



DRAYTON PARSLOW VILLAGE NEWS



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DRAYTON DIARY

First one since issue 157 Apr/May 2020!

October

2 nd – 3 rd	Art Exhibition & Teas, Holy Trinity, 13:30-17:00
9 th	VPA Family Quiz
16 th	Bingo - eyes down 8pm - bar from 7.30pm
30 th -31 st	VPA Halloween Pumpkin Trail

November

13 th	Bingo - eyes down 8pm - bar from 7.30pm
20 th	Charity Race Night (adults only) @ DPSSC
27 th	Fedoriw Christmas Lights switch on 5:30pm
28 th	VPA Christmas Fayre

December

4 th	Christmas Charity Bingo
11 th	VPA Children's Christmas Party
14 th	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
18 th	Seniors Festive Lunch If you would like to attend, please let Linda Fedoriw know 07851 077684
19 th	DP Singers Christmas Concert (tbc)

YOUR VILLAGE NEWS NEEDS YOU!

Please help us to keep your Village News going by sparing a few minutes to send us some 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 November 5th 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.

Art Exhibition & Teas Holy Trinity Church Drayton Parslow

2nd & 3rd October
1.30-5pm



Free Entry

Join us for tea and delicious homemade cakes and see beautiful works of art by local artists. All artwork will be for sale.



All proceeds will go to the Church toilet extension fund.

Let's spend 30 minutes with...

Mel Jupp

Although born in Nottingham where my parents are both from, I was a young child in Bewdley, Worcestershire and spent my formative years in Taunton, Somerset. I met my husband, Mike, at Aston University, Birmingham where we shared our final year together before jetting off to my first proper foreign holiday on the island of Zakynthos. 8 years later we married and the children followed shortly after. Now a busy working mum of three, Mike and I try and juggle being the best parents we can be whilst also keeping fit and keeping up our lovely house and garden. I love reading as well as listening to audio books, music and the radio. On a weekend morning you will find me (once I've dragged myself out of bed) enjoying a Les Mills workout together with Mike or catching up on a run with my friend Caroline across fields (or roads around the village if it's muddy or time doesn't permit). Family time is often spent walking (or more aptly, being dragged by) our gorgeous (but full of beans) Vizsla.



1. How long have you lived in Drayton Parslow?

Since October 2012.

2. What do you like best about Drayton Parslow?

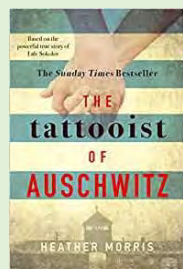
I love the beautiful undulating countryside we are surrounded by, the large skies and how friendly everyone is. When we first moved in I was struck by how welcoming the village was to us and will forever be grateful to those who introduced us to village life (you know who you are!).

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

I know we haven't had them for a long while, but the **Comedy nights and Prosecco nights** we used to have at the Pavilion were probably my favourite. In terms of current ones, we enjoyed wandering round looking at people's **pumpkins** and giving the children our own sweets during COVID last year, but our must attend event every year has to be **Linda and Nigel's Christmas Light switch on**. Linda's mince pies are a delight as is her delicious mulled wine.

4. What is your favourite book / books?

The **Handmaid's Tale** and **The Testaments** by **Margaret Atwood** – both are just brilliant and are a rare example where the television series is, in my opinion, as good as the book. The screen adaptations are in keeping with the premise of the book and add to it, rather than detract.

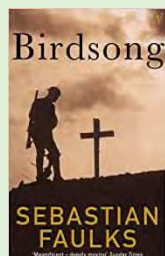


The Tattooist of Auschwitz by **Heather Morris** – the author brings to life, with warmth and humanity, a very difficult piece of history.

Birdsong and **Charlotte Gray** by **Sebastian Faulks** – both books bring to life the horrors of the world wars.

Both are set in France and are beautiful, moving love stories but also so much more.

Also really enjoyed revisiting various children's and young adult book series such as **Harry Potter**,



The Hunger Games and **His Dark Materials** with the children.

5. Who is your favourite celebrity chef & why?



Fay Ripley because I love her recipes – they are reliable and make great family meals you can serve to adults and babies alike with very little alteration.

Many of them can be batch cooked too!

6. The film you can watch again & again?

Top Gun and I can't wait until the new one comes out!



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

Probably the various **Product Manager** roles I have held, firstly at **Nissan** but more recently at **Mercedes-Benz** – I got to work with and drive some stunning cars during my time in those roles from the humble Nissan Micra to the Mercedes-Benz AMG, SL, S-Class, G-Class, Nissan 350Z and GT-R, plus some amazing competitor vehicles. I also went on some incredible business trips, one of which was on a private plane to the Nürburgring where I got to drive the Nissan GT-R around the track and a trip to see the 370Z before it was launched in Japan. With Mercedes-Benz, I've driven the S-Class Cabriolet around the streets and hillsides of Dubrovnik plus various other trips including driving the beautiful coastal roads of Portugal and doing a piece to camera while navigating a woodland track on the outskirts of Stuttgart in a GLE Coupé.

8. What is your favourite place to visit?

Not sure I can decide on one! **Rural France** has a special place in my heart, in part due to its peaceful unspoilt beauty, world war history but also my family ties there (plus the wine isn't bad either!). However, **Africa** is the most special place I've visited – we **honeymooned in Kenya** – romantic sunsets and sunrises on the **Masai Mara** and a bathroom with a view in **Meru National Park**.



I've travelled down the Nile between Luxor and Aswan, stopping off to visit the **Valley of the Kings** and a fly out to see Abu Simbel and have dived in the **Red Sea**. Since having the children, my favourite family holiday has to be our trip to **Florida**, soaking up the lovely warmth, lots of family fun at Disney and a visit to see my aunt and cousin in Orlando itself.

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

My grandparents – I would love to be able to ask them about their past experiences, particularly during the war. History has become an interest as I have got older and only after they passed away. I have so many questions that I would love to have posed to them and also share with the children.

Holy Trinity News



Reflections from the Rectory

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In a piece I read recently, David Talks wrote about a sense of waiting for freedom "How long, O Lord?" was quoted from Psalm 13.

It got me thinking about freedom. I was reminded of a song from one of my favourite bands (Fat & Frantic, look them up!) The song takes its title from the opening line of each verse "Freedom is a sweet word". It explores the advantages that of living in a free society (perhaps more significant at the moment as we think of those living in Afghanistan). But it's the chorus that really hits:

*But freedom without justice, is a freedom for the few,
who have bought the right to tell us that their freedom lie
is true.*

*Freedom without justice, grows up into slavery,
if you're not a Barclaycard carrying member of the free.*

We live in a world and society that talks about rights - 'my rights...', 'I have the right to...' it is a privilege of freedom. The point of the song is that if our freedom is at the expense of others, it is not true freedom.

Jesus talks about how we should treat others with statements like "love your neighbour" (Matt 22:39), "do to others what you would have them do to you" (Matt 7:12) and "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matt 25:40).

As we celebrate our sense of freedom with the lifting of restrictions, there are many around our nation and the world who are still not free. A friend of mine was recently telling me that as restrictions were being lifted the advice to her was to isolate here in the UK, so our freedom would be at her expense!

I hope and pray you are able to experience and enjoy a life returning to some sort of normality, but let's not forget those who are still living in fear (whether through Covid or other circumstances) and of course those whose lives have been shattered through the loss of a loved one or the long term after-effects and let's all think about the part we can play in bringing justice and true freedom to all in our world.

God bless you. **Simon**

HOLY TRINITY SERVICE DATES

October		
3 rd 9:30am	Family Service	David Talks
10 th 9.30am	Holy Communion	Simon Faulks
17 th 9.30am	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
24 th 9.30am	Holy Communion	David Talks
31 st 10.00am	Benefice Service at Newton Longville Church	
November		
7 th 9.30am	Family Service	TBA
14 th 9.30am	In Church and 10.45am at The War Memorial for Remembrance Service	
21 st 9.30am	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
28 th 9.30am	Holy Communion	TBA
December		
5 th 9:30am	Family Service	TBA

Church Mice News

All being well, we hope to bring you the next Mousefest on the weekend of 1st-3rd April 2022.



This summer our NHS nursing mice have raised £200 for Haddon House Care Home.

Charity fundraising continues with our Christmas mice - Santa and nativity family with the addition this year of kings and shepherds.

In order to us to keep raising funds for charity, we would appreciate any double knitting wool that you no longer need. Please contact Susan Piddock

spiddock@john-lewis.com



Coin jar collection for the upkeep of the churchyard

Historically, you may be aware, that there were two coin jar collections a year which raised in the region of £1,400 towards the £2,150 annual costs.



The coin jar money has always gone towards the upkeep of the Churchyard at Holy Trinity, which left untended would very quickly become a wilderness.

The Church is seen as by many as the Flagship of our Village. It means different things to different people but overall most would agree that our Village would be the poorer without it standing there proud and loved, as it has been for the past 900 years.



Because of Covid we have missed the past 3 collections. We are also aware that we are fast becoming a cashless society so we anticipate that the jars may be lighter than usual.

In an attempt to bring us into the 21st Century we have set up a Just Giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/holytrinity-churchyard-2021>

Our team will be visiting those with coin jars as usual in early October and will be asking you how you would like to give in the future.

For those of you that do not have coin jars but would like to contribute to the upkeep of the Churchyard there are a number of ways you can contribute. The **Just Giving** page above will be open for this year's collection until 31 December, and a new page will be set up for each following year. Alternatively, one of the team can drop off a **coin jar** or you can make a **contactless payment** for the amount you specify.

Please contact **Wendy Preston (720426)** or **Richard Wemyss (720741)** if you would like a member of the team to visit or you have any ideas to help us fund the upkeep of the Churchyard for the benefit of all.

Events Planned for The Future / Upcoming

VPA family quiz - October 9th

VPA Halloween Pumpkin Trail - 30th-31st October



Charity Race Night at the Sports and Social Club (adults only) - 20th November

VPA Christmas Fayre - 28th November

VPA Children's Christmas Party - 11th December

Senior's Festive Lunch - 18th December If you would like to attend, please let Linda Fedoriw know 07851077684



Look out for posters with more information on future events.

BINGO IS BACK!!

Bingo in the Sports and Social Club, eyes down 8pm - bar open from 7.30pm - all welcome

October 16th, November 13th and Christmas Charity Bingo December 4th



Cakes for Dementia Action Week 17 - 23 May 2021

Many thanks to everyone in Drayton Parslow who bought my home-made cakes to help me raise money for **Dementia Action Week**.

Thanks to the generosity of the many villagers who stopped to buy - despite the terrible wind and rain - I made **£350 from cake sales with a further £300** from generous friends and family donations (non-villagers to whom I have promised cakes when I next see them!).

It is probably true to say that we almost all know of someone who has had, or is, currently suffering from some form of dementia. Many of us have 'lost' our loved one to this cruel disease. The number of people with dementia in the UK is forecast to increase to over one million this year - and over two million by 2051.

Dementia Action Week was a national event that was about raising awareness of dementia and also encouraging people to take action to improve the lives of those affected by dementia. My own Father has suffered from dementia for over fifteen years and three years ago he became a resident in a specialist dementia care home called Haddon House. He is unfortunately unable to mix with other residents, living in a secure unit but benefitting from the most wonderful care from truly incredible staff. Whilst the home did an amazing job in keeping COVID -19 out and keeping every single resident safe from the virus, lock down meant they were unable to raise vital funds via their usual many fund-raising events. Such events are the only way that the staff can raise the money they need to buy extras that make a difference to the patients....an ice cream on a hot day, a visit from a local entertainer or extras for the many themed days that are a key way of helping patients re- connect with distant memories.

The money raised through the cake sale has therefore made a significant difference to the lives of the patients at Haddon House and the staff were hugely appreciative, so many, many thanks again to everyone.

Carol Taylor

CRICKET REPORT



Drayton Parslow Cricket Club's (DPCC) 2021 season concluding disappointingly following a run of losses. There are no further matches to play - the season is now completed.

The club has been relegated to Division 4 of the Four Counties Cricket League and is looking forward to making a come-back in the 2022 season.

Drayton Parslow Cricket Club is a family-friendly and inclusive club, we run friendlies matches each Sunday during the season, and would always welcome new players and spectators.

DPCC would like to thank everyone who helped organise and attended Barrie's memorial match on Sunday 18th of September. Barrie was a key member of the club and the community and is missed by all who knew him.

The memorial match was a fund-raising event and all monies raised will go towards memorial bench and plaque at the club commemorating Barrie.

Alun Winney

A CRICKET SCORER'S LIFE



I first started scoring seriously in 1984 for Drayton Parslow and was quite happy doing it for the next 35 years. It is very much village and even parks cricket sometimes with few or no facilities. In the last twenty years Drayton Parslow CC, has played in the Four Counties Cricket League (FCCL) in one of the lower divisions and very much near the bottom of the England cricket pyramid.

Scorebooks were always used with hardly any clubs undertaking electronic scoring using specialist software. One would be lucky if there was more than one umpire and scoring could be made even more

difficult if umpires and scorers were reluctant players who did not understand all the rules nor gave the correct signals and complete the scorebook properly. It had its compensations though as one normally sat with the players and even spectators and enjoyed their banter and could even share a drink with them. Players often enjoyed a drink and a cigarette even during the course of the game and for some it was not drinks break but a smoking break! Games are also mainly very local, sometimes only a five-minute drive to a neighbouring village and turning up at 13.20 for a 13.30 start.

Moving to Lymington in late 2018, I was quite happy to continue scoring in the same vein for one of the lower division Lymington teams with the normal scorebook and in lovely New Forest settings. Lymington CC has four adult teams with the first team playing in the Premier Division of the Southern Premier League (SPL). It is one of the best teams in the region and has an overseas player and a county player, Gareth Berg who also plays for Northamptonshire CC. Each week one is scoring games with players who are also playing in the county or national counties (previously known as Minor Counties) championships, something completely beyond my scoring expectations.

Yet even at the higher echelons of cricket scorers are in demand. Having scored for Lymington IIs in 2019 also in the SPL I have now found myself scoring for the firsts. One has to be very impressed by the dedication and commitment of the players and officials and of course the high standard of the cricket.

So, would I prefer village cricket and especially scoring for Drayton Parslow or top-level cricket? The SPL season 2021 has been very tough and very much a baptism of fire not only because of covid but driving to and locating grounds and their facilities mostly for the first time. The lack of refreshments even getting a cup of tea at times has been frustrating. The early season was especially difficult having to sit in the open on some bitterly cold days. It was also the first time this season of me using electronic scoring but I realised it is clearly the way forward. Players, spectators and supporters (especially those unable to be there) appreciate the ball-by-ball updates on their smart phones. And now they want ball by ball video!

The camaraderie of village cricket is still missed since it can be more difficult to have a rapport with players in the SPL. But at least the SPL requires that a game has two scorers and their support has been appreciated. The days though are very long and some grounds are well over an hour away and given that the games start at 11.30 and one is expected to be there an hour beforehand then early starts and a late return are inevitable. At least the use of electronic scoring has eased the burden until something goes wrong!

Lionel Colby,

Ex scorer and secretary of Drayton Parslow CC

And in memory of my ex-chairman, Barrie Norman who died in tragic circumstances early this year and offered so much support in the running of the club to me.



Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club

**The Recreation Ground, Main Road,
Drayton Parslow, MK17 0JR**

Bridge is Back!

We are thrilled to welcome the wonderful Abbey Smith and her Bridge Club back to the clubhouse. Abbey operates a welcoming, friendly atmosphere, with an overarching philosophy that Bridge is a game to be enjoyed by all. Current session times are:

Thursday Evening 7pm to approximately 10pm

Friday Afternoon 2pm to approximately 4.30pm (please note the earlier start time)

Beginner lessons will also run on Fridays from 11.30am until 1pm.

Please contact Abbey on abbeybridgelessons@hotmail.co.uk or 07891 586410 with any questions you may have about sessions either face-to-face in the club building, or virtual sessions.



Whist is Back!

Whist are also re-starting their sessions on **Tuesday evenings**, 7pm until 10pm. We are delighted that these community activities are taking place again, and warmly welcome all players back to the clubhouse.

Mobile Post Office



The Mobile Post Office continues to operate out of the clubhouse on a **Tuesday morning** (9am – 11am), serving all of your Post Office needs in a socially-distanced, well-spaced, secure way.

Hall Hire

Subject to diary availability, the clubhouse is 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 £10 per hour (per bar staff member) if the bar is required. Bar hours will need to include set-up and clearing up time). A non-refundable deposit and hire agreement form are required for all bookings.



Please text Linda Fedoriw on 07851 077684 for hire availability.

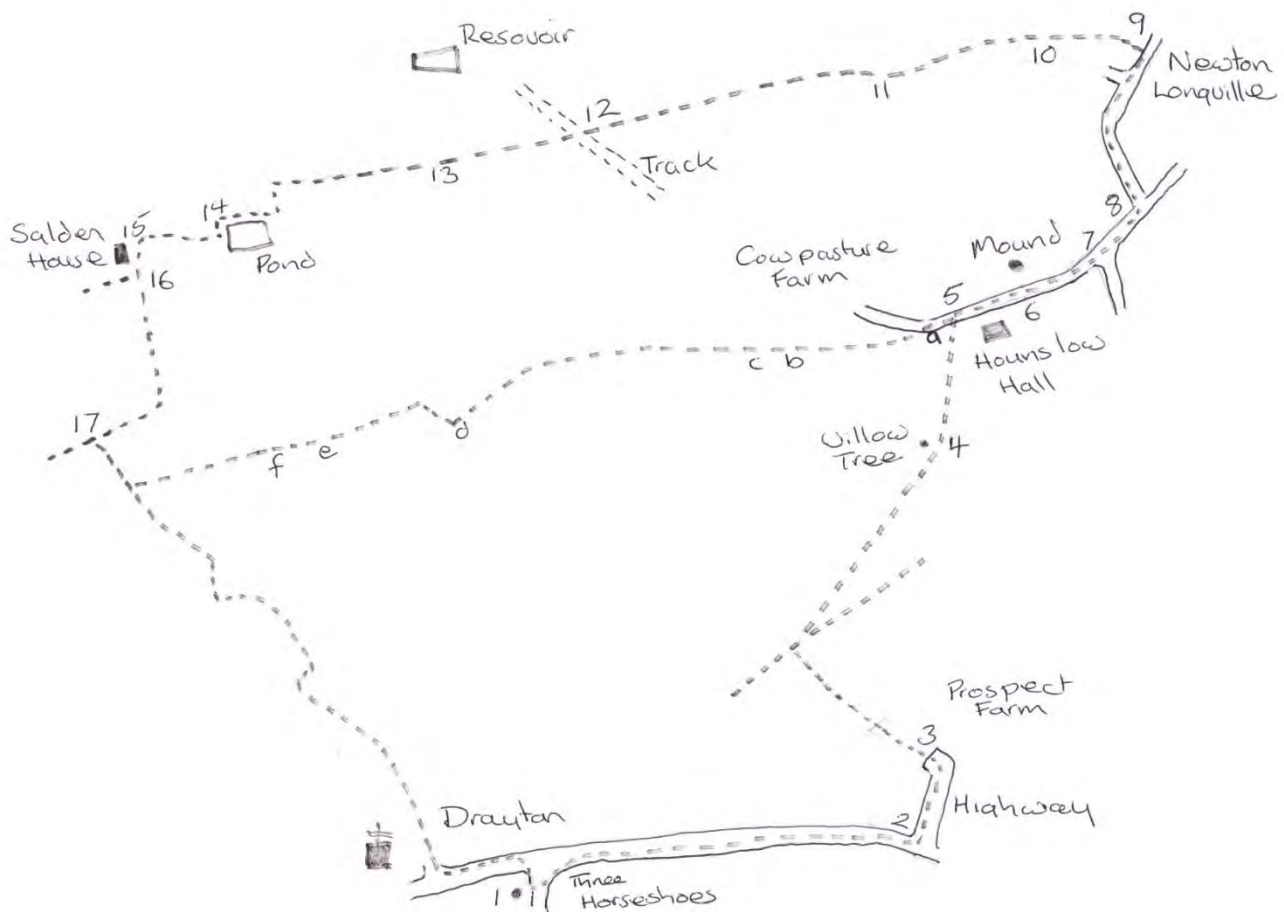
Update from the Drayton Parslow Neighbourhood Planning Group

Since our last update in the June /July issue of the Village News, we have received the long-awaited feedback from Bucks Council on our draft policy. The feedback was detailed and thorough - but very positive, giving us guidance on further enhancements and amendments that would help our report in its next stage of scrutiny with the Independent Examiner. The DPNP Group met in June and July and to address the feedback - and many of you have been submitting data to us about the wildlife you have observed in and around the village. This was one aspect of the BC feedback that was felt would help to really capture the uniqueness of our village and its surrounding countryside.

During September we will be finalising both the DPNP policy document and the Consultation Report to send to the designer for formatting and printing prior to submitting it to the Examiner.

As ever, we will keep you posted!

Jeremy's Walk Number 3: : Newton Longville and Salden – 5 miles



The main walk is relatively easy. However, there is a short stretch along a fairly busy stretch of road and, when I walked it recently, there is a broken stile on the stretch from Newton Longville to Salden. Although I got over the fence it does take a bit of care to avoid falling into the ditch on the far side. If you don't fancy taking your chances with a dodgy stile, I have included an alternative, shorter, route, avoiding this obstacle at the end.

1. From the War Memorial head down Main Road, past the school to the turning on the left called Highway. Highway was once one of the main routes in and out of the village. The 1599 Salden Estate Map seems to indicate that Highway ran almost directly to Newton Longville with a branch heading off to Newton Road in the vicinity of where Crossroads Farm now stands. By the time of the 1760 Jeffreys Map, the direct route to Newton Longville had disappeared, but the branch to Newton Road remained.
2. Go up Highway past Bargate Farm and, at the gateway of Prospect Farm, follow the track round to the left. The Jeffreys Map shows Highway turning right just beyond the Prospect Farm gate and headed across to the Drayton/Newton Road (roughly on the same alignment as now) before continuing on to the modern Drayton-Newton Leys Road, roughly, where the sharp(ish) bend now is, this side of Bletchley Turf. The name Highway may reflect that it followed the higher ground out of the village, whilst another road, known as Mill Way or Millers Way, took a lower route (in part, the modern route) out of the village, to Hollingdon. The route of the modern road and the current site of the crossroads date from the early 19th Century. The name Bargate probably derives from when Highway was stopped up.

- 3.** Follow the track past the Rickyard Allotments and go, downhill, through the kissing gate. At the bottom of the hill, footpaths go left and right. Go right, over a stile. The footpath divides again. Ignore the path that goes straight ahead, along the hedge and, instead, take the path heading diagonally left up the slope towards Hounslow Hall (not as grand as it sounds).
- 4.** In the valley just before Hounslow Hall, pass just to the right of a lone Willow tree and then, the footpath kinks slightly left. Follow the path uphill (keeping Hounslow Hall on your right).
- 5.** At the top of the hill, you reach a paved driveway. At this point, you can turn left and follow the alternative route (see below) or turn right to follow the main route.
- 6.** Follow the driveway towards two large gateposts. At the gateposts, look left to a small mound about 50 metres away. The mound is now only just discernable in the field, but it was once much bigger and has had an interesting history. Built as the motte of a medieval castle (probably just a wooden tower on top of the motte), when the castle went out of use, a windmill was placed on the mound. When the windmill went, it became the site of the local Gallows/Gibbet until the 19th Century.
- 7.** Continue along the driveway to the road and turn left towards Newton Longville. The road is relatively busy, but you only have to walk about 100 metres along it and there is a wide verge alongside the carriageway if you need to take refuge from the vehicles.
- 8.** Once in Newton Longville take the first left, Westbrook End. You can get onto the pavement for a while. However, the pavement does disappear when Westbrook End reverts to the character of an old Holloway. It is only a short distance without pavement and the road isn't particularly busy, but a succession of bends mean you do need to keep alert for cars.
- 9.** After you pass Yew Tree Close, you will see a sign for a footpath on the left-hand side of the road between nos. 48 & 50 Westbrook End. Take this path and go over a stile into the field beyond the houses.
- 10.** Head across the field and, beyond the two large barns, go through the gate in the left-hand corner into the next field, bearing slightly left to another gate. Go through this gate, keeping the hedge on your left, then through a gap into the next field and over a stile in the left-hand corner.
- 11.** You are now in a field which narrows towards the far end. There is a stile (or at least the remains of a stile) in the right-hand corner of the field, overhung with trees. The plank that links the two sides of the stile has disappeared. The fence isn't big, but I had to stand on the stumps of the stile to get over. This isn't very difficult, but there is a ditch immediately on the far side of the fence with a plank bridge across it. Take care to come down on the bridge and not in the ditch!
- 12.** Having negotiated the stile, you are now in a large field. The footpath heads left, up the hill. At the top of the hill, cross a track (that leads to a small reservoir and a large tent/teepee) and head downhill (and slightly left), towards a small group of low trees in the hedge line in front of you.
- 13.** Cross a plank bridge into the group of small trees. On the other side cross another plank bridge. Follow the path across the next field towards a stand of trees and another stile. Go over the stile and the path turns sharp left, winding through the trees. Emerging from the trees, cross another stile, into a long, narrow paddock. Cross to the tree/hedge line in front of you and turn right. There is a large pond on the other side of the trees/hedge on your left.

14. Follow the hedge and go over a stile on your left. The path runs between the large pond on your left and a smaller pond/wet area on your right. These may be the remains of fishponds that would have provided fresh fish for the occupiers of the grand Salden House (largely demolished in the 18th Century). Follow the path as it turns sharply right and heads towards North Salden Farm House. Originally built in the early 18th Century, this house may have reused building materials from the demolished elements of Salden House.
15. Go over a stile onto the driveway that serves the houses at Salden and turn left. As you walk along the driveway you get a very good view of Salden House after which you come to a footpath on your right which, if you have done Walk 1, you may have previously followed to Mursley.
16. You now head back to Drayton, reversing the route out of Drayton taken by Walk 1. Ignoring the footpath to the right, follow the driveway past Salden Lower Pond and as the driveway turns sharply right, go through the gate in front of you to follow the bridleway uphill with the hedge on your right. Go through two more gates and follow the hedge gently round to the right and uphill.
17. At the next gate turn left towards Drayton, with the fence/hedge/pampas grass on your right, until you reach the gate at the Drayton/Mursley Parish boundary. Go through this gate and follow the bridleway back to Drayton. When you reach Main Road, turn left and go down the hill to the War Memorial.

Alternate Route – total 3.2 miles (beginning and ending at the War memorial)

- a. From point 7 on the main walk, turn left and follow the track. Ignore the driveway that curves right towards Cowpasture Farm (there is archaeological evidence of a Roman building, possibly a villa, in this area). Keep to the hedge on your left.
- b. You are on a bridleway following the line of the pre-Inclosure/Enclosure road from Newton Longville to Mursley. It remained as a discernable track well into the 20th Century, but now, in many places, the bridleway has been diverted off the old route and the track has disappeared. The bridleway leaves the route of the old road and kinks left through the hedge, whilst the track continues on the route of the old road. Once through the hedge, the bridleway turns sharp right (so the hedge is now on your right). Follow the bridleway and enjoy some good views back towards Drayton.
- c. At a bridleway marker turn right, going back through the hedge line (which at this point has thickened into a small wood on your right). Keep the wood on your right.
- d. At another bridleway marker turn left, across the field towards a gap in the hedge in front of you. You are now back (roughly) on the line of the old Newton Longville – Mursley road.
- e. Go through the gate and across a narrow parcel of land to another gate which you go through into a large field.
- f. The bridleway continues, heading slightly to the right, across the field heading towards two trees together in the hedge/fence/pampas grass line on the opposite side of the field. If you look closely, you may spot the posts which mark the bridleway route, between the two trees. When you reach the opposite side of the field you are back on the main route (just after point 17). Turn left, go through the gate and follow the bridleway back to Drayton.

Quiz Time #9 with thanks again to Susan Piddock

1. *Flemish Bond and English Bond are methods of doing what?*
2. *The Four Noble Truths are central to which religion?*
3. *What was the name of the housekeeper in the Daphne Du Maurier' Novel Rebecca?*
4. *Which animal was domesticated first, the sheep, the cow or the pig?*
5. *What is the common name for sodium hydroxide?*
6. *In which century was the Taj Mahal built?*
7. *Which Christian festival celebrates the purification of the Virgin Mary?*
8. *Who played Private Ryan who had to be saved in the Steven Spielberg film?*
9. *What is Africa's largest country, measured by area?*
10. *Where did the Boxer Rising take place?*
11. *In which US city is Union the main train station?*
12. *Which famous painter had the surname Van Rijn?*
13. *In the song 'Pop Goes the Weasel' the term 'to Pop' means to leave something at the Pawnbrokers – but to what does the 'Weasel' refer?*
14. *What would I hold in my shag bag?*
15. *Team GB came 4th in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics with a total of 65 medals – how many were gold?*



(Answers below)

Answers to quiz from issue 166 (this issue)

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| 8. | Matt Damon | 1. | Laying bricks |
| 9. | Algeria (Sudan having held the rank of largest African country until South Sudan separated in 2011, dividing the nation into two countries) | 2. | Buddhism |
| 10. | China | 3. | Mrs Danvers |
| 11. | Washington, DC | 4. | The sheep |
| 12. | Rembrandt | 5. | Caustic Soda |
| 13. | Coat (from the rhyming slang Weasel and Stoot) | 6. | 17th Century (1632-1648) |
| 14. | Golf balls | 7. | Candlemass |
| 15. | 22 | | |

Your Garden In Autumn *with many thanks to Gill Gallon*

Autumn 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.



The Drayton Parslow Singers are back!

We have re-started Tuesday evening choir practices

These are being held at Holy Trinity Church at 8.00 pm from September 14th.

We hope to hold our annual Christmas Concert on Sunday December 19th at 6.00pm there.

This is of course dependent on circumstances at the time.



Advance Notice of

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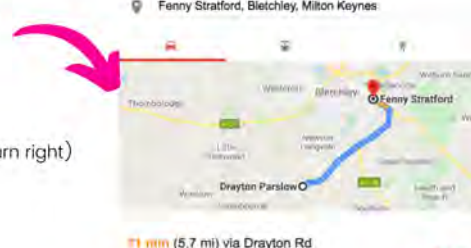
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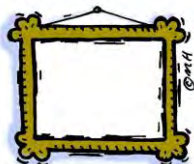
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As Saturday 14th August, show day dawned the weather was overcast and the rain threatened to start.

At 9am sharp people with entries started to arrive, bringing their produce and craft items to display in the marquee.

Not as many vegetable and flower entries this year due to the weather and the dreaded potato blight, which also affected some tomatoes this year, but we still had a good amount on show.

We had two new judges this year and they both said they were impressed with how organised and well run the show was.



The rain stayed away and we had a lovely crowd of people, young and old, come to enjoy the show. We were very lucky to have **Phil Gomm**, a local Buckinghamshire councillor come and open the show for us, he also stepped in at short notice to judge the dog show after our original judge was "pinged" by the COVID app. Thank you Phil, you did a wonderful job. Our musical entertainment for the afternoon was provided by **The Longville Hot Club**.

Thank you to all the VPA team for making the show happen this year.

The evening event was very well attended and everyone enjoyed listening to the very talented young singer **Ellis Restall**, we were also treated to another brilliant performance by **'G' Elvis**. Food this year was provided by **'Two Chefs one Stove'**.

This year the VPA will be dividing the profit made between three very deserving charities:

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All of these donations were made possible by your wonderful support of our Village Show, so thank you to everyone who exhibited, everyone who donated to our raffle and tombola stalls and a big thank you to everyone who turned up to enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

Cup winners were:-

- The George Dickens Perpetual Challenge Bowl - Helen Harvey
- The VPA Vegetable Cup - Helen Harvey
- The Derek Smith Memorial Cup - Roger Spanswick
- The VPA Flower Shield - Jill Burhouse
- The Wilson Challenge Cup - Janet Perkin
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- The Photography Award - Richard Heady
- The Ralph Walduck Cup, for best front garden, was awarded to Roger and Jenny Spanswick
- The Best Kept Allotment Award went to Deborah Robinson, in second place was Roger Spanswick and third place was awarded to Dave Thomas. Well done to you all.



THE DATE FOR NEXT YEARS SHOW IS 13th AUGUST, so save the date and let's make it another great show.

If you'd like to join the VPA team, contact Linda Fedoriw (07851077684 / lindajilly2@aol.com) for details.

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The service was conducted by Revd David Talks.

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Baptism at Holy Trinity

Pictures of Joseph Arthur Stafford, held by his father Ben, whose Baptism was held at Holy Trinity Church on 5th September, watched by his mother, Emily, and over 60 family and friends.



The Rector, Simon Faulks took the Service