, materials, special equipment etc.** As the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th August, please make your application, outlining what you need and how it would be of benefit, as soon as possible, to gay.hill@btinternet.com or telephone 01647 432424

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