



# DRAYTON PARSLOW VILLAGE NEWS



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Contributions, articles and photos for the October / November issue **by no later than Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018** please to the Village News mailbox [dpvillagenews@outlook.com](mailto: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

## DRAYTON DIARY

August	
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tallest Sunflower Competition Judging
9 <sup>th</sup>	Putting up the marquee for the VPA Show – see page 11
10 <sup>th</sup>	Judging Summer Door Wreaths
11 <sup>th</sup>	VPA Show including evening entertainment
12 <sup>th</sup>	VPA Show Songs of Praise, Marquee on the Recreation Ground
12 <sup>th</sup>	Taking down the marquee for the VPA Show
30 <sup>th</sup>	Bucks County Show – see page 3
September	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Cake Sale in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice, 11am in the front garden of 59 Main Road
17 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, DPSSC 7:30 pm



## COIN JARS



Are you new to the village? If you are interested in having a jar to collect your loose change in aid of Holy Trinity Church upkeep then please contact John and Wendy Preston on 72030

Thank you every penny counts!

## Drayton Parslow Village Plan Poster Competition

Show us how you would like to see Drayton Parslow in the future.

Use any medium for example paint, ink, pencil, collage or computer drawn

Submit your entries at the VPA show on 11<sup>th</sup> August between 9am and 10.30am .

Children don't forget to enter this competition!

Good Luck and we look forward to seeing your creative and imaginative artwork.

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

Let's spend 30 minutes with...

## Graham Stanmore

"Born in Princes Risborough (long ago), married to Michelle and we have five amazing children.

Schooled at Aylesbury Grammar

(hated it apart from the art department)

Played Football for Wycombe Wanderers when 17 then realised I needed a proper job.

Passed my degree in Interior Design and still work in that industry.



Hotel Designer for 30 years with my own Business and working for major firms in London. I have worked and held exhibitions selling my artwork for many years - it was always my ambition to be really successful in this field

Most people in Drayton no doubt relate to me as an Elvis Tribute which I have done for 12 years now. I am lucky enough now to be performing at large events, perhaps my favourite being the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury."

### 1. How long have you lived in Drayton Parslow?

12 years in 3 different properties, having lived in Wing, Stewkley, Whitchurch and Linslade.

### 2. What do you like best about living in Drayton Parslow?

The friendly community, peace and quiet after a day in London and our neighbours.

### 3. What is your favourite event held in the village?

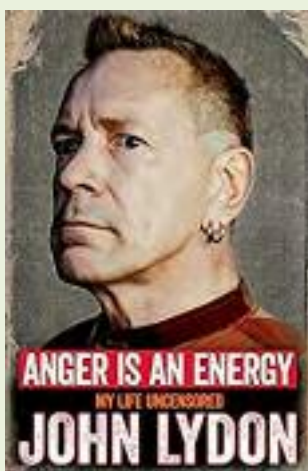


#### Annual Christmas lights

for obvious reasons and such a good cause but all the praise should be with Linda and Nigel.

### 4. What is your favourite book / books?

John Lydon (Johnny Rotten) biography as he is straight talking patriotic very astute dynamic and a superb slice of music history. Also Paulo Coelho - The Alchemist



### 5. Who is your favourite celebrity chef & why?



Gary Rhodes - having designed a restaurant for him back in 1998 but love listening to Nigel Slater.

### 6. The film you can watch again & again?

Blade Runner (original and the new remake), also Rocky Horror Picture Show and Gran Torino (Clint Eastwood).



### 7. What is the best job you have ever had?

Designing the Royal Horseguards Hotel London and the Hotel Villa Magna in Madrid. Ironically in my new job I have been given the Horseguards to do again!

### 8. What is your favourite place to visit?

Graceland in Memphis (of course), all of Memphis was so chilled and full of history.



### 9. Who would be your special guests at a dinner?

Billy Connolly, Mohammed Ali, Elvis, Peter Kay, Spike Milligan, Brian Cox, Robin Williams, John Lydon and Dawn French.



# Holy Trinity News



## Reflections from the Rectory

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

As I write we are in the middle of a heatwave (I say the middle, I don't know how long it is going to continue but...), Wimbledon is well under way and England are still in the world cup. It is looking like it could be a good summer!

I don't know about you but with all this heat it can be tiring just going about the normal everyday activities, we're not used to it and so we don't sleep as well - how those who are involved in these sporting events keep going is beyond me (maybe that says more about me and my fitness level!)

I was recently exploring this in a Service within the benefice, the idea of endurance. I shared the story of my brother-in-law who ran the London Marathon this year, the hottest year on record (as I'm sure you're aware). He got to a point about 20 miles round where he was exhausted and about ready to give up; he pulled up at a refreshments point and those serving the drinks were people he knew, they encouraged him, told him he could do it and that gave him the encouragement he needed; he completed the Marathon.

In the Bible, the book of Hebrews talks about endurance for the journey of life and specifically the Christian life. In chapter 12 verses 1 & 2 it talks about the 'great crowd of witnesses', those around us that support and encourage us. It also talks about fixing our eyes on Jesus, our ultimate goal.

For Christians these things are both important, those who spur us on in our faith, other Christians who we worship with, who pray for us, and the reminder to always be looking to Jesus. But I guess for all of us there are things we can learn from this, we all need people to encourage us and goals to work towards (things that keep us motivated). Of course if we need these things then so do those around and we can all encourage others in whatever they are doing, just like those friends did with my brother-in-law.

Who encourages you? Who are you encouraging?

God bless

Simon

## HOLY TRINITY SERVICE DATES

July		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 Holy Communion	John Saunders
29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 United Benefice at Mursley	David Talks
August		
5 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 Holy Communion	David Talks
12 <sup>th</sup>	Service to be held in the Marquee following the VPA Show	Simon Faulks
19 <sup>th</sup>	No service	
26 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 Holy Communion	David Talks
September		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30 Holy Communion	Simon Faulks



Congratulations to Stephen Bumstead and Abigail Munro married at Holy Trinity on Friday, 22nd June



# BUCKS COUNTY SHOW

**THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018**

**Metropolitan Mounted Police Activity Ride**

**The Royal Artillery Band**

**Over 200 Trade Stands & lots of family fun**

**WEEDON PARK, AYLESBURY**

A413, 5 miles North of Aylesbury

8am - 6pm

### ADMISSION:

	ADULTS	CHILD (5-16 yrs)	OAP	GROUP (2 adults & 2 children)
PRE-SHOW	£14	£5	£12	£33
SHOW DAY	£17	£6	£14	£40

**\* UNDER 5's FREE \***

### FREE BUS SERVICE

from Station Way, Aylesbury to Showground - First Bus 9.30am

**\*\* FREE CAR PARKING \*\***

**Pre Show Tickets available Online**

[buckscountyshow.co.uk](http://buckscountyshow.co.uk)

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The Church Fete held in June raised nearly £1,900 and the six monthly Coin Jar collection raises over £1,200 a year and we thank you for your support of these two major fund raising events.



## Where does your money go?

It costs £16,000 a year just to keep the doors of Holy Trinity open. We get **no** financial support from either the Government or the Church of England. We are asked to fund our share of the local benefice ministry team, led by the Rector Simon Faulks, and in addition pay for the maintenance and operation of the Church for services.

The funding to meet our expenditure mainly comes from;

- Fund Raising Events
- Monthly Planned Giving by individuals
- Donations
- Fees for Weddings and Funerals
- Gift Aid (on donations made by basic rate tax payers we can recover 25p in every pound - this generates nearly £1,500 per year)

Every year we donate around £500 to charities, the main one being The Children's Society where the collection from the Christingle Service is sent.

Sadly our costs currently exceed our income by £4,000 a year.

To make the Church more welcoming and accessible we have just obtained planning permission to extend the Church on the North side to incorporate a disabled toilet and kitchen. This is a £75,000 project for which we have already raised £22,000. Now we are approaching grant awarding bodies for funding which we hope will enable us to build in 2020.

There are many ways you can support our village Church. You can:

- request a coin jar
- donate by monthly planned giving for Church expenses
- make a one off donation for the Church Extension

To make a donation you can access Drayton Parslow PCC - Holy Trinity bank A/C No. 01775362 Sort Code 30-15-53. Alternatively contact our Churchwardens - John Preston Tel. 720426 or John Perry Tel. 728847.

Finally, we would really welcome your support, especially at our monthly informal Family Service held on the second Sunday of every month at 9.30am. Anyone opening the door gets a friendly greeting and tea/coffee and biscuits after the service.

# Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club

## Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club - News

We held our AGM on 29 June 18. A copy of the Chairman's Report is included within this issue of Village News, for those who are interested.



We are looking forward to the forthcoming VPA show. If anyone is interested in helping out behind the bar during either the daytime or the evening entertainment, we would be delighted to hear from you as many hands will make light work. Please contact Kirsty on 07789 511264.

## Petanque is Here!

Thanks to a lot of hard work and overall sterling job by Barrie Norman and his team, our Petanque courts are now up and running. We are delighted with how it looks and plays, and very much hope that it will provide much entertainment to a wide spectrum of the community, old and young alike. The playing area is large enough to allow us to run 3 games simultaneously. Each game can have up to 6 people (3 v3) so we can accommodate 18 at any one time!

We have also purchased all the necessary equipment required so all you have to do is turn up to one of the planned sessions and we will teach you the game.



As a start we will be running two regular sessions on Friday Evenings and Sunday Lunchtime starting next weekend on Friday the 13th July. These sessions will run from 18.30 on the Friday and 12pm on the Sunday. The bar will be open for both sessions. It doesn't matter if you have never played. There will be someone there to teach you the rudiments of the game.

The intention will be to run more sessions as and when we get the interest and also someone to help run them, so if you are interested in pushing the game forward and maybe even to arrange games against other clubs we would be delighted to hear from you. We look forward to seeing you on the piste starting Friday the 13th July.

## Regular Events

There are lots of clubs and activities running out of the Sports & Social club. Key sessions are:

Day	Time	Event
Tuesdays	9-11am	<b>Mobile Post Office</b> Serving all of your Post Office needs PLUS Tea, Coffee & Cakes on sale by the Church PCC.
Tuesdays	8-10pm	<b>Whist Drive</b> All welcome.
Wednesdays	AM, PM & EVE	<b>Abbey Smith Bridge Club.</b> More details can be found on <a href="http://www.bridgewebs.com/abbeysmith">www.bridgewebs.com/abbeysmith</a>
Thursdays	AM & EVE	
Fridays	PM	
Fridays	EVE	<b>Local Cards Players</b> (closed session).

## Hall Hire

Subject to diary availability, the clubhouse remains available to hire. With a lovely view over the Cricket / Rec ground, we have a large, spacious hall with kitchen, ladies/gents/disabled toilet facilities, Bar facilities, and outdoor space to the rear of the club.

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.




**Drayton Parslow  
VPA Show**

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**Saturday 11th August  
14:00 - 17:00**

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**Drayton Parslow Rec**

Entrance: Adults £1 + FREE Raffle Ticket  
U16's FREE

**VPA Show  
Evening  
Entertainment**



**DJ & Hog Roast  
19:30 - 23:00**

**Adults £10 & U16's £5**

The Sports & Social Club held an AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018. One of the agenda items is the Chairman's Report. Here is a copy of the report for those who couldn't make the meeting.

## Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club

### Chairman's Report for AGM 29 June 2018

Thank-you all for coming to our AGM. Here is the Chairman's report for the year:

Overall the club is continuing to thrive. We have come back from the brink of financial ruin and are now running at a healthy profit and have even brought our "savings" up to a better level to help buffer us for any unforeseen issues that may arise in the future. Profits are largely due to the support of Abbey Smith and her Bridge club, whose regular bookings provide significant hall hire income for the club, but is also helped by an increase usage of the clubhouse overall. We are all hugely grateful to Alan Batley for his continued excellence and financial acumen as Treasurer.

We are delighted by the current high usage of the clubhouse, which proves its demand and value as a community amenity. Whilst Bridge is a major user, we are very pleased to also be the regular home of PC meetings, Neighbourhood Plan meetings, the Mobile Post Office, Whist Drive (which continues to be expertly run by Doreen and Ralph), Dominoes club, Bingo, as well as numerous ad-hoc bookings which are expertly managed by the wonderful Sarah Norman. Thanks to a successful bid for S106 funds, our Petanque court is now installed as a welcome addition to the clubhouse. We are very much looking forward to being the provider of yet another sporting and social community-focused activity within the village, and the extra usage (and income) this will bring to the club.

Membership continues to come in, with an increase on Bridge players becoming members (and hopefully Cricket are now all up-to-date with their membership). Thank-you to Helen Harvey for continuing to manage this on an ongoing basis.

After many years of dedicated service, Mark Greaves resigned as Cricket Rep on the committee. We will miss his wise advice and astute contributions to our meetings. Our sadness at Mark's departure was replaced by joy in welcoming Barrie Norman to the Committee, so that we can continue to have a great working relationship with the Cricket Club – with the clubhouse supporting the cricketers by purchasing their new Match balls for them, and the Cricketers supporting the clubhouse by joining the volunteer Sunday bar rota. We could not operate without all of our Volunteer Bar Staff, so a huge thank-you to everyone who has given up their time to serve behind the bar.



The Three Horseshoes have been a huge support to us in recent months, arranging for our pipes to be replaced and updated, and stepping in to help with our Beer Keg supplies now low volumes mean we cannot get them direct from the brewery. Moving forwards, to ease the burden on Richard who has been spending hours doing pipes / stocking up and managing the takings / bankings, Steve and Denice have very kindly offered to help us even further with sourcing and maintaining stock. This support demonstrates what fabulous community-minded people they are, and we are so incredibly grateful to them for this invaluable support (and of course thanks as well to Richard Lancaster for all his hours doing the pipes and banking etc.).

We continue to build on our collaborative working relationship with Greenacre Hall – we are very grateful to Richard Wemyss for auditing our accounts, and to Carol Wemyss for organising PAT and Fire testing on behalf of both buildings.

In recent months the clubhouse has benefited from the time and expertise of David Wise who has been helping us with some much overdue Maintenance to the club – including (amongst other things) changing the rotten external Cricket door to a new door that also has a fire-escape push bar in case of emergency. Huge thanks to David for volunteering his time to help us. Barrie Norman has kindly installed a dedicated bin-store area, which vastly improves the appearance of the clubhouse as you approach it (and also means we are more in line with Health and Safety guidance, keeping wheelie bins away from the building to reduce risk of arson/fire). Helen Harvey has also spent many hours painting the woodwork, which is a huge improvement on the overall appearance of the clubhouse and we remain grateful to her for her time and energy on this.

So, overall a good year for the Sports & Social club. Thank-you as ever to all our Committee Members and Volunteers who continue to give their time and resources to keeping the Clubhouse running – thank-you to Vicky for writing and distributing all of our minutes, to John Wheeler for arranging our Bar Rota, Sheila Lester for arranging our bin collections, and thank-you to everyone else who works so hard for the club. As a Community resource, the Club is incredibly lucky to be supported by a huge number of people who all help us out throughout the year - we are very grateful to you for all your time and hard work and we do very much appreciate it.

Last by my no means least, one final special thankyou to Linda Fedoriw for her legendary multi-tasking abilities, being the woman that can and does clean up everyone's mess, organise Easter Egg hunts, treasure hunts, Bingo, VPA shows etc. etc. – your tireless energy and input is very much appreciated.

*Kirsty Foley*

Chairman

Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

### Play Area – Main Road

A huge thank you to Helen Harvey & family who have refurbished and stained the timber supports in the play area.

### Planning

If you wish to receive updates regarding planning matters, please send a request e-mail to the Parish Clerk asking to be added to the mailing list. This request will need to be renewed annually to comply with new GDPR regulations.

[draytonparslowpc@btinternet.com](mailto:draytonparslowpc@btinternet.com)

New applications:

- 18/02222/APP | 18/02223/ALB | Conversion of curtilage listed Barn 1 into a dwelling. Demolition of curtilage listed Barn 2 and replacement with garage and studio. | The Manor 3 Main Road
- 18/01769/APP | Erection of menage | Lower Farm Main Road

If you wish to comment on any planning application you may by going to

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/>

### Silent Soldier Campaign

The Parish Council has purchased a 'Silent Soldier' as part of a campaign launched by the Royal British Legion and installation will take place later in the year as part of the commemorations to mark the end of WWI. We have asked for road closures during the Remembrance Sunday service and are awaiting confirmation of these. The War Memorial will also be cleaned before Remembrance Sunday. If you have any spare time, please take a moment to pick up litter or pull weeds from the area.

### Footpaths

The Aylesbury Ramblers came to Drayton Parslow on 3rd July. Their dedicated team of 7, led by Roy Johnson, spent a total of 28 man-hours in Drayton Parslow parish carrying out inspections of the footpaths and bridleways.

They found many of the paths in a poor state with a lot of overgrown field junctions and many non-reinstatements of fields but did not manage to finish the eastern half of DPA/5 although the whole path looked un-walked. They added quite a few way markers, did a lot of clearance around stiles, etc.; reported 1 broken stile, 3 poor bridges, 1 badly overgrown path, 1 missing way mark post, and 4 non-reinstatements to the Footpaths Officer at Bucks CC.

The Ramblers try to get a member to volunteer as a **Path Checker** for each Parish in their own area who are asked to check all the paths in the parish annually, fix problems such as way markers, light clearance, etc. and report all other problems to BCC Rights of Way Operations. **If you are interested in volunteering, please let the Parish Clerk know.**

### Traffic Calming

The Parish Council has met with Transport for Bucks (TfB) to ascertain the next steps for commencement of this project. We are awaiting further information and design detail from TfB and once received will conduct a consultation regarding certain elements such as the pavement outside the school and flashing amber 'School' warning signs. At the same time we are proceeding with 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signage at both ends of the village, additional kerbing to prevent road erosion, 30mph repeater signs and enhanced village gateways to promote speed awareness and safety.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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### Horse Rider Safety Signs

These have not been forgotten but TfB has had to give priority first to bad weather, then floods, followed by pothole repairs. We are still pursuing these and we understand that they are in TfB's schedule of works.

**Broadband** *(There is no implied recommendation from the Parish Council for any utility provider).*

BT Community Fibre/Openreach has (via the Connected Counties programme), installed fibre to cabinet (FTC) which will in turn connect to the copper infrastructure. At present it is uncertain when this will be activated but at time of writing their website indicates within 4 months. You can check progress and availability at

<http://www.connectedcounties.org/>

Gigaclear has been busy installing infrastructure within the village and at time of writing this appears to be nearing completion.

### Allotments

We still have four vacant allotments available. 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](mailto:draytonparslowpc@btinternet.com)

**Next Parish Council meetings:** No meeting in August; September 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm Sports & Social Club

## DRAYTON PARSLOW BAPTIST CHAPEL



### Services for

#### August / September / October 2018

- August 5<sup>th</sup> 11am Liz Carter-Gates  
August 19<sup>th</sup> 11am Viv Cooling  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am Service taken by the congregation  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am Harvest Festival  
October 7<sup>th</sup> 11am Rev. Sarah Harrison-Potts

Any enquiries concerning the Chapel, please contact:

Mrs J McCall 720486 Mrs E Mallick 720666

## Short Mat Bowls Greenacre Hall



Just a reminder that we have two sessions running per week.

On Mondays we have moved to the evening for the summer duration and will play from 7.30-9.30pm and Wednesdays from 3-5 pm. All welcome



## Your Summer Garden

## Gardening Advice from Gill Gallon, Potash Nursery

[www.potashplants.co.uk](http://www.potashplants.co.uk)

Now is the time to sit back and enjoy your garden, hopefully in some warm sunshine. If you are going away over the summer consider some form of irrigation to keep your prized plants going.

### Jobs for the garden

- Keep feeding containers and hanging baskets weekly with a liquid feed and dead-head regularly for continuous flowering.
- Water borders thoroughly and deeply each time to get to the roots - the opposite of little and often applies.
- Continue to dead head your perennials and annuals to encourage continued blooming.
- Some early-flowering perennials can be encouraged to produce a second, smaller, flush of flowers by cutting the stems right down and applying a liquid feed.
- Prune shrubs that have flowered and feed them.
- Roses need to be sprayed and fertilized each month through the summer.
- Continue to feed your lawn, and try to mow it twice a week if you can. If it is hot, don't cut lawns too short or they may burn.
- Plant leeks and winter brassicas.
- Plant out successions of salad crops for continued harvesting throughout the summer. Sow seeds for cool-season crops directly into the garden by mid-July.
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### Topical Tips –Summer Watering



The primary rule is to water thoroughly and deeply each time and to allow the soil dry out between waterings. Deep watering allows the plant's roots to grow deeper, where they are less likely to dry out, as well as the added benefit of anchoring the plant into the ground better. Light, surface watering is a waste, because the water never actually reaches the root zone of the plant, and the moisture rapidly evaporates from the top inch of soil.

The best way to tell if your plants are receiving enough water is to take a trowel or shovel and dig down a few inches. The soil should be moist at least 3 or 4 inches deep to insure that the water is reaching the root zone of the plants. If you planted drought resistant plants, you won't have to water as often, but the principal of deep watering still applies. Container plants and baskets will need daily watering, especially if the pots are exposed to the drying sunlight. Push your finger into the soil in your container plantings at least once a day (more often on hot, dry days) to feel for moisture and be certain that plants are getting enough water. Apply water until it runs out the drainage holes.

Try to do your watering in the morning so that the leaves can dry off a bit before the hot sun hits them. Evening watering is sometimes acceptable if the temperatures are warm enough to insure that foliage dries before the temperature drops at night. (Wet foliage makes plants more susceptible to fungus and disease.)

Gill Gallon

Potash Nursery, [www.potashplants.co.uk](http://www.potashplants.co.uk)

## **DRAYTON PARSLOW VPA**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### **Donations Wanted Please!!!**

We are asking for donations of handmade large cakes, small cakes or cookies for the tea and coffee stall. All donations would be massively appreciated and can be handed in at the sports and social club from 10am on the morning of the show.

Thank you.

## **DRAYTON PARSLOW VPA**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### **HELPERS WANTED TO PUT UP THE VPA MARQUEE**

If you could spare an hour of your time at **6.30pm** we'd really appreciate it to help us.

Free drink afterwards for all helpers!! Just show up on the day.



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### **HELPERS WANTED TO TAKE DOWN THE VPA MARQUEE**

If you could spare an hour of your time at **11.30am** we'd really appreciate it – free bacon rolls for all helpers! Just show up on the day

**Thank you**

## **VPA Show Competitions**

The Tallest Sunflower competition will be judged during the week before the show to see who has grown the tallest sunflower.



The winner will be announced on the afternoon of the show.

The Summer Door Wreath competition will be judged on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Please display all wreaths by 10am.



Don't forget to let us know you want to enter!  
**Good Luck!!**

### **Tombola Donations**

We will be starting door collections for Tombola items anytime from now and the VPA Show.

All donations will be gratefully received.

## CRICKET REPORT



The cricket club has enjoyed a successful first half of the season once the cricket grounds had dried out. The fine weather contributed to some excellent games without disruption. The Saturday side was in second position in division 5 of the Marrant Four Counties League at the end of June with five wins to its credit.

In the first league fixture away to Milton Bryan 2nds, Drayton got off to an impressive start with an overwhelming 172 run win. Batting first, Drayton amassed 231 for 5 in its 40 overs lead by an attacking knock of 103 not out from Andy Willis. Milton Bryan were then shot out for 59 as Mahammad Haleem took 5-10 in six overs with the ball and Hasan Ali 3-16. Paras Keshav might have scored 73 not out against New Bradwell 2nds but the game had to be abandoned early in the afternoon as the rains closed in. Victory against Great Horwood 2nds then followed with Sajjad Akram top scoring with 68 and ably supported by Terry Dickens as Drayton got themselves out of a tight spot with the pair putting on 104 runs for the eighth wicket. Terry then followed up with a tight bowling spell taking 4-23 to see Drayton home by 41 runs.

Drayton then had an impressive 148 runs victory against Great Brickhill 3rds. Batting first the club rattled up 244 for 7 led by Paras Keshav with 73 and Brickhill were then dismissed for 96 with leg spinner Hasan Ali taking 3 for 23 in his nine overs. Against Aston Clinton 2nds, Drayton looked as if they were heading for defeat until Hasan Ali batting at number 10 scored 40 not out. But then Aston Clinton found themselves under pressure from Mohammad Yasser taking 5 for 34 and Terry Dickens 3-15 and falling 53 runs short. But Drayton then tumbled to defeat against Lidlington in spite of Mohammad taking 4-27 as the opposition got home by three wickets.

Drayton then got back to winning ways against Wilden amassing 312 for 8 when batting first. There was another century from Andy Willis, scoring 120 runs, as he and Zaheer Mahmood (with 55) put on 173 runs for the fourth wicket. Prior to this our local post office man, Jigar Patel, scored a quick fire 48 runs. In reply Wilden could only make 140 as Hasan Ali took 6-28. Drayton then came back to earth with a bump away to Edlesborough with both a disappointing batting and bowling performance losing by 6 wickets. Andy Willis was the third highest run scorer in the whole of the seven division league with 340 to his credit by the end of June.

A few friendly games have been played on a Sunday under the relaxed captaincy of Jon Adams. In the first game at home to Biddenham, Jamie Yates scored an attacking 50 with the opposition then falling well short with Mohammad Yasser taking 4 wickets for only three runs in six overs. In the Draymur Cup fixture against Mursley, Matt Heath rattled up 83 runs retired a knock that included 11 fours and four sixes with Andy Willis on 51 not out. In an exciting game Mursley finished just 10 runs short as Terry Dickens, 3-15, and Jack Woodhouse, 2-16, put a brake on the Mursley innings. Jack Woodhouse went on to take 3-21 against Soulbury before scoring 38 with the bat. Vish Amarasinghe took 2-25 with the ball and followed it up with 50 with the bat as Drayton won by three wickets. In a high scoring game against Milton Bryan (including a large number of lost balls!) Drayton lost by 27 runs. Anthony Swift though had a good day as he took 2-30 with the ball before scoring 62 runs as he and Andy Willis (76) put on 147 runs for the second wicket.

The sports and social club bar is open during home games and certainly by the evening. So please come up for a drink and watch. If you are interested in playing please introduce yourself to one of our players or contact myself or Barrie by e-mail. The club would love to field more village players than we are able to do at present.

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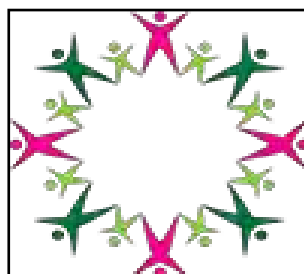
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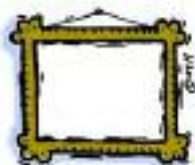
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