



# DRAYTON PARSLOW VILLAGE NEWS



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DRAYTON DIARY	
<b>August</b>	
4th	Friday Club, 2:30pm The Three Horseshoes
12th	VPA Show
13th	Songs of Praise, VPA Marquee, 10:00am
19th	Bingo, DPSSC 8pm
<b>September</b>	
25th	Parish Council Meeting - DPSSC 7:30pm
Sep 30th	Drayton Parslow Glitz and Glamour Ball -
Sep 30th - Oct 1st	Art Exhibition - Holy Trinity
<b>Further ahead</b>	
Oct 22nd	Harvest Songs of Praise and lunch - see page 3
Nov 10th	Gladrags to Glamour 7pm, Greenacre Hall

## NEXT ISSUE

Contributions, articles and photos for the **Oct/Nov** issue by **no later than Friday September 1st 2023** please to the Village News mailbox [dpvillagenews@outlook.com](mailto:dpvillagenews@outlook.com) or by hand to **Sally Wallis (10 Prospect Close / 720030) or Claire Darnley (Tamara, 3b Main Road / 720383).**



## Greenacre Hall (Village Hall)

For hall bookings please telephone Carol 01296 720741  
Reduced rates for villagers

## The Friday Club - All Welcome

It seems like a very long time ago that we used to meet at the pub on the first Friday of each month. Now that Covid is officially over we thought it would be good to see all those friends that we have missed seeing for so long.

**Next meeting Friday 4th Aug at 2.30pm at the pub.**

Steve and Denise have kindly agreed to have us back!

Looking forward to seeing anyone who would like to come for cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake for an hour or two.

## Gladrags to Glamour Evening



*Ladies Pamper Evening with Pre-loved Fashion & Prosecco*

*Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 7pm at Greenacre Hall*

*Make this a date for your diary - More details to follow*

*Organised by Friends of Holy Trinity raising funds for Church restoration*

## Village News - Managing our costs

*Reminder to let us know if you're happy with just the email version rather than a hard copy of the Village News as this will help with our printing costs.*



### Rector's Musings...

Many years ago I taught in an orthodox Jewish school in Johannesburg. I learned so much about good community living from everyone there. On Friday evenings (Shabbat) families walk to the synagogue and then return home for their Shabbat celebration. From Sundown on Friday evening to sundown on Saturday evening the community switch off all technology and spend quality time with each other. The community are also very good at looking out for those who needed help, financially and practically. No one is left out.

We live at a time where the individual is "king". It is easy to become very insular and to think only about ourselves – our needs and wants. But there is lots of evidence to show that giving our time and energy, even our cash to bless others, is very good for us. Studies have shown that people who are generous are more likely to be satisfied with their lives and careers.

Giving is not just about giving money – you can give your time, your skills, your talents. Giving also has a ripple effect – when you give you get a greater awareness of the needs in your community. Everyone can make a big difference, through small acts, small amounts of money and time.

A few weeks ago, we had a Love your Churchyard clear-up. Thank you to all those who were able to come along at short notice and give their time to tidy up parts of the churchyard – and thank you for the lovely refreshments provided! Last weekend was the Open Gardens – once again Thank you for opening your beautiful gardens and sharing your talents with everyone. Thank you too to all who worked so hard serving teas, selling plants, books etc. It was a fantastic effort and enjoyed by many.

We read in the Gospel of Luke that Jesus was critical of people who did things for personal glory, to make themselves seem more important than others. While in the synagogue one day he looked up and "saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." Luke 21: 1-4

We all have something to offer to others – our time, our gifts and talents, our expertise, our money. Not only will our giving benefit them – it has the effect of being very good for us too! What might you do to surprise or bless a friend or neighbour this month?

*Rev'd Yvonne Mullins*

## HOLY TRINITY SERVICE DATES

Date	Time	Service	Rector
23 Jul	9.30am	Holy Communion	Yvonne Mullins
30 Jul	10.00am	Benefice Service	Yvonne Mullins
6 Aug	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Visiting Clergy
13 Aug	10.00am	*Songs of Praise with band * in marquee at recreation ground	Yvonne Mullins
27 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion	Visiting Clergy
3 Sep	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Lay Led
10 Sep	9.30am	Holy Communion	Yvonne Mullins
24 Sep	9.30am	Holy Communion	To be confirmed

## "Love Your Churchyard"

Thanks to everyone who came and helped at the 'Love your Churchyard' event on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

It was great to see so many of you and 'many hands made light work'. The borders now look so much better.

Special thanks to Linda Gillham for her wonderful cakes which we all enjoyed with a cup of tea!



The latest post box topper:





# VPA NEWS

The **VPA Show 2023** is nearly here!

Time to get your vegetables sorted, flowers tended and all your arts and crafts ready.

The show is open to all competitors, you don't have to be a Drayton Parslow resident to enter. So get your friends involved, let's make this the best show ever. Lots of different classes to enter, don't be shy, give it a go.

If you haven't received your show schedule yet or you need extras for friends and family, contact **Linda 07851 077684**.

*Can all winners from last year please return cups/trophies to Linda 34 Main Road D/P by 1st August. Thank you.*



As in previous years the **marquee** will be going up on the Thursday before the show (10th August). If you are able to help please come down to the recreation ground at 6pm. Helpers get a free drink from the bar when it's all finished.

This will be the last time **Roger Spanswick** will be in charge of guiding everyone in putting the marquee up.

We would like to say a huge

# Thank you!

to Roger for all his many years of dedication to the VPA. You've definitely earned a rest.

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This year we are having a **Scarecrow competition**.

Make your scarecrow (any theme) and display outside your property by 10am on Friday 11th August ready for judging. Winner to be announced at the show. No fee for this, just remember to let us know you are entering so we know where to send the judge!!

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If you would like to help at the show please contact Linda 07851 077684 or call at 34 Main Road, either stewarding for the class judge or helping out on a stall, we will be very grateful. The more helpers there are the smoother the show runs. It is great fun, we are a lovely group of people!!

Finally don't forget our **NEW EVENT** coming up:

## The Glitz and Glamour Ball on September 30th.

Tickets are £40 per head, this includes a three course meal and an evening of entertainment.

The VPA are subsidising this event to keep the ticket price more affordable, come and have a good meal, dance the night away with friends.



Places must be booked by 1st September. For more information ask Linda or one of the VPA team

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Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 12th August.

**Linda Fedoriw**

**07851 077684 / 34 Main Road**



## Village Songs of Praise with Live Band

*In the Marquee at the Recreation Ground  
10am Sunday 13th August*

*We are delighted to have the **Turf Tappers** back with us again*



*Even if you never come to Church – please join us for this informal and fun Songs of Praise. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome!*

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**Date for your Diary** – our **Celebration Harvest Songs of Praise** will be on Sunday 22nd October at 12.30 pm with the **Turf Tappers** live band followed by a lunch in the Church.



Well done to the  
**Drayton Parslow CC Juniors**  
 on completing the  
**2023 summer cricket camp.**

Thank you to our brilliant coach  
**M. Ajmal** and amazing parents for  
 supporting the club.  
 Congratulations to DRAYTON  
 PARSLOW CC future:  
**Chloe, Joe, Aaron, Sam, Lincoln,  
 Harry, Albie, Owen, M Irtiza, Evelyn,  
 Ismail & Suleiman**



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

<http://draytonparslowparishcouncil.org.uk/> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DraytonParslowPC/>

### Planning

If you wish to receive updates regarding planning matters, please register with the Buckinghamshire Council website where all the latest applications and updates can be found. Within your own profile you will be able to track applications and receive notifications for all applications made within the Parish Boundary.

[Registration \(aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk\)](http://aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk)

Contact the clerk via email for a copy of our [How to Register Guide](#)



### Allotments

We currently have no vacant allotments if you are interest in a plot and would like to be added to the waiting list please contact the Clerk for details [draytonparslowclerk@gmail.com](mailto:draytonparslowclerk@gmail.com)

**Dates for the Diary** Full Council Meetings: All at 7:30pm at Greenacre Hall  
 31st July - 25th September - 30th October 2023

## Calendar of bin collection dates for August & September 2023 (Be a “Binfluencer”)

One change to the normal schedule due to the Bank Holiday at the end of August.

Collection Day		Green bin (Landfill)	Blue bin (Recycling)	Brown bin (Garden)	Food caddy (Food)
Tue	01/08/2023		✓	✓	✓
Tue	08/08/2023	✓			✓
Tue	15/08/2023		✓	✓	✓
Tue	22/08/2023	✓			✓
Wed	30/08/2023		✓	✓	✓
Tue	05/09/2023	✓			✓
Tue	12/09/2023		✓	✓	✓
Tue	19/09/2023	✓			✓

**Binfluencer**  
 (bin-flu-enc-er):

The person on your street who always puts their wheelie bins out first on bin day and the rest of the neighbours follow.



# Quiz Time #20 with thanks to Susan Piddock

1. Which year of the twentieth century saw three British monarchs on the throne?
2. Which famous store closed in 2009 after 99 years?
3. Which grape variety shares its name with the capital of Oman?
4. Apart from Anne Boleyn, which other wife of Henry VIII was beheaded?
5. What present day country was ruled by Akbar the Great in the 16th Century?
6. In the nursery rhyme Goosey Goosey Gander – why was the old man thrown down the stairs?
7. Which Queen is played by Olivia Coleman in the film *The Favourite*?
8. Who was the first person to sail round the world single-handed and non-stop?
9. What drink is known as Adam's Ale?
10. What is the second book of the bible?
11. Captain Blade is the mascot for which football club?



12. Which two creatures feature on the Australian Coat of Arms?
13. Which British politician escaped from Colditz only to be killed by the IRA in 1979?
14. What was moved from Waterloo to St Pancras in 2007?
15. Whose restaurant would you be visiting if you dined at The Fat Duck in Bray, Berkshire?

## The Fat Duck

(Answers below)

15. Heston Blumenthal
14. The Eurostar Terminal
13. Airey Neave
12. Emu and kangaroo
11. Sheffield United
10. Exodus
9. Water
8. Sir Robin Knox Johnson

7. Queen Anne
6. He wouldn't say his prayers
5. India
4. Kathryn Howard
3. Muscat
2. Woolworths
1. 1936 - George V, Edward VIII and George VI

Answers to quiz on this page:



# Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club

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

## REMINDER: Sunday Sessions



The clubhouse is open every Sunday lunchtime (12noon-2.30pm). All are welcome!

It was great to see people in the village come down for the Sunday BBQ in June, thank you for coming!



## Last of the Cricket matches for the summer

Is there anything better than sitting and watching cricket with a cold drink in your hand on a summer's day?! We thought not! 😊 The last of the cricket home games are listed below. All welcome to come and watch.

### Saturday Home Game List (13:30 start):

- 5th August
- 26th August

For details on all things cricket, please contact Asad on: [Draytonparslowcricket@gmail.com](mailto:Draytonparslowcricket@gmail.com) / 07401 317071.

## Mobile Post Office



The Mobile Post Office continues to operate out of the clubhouse on a **Tuesday morning (9.30am – 11am)**, serving all of your Post Office needs.



## Bingo Dates (Monthly, Saturday Evenings):

Forthcoming dates for bingo are:

- 19<sup>th</sup> August

As always, all are welcome at Bingo. Eyes down at 8pm!

## Regular cards sessions

Whist: Tuesday evenings, 7pm - 10pm.

### Abbey Smith Bridge Club:

Thursday Evening: 7pm - 10pm

Beginner Lessons: Friday 11.30am - 1pm

Friday Afternoon: 2pm - 4.30pm

Please contact Abbey on [abbeybridgelessons@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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.



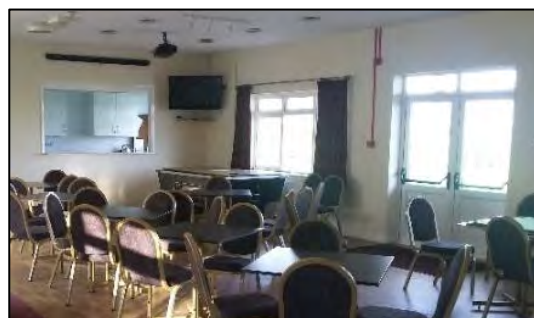
## Hall Hire

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 £15 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 Fedoriv on 07851 077684 for hire availability.



## Vacancy at The Three Schools—Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor Role



### Overview of the role

We are looking to employ an enthusiastic, well organised and nurturing Teaching Assistant to support pupils with Special Educational Needs to achieve their potential, at our lovely village schools. This post also includes a lunchtime supervision role.

### Start Date

**1st September 2023** — Fixed Term contract until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

### Potential Hours

Monday to Friday (8.30am to 1.15pm) (Bucks Pay scale 1B Point 6 – FTE £20,297)

### About The Three Schools

Our schools are at the heart of their village communities, providing happy, safe and stimulating environments, rooted in Christian values. Working together with our parents, we nurture each child's potential and promote a lifelong love of learning. We encourage our children to become independent, self-motivated learners to enable them to grow in self-esteem, achieve success and flourish in the rapidly changing world. We strive for excellence and enjoyment in all that we do. With delightful children and dedicated staff, 'The Three Schools' offer the perfect start to a school career.

### About the Role

We need someone who is kind, caring and supportive. We're looking for a team player who wants the best for all our children and support those who need that little bit extra. The successful candidate will work with individuals and groups of children to support learning, supervise and care for children, carry out administrative tasks and support children during lunchtimes.

### The ideal candidate will have;

- Experience of establishing successful learning relationships with a variety of pupils at the relevant age.
- Experience of the role of a TA and in particular classroom organisation and management.
- Experience of working with pupils with SEN (Special Educational Needs).
- Experience of supporting the planning and delivery of the curriculum.
- Vision aligned with The Three Schools' high aspirations and high expectations of self and others.

**This role would be suitable either for a candidate who has prior experience working with children with SEN or for a graduate who is looking to begin a career in teaching.**

### Safeguarding

The Three Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointments made are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

### For further information

Please contact the Mr May via Drayton Parslow School Office — [office@draytonparslow.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@draytonparslow.bucks.sch.uk)

# Drayton Parslow Royal Celebrations by Jeremy Lee

There were two royal celebrations in the village in the 1930s. The information about them comes from the Minute Book of the Committees that organized the events. There were a number of meetings of the General, Sports and Catering Committees associated with both events and the Minute Book of those meetings has been kindly loaned to me by Judith MacDonald. The minutes were taken by Judith's parents, Frank and Marie Tattam.

The 6th of May 1935 was declared a Bank Holiday to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V. The Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee first met on 25th March 1935 in the Carrington Hall in Main Road. Carrington Hall is now a house, but it was built in 1847 as a Primitive Methodist Chapel. It became the village hall after the much grander Methodist Chapel was built in Main Road opposite the Rec in 1913.

The Committee were Alfred Young, Frederick Cox, Sidney Jackman, Frank Tattam, Arthur Pitkin snr, Frederick Hounslow jnr, Robert Lilley, George Stone, Ronald Sibley, Joseph Line jnr, Joe Walduck, Sidney Wenman, Albert Tattam, William Greenacre, Cyril Jackman and Arthur Pitkin jnr. It was agreed to invite any women who were interested, to attend future meetings, but there is no evidence that any did. However, the Rector, Rev William Lucas, attended, and chaired, later meetings.

Although only men were on the Committee, they did represent a good cross section of the village, with farmers, small holders, a retired baker, a worker at the brickworks, a railway labourer, a Bucks County Council labourer and several farmworkers. The oldest member of the Committee was 64 whilst the youngest was about 18.

The celebrations were to include a Tea for all children up to 16 years of age, and, if they could raise enough money, for all the inhabitants of the village. All children would receive a Silver Jubilee mug and Sports events would be held in the Rec, followed by a dance in the evening at the school and a bonfire would be lit.

To pay for the festivities, a house-to-house collection was made, with Frederick Hounslow and Robert Lilley collecting "below the Methodist Church" whilst William Greenacre and Albert Tattam collected above. In addition, it was agreed to write to various local dignitaries, including Lord Carrington, for further support. Rev Lucas offered to provide the Jubilee mugs for the children.

Arthur Pitkin jnr, Charles Tattam, Robert Lilley, George Stone, Ronald Sibley and Joseph Line jnr were the Sports Committee and Rev. Lucas, Alfred Young and Arthur Pitkin nominated "two ladies from each place of worship to serve on the catering committee". The Rev Lucas represented the Church, and Alfred Young was a leading member of the Baptist Chapel, so I assume Arthur Pitkin was a member of the Methodist congregation.

The Sports included separate girls and boys flat races over 100 yards (about 90 metres). They raced in different age groups - 6 to 8, 8 to 10, 10 to 12 and 12 to 14. There was also a skipping race (for which the children had to provide their own rope), a three-legged race and a sack race open to all children.

The women's events included an Egg and Spoon race and a 'Potato' race, both over 100 yards. A 'Potato' race involved collecting a number of potatoes as quickly as possible! There was also a sack race, thankfully only over 60 yards, and flat races. The flat races were divided into age groups, with the youngest group aged 14 to 20 and the oldest group was 30 to 50.

The men's events included the high jump for age 14 -17 and 17+ years, a 120-yard hurdle race and a 100-yard slow bicycle race. There were also 100-yard flat races divided into 14 to 17, 17 to 30, 30 to 40, 40 to 50 and 50+ age groups, a 'Race Round the Field', and a 100-yard three-legged race and wheelbarrow race.

The Rector's wife, Mrs Florence Lucas, presented the prizes whilst William J Amos (Lower End Farm), Rev Lucas, Harry North (Kingsland Farm) and John Higgs acted as judges, with Arthur Pitkin as starter and the Sports Committee acting as stewards.

The children's sports started at 2pm, with the tea at 4pm and the adult sports at 6pm. The bonfire was lit at 9pm and the dance, at the school, started at the same time. Music for the dance came from a wireless provided by Arthur Pitkin and a gramophone provided by Rev F N Greenwell, the Methodist Minister.

# Drayton Parslow Royal Celebrations continued

The Coronation of King George VI was on the 12th of May 1937. Preparations in the village started with a meeting on 23rd February in the Carrington Hall.

Most of the members of the Jubilee Committee were involved again, but this time the Committee was bigger and included a number of women (most were wives of men also on the Committee). Among the new members were George and Amy Cullis, Harry and Annie North, Frank and Felicia Buckley, William Sayell (Chestnut Farm) and Mrs Jessie Bland (the School teacher). Catering and Sports Committees were set up, formed of men and women from the main Committee.

Again, a house-to-house collection was made to pay for the festivities, with Frederick Hounslow, George Cullis, William Greenacre and Alec Pantling collecting. They collected 14 pounds and 6 pence which was added to the 3 pounds, 8 shillings and 2½ pence left over from the Jubilee funds. Mrs Marjorie Thrale provided souvenirs for the children and Rev Lucas provided Coronation mugs.

The Sports Committee, chaired by William Willis, agreed events largely the same as those held for the Jubilee. However, there were some differences. These included the addition of a children's High Jump open to all under 14s, a women's over-50s 100-yard flat race and, for the men the addition of a Tug of War (married v single men). The 1st prize for the Tug of War was a 1 shilling packet of players cigarettes with a 6 pence packet for Second. The prizes for the children's events were 1st 1 shilling and 3 pence, 2nd 9 pence and 3rd 6 pence, and for the adult events 1st prize 1 and 6, 2nd 1 shilling. For the Fancy Dress there were two classes, under 14 and over 14, with two prizes for each class, plus a prize for the "most original costume".

The Catering Committee, chaired by Harry North, agreed to cater for 275 people. It was decided to purchase 70lbs of English beef and ham, 10 shillings worth of pickles, mustard, etc, 24lbs loaf sugar, 15lbs butter (half Danish, half Aylesbury), 3lbs Lyons best tea, 20lbs of brown bread and 80lbs of white bread from Mr Dickens and Mr Janes and 50 shillings of cakes and pastries. In addition, Harry North and Joseph Line (Manor Farm) would provide, between them, 4 gallons of milk. Mrs Buckley's, Mrs Maud Tattam's and the School's coppers were to be used to prepare the tea.

The day started with a United Service at 9.30am and a poppy wreath was laid at the War memorial by Mrs Sarah Tarbox. The Fancy Dress costumes were judged at 11.30am at the Recreation Ground before the parade set off to the War memorial, and 'The Turn' (the junction of Main Road and Highway) before returning to the Rec with Frank and George Tattam the Parade Marshalls. Prizes were provided by Mr Thrale, Frank Tattam and Alex Pantling. There was also a prize for the best decorated house as judged by Mrs Thrale and Mrs Lucas. First prize was 5 shillings and second prize was 2 shillings and 6 pence. The starter for sports events was again Arthur Pitkin jnr with Mr Bland, Sidney Jackman and William Amos acting as judges and Mrs Lucas presenting the prizes.

After the sports there was the Social in the school. Music was provided by Frank Buckley's Radio Gram with Charles Tattam acting as Master of Ceremonies. Arthur Pitkin jnr and Frederick Hounslow were the door keepers and soft drinks were sold. There was considerable debate about whether to provide beer. Mr Thrale offered to provide one pint of beer for every man over 18 at 7pm at the Recreation Ground. The minutes aren't entirely clear, but it looks like that was eventually agreed.

Annie North (wife of Harry), Ethel Heley (wife of Frederick), Mrs Pitkin snr, Mrs Pitkin jnr, Mrs Buckley and Mrs Marie Tattam were in charge of organizing the tea. The tea and beer were taken to elderly people who couldn't attend the event.

There is an intriguing note at the end of the minutes. It says, "It was agreed that the young men working in the village from the Distressed Areas should be invited to join in the Sports". I think this refers to men who came to the village to work as a result of the 1934 Special Areas Act. The Act attempted to address the high levels of unemployment that followed the Wall Street Crash of 1929. The act tried to encourage businesses to start up in areas of high unemployment and to help people to relocate to areas of the country where work was available. I suspect that that among those was Michael Stapleton, whose name appears on our War Memorial. Michael was born in Ireland but spent many years lodging at Ivy Cottage with the Lilley's whilst working on village farms.

# Drayton Parslow Royal Celebrations continued

Finally, inside the minute book there are some slips of paper on which someone has recorded the results of the sports events. These are some of the results:

**Childrens Fancy Dress**, 1st Albert and Doris Hounslow, 2nd Norman Poole, 3rd Joyce Higgs with Most Original Costume 1st Vera Tattam, 2nd Mildred North,

**Adult Fancy Dress**, 1st Mrs George Stone, 2nd Mrs E Pitkin, 3rd Mrs W Willis with Most Original Costume 1st Andrew Brandon, 2nd Mrs G Tattam

**Best Decorated House**, 1st Mr and Mrs Frank Tattam, 2nd Mr and Mrs William Willis  
3-Legged Race, 1st Winnie and Joyce Tattam, 2nd Joyce Higgs and Vera Tattam

**High Jump 14-17** 1st Jack Bates, 2nd John Higgs

It looks like most of the village were involved one way or another.

2023

## Drayton Parslow Open Gardens

Tea, Cake and Ice Cream

Ten beautiful gardens were opened on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July to raise money for Holy Trinity restoration and toilet extension. **We had over 220 visitors who seemed to enjoy their visit and raised £1900.** Thank you to everyone who opened their garden and especially to Emma and Rob Wilson who hosted teas in their beautiful garden at the Manor House. Thanks also to everyone who helped over the weekend, made cakes, and donated plants.



Teddy Dimmock enjoying cake at  
The Manor House Garden.  
He was with there with his mummy Charlotte and  
Grandmother Karen.





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## Your Summer Garden

with thanks to Gill Gallon formerly of Potash Nursery

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

### Jobs for the garden

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

### Topical Tips –Summer Watering

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

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

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



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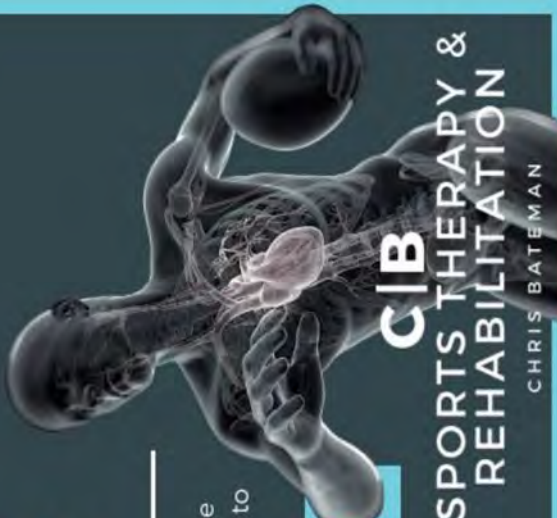
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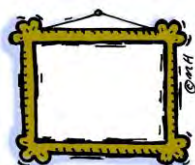
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