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At this meeting various posts are needed to be filled, Cllr Hardie will continue as Snow Warden (he hasn't had too much to do in this post so far!!) and be the Whiddon Down Village Hall representative, Cllr Savage will be the Eastern Parish Links Committee and Providence School Trust representative, Cllr Hunt Drewsteignton Playing Field representative, Cllr Brooks will look after the Drewsteignton Car Park & Cllr Ridgers will remain on the Eastern Parish Links Committee. Representatives for the Dartmoor National Park & Drewsteignton Village Hall will be allocated at a later date.

A discussion took place concerning the illegal travellers camp at Whiddon Down but since the meeting they have all left and the land has been re secured by the owners.

The idea of a new bus stop on the Crockernwell road at Whiddon Down is progressing, hopefully more news next month.

We have been notified by British Telecom of their intention to close 4 Public Telephone Boxes in the parish and they are giving the opportunity to "adopt" a telephone box to anyone who wishes to do so. The Council do not feel they would be in a position to adopt a telephone box, and it must be remembered that anyone who does will become responsible for its upkeep and whatever use they are put to, may involve planning permission from DNPA. Having requested

the information from BT, the use of the boxes from 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 was given to Councillors. **Drewsteignton** there were 32 calls, **Sandy Park** 2 free calls, no chargeable calls and no emergency calls, **Whiddon Down** 21 free calls, no chargeable or emergency calls, **Crockernwell** 1 free call no chargeable calls or emergency calls. It does seem to be a sign of the times and reflects modern technology. A firm decision on the Council's position will be made at our next meeting, so if you have any strong feelings about their closure or wish to adopt a kiosk, please contact the Clerk or a councillor.

Having had a site visit before the meeting, Councillors resolved to pass a neutral view on 0204/15 an application to extend storage facilities at Venton. Four listed building applications have been received concerning the Drewe Arms and a site visit and extra Council meeting will be held 1100 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015. A large advertising sign about 2 miles east of Whiddon Down on the A30 has been erected and we are going to ask DNPA if this requires planning permission.

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Mr Ben Commelard-Brown from Drewsteignton had given Councillors details of his interest in becoming a Councillor and it was unanimously resolved to co opt him on to the council until the next election. We still have vacancies for a councillor at Crockernwell & Whiddon Down.

It is hoped we shall have some news on the Whiddon Down link road in the next Parish Post. Our next meeting will be **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 7.30pm at Drewsteignton Village Hall.**

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 7pm Murder Mystery Evening ‘Death at the Dig’ – a play by Kate Ellis acted by members of Courtenay Players. Do you fancy yourself as a budding Sherlock Holmes? Then dust off your deer-stalker and join us to try and solve the mystery of “whodunit”. Tickets in advance £5 each to include refreshments. A selection of Kate Ellis books will also be on sale.

Children can take part in the Mini Library Adventure for June, just collect details from staff at the library counter.

Lego Builders is for children over 5 every Saturday between 10:30-11:30am.

Enquiries please contact Okehampton Library 01837 52805

### Dartmoor Arts Summer School Week

Dartmoor Arts Summer School Week will be taking place again this year between 26th July to August 1st 2015.

We are always on the lookout for accommodation for our students and like to be able to direct them to something to suit their budget.

Students are busy all day long and out each evening. Many would be happy to help themselves at breakfast time.

If you offer accommodation and would like to be included on our website please do just let us know and students could then contact you direct.

Alternatively if you might be able to offer a room for the week and would prefer to be on a list which enables us to match up students to suitable accommodation, we would be enormously grateful.

Thank you

**Jackie: 01647 281282 Charlotte: 01647 281295**

#### Royal British Legion Drewsteignton Women's Section

Saturday 4th July  
**Cream Tea**  
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3.30—5 pm  
Everybody welcome.

#### Holy Trinity Church

#### Summer Fete

In the Churchyard  
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Cakes & savouries, preserves,  
Garden plants & produce, bottle stall  
Gorgeous home made teas.  
Big Prize Draw  
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Pottery & handicrafts, books.  
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### Mid Summer Music Fest at Stone Lane Gardens, Sunday June 21st, from 12noon to 6pm

After last year's highly successful Music Fest, we have the musicians on board for another great event, held in the recently refurbished barn venue, with some exciting new bands such as The Hot House Four with their lively blend of Early American Roots, Swing, Blues, Gypsy Jazz, performed with infectious humour and style, and Chagford's notable The Nosey Crows performing some original songs penned by songstress Jenny Dooley.

We welcome back the very fine Hot Club Du Square and folk duo Tiddlers.

Tansy Rice will be accompanied by talented jazz musician Tom Unwin on keys with special guests to include guitarist David Osbiston.

Wine, beer, beverages, barbecue and snacks will be available, please feel free to bring a picnic. This is a fundraising event and entry will be £6 including entry into the woodland garden where you can view the Mythic Garden Sculpture Exhibition. (family ticket £15, students and children £2.50, under 5s free)

See our website [www.stonelanegardens.com](http://www.stonelanegardens.com)

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## Rural Isolation Conference

**Bridestowe Village Hall, Pool Hill, Bridestowe, West Devon EX20 4EW**

**Thursday 11 June 2015, 10am until 4pm (registration from 9am)**

The conference, in Bridestowe, between Tavistock and Okehampton, will bring together the promoters of imaginative projects – designed to reduce isolation in the countryside – with community leaders, with the aim of creating a wider awareness of what is being done and what is possible.

There will be keynote presentations by speakers on what isolation means, whether it is caused by the lack of transport in villages or the lack of involvement in the community brought about by poor hearing, the loss of sight, physical disabilities or dementia. Creative ways of starting to overcome some of these difficulties will be highlighted.

Representatives from a range of organisations will be on hand to talk about their work, so come and learn how Neighbourhood Watch operates, what Farm Watch entails and find out whether there is a Neighbourhood Health Watch in your area.

Do you know what the Sensory Bus is? If not, come and find out!

Event co-organiser Ken Crawford said: 'We are determined to fight back against the blight of rural isolation, which undermines the lives of so many people, and we want as many influential local decision makers as possible to come along and see what is being done. With budget cuts and a lack of funding, care in the community is becoming a necessary factor in our daily lives, and learning how to look out for the vulnerable members of our society is important.'

The day is being organised jointly by Tavistock and Okehampton area branches of Devon Senior Voice, the voluntary forum for older people.

The Rural Isolation Conference, which is free, will take place at Bridestowe Village Hall, Pool Hill, Bridestowe EX20 4EW on Thursday 11 June, with registration and coffee from 9am before starting at 10am and running through to 4pm. A light buffet lunch is available at £5, for which bookings are requested.

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Fifteenth of May. Cherry blossom. The swifts  
Materialise at the tip of a long scream  
Of needle. 'Look! They're back! Look!' And they're gone  
On a steep  
Controlled scream of skid  
Round the house-end and away under the cherries.  
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Suddenly flickering in sky summit, three or four together,  
Gnat-whisp frail, and hover-searching, and listening  
For air-chills – are they too early? With a bowing  
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They've made it again,  
Which means the globe's still working, the Creation's  
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These are the opening lines of one of my favourite poems, *Swifts* by Ted Hughes.

The swifts returned to the village on the 6<sup>th</sup> May this year, slightly later than usual but they have not had good weather since and so the numbers present have not been high. The most I have seen was on the 11<sup>th</sup> May when I counted 19 overhead at about 7.30 in the morning. This was a flock moving through and I have seen no more than about 7 birds whipping across the rooftops since then, however, I do hear swifts calling from some of my nest boxes when there are none visible in the sky.

The swifts we have at the moment are the breeding birds and the non breeders will soon be apparent during June as the weather warms up. I am hoping the numbers of swifts will have increased by the time this Parish Post comes out.

Many birds are now feeding young or having second broods, and I am seeing young blackbirds in my garden, and the blue tits in a nest box I have are busy bringing food in.

I was walking up in Townsfield last week and there in the hedge was a dead tawny owl, which was a bit of a puzzle. It was fresh and looked in good condition but the proximity of it to the pole with the overhead electricity wires lead me to believe it had flown to a perch on the pole or transfer box and its wings had touched two of the wires and been electrocuted.

The two peregrine chicks at St. Michael's church in Exeter continue to grow well with plenty of food coming in, and are due to fledge around the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. These two juveniles were ringed under Licence by a friend of mine and I went along to help. They were ringed at about 21 days old, at which point they are no longer brooded by the adults, are big enough to take the leg ring but still small enough to not to attempt to jump from the nest. Each bird had a BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) metal ring with a unique number on and a plastic coloured/lettered band with two letters on. This big band is readable with binoculars or a telescope and provides valuable information on their subsequent dispersal.

The adult peregrines in Exeter continue to attack over-flying buzzards, which is a unique scenario in the UK. Buzzards are often mobbed by crows and other birds, and it is not uncommon for peregrines to occasionally 'buzz' them but these attacks are rarely serious. The Exeter peregrines have been showing this extreme territorial behaviour for about six years now, but their aggression increases during May and June, when they have young in the nest.

I have just had an article published on this extreme territorial aggression over the past six years in a bird journal, which documents over 100 attacks on buzzards, with at least 19 knocked down. This year, there have been even more attacks and two buzzards were knocked down last weekend. The skies over Exeter are not a good place for buzzards to fly across at the moment!

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## ACORN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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**Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton** – Dates are Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267 or Jackie on 01647 252701. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. The fare is now £4 return.

**Teign Valley Memory Café** - This month it will on 25<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> July. Please call Margaret on 01647 252622 for more details. Meetings are held at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212, look out for the sign.

**Acorn Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Hall** – The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 – 12 on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July. Please do pop in for a coffee and a slice of homemade cake and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. Please ring Jackie on 06147 252701 if you need a lift.

**Acorn Services** - Should you need transport to an appointment, a prescription delivered or any other Acorn service, please phone Sylvia Tripp on 01647 24267. Please leave a message on her answering machine if she is not at home and she will call you back. If you have not heard back within 24hours please call Jean Martin on 01647 24586 or the Acorn office 01647 252701.

**Please check out our website [www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)**

## TRUSTEE VACANCIES

Applications are invited from any public spirited adult residing in our GP Practice area for the three new Trustee vacancies scheduled to arise at the AGM in October 2015. Trustees serve for up to three years and hold Quarterly evening Committee meetings at Ian's Walled Garden Cafe, Dunsford. There are also vacancies for all four Officer Trustees (Chair/Vice Chair/Treasurer/Secretary who serve for up to five years. Appointment is by public vote at the AGM. The Trustees aim to bring new faces with new ideas to the Committee as our Constitution calls for outgoing Board Members to take a sabbatical before seeking to return. **Please phone Jackie for more details on 01647 252701.**



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**Minibus trips to Sainsbury's from Cheriton** – Dates are Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July. Please phone Sylvia on 01647 24267 or Jackie on 01647 252701. Help is provided in store and a wheelchair service is also available. The fare is now £4 return.

**Teign Valley Memory Café** - This month it will on 25<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> July. Please call Margaret on 01647 252622 for more details. Meetings are held at Strawberry Hill, Dunsford on the B3212, look out for the sign.

**Acorn Coffee Morning at Teign Valley Hall** – The Bowden Room, Teign Valley Community Hall 10.30 – 12 on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July. Please do pop in for a coffee and a slice of homemade cake and meet up with friends, everyone welcome. Please ring Jackie on 06147 252701 if you need a lift.

**Acorn Services** - Should you need transport to an appointment, a prescription delivered or any other Acorn service, please phone Sylvia Tripp on 01647 24267. Please leave a message on her answering machine if she is not at home and she will call you back. If you have not heard back within 24hours please call Jean Martin on 01647 24586 or the Acorn office 01647 252701.

**Please check out our website [www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk](http://www.acorncommunitysupport.co.uk)**

## TRUSTEE VACANCIES

Applications are invited from any public spirited adult residing in our GP Practice area for the three new Trustee vacancies scheduled to arise at the AGM in October 2015. Trustees serve for up to three years and hold Quarterly evening Committee meetings at Ian's Walled Garden Cafe, Dunsford. There are also vacancies for all four Officer Trustees (Chair/Vice Chair/Treasurer/Secretary who serve for up to five years. Appointment is by public vote at the AGM. The Trustees aim to bring new faces with new ideas to the Committee as our Constitution calls for outgoing Board Members to take a sabbatical before seeking to return. **Please phone Jackie for more details on 01647 252701.**

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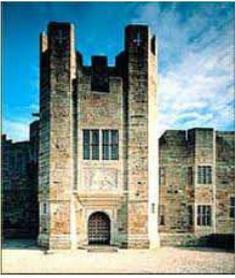
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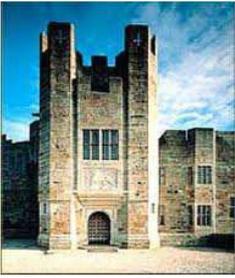
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