



DRAYTON PARSLOW VILLAGE NEWS



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DRAYTON DIARY

April	
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13 th	Easter Workshop – see page 3
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May	
19 th	Fish & Chip Supper – see page 4
Later in the year	
17 th June	Church Garden Fete
8 th & 9 th July	Open Gardens
19 th August	Village Show



Greenacre Hall

For hall bookings please telephone
Carol 01296 720741

NEXT ISSUE

Contributions, articles and photos for the April/May issue **by no later than Friday 12th May 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.

APRIL COIN JAR COLLECTION

Your team of collectors will be knocking on doors week commencing 3rd of April so that we miss the Easter weekend.

In advance, the Holy Trinity P.C.C. thank you for your continued support, it's just invaluable.

Village Quiz Night 2017

Thank you to the fifteen teams which took part in the annual Village Quiz night on February 11th at Greenacre Hall. Our congratulations go to Patty Greaves and her team who came first!

Your contributions to the Village News are welcomed!

Please email us your fun facts, jokes, poems, local history information, details of a hobby or project, photographs of the village or anything else you think fellow villagers would find interesting!

dpvillagenews@outlook.com

Here are some pictures of beautiful spring flowers in the village

(and a cheeky lamb)...



Holy Trinity News



Reflections from the Rectory

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

Dear Friends

In the middle of this month we will move from Lent to Easter and rapidly be heading towards the summer. But I just wanted to take a moment to reflect upon that first change. I wonder if you have given anything up for Lent? Maybe you do each year: chocolate, alcohol, I even know people who have given up Facebook for Lent.

I wanted to ask, what next? What does it achieve? What does it change?

As we move from Lent to Easter, the images of fluffy chicks and bunny rabbits, the chocolate eggs, these are all symbols of new life, because that is the message of Easter - Jesus died to bring new life to those who chose to follow him. The writer to the Hebrews tells us that the old way (Old Testament way) of making sacrifices to seek forgiveness was limited, it was a system that needed to be repeated. However at Easter Jesus became the ultimate sacrifice, we could accept the sacrifice he made in our place once and for all. What Jesus did changed the way things needed to be done for everyone, forever.

And so that brings me back to that question - what has Lent achieved for us? Many years ago, the idea of giving something up for Lent was that you would do something else instead, you might spend that time in prayer but you might also use the money saved to help someone else eat.

Of course Lent is also a time of preparation, a time to prepare ourselves for Easter, so if we do things differently in the run-up to Easter, and then Easter itself is about celebrating the new life that Jesus offers to all, then surely it is only right that we should expect to see a change in ourselves as we move from the old pre-Lent life to the new post-Easter life.

What change would you like to see?

God bless

Simon

HOLY TRINITY SERVICE DATES

April		
2 nd	9:30 Holy Communion	Simon Faulks
9 th	9:30 Family Service	Helen Walker
16 th	9:30 Easter Sunday Family Communion	John Saunders
23 rd	9:30 Holy Communion	John Saunders
30 th	10:00 Benefice Service at Swanbourne	Simon Faulks

OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

Saturday & Sunday 8th-9th July

2.00-6.00pm

Would you like to open your garden?

If so, contact Wendy on 720426 for more information.

The proceeds will all go towards a small church extension housing a much needed toilet and kitchen area

Palm Sunday Family Service

9th April at 9.30 am

Informal Service followed by Refreshments
We welcome all - children and adults

Easter Workshop

Thursday 13th April, 10 - 12am at Greenacre Hall
For village children aged 5-10 years.

Booking essential.

Tel. 728163 or email s.piddock@tesco.net
(£2 per child donation towards costs would be appreciated)

Easter Sunday Family Communion

16th April at 9.30 am followed by Easter Egg Hunt for children

Please join us to celebrate Easter

Garden Fete 2017

Please note change of date for Holy Trinity Garden Fete. This is now **Saturday 17th June**

DRAYTON PARSLOW BAPTIST CHAPEL



World Day of Prayer 2017

This year's World Day of Prayer service was put together by women in the Philippine Islands. It was held in the Baptist Chapel on Thursday 2nd March, beginning with tea and cakes and followed by a service led by Liz Carter-Gates entitled "Am I being unfair to you?" based on the gospel reading from Matthew 20: 1-16 which led to an interesting discussion. Thank you to all who helped with the service and refreshments.

Services for April & May 2017

April 2nd, 11am	Glen Beck
April 16th, 11am	Easter Sunday Service taken by the congregation
May 7th, 11am	Ivy Nash
May 21st, 11am	Ruth Jones

Any enquiries concerning the Chapel, please contact:

Mrs J McCall 720486 Mrs E Mallick 720666



Sunflower Competition at The Village Show

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

We will provide the sunflower seeds for free for you to grow in your gardens and sunflowers will be measured 2 days before the village show to see who has grown the tallest sunflower.

Please plant in an area of your garden that is easily accessible for us to visit and measure your sunflowers.

Categories for Adults and Children Under 6, 6-8 years old, 9-11 years old and 12-15 years old.

Please contact Sally or Linda **before 30th April** if you would like to take part so we can distribute the seeds to you:

swallis18@yahoo.com 720030 / 728226



Great British Fish and Chip Supper & Quiz, Friday 19th May 2017

@ The Sports & Social Club

Carol and Jonny are again holding a Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz to support the Spinal Injuries Association on Friday 19th May.

Being spinally injured herself, Carol sees this as a great charity to be involved with and eating Fish and Chips is such a tasty and easy way to raise money! Last year we raised a whopping £800 – are we being too ambitious in setting our sights on £1000 this year?

The Bar will open around 6.30pm and Fish and Chips will be served around 7pm but they must be pre-ordered. We are hoping to have them ready at 6.30pm to serve upon arrival. Cod will be the fish of the day and there will be a vegetarian alternative. Bread, butter and condiments will be provided but please bring your own cutlery.

Tickets to include the supper and quiz, are £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children (sausage and chips) which includes a donation to the charity. Please contact Carol by Monday 8th May 2017 to book a place so that the food order can be placed.

The night will include a quiz and is a good way to catch up with friends in the village. Bring the family along and we are usually finished around 9pm.

Hope to see as many of you there as possible!

To obtain tickets contact Carol:

Email: softscape@hotmail.com or 01296 738353



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

Major Development Proposed for Drayton Parslow

The Parish Council has been advised by the Guinness Trust that they are moving forward at speed with an application to build 24 homes on Carington land behind North Close – please see map. They attended our last Parish Council meeting on 27th February 2017 to introduce the proposal ahead of the planning application being submitted. This parcel of land was included in the submission to AVDC in the call for sites in preparation of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) and was not eliminated as being unsuitable and so remains in play. The development is for 5 two bedroom terraced houses that will be offered as affordable housing at below market rents, 15 three bedroom and 4 four bedroom homes sold at market rates.



The planning application is due to be submitted in the next 4-6 weeks and if approved construction would start in the autumn of this year.

What does this mean for the village? Because the VALP is not yet complete, and because we have no Neighbourhood Plan in place, this planning application will be decided under existing AVDC planning policies. The developer has committed to a public exhibition as soon as the application is submitted.

When the application is formally submitted the documents will be placed on AVDC's planning portal at <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications> ; at that point you will be able to submit letters of support or objection to AVDC planners. In addition, the Parish Council will be consulted and asked to support, oppose or have no objections on the application; this will be decided at a future meeting. At the moment the map is all that we have. If you wish to be kept up to date by email on the progress of the application, please let the clerk know and she will add your name to our e-mail circulation list for all planning news. Simply send an e-mail to the Parish Clerk draytonparslowpc@btinternet.com stating that you wish to be included on planning notifications.

You may have heard of Section 106 funds. These are monies that a developer is required to provide to a community for Sports & Leisure amenities when planning a development over a certain threshold. The rules now state that the Parish Council must state during its consultation process, to which specific projects it will assign the S106 money coming in from the development, even if it does not support it. The estimated funds from this development would be in the region of £80,000. This is a very substantial sum for such a small village and the Parish Council will need to consult with the village when the formal

planning application is received on how to use the money, should the application be approved by Aylesbury Vale District Council.

Potholes

In spite of repairs made in January further defects appeared by mid-end February and these were duly reported to Transport for Bucks (TfB) for repair. If you spot a serious pothole or other issue you can report it online by going to <http://www.buckscouncil.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/tell-tfb/> We have been informed that the main road between Drayton Crossroads and Mursley Road is due to be resurfaced before 1st July. Hopefully that will improve the state of our roads!

Precept

The Parish Council submitted its annual Precept request to Aylesbury Vale District Council in January. Due to the need to accrue additional reserves for increased costs anticipated by the Parish Council in future years it was agreed to increase the Precept resulting in an average increase per Tax Band D household of £0.20 per week. This will go towards the costs of developing a Neighbourhood Plan; traffic calming implementation and accruing for future repairs to the access drive to the recreation area.

Neighbourhood Plan

You will have now received - and hopefully completed - your questionnaire for the Neighbourhood Planning Group. Indeed, these should also have been collected and the results will be analysed with the intention of sharing the outcomes with you all in June, when you will have a further opportunity to share your views with the NP Group. More to come on that in the next Village News; but also look out for posters around the village that will notify you of up and coming meetings and events.

Meanwhile, we have been exploring potential consultants who could advise and support us in our work moving forward. These are all people with experience of neighbourhood planning and we will keep you informed about who we will be working with.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the distribution and collection of the questionnaires - and if you are interested in joining the planning group then please let us know. We are a small but perfectly formed and very friendly group and we would be delighted to welcome new members. Finally, please note that if your questionnaire is still awaiting collection then please leave it out in the plastic bag provided and leave a message with Carol Taylor on: 01296 720179 and she will call around and collect it.

MVAS (Moveable vehicle activated sign)

Our thanks to Kirsty Foley who has for the last three years been responsible for the MVAS traffic speed sign. Kirsty has been ably assisted by Alan Smith to whom we also extend grateful thanks. Kirsty is no longer available for this duty which involves putting up the sign (and taking it down) every other month, so Alan needs a helper. If you would be willing to volunteer and have access to a Windows based computer (for data downloading), please contact the Parish Clerk. It is very important that we continue to make use of this equipment in an effort to control speeding within the village.

Best Kept Village 2017

Drayton Parslow entered this competition for the first time in 2016 and achieved a Highly Commended grade. There were a few comments where improvements could be made and with that in mind we are asking you, our residents, to pay extra attention to common areas of the village. In particular, if you see litter please pick it up. Judging will take place between 1st June and 7th July so let's all make a special effort and maybe we can win!

More thankyous...

Thank you to Louise & John Stepney and Sue & Pete Spavins for their parts in the annual Christmas Tree(s) lighting. The lights have now come down to facilitate a bit of trimming and sprucing up of the two trees (pun intended).

Storm Doris gave the MUGA roof netting a bit of a shake-up but thanks are due to Mike Thum, Alan Batley & John Wallis who have re-secured this.

Allotments

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

Next meetings

24th April 2017 (incl. Annual Parish meeting) – 7pm Carington Rm, Greenacre Hall

22nd May 2017 (Annual Parish Council meeting) – 7:30 pm Sports & Social Club

Fibre Broadband Update

From AVB 14/03/17

Since Christmas time AVB has been holding talks with our civils contractors and other third parties with the purpose of getting work re-started in Drayton Parslow. We have had numerous false promises made, which have been extremely frustrating for us so we can only imagine how frustrating this delay has been for yourselves.

Despite these obstacles we are pleased to **say we now have an agreed plan in place, which will allow us to move forward with the deployment of our network in Drayton Parslow. Within the next few weeks** (this work may already have started by the time you read this) **you will see one of our teams around your village “blowing” our trunk (main) fibre cabling into the ducting that has already been installed. Shortly after this work is complete another of our teams will commence the process of deploying fibre between our connection points on your property boundaries and the chambers (manholes) as well as joining this fibre to our ultrafast fibre network.** At the same time we expect the civils work to start again on the streets.

Whilst this approach is not ideal, it does allow us to start connecting people to our broadband network rather than waiting until the civils work is complete (as we normally would).

AVB apologises for these delays as we know how much Drayton Parslow is looking forward to receiving decent broadband. If you have any questions please contact AVB at info@avbroadband.co.uk

Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club



DPSSC News

Spring is here and we are looking forward to the start of the Cricket Season. We are hopeful the Post Office will shortly re-open, serving all your postal and banking needs on a weekly basis.

Sadly, we had to cancel our planned Comedy Night due to low ticket sales.

We will be holding our AGM towards the end of April. Please look out for posters in the clubhouse and on the A-frame by the bottom car park confirming the exact date. All members are welcome to come along to the AGM – it is your chance to check up on finances and input into the general running of the club.

Membership Renewals Now Due

We are still collecting Membership Fees (membership runs Jan-Dec). Fees remain at £1 per person for the year (£4 for a family). We very much appreciate everyone's support in becoming members – not only does it help us maintain our licence (which is a valuable addition to events such as the VPA show and Cricket, as well as those who regularly use our clubhouse), the membership fees help us pay our essential fixed costs such as Council Tax and Public Liability Insurance.

Forthcoming Events:

**Easter Egg Hunt,
Sunday 16th April, 12.30pm**



Everyone is welcome to come along to our Easter Egg Hunt. Starting from the clubhouse, the children set off across the Rec ground to hunt the elusive eggs that the Easter Bunny may have hidden. It is free to take part in our Egg Hunt, and all the children enjoy hunting with eagle eyes to find as many eggs as they can. We are also running an Egg Raffle - £1 per square, with a chance of winning a full-sized chocolate Easter Egg. The bar will be open for those in need of refreshment after their Egg hunting. Please do come along! Our thanks, as always, to the wonderful Fedoriv family for organising the hunt yet again for us.

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:

- Sat 8th Apr 17
- Sat 6th May 17
- Sat 3rd June
- Sat 1st July



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



run regular sessions on Thursdays evenings and Friday afternoons. Beginner lessons and Seminars are held on Mondays / Wednesdays / Saturdays. Anyone wanting more information should contact Abbey via email abbeybridgelessons@hotmail.co.uk or call 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

The **clubhouse** remains available to hire for one-off events (Birthday party / Christening / Wakes – any reason for a gathering!) or for a regular booking for clubs / organisations. We have a large, spacious room, with kitchen, garden and bar facilities, overlooking the Cricket ground. Our rates are still maintained at £8 per hour (£10 with bar facilities). **We believe this offers great value compared to other venues in the area.** A non-refundable deposit and hire agreement form are required for all bookings. **All local groups receive 2 free hires per year.** More details can be found on <https://venues4hire.org/venue/details/32878/drayton-parslow-sports-social-club>, or by calling Sarah Norman on 07970 820342



CRICKET REPORT



The cricket season starts on Saturday 29 April with an away fixture at New Bradwell with the first home game a week later, start time 13.30. This year the Saturday side is in division 5 of the Marrant Four Counties League. The ground is looking a bit saturated at present but hopefully will have dried out by the time the season starts and the start of the cricket season must mean that summer is on the way!

The vintage Bill Yirrell is our league captain with Andy as his vice and under their leadership hopefully the team can have a more successful season after our relegation last term. And players will be looking even smarter helped by sponsorship from Taylor and Co, land agents, the WJ Group, road marking specialists, and Landfind, property developers. They are all businesses with local connections so many thanks to them for their support.

The Play Cricket website will have the results of the league games once the season has started:

<http://draytonparslow.play-cricket.com>

The friendlies team opens its account on Sunday 7 May at home to Soulbury with a 14.00 start. Ross Potter is our new friendlies captain with Jon Adams again the vice. If any new player is interested in playing for the club the friendlies team is an ideal way to get started so please contact Ross direct or send me an e-mail, contact details below.

The fixtures schedule for the season is also given. Highlights include the hosting by Drayton of the annual 20-20 competition, the Trident Trophy on Sunday 23 July with Mursley and Swanbourne again providing the opposition. Also this season it is the turn of Soulbury to host the 20:20 tournament on Sunday 27 August with Stoke Hammond the other team involved.

The sports and social club bar will normally be open during home games and certainly by the evening. So please come up for a drink and watch and if you are interested in playing please introduce yourself to one of our players. And for those more interested in the social side of cricket the return of the successful cricket club ball is pencilled in for Saturday 9 September; not to be missed.

Lionel Colby (Secretary): lionelcolby@gmail.com

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

Ross Potter (Friendlies Captain): 07828 325671

Andy Willis (League Vice Captain): 07894 044830

Lionel Colby

Saturday Fixtures

April

29 New Bradwell Away, 1.30

May

6 Milton Keynes Home, 1.30

13 Stewkley Home, 1.30

20 Lidlington Away, 1.30

27 Eaton Bray Away, 1.30

June

3 Great Brickhill Home, 1.30

10 St Andrews Away?, 1.30

17 Milton Bryan Home, 1.30

24 Aston Clinton Away, 1.30

July

1 New Bradwell Home, 1.30

8 Milton Keynes Away, 1.30

15 Stewkley Away, 1.30

22 Lidlington Home, 1.30

29 Eaton Bray Home, 1.30

Sunday Fixtures

May

7 Soulbury Home, 2.00

14 Stoke Hammond Away, 2.00

21 Wescott Away, 2.00

28 New Bradwell Away, 2.00

June

Mursley (Draymur
4 Cup) Away, 2.00

11 Soulbury Away, 2.00

18 Stewkley Away, 2.00

25 Whitchurch Home, 2.00

July

2 Milton Bryan Home, 2.00

23 Trident Trophy Home, 10.30

30 Stoke Hammond Home, 2.00

August

13 Whitchurch Away, 2.00

20 Wescott Home, 2.00

Stoke Hammond
27 20:20 Away, 10.30

September

3 Stewkley Home, 1.30



Your Garden in April

Gardening Advice from Gill Gallon,
Potash Nursery
www.potashplants.co.uk



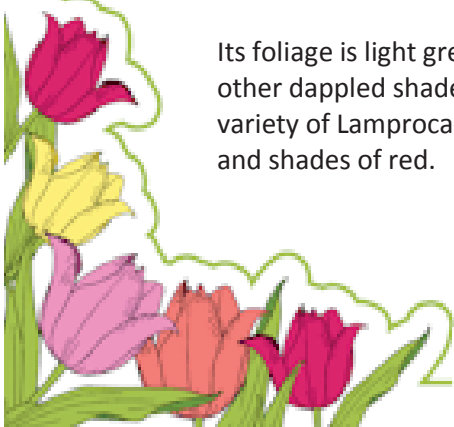
With the days getting longer and warmer, it's no surprise that April is a month bursting with blooms. While it's primarily bulbs that are flowering, there are shrubs, perennials and climbers you can grow and provide pollinators with a treat in the form of nectar-rich plants.

Jobs for the garden

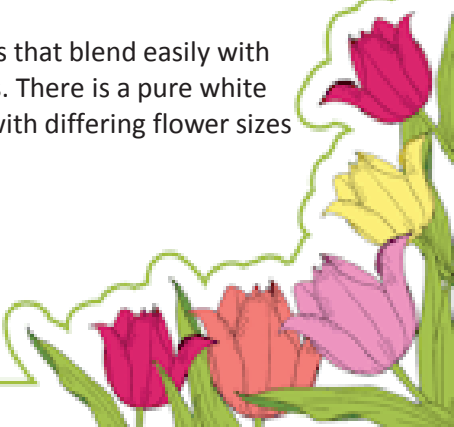
- Feed trees, shrubs and hedges with a balanced, slow release fertiliser by lightly forking it into the soil surface. Roses are greedy plants and will greatly benefit from feeding as they come into growth.
- Lift and divide perennial plants now to improve their vigour and create new plants for your garden.
- Sow hardy annuals in situ and prick off those sown earlier. Remove any dead flowers from narcissus and other spring flowers.
- As the weather begins to get a little milder sow new lawn areas, but make sure you protect them from birds. Mow your lawn at medium height.
- Plant evergreen coniferous trees and shrubs now. Apply mulch to roses and trim over lavender. Trim all winter-flowering heathers and remove dead flowers from rhododendrons. Prune early flowering shrubs such as ribes and forsythias and cut down hardy fuchsias to soil as new growth appears.
- Prune newly planted bush fruits. Use nets to protect flowers on fruit trees from frost. If the weather is dry then water the newly planted fruits and spray against pests and diseases (do not spray if the trees are in full flower).
- If you have a greenhouse then sow seeds of outdoor tomatoes, melon and courgettes. Space out growing plants and watch for pests and diseases. Bedding plants should be moved into cold frames.
- If you have a vegetable patch then start successional sowing of radish, lettuce, peas and beans. You can also sow your main crop of carrots.
- Cauliflower and calabrese should be planted out raised in cold frames. You can plant late potatoes earth up the early ones.

Plant of the Month – Bleeding Heart

Formerly known as *Dicentra spectabilis*, bleeding heart, *Lamprocapnos spectabilis*, is a Chinese plant bearing pink-red, heart-shaped flowers with white tips, which hang from arching flower stems in late spring to early summer. Although it grows in light shade and looks good growing in clumps amongst shrubs, it often does even better in a sunny border, provided the soil stays sufficiently moist. It is one of the earliest perennials into flower, so is great for impatient gardeners who are keen to kick-start the season.



Its foliage is light green and lacy, and it forms ground-covering clumps that blend easily with other dappled shade-lovers like ferns, hostas, brunneras and foxgloves. There is a pure white variety of *Lamprocapnos* and a number of varieties of bleeding heart with differing flower sizes and shades of red.



Three Schools Update

NCPCC Number Day

On Friday 3rd February, led by the Y6 maths ambassadors, the children at Swanbourne got busy with numbers to raise money for the NSPCC.



The day consisted of dressing up, measuring the height of stacks of coins, mini quizzes and Maths Millionaire – a quiz which saw houses and year groups battle it out through rounds of maths questions. The day was a resounding success and the children raised a fantastic £215.87 for the NSPCC!



Dance Extravaganza



On 23rd February two teams of Y5 and Y6 pupils competed in the annual Dance Extravaganza run by the School Sports Partnership at The Buckingham School. The teams had spent months practising and perfecting their incredibly complex dance routines in preparation for the big day. One team performed a mix of the Haka and Bollywood, and the other did a dance to The Lion King's Circle of life, using the theme of lions.

On the day the children had great fun getting ready in their costumes and had their make-up and face painting done. Both teams performed their dances brilliantly and were a real asset to the school. The Bollywood team came 4th, and the Lions team came 1st! The Lions will now go through to perform at the Level 3 dance finals on 24th March, where they will compete against other winning schools around Buckinghamshire. Good luck girls!



World Book Day

The beginning of March saw World Book Day activities taking place across all three schools. At Swanbourne the children spent a week using picture book *Voices in the Park* (by Anthony Browne) as a basis for a lot of incredible writing, drama and beautiful art work. The week culminated in the day itself, where the children were invited to dress up as their favourite book character. There were lots of fun activities throughout the day, including a catwalk and designing a book token.



As a new feature for the Village News, we thought we would give you the opportunity to meet a member of the local community every issue.

So let's spend 30 minutes with...

Carol-Anne McCollum
Executive Head Teacher
Drayton Parslow & Swanbourne
& Mursley Schools



How long have you worked at the Three Schools?
Almost 4 years.

What's the best thing about looking after the Three Schools?

The children are delightful! It's a joy to see them blossom during their time at the schools. I love the innocence and enthusiasm of Reception children - everything is an adventure. At KS2, they keep me on my toes, it's a pleasure to see them mature and become young adults who have the world at their feet.

What do you like most about Drayton Parslow?

That there is a real sense of community. From the horticultural show (and judging the scarecrow competition) to all the events that are organised. For a small village, it has a lot going on.

What is your favourite children's book?

It's so hard to pick. I'll have to choose two. The first is "Paper Dolls" by Julia Donaldson

because the illustrations cast the story in such a beautiful light. When I turned the last few pages, I found myself caught in the moment - the way every good book should catch you. Then there is "The Witches" by Roald Dahl. At the last count, I think I'd read it 18 times. I do a very convincing impression of a witch, minus the square toes!



What is your favourite food?

Anything fresh, when we're on holiday in France we tend to cycle to the markets every day to buy fresh produce, stick it on the barbecue and eat alfresco. I think that's all about the relaxed experience rather than the usual chaos of dinner at home. Other than that, it all depends on my mood, there's a nice pub not that far from where we live called The Muddy Duck and I can always find something to enjoy on the menu.

What's the most embarrassing thing that ever happened to you?

If you asked the children at school, they'd probably say my performance in the **Teacher's Dance Off** last year. I think my days of attempting cartwheels and street dance moves were firmly behind me before the performance but that didn't stop me! In my defence, I did come second, and the teacher who



came first was a cheerleader! I am pleased to say that no video footage was captured.

What is the school performance / event you like best?

You're not making this easy - different ones for different reasons. I love the **KS1 Christmas Nativity**, you never quite know what is going to happen and I have been known to cry laughing at the things 4 year olds get up to. At a previous school, the Angel Gabriel got cross at Mary standing in front of her and pushed her off the stage and I had to catch her - I will never forget that (no child was harmed). End of year concerts and shows are always special. The children always rise to the sense of occasion and knowing that they are leaving means it's emotionally for the children, the parents and the staff.

What is your favourite place to visit?

I lived by the sea, in a village called **Blackrock near Dublin** until I was 9 so I take any chance to get back to the coast. **Southwold** is a favourite.

If I could pick a spot to disappear to it would be **Western Samoa**.

I spent a month living in a beach hut there when I went traveling in my early 20s. It was paradise on earth.



Who would you have to dinner?

We'd need a big table. Being Irish, any gathering usually involves everyone 'doing a turn' and dinners often turn into performances so with that in mind **Ed Sheeran, Adele and Ludvico Einaudi** could come to play the music. **Barack and Michelle Obama, Matthew Syed, Millicent Fawcett, Coco Chanel and Nelson Mandela** for the highbrow conversation.

Then for fun, **Peter Kay, John Bishop and Graham Norton**.

Add to the mix a few people I know well, my husband Joe, a few close friends and a few people I wish I could see again and I think the dinner would last until the small hours.



Longest Serving Village News Article Contributor?



Did you know that Lionel Colby has been contributing cricket reports to the Village News for 100 issues? Lionel started contributing in issue 13 in October 1989 with both a cricket and travel article and is still going strong writing 5 articles per year with the latest contribution in this issue number 139.

Congratulations to Lionel on keeping all Drayton residents updated with what is happening with the village cricket club which has been in existence in the village for at least 140 years.

We all look forward to Lionel's contributions to the next 100 issues!

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Drayton Parslow Village Show

Saturday 19th August at 1pm

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For those of you who'd like to start working on your entries here are some **new** classes to look at before the full schedule is delivered to your house in June. (These are in addition to the regular classes for fruit, vegetables & flowers)

Floral Arrangements – Class 54 A Summer Wreath, Class 55 Open Arrangement Theme is 'Suitable for a Wedding'

Handicrafts – Class 61 An item of Tie-dye, Class 63 A Mosaic Picture Any medium max 20"x20"

Cookery – Class 80 Banana and Ginger Teabread (recipe supplied), Class 81 Anzak Biscuits (recipe supplied), Class 82 Dessert in a Glass, Class 83 Gluten Free Orange and Polenta Cake (recipe supplied), Class 85 Eccles cake x 3 own recipe, Class 86 Key Lime Pie (recipe supplied), Class 89 Chelsea Buns x 3 (recipe supplied), Class 92 Selection of 8 Bread Rolls – at least 3 different varieties hand made.

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Children's Class 6-8 Years – 3 Decorated Cupcakes, 3 Homemade Cookies, A Garden on a Plate, A Mask, Lego Model, A mug of Garden Flowers, Handmade Party Invitation, Tissue Paper Butterfly Picture Handmade, an item using Hama Beads, A Vegetable Animal or Bird

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NEW for 2017 : Following feedback form last year's entrants this year the younger age groups will receive rosettes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and ages 12-15 will receive money for prizes - 1st place 50p, 2nd place 30p and 3rd place 20p rather than rosettes. We hope this will encourage more children to enter the different classes.

Entry will be free again as last year but we will be asking for donations in our charity buckets on the gate.

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