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Drewsteignton,
Sandy Park,
Venton,
Whiddon Down.*

Drewsteignton Parish Post

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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We are very lucky living in the area we do and suffer very little crime in comparison with more urban areas. That said, the Council will now have to spend your money to replace a sign in the Drewsteignton car park which has recently been ripped off its post and put in the waste bin. It is difficult to understand the mindset of the person responsible, firstly what is the point in doing it and why put it in the bin, not just leave it on the floor. What exactly are you trying to achieve and what is your argument with the community? IF you have the guts to come forward then speak to one of the councillors or the clerk and we will try and help with your problem instead of having to spend time clearing up after you. Whilst on a similar thread of community behaviour, it has been reported that dog waste is not being picked up around the Whiddon Down area, specifically mentioned are two people with a pair of similar dogs being responsible. If this is you, please clear up the mess and it can be placed in the black bag rubbish bin. If you know who it is please remind them of their responsibility when walking a dog, even if it is not theirs!

An open day at Whiddon Down village hall showing the relief road plans was well attended and we look forward to work commencing on 5th October which should be completed in Christmas week.

The Council have a total of seven benches around the parish, two are wood and five metal. All the metal benches bar the one at Sandy Park are in need of some attention before they get too rusty. Cllr Anna Imrie is making contact with a voluntary group from Chagford who may be able to help, the only cost to the Council would be **materials (this is achievable provided we don't have to keep spending on unnecessary items as mentioned above!)**

We discussed and resolved to support a planning application at Knowle Cottage Drewsteignton (0042 & 0043/15)

We are looking for a suitable contractor to undertake the removal of vegetation next to the toilets in Drewsteignton before any redecoration

takes place, if you can help or recommend anyone please contact us.

A decision on the updated parish website is hoped to be made at our October meeting. Cllr Savage recently attended a meeting of Parish Councils of West Devon which was addressed by the Police & Crime Commissioner Mr Hogg, Mr Hart leader of Devon County Council & Steve Jordan Chief Executive of West Devon & South Hams councils. As far as the police are concerned Devon & Cornwall has a present budget of £270 million which is again being reduced by central government. Representations have been made to Downing Street highlighting the difference in funding for County & Urban forces, mergers are proposed for administration posts to be amalgamated with Dorset & possibly other forces in the South West. If the proposed cuts by Government go ahead there is a real possibility that neighbourhood policing will disappear and policing will revert to purely responding to emergency calls. It was stressed that it is important to report ANY crime whether or not the police can take action, it is required so accurate figures can be argued to stop cuts. It is also important to talk to our MP and hold them to account. Mr Hart made similar comments about funding. Despite the cuts already made of some 4000 staff the government are looking to make savings of £30 million in the year 2016 & £27 million in 2017. On the bright side he did say where communities try to help themselves then funding may be available to help. West Devon are trying to improve local contact and a revamp of their planning department.

Our next meeting is at Drewsteignton on

Apples in Car Park

All residents are welcome to help themselves to the ripe apples in the car park, better to pick them rather than leave them to rot.



Chagford Bowling Club

Chagford Bowling Club celebrated the end of the season with a competitive but very enjoyable Captains Day at the club on the 19th September 2015. After an afternoon of fun and laughter on the green, members enjoyed a buffet together in the clubhouse.

Our thanks was given to our acting captain Bobbie Blake who had done a wonderful job of organising the afternoon along with help from some of the members.

Sandy Kennedy reported on a successful season in the Ladies League with the club finishing mid table in only their second season.

For the first time in many years the club will have a team in the winter indoor league, which is played at The Manor House Hotel Okehampton.

Our Annual dinner and Trophy presentation evening is being held at Endecott House on the 24th October again this year.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about playing bowls at Chagford and joining a very friendly club, please contact Mike Kennedy on 07846 106687 or via the clubs website



Drewsteignton Gardening Club

Winter Programme

AGM Tuesday 13th October (£5.00 to join 2015-16)

November 9th Gardening for Wildlife

December 14th Christmas Supper

January 2016 Quiz Night

All meetings in village hall 7.30pm

We would love to have some new members

Carole 281185 & Bunny 432068

PS. The gardening club keep the public garden as tidy as possible but we are having difficulty due to dog fouling. We will be seeking permission to put up a no dogs allowed sign.

Advent Reflections

Saturday November 28th

A time of stillness and spirituality before the Christmas rush.

Holy Trinity Church

Drewsteignton.

10.30am to 12.30pm

Coffee and tea served from 10am

For further details please contact Revd. Harriet Every 01647 432402

Chagford Show Community Fund

The directors of Chagford Show have decided to donate a percentage of any profits made in 2015 to a charitable fund to be used to help local people or projects within the Show district. This does include the parish of Drewsteignton.

Applicants need to apply in writing giving full details of their request to: The Secretary Chagford Show, 42 The Square, Chagford TQ13 6AH by 31st December 2015. All applications will be considered by the Funding Committee and the successful applicants will be notified by 31st March 2016.

Bird Notes

It has been really interesting to notice the seasonal changes that have occurred over the last month. At the beginning of September, we were camping at East Prawle, my daughters were still on summer holiday, swallows and house martins were twittering merrily overhead and the only sign that autumn was imminent were the first blackberries in the hedgerows. It was not getting dark until 9pm but now at the **month's end, it is dark by 7.30 and everything feels that bit more autumnal, with some trees now starting to change colour, and leaves beginning to drop.** The resident swallows have left the village, with my last **sighting of our 'wood shed' family on the 12th Sept**, but I have been seeing small flocks moving through on their way south for the winter over the last couple of weeks. Where I work in Cornwall, I have been watching a very late brood of swallows around the property right up until the 28th but they have now gone. Some house martins are beginning to gather in large flocks prior to leaving, and I saw over 300 air-borne or on overhead wires at work on the 28th Sept. They could still be around the village into early October, if the good weather that has graced us in the last week of Sept continues.

On trips into Exeter for Tilly's football or Floras gym club, I take the opportunity to visit St. Michaels' church at Mount Dinham, by the Iron Bridge to see how the peregrine falcons are doing. The Exeter peregrines are normally always on the church, but use a few other buildings in the city to perch on, hunt from and bring back caught prey to, and then feed on. These include the south tower of the Cathedral, St. Michael and All Angels church in Heavitree and we are increasingly seeing them on the spire of the United Reform church in Southernhay. This behaviour is identical to that observed at traditional peregrine haunts such as sea cliffs and upland crags, where each of the adult peregrines will have favoured perches at different times of the year, dependent on the weather conditions and what they are doing at the time. This could be anything from still hunting (watching for an opportunity to catch prey from a perch), prominent perching to visibly proclaim their territory or roosting by night. It is the buildings that they bring caught prey back to that really interest me, as it is the basis of the study we have been undertaking on the diet of urban peregrines. The autumn is always an interesting time to recover feathers and identify the bird species they have caught, as many millions of migrant birds move south, many often loosely following the course of the river Exe, and flying across the skies of Exeter.

The two juveniles that fledged in early June are still around but are becoming increasingly independent of **their parents and are spending more time away from the city. I've not had a report of all four peregrines** seen together since early in September, but I have heard that one of the juveniles was seen joining in with the adults in attacking a buzzard that was flying over the city. The unique behaviour of the Exeter peregrines and the aggression shown to buzzards is unrecorded anywhere else in the UK. Along with a colleague in Exeter, we have been documenting these attacks and have had articles on this behaviour published in two journals over the course of this year.

As we approach autumn, I am about to start feeding the garden birds again and have just ordered a sack of kibbled sunflower hearts and a smaller bag of Niger seed. The kibbled sunflower hearts are broken or slightly crushed but there is no waste or mess. With some mixed seed feeds, the collared doves will often throw out seed to get to what they want leaving feeders empty with most of the seed mix on the ground, which can then attract rodents. I am happy to feed the birds but am not keen on attracting mice or rats.

Nick

R B L. Drewsteignton Branch, Woman's Section

£716.09 was the fantastic amount we took at the Afternoon Tea at Ford House. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us. This year we will be sending £2,000 to head office for the Benevolent Fund.

Our next fund raising event
 Soup Sandwiches on Saturday 14th November 12 noon to 2pm
 In The Village Hall, Drewsteignton
 Followed by Afternoon Tea (with lots of cakes) at the WW11 Exhibition
 in
 Holy Trinity Church, Drewsteignton
 In aid of the Poppy Fund

Teen, Tane, or Tin?

Although I first came to Drewsteignton in 1971 I still don't know the name of the river which runs close to the village just over the hill. Well that's not entirely true – I do know how it is spelt, but not how it is pronounced. This summer I've heard all three versions, so I looked it up on Wikipedia where it suggests Teen or Tane are correct. However, when you listen to agreed pronunciations of place names with "teign" in them, we have consistency in Drewsteignton, Bishopsteignton, and Kingsteignton, so Tane is the clear winner. However, there is a spanner in the works in the form of Teignmouth, which suggests Tin is correct.

Either way, it would seem that Teen is **the clear loser**. **The trouble is, that's probably the most frequently used pronunciation**. A Google search suggests that confusion is widespread, and if you go to <https://www.howtopronounce.com/teign/> you'll unhelpfully hear all three version next to each other, although the first one seems to be a blend of tane and tin.

I know which one I prefer having spent many a happy hour bass fishing at Teignmouth, but you may well disagree. I'd be interested to hear any (rational) arguments which support one or the other.

Hugh Clench

Tillys Parish Post

So everyone's back at school now and I really can't believe we're into Autumn already, as much as I wish we weren't.

However it's not all bad, as the football and hockey seasons have finally kicked off! Hurray! So far, we've only had one league match for football because a team pulled out due to a lack of numbers in our age group, so unsurprisingly we couldn't play them. Over the last couple of seasons, our main competition for the title have dropped out of our league due to lack of numbers which is great in terms of the next league title competition, but it's better to have more teams to play and a greater challenge. You'd think, what with the Women's World Cup being so popular that we'd have more teams to play rather than less, but apparently not... Yet it has turned out that a new team Dawlish United have thankfully replenished our league numbers by replacing Plainmoor.

Our first match was at home in Exeter to Twyford Spartans, we conceded two goals early on but then dominated for most of the first half with three excellently placed goals by Charlie and one from me giving us a strong two goal lead. First half score: 4-2!

After a half time talk from Nick, our manager where he said it was about time we won, because none of the West Exe Girls teams hadn't yet won a pre-season friendly or league match yet! So we went out and played, it was really quite a dirty match, lots of fouls by them and we took quite a few bumps. Charlie got two more goals making her match total five, Faye and Courtenay also got two more well-deserved goals.

But I'll say this for Twyford, they weren't going down without a fight and scored twice more making the full time score: 8-4. We'd broken the West Exe unlucky streak. With one game played, we are currently second, but only on goal difference. We've another match this weekend so fingers crossed we'll be fighting for that top spot position!

Tilly Dixon

Autumn Cleanup In The Churchyard

Don't forget the Autumn clear up in the churchyard will take place on Saturday 31st October from 10.00am onwards.

Free refreshments

All help and equipment gratefully received.

We achieved a huge amount last year and enjoyed working together, fuelled by the usual great refreshments. Do come along if you are able to, your help, however small will be much appreciated



What's on at The Drewe

We have a busy run up to Christmas with lots of things happening over the coming months.

- * Throughout the duration of the Rugby World Cup, we will be showing the main matches on a big screen in The Long Room.
- * A new offer will be starting this week with 2 meals at £15 from our special Early Bird menu served between 6pm and 7pm. Available Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- * We are currently running a Champagne Break Offer, for anyone who might be having friends or family staying in the area. Two nights B&B for two people and a bottle of Laurent Perrier Champagne - normally £149, just £75! Available Monday - Tuesday or Wednesday - Thursday, until December 23rd.
- * Saturday October 10th is our Oktoberfest. For just £15 you can enjoy a two course meal, a bottle of German beer, schnapps and a complimentary glass to take home. Entertainment is by way of an Oompah Band, guaranteed to keep you entertained all evening. Tickets available at the pub.
- * Folk in the Bar this month falls on Hallowe'en. Rosa Rebecka, a Swedish / American singer songwriter will be performing at 8pm on Saturday October 31st.
- * Now we have rolled on into Autumn, The Drewe will close on Sunday evenings at 6pm with last food orders (Sunday roasts) at 4pm. Sunday roasts are also available as takeaways at just £7.50

We are now taking Christmas bookings. Check our website for the Christmas menu or just pop in and pick up a flyer.

Gary and the team.

<http://www.thedrewearmsinn.co.uk/>

01647 281409

Teignton Fayre News

Representatives from charities and local good causes received their funding awards at a special Teignton Fayre barbecue and awarding ceremony last Month.

The nominated charity this year was Cancer Research UK, with representative Carole Holt picking up the cheque for £1500, and other local good causes receiving various amounts to help with purchasing or renewing much needed equipment.

Other cheques presented were as follows:

£600, collected by Alison Chapman for Drewsteignton Playing Fields

£500, collected by Norma Gillard for Holy Trinity Church

£320, collected by Gemma Bowden for Cheriton Bishop Pre- School

£120, collected by Chris Southgate for On the Edge/ Whiddon Youth Group

In addition, £250 was awarded to Whiddon Down Village Hall.

Thanks to everyone who helped and attended on the day.

The Teignton Fayre Committee

01647 281394



Auction of Painting and Promises

On

Friday October 16th at 7pm

Woodleigh Coach House

Come and join the fun to raise funds to repair the roof of

St Mary's Church, Cheriton Bishop

Wine and refreshments available with a wonderful selection of items for auction from local well-wishers. A list of all items will be displayed the week before at Woodleigh Coach House, The Church, and Checkers Post Office. The Paintings will be displayed for viewing in Woodleigh Coach House from Oct 9th until the auction.

Some of the items include Self-catering holidays in the UK and abroad, vouchers for meals in local inns, ready cooked meals and fresh food and vegetables, cakes, gardening and many other items will be auctioned. The last date to advertise an item for auction is October 5th but other items may be accepted on the night by arrangement if you contact 01647 24452 beforehand.

When you arrive at the auction you will be given a card with a number on, you will then be directed to a table and asked to print your surname and phone number in the space beside your number. This is to help the auctioneer to identify you and record the results of the bidding.

Free taxi service supplied from the village to Woodleigh Coach House please ring 01647 24452.

For further information email: anthonydbott@aol.com or 01647 24452

This auction is supposed to be an enjoyable evening for all but with a purpose to raise money for the repairs of our Church roof at Cheriton Bishop.

The Woodland Trust

Fingle Lecture Series, Fingle Bridge Inn

5th November 2015

'A passion for trees' - the Elmhursts of Dartington and their Fingle Woods' 'venture'.

An illustrated talk by Bill Hardiman of Moretonhampstead History Society

3rd December 2015

Find out more about this winters work and harvesting 2015/6

A talk by David Rickwood of the Woodland Trust, Site Manager Devon

All the monthly talks except where stated take place at the Fingle Bridge Inn starting at 7pm and lasting for approximately 1 hour but normally finishing no later than 9pm.

Fingle Bridge Inn, Drewsteignton, Exeter, Devon, EX6 6PW

finglebridgeinn.co.uk

For more information talk to *David Rickwood of the Woodland Trust* on 07827 820637 or by email to davidrickwood@woodlandtrust.org.uk

Friends of Holy Trinity Churchyard

The Big Quiz

Saturday 28th November at 7.00pm

at

Fingle Bridge Inn

Another chance to pit your wits against local teams.

Teams of six, £6pp includes sausage and chips

Quizmaster: Alastair Greener.

Entry forms, from Angela Thomas 281602

or Drewsteignton Village Shop

Please return forms no later than 22nd November.

Last year we had a full house for this event and numerous requests for a repeat this year, so book your team place early. We look forward to seeing you for another fun evening.

News from the Castle



Hello All

What a lovely month we have just had! The highlight for me has to be award winning artist Diane Bailey and renowned printmaker Marielle Ebner-Rijke, being on-site for 2 weeks. They were displaying their most recent work as part of Devon Open Studios and it was fabulous working with them. We also had the official launch of the beautiful photos created by Mike Smallcombe. Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate the hanging of the tenth photo on the croquet lawn. We now have 4 in the garden, 2 at

the start of Hunters Path and 4 alongside the river. Maps are available in the visitor centre.

The building work is still moving in the right direction. The granite slab work is now being placed on the completed sections of roof at the south end of the building and it looks wonderful. We are still hopeful **that the scaffolding will come down in October and we can't wait to see the main entrance tower exposed again.**

Finally, we have a few exciting things to look forward to. We are keeping everything crossed for glorious autumn sunshine so we can make the most of walking through the autumn colours and it will inspire us for a community art workshop taking place on 12th November in partnership with Learn Devon. There is also a special woodland deer walk and breakfast with Ranger Mick on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th October, 7.30-10am, £17.50 per person (£10 children). Make sure you book though as this is very popular.

And last, but by no means least, we have our Meet the Builders event on Tuesday 27th October. If you have been pondering about pointing or wondering about windows, please pop along to chat with our resident experts. There will also be special behind the scenes tours too.

I hope that many of you will pop in to see us over the next couple of months.

Best wishes and see you soon,

Paula

Community Engagement Officer, Castle Drogo

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Dartmoor National Park

Some of you may not be aware of the fact that since the 5th February 2015, many residents of the parish and some from further afield have been meeting in order to communicate with the DNPA planning department regarding the lack of trust, lack of transparency and inconsistency in the granting of planning applications. Some applications appear to be in breach of their statutory purpose as defined by national government.

Sadly answers have not been forthcoming only denials. All that has been offered is a meeting which cannot be recorded and any minutes taken have to be agreed by the DNPA before publication!

What have they got to hide?

The DNPA is not elected by us but appointed by national government which includes some elected councillors but at the moment they seem to answer to no one, least of all the residents of Dartmoor!

This month the DNPA have published a document "Statement of Community Involvement" which is a consultation document aiming at improving communications with the public and you are invited to participate.

Whatever your views can we urge you to look at the DNPA website:

www.dartmoor.gov.uk/planningpl-forwardplanning/pl-localdevscheme

If you feel inclined to, please comment on the lack of democratic overview of planning decisions in the DNPA. The deadline for response is 16th October 2015.

Alan Brooks

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COFFEE MORNING

AT CASTLE DROGO VISITOR CENTRE
Wednesday 25th November
10am - 12 noon

For SNAP (Special Needs Activities in the Park)
and Friends of Drewsteignton Churchyard
Bring and buy: cakes and quiches, pottery and presents, bookstall, bottle stall,
Christmas cake draw and
lots of National Trust coffee!
Entry £1

CHRISTMAS FETE

In Aid Of Hospice Care
The King's Arms Inn
Tedburn St Mary
28th November
12-4pm

We have some great stalls from plants to cakes and more so please come and support a great cause.

If you are interested in having a stall for £5 please call Amber: 07738247092
or email me:
amberjayne3@btinternet.com



The Parish Post

The Post is designed to keep everyone in touch with life in the Parish. We'd love to hear about your forthcoming events, hair-raising experiences, fundraising efforts, funny stories, memories, recipes. Your thoughts, opinions, comments, views and concerns are important too.

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John and Pauline

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