

# DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH POST

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## News from the Parish Council

The Parish Council met on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at the Whiddon Down Village Hall. Planning matters: 0021/26 Listed Building Consent & 0022/26 full planning permission, restoration, alteration and enhancement of grade II listed cottages following fire including the provision of electric vehicle charging point. 1-3 Glebe And Trinity Cottages, Drewsteignton, Exeter, Devon, EX6 6QN exp 16/03/26. Supporting documentation states, the restoration philosophy will adopt a respectful approach to the building's historical significance while ensuring modern safety standards; supported. 0407/25 full planning application for new custom-build dwelling for a local person on land at Sx735 908, Drewsteignton, EX6 6QS; application withdrawn.

Highways: Please continue to report potholes using the DCC website <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/>. Instances of fly-tipping have been noted and reports raised with WDBC <https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/environment-and-nuisance/report-problem-our-streets/fly-tipping> Flooding risk - sandbags are available from a locked store at Chagford Fire Station: 01392 872200. Cllrs thanked Philip Lockyer and Stephen Bowden for their community spirit in cutting back hedges and verges in the Parish. The parish is blessed to have so many volunteers who go the extra mile to help others – thank you.

Cllr Guthrie was able to correct a typo in last month's Parish Post that incorrectly stated the anticipated 2026/27 Council Tax rise. The actual increase will be 2.99% for a Band D property and not 4.99%. WDBC has managed to achieve a balanced budget despite the challenging economic circumstances. The Parish Precept remains frozen.

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be held on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm, in the Church Space, Holy Trinity Church, Drewsteignton**. 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](http://www.drewsteigntonparish.co.uk)



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## Local Government Re-Organisation

The Leader of West Devon is urging everyone in the borough to take part in the Gov.UK consultation on the reorganisation of local government in Devon. Cllr Mandy Ewings said: “I am urging residents, organisations and businesses across West Devon to take part in the consultation on Local Government Reorganisation in Devon, which closes on 26 March.

“Local Government Reorganisation is coming in 2028, which means that there are going to be huge changes to how council services will be delivered across Devon. Essential services like housing, children’s services, roads and highways, planning and licensing are all provided by your local councils, which means all of us will be affected by the reorganisation in one way or another.

Reorganisation is something that the government is enforcing upon us, but we need to ensure that when the decisions on what our new councils will look like in Devon are made, people living both in West Devon and the entire county get the best option, that ensures these crucial council services are delivered efficiently, effectively and economically.

New councils need to ensure that everyone in Devon gets fair representation, with councillors that are as close as possible to the communities that they serve. There needs to be accountability, and dependability. If that’s what you want to see from your local services, please take the opportunity to take part in the consultation and share your views before it closes on 26 March. You can find out more about the different proposals at [www.devonlgr.co.uk](http://www.devonlgr.co.uk).”

## Supporting Arts and Culture

WDDBC would like your views on how to support arts and culture in West Devon. The Borough Council is creating a new Cultural Framework and Strategy to guide how culture, creativity and heritage are supported in the future and they want your help to shape it.

Whether you attend events, volunteer, create, or simply enjoy what West Devon has to offer, your views matter. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and **fill in the survey**.

<https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/news/2026/supporting-arts-and-culture>

# Devon County Council

**Devon County Council (DCC) welcomes the Government drive to raise profile of fostering.** The plans, backed with £88 million over the next two years, are part of a government drive to provide more loving homes to vulnerable children while improving support for foster carers and tackling the shortage of carers.

Declining numbers of fostering households is a national issue, and in Devon the number of approved fostering households has fallen by a third since 2020. DCC has committed £2million towards its fostering service to provide additional support to foster carers in recognition of the vital role that they play. This is funding a range of measures including improved financial support with enhanced payments and allowances, improved training and development, access to specialist advice and wellbeing services, and an annual council tax relief scheme.

Government figures in the report highlight that as of March 2025, there were 81,770 children in care. Around two thirds of all children in care – 54,820 – were living in foster homes, supported by 42,190 fostering households. The number of approved mainstream foster carers declined by 12% between 2019 to 2025 and stood at 56,345 last year.

**Hearts and Homes:** A Fostering Devon Conference will be held at The Future Skills Centre in Exeter on 20<sup>th</sup> March. The event is an opportunity for local businesses and anyone who wants to find out more about fostering to meet with Devon's fostering team and explore how we can help create safe, loving homes for children and young people in Devon. There will be sessions from 10am–12noon and 1pm-3pm. Find out more at <https://www.fosteringdevon.org.uk/events/hearts-and-homes-conference-2026/>

If you're aged over 21 and have a spare bedroom and want to support a child to have improved life chances you can find out more about becoming a foster carer at <https://www.fosteringdevon.org.uk/>

## HOLY TRINITY, DREWSTEIGNTON

I am hoping that we will all start March with a smile on our faces and hope in our hearts. At Holy Trinity, we have had some very special times recently with two lovely baptisms and a confirmation. Both Maeve Bowden and Isabella Di Battista were just so well-behaved as Harriet poured water over their heads and neither seemed to mind being the centre of attention. Lovely to see many of the two families turning out to support each other and enjoy the two occasions. The confirmation of Tom, George, Alice and Esther as well as Shona, a lovely guest from Moreton, was properly joyous with loads of family and friends. Many people from the village came to support us all and it made me realise what a truly communal church we are.



The Buck's Fizz and delicious homemade cheese straws and cakes afterwards made for a lovely time to share news and catch up, as well as celebrate these young people's commitment in a world where cynicism and indifference are all too often applauded as 'cool'. We are also very lucky to have our 'own bishop' in Nick McKinnel, whose relaxed manner and genuine affection for those being confirmed shone through the service. As the baptised babies and their families, as well as these teenagers and young adults go onwards

and upwards with their journeys, we really hope to be there and support them. The church is nothing without the community who it exists to serve and who sustain it with their love and laughter, their commitment and care. That commitment was severely tested during the last two months when I several times had to ask for people to come with sandbags, towels and aqua-vac to help remove the flood waters from the kitchen-vestry in the back of the church. In this context, a very special vote of thanks is due to Mandy, as well as Sue, Ian, Marg, Kate and Nick Cobbold. Cont'd.

As I am often heard to remark, without **FODC** and our wonderful volunteers, this church would not survive.

Meanwhile our March events and services are as follows:

**1st March – Family Service at 5pm** – St David’s day and we have a theme of red-dragons (for children) and daffodils (for adults). Stay for high tea and go home spiritually and physically refreshed!


**8th March – Family Holy Communion 11:15am** with Harriet leading and plenty of hymn singing.

**15th March – Mothering Sunday 11:15** – flowers and celebration of all carers, do come and say a thank you to all who care for

**22nd March – Morning Worship 11:15am** This is a wonderfully thought-provoking service. It is informal: those of indeterminate beliefs might well find it sympathetic.

**29th March – Palm Sunday 11:15** There will be a procession round the church yard and the usual reading / enacting of the Easter Story. Do bring children along to hear it – we will make them really welcome.

Ruth Merttens –Church Warden [ruth@merttens.co.uk](mailto:ruth@merttens.co.uk) or 07781334669



**Drewsteignton  
GARDENERS'  
CLUB**

**Our next meeting is our AGM which starts at  
7.30pm on Monday 9th March at  
Whiddon Down Village Hall**

**Call Alison Chapman for more information on 01647 281197**

 **National Trust** News from the Moor

Hi everyone, I do hope that you are all keeping well and have kept safe in the ridiculous rainy weather over the past couple of months. I am trying my best to keep positive, despite flooding and my garden looking like a bog. At least the reservoirs are filling up and daffodils are starting to appear to cheer us all up.

As Spring heads our way, this is the perfect time of year to take up a new hobby. Volunteering is a brilliant way to learn new things, meet lovely people, and share your love of beautiful places. We are currently looking for people to join our volunteer team at Castle Drogo so, if you fancy being one of our brilliant Room Guides or a buggy driver helping people to get around the site, please drop me a line.

For those of you looking for Easter plans, we have a couple of trails taking place over the holidays. At Castle Drogo, make your way through the gardens and discover 10 activities all about the animals of the Teign Valley – from tiny dormice to our iconic Dartmoor ponies. At Lydford Gorge, you can be team Viking or team Anglo Saxon. Follow the trail around the orchard and have a go at the 10 family-friendly activities to see who comes out on top. The trails take place between 27 March – 19 April 2026. Normal admission applies, plus £3.50 per trail, which includes an Easter trail sheet, bunny ears and dairy or vegan and Free From\* chocolate egg.

I have a bit of news to share about Glebe Cottages. Whilst we had hoped to arrange a meeting to introduce you to the appointed contractor at the end of Feb/ March, we are still working through the finer details of the appointment of our preferred contractor. Therefore, we are not quite ready for the meeting. Once we can confirm a date and time to make the introduction, we will be back in touch with the Drewe Arms who again have kindly agreed to host us.

Finally, a reminder about a wonderful art exhibition which will be in the Castle for March. We have worked with a collective of artists called 'Herding Cats' who have been inspired by some of the lesser-known stories of Drogo, particularly of the women of Drogo, and have created art pieces in response. It promises to be a beautiful and interesting way to discover more about the history of Castle Drogo which launches on 1 March. I hope that you have chance to come and see the pieces during March.

Best wishes all, **Paula**

Volunteering & Community Manager, Dartmoor  
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## **Taking Action on Abandoned Vehicles**

WDBC have now issued their first Fixed Penalty Notices for abandoned vehicles and will continue to take enforcement action where necessary.

Abandoning a vehicle is an offence and may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice under the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act, or further enforcement action.

Please dispose of vehicles responsibly.

You can report an abandoned vehicle on the WDBC website. [www.westdevon.gov.uk/environment-and-nuisance/report-problem-our-streets/abandoned-vehicles](http://www.westdevon.gov.uk/environment-and-nuisance/report-problem-our-streets/abandoned-vehicles)

## **Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice**

### **Notice to Patients: Practice Improvement Works**

We would like to share exciting news and inform our patients that building works will commence at the practice from 26<sup>th</sup> February as part of a programme to improve and extend our facilities.

This work represents Phase 1 of a three-phase development plan, beginning with the creation of an additional consulting room. The full programme will ultimately provide much-needed dispensary space, two new consulting rooms, and an improved waiting room, enabling us to better meet the needs of our patients.

Phase 1 is expected to take approximately six weeks to complete. From the outset, the size of the waiting room will be reduced, and there may be some minor disruption, until all three phases have been completed.

We appreciate that this may cause some inconvenience and kindly ask for your patience and understanding while these essential improvements are carried out. Our team will do everything possible to minimise disruption and maintain a safe, comfortable environment throughout the works.

Thank you for bearing with us as we invest in the future of the practice and the care we provide.

Contact Us:

Cheriton Bishop & Teign Valley Practice, Yeoford Road, Cheriton Bishop, Exeter EX6 6JA and also at The Surgery, Layne Fields, Christow EX6 7NY

Tel: 01647 24272

# Standing Together Against Rural Crime

## A new community initiative for our Parish

Rural crime affects far more than fields and farmyards. It touches livelihoods, confidence, and the sense of safety that binds a community together. Drewsteignton Parish Council (DPC) has been trialling an initiative to report crime by improving communication between parishioners — and now it's time to involve you.

We are launching the **DPC Rural Crime & Community Alerts WhatsApp Community Group**, which is designed to help parishioners share timely information, raise awareness of suspicious activity, and support one another in keeping our area safe. This is not a place for rumours or alarm, but a practical tool to help us stay connected and informed. It does not replace the 999 emergency or 101 reporting calls to the Police.

### How it works

- The WhatsApp group will be used for **verified updates**, sightings, and relevant information that may help prevent or respond to rural crime.
- It is open to **all parishioners**, particularly those on outlying lanes and farms.
- The group will be monitored to ensure it remains respectful, factual, and focused on community safety.

### How to join

Simply **scan the QR code** printed alongside this article. This will take you directly to the group's joining page. We ask all parishioners to **agree to the group's terms and conditions**, which are in place to protect everyone's privacy, safety, and peace of mind. These include:

- No sharing of personal data without consent
- No speculation, naming individuals, or posting unverified accusations
- No off-topic messages or general chat
- Respect for neighbours, landowners, and emergency services

Anyone who does not follow these guidelines may have their number removed to ensure the group remains a safe and reliable resource for all.

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### Why this matters

Rural crime is best tackled when communities communicate. A single message - a suspicious vehicle, a damaged gate, a drone sighting, a cold-caller - can help neighbours stay alert and prevent further incidents. By joining the group, you are helping strengthen the safety net that protects our Parish.

### A community effort

This initiative is not run *instead of* the police, but *alongside* them. Always report crimes or emergencies to the Police first. The WhatsApp group simply helps us share awareness quickly and responsibly. Together, we can make our parish a harder place for rural crime to take root — and a stronger, more connected community in the process.

### Drewsteignton Parish Council

## The Providence School Charity for Young Persons

The Providence School Charity, established from the sale of Providence School Throwleigh in 2016, is a local charity able to give small grants to young people (under the age of 25) from the Parishes of Chagford, Drewsteignton, Gidleigh and Throwleigh. The grants are intended to support individuals for educational, sporting and cultural activities.

We are currently looking for a new Trustee to represent Drewsteignton Parish. The role is not onerous as we only meet 3-times per year and it is rewarding to help and support the young people in our parish. Why not come along to our **Coffee Morning Saturday 7th March 10.00 to 12.00 Endacott House, Chagford** – cakes, coffee, books & raffle - and have a chat. Alternatively email [gay.hill@btinternet.com](mailto:gay.hill@btinternet.com)

## WHIDDON DOWN VILLAGE HALL

Our usual programme of meetings and classes are in full swing.

New booking enquiries welcome.

Stay warm and well. Best wishes Jenny

07708634426 or email [jennyturner21@gmail.com](mailto:jennyturner21@gmail.com) or

**Village Hall:** 07928966744

[whiddondownvillagehall79@gmail.com](mailto:whiddondownvillagehall79@gmail.com)



WURLITZA PRESENTS  
F. W. MURNAU'S  
**SUNRISE**  
A FILM AND LIVE MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA



**7.30pm SATURDAY 21ST MARCH**  
**IN DREWSTEIGTON CHURCH**  
Adult £14 Child (under 16) £8 from  
Eventbrite - search Wurlitza





**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Experience Sunrise with Wurlitza! A screening of the silent classic, paired with a live soundtrack.**

A night of cinematic magic brought to you by the Friends of Drewsteignton Church.

**Sunrise** is a silent film at its most poetic. Made with an unlimited budget, this fast-paced tale of temptation and reconciliation beautifully captures both rural idyll and bustling city with an array of clever cinematic touches. On its release *Sunrise* was lauded as "a film masterpiece" by the New York Times, winning three Academy Awards. *Sunrise* is still considered one of the finest films of all time.

Wurlitza have added music that will be both familiar and unfamiliar, from Bach and Villa Lobas to Talking Heads, Echo and the Bunnymen, Madness and the Vapors, as well as some of their own. This is a truly unique and memorable experience.

**Wurlitza** hail from Cornwall and have been enchanting audiences since 2006, with their distinctive live soundtracks. With keyboards, guitars, clarinet, bass, drums/percussion, and 5-part vocal harmonies, they bring a modern twist to classic silent films, seamlessly blending genres from different eras. *"Wurlitza's shows have been among my most memorable musical highlights"* Nick Bailey – *Classic FM*

**Adult £14/Child (under 16) £8. Go to [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) – search Wurlitza.**

**Doors open at 6.30pm for pre-performance drinks. The films begin at 7.30pm and will run until approximately 9.20pm with a 20-minute interval.**

Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase on the night from the cash bar.

All profits go to the Friends of Drewsteignton Church.

# Friends of Holy Trinity Church

## North Dartmoor Magazine

This magazine needs our support. It is not only a really good way of sharing the news from all the villages and communities in the North Dartmoor area, but it also provides a vehicle in which local businesses, tradespeople and artisans advertise. This is OUR local 'newspaper' and we all need it to flourish! However, in order to get it into the hands of as many people in every community on North Dartmoor as possible, we need to think a bit harder about its distribution.



## URGENT – Crisis on Delivery of the Magazine

We can no longer sustain the current schedule of deliveries. Our deliverers are all in their 80s or older (!) and driving two/three hours each around all the lanes and up all the driveways of the remoter properties in and around the parish is no longer a realistic option.

**Dropping off points** – we are looking for houses/people where we can leave a watertight plastic box so that other families can collect their magazine. In each chosen house, someone can take responsibility for telling other people in their area that they have the magazines. Then those people can – perhaps on their way home – collect their copy. In particular, we are looking for houses in each of these areas:

- Area along or on either side of Long Lane
- Area between the old A30 and Long Lane including round the quarry
- Area along and around the road to Sandy Park (not including Sandy Park itself)
- Area around Hask Lane and on the north side of the old A30

We need just one house and person in each area to contact their 'neighbours' via text or email and let them know that the magazines are there to be collected.

**This is your chance to be a really good neighbour and support your community – please step up!**

Email Jane: [j.hocking05@btinternet.com](mailto:j.hocking05@btinternet.com)



If you plan a visit to our garden, you will see the Korean Rhododendron (*rhododendron mucronulatum*) showing its delicate flowers and plenty of snowdrops dotted around, surrounding the trees. Our gardens and tearoom offer us a great opportunity to organise smaller events for creative-minded people. For the first time this year we are offering a series of creative workshops:

- On the 28th of March the very talented Amelia Speyer is sharing her felting skills in a workshop in our Tearoom. During the workshop participants will make a birch leaf shaped coaster and a felted vessel which resembles the unique properties of birch bark.
- Tuesday 19th of May you can join us for a printmaking session with Simon Ripley from Double Elephant Print Workshop. Drawing inspiration from the surrounding gardens you will explore mono printing using leaves, textures, and hand-cut shapes.
- Saturday 13th of June it is Terry Speyer's turn to teach you how to use wood-carving tools and guide you through carving a spoon from wood found in our gardens. By the end of the day, you'll take home a beautiful, hand-carved spoon.

You can buy your tickets for the workshops on our shop/event webpage. Apologies in advance, there are limited spaces available.

There is still time this season to plant trees. We grow and sell many of the unusual and attractive birch in our National Collections. All our trees are field grown. We lift and sell them in the winter when they are dormant. Most have attractive peeling bark and the colours range from the pure white Himalayan birch through the coppers and reds of the *Betula albosinensis* cultivars. Our website shop has full details of our stock and you get a generous discount for collecting from the nursery.

Looking forward to seeing you at Stone Lane!

Stone Lane Gardens is situated in the northeast corner of Dartmoor National Park, OS map ref: SX 708 907 (OL28 Dartmoor).

Stone Lane Gardens, Chagford TQ13 8J What3Words: keys.trombone.crab



## **MORECARE - Providing transport to get you to your medical and other healthcare appointments.**

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

registered at Chagford Health Centre or living in Chagford and the surrounding area. Instead of set charges, donations are suggested for our services. If you need health-care related transport, please contact Morecare by phone or text on 07914 853 726 or email via our website: [www.morecarechagford.co.uk](http://www.morecarechagford.co.uk)

## **Mobile Post Office Van – Use it or Lose It**



Rural services continue to be under threat and the Mobile Post Office van operated by Ashburton PO needs all our support or the service will cease. Lucy and the van will be in the square, outside The Drewe Arms Inn every Wednesday between 2pm 3pm. For the service to be viable over 20 transactions are required – multiple transactions per person count towards the target. Buying a few stamps a week versus monthly all helps.

Ashburton PO has asked for help to ensure the van can park outside the Drewe Arms, so any help in keeping a space free would be appreciated. The mobile post offers a great range of services:

- **Postage of letters and parcels:** Ensuring that mail and packages reach their destinations.
- **Business banking services:** Paying in cash & cheques.
- **Personal banking services:** Offering balance checking, cash withdrawals and managing savings and insurance.
- **Bill payments:** Facilitating the payment of utility bills and other expenses.
- **Vehicle tax:** Assisting customers with vehicle tax payments.

Set against further Post Office, Gov.UK and DCC cutbacks there is no grant funding for this vital service. This really is a “**use it or lose it**” appeal.

<b>BOGOF</b>	<b>Buy Sell</b>	<b>Cheap Figs</b>	<b>4 Sale</b>
<i>Advertise Here</i>	<b>Eat Here</b> Not there!!		

**Advertorials:**

**Sharing Local Know-How for the Good of the Community**

The Parish Post doesn't officially allow adverts for local businesses and yet we promote local events held at the Drewe Arms, Fingle Bridge Inn, etc. We are therefore, a little compromised! In truth, we don't have the resources to manage or charge for adverts. What we do welcome and offer, is the opportunity for local businesses to share their wealth of knowledge, skill, and the practical wisdom that lives within the parish.

That's where **advertorials** come in. An advertorial isn't an advert! It's a short, helpful article written by someone with expertise who wants to share genuinely useful advice. We have had some great examples recently from Tim Hocking and Gary Read, both sharing their insights and advice. Think of it as neighbourly guidance in print: how to spot a failing boiler before winter, what to check before calling an electrician, tips for maintaining your garden tools, or simple ways to keep your home energy-efficient.

These articles don't promote a business or push a service. Instead, they offer readers practical insights while giving local experts a chance to contribute to parish life in a meaningful way. Each contribution will be acknowledged and the business contact details printed. Everyone benefits - readers learn something new, and the businesses strengthen their connection to the community.

**Call to action:** If you're a local tradesperson, craftsperson, or professional with advice to share, we'd love to hear from you. Your experience could help someone avoid a costly mistake, stay safe, or simply make life a little easier. **Ed.**

**Parish Post Copy Deadline**

Our next issue is the April 2026 edition, so please send your events and articles by: **Sunday 22<sup>th</sup> March**





**“Daffodils, That come before the swallow dares and take  
the winds of March with beauty.”**  
— *William Shakespeare, The Winter’s Tale*

I am hoping that by the time you read this, the wet stuff is history. As I type the sun is shining! Just as well as we have a full program of fun ready for you in March.

### **Activities From Cheriton Bishop**

- **Lunch Clubs, at The Kings Arms - Tedburn St Mary Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026** - contact Jean Martin on 01647 24586 to book (a couple of days in advance please). **7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 will be the next one**
- **Shopping at Sainsburys Alphington – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026.** The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping.
- **Outings –10<sup>th</sup> March 2026** – Moorland drive and lunch at Ullacombe Farm Shop
- **Warm Spaces – Exeter School. 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026.** Please ring the office for more information and to book your seat on the bus.

### **For those in any Area of Acorn’s domain!**

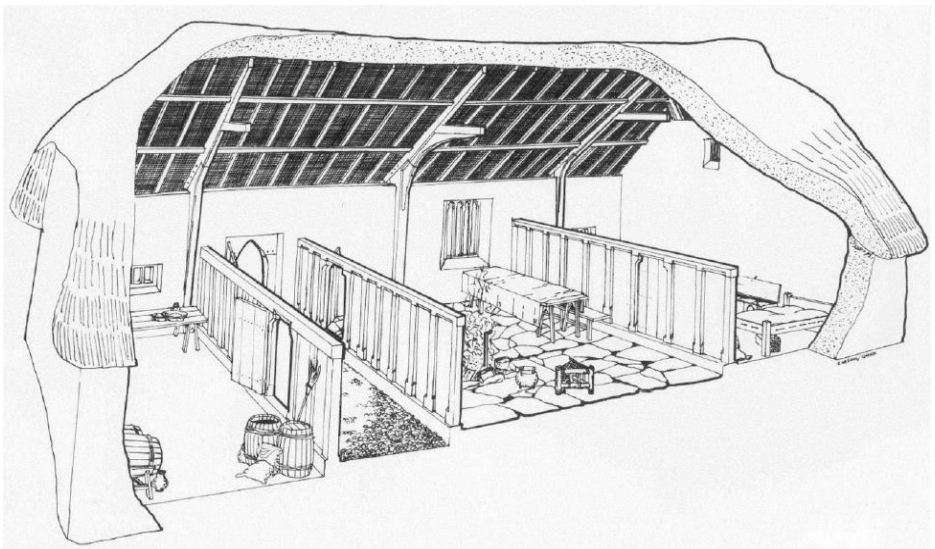
- **Tea @ the Hub** – Fortnightly on a **Friday 2-4pm** at the Young Farmers Head Office Building in Cheriton Bishop. Join us for Tea, Talk, Coffee, Cake and a mingle, making new, and catching up with old, friends. **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026** No need to book just turn up.
- **Memory Lane Café –12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026.** If you know of someone who you feel may benefit from this targeted club, then please call as below.
- **Rainbow Club** – Carers Support Group. **20<sup>th</sup> March 2026.** Do you care for a partner or a close family member? Then perhaps a monthly get together with other Carers in a similar position might be just what you need. Free informal/confidential chat with a cup of tea. Please call the office number below to learn more.

**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.**

## Glebe & Trinity Cottages Drewsteigton

The Heritage Design & Access Statement accompanying 0021/26 & 0022/26 planning applications is a worthwhile read to understand the proposed restoration of the four conjoined Grade II listed cottages, that were badly damaged by fire in March 2025.

The National Trust owned cottages comprise Nos 1, 2 and 3 Glebe Cottages and Trinity Cottage. Proposed works will reinstate the cottages to their pre-fire condition with minor changes proposed to improve fire safety and for closer compliance with Building Regulations (where appropriate in the context of the Grade II Listed fabric). The thatched roofs of the cottages will be replaced. Cob wall heads and the east gable will be repaired and consolidated. The roof structure requires almost entire replacement with new oak trusses, although several surviving oak cruck and A-frame trusses will be repaired and reused.



*Typical medieval Devon house (left to right: 'lower' room, cross-passage, hall, 'upper' room). Drawing by Cary Carson.*

A short history: The property was constructed circa 1400 as a single storey, three room, medieval open hall dwelling. The walls are constructed in cob on a rubble stone base. The building was extended to the south in late C17/early C18. It was extended to the west (Trinity Cottage) in late C18/early C19, which was originally a smithy. An early C20 extension connects the east end of the property to a formerly freestanding C18 building. Cont'd.

The name “Glebe” denotes a property serving as part of a clergyman's benefice and providing income. The naming of the cottages connects them to the adjacent Holy Trinity Church, which retains ownership of Church House and Church Rooms. A first floor was inserted in C17 to provide more space for the inhabitants. The roof above the ‘upper’ room was entirely rebuilt in C18 and the cottages were likely divided in late C18/early C19. The property was bought by Julius Drewe in 1912 and gifted to the National Trust by the Drewe family in 1974. <https://dartmoor-online.tascomi.com/planning/index.html?fa=getApplication&id=163357>  
Ed.



### Current Opening Hours:

**Monday - Thursday** open 11am– 4pm (food available 11am – 3pm)

**Friday** open 11am– 4pm & 6pm - 9pm

(food available 11am – 3pm & 6pm – 8pm)

**Saturday** open 11am – 9pm (food available 11am – 8pm)

**Sunday** open 11am– 5.30pm with food available 11am – 4.30pm

Many thanks for your continued support, The FBI Team

Tel: 01647 281287 or email [info@finglebridgeinn.co.uk](mailto:info@finglebridgeinn.co.uk)



We welcome everyone aged 10-28 to our very active club with a meeting & social each month. Check out our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/cheritonandtedburnyfc/>  
or follow us on Instagram



**The  
DREWE ARMS**

**Presents**

**Live in the Long Room**

**THE FARM**

A blend of sound, story and landscape

By Marcus Vergette

with Will Butterworth, Jem Fatma, Lucy Foat,  
Nell Hubbard & Jessica Wynn-Jones

**28th March 2026 7.30 - 10.30pm**

**£10**






**plus Booking Fee**



Available from [tickettailor.com](https://www.tickettailor.com)

<https://buytickets.at/thedrewearms/2037481>

## Recycling & Waste Collection Dates

			 		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓	✓	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓		✓
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓	✓	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓		✓
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Monday</b>	✓	✓	✓	

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