



DRAYTON PARSLOW VILLAGE NEWS



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August	
2 Aug	Friday Club, The Three Horseshoes, 2:30pm
3 Aug	Charity Afternoon Tea, DPSSC, 2pm - 4:30pm
9 Aug	Scarecrow Competition Judging.
10 Aug	VPA Annual Village Show (see page 8)
17 Aug	Yoga in the garden (see back page)
17 Aug	Bingo, DPSSC 8pm
18 Aug	Café Church, DPSSC 10am
September	
6 Sep	Friday Club, The Three Horseshoes, 2:30pm
9 & 10 Sep	Bridge Taster Sessions - DPSSC, see page 11
15 Sep	Café Church, DPSSC 10am
21 Sep	Bingo, DPSSC 8pm
23 Sep	PC Meeting, Carrington Room 7:30pm
Further ahead	
28 Oct	PC Meeting, Carrington Room 7:30pm
9 Nov	VPA Ball Glitz & Glamour Ball
25 Nov	PC Meeting, Carrington Room 7:30pm

NEXT ISSUE

Contributions, articles and photos for the **October/November** issue by no later than **Friday, August 30th 2024** please to the Village News mailbox dpvillagenews@outlook.com or by hand to **Sally Wallis (10 Prospect Close / 720030) or Andy Darnley (Tamara, 3b Main Road / 720383).**



Greenacre Hall (Village Hall)

For hall bookings please telephone Carol 01296 720741

Bucks Unsung Heroes

We are all incredibly proud of our very own Buckinghamshire Unsung Hero, **Linda Fedoriv**. Linda was nominated for all the voluntary work she has done organising events especially for the VPA and the Sports and Social club for at least the last twenty five years. Her contributions to the village were officially recognised at a garden party held by the Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, the Countess Howe to celebrate Unsung Heroes from across the county.



The afternoon tea was delicious, the brass band played beautifully, and we had a great chat with the Lord-Lieutenant about her impressive heady lemon-scented magnolia trees

Remember to check the village website for up to date Village News issues and local village walks.

The website is draytonparslowvillage.wordpress.com

Rector's Musings...

Village Fetes



Michael Bracewell defines a village fete as:

"Part country fair, part a sale of home-grown and locally made produce, part a celebration of village community, the English fête is a social institution which seems forever locked in some idyll of rural Englishness, unchanged since the 1920s. The English regard their fêtes as the moral triumph of amateurism - that kind of 'backbone of the nation, it's the little things that count' mentality, which is weaved inextricably into the national mythology."

The Drayton Parslow fete this year was indeed a real celebration of the village community. While we were setting up tables and games in the morning, we were praying that the dark clouds that surrounded us would fly past and that we would get a rain free afternoon. It couldn't have worked out better!

A huge thank you to the Greaves family for the use of their lovely garden and to each and every person who planned, helped, donated, baked, served, and came along to make it a true village fete. Of course, we were also really blessed to have the Giocosso Band set up in the centre of the garden, providing a wide variety of musical delights, so a huge thank you to them too! The village fete was a bumper success on all fronts, and we raised a lot of much needed money!

Fundraising is hard work! It may surprise you to know that Holy Trinity Church has to be looked after and maintained solely by the parishioners of Drayton Parslow. The Church of England does not contribute to the upkeep of the churchyard or church at all. The church also has to pay the annual Parish Share to the Diocese of Oxford.

This is not an insignificant amount especially for a small village. As a Benefice, this year the 5 Parishes have to pay £71,178.00 to the Diocese. This is divided up according to each village size, population etc. The Parish Share is used to pay for clergy and clergy housing – so in our Benefice that means paying towards 2 houses and clergy.

To help churches to raise funds Oxford Diocese have a Parish Giving Scheme – you can sign up and give a regular annual, monthly or "one off" donation to a specific church (**all** money donated goes to that specific church). In the same way we might sponsor a donkey, we can also sponsor our church!

You just go to parishgiving.org.uk and type in your location and then click on the Purple church marked Drayton Parslow. I tried it a few months ago to surprise Richard, our Treasurer, and can confirm that it is a very easy process and the donation arrived in the parish bank account!

We all want the parish church to be there for future generations and this is one of the ways we can play our part in ensuring that it is. I don't like to talk about money but as the saying goes "money makes the world go around", it also helps the village church survive!

Rev'd Yvonne Mullins

HOLY TRINITY SERVICE DATES

Date	Time	Service	Rector
4 Aug	9.30am	Morning Worship	Linda Church
11 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion	Linda Church
18 Aug	10am	Café Church – Sports & Social Club	Lay Led
25 Aug	11am	Benefice Service at Newton Longville	Jane Grimmette/ Linda Church
1 Sep	9.30am	Morning Worship	Lay Led
8 Sep	9.30am	Holy Communion	tbc
15 Sep	10am	Café Church – Sports & Social Club	Lay Led
22 Sep	9.30am	Holy Communion	tbc
29 Sep	10am	Benefice Service at Holy Trinity	tbc



Holy Trinity Church Garden Fete

The Church Fete was back on Saturday 8th June after five years, and held in the beautiful gardens of The Old Rectory. We were blessed with some warm sunny weather, and the Giocosso Concert Band who entertained us all afternoon. **£2,269** was raised for Church Funds thanks to all the hard work of helpers and organisers, and special thanks to Patty and Mark for inviting us into their garden.



Wedding bells have been ringing for



Rosalyn Piddock and Chris Williams who were married at Holy Trinity Church on 18th May. The marriage service was conducted by Rev. Yvonne Mullins. During her talk, Yvonne presented the couple with a celebration bottle of wine, a candle to light on anniversaries, and a 'Winnie the Pooh' cushion to remind them of one of their chosen readings.

'If you live to be a 100, I want to live to be a 100 minus one day, so I never have to live without you.'

Winnie the Pooh

And for... ..

Isabel Greaves and Tom Huddart who were married at Holy Trinity Church on 22nd June. The marriage service was conducted by family friend, Rev. Canon Poppy Hughes.



After the service, the couple were transported around the village in a pony and cart before returning to the Old Rectory for their wedding reception.



Drayton Parslow History

"A Walk through Drayton in 1798: Part 2"

will be featured in the October/November edition of the Drayton Parslow Village News

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 one vacant allotment if you are interest in a plot please contact the Clerk for details draytonparslowclerk@gmail.com



Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Jilly Jordan attended our recent meeting providing updates a copy of the full report can be found on the Parish Council Website.

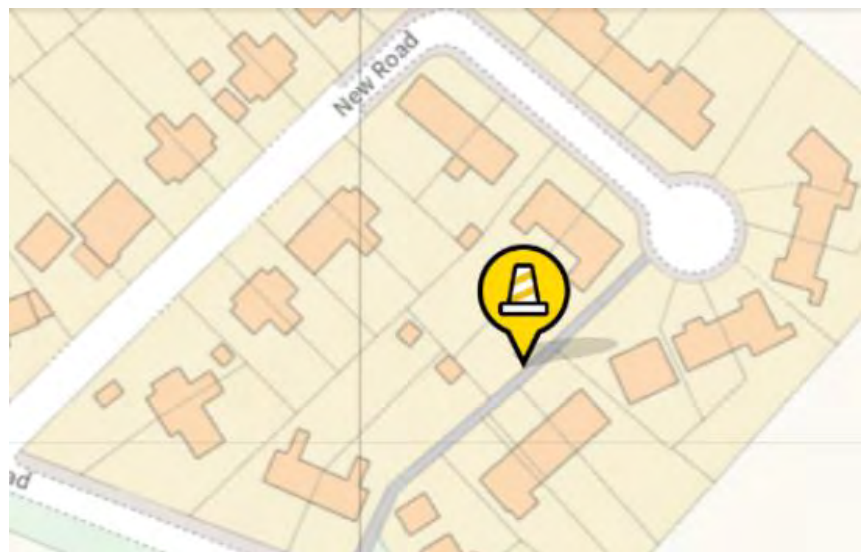
[Buckinghamshire Council Updates – Drayton Parslow Parish Council \(wordpress.com\)](#)

Street Light LED Upgrade

The parish council hosted an information event in March which was well attended. One of the topics discussed was a proposed upgrade to LED Lamps for our street lighting. The benefits of LED Lamps are they are more energy efficient and cost effective. The Parish Council have due to parts being obsolete upgraded a single lamp which we would like to invite residents to view.

The new lamp can be located in New Road as shown in the map.

Please send your comments to the Parish Clerk
draytonparslowclerk@gmail.com



Vacancies for Parish Councillor

The Parish Council has recently co-opted Cllr Richard Wemyss to the Council. He is already showing enthusiasm and is a welcome addition to the team having strong connections with village assets including the Greenacre Hall, Church and Allotments. We have an additional application to consider but still remain short of full capacity.

- Do you want to serve your Community?
- Do you have time or expertise which could benefit your Community?
- Do you want to make a difference to all those around you?
- Are you concerned about your local area?
- Do you want to represent the views of local people?

If so, please contact the Clerk for an application form by email: draytonparslowclerk@gmail.com

Upper and Lower Recreation grounds

Following developments with the Drayton Parslow Cricket Club and after discussions with the Greenacre Hall and the Sports and Social Club the council has decided to suspend the playing of cricket on the upper rec for the foreseeable future. As discussed at the Parish Information Event earlier in the year, the Council is continuing to explore the options for levelling the field (funded by grant monies) to increase the range of possible uses and therefore improving it as a facility to support a broader range of activities by residents of the village.

The Council has recently used a contractor to undertake repairs to the play equipment and surfaces in the lower rec and reattached the netting on the roof of the MUGA.

Drayton Parslow Neighbourhood plan

After a number of delays beyond the Council's control, we have now received the final comments from the independent inspector retained by Buckinghamshire Council to check that our plan is sound. We have made the changes he requested and have submitted the finished plan and supporting documents to Bucks. We hope that we will therefore move to a vote (referendum) on the plan. This is a formal process with a polling station in the usual way and will require a simple majority to pass and be "made" and therefore in effect. The Council will provide more details as we have them.

Drayton Common Land Trustee Fund Annual Distribution 2024

The applications for 2023 have now been considered and awards should have been paid directly to your utility bill provider. If you have not received the award please contact the Clerk T:07516344248

E: draytonparslowclerk@gmail.com

For 2024 the Trustees hope to reach more of the community offering support to anyone in need. If you or someone you know live in Drayton Parslow and are currently finding it difficult to afford essential things, you might be eligible for a grant from the Drayton Common Land Trust Fund. These grant criteria will be as follows:

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

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

Villagers can nominate themselves or can nominate a neighbour, friend or acquaintance who might be reluctant to apply on their own behalf. All applications and distributions from the fund are handled in confidence. The closing date for applications is 18th November 2024 as the grants will be decided at the meeting on the 25th November 2024. To be eligible, even if you have received credits from this Fund in the past, you need to apply by completing the application form which can be obtained from the Clerk. T:07516344248

E: draytonparslowclerk@gmail.com

Dates for the Diary

Full Council Meetings will be held on the below dates in the Carrington Room Greenacre Hall

No Meeting	August 2024
23rd September 2024	7:30pm
28th October 2024	7:30pm
25th November 2024	7:30pm
No Meeting	December 2024

Celebrating Weddings in Drayton Parslow

Holy Trinity Church hosted a wedding exhibition on Sunday 19th May, serving tea and homemade cake. The Church was full of wedding flowers, and it was an honour to display photographs of past village weddings, some going back over 80 years to the present day. Many came and enjoyed the flowers, teas and the sharing of happy memories. Here are just a few of the photographs.



Rosemary & Sid Hounslow - July 1957
Sid and Rosemary lived opposite each other in Drayton Parslow, but actually met at the village youth club in the old Carrington Hall. Sid became Churchwarden in 1948 at the age of 25 and served for 55 years. They lived in Main Road where Rosemary still lives, in a house they built. They had two children, Sue Spavins and Ian Hounslow

Edward & Margareta Nicholls

19th March 1949

Margareta (nee Pike) was one of 12 children, born in Canning Town, East London in 1927. During the second world war, she was evacuated to Somerset and her parents moved to Drayton Parslow to escape the bombs. Edward was born in 1924 and came from Bedford and served in the Navy. The couple were originally pen pals; they met and fell in love when Margareta was just 16. They were married until 1994 when Edward sadly passed away, having made their home in Newton Longville from 1959 after living in Bedford.





Anstee Curtis & Jean Cox - 11th January 1947
Anstee Charles Curtis (known as Charlie) and Jean (Linda Fedoriw's parents) are pictured on the steps of the Methodist Chapel. They lived in Station Road Mursley until October 1966, when they moved to 29 Main Road Drayton Parslow to care for Jean's father, Fred Cox, after the death of his wife Clara. They had five children, four girls and a boy. Charlie was the milk delivery man for Mursley until his death in 1985, and Jean was the caretaker at Drayton Parslow School for many years.



Raymond & Jean Kirk - 10th June 1960
Also pictured outside the Methodist Church are Jean and Raymond Kirk who met at a dance in Bletchley. Jean was from Drayton Parslow and Raymond was from neighbouring Mursley.

Marie & Frank Tattam - 19th September 1936



Pictured in the Rectory Garden, Marie and Frank both lived in Drayton Parslow. Marie worked in the village school and Frank was a church warden and bell ringer. They had two children, Keith Tattam and Judith McDonald, and lived in a bungalow on Main Road where Newmans Courtyard now stands.



VPA SHOW

August 10th 2024



Has Summer arrived yet? I really hope so!

Everyone should have received a schedule for this year's village show, if you haven't received one and you'd like one or you need an extra one for a friend just let Linda know (07851077684 or come and collect one from 34 Main Road).

It's been a hectic time for our very small team (there are only 4 of us) getting everything in place for the VPA Show, let's hope the weather is kind to us this year.

We won't be putting up the marquee this year, it really is hard work and our small band of loyal helpers are not getting any younger, all show exhibits will be displayed in the Greenacre Hall.

Please have a look through the schedule and have a go at entering one or some of the classes. The floral arrangement section usually has very few entries, have a go, all entries welcome. Let's put on a really eye catching show.

Keep the kids occupied preparing some handicrafts for the Children's sections.

Don't forget the adult classes too!!

Please could all winners from last year return the Cups/Trophy's by 1st August to Linda.

The main show opens at 2pm.

Please note the new time for the Dog Show.

We will be starting this at 11am, our judge this year is Emily Freeman from GOLDEN GROOMERS in Swanbourne.

Don't forget the evening event!!

We have live entertainment from **LAUREN** and the amazing **'G'ELVIS** in the Greenacre Hall. There will be food available to purchase and the bar will be open in the Sports & Social Club. There is no entry charge for this event, so come on down and enjoy a family friendly evening. We need your support!!

If you'd like to help out in any way please drop Linda a message (07851 077684) or come and knock on the door at 34 Main Road. Any help will be really appreciated.

Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you all at the show!

SCARECROW COMPETITION

Be as creative as you like
- no set theme

No entry fee for this competition



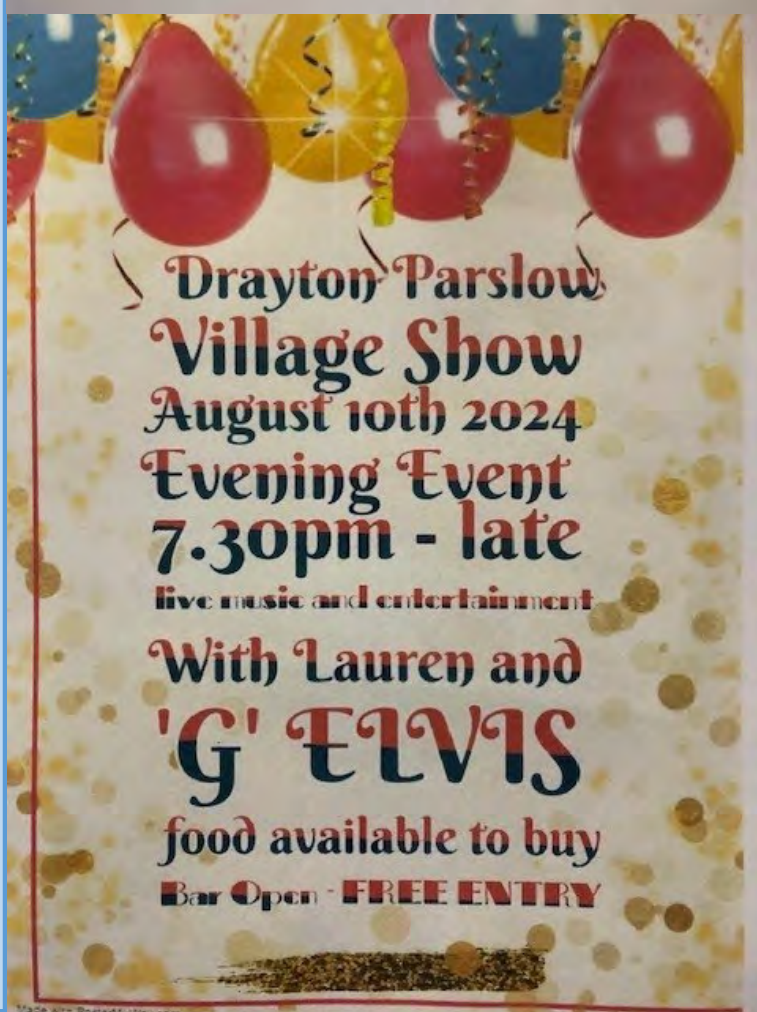
Just let Linda know that you will be entering

Using the entry form on the schedule or 07851077684

34 Main Road D.P.

Have your Scarecrow outside and ready to be judged by 10am on Friday 9th August

Winner will be announced at the VPA Show On Saturday 10th



Drayton Parslow Village Show

August 10th 2024

Evening Event

7.30pm - late

live music and entertainment

With Lauren and 'G' ELVIS

food available to buy

Bar Open - FREE ENTRY

GRASS CUTTING

A HUGE THANK YOU to Bob Smith who has taken over the cutting of the grass in the big rec.

This was previously done by the cricket team, but Bob was asked to step in by the Parish Council as there is no cricket this year and what a fantastic job he is doing. Well done Bob and thank you very much, it really does look neat and tidy.

Drayton Parslow Village School update

As the school year is winding to a close we try to take some time to reflect – which is easier said than done when there is so much still happening!!!

Throughout the past 11 months there have been so many things taking place, in order to help the children to develop their knowledge, understanding and social awareness. Across the school we have had visits to such amazing historic buildings as Windsor Castle, Hampton Court Palace and Waddesdon Manor. We have also made visits to local markets, post offices, supermarkets and libraries, not to mention strawberry picking. We have taken part in events to raise money for the school and charities, such as a 'Colour Run' (which resulted in everyone washing dye from their hair and bodies for weeks), the Harvest Festival and commemorations for Remembrance Day. Throughout all of these experiences the children from Drayton Parslow School have represented themselves, the school and the community with distinction – a real credit.

A big 'Thank You!' is needed to everyone within the school community for their ongoing support. For some people there is considerable involvement, which we appreciate takes up a lot of your time and effort, whilst for others it might be small actions such as giving a smile and a wave to the children as they arrive and leave school – it is all appreciated.

Those of you who have been involved over the past year (and more before that) may wish to join us in sending best wishes and fond memories to Lorna Sandman and Jan Aldridge, who are retiring after working so hard for so many years. They will certainly be leaving a hole in the school community and will be missed.

So; to our eldest children, we wish you well as you travel on to your new school; to our other pupils we look forward to welcoming you back into your new classes in September; and to those joining us in September we hope that you have an exciting summer and bring lots of energy as you start your school journey.

NOTE:

We do still have a couple of spaces across the school, details of which can be sought from the school office (office@draytonparslow.bucks.sch.uk 01296 720306).

We hope to be able to continue working with so many of you during the next school year. Until then please have a lovely summer.

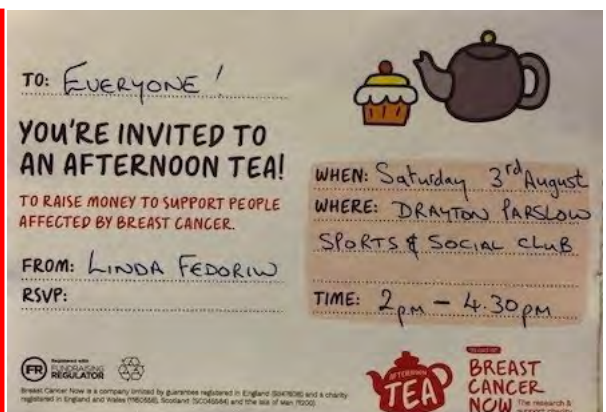
Charity Afternoon Tea

Saturday August 3rd

Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club

2pm - 4:30pm

To raise money to support people affected by breast cancer.





Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club

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

Village Rounders and BBQ – thank you for coming!

We had around 60+ people attend the Village Rounders and BBQ at the end of June, it was brilliant to see so many of you there. Everyone seemed to have fun whether they played or watched 😊

Bingo Dates (Monthly, Saturday Evenings):

Forthcoming dates for bingo are:

- 17th August
- 21st September

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



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.

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 or 07891 586410 with any questions you may have about sessions either face-to-face in the club building, or virtual sessions.

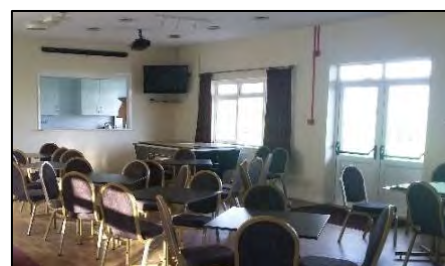


Hall Hire

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 Fedoriw on 07851 077684 for hire availability.



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Usage is subject to availability.

Be a “Binfluencer”

Calendar of bin collection dates for

August & September 2024

Collection Day		Green bin (Landfill)	Blue bin (Recycling)	Brown bin (Garden)	Food caddy (Food)
Tue	06/08/2024	✓			✓
Tue	13/08/2024		✓	✓	✓
Tue	20/08/2024	✓			✓
Wed	28/08/2024		✓	✓	✓
Tue	03/09/2024	✓			✓
Tue	10/09/2024		✓	✓	✓
Tue	17/09/2024	✓			✓
Tue	24/09/2024		✓	✓	✓

Note the change of day at the end of August due to the Bank Holiday

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.



* BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND *

Drayton Parslow VPA

Glitz and Glamour Ball

Saturday November 9th

Arrive 7pm – sit down 7.30pm

Greenacre Hall - Sports & Social Club

Three course meal

Live music from

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Tickets £50 pp

For more information and to book your tickets

Contact Linda 07851077684

BRIDGE



IT'S A BIG DEAL!



**JOIN US AT DRAYTON PARSLOW
SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

Bridge Taster Sessions:

Monday 9th Sept 6.30pm-9pm

Tuesday 10th Sept 2pm-4.30pm

Cost – Donation to Cancer Research UK

Social Bridge Day:

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It's August and a full month of school holidays

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Delivered in partnership with libraries



The Summer Reading Challenge

continues this month with a theme celebrating all types of creativity.

Encouraging children to read six books over the summer holiday; there is one challenge for children aged 4 to 11 and mini challenge for pre-school children. We also have a treasure hunt, colouring sheets and puzzles in the library.

Call in to find out more or look online:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Opening Times

Monday	1400 - 1630
Tuesday	1400 - 1630
Wednesday	1000 - 1230
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	1400 - 1630
Saturday	1000 - 1230

Library Elf is a FREE national scheme that helps you to avoid fines when items are due for return or renewal. Sign up here: buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/library-membership/get-email-alerts/

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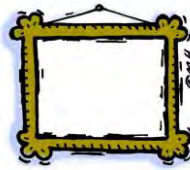
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