



# DRAYTON PARSLOW VILLAGE NEWS



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## DRAYTON DIARY

October	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo DPSSC 8pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Family Harvest Service followed by Harvest Breakfast Holy Trinity Church
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parish Council Meeting DPSSC 7:30pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Comedy Night DPSSC – see back page
November	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo DPSSC 8pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service / Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
15 <sup>th</sup>	Greenacre Hall AGM 8pm Carrington Room
21 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>t</sup>	Stewkley Players Production – see page 11



**COIN JARS:** Our lovely summer over and time for the Autumn collection. Our team will be out and about with their collecting bags week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> October. So many of you have your jars ready and waiting, for which we thank you, your coins are a life saver in maintaining the Churchyard.



### GREENACRE HALL

For hall bookings please telephone Carol 01296 720741

We now have electric blinds fitted giving hirers the option for a full black-out venue any time of year for showing films etc.



### NEXT ISSUE

Contributions, articles and photos for the October / November issue **by no later than Friday November 2<sup>nd</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.

### Exciting new feature!

In an effort to keep our village news fresh and keep you turning the pages we are introducing a new **REVIEW** section called **YOU MIGHT LIKE THIS...** from the next edition.

The **Book Club** have very kindly offered to provide us with book reviews from their group and we have already enlisted a few children to play their part with films and books however we are also asking **YOU** to provide us with a review. It might be a book, a film, a day out, an activity, an exhibition, a recipe or anything else you think people might like to hear about as after all its your village news. You can email, call or drop a note through one of our doors and we will include it in the next edition.

We can't wait to see what you come up with!



## DP GO GREEN



Free to anyone in the village who wants them:

- A medium size car roof box.
- A set of roof bars (with fixings for a Ford Focus Mk 2)
- 3 cycle carriers for fitting to roof bars.

Helen and Jeremy Lee, 15 Main Road, 01296 720606

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

Let's spend 30 minutes with...

## Peter Spavins

"I'm probably best known in the village as the local farrier but I do work all round North Bucks.

Motorbikes, badminton, running and walking are things I enjoy in my spare time."



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

I've lived in the village most of my adult life and in Church End for 28 years. I came to Drayton Parslow as a 13 year old in 1974 when my family moved to Ivy Cottage and I soon met friends throughout the village. I moved away in 1980 to start my Farriery business, then moved back to Love Row when Sue and I got married. In 1990 we came to **The Dower House in Church End** where we have been very happy, as it has been a fantastic home to bring up our children Ben & Amy.

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

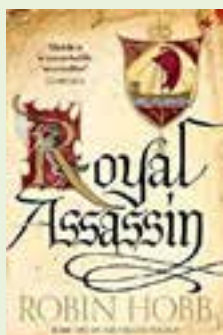
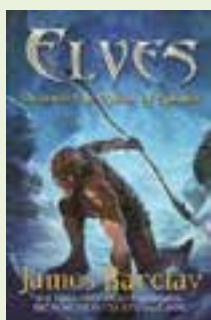
It is always a pleasure to walk around our village and surrounding countryside, although it often takes longer than you think when you start chatting to the people you meet. I love being able to play badminton in our village hall, with the short walk to the pub afterwards for some much needed rehydration.

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

The concerts performed by the **Drayton Parslow Singers** are always a lovely event, especially in our beautiful church. The **VPA show** comes a close 2nd, it was great to see so many people there this year.

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

I'm a big fan of fantasy fiction, epic tales and series. **James Barclay**, **Robin Hobb** and **J R R Tolkien** have been favourites. The *Hobbit* was the first read that ignited my passion for books when I was 40 and I haven't stopped since.

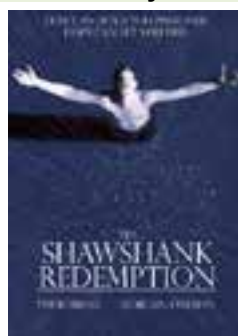


### 4. Who is your favourite celebrity chef & why?

My favourite chef is probably **Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall**. I'm not the cook of the family, but when I do I like following his recipes with use of homegrown seasonal produce. It enables us to use the produce from our own plot as well as the wonderful goodies we are given on my rounds.



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



I love *Shawshank Redemption* and *Lord of the Rings*. Good prevailing over Evil against all the odds is always enjoyable to watch.



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

I've only ever had one. I've been a **Farrier** for 42 years and consider myself very lucky doing a job that I love. I have been able to visit so many beautiful places including the Royal Mews at Windsor and always meet interesting people.



I've worked with £5 ponies to million pound race horses, shire horses to shetlands and everything in between. If I had my time again I would do it all over, never a dull moment.

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



I always love visiting cathedrals as am fascinated by their history, architecture and often beautiful surrounding cities.

**Salisbury** comes to mind as an inspiring example of human achievement at the time it was built.

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



My first guest would be **David Attenborough** having watched his incredible wildlife documentaries throughout my life.

As a cricket fan I would enjoy listening to **Freddy Flintoff's** stories as I have followed his highs and lows throughout his career.



The **Tellwright's** and **Taylor's** of Church End also always provide entertaining company.

# Holy Trinity News



## Reflections from the Rectory

Welcome to Autumn reflections.

I guess many have been away and enjoyed the Summer sun. Then again, some are now preparing to go away off-peak to avoid the crowds and catch the late sun which is still with us as I write, even if the Met Office says it's now official Autumn!

Whichever it is, I hope you have good memories of your experiences that will have set you up to be more fruitful in the new term.

Thinking of the fruitfulness of autumn, the rectory garden and woodland have good crops of wild blackberries, soon to be turned into bramble jelly, and apples from a hidden tree in the woods. On the other hand, the cultivated garden apples and plums have either succumbed to the lack of rain or to predation by squirrels!

Jesus speaks of people being fruitful. He reminds us that, "each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush." (Luke 6:44).

In the same way, so he says, "you will know them [people] by their fruits." (Matthew 7:20). He then reminds us that to be truly fruitful, we need him. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5).

Whether or not our own labours come to fruition, the personal investment made by choosing a life abiding with Christ will always bear fruit that will last. It may not be visible or tangible, but it's fruit that lasts, and that person is 'fruitful' into eternity.

I wish you a fruitful harvest in every sense this season.

**David Talks**

## HOLY TRINITY SERVICE DATES

September		
30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Benefice Service at Newton Longville	Simon Faulks/ Helen Walker
October		
7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 Holy Communion	Simon Faulks
14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 Family Harvest Breakfast	Simon Faulks
21 <sup>st</sup>	No service	
28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 Holy Communion	Simon Faulks
November		
4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 Holy Communion	David Talks
11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 Family Service  11:00 Remembrance Service at the War Memorial	Simon Faulks
18 <sup>th</sup>	No service	
25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 Holy Communion	John Saunders

## Church Mice Calendar 2019

Following the successful **Mousefest** in April, our '**Church Mice**' Calendar is now on sale with all your favourite mice from the Festival.

Calendars are £7.50 with profits being split between the Holy Trinity Church Toilet Extension Fund and the Alzheimers Society.

We have a limited number on sale, so please don't delay in ordering. To order direct please email [spiddock@john-lewis.com](mailto:spiddock@john-lewis.com) or Tel Susan 01296 728163.

You can also place an order with your Coin Jar Collector who will also have a display copy to show you. They will make lovely Christmas presents!

Thank you for your support.



September: "Back to School"

# Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club



## Join Us!

As one of the few Community buildings within the village, it's important that the Sports and Social Club offers services and events that people want to take part in. We are therefore looking for new people to join our team, voice their opinions, contribute suggestions and ideas, and help us stay as fresh and relevant as can be.

**Team Members:** Everyone hates the word / idea of a Committee, so we won't mention it here. However, we would love more people to join our fun, witty, stylish and adventurous team (☺) who meet on a monthly basis to verify the club finances, put ideas into motion to maintain high usage of the club, and put on events that benefit the whole village community. We promise that the most onerous roles (Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Memberships, Cricket, Hall Hire, Bar Manager) are occupied, so your participation can be as light as you want it to be (although if you do want to help with ad-hoc marketing, event co-ordination, Health and Safety etc then we would never turn you down!). Please contact Kirsty on 07789 511264 if you are interested.



**Refreshment, atmosphere and light chit-chat supervisors:** aka barstaff. The VPA show highlighted to us that when village events happen that require the bar to be open, we are overly reliant on very few volunteers, meaning we are running at the direct opposite of "many hands make light work". The bar is fun to be behind – the till is simple to use, we don't make fancy cocktails that require specialist skills – not only do you get to help refresh the local community, but you can make new friends and chat to old friends at the same time. If you are willing and able to help out with ad-hoc bar events please contact Kirsty on 07789 511264.

We are also more than happy for the bar to be opened up on Friday nights for drinks events, and we open up on a Sunday lunchtime. If anyone would be interested in running the bar for either of these club shifts, on the basis of a regular commitment e.g. every 6 weeks, then again please contact Kirsty.

## Thank-you!

We would like to take this opportunity to express a huge thank-you to Steve and Denice from the 3 Horseshoes, who took a busman's holiday night out and helped our regular club bar volunteers (Adam, Alan, Helen, Karys, Kirsty and Linda) run the Evening Bar during the VPA event. Thanks too to our daytime bar volunteers (see above plus Colin and John).

## 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>
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> <b>Petanque</b>
Saturdays	Monthly, 7-10pm	<b>Bingo.</b> Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm. The bar is open and the Fish & Chip van will be in attendance. Dates for the rest of the year are: 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec.
Sundays	12-2pm	<b>Open Bar session.</b> <b>Petanque Court Open</b> All welcome.

## 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.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DraytonParslowPC/>

### **Play Area & Upper Recreation Ground**

Thank you to all of the elves who filled cracks brought on by the summer's extreme heat. Also thanks to David Wise for replacing the frame around one of the swing sets.

### **Drayton Common Land Trustee Fund Annual Distribution 2018**

If you live in Drayton Parslow and are currently finding it difficult to afford essential things, you might be eligible for a grant from the Drayton Common Land Trust Fund. These grant criteria will be as follows:

*The Trustees shall annually apply such rents for the relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, of people in Drayton Parslow Parish by making grants of money for providing or paying for items, services or facilities.*

This grant can still take the form of a credit towards electricity bills however the Trustees are now able to consider other requests that fit the criteria above.

Villagers can nominate themselves or can nominate a neighbour, friend or acquaintance who might be reluctant to apply on their own behalf. All applications and distributions from the fund are handled in confidence. The closing date for applications is 16th November 2018 as the grants will be decided at the meeting on the 26th November 2018. To be eligible, even if you have received credits from this Fund in the past, you need to apply in writing to: Mrs Deborah O'Brien, Clerk to the Trustees, 3 The Pightle, Drayton Parslow MK17 0LQ.

Please make sure that you include:

1. Applicant's full name and address. (Please also provide your own name, address and phone number if you are nominating someone else).
2. Applicant's telephone number
3. A brief explanation of why you are requesting a grant
4. For electricity payments please also include:
  - a. Name of electricity provider
  - b. Electricity account number
  - c. If applicant is on a Meter Payment Card
5. For other grants further information/invoices may be required as requested by the trustees in order to make a payment.

Applicants will be contacted during December 2018 to tell them whether their application was successful.

### **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:

- 18/02938/COUAR | Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the change of use of agricultural barn into two dwelling with associated parking (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b)). | Highfield Farm, Newton Road

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

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

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 2

### **Silent Soldier Campaign – Remembrance Sunday**

The Parish Council has purchased a 'Silent Soldier' through a campaign launched by the Royal British Legion as part of the national commemoration marking one hundred years since the end of World War I. Why a Silent Soldier? At the end of the World War I, in November 1918, demobilisation and discharge took a long while. On arrival in England returning men were taken to a dispersal centre where they were given a rail ticket to their home station. From there they were on their own and were seen across the country walking back home, down the roads and across the fields, returning to their families. Most had returned by the end of 1919.

Thank you Helen Harvey & Alan Batley for installing our 'Tommy' at the War Memorial.

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.

### **Hedges**

The majority of hedges bordering the roads/pavements of Drayton Parslow are privately owned. Landowners and occupiers are responsible for the maintenance of their boundary, except between March and August (bird nesting season) to make sure their hedge, tree or shrub does not obstruct the highway user or lines of sight at junctions.

Clearance from hedges directly adjacent to roads should be 1 metre (where practical/possible). Land owners must also remove any debris from the road surface to prevent nuisance and to stop it blocking surface water drainage systems. In addition, pavements should be kept clear of overhanging tree limbs, overgrown hedges or brambles. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Traffic Calming**

Transport for Bucks (TfB) has now submitted further information which the Parish Council will have considered at its September meeting. The next step is to determine which measures should be given priority and to conduct consultations. 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signage at both ends of the village, additional kerbing to prevent road erosion, a re-designed footway outside the school, 30mph repeater signs and enhanced village gateways are all being considered to promote speed awareness and safety. We will keep you apprised of progress.

### **Horse Rider Safety Signs**

Honestly, these have not been forgotten but TfB 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.

**Superfast 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 connects to the copper infrastructure. This has now gone live and they are accepting orders. Details at <http://www.connectedcounties.org/>

**Gigaclear** has been busy installing infrastructure within the village and at time of writing this appears to be complete with service available soon.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 3

### Allotments

Thanks to all allotment holders for their understanding while a temporary ban on bonfires was instigated during the recent extremely hot and dry weather. Normal practice may now resume but please refer to your Bonfire Code of Practice to ensure others are not inconvenienced. Never leave a bonfire unattended and please do not light on windy days or before 6 pm. Ensure the bonfire is fully extinguished before you leave.

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)

### Bonfires Generally

For all residents – following complaints recently received - please be considerate; if you are having a bonfire make sure you have put it out before you go to bed so that you don't cause inconvenience to your neighbours who wake up in the middle of the night to find themselves being kippered by your still smouldering pyre. You know it makes sense!

**Next Parish Council meetings:** October 22<sup>nd</sup>; November 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm Sports & Social Club

### DRAYTON PARSLOW BAPTIST CHAPEL



#### Services for October / November 2018

October 7<sup>th</sup> 11am Rev. Sarah Harrison-Potts

October 21<sup>st</sup> 11am Brigitte Grace

November 4<sup>th</sup> 11am Glen Beck

November 18<sup>th</sup> 11am Sue Sparling

Any enquiries concerning the Chapel, please contact:

Mrs J McCall 720486 Mrs E Mallick 720666

## WW1 Centenary Year 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Act of Remembrance at The War Memorial at 10.40 am

*100 years ago the guns fell silent on the world's first global war.*

This year we have a Church Service at Holy Trinity at 10am followed by a special **Service of Remembrance** at the War Memorial at **10.40 am**.

*If you have any relatives who fought in WW1 and you would especially like remembered at the War Memorial, please contact Liz Carter-Gates Tel. 01296 728343*



### Drayton Parslow Neighbourhood Planning Group

We have submitted our draft plan to the Parish Council - responding to their initial feedback and comments. The preliminary draft plan was then approved at an Extraordinary PC meeting on 13 August and so was subsequently submitted to AVDC for informal review. Feedback was prompt and highly detailed and we were re-assured that this was 'quite normal for plans at this stage.' We were also informed that we had made a 'good clear start and had a solid foundation of a plan with a clear sense of direction' and that we were actually 'better off than a lot of groups when it comes to the first review!' So, taking heart from that and being re-assured that we are making progress and moving in the right direction there is a significant amount of work for us to do over the autumn - when we will be addressing all the points in the feedback and at the same time pulling together the reports, data, evidence and documentation that is required to support the plan.

## Your Garden In Autumn

## Gardening Advice from Gill Gallon, Potash Nursery

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

Although we had some amazingly warm days this September, autumn is now definitely here, and the days are decidedly shorter. This is the time of change, from summer pinks and blues to the autumn oranges and reds. As the leaves fall, raking them will provide lots of lovely leaf mould for use next year.

### Jobs for the garden

- Clear up fallen autumn leaves regularly, bag up or add to compost bins for beautiful leaf mould next year
- Keep dead- heading and cut back perennials that have died down but leave the more tender ones such as Penstemon and Salvia until spring.
- Plant all spring bulbs except tulips which need to wait until next month
- For those of us with clay soil, now is the perfect time to improve it with composts and mulch before it becomes too wet or frozen
- Harvest orchard fruit - store only those in perfect condition. Pick and ripen squash and pumpkin: stand them outdoors on a slatted surface and bring under cover if frosty.
- Lift remaining maincrop potatoes
- Prune climbing roses
- Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf but make sure the soil is well prepared first.

### Topical Tips – Protecting your plants

Now is the time to start thinking about which plants need protection from frost and other winter weather conditions. Mulch borders to keep in warmth, suppress weeds and improve the soil. Lay a layer of 6 to 8 inches of wood chips or straw over perennial and flower beds. Protect outdoor plants with screens or frames and make sure to water before a freeze. Moist soil holds more heat than dry soil but frozen soil can kill so protect it first. Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into the greenhouse. Fuchsias and dahlias can be left until their top growth is touched by frost, but bananas, lantanas and pelargoniums will do better without frosting. With plants that spend winter outside, once frost has touched plants such as Agapanthus, cut off frosted leaves and cover crowns with a protective mulch such as fleece or netting pegged down. Avoid plastic, as this prevents air reaching the crowns and may cause rotting. Move plants in pots, such as Agave and Cordyline to a wall for protection. This also applies to otherwise hardy plants, such as Camellia, because when the soil in the open garden becomes frozen it can kill plants which we want for a fantastic display next year.



Gill Gallon

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

## The VPA Village Show 2018

**At the end of 2017 the V.P.A. almost disappeared!** Only two members were left on the committee (myself and my daughter Laura), but we couldn't let it vanish without trace. So we sent out emails and did door drops to try and get villagers interested. I'm very glad to say it worked and at the moment we have a strong team of 10+ people who get things done!!

**August 11th was our annual show day**, after lots of careful planning and hard work everything came together. The weather was kind to us, not too hot, and over 300 adults visited our little show ( we didn't count the children), hopefully all enjoying a pleasant afternoon.

**Flower and vegetable** entries were down this year due to the long very hot, dry spell we had experienced. The **flavoured spirit class** was very popular this year (the judge really enjoyed this class too!!!)



The younger children of the village and surrounding areas got really busy and entered their crafts and cooking, but sadly the older children's classes were not so well supported.

Overall there was a good display of flowers, vegetables, preserves, baking, liqueurs and photography and craft.



Thank you to everyone who took the time and made the effort to enter, without you there wouldn't be a show!

The Longueville Hot Club entertained everyone throughout the afternoon with their range of music. The dog show, judged again this year by Dan Callaghan, was a great success with dogs of all shapes and sizes taking part.

The evening event of **Hog Roast** (kindly supplied by P J Pollard and Son) and the Soundsamazing disco was well attended with dancing in the marquee and plenty of room for the children to let off steam!

Well done to everyone for all the hard work put in to making the show such a success and to everyone who visited the show on the day. Without all of you it wouldn't be possible.

In July the VPA held its very first **Summer Wreath making workshop**. Ten people attended the workshop and under the instruction of Sue Milner ten beautiful summer wreaths were made. This was in preparation for the Summer Wreath competition for the Village Show. Eight people entered the competition and all the wreaths looked fabulous, making it very hard for Sue Milner to pick the winner. After long and careful thought first place went to Mary Moore, second place went to Emma Burden(Rebecca Head) and third place to Linda Fedoriw.

Well done to everyone who took part.

The **tallest Sunflower** competition was won again this year by **Emma Nash** with a sunflower 240cm tall, second place went to **Maria Haines** with a sunflower 168cm tall, third was **Robert Lee** 148cm and fourth **Jessica Lee** 128cm.

Well done everyone, you did amazingly well considering the weather conditions. Emma you need to let us know the secret of growing such lovely tall sunflowers!!

The winning train station from the **map game** on show day was POPLAR, no one picked the actual station but **Denise Sharrock** was closest with her choice. Well done Denise.

The **cup winners** were:-

- George Dickens Perpetual Challenge Bowl - G. Burhouse and T. Austin
- VPA Vegetable Cup - G Atkins
- Derek Smith Memorial Cup - Ivan Mears
- VPA Flower Shield - John North
- Wilson Challenge Cup - Linda Fedoriw
- Silver Jubilee Cup - Anne Sherry
- Dahlia Cup - John North
- David Hugget Wine Cup - Alan Jennings
- Chairmans Cup - shared between Wendy Preston and Emily Sutherby
- Photography Award - Richard Heady
- Jennings Cup - Poppy Heady
- Treasurers Cup - Katie Ballinger
- Maude Cup - Lyla Foley
- Presidents Shield - Lyla Foley
- Best Kept Allotment - Roger Spanswick

Some advance warning.....next years show will be held on Saturday August 10th

Look forward to seeing you there!

## WHAT IS THE V.P.A. AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

It has been brought to my attention that people don't know what the V.P.A. is or what it does for the village. The Village Produce Association was formed over 70 years ago to help and support people to grow their own food. It provided seeds, compost and fertiliser etc. in more recent years at a discounted price to help gardeners and allotment holders. Now we just organise events in the village, family quiz nights, treasure hunts, children's Christmas party but mainly the village show.

Most events just about break even, but any money that is raised either goes towards paying for attractions at the show or it's kept in reserve for future projects.

- In the past the VPA has contributed towards the cost of the containers used by the cricket club.
- Paid for the groundwork for the containers to be sited on.
- Paid for paint and labour to have the containers smartened up. (They were a very striking brown colour when they arrived).
- We have also paid for and planted bulbs around the village.
- Paid for water to be laid on at the Manor Farm Allotments
- Paid for the shutters on the Greenacre Hall windows
- When the Pavilion Café first started we contributed towards the cost of some of their new equipment.
- Paid for some extra tables which are stored in the hall.
- We have also donated to different charities and Holy Trinity Church.

We try to organise an event for the whole village to enjoy and if we are lucky enough to make any profit it is used for the good of the village and other deserving charities.

If you would like to know any more about the VPA just ask and I will try to answer any questions.

Linda Fedoriw

[lindajilly2@aol.com](mailto:lindajilly2@aol.com)

34 Main Road, Drayton Parslow

### Dates for your Diary (more details to follow):

- Fedoriw Christmas light switch on Saturday 1st December at 5.30pm
- Prize bingo in aid of Helen House Hospice Saturday 8th December - eyes down 8pm
- Seniors festive lunch Saturday 15th December
- The VPA are hoping to organise a Table Top sale and Christmas Fayre in November
- Children's Christmas party Saturday 22nd December



STEWKLEY PLAYERS present their 120th production

## Move Over Mrs Markham

a comedy by Ray Cooney and John Chapman in the Village Hall, STEWKLEY

WEDNESDAY 21st November 2018 at 8pm THURSDAY 22nd November 2018 at 8pm  
FRIDAY 23rd November 2018 at 8pm SATURDAY 24th November 2018 at 8pm  
Doors Open 7.30pm Licensed Bar

TICKETS £6.00 ON SALE FROM 29th OCTOBER 2018

Box Office Telephone : 07845 489 167

Nov 4, Nov 11, Nov 18: Sunday morning Box Office at the Village Hall from 10:00 to 12:00

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## CRICKET REPORT

The league team are champions as they topped division 5 in the Four Counties Cricket League with 10 wins to their credit. The spirit and resilience of the team has been good led by Terry Dickens and his vice Andy Willis and with an influx of several new players it proved to be an enjoyable season. Celebrations are to come with the club presentation social held on Saturday 8th September and the league presentation evening to be held on 13 October.

Going back to early July, Drayton had a good win against Wing and Wingrave with Zaheer Mahmood and Andy Willis both scoring 53 runs. Wing made little effort to chase the Drayton total of 215 finishing 68 runs short helped by tight Drayton bowling. Against New Bradwell 2nds Irfan Javed led from the front scoring 62 runs in a batting stint of over two hours. The opposition looked on course for victory when they batted but then wickets started to fall and they fell 16 runs short. Terry Dickens took 3-39 and Zaheer Mahmood 3-33. In a remarkable bowling performance against Great Horwood 2nds Terry Dickens took 5-4 in 9 overs but that did not prevent the opposition chalking up 181 runs all out in 39 overs. Somehow Drayton got home by one wicket with Zaheer Mahmood leading the way with 65 runs.

In the beautiful setting of Ascott Park, Drayton enjoyed a good win against Great Brickhill. Batting first Irfan Javed top scored with 52 runs to help ensure an easy 91 run victory. There were two century makers against Buckland and Aston Clinton 2nds as Drayton piled on 314 for two in their 40 overs. Opening the batting Irfan Javed scored 112 not out as he and Zaheer Mahmood with a quick fire 118 not out (including 6 sixes and several lost balls!) put on 197 runs for the third wicket. The opposition showed no signs of wanting to chase the Drayton total and were all out for 124 runs in only 23 overs with Terry Dickens taking 3-36. Steady batting throughout the order against Lidlington saw Drayton on 250 for 9 wickets with Lidlington then falling 95 runs short with our Post Office man, Jigar Patel taking 3-31.

By the time the team played Wing and Wingrave the club had already won the division 5 title. So the team was a bit flat losing by 5 wickets in spite of the best efforts of Terry Dickens with 4-23 when the opposition batted. In the last game of the season against Edlesborough the team fielded poorly and the opposition compiled a total of 262 for 8 wickets in spite of the best efforts of Terry Dickens 4-34. Drayton eventually got going when batting but finished 17 runs short of the formidable total. Irfan Javed kept things going with 54 runs and then hard hitting from Waseem Dad, 68 not out, could have seen Drayton home but it was not to be.

The Trident Trophy involving the neighbouring villages of Swanbourne and Mursley in a 20-20 tournament was played at Mursley for the first time. Drayton managed to win back the trophy beating both sides with captain Jon Adams presented with the trophy at the end of the day. Hasan Ali also won a trophy as young player of the tournament and especially for his performance against Swanbourne scoring a quick fire 66 with the bat and then taking 2-24 with the ball. Special thanks are due to Mursley for arranging another very successful tournament.

The friendlies team playing on a Sunday sadly lost a number of fixtures either to the weather or the opposition not being able to raise a side. This included another 20:20 tournament due to be played at Stoke Hammond. However, Drayton did play Stoke Hammond in a friendlies fixture which ended up as two 20:20 games losing the first one. The club then won the second with Ejaz Farooq scoring 51 and Hasan Ali 53 not out before Ethan Craig took 3-10 with the ball. Against another local side, Soulbury, the club enjoyed a six wicket win with Hasan (this time scoring 55 not out) and Ejaz seeing Drayton home.

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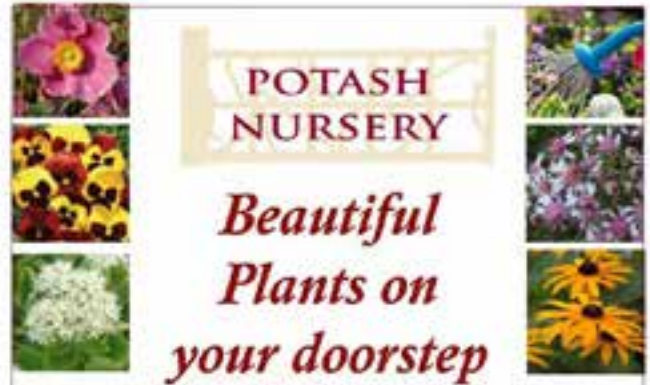
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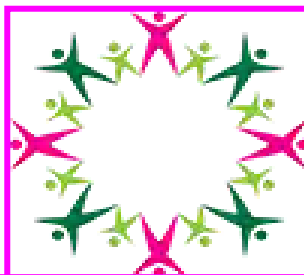


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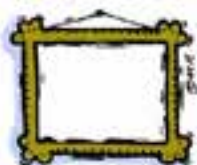
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