



DRAYTON PARSLOW VILLAGE NEWS



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DRAYTON DIARY

August	
7 th	Neighbour Plan Meeting, DPSSC 7:30pm
w/c 14th	VPA Sunflower Competition Judging
17 th	Help put VPA marquee up (free beer)
19 th	VPA Show and evening entertainment
20 th	Help take VPA marquee down (free coffee + bacon roll)
September	
11 th	Neighbour Plan Meeting, DPSSC 7:30pm
18 th	Parish Council meeting, DPSSC
23 rd	Bingo, DPSSC

NEXT ISSUE

Contributions, articles and photos for the October/November issue **by no later than Friday 8th September 2017** please to the Village News mailbox dpvillagenews@outlook.com or by hand to **Sally Wallis (10 Prospect Close) or Claire Darnley (Tamara, 3b Main Road)**. If you want to speak to either of us, please contact Sally on 720030 or Claire on 720383.



Greenacre Hall

For hall bookings please telephone
Carol 01296 720741



DPVPA EVENING ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST 7.30pm

The Recreation Ground, Main Road, Drayton Parslow

This year we are pleased to announce that our LIVE band for the evening will be locally based

SIR JESTER

They're a young functions band originally from Milton Keynes and play a wide range of music always with brilliant reviews.

Please keep this date free in your diary – it's sure to be a memorable evening. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are £10 per head for adults, £5 per child and free for children under 5. They are available from Linda Fedoriw 01296 728226.

The fish 'n' chip van will also be attending the evening if anyone would like to buy fish and chips.

DRAYTON PARSLOW VPA

Saturday 19th August 2016



HELPERS WANTED!!!

If you could spare an hour of your time on Saturday 19th August we'd love to have your help to run our village show.

Please contact either Linda 728226, Sally 720030 or Hannah 728694. Thank you.

DRAYTON PARSLOW VPA

Thursday 17th August 2017

HELPERS WANTED TO PUT UP THE VPA MARQUEE

If you could spare an hour of your time at 6pm we'd really appreciate it to help us

– free beer afterwards for all helpers!!



Sunday 20th August 2017

HELPERS WANTED TO TAKE DOWN THE VPA MARQUEE

If you could spare an hour of your time at 10am we'd really appreciate it – free coffee and bacon rolls for all helpers!

Thank you

VPA Family Treasure Hunt Winners



Thank you to the 3 families that joined our Family Treasure Hunt around the village in June. This time numbers had to be collected then a grid used to crack the code to make a well-known phrase.

The winners were "Team Pokemon" who won the goodies in The Treasure Chest in the fastest time, closely followed by The Fedoriw family and The Williams family. Those taking part thoroughly enjoyed the fun family activity.

Find Out 'The Winner of The Sunflower Competition' at The Village Show on 19th August after the auction of produce



This year we decided to bring back the Village Sunflower Competition that used to be run with The Village Show.

We have a total of 29 entries and the sunflowers should now be growing in earnest! There have been a few issues along the way with seeds not germinating, seeds being lost and seedlings being eaten but we hope to have a wonderful display in gardens by the 19th August!

As a reminder the sunflowers will be judged w/c 14th August they will be measured approx. 2 days before the village show to see who has grown the tallest sunflower.

Good Luck!!



Holy Trinity News



Reflections from the Rectory

Reflections from the Rectory



Our nation has been shaken by recent events in London and Manchester and sometimes it is difficult to know how to respond.

It has been encouraging to see the way people have focused on the response more than the event, those who rushed in to help, the good we have seen in people in response to evil.

But with all these events it has got me thinking (and talking) about Jesus' words when he said in Luke 6 *"love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you."* When we feel under attack the idea of showing love, doing good or praying for those responsible isn't an easy task. The passage goes on and Jesus says *"Do to others as you would like them to do to you."* We have seen examples of this; perhaps the greatest was the actions of the ambulance crew who fought to save the life of the Westminster attacker; leading by example as to how we treat others, doing to them as we would like them to do, not as they have done.

At the end of this section Jesus concludes *"Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."* Jesus doesn't tell us it will be easy, but that if we love as God loves, then there will be a better world and a heavenly reward.

My prayer for our nation and especially our new government is that we continue to focus on love, on how we treat others, that we chose to do the right thing first, not wait and then decide how to respond but to show love care and compassion to our fellow human beings in our own communities, nation and across the world.

God bless
Simon

HOLY TRINITY SERVICE DATES

July		
23 rd	9:30 Holy Communion	Jackie Brown
30 th	10:00 Benefice Service at Mursley	Simon Faulks
August		
6 th	9:30 Holy Communion	John Saunders
13 th	9:30 Family Service	Helen Walker
20 th	<i>No service</i>	
27 th	9:30 Holy Communion	David Talks
September		
3 rd	9:30 Holy Communion	John Saunders
10 th	9:30 Family Service	David Talks
17 th	<i>No service</i>	
24 th	9:30 Holy Communion	Jackie Brown
October		
1 st	9:30 Holy Communion	Simon Faulks

Holy Trinity Church Drayton Parslow News

Repairs to the church Chancel roof will start soon.

For many years we have suffered loose tiles which has been caused by rotting wooden pegs. Recent work has shown that the battens are also rotten causing further concerns.

We have obtained a grant from the National Heritage Memorial Fund Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund of 73% of the £75,000 total costs. VAT is recoverable under another Government scheme, leaving a net cost to our Repair and Restoration Fund of about £8,000.

The existing tiles and battens will be stripped and replaced with new and a vapour permeable membrane installed. All the roof tiles will be replaced. New cast gutters and down pipes will be installed and flashing details improved.

It is likely that the chancel ceiling lath and plaster will be damaged and this will be repaired and decorated on completion. During the works the church interior and the organ will be protected. We will continue to hold services as normal although there will be disruption and a lot of cleaning will be required.

The chancel roof works are scheduled for completion in September followed by the boiler house roof and site clearance in October.

DRAYTON PARSLOW BAPTIST CHAPEL



Services for August, September and October 2017

August 6 th 11am	Robert Dungate
August 20 th 11am	Service taken by congregation
September 3 rd 11am	Service taken by congregation
September 24 th 11am	Harvest Festival – Sue Sparling
October 1 st 11am	Keith Silverthorne

Any enquiries concerning the Chapel, please contact:

Mrs J McCall 720486

Mrs E Mallick 720666



Drayton Parslow Short Mat Bowls

We hope to see Short Mat Bowls soon in our village hall and are seeking external funding for equipment.

Whether you have some experience, are a complete beginner, or would simply like to 'have a go', please let us know.

Just let us know your interest by emailing:

s.piddock@tesco.net

or telephone Susan Piddock 01296 728163

On Tuesday June 20th the Milton Keynes and North Bucks branch of **CAMRA**, the Campaign for Real Ale, presented a certificate to the **Three Horseshoes** to acknowledge their kind sponsorship of the **Concrete Pint beer festival** for ten continuous years.

Jim Scott (MK CAMRA)

HORSES AND OTHER ROAD USERS

Just a few suggestions which (I hope) may make meeting horses on the highway a little less of a traumatic experience for all parties!

From a horse riders point of view:-

Runners and cyclists- it would be helpful if when approaching from behind a horse you could shout/say something loudly, even if it's just "cyclist/runner," just so that the rider and horse are aware there is someone behind them. It can be very frightening if a cyclist just wooshes past at speed or a runner seems to appear out of nowhere.

Cars and motorbikes- Please slow down, but don't come to a complete standstill if it can be avoided. A horse feels much happier if the vehicle approaching is going at a steady speed without any sudden changes. Please leave enough space between your vehicle and the horse if you are following (would you like someone sitting on your bumper?). If a horse kicks out because its frightened, it's your vehicle as well as the horse that's going to be damaged.

Pass wide and slow if you can but it doesn't have to be snail pace!! That can sometimes cause as many problems as going too fast!!

From other road users point of view:-

Horse riders you don't own the road!

Please be polite and thoughtful, thank drivers / runners / cyclists even if they have only slowed down a small amount, they have still slowed down!! A polite hand signal or nod of the head, a smile and even a "thank you" doesn't cost anything. It's a "two-way street" if you're not polite to the driver they may not be as tolerant or polite to the next horse rider they meet!!

Let's all try and travel the roads together in harmony!!

Thank you.

Linda Fedoriw



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

<http://draytonparslowparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Major Development Proposed for Drayton Parslow

Following well-attended public and parish council meetings, the PC determined that it would object to the proposal for 24 new homes on land adjacent to North Close. A summary of the public meeting held on 22nd May can be viewed at <https://draytonparslowparishcouncil.org.uk/planning-applications/>. This objection was submitted on 20th June. In the interim several amendments have been put forward by the developer and a maintained objection made by the Strategic Flood Management Team at Bucks CC. We have been advised by AVDC that there may be further consultations if the developer addresses the drainage issues. You can read the full PC objection on AVDC's planning portal at <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/> - enter the application reference 17/01429/APP.

Planning decision overturned on appeal

AVDC's planning department refused an outline planning application last December for up to five homes to be built on land adjacent to Chapel Lane (16/03614/AOP). The developer has appealed against the decision and the Planning Inspectorate has allowed the appeal. This means that there will probably be a full planning application in the near future. Details can also be viewed on AVDC's planning portal.

Proposed development of the old Anglian Water Pumping Station

A planning application for a single dwelling has been received for this site – 16/04535/APP. The Parish Council has opposed the application as submitted due to it being oversized for the plot and not having sufficient parking available. Again, details can be viewed on the AVDC planning portal.

Road repairs

You will no doubt have been aware of preliminary works undertaken by Transport for Bucks (TfB) to repair the appalling potholes and road surfaces on the main road between Mursley Road and Newton Road. This work is due to be completed sometime in August/September – road closure signs will be in place in advance.

In addition, Anglian Water has scheduled repairs for 150m from the Mursley road towards the old Anglian pumping station but these should be complete by the time you read this.

Traffic Calming

While we are on the subject of roads, the Parish Council has made an application to the Bucks Transport Delivery Scheme via the Local Area Forum (LAF) to have a sign installed at each junction in to the village advising that the roads are unsuitable for HGVs. We will keep you updated on progress – installation is not anticipated to commence before April 2018.

MVAS (Moveable vehicle activated sign)

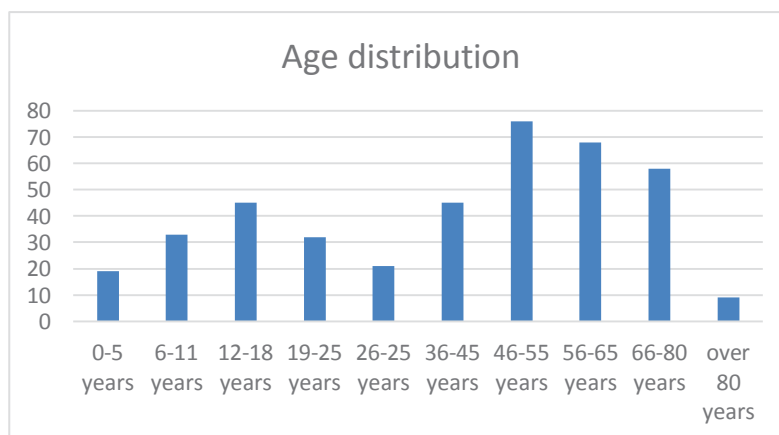
Another important safety measure is the use of an MVAS for indicating traffic speed and warning drivers to SLOW DOWN! We are still looking for a volunteer to assist Alan Smith with the MVAS. If you would be willing to volunteer some time to set up and take down the equipment please contact the Parish Clerk. It is very important that we continue to make use of this resource in an effort to control speeding within the village.

Neighbourhood Plan

Once again, a big thank you to everyone who filled in the recent Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires and also to the volunteers who helped to collect them.

We are currently in the process of evaluating the results of the questionnaires. We shared some of the key messages from the initial analysis at the Church Fete on 17th June and we will have a more detailed breakdown on display at the forthcoming VPA show on 19th August where the results will be on show. This will also be an opportunity for you to have a further input into the Neighbourhood Plan process. Your involvement is a hugely important element to ensure that your views and wishes are represented in the final plan.

Some initial findings from the questionnaire are that we have an ageing population in the village:



We also have few younger households:

How many under 25s own a property in the village? Of those surveyed – **None!!**

How many 25-35 year olds are the senior house owner? Of those surveyed – **Eight!**

If you have not yet filled in a questionnaire, please do so. We are particularly keen to get the views of younger people who may be hoping to buy a home in the future, even if you live at home and your parents completed the survey, we'd like to hear from you!

You can get a survey form from our website

<https://draytonparslowparishcouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/> or ask a member of the

Parish Council or the Clerk. Alternatively, please email your views to the Clerk:

draytonparslowpc@btinternet.com

Perhaps unsurprisingly there was strong support for any new development to be aimed towards starter and affordable homes and very little support for more “executive” style homes.

The planning application at North Close is a timely reminder of just how important the neighbourhood plan is - we are indeed sitting ducks and open to any potential applications - and they can happen any day with very little notice as this latest application proves. We have to pull together as a village if we want to protect what matters to us. We are therefore urging anyone who can help the small but enthusiastic team already in place - to please come along on Monday 7th August and/or 11th September to the Sports and Social Club at 7.30pm and join us. All are welcome and you can do as much or as little as your commitments allow - but as always the more hands we have the lighter the load. We look forward to seeing you there.

Allotments

We now have just three allotments available for rent. Rent is incredibly cheap – well under £1 per month, so why not grow your own this year? Contact the Clerk for details.

draytonparslowpc@btinternet.com

Dogs

There have been three incidents of dogs troubling tenants at the allotment site on Manor Gardens. In one a resident felt physically threatened by a very out of control aggressive dog. Damage was also caused to the allotment-holder’s plantings. This was reported to the police. Please keep your dogs under control and do not allow them to be off-lead when walking in the community.

Maintenance person needed

Like all small parishes we occasionally need some minor repairs/painting done – in particular around the recreation areas. If you would be interested in performing a few odd jobs around the village and have building/maintenance experience, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Next Parish Council meeting:

18th September – 7:30 pm Sports & Social Club

All agendas and minutes of Parish Council meetings can be viewed online at

<https://draytonparslowparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club



DPSSC News

We are delighted to welcome back the Mobile Post Office, operating out of the clubhouse every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4pm. Please do pop along with all of your postal and banking needs.

The Cricket season has now officially started, and the bar will be open during matches to refresh all players and supporters. Please do pop up and cheer your village team on with a nice cool beverage in hand.

Our thanks once again to Linda and Laura Fedoriv for organising the Easter Bunny with another excellent Easter Egg hunt on 16th April. The village children had a wonderful time hunting for the illusive eggs.

Regular Events

Bingo continues to run monthly on Saturdays. Doors open at 7pm, Eyes Down at 8pm.

The bar will be open, and the Fish & Chip van will be in attendance on the night.

Forthcoming dates for your diary are:

- 23rd September
- 21st October
- 8th November
- 16th December



Whist Drive continues to run every Tuesday night, 8-10pm. All are welcome. Anyone wanting more information should contact Doreen on 01296 720517

Abbey Smith Bridge Club

Abbey runs Lessons, Seminars and sessions for regular players throughout the week.



Full details can be found on <http://www.bridgewebs.com/abbeysmith/> or by contacting Abbey on abbeybridgelessons@hotmail.co.uk or 07891 586 410.



Open Bar

The bar remains open every Sunday 12-2pm. The Pool Table is Free to use for everyone whilst the bar is open.

Hall Hire

Subject to diary availability, the clubhouse remains available to hire for one-off events (Birthday party / Christening / Wakes – any reason for a gathering!).

We have a large, spacious room, with kitchen, garden and bar facilities, overlooking the Cricket ground. Hall Hire charges are fixed at £10 per hour (with an incremental £7.50 per hour if the bar is required).

A non-refundable deposit and hire agreement form are required for all bookings. Please contact Sarah Norman on 07970 820342 for hire availability.



SERVICE AVAILABLE AT DRAYTON PARSLOW POST OFFICE @ SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Opening times: Tuesday - 02.00pm To 04.00pm

General/regular Service - Buy Postage Stamps / Post parcels / Recorded delivery / Guaranteed Next Day delivery plus:

- Withdraw cash from your bank account
- Deposit cash in Santander/HSBC/Co-op bank/ Barclays, through card
- Deposit cash in bank through paying in slip.
- Deposit cheque into your bank account
- Pay your Rent/Council tax/electricity bill/HMRC tax
- On demand – Euros/American dollars
- You can order other foreign currency on-line and collect from Post Office
- Purchase and encash Postal Orders
- Send or receive money worldwide via Money Gram
- Fishing licence
- Phone top-ups
- Re-direct mail
- Click & Collect: Amazon parcel

Deanshanger Post Office, 44 Puxley Road, Deanshanger, Milton Keynes, MK19 6JB, for delivery to Drayton Parslow

contact Jigar Patel
(M) 0794 397 2020 (S) 01908 564490

CRICKET REPORT



The weather has been kind to Drayton this season and only one game has been lost because of rain.

In the league Drayton renewed its rivalry against Stewkley after several seasons of being in a different division. Batting first Drayton's total of 172 was not enough in spite of Ross Potter with 42 and Terry Dickens 44. Stewkley got home by seven wickets in spite of Terry taking all three for only 25 runs in his 10 overs. The tide turned though against Eaton Bray 2nds as Andy Willis in taking 4-21 and well backed up by all the Drayton bowlers restricted the opposition to 162 runs. Irfan Javed then guided Drayton home by five wickets scoring 66 not out while Paras Keshav scored 43. And then Drayton had a winning draw against Great Brickhill 3rds. Drayton batted first reaching 225 runs in their 44 overs with Paras Keshav top scoring with 83. Great Brickhill just held on at the end finishing on 205 for 9 with Irfan Javed taking 4 for 61 with Terry Dickens bowling tightly and taking 2 -14 in his 10 overs.

Yet Drayton then stumbled to a disappointing defeat against St Andrews. Drayton batting first amassed 268 for 6 wickets that included a maiden century for Irfan Javed (118) and 49 from Ross Potter. But poor fielding with chances dropped and easy runs conceded saw the opposition home by seven wickets despite two wickets for Irfan. This was followed by a disappointing defeat against Milton Bryan. Drayton managed 230 for 5 wickets bating down through the order with Bill Yirrell top scoring with 49. But again our bowling and fielding let us down with Milton Bryan getting home by 6 wickets. Drayton though held its nerve against Buckland and Aston Clinton with the opposition falling 20 runs short following a batting collapse. Ross with a patient innings of 39 top scored for Drayton while Irfan took 4 for 27.

The friendlies team, under captain Ross Potter, like the league team has enjoyed mixed fortunes. It had a heavy nine wickets defeat away to Stoke Hammond despite Dan Hopkins scoring 40 when Drayton batted first. Against New Bradwell, Anthony Pearce took 3 for 47 but the opposition still managed to score 178 all out. However, Drayton got home by 5 wickets with A. Godfrey scoring 51 and Ross Potter 43. Mark Greaves in a rare outing for Drayton scored 78 against Mursley while Jon Adams scored 45.

Ross Potter took 4 for 12 against Whitchurch and Drayton won by 9 runs. Jon Adams and Ross Potter both scored 47 runs in the Drayton innings of 141 for five wickets while chairman Barrie Norman scored 35. Against local rivals Stewkley Jon Adams took 3 for 43 but Drayton then fell 40 runs short of the opposition total despite Ross Potter scoring 54. And against Soulbury Jon Adams scored 57 not out but still Drayton were well short in their reply.

Ross Potter is always short of players for the Sunday friendlies team so please contact him (on 07828325671) if you would like a game and whatever your ability. Or come along to the nets on Thursday evening at around 18.30 and try your hand at batting against Darren's Gough's bowling machine in the MUGA play area at the top of the rec.

Lionel Colby

Lionel Colby (Secretary): lionelcolby@gmail.com

Barrie Norman (Chairman): barrie@landfind.co.uk

Ross Potter (Friendlies Captain): 07828 325671

Lionel Colby

Saturday Fixtures in August

5	Great Brickhill	Away	1.30
12	St Andrews	Home	1.30
19	Milton Bryan	Away	1.30
26	Aston Clinton	Home	1.00

Sunday Fixtures in August

13	Whitchurch	Away	2.00
20	Westcott	Home	2.00
27	Stoke Hammond 20:20	Away	10.30

AVB Broadband Update – 13/07/17

We have made some progress since you last heard from us. Our statutory authority application has been approved which allows us to proceed with installation works. The next step is to plan the route to connect Drayton Parslow to the network. You will appreciate that as this goes through Stewkley, the work there needs to be completed before we can get to Drayton Parslow.

We do appreciate the patience of residents in the village as we continue to work as fast as possible to build the new infrastructure necessary for fibre optic broadband. We want to reassure you that we are fully committed to providing this service to Drayton Parslow.

Kind regards,

Joey Coombs

Office Manager, AVB

Your Garden in August

Gardening Advice from Gill Gallon, Potash Nursery

www.potashplants.co.uk

August is often one of the hottest months of the year - making watering essential. Water butts may be running low so use grey water where ever possible. August is traditionally holiday-time, so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after the garden while you are away.

Jobs for the garden

- Pick herbs for fresh use and for drying. Harvesting will keep them growing longer.
- Trim and feed hanging baskets to prolong their beauty.
- Keep deadheading and harvesting.
- Remove any diseased foliage now, so it doesn't get lost in the autumn leaves.
- Cut back the foliage of early bloomers like Brunneras and hardy geraniums to revitalize the plants.
- Prune summer flowering shrubs as the flowers fade.
- Sow a late crop of peas and spinach and keep harvesting.
- Start saving seeds and taking cuttings. Leave some annual seeds to self-sow.
- Begin dividing perennials. Start with the bearded iris.
- Check that your mulch hasn't decomposed and add more as needed. Spread a mid-season layer of compost or manure.

Plant of the Month – Penstemon



Penstemons are one of the most valuable summer-flowering perennials and are generally easy and reliable. Flowering until the first frosts with elegant spikes of small, tubular, foxglove-like flowers there are about 250 varieties to choose from.

They will grow quickly to form large, leafy clumps and will add some great colour into your border. Penstemons thrive in sunny positions and tolerate dry conditions once established, on heavy clay soil, add coarse grit to aid drainage. Do not cut them down in the autumn. Leave all the growth intact and wait until late April or early May when you start to see the new growth appear.

Gill Gallon

Potash Nursery, www.potashplants.co.uk

The second of our series of features on members of the local community:

Let's spend 30 minutes with...

Rev Simon Faulks

Rector: 5 Parishes

The Benefice of Newton Longville, Mursley, Swanbourne, Little Horwood & Drayton Parslow.



1. How long have you lived in Mursley?

We moved to Mursley just over 2 years ago (May 2015) and I started my role as Rector at the end of June.

2. What do you like best about Drayton Parslow? (being in the 5 parishes?)

I love the real and genuine communities of all the villages, the being surrounded by beautiful countryside and yet all the facilities of Milton Keynes on the doorstep (and easy access to London should we want it) is also great.

The other day as I had opportunity to walk between two of the villages across the fields I did think how fortunate I am that God has called me to a place such as this.

However, there are also frustrations with having five villages: largely that it means I don't belong to any one community. It's great to belong to all five, but I just don't have the time to get involved with all the communities as much as I would like. (I am more than happy to be invited to any events and will always try and fit them into the diary but sometimes that specific request helps).

3. What is your favourite book / books?

I have to say really, but it is true, I love the **Bible**, I find it fascinating how something written so long ago, into very different contexts from the world today, is still so relevant and helpful to our lives here and now. It helps me understand life better as it helps me understand God the creator better.

I am also a bit of a fan of **Douglas Adams** although I have to say as a Dyslexic I don't find any reading easy so don't read a lot of books, perhaps more magazines. I find short articles easier to cope with and anything that feeds my interest in **Land Rovers** is always enjoyed!



4. What is your favourite TV show?

I really enjoy **NCIS** and other similar programmes and of course **Doctor Who**. For more light entertainment **Mock the Week** and **Have I Got News For You**. I also quite enjoy **Graham Norton** (although most things I watch are recorded or on catch-up).



5. What hobbies do you enjoy (when time allows)?

I guess most of my hobbies are slightly more unusual ones (apart from perhaps the love of **Land Rovers** mentioned above, but that is only a paper based one (at the moment!))

Activities I really enjoy would be **circus skills** and **illusion/magic**. I'm happy performing or watching and have even done some teaching of the circus skills.



My other main hobby would be my collection of anything related to **Telephone Boxes** (or **Kiosks** as they should really be known, and proper red ones none of the funny more modern ones).

6. What is the best job you have ever had?

This one of course! In all seriousness, I have had the privilege of working in the church in one way or another for nearly 20 years (over if you count study which includes the long-term placement work). It's not so much about the job, the job at the moment is Rector of the 5 Parishes, but what comes out of being Ordained Priest: a Priest is about what you do, it's about who you are, who God created and called you to be, when you get to do something that comes out of who you are as your job what more could you ask for?

7. What is your favourite place to visit?

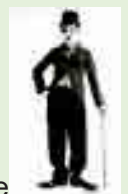
That's a tough one, sticking within the UK I love both the **Lake District** and **Cornwall**, surrounded by the beauty of God's creation.



Further afield, I have only been once but have good friends in **Zambia** and would love to go back. Last but by no means least is the place I call home, which for me is **Norfolk**.

8. Who would be your special guests at a dinner?

Another tricky one, I think in respect to the hobbies mentioned above and people from the past I would love to have **Houdini** and **Charlie Chaplin** round for a meal.



On a more contemporary note, I would quite like to meet **Prince William**, maybe at an informal BBQ. Lastly a couple of people I would like to be able to have a meal with again: **my Grandfather and my Mother**.

Three Schools Update

Rounders

On Tuesday 16th May, we took a team of Year 5 and 6 children to the Buckingham School to take part in a Rounders Festival. The first game against Bourton Meadow 1 was a bit of a warm-up match for us; however, we soon got into the swing of things. First, we cracked the batting and there were some brilliant hits, helping us rack up the rounders. Poppy Martin raced around the pitch! Next, the fielding came together with some good bowling from Jack Wheatley, James Bailey and Ben Knaves. James and Ben also made some fantastic catches – even the other teams were impressed.

We had a closely fought game against North Marston, narrowly beating them by half a rounder! All in all, the team played well together. Based on the number of points scored for each game, we tied with two other schools for 3rd place. However, based on the number of rounders, we came 5th.

Tag Rugby

On Thursday 25th May, Years 5 and 6 took part in a tag rugby tournament. We got off to a slightly slow start, but the team soon came together. Jack Wheatley did well as the captain, putting his rugby skills to good use. Niam Young was a rocket around the field, dodging players left, right and centre to score some fantastic tries. Our last three matches were closely fought; it was pretty intense to watch!

We ended up in a play-off against North Marston, drawing 3-3 meaning we came joint 7th overall.

Fun at the Farm

Foundation have had a busy few weeks learning all about animals. First, they visited the RSPCA to learn how to take care of their pets. They were so inspired that they decided to raise money for the RSPCA by holding a sponsored physical day!

On Monday 22nd May, they set off for a trip to the farm. They had a lovely day (helped by the sunshine) feeding the lambs, enjoying a tractor ride around the fields, stroking the rabbits and cheering on the lambs in the lamb national! They learnt lots about the animals on the farm, what they need and how they are cared for!



Steel Pan Performances

On Monday 22nd May, a group of Year 6 students were invited to play the steel pans at the Pathways Primary PRU in Aylesbury. This was to enhance the Caribbean topic the children at the PRU have been studying. Year 6 played two songs: 'Three Little Birds' and 'Under the Sea'. There was then an opportunity for questions from the audience before the Year 6s had a go at teaching the other children their pieces.



This was a fantastic opportunity for them and they certainly did themselves and the school proud. It was lovely to see them shine in their performance and to see how well they worked with the other children. In fact, they did so well that they returned this afternoon to repeat the performance for another group.

Three Schools Update continued

'Super Science' at the Royal Latin School

On Tuesday 23rd May, Year 5 were lucky enough to be invited to the Science Fair at the Royal Latin school. The children had a fantastic time participating in three different workshops including; Smart Paints, Red Cabbage Indicators and Data logging temperatures of chemical reactions.

The children were able to explore the world of acids and alkalis by creating their own universal indicator in the 'Red cabbage' session. By testing some household items including; apple juice, soap, vinegar and shower gel, children developed an understanding of the Ph scale. During the 'Smart paints' session developed an understanding of Thermo-chromic and Photo-chromic paints, the children then created their own 'Glow in the dark' spinners and 'Magic mugs' which change colour when you add a hot drink – Amazing stuff!

Finally, the children participated in a session to explore chemical reactions and how gas and temperature change indicate a reaction has taken place when two substances are mixed. The 'Popping' magnesium test was a favourite – As you can see from Darcy's reaction!

The children were a credit to the school and their behaviour, as always, was fantastic, so much so that this was commented on by several members of staff and students from the Royal Latin – Well done Year 5!



Oxford Cathedral

On Tuesday 27th June, Year 6 were invited to take part in a special Leavers' Service at Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford. The focus of the service was 'God is Love'. In the morning, they attended workshops involving drama, music and art in which they explored different types of love and the ways God can show His love. They also created banners which were displayed in a procession during the service in the afternoon.



Year 2 Maths Afternoon

To help Year 2 with their transition into KS2, Year 6 organised a maths afternoon for them on Thursday 29th June. Every year, the Year 6 children wow us with their creativity as they come up with a wide range of fun maths games for the younger children to enjoy. They plan, make, organise and run all of the activities themselves. This year's activities included coordinate twister, giant shopping monopoly (including an actual 3D jail to sit in!), a shop, restaurant, times table challenges, maths bingo, maths penalty shoot-out, and a maths scavenger hunt complete with a treasure chest full of gold and sweets at the end! It is always lovely to see how well the different year groups work together and the Year 6 children did themselves proud.



Carol-Anne McCollum, Executive Headteacher, Drayton Parslow, Mursley & Swanbourne Schools



Thank you to everyone who supported the cake & goodies sale we held in June to raise funds for Florence Nightingale Hospice. The total was an amazing £172! Watch this space for another one later in the year!

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