



DRAYTON PARSLOW VILLAGE NEWS



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Fedoriw Charity Christmas Light Switch On



This will still definitely be going ahead on **Saturday 5th December** but it will depend on government guidelines at the time as to if we can do our usual switch on of the lights and entertainment. We hope to be able to bring you **Elvis** and the usual **mulled wine, mince pies and sausage rolls** all socially distanced of course - we are keeping our fingers crossed!

Please keep an eye out for posters around the village nearer the time confirming times and what we will be doing.

Thank you for your support and any donations you are able to make this year will be gratefully received by **Florence Nightingale Hospice**.

YOUR VILLAGE NEWS NEEDS YOU!

We hope you have continued to enjoy the Village News during lockdown even though Covid 19 has led to the absence of many of the regular features.

Please help us by providing content for future editions:

tell us about your hobbies; reviews of anything you think might be of interest to other villagers (books, movies, TV, places etc); recipes; memories of the village; your answers to the usual '30 mins with' feature etc

Don't worry about the format: it can be emailed or handwritten; and we can add pictures and sort out the presentation.



NEXT ISSUE

Contributions, articles and photos for the December/January issue **by no later than Friday January 8th 2021** 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.

OCTOBER COIN JAR COLLECTION



The result of our recent Coin Jar Collection was £710 which is a healthy contribution towards the yearly upkeep of the Churchyard so a big thank you from the Parochial Church Council.

The team of collectors reported back that they were greeted with jars ready and friendly comments, for which we thank you all

If you missed the coin collectors or would like to make non-cash donation remember you can make a bank transfer to Drayton Parslow PCC, account 01775362, sort code 30-15-53 with a reference COINS. On all donations the church is able to recover an additional 25% via the gift aid scheme (GADS).

The Parochial Church Council



Wishing all the villagers and those involved with the Village News, be it distributing, printing, advertising or contributing, a **Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy 2021.**

Sally, Claire & Andy



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

Let's spend 30 minutes with...

Jo Wagner

I grew up in Warwickshire, studied Textiles and Design at De Montford University, Leicester.

My first job as a designer took me to London where I lived for 10 years. I enjoyed living in London but couldn't wait to move back to the countryside and eventually found a job as design director in Milton Keynes.

My hobbies are riding, yoga and when I have time, gardening. I also enjoy visiting art galleries with my sister who's an art teacher.

1. How long have you lived in Drayton Parslow?

23 years – I moved in on Christmas Eve and there was a slight sprinkling of snow – it was magical.

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

The community, I can be outside working in the front garden and as people walk, drive or ride past, most will exchange a greeting and several stop to pass the time of day. Neighbours and friends in the village are always ready to lend a helping hand, give advice, or share the glut from their allotment.

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

The DPVPA show – usually my whole family come to stay, so we can all visit.

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

Working for myself designing commercial and residential interiors– long hours, lots of travel and hard work, but very satisfying.

5. What is your favourite place to visit?

Anywhere to see family and friends.



For a holiday it's the South of France – I love Provence.



6. The film you can watch again & again?

Jean de Florette and its sequel Manon des Sources featuring Gerard Depardieu. I love the location in Provence as well as the twist in the tale.



7. Who is your favourite celebrity chef & why?



It has to be British treasure Mary Berry. She's like the dependable head girl of the celebrity chef world – has a straightforward manner, experienced but never a know-all, and loyal to both the BBC who nurtured her career, and her long-time assistant Lucy Young. Their recipes are real people pleasers.

8. Who would be your special guests at a dinner? Mary King, Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Renzo Piano, Maya Angelou, Simon Reeve, the Dalai Lama, Zaha Hadid, Patrice Taravella, Anish Kapoor the list is endless – not sure how the conversation would flow but I'd be interested in listening all night long to any one of them.



Holy Trinity News



Reflections from the Rectory

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTORY

“Lockdown”

It’s an emotive word. In the light of recent events I reflect on it.

I see – hopefully ongoing – that Black Lives Matter. Documentaries screened have described the way slaves were ‘locked down’ in the holds of traders’ ships, against their will.

I read in my daily studies of Joseph’s people – initially drawn to Egypt by famine where they prospered – generations later ‘locked down’ as slaves in forced construction labour, against their will.

I remember the disciples of Jesus, ‘locked down’ in the upper room after the crucifixion for fear of the Jews – against their will. Physically free, they were paralysed emotionally and slaves to their own fear.

Each time, God acts.

God acts through William Wilberforce and others. With a vibrant experience of God working in him, he engages with slavery leading to the trade being made illegal.

God acts through Moses to unlock the people of Israel from their familiar slavery to an unfamiliar freedom, being led by God through a desert to the promised land.

God acts to unlock the disciples from fear through the appearance of the risen Christ in their midst. They soon become bold preachers, free in their spirits despite their numerous beatings and imprisonments that followed.

As we are ‘locked down’ again, against our will, I call to mind some scriptures:

“For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” (Galatians 5:1)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Luke 4:18)

“If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36)

Whatever happens around us, Jesus has set us free to choose: freedom or slavery. In Him we are offered good news, release, clarity and freedom. The Christ-child, born to a fearful world, came so that we can choose, through following him, to experience an unfamiliar freedom of mind – at peace even in the changing and challenging desert of the lives we currently tread.

David.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Service

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2020 has been a difficult year as Covid 19 restrictions prevented the usual door to door collections for the Royal Legion Poppy Appeal and, despite plans to hold the Remembrance Service in the churchyard, this too had to be cancelled due to Lockdown.

An Act of Remembrance was, however, held at St Faiths, Newton Longville (live-streamed on YouTube) where the names of the fallen from all five parishes including Drayton Parslow were read out.

A wreath was laid at the village war memorial and Holy Trinity’s Sanctus bell was rung 9 times, one toll for each of the fallen named on the war memorial.

The children of Drayton Parslow school laid a wreath on the Friday.

Liz Carter-Gates

Our very popular

Annual Christmas Wreath Making Event



which would have been held on Thursday 17th December sadly cannot happen this year.

Never fear, it won’t be the end of a very happy, productive and creative morning which ends with a much-enjoyed social lunch, so just look forward to December 2021!

Your Garden in December

December is not our most extreme weather month and we can expect a fair amount of clear frosty mornings and hopefully plenty of sunny days. So, with the light fading fast – it's time for getting stuck into any gardening chores that still haven't been finished.

Jobs for the garden

- Prune bush roses back by half or so to stop them being damaged in the winter and prune shrubs and ornamental trees, but leave your fruit trees until spring
- Continue with your winter digging but only if the soil conditions and weather suit - not too wet or frozen.
- When the ground is not too wet or frozen continue to lift and divide perennials
- Planting plant evergreen and bare root shrubs and trees while the ground is warm.
- Look out for the wildlife in the garden, keep birds stocked up with fresh water, seeds and any scraps from the house but go easy on white bread.
- In the case of heavy frosts at night, place an old football in the pond to allow the fish and any other creatures to survive. Net your pond to keep the water clear of leaves.
- Keep lawns, borders and paths clear of fallen leaves.
- Once deciduous plants and climbers have cleared, repair garden structures.
- Net holly bunches to protect them from birds to ensure you have berries for Christmas decorations.

Christmas Trees

Provided you look after your tree it should survive for over 4 weeks. It is essential that cut trees are fresh when bought, the needles should not be dull and dried up; the branches should not be brittle. Even with a 'non-drop' tree, you must expect a few needles to fall when shaken.



Keep your tree outside, preferably in water, until it is required. Cut about half an inch off the bottom in order to open up the trees pores before bringing it indoors.

Water your tree every day; you will be surprised how much it needs.

Container grown trees have been grown for at least one season in their pots. They should be watered and cared for as for any house plant. After Christmas they can either be planted out or they can be left to grow on in their pot.

With many thanks to Gill Gallon

Quiz Time #4 with thanks again to Susan Piddock

So sad that we will not be able to hold our Village Quiz night which has been a tradition in January for over 20 years. Hopefully, we can meet again soon. In the meantime here are some questions from past quiz nights for you to enjoy. Keep safe and have a good Christmas and let's hope for better things in the New Year.

1. *'Oh What a Beautiful Morning' is the opening number of which musical?*
2. *What are your Bicuspids?*
3. *What is mixed with zinc to produce brass?*
4. *Which vegetable would you find in Dubarry soup?*
5. *Who won BBC Sports Personality of the year in 2016 for a record third time?*
6. *What temporary harmless medical condition is technically called 'Cutis Anserina'?*
7. *What intrusive household object did the Victorians refer to as 'a servant regulator'?*
8. *Who is the patron saint of tax collectors?*
9. *Who was the Ancient Greek God of the Sea?*
10. *What colour is an aircraft black box flight recorder?*
11. *Which city would you visit to look at Wenceslas Square?*
12. *In which ocean does Christmas Island lie?*
13. *Which ballet tells the story of Franz, who falls in love with a mechanical doll, believing her to be a real woman?*
14. *What is Senlac Hill's historical claim to fame in the S E of England?*
15. *Who was the first footballer to be knighted?*



(Answers below)

8 : St Matthew
 9 : Posidon
 10 : Bright Orange or Red
 11 : Prague
 12 : Indian Ocean
 13 : Coppelilla
 14 : Site of the 1066 Battle of Hastings
 15 : Stanley Matthews

1 : Oklahoma
 2 : Teeth
 3 : Copper
 4 : Cauliflower
 5 : Andy Murray
 6 : Goosepimples
 7 : The Alarm Clock

Answers to quiz from issue 160 (this issue)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

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Parish Council Meetings during COVID-19

The Parish Council continues to hold meetings online using WebEx. These meetings are open to the general public and are publicised via the website and Parish Notice Board in the usual way.

If you wish to attend, please contact draytonparslowclerk@gmail.com in advance for meeting details. If you are unable to attend online, you can submit any questions in writing to the **Drayton Parslow Parish Clerk, PO Box 6440, Milton Keynes, MK1 9HZ.**

Quick update:

DPPC has recently replaced the damaged light in Carrington Hall Road. You may also have noticed the streetlight outside the Sports & Social Club leaning to one side following a 'hit and run' incident. We are pleased to report that arrangements have been made to reseal the lamppost and the work will be carried out shortly.

20 is Plenty Campaign

Today, over 20 million people live in local authorities that have adopted or are adopting this policy which is proven to reduce pollution and improve road safety, to say nothing of the improvement of the quality of village life, particularly for a community such as ours which sees a lot of commuter through traffic.

Rod King MBE is leading a national campaign to increase the adoption of 20 MPH zones under the "20 is plenty" slogan and today there are around 500 local campaigns up and running in the country and beyond. This subject has even been debated on and supported by the United Nations

There is an opportunity for our village to set up a campaign for a 20 MPH speed limit in our village and join others lobbying for the policy across the newly unified council area of Bucks. If you would like to get involved please contact draytonparslowclerk@gmail.com for contact details and relevant literature and campaign materials.

Susan Watson, Drayton Parslow Parish Clerk

Update on Neighbourhood Plan

You will be aware from our last update that we submitted the final Neighbourhood Plan to the planning authority - Bucks CC - on 7 July for study by the independent examiner. This review process would usually take approximately six - eight weeks. Of course, Covid- 19 means that almost everything seems to take longer than expected! Appreciating this we gave it a few more weeks before deciding to follow up and find out what progress had been made. It appears that once again our plan had been 'lost in the system' resulting in even further delays.

Whilst we know that all referendums have been put on hold, and are unlikely to resume before May 2021, we are nevertheless keen to receive our feedback so that we can finalise our plan. We will continue to chase BCC and so be absolutely ready to move to the referendum and village vote when we get the green light from the government.

Carol Taylor

Introducing Community Boards

A new way to tackle the issues that matter most to our community

There is a new way to tackle the issues that matter most to our community – through Buckinghamshire Council's new Community Boards. The boards will connect local people, organisations and groups with the council to improve our local areas. Our Community Board covers the Winslow and Villages area and held an introductory meeting in July to start this conversation. Over the next few weeks organisers will be getting people, groups and organisations in the community involved and helping to identify our key priorities ahead of the official launch on 29th September. Everyone is welcome - read on to find out more about what the board will do, how it will work and how you can get involved.

What is a Community Board?

Winslow and Villages Community Board will identify the themes and issues that most need to be addressed for this area and create an action plan to do this, with working groups to look at specific projects and issues. The board will:

- represent the voices of local people;
- capture thoughts, ideas and suggestions in new ways;
- enable local conversations about priorities;
- identify needs within local communities and work to produce creative solutions;
- explore areas of interest;
- influence how decisions are made and public services are delivered.

How does it work?

Partnerships created in response to Covid-19 are enabling the new Community Boards to quickly get up and running. All boards have a leader, as well as a coordinator who makes sure local people, groups and organisations feel connected with the boards and the council, ensuring information is shared and views are heard.

There will be a mixture of core meetings and working groups who will focus on a specific issue or local project. Core meetings will agree priorities, allocate funding and feed back on the plan of action. Anyone who wants to get involved won't need to attend every session. You'll be able to read the agendas and minutes online and can participate in the issues that you feel passionate about. You can join meetings, or take part in a specific priority or project working group. You can complete surveys, take part in polls or share your views.

Who's in the Winslow and Villages Community Board?

The chairman for Winslow and Villages is Councillor Susan Renshell, who like all the boards' chairs is a member of Buckinghamshire Council. The vice chair is Councillor John Chilver and its dedicated coordinator is Leone Dale.

If you'd like to get involved, email localities@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-boards

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Advent Windows

To hopefully spread a little **Christmas cheer** this December some of the **villagers are going to light up their windows for Advent.**

Each night a different house will light up their festive display from 4.30-10pm. It is up to each individual house if they light their window for just the one night or for the rest of December, so to be sure to see all of the displays have a little stroll around the village each night.

A list of each house and the date they will "light up" is below.

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1st - 16 North Close | 13th - 14 North Close |
| 2nd - 6 Bell Close | 14th - 3b (Tamara) Main Road |
| 3rd - 8 New Road | 15th - 3 Highway |
| 4th - 13 Chapel Lane | 16th - 16 Church End (opposite the church) |
| 5th - The Barn, 64b Main Road | 17th - 36 New Road (opposite Kingsland Farm) |
| 6th - The Three Horseshoes, Main Road | 18th - 5a Spring Barn, Main Road |
| 7th - 4 Church End | 19th - 6 North Close |
| 8th - The School, Main Road | 20th - Chestnut Farm, Main Road |
| 9th - 9 New Road | 21st - 3 The Pightle |
| 10th - 30 North Close | 22nd - 26 Main Road |
| 11th - 1 Bell Close | 23rd - 2 Church End, The Old Bakery |
| 12th - 6 New Road | 24th - 34 Main Road |

Many thanks to all who volunteered to decorate their windows. I can't wait to see them all.

Pumpkin Trail

Nearly 20 children (with parents/carers in tow) braved the torrential rain to follow the Pumpkin Trail around Drayton Parslow on Saturday 31st October.

Huge thanks go to Kitty for making the pumpkin pictures and the quiz sheets, also a big well done to Kitty and Sophie who battled the rain to get all the pumpkin pictures up in time. Thank you.

£40 was raised for the Curly Tails Pig Sanctuary in Newton Longville.

Everyone who took part had a really good time despite the rain. The winners drawn at random from all the entry sheets returned were.....

Emma Nash for the 8yrs and over, who won a tub of sweets.

Ava North for the 7yrs and under, who won a bag of treats.

Once again a big thank you to everyone involved, hopefully we can do something similar next year.

Linda

News from the Three Schools – November 2020

Children In Need 2020

On Friday 16th November 2020 all Three Schools held a 'Stripes and Spots day' to help raise funds to support BBC's Children In Need appeal. Children had the opportunity to wear Spots or Stripes for the day for a voluntary contribution of £1. We also held cake sales across all Three schools.



Thank you to our amazing families for their support during our Children In Need day and cake sales, we managed to raise the following amounts for this fabulous charity;

Mursley—£ 447.00

Drayton Parslow—£ 120.50

Swanbourne—£237.40

Three Schools Total—£804.90

Remembrance across the Three Schools

Drayton Parslow—Year 1

We had a fabulous Remembrance WOW morning at Drayton Parslow last week. KS1 made a big effort to come dressed up as WW1 and WW2 children to mark the annual Remembrance Day. A real highlight was laying a poppy wreath at the war memorial and observing a two-minute silence.

At school, the children made their own poppies and baked trench cake. This is an eggless cake sent to soldiers by their loved ones because they were living far away from home during WW1. It was an enjoyable and informative morning!

(Ms Oliver—Year 1 Teacher)

Drayton Parslow—EYFS

On Wednesday 11th November we celebrated Remembrance Day by visiting the War Memorial in Drayton Parslow. We made our poppies and wore them for our visit, then we made them into a wreath. We watched a Power Point Presentation about the special day and observed a two-minute silence at school. We found out why the poppy became a symbol of remembrance and printed some poppy pictures.

(Mrs Sandmann—EYFS Leader)



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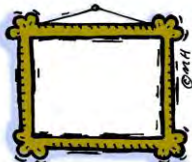
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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!