

DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH POST

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Zip-A-Dee-Doodah at the Drewsteignton Playing Field

The Zip Wire Is Open – Let the Fun Begin!

The new 25-metre zip wire is officially installed and ready for use. The finished zip wire looks fantastic and will become a magnet for families, after-school adventurers, and anyone who enjoys a bit of breezy fun. It's fast, it's sturdy, and it's been tested thoroughly (including by at least one grown-up who insisted they were “just checking the safety features”).

This project has only been possible thanks to the generous support of The National Lottery, West Devon Borough Council, private donations, and a thoughtful gift in will. This generosity has created a brilliant new feature that will be enjoyed for years to come. Cont'd

The Playing Field Committee is incredibly grateful for every contribution, every encouraging word, and every bit of community spirit that helped bring this to life. Do come along, have a go, and share in the fun. Whether you're small, tall, or simply young at heart, the zip wire is here for everyone.

drew.playingfield@outlook.com

News from the Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) last met on 21st September at 8pm following the successful defib training at WDVH. Draft minutes are available on the parish website. There was no meeting in August.

Planning Matters: 0258/26 Bowbeer Farm, Drewsteignton, EX6 6PD, Agricultural storage building for machinery and hay/straw. Supported. 0282/26, Listed Building Consent, Charisma Cottage Hillmorhayes, Drewsteignton, EX6 6QR; raise the height of the chimney flue. Supported.

The UK Government has paused the planned shake-up of councils across Devon. The pause means that all current councils will continue to operate as normal, and local services such as waste collection, council tax and planning remain unchanged. Elections for existing councils are now expected to go ahead in May 2027. Councils across Devon are seeking clarification on next steps, and the Government has said it will consider how to support them after the pause. For residents, the main impact is simply that nothing will change for the time being.

An agreement has been reached with the National Trust, Corbel Heritage and the Parish Council to allow permitted parking of up to 6 vehicles in the public car park. The intention being to reduce the number of contractors vehicles in the Square between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. The Parish Council (PC) is asking for greater consideration and care when parking. Cars left at awkward angles and vehicles parked for long periods along the side of the scaffolding, which impacts emergency, delivery and farm vehicles. The square belongs to all of us, and with a little extra thought, we can keep it functioning smoothly and looking its best. Thank you to everyone who already parks considerately and supports the village in maintaining this important, shared space.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 19th October 2026 at 7.30pm** at The Long Room (Drewe Arms). 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

City & Borough Councils in Devon now have to wait for a government review of plans to reorganise local councils

What will come next for Devon after a surprise announcement by the government to "pause" plans for the biggest shake-up of local government for more than 50 years? The plan approved by the government was to abolish all the district, county and unitary councils in Devon and replace them with four new unitary councils - with Plymouth, Torbay and Exeter all expanding. According to the architects of that plan - the Labour leaders of Plymouth and Exeter - the "pause" by the government is a delay that is worthwhile to "get it right". Both expect the plan to expand Exeter and Plymouth while keeping Torbay's boundaries as they were.

Why was the scheme paused?

Devon County Council has consistently opposed the government's proposals and had started putting together a case for Judicial Review. Angela Rayner, local government secretary, told parliament she was "pausing" the plans "in light of legal advice" and wanted to satisfy "the right process is in place, that it is robust, and of course complies with the law". It is not known what legal advice Rayner was acting on.

Could reorganisation still go ahead?

This is probably the biggest question - what does it mean when the government says it is pausing and reviewing its plans?

What is the impact on people?

The pause in the plans is not expected to have an immediate impact on most residents in Devon. One of the biggest impacts would be on the thousands of staff at the eleven district, county and unitary councils across Devon, who were preparing for their organisations to be abolished.

What happens next?

The government also made it clear elections at existing councils are now due to take place in May 2027. They had been cancelled due to the reorganisation process but have now been reinstated with elections due across the county, but not at Devon County Council.

Crucially, no timescale has been set for how long the government's review will take. But, with so many twists and turns along the way, people involved have said it is difficult to have any certainty what will happen next.

Extract from BBC Devon 11 September 2026 - Reporter **Miles Davis**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c1dlq9y363no>

Road Closure Notices – DCC Highways

Temporary prohibition of through traffic to enable BT Openreach cabling & clearing blockages. Commencing **Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October the road past Veet Mill Farm to Crossways, Crockernwell will be closed.** The alternative route will be signposted - Hooperton Cross to Greystone Cross and along and over East Fingle Bridge.



Temporary prohibition of through traffic to enable SWW to “supply new water source”. Commencing **Monday 2nd November to Friday 6th November the road from Trennaway Cross to the Rectory, Drewsteignton.** The alternative route will be signposted!



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.



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

Morecare volunteers can 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



Glebe cottages – update and opportunity for a scaffold tour.

It has been a busy summer at Glebe since work began in May. The team from Corbel have been undertaking the challenging task of carefully clearing the significant amount of debris caused by the fire. This has been a complex and often painstaking process, involving stabilising the cottages, preserving surviving historic fabric, and recovering personal belongings so that they can be returned to their owners.

We would like to thank the Corbel team and particularly the masons who have been undertaking this work for their care and dedication during this difficult first phase of the project. We are now approaching the completion of the clearance works and moving into the next stage, which will focus on reinstating the external fabric of the buildings. In recent days the structural timbers for the new roof structure have arrived on site, along with cob materials that will be used to repair the damaged walls.

We would also like to thank the local community for your continued patience, support and understanding whilst these works have been taking place. We appreciate that the scaffolding, deliveries and skip movements have inevitably caused some disruption, and your support throughout has been greatly appreciated.

As the project progresses, we would like to share some of the discoveries, challenges and achievements with the community. We are therefore proposing an **open meeting on Tuesday 22 September at 6.30pm in the Long Room at the Drewe Arms.**

Before the meeting, and while there is still enough evening daylight, we hope to offer guided tours of the site scaffolding between 5.00pm and 6.30pm for those interested in seeing the restoration work up close. Details of how to sign up, together with additional information, will be displayed on the Glebe noticeboard opposite the pub at least a week before the event. Places will be limited, although we will do our best to accommodate those interested where possible.

We are very grateful to the team at the Drewe Arms for kindly hosting the meeting, and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Best wishes all,

Paula, Community,

Participation & Volunteering Manager, Dartmoor

07826 945107, paula.clarke@nationaltrust.org.uk

HOLY TRINITY, DREWSTEIGNTON

We should start with an apology to the community this month. The church, including the Honesty Store and the Children's Area, will be somewhat disrupted throughout October as we have our lovely new heating system installed in the church. The front and centre of the church will be cordoned off and out of bounds so that the work can proceed unimpeded and so we would respectfully ask people not to enter the zone which has been cordoned off. Access to the Honesty Store and Children's Area will be preserved as normal for as long as possible but there will be a week, toward the end of the month, when it will become necessary to shut the church entirely between midday and 6pm. This will allow the heating engineers to install the radiators and fan coil heaters in the rear part of the church.

However, for the majority of the month, the community space, the tables and chairs and coffee area, as well the kitchen will remain totally accessible. We may have to be a bit forgiving about the sounds of pipes being installed and radiators being taken out and replaced. And whilst on the subject of radiators, the old cast iron radiators will be being sold by the church – we will be approaching a reclamation yard, but if anyone in the community knows that they would like one or more than one, please do let us know.

As I said, the Children's Area will be remaining open and now that many children, parents and grandparents are choosing to spend time in this lovely space, to enjoy the books and play with the toys, I aim to start some monthly sessions and meet-ups. My current list includes: a Saturday Lego™ club (1st session at the start of the month), a "reading with your child" session with free snacks for children and adults plus a free book for each child to take home and three 'Maths for Mums' sessions in the evening.

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As we approach Christmas, we will also run some card-making sessions for children and their parents with free materials. If anyone else has ideas for sessions we can run, or activities they would like to share PLEASE contact me – ALL ideas are most welcome. ruth@merttens.co.uk or 07801334669. Sadly, the churchyard will also suffer some disruption during October. We shall be using the space to the left of the lychgate (as you come through it from the square) for the heating engineers to place all the old piping, the radiators, the boiler and anything else from the old system that they remove from the church. At the end of the installation, this will all be cleaned up and transferred to a skip placed just outside the Lychgate for an hour or two.

HTC - Services and events this month

All services will be held in the community space.

4th October Family PET Service 5pm – Bring your pets or, if that's not possible, bring a picture – high tea provided including cake for humans and biscuits for dogs!

11th October Family Communion 11:15. A lovely inclusive service, dogs and children welcome.

18th October Reflective meditation 6pm. Start the week with a quiet moment to ponder.

25th October Morning Worship 11:15 – all very welcome, always such a thoughtful service.

1st November Family Service 5pm. High tea and high jinks – come and dance with us!

2nd November Love, Light and Loss 6pm. All Souls' Day and one of our most important services. We come together to remember and mourn those who have passed away.

Ruth Merttens –Church Warden ruth@merttens.co.uk or 07781334669



Drewsteignton Gardeners' Club

Our next meeting is 7:30 pm on Monday 12th October at Whiddon Down Village Hall.

Please contact Alison Chapman on 01647 281197 if you have any queries

Wanted Contributions of old wood

From old floorboards to
chipboard to garden brush.

Please bring to the Playing Field by Friday 6th
November (leave by the bottom hedge **not** on
the bonfire site)

This is the Playing Field's main fundraising
event of the year to maintain the field and buy
new equipment.

If you wish to help in any way we can always
do with more 'hands'. Maybe you could bake a
cake, help set up on Saturday morning, help
steward or clear up on Sunday. Please contact
any of the committee members or email
drew.playingfield@outlook.com

Bonfire Night – Saturday 7th November

5:00pm Gates Open

5:30pm Lighting the Bonfire

7:00pm Fireworks



Tickets will be available from The Drewe Arms and Oinkers Farm Shop.
We are looking for local volunteers who can help with the setup, takedown
or during the event - in exchange for a guaranteed ticket!

Our next committee meeting is booked for Tuesday 6th October at 7pm in
the Drewe Arms. If you would like to volunteer, could you please email
drew.playing@outlook.com and we will get back to you with more
information. Thanks, **Mike**

Post Inn News

The Post Inn is currently closed as George has now finished his time at the pub. George would like to thank everyone for their support and custom over the years — it has been very much appreciated.

We're hopeful that The Post Inn will be able to open its doors again very soon, and that this is only a short goodbye. 🍺

Thank you again and hopefully we'll see you at The Post again soon.

Best wishes,

The Post Inn

DREWE ARMS COMMUNITY PUB

OPENING TIMES

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	4pm – 10pm
Wednesday	11am – 10pm
Thursday	11am – 10pm
Friday	11am – 11pm
Saturday	11am – 11pm
Sunday	11am – 6pm

FOOD SERVED TUESDAY TO SATURDAY

12.00 - 2.30 AND 6.00 - 8.30

SUNDAY LUNCH 12.00 - 4.00

Events News @The Drewe Arms

As we move into autumn, we've got more music in the Long Room, including our second Original Music Showcase on 14th November and the UK's premier REM tribute band "REM Pretend" on 20th November. Check <https://www.drewearms.org/events> for all the details.

If Your Tap Water Doesn't Look, Taste or Smell Right, Please Report It

Crockernwell has faced two years of persistent water-quality problems, causing significant distress for residents. Despite multiple engineering interventions by SWW, the issue persists due to low water turnover in the supply main. Improvements in late 2025 helped temporarily, but hot weather this summer has caused the stale taste to return.

DDC Cllr Sue Davies has highlighted the disparity in SWWs approach, by promoting financial compensation to households in Chagford, that were affected by a 2-day disruption caused by a burst pipe. Whilst residents in Crockernwell, that have lived with this problem for over 2 years, and have never been offered compensation, whilst always continuing paying their water rates.

SWW have recently confirmed ongoing investigations and plans for further network changes to achieve a long-term fix. In the meantime, regular mains flushing is being conducted. This in itself is a cause of consternation that during a time of water shortage, SWW are pouring thousands of gallons of water down “Crocky dip”.

SWW have provided the following statement: “We continue to investigate the source of the taste and monitor the quality of drinking water closely and are liaising with both the DWI [Drinking Water Inspectorate] and the small number of consumers within Crockernwell that have been affected.

In summary, the issue is related to the low turnover [usage] in the mains supplying the village of Crockernwell. This was significantly improved by network changes made in Drewsteignton in 2025. However, the warmer weather has resulted in the tastes reoccurring. A second network change is planned in the near future in order to further increase the turnover on the Crockernwell main. In the meantime, regular mains flushing is being used to minimise the formation of tastes.”

Call to action: SWW continue to state, this issue only affects a small number of households. Antidotally feedback from residents makes it clear that many residents are concerned about their water quality. If you ever notice something unusual — **discolouration, strange tastes, odd smells, cloudiness, or concerns about health** — it's important to **report it straight away.**

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What counts as a water-quality issue?

- Brown, yellow or orange water
- Milky or cloudy water
- Metallic, earthy or chemical tastes
- Strong chlorine smell
- Sudden changes after pipe works or bursts
- Any concern that the water may not be safe

Each of these issues can have different causes, and SWW is legally required to investigate them.

How to make a complaint. You can report water-quality concerns directly to South West Water, Customer Services Team **0344 346 2020**. When you get through, describe the issue clearly — colour, smell, taste, when it started, and whether neighbours are affected.

Why reporting matters

Even small changes in water appearance or taste can indicate issues in the wider network. By reporting concerns, you help:

- Keep your household safe
- Protect vulnerable neighbours
- Ensure SWW maintains high standards
- Build a clearer picture of local supply issues

Your voice helps keep our community's water supply reliable and safe.

Thank you to DCC Cllr Davies for continuing to raise this longstanding water quality problems and for contributing to a DCC document on current water quality issues. This will be presented to the Chief Executive of SWW by DCC Cllr Paul Arnott on 1st October 2026. **Ed.**

WHIDDON DOWN VILLAGE HALL

We are still in need of more volunteers to boost our Committee team.

Our usual programme of meetings and classes are in full swing. New booking enquiries welcome.

Best wishes Jenny 07708634426 or email

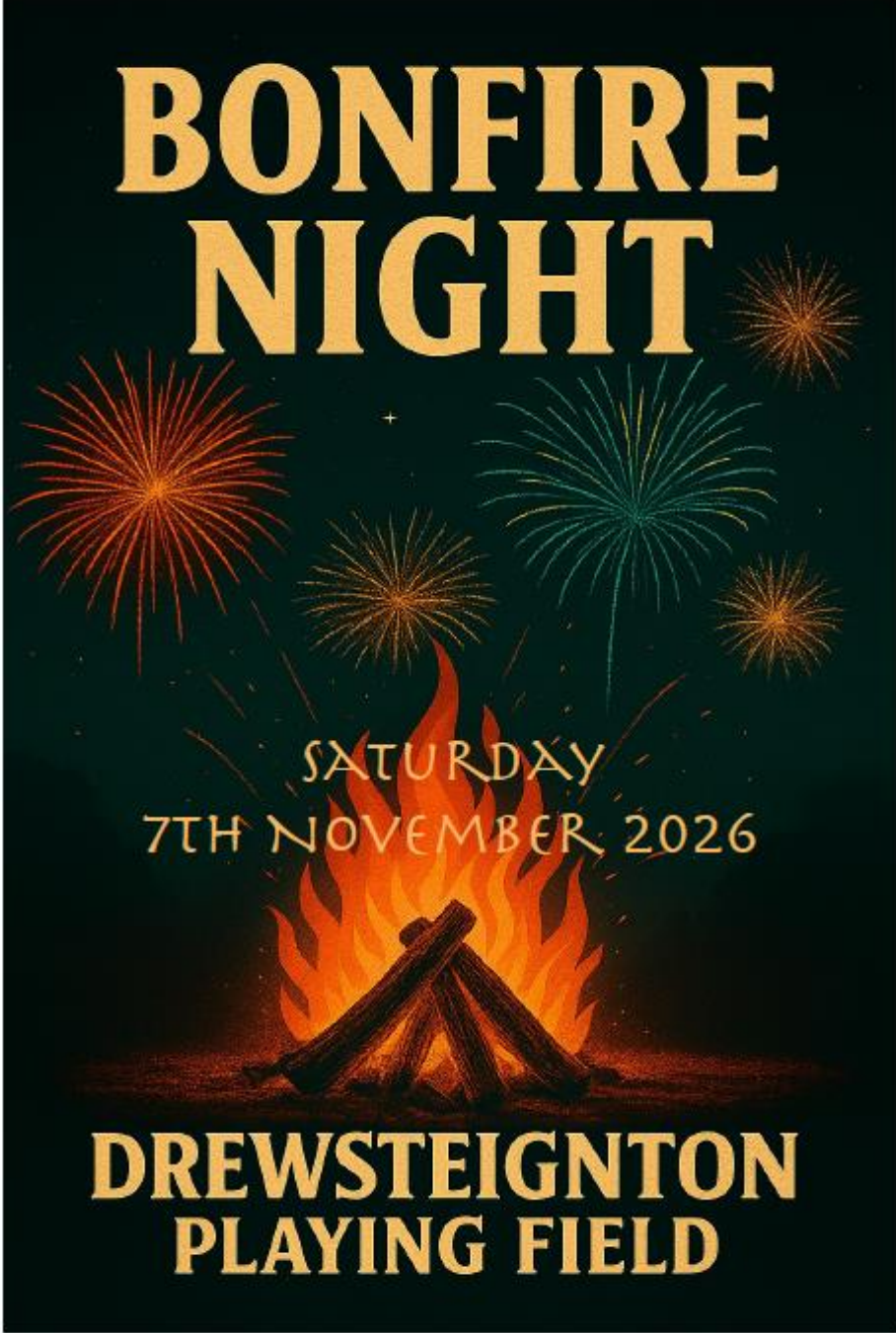
jennyjturner21@gmail.com or

Village Hall: 07928966744

whiddondownvillagehall79@gmail.com



BONFIRE NIGHT



SATURDAY
7TH NOVEMBER 2026

DREWSTEIGNTON
PLAYING FIELD

Friends of Drewsteignton Church



lilyneill.com

photo - steve parke

Lily Neill

Harpist

Friday 30th October 2026 - 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Drewsteignton Church EX6 6QN

Tickets **£11.50** plus booking fee

<https://wegottickets.com/f/26517>



Outdoor Candles of Remembrance

There will be a short (30 mins) special service (**Light, Love & Loss**) to remember loved ones on All Souls Day (**6pm, Monday 2nd November**), an important part of which 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 churchyard to light your candle (weather permitting, otherwise please use the church porch).

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 (please contact Jennifer 01647 281657 or pmjmrmdm@aol.com). 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 the Drewe Arms and the Church from 27 October.

Stone Lane
garden sculpture nursery



Stone Lane Gardens, Chagford, TQ13 8JU — stonelanegardens.com

OS map ref: SX 708 907 (OL28 Dartmoor).

What3Words: keys.trombone.crab



“All things are symbols: the external shows of nature have their image in the mind, as flowers and fruits and falling of the leaves.” - *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, “The Harvest Moon”*

So, it's October with its beautiful colours hopefully not spoiled by the heat of the summer and with Autumn comes the thoughts of Christmas.

We are happy to announce that our Memory Lane Café created  Christmas  cards will be on sale again this year.
Contact the clubs or the office for information

Activities from Cheriton Bishop, Tedburn, Drewsteignton & Crockernwell

Lunch Clubs, at **The Kings Arms** - Tedburn St Mary **Tuesday 6th October 2026** - contact Jean Martin on 01647 24586 to book (2 days in advance please). (**next one is 3rd November 2026**)

Shopping - Sainsburys Alphington – **Wednesday 14th and 28th October 2026**. The bus will collect you from home and return you safely back with your shopping.

Outing 13th October 2026 either Ashburton or Dartmouth

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 9th and 23rd October 2026** No need to book just turn up.

Memory Lane Café – **8th and 29th October 2026**. If you know of someone who you feel may benefit from this targeted club, please call as below.

Rainbow Club – Carers Support Group. **Friday 16th October 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***



The poster features a warm, sunset-themed background with silhouettes of acacia trees. At the top left is a circular logo showing four children in traditional Kenyan attire. The text is arranged in a vertical flow, using various fonts and colors (white, yellow, green, red) to create a vibrant and eye-catching design. Icons for a calendar, lightbulb, bowl of food, musical notes, and a raffle ticket are used to illustrate the event details. A QR code and a URL for booking are provided at the bottom.

DRY RIVER CHILDREN CHARITY

QUIZ

AT FINGLE BRIDGE INN

9TH OCTOBER

FROM 7PM, QUIZ TO START AT 7.30PM SHARP!

TO INCLUDE AN INTERVAL SUPPER OF
NJERI'S TRADITIONAL KENYAN'
STEW AND CHAPATIS

THE EVENING WILL CONCLUDE
WITH A RAFFLE AND LIVE MUSIC

£10/PERSON (+small booking fee
(direct to TicketLab))

TEAMS OF 2 – 6 PEOPLE

ALL PROCEEDS TO DRY RIVER CHILDREN CHARITY
(117285)

BOOK YOUR TEAMS ONLINE
<https://ticketlab.app/event/39659-DRY-RIVER-CHILDREN-QUIZ-tickets>

Devon County Council

Are you experiencing problems with the quality of your water?

It's nearly sixty years since a human first walked on the moon, and it's more than 100 years since scientists split the atom. But here in 2026, South West Water (SWW) are still unable to consistently supply quality drinking water to some homes in the parishes of Drewsteignton, Crockernwell and Whiddon Down.

Several local residents have been complaining to SWW for over two years regarding the taste and odour of the undrinkable tap water. SWW have looked into it but can't seem to get to the root of the problem. Their current solution is to supply bottled water – not the most convenient solution in this modern age - and to regularly flush the system with thousands of gallons of water. This flushing process has proved to be ineffective, and at the same time raises environmental concerns about wastage all whilst we are being restricted by a hose pipe ban due to the shortage of water. SWW should be forced to carry out further investigations to find the problem.

Due to the high volume of complaints against SWW across the county, Devon County Council are in the process of collating cases of water supply problems to present to the senior management of Pennon Group plc (owners of SWW). I have included the problems suffered in Crockernwell and the surrounding parishes. However, to strengthen our case I would like to hear from any residents who may have similar issues but have given up the fight against SWW due to the lack of action.

If you've been experiencing problems, please do let me know. It doesn't have to be chapter and verse, just a quick email to say where you live, what the issues are and whether you have reported them to SWW - THANK YOU!

Cllr Sue Davies

Devon County Councillor for Hatherleigh and Chagford

Email address : sue.davies@devon.gov.uk



Medication Delivery Service

Acorn offers a medication delivery service for those who have no other way of getting their medication delivered. Please call Mandy or Fran at the Office on 01647 252701

The Sandy Park Inn Reopens

There's a welcome buzz in the air around Drewsteignton Parish — **The Sandy Park Inn** has reopened its doors! After a period of closure, the much-loved local is once again ready to serve great ales, welcome good company, and that unmistakable warmth we've all missed. The team has worked hard to refresh the pub while keeping its familiar charm. Whether you're calling in for a quiet pint or a catch-up with friends, you'll find the same friendly atmosphere and a few new touches to enjoy.

Pop in soon to see what's new, meet the team, and raise a glass to the next chapter of this cherished parish landmark.

Opening times:

Monday closed

Tuesday – Thursday 4pm to 9pm

Friday - 4pm to 10pm

Saturday - 3pm to 9pm

Sunday - 4pm to 8pm

We advertise short hours as we don't like pubs shutting before their advertised hours, if we have customers in at close, we will keep serving.

Contact: 07919283002





CPR & Defib Training

A huge thank you to Barbara Dalton, volunteer with Devon Air Ambulance Trust (DAAT), for delivering CPR and defibrillator training on the 21st September, to a packed WDVH. The turnout did the parish proud and reflects our caring community. DAAT have trained over 700 members of the public in the last two years. The charity aims to raise awareness and confidence in using defibrillators, especially during cardiac emergencies.

Devon County Council 

Latest information for Carers in Devon

Carers in Devon can now sign up to email updates and visit a new webpage to find the latest information on the forthcoming new arrangements for carers' services in the county.

From 1 October, carers' assessments, reviews and the Carers Helpline will be brought in-house to be delivered directly by DDC. Peer support services and carer ambassador services will be recommissioned with new contracts. The current £2.3 million budget for all of these services is being maintained and they will continue to offer the same support and advice.

The current Devon Carers service provides information, advice, assessments and practical support to unpaid carers who look after an adult family member, partner, friend or neighbour in the county.

Experienced staff who currently deliver carers' assessments, reviews and helpline support are expected to transfer to DDC in order to support a smooth changeover for carers. Carers will receive the same support from many of the same team they already know.

DDC are also working with voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations to develop a new Carer Wellbeing Alliance, bringing together local organisations to provide community-based support, information, advice and wellbeing opportunities closer to home.

To find out more please visit <https://devon.cc/new-carers-service> which will continue to be updated. Updates will also be issued via this link: https://pages.info.devon.gov.uk/p/adult-carers-devonult_carers_Devon_landing_page



DREWSTEIGNTON CHRISTMAS

CRAFT FAYRE

Holy Trinity Church

Saturday November 28th 11am-5pm

Sunday November 29th 11am - 4pm

Soup lunches 12-2pm

**Please come and support our local
talented crafters offering
their unique works.**

**Coffees from
10.30am**



**Tea and cake up until
3.30pm**

Meet up with friends



Drewsteignton Christmas Craft Fayre - Holy Trinity Church

Please come along on 28th and 29th November and support our very talented local craftspeople - many of whom you will know! in our beautiful, friendly church. We have an array of hand made products including walking sticks, dried flower garlands, babies booties, hand carved wooden creations, seaglass pictures, outstanding prints, wonderful textiles, hand thrown pottery kitchenware, local summer honey and all sorts of handmade gifts from various local makers.

The crafters are kindly donating 15% of their sales to Holy Trinity Church

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.

Please note that not all our makers have card machines so if you are able to bring cash that would be much appreciated.

ALSO: Following the very successful bric-a-brac stall last year, we will be having another, so please bring any Quality items to the church on Friday 27th November or contact me on 01647 281605 or j.hocking05@btinternet.com if you need them collected.

Thank you, Jane Hocking



**75 or over? Protect yourself
from serious lung infection.**

If you are aged 75 or over, contact your GP practice to book in for your free respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine.

Only one vaccine is needed for protection for a few years.

Find out more: nhs.uk/rsv-vaccine



Autumn in the Woods at the FBI

As summer slips away and the first hints of autumn settle over the woods, the FBI is looking especially inviting. The air is cooler, the leaves are turning, and it's the perfect time to wander down for something comforting and delicious.

Our menu is packed with all your favourite pub classics, along with a few new seasonal additions to warm you up after a stroll among the trees. And of course, our much-loved Cream Teas and freshly baked cakes are served every day from 11am until half an hour before closing, ideal for an autumn treat.

Whether you fancy a hearty bowl of soup, a cosy lunch, or a full three-course feast, we've got something for every appetite. Top-quality ingredients, generous portions, and a welcoming atmosphere remain at the heart of everything we do.

We look forward to seeing you soon as the woods turn golden and the season settles in.

Current Opening Hours:

Monday - Thursday open 11am– 5pm (food available 11am – 3pm)

Friday open 11am – 9pm (food available 11am -3pm & 6pm – 8pm)

Saturday open 11am – 9pm (food available 11am -3pm & 6pm – 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



Our Autumn “Rescue your Recyclables” campaign is shining a spotlight on missed recyclable items that too often end up in the rubbish bin but can, and should, be recycled.

These items can go in your white recycling sack:

- **Plastic packaging** - including detergent and soap bottles, milk and drinks bottles, yoghurt pots, tubs, trays and punnets
- **Metal packaging** - including drink cans, food tins, biscuit tins, aerosol cans, aluminium foil, foil trays and metal lids from jars

These items can go in Recycling Box 1:

- **Paper** - including magazines, brochures and envelopes
- **Glass bottles and jars** - including bottles of any colour, jars of any colour and non-food bottles and jars
- **Cartons** - including drinks and food cartons

These items can go in Recycling Box 2:

- **Cardboard** - including boxes, corrugated card, online delivery boxes, egg boxes and more
- **Batteries** - AAA, AA, C, D, and 9V, common household batteries
- **Household printer cartridges**
- **Clothes**

Find out more about your weekly recycling service on WDBC website:

<https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/guide-waste-and-recycling>

Recycling & Waste Collection Dates

					
28th Sept.	Monday	✓	✓	✓	
5th Oct.	Monday	✓	✓		✓
12th Oct.	Monday	✓	✓	✓	
19th Oct.	Monday	✓	✓		✓
26th Oct.	Monday	✓	✓	✓	

Check Bin Day! <https://westdevon.fccenvironment.co.uk/mycollections>

Useful Contact Information

Doctors Surgeries

Cheriton Bishop	01647 24272	Out of Hours	111
Chagford Health Centre	01647 433320	Emergency	999

Drewsteignton Parish Clerk & RFO: Lou Butler 07764683412

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