



DRAYTON PARSLOW VILLAGE NEWS



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DRAYTON DIARY

April	
17 th	Holy Trinity plans, Greenacre Hall 7:30pm with drinks and nibbles
13 th	Bingo, DPSSC 7pm
21 st	Easter Egg Hunt, DPSSC, 12:30
29 th	Parish Council Meeting, DPSSC 7:30pm
May	
4 th	Bingo, DPSSC 7pm
19 th	Treasure Hunt, DPSSC, 11am
20 th	Annual Parish Council Meeting, DPSSC 7:30pm
Further ahead	
15 th June	Quiz Night, DPSSC, 7pm
June 8 th	Church Summer Garden Fete



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 June/July issue by **no later than Friday May 3rd 2019** 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

Just a reminder that the team of collectors will be out and about, beginning on Saturday 13th of April so that we can avoid the Easter weekend.

The Church Council 'thank you' and wish you all a Happy Easter.

LOST VPA CUP

Does anyone know the whereabouts of one of the cups from the Village Show?

It is the Maude Cup which seems to have disappeared, it has been missing for several years. It was one of the cups awarded in the children's section. It is a silver cup with names engraved around the black base. If you have seen it or know what happened to it can you please let us know, or even better let us have it back. No questions asked!

You can hand it in to 34 Main Road, Drayton Parslow, the Three Horseshoes or the Village school.

Thank you.

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

Let's spend 30 minutes with...

Ken 'Mac' McDonald

Born in 1936 in Liverpool, married to Judith. Two sons: David, who lives in the village; and Stephen who lives in Woburn Sands. Treasurer and member of the Baptist Chapel. Ex-member of the village cricket team, deliverer of our Village News. Sports fan especially of my home team of Liverpool Football Club.



1. How long have you lived in Drayton Parslow?

Left Liverpool in 1958 to work for London Brick Company Ltd who put us up in a hostel in a lovely village. It was called Drayton Parslow. The hostel is long gone, but I am still here after marrying local girl, Judith.

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

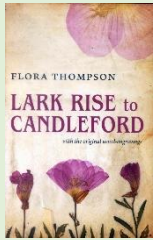
Family, very good friends and neighbours. A community that watches out for each other. Something going on all year round.

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

One that ushers in Christmas: the carol service in the Baptist Chapel with a full congregation singing the familiar carols, accompanied by the Drayton Parslow Singers. A collection for a charity followed by refreshments. Don't miss it!

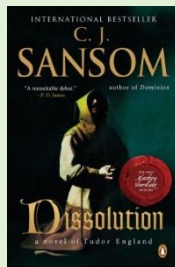
4. What is your favourite book / books?

Favourite author **C.J. Sansom**, especially the **Matthew Shardlake** series.



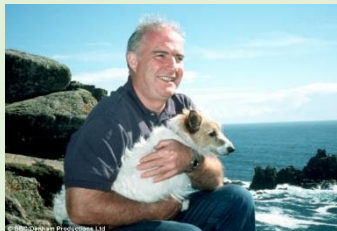
Flora Thompson's 'Lark Rise to Candleford'.

Sports biographies and crime thrillers, especially **Lee Child**.

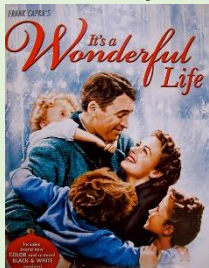


5. Who is your favourite celebrity chef & why?

Rick Stein: a good chef and a natural in front of the camera. We still miss his mischievous dog 'Chalky' who was a real scene stealer. In one episode, Rick had to smuggle him into the hotel he was staying in.

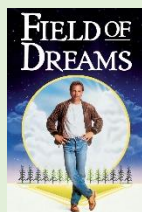


6. The film you can watch again & again?



It's a Wonderful Life – 1940's film with **James Stewart**. Now on TV every Christmas.

Field of Dreams with **Kevin Costner**



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

Have had several. Made redundant at 50 years old with **London Brick Company Ltd** and again at 55 years old with **BT**. I was fortunate to get a job with **Abbey National** (now Santander) at their Head Office in Milton Keynes, where I stayed until retirement in 1998. Made lots of friends who still visit us today.

8. What is your favourite place to visit?

The **North Norfolk coast** is a family favourite. Judith and I have walked the coastal path all the way from **Hunstanton** to **Cromer** over the years. The seat overlooking **Holkham Beach** holds special memories for us.

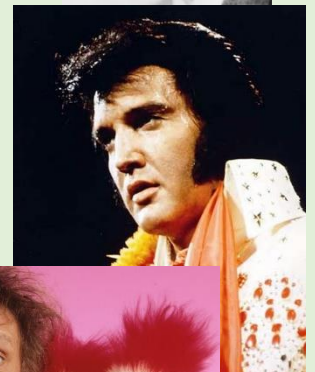
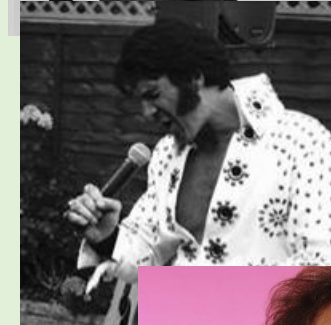
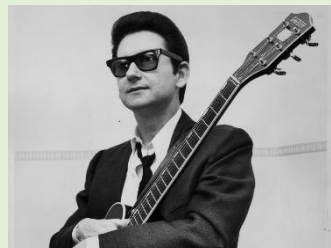


9. Who would be your special guests at a dinner?

How many can I have? I could fill the Greenacre Hall with my guests! Will settle for **Sir Alastair Cook**, **Steven Gerrard**, **Sue Barker** and **Francesca Cumani** from a sports angle.



Roy Orbison, **Buddy Holly** and 'Elvis' (my neighbour) music wise, and **Ken Dodd** to take us into the early hours. What a night!!



Holy Trinity News



Reflections from the Rectory

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

It's nearly Easter and I want to confess something to you - I like chocolate, I like almost all chocolate (apart from coffee flavour, that to me is just wrong!) During the season of Lent, I have not given up eating chocolate and when we get to Easter, I shall continue to enjoy it!

But what has all this chocolate and eggs got to do with Easter?

In the early Church, eggs were often painted or dyed red as a reminder of Jesus' death on the cross, also an egg in its basic form is a lifeless object, it looks almost stone like, representing the stone placed across the entrance to Jesus' tomb. Although this is the outward appearance of course we know that when the egg is opened it can contain new life, a symbol of Jesus' resurrection into new life so, for the early church, a simple egg could be used as a reminder of the whole Easter story.

As time went by, the tradition of painting the eggs expanded – the decorations became more elaborate. Where the chocolate part comes from seems to be a little more vague!

As you open your eggs this Easter and enjoy time with family and friends, just remember that as the egg opens, on the first Easter morning, the tomb was opened, Jesus was alive, and is still alive today. In our Churches and churches all around the world, Christians will be gathering to celebrate this fact and to pray together for our world and for the hope of Jesus to change lives. If you want to join us, you would be more than welcome.

God bless you this Easter time.

Simon

HOLY TRINITY SERVICE DATES

March		
24 th	10:00 Benefice Family Service	Simon Faulks/ David Talks
31 st	9:30 Mothering Sunday Family Communion	Simon Faulks
April		
7 th	9:30 Holy Communion	David Talks
14 th	9:30 Family Service	Simon Faulks
21 st	9:30 Easter Sunday Family Service	David Talks
28 th	9:30 Holy Communion	David Talks
May		
5 th	9:30 Holy Communion	Simon Faulks
12 th	9:30 Family Service	TBA
19 th	<i>No Service</i>	

Christening

Congratulations to Orla Lindsey Fahy, aged 20 months on her Christening at Holy Trinity Church on 10th February.



Orla is pictured here with her parents Laura and Liam, and Rev. Simon Faulks who conducted the baptism service. We welcome Orla into her Church family at Holy Trinity.

Holy Trinity Church Kitchen and Toilet Extension Plan

There will be a public meeting at the Greenacre Hall

7.30 pm on Wednesday 17 April 2019

to share with you the details of the plan. We would be interested to hear your thoughts, whether you attend Church or not, so please come along.

Beer, wine and nibbles will be available.

Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club



Wanted Players and Someone to help establish Drayton Parslow Petanque Club

Imagine a beautiful summer evening, a glass of wine and a game of Petanque - and you don't even have to be in France to enjoy it. We have these facilities here in the village as part of the Sports and Social Club. We have built 3 Petanque courts behind the club and intend on opening it for Friday evenings and Sunday Lunchtimes at a minimum (dependent on interest we can open other times as well, and also intend on having a type of booking system where members of the club can have access to the courts and organise games themselves). Eventually we would like to be in a position to play against other clubs in the area.

We even have all the equipment so no need to purchase anything.

What we do need is a number of people to show interest in playing and also and especially someone to help run the Petanque club. This is a fabulous facility for the village however the present DPSSC are a small team and we just don't have the bandwidth to take on something else without adding more helpers to the team.

If you are interested in playing and/or helping run the Petanque club we would love to hear from you so please get in touch with Alan on DPSSCPetanque@gmail.com or on 07710079232



Whist Drive

The committee would like to extend a huge Thank-You to Ralph and Doreen for running the Tuesday Whist Drive for so many years. Ralph and Doreen have now stepped down from the role, with Bill kindly taking over.

Membership renewals

As you know, the club operates as a Members club. Membership renewals are now due. As ever, we are keeping our costs affordable at £1 for the year per person (£4 per year for Family membership). Membership runs Jan-Dec. There is a sign-up sheet behind the bar in the club. We very much appreciate all members renewing their membership (and non-members joining).

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	Mobile Post Office
Tuesdays	8-10pm	Whist Drive
Wednesdays	AM, PM & EVE	Abbey Smith Bridge Club.
Thursdays	AM & EVE	More details can be found on www.bridgewebs.com/abbeysmith
Fridays	PM	
Fridays	EVE	Local Cards Players Petanque
Saturdays	Monthly, 7-10pm	Bingo. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm. The bar is open and the Fish & Chip van will be in attendance. Next dates are 13 Apr, 4 May, 1 Jun, 13 Jul, 31 Aug
Sundays	12-2pm	Open Bar session. Petanque Court Open.

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 £8 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.

South Central Ambulance Service Community First Response vehicle



Winslow and local villages like Drayton Parslow are celebrating their fully equipped new Community First Response vehicle, managed by highly trained local volunteer Steve Acton. For ten years he has supported the South Central Ambulance Service by attending 999 calls within minutes, well ahead of the ambulance, to deal with cardiac arrests, heart attacks, breathing difficulties, seizures, stroke and other life threatening emergencies.

The Winslow response vehicle carries a wide selection of life saving equipment, also specialist lifting equipment to cope with non-injury falls, thus freeing the Ambulance Service for higher category calls and easing pressure on our over-stretched NHS.

Hundreds of local people have greatly benefited from Steve's dedicated efforts, including Roger and Jean Jefcoate who lived in Mursley for 39 years and now in Winslow. They have contributed generously to the new vehicle, both personally and through their charitable trust, which supports local, regional and small national healthcare charities for adults. Some of these Roger started while developing special needs technology at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, like Sequel Trust (providing adapted computers and communication aids) and Mobility Trust (providing powered wheelchairs), and later Demand (design and manufacture for disability) and Canine Partners (highly trained assistance dogs). Roger also helped to launch Medical Detection Dogs and was their first patron, followed by the Duchess of Cornwall.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

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

draytonparslowpc@btinternet.com – Parish Clerk

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.

Allotments

We have 3 mini and one full size allotment available at Manor Gardens. If you would like to grow your own, please contact the Clerk for details.

Oxford-Cambridge Expressway Corridor & East-West Rail link

As updates or further information becomes available it will be posted on the Parish Council website under the 'News' tab.

MVAS Statistics

During the month of January some 40,340 vehicles entered the village from the Crossroads junction - approximately 1,400 per weekday with the busiest times between 8-9am and 5-6pm. Speeds tend to fall while the MVAS is in place but some 51% still travel at speeds over 30mph (average 35.9mph). The maximum speed recorded was 70mph on 19th January at 01:00!!!!

Traffic Calming

At time of writing, these measures are planned to be installed (subject to road closure arrangements) over Spring holiday week. This follows a feasibility study by Highways/TfB which made recommendations of effective measures for a village of our size. A grant was then obtained through the New Homes Bonus as funding for this type of scheme is not available from the County due to budget constraints. It is proposed that the gateways at both ends of the village are to be enhanced with double gates and 30 mph roundels accented in red thermoplastic laid in the road. 30mph repeater signs will be installed through the village. Kerbing will be installed alongside the allotments to inhibit further 'widening' of the road. The pavement area outside the school will be repaved and bollards installed on the pavement to prevent vehicles mounting the kerb thus making it safer for children and parents.

The Parish Council needs your help in gathering data about large vehicles

The signage which the PC has already arranged regarding 'Unsuitable for HGVs' has clearly had a positive effect. Although not foolproof, they seem to have resulted in a reduction of the number of HG vehicles using the village as a cut through. We would be interested to know of your views of the impact of these signs on HGV numbers in the village. In order to ascertain the facts, we need to hear from you about any incidents involving large vehicles. We would like to ask for volunteers to help gather additional information such as vehicle numbers and time of day. Please contact Cllr Alan Batley batleyalan@aol.com if you are able to help or supply any information. He will in turn contact you to make arrangements.

Annual Parish Meeting

May 20th 2019 7:00 pm before the PC meeting Sports & Social Club – this is a meeting for the electorate. Electors can contribute to the agenda and indeed societies, clubs, the school, the Parochial Church Council, law enforcement, district and county councillors can all make presentations. Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Next Parish Council meetings: April 29th 2019; May 20th 2019 – 7:30 pm Sports & Social Club

Farewell to Canon John Saunders



The five Churches of the Benefice all joined together on Sunday 27th January for 'Tea' in the Village Hall to bid farewell to Canon John Saunders, who for the past 10 years has served us well and will be sorely missed.

The 'Tea' was a great success; the Hall buzzed with conversation, happiness and goodwill, helped by lovely sandwiches, cakes and lots of tea. It was a great opportunity to meet John's soon to be wife, Cathie, and for her to meet the people he has served.

When John and Cathie get married on the 27th of April they will be living in Tenterden, Kent. We wish them every happiness.

Canon John Saunders is pictured above with daughter Naomi and Cathie.



World Day of Prayer

2019

Previously entitled 'Women's World Day of Prayer', this year's 'World Day of Prayer' was prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia and was titled 'Come - Everything is Ready' (based on Luke Ch.4 v15-24), and was celebrated at The Chapel on Thursday afternoon, 28th February. The service was organised by Liz Carter-Gates and Jenny Tellwright.

Twenty people attended and were treated to tea and cake before the service. Liz led the service and Anne Sherry played the piano while others joined in with the readings.

Collection money goes to the World Day of Prayer organisation which helps charities around the world.

A letter from Canon John

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this brief letter for Drayton Parslow Village News to say a huge thank you to those people who organized and came along to the Celebratory Tea held in Green Acre Hall on 17th January. It was so good to meet up again with folks from across the Mursley Benefice, where I have served for the last ten years. You are a lovely group of people and I have always enjoyed your hospitality and welcome on so many different occasions, either in Church on a more formal occasion or in your homes and elsewhere. Thank you for the generous cheque, the many cards and the kind words which were said on that day.

When my late wife Judith and I moved up here from Gillingham some ten years ago, it was with the intention of ultimately retiring in the area and it was for that reason that we bought the house in Newton Leys. However, it would seem that the Good Lord had other ideas. Judith is with HIM for all eternity, of that I am sure, and I'm on the move back to Kent, where I originally came from, to marry the Rev. Cathie Aldis and to enter into retirement of one form or another.

There have been many changes in our five village communities during my time here, it was just ten years ago the Parish of Drayton Parslow joined the Benefice, Laurence Meering, our Rector was acting Rural Dean at that time. Since then Newton Longville Primary school has become a "Voluntary Aided" school giving the Church a greater responsibility in its leadership and direction and the three smaller schools in Drayton, Mursley and Swanbourne have come together in what is called technically a "Soft Federation" with one staff team. Some of our congregations have grown in number whilst others still need your encouragement and support. We have all shared in life together with all the up and downs that that entails and hopefully during that time grown in our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus. And so it is to HIM, the army of volunteers and the current staff team of Simon, David and Jackie that I lovingly commend you all.

Thank you all so much

Canon John Saunders

CRICKET REPORT



Following promotion to Division 4 at the end of last season, the League team, are planning to build on their success. Nets are already underway on Tuesday evenings at Van Dyke School in Leighton Buzzard from 8.30 to 10.00 pm, cost £5 per person. Everyone is welcome and we are always on the lookout for new players, so if you would like to play League cricket (Saturdays) or Friendlies (Sundays) please contact Terry Dickens on 07519887069, Jon Adams on 07512 786859 or Barrie Norman on 07768 533000 for more information.

Already the ground is being prepared for the up and coming season thanks to the amazing spell of good weather we have had.



At the end of last season, we said a fond farewell to our long serving Club Secretary and Scorer, Lionel Colby, and although the club have a new Secretary **we are still in need of a Scorer**. If anyone is able to volunteer and would enjoy a pleasant afternoon watching a great game of cricket with refreshments and a tea provided, please get in touch, it would be much appreciated.

Spectators are always most welcome, and the Sports and Social Club bar is usually open.

A Message from League Captain Terry Dickens

I also would like to thank all the players, people off the pitch and the Committee for all their hard work in the 2018 season, and I would like to welcome and thank Lesley Willis for filling Lionel Colby's position.

Let's have a good season this year!

Saturday Fixtures

April			
27	Milton Keynes City	Away	1.30
May			
4	Elstow	Away	1.30
11	Thurleigh	Home	1.30
18	Caddington	Away	1.30
25	Milton Keynes	Home	
June			
1	Stoke Hammond	Away	1.30
8	New Bradwell	Home	1.30
22	Whitchurch	Away	1.30
29	Olney Town	Home	1.30
July			
6	Elstow	Home	1.30
13	Thurleigh	Away	1.30
20	Caddington	Home	1.30
27	Milton Keynes	Away	1.30
August			
3	Stoke Hammond	Home	
10	New Bradwell	Away	1.30
17	Milton Keynes City	Home	1.30
24	Whitchurch	Home	
31	Olney Town	Away	1.00
September			
tba	Chairman's v President's Day	Home	
tba	Players Match & Presentation	Home	

Sunday Fixtures

April			
28	Long Marston	Away	1.30
May			
5	Soulbury	Home	2.00
June			
2	Mursley (Draymur Cup)	Away	1.00
9	Stewkley T10	Away	10.30
16	Stoke Hammond	Away	2.00
30	Milton Bryan	Home	2.00
July			
14	Stoke Hammond	Home	2.00
21	Trident Trophy T10	Home	10.30
28	Soulbury	Away	2.00
August			
4	Stewkley	Home	2.00
11	VPA Weekend		
25	Drayton Soulbury Stoke T10	Home	10.30



Your Garden in April

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


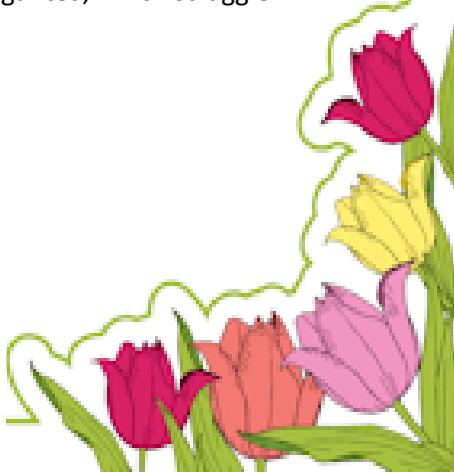
The days are longer and warmer, so it is a busy month in the garden for both plants and gardeners alike. April is traditionally a month when showers can be expected, however, be prepared for dry and windy spells and water plants where necessary. Continue to protect vulnerable plants and shrubs as we can still get frosty nights.

Plant of the Moment

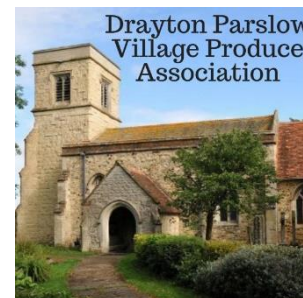


Spring blossom lets us know winter has ended and summer is just around the corner. Lovely pink and white flowers provide an early source of pollen and nectar for bees and other pollinators. There are many spring flowering trees mostly part of the Rose family. The flowers of fruiting trees including apples, cherries, peaches, pears and crab apples are referred to as blossoms – the flowers which precede their fruit. There are also ornamental varieties, one's that don't bear fruit such as ornamental cherries, amelanchier (snowy mespilus) and crataegus (hawthorns). Trees can be upright or weeping and vary in height and width considerably so chose carefully to get the one that's right for your space.

Jobs for the garden

- Keep weeds under control. Getting on top early means that you should prevent them seeding and becoming a problem. Hoe the border once a week but either dig out or use a weedkiller containing glyphosate on perennial weeds, such as dandelions,
 - Lavender plants need cutting back now to prevent them from looking sparse. Give the plant a short back and sides with secateurs to snip off old flower stems and shoot tips. Don't prune hard into old wood, as this will prevent new growth.
 - Tie in climbing and rambling roses. Bend over any upright stems to encourage more flowers – you will normally only get flowers at the top of an upright, but if you bend them you will get more flowers along the stem.
 - Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors eg marigolds, poppies, dill, cerinthe, nigella, etc. and harden off seedlings that have been started off indoors.
 - Stake your tall flowering perennials. They look better if they are staked as they emerge, rather than trussed up later.
 - Start feeding hungry shrubs and roses. Feed citrus plants but don't bring them back outside yet.
 - Sow new lawns or repair bare patches. Give the lawn a feed or use with a weed, feed and mosskiller treatment.
 - Get sowing and planting in the veg garden. Plant onions, earth up potatoes and sow tender crops indoors
 - Divide and replant species such as bamboos and waterlilies and Stipa gigantea, which struggle when newly planted in the wet and cold of winter
 - Increase the water given to houseplants.
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VPA News



In November the VPA Committee organised their first **Christmas Fayre**. The day was cold but dry and lots of stall holders were there to show off their wares. All the spaces in the Greenacre Hall and the Sports and Social Club were booked well in advance of the date but a few very brave stall holders turned up on the morning and set up their stalls outside, very chilly!!

Plenty of visitors arrived to enjoy the shopping and the tea and cakes. It was a successful event which we are planning to stage again this year. Date for diary, Sunday 24th November 2019 with a slightly shorter time span of 11am until 2.30pm

From the profit made from the Christmas Fayre we were able to make a donation of £100 to the Curly Tails Pig Sanctuary which is a local charity based in Newton Longville.

The **Children's Christmas party** was again a big success with the children enjoying having their faces painted (thank you Kitty for all your hard work), lots of fun on the craft table, party food and of course a visit to the Grotto where each child received a gift from Santa.

The bar was open for the adults and we also served tea, coffee and Maria's delicious sausage rolls. Hopefully happy children and happy parents!! Another date for your diary, the children's Christmas party will be on Saturday 21st December this year.

On 8th February the Village Produce Association held their **Annual General Meeting** in the Three Horseshoes (thank you Steve and Denise). It was agreed Maria Haines would continue as Chairperson, Richard Wemyss would continue to keep our finances in order and Linda Fedoriv would continue as secretary. We still have a strong committee but anyone else wishing to join our merry band would be most welcome! It's not all hard work, in December we enjoyed a lovely social outing to The Brasserie at Milton Keynes College in Bletchley where we enjoyed a lovely meal.

The committee also decided at the meeting to donate £200 to the Church toilet/extension fund.

Plans for **sowing wild flower seeds** on the wide verge opposite Stones Way are progressing, we are hoping to buy and sow the seeds in the next few weeks. We have also had some seeds donated to us, some sent all the way from Wales! Thank you.

We will be holding a **Fun Quiz Night** in the Sports and Social Club on Saturday 15th June, all welcome. Tickets £10 adult and £5 children this includes food, the bar will also be open. This is a popular event so make sure you book your place in advance, maximum of six people per team, starting at 7pm.

To book your place contact Linda 01296 728226 / 07851077684 or call at 34 Main Road Drayton Parslow. Come and have a fun night out!

The VPA are also organising a **Treasure Hunt** to take place on Sunday 19th May. Starting and finishing at the Sports and Social Club, follow clues around the village and surrounding fields. Collecting something from every clue point and solving the puzzle at the end. £5 entry per family/group, just turn up on the day. Starting at 11am each group will be timed and sent off at intervals, the group/family with the fastest time will win the prize.

We look forward to seeing you all at our fun events during the coming year.

STOP PRESS

Photography classes for this year's Village Show on August 10th are: -

Children 8 and under: FRIENDS, TOYS

Children 9-15: WHEELS, INSECTS/CREEPY CRAWLIES.

Adult classes: WILDLIFE, BOOKS, ENGLISH COUNTRY GARDEN, REFLECTIONS, YELLOW, TREES, PAIRS, SUMMERS DAY and WINDOWS

We look forward to seeing all your entries.

You Might Like This...

Here we print reviews and suggestions by local residents of things you might like to try:

A Good Place To Eat

Linda Fedoriw Recommends...

If you are looking for a small, friendly place to eat I would recommend a visit to



The Brasserie is part of Milton Keynes College, situated on the Bletchley campus in Sherwood Drive, opposite the fire station and train station.

It is a training kitchen and restaurant where the catering and hospitality students gain their experience cooking and serving the food under the watchful eye of the head chef.

You get excellent food at very reasonable prices.

Booking is advisable but not essential.

The coffee shop is open Tuesday - Friday 8.30am - 9.30pm and Saturday 8.30am - 3pm

The restaurant is open Tuesday - Saturday 12 - 3pm and Tuesday - Friday 5.30pm - 9.30pm

Give this award winning restaurant a try, you won't be disappointed!

THE BRASSERIE
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Why don't try your hand at a review of something you would like to share with other villagers?

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 - See page 1 for contact details

Francesca Darnley Recommends...



Madame Tussauds is a museum in Baker Street, London.



It has wax figures of famous people from history, sport, fashion, music and TV. Some examples are Theresa May, Henry VIII, Dua Lipa, Meghan and Harry, Sherlock Holmes, Usain Bolt and R2D2.

Star Rating

Enjoyment	☆☆☆☆☆
Good for children	☆☆☆☆
Value for money	☆☆☆
Interesting	☆☆☆☆☆
How long it took	☆☆☆☆☆
Realistic wax models	☆☆☆☆☆

Even though the queues were quite long they moved quickly, and it was worth the wait. My favourite exhibition was Star Wars, the lava in one of the rooms was really cool.



I also liked having my picture taken with Chewbacca sitting at the front of the Millennium Falcon pretending to drive.

Near the end, there was a ride in a taxi through the scenes of London's history.



An extra added bonus at the end, was a 4D marvel avengers movie, make sure you wear wellies and a raincoat!

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April 21 st	11am	Easter Sunday , Glen Beck
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June 2 nd	11am	Liz Carter-Gates

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Annual Village Quiz 2019

Thank you to the fifteen teams who supported the annual Village Quiz night on January 12th at Greenacre Hall. Our congratulations go to Mike Willis and his team who came first!

Next year's quiz is planned for January 11th.

Short Mat Bowls

Two sessions per week Mondays and Wednesdays 2.30-4.30 pm - £2 per session.

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The **Fedoriw family Christmas Light switch on** for charity took place on December 1st, 2018. The event started a little earlier than usual as "**Elvis**" had to be at another event later on that evening. The weather was good and the entertainment exceptional (thank you Graham, it just wouldn't be the same without you). In total **£240 was given to Florence Nightingale Hospice**. Unfortunately, we didn't have anyone to match our total this time, but every donation large or small helps the Hospice to continue its wonderful work. Thank you to everyone who turned up and gave generously to such a good cause.

On 16th December 18 people attended the **Seniors Festive Lunch**. They all (I hope) enjoyed a three-course meal, cooked by Linda Fedoriw, with Nigel Fedoriw serving the guests their food - he must have done a good job as everyone gave him a round of applause at the end!! We had a raffle which raised £35 and with £35 left over from the lunch money a total of **£70 was donated to the Florence Nightingale Hospice**.

The **Christmas prize bingo** held in the Sports and Social Club raised **£212 for the Helen House Hospice for Children**. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

Spring lambs – Highway, Drayton Parslow



The annual **Easter Egg hunt and raffle** will again be taking place at the Sports and Social Club on Easter Sunday, 21st April.

The egg hunt will start at approximately 12.30, this is a free event for younger children. All profits from the Easter Egg raffle will go to Helen House Hospice in Oxford. The raffle board will be available in the Sports and Social Club and the Three Horseshoes up until Saturday 20th April. **If you are able to donate an egg for the raffle it would be greatly appreciated. Eggs can be left at 34 Main Road Drayton Parslow or the Three Horseshoes.** Please come along and support this fundraising event. Thank you in advance.

A fun recipe suggestion to try with the kids at Easter, from Kirsty Foley:

Creme Egg Viennetta

Ingredients

- 2 litre vanilla ice cream, softened
- 234g packet creme eggs, halved
- ½ cup caramel condensed milk, plus extra ¼ cup to serve
- 50g dark chocolate, melted
- Easter eggs to serve



Method

1. Line a 25cm x 7.5cm bar pan with baking paper, extending paper at long ends for handles.
2. Scoop 1/3 ice cream into base of pan. Top with 1/3 creme eggs, then dollop with caramel and drizzle with 1/3 cooled melted chocolate (see tip). Repeat layers, finishing with extra creme eggs and melted chocolate.
3. Freeze for 4 hours or overnight.
4. Remove from pan using baking paper. Whisk remaining caramel in a bowl until smooth. Serve drizzled with extra caramel and top with broken Easter eggs.



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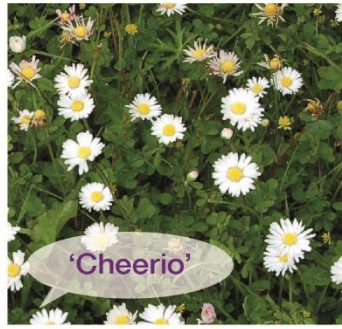


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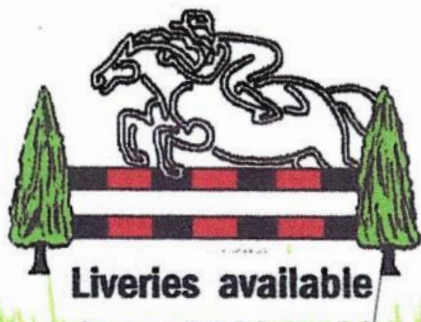
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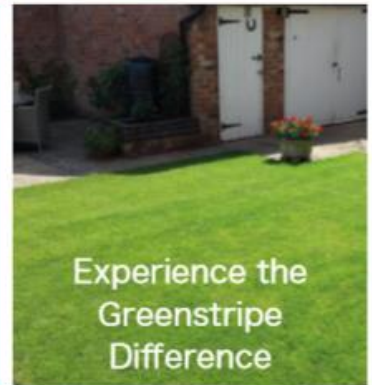
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Amazing Archaeologists in Year 3



As part of our 'Stone Age to Iron Age' topic Year 3 have been considering how people today know what prehistoric life was like. This led the children to consider the job of an archaeologist and they spent the afternoon in the role, carrying out their own excavations.

Year 3 dressed for the occasion and then explored their trays filled with sand and hidden objects. The trays were split into grids with string so that the children could carefully locate and record the position of any artefacts they discovered. All items were bagged and investigated in more detail later in the afternoon, when they completed their 'artefact logs'.

Mrs Goodman (Year 3 Teacher)



Super Sports Leaders

On **Thursday 24th January 2019**, 10 pupils from Year 4 and Year 5 went to Stoke Mandeville Stadium for the day to train to become ***Playground Leaders, Change for Life Champions and School Sports Organising Crews***. The aim is that these children will lead lunchtime sports sessions as well as help organise sports events throughout the year. "We were lucky enough to go on the leadership training, through the day we learnt many games for people to enjoy if they have no one to play with. In the afternoon, we ran one of the games we learnt for another group. The time went by too quickly and we had to go home with our brains full of ideas and happy smiles wanting to go back and do it all again."

Playground Leader Group (Tali, Amelie and James)

"We played bench ball and lots of other games. It was very fun and it helped us become future sports leaders."

Sports Organising Crew (Luke, Michael and Lily)

"We experienced an opportunity to go to the leadership festival and to build peoples' confidence in sports! We can now help to do more sport inside school and have loads of ideas. We can show others how to do many activities including volleyball. It was so much fun!"

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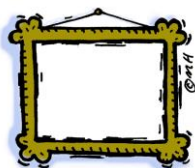
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