



DRAYTON PARSLOW VILLAGE NEWS



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DRAYTON DIARY

August 2025

1 Aug	Friday Club, The Three Horseshoes, 2:30pm
2 Aug	Bingo, DPSSC 8pm
9 Aug	Village Show 2025
16 Aug	Turf Tappers, DPSSC 7pm
17 Aug	Café Church, DPSSC 10am
<i>No Parish Council Meeting in August</i>	

September 2025

5 Sep	Friday Club, The Three Horseshoes, 2:30pm
6 Sep	Bingo, DPSSC 8pm
21 Sep	Café Church, DPSSC 10am
25 Sep	Parish Council Meeting, Greenacre Hall 7:30pm

Further ahead in 2025

4-5 Oct	Holy Trinity Art Exhibition
4 Oct	Bingo, DPSSC 8pm
12 Oct	Harvest Songs of Praise and Lunch
27 Oct	Parish Council Meeting, Greenacre Hall 7:30pm
24 Nov	Parish Council Meeting, Greenacre Hall 7:30pm

Greenacre Hall (Village Hall)



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NEXT ISSUE

Contributions, articles and photos for the **October/November** issue by no later than **Friday, September 5th 2025** please to the Village News mailbox
dpvillagenews@gmail.com

or by hand to **Sally Wallis (10 Prospect Close / 720030)** or **Andy Darnley (Tamara, 3b Main Road / 720383)**.

Remember to check the village website for backissues of the Village News including local history and village walks.

draytonparslowvillage.wordpress.com

Bin Collection dates - August & September 2025

Collection Day	Green bin (Landfill)	Blue bin (Recycling)	Brown bin (Garden)	Food caddy (Food)
Tue 05/08/2025	✓			✓
Tue 12/08/2025		✓	✓	✓
Tue 19/08/2025	✓			✓
Wed 27/08/2025		✓	✓	✓
Tue 02/09/2025	✓			✓
Tue 09/09/2025		✓	✓	✓
Tue 16/09/2025	✓			✓
Tue 23/09/2025		✓	✓	✓
Tue 30/09/2025	✓			✓

Ralph Walduck



On Sunday 1st June, Ralph Walduck's ashes were interred at Holy Trinity Church in a short service attended by his family, and friends in the village. Below is a tribute from the service by his stepdaughter, Terrie Usher, and a poem written and read by his great granddaughters, Alissa, Amalie and Ava.

Tribute by Terrie Usher

As everyone is probably aware Ralph was born in the village in 1943 and lived in the same house all his life.

He was well known by all for his generosity and good heart, and he was always helping people with their gardening, cleaning and anything that was going on in the village particularly helping to run the Social Club. He helped with all the sporting events and the Annual Show, participating himself and earning many rewards for his lovely flower displays and his home-grown vegetables and also making his own wine.

From the time he met Doreen in the year 2002, they continued this together and they also went on to run the local Whist Drive, despite Ralph being diagnosed with Parkinsons Disease it didn't stop them enjoying life and many years of lovely holidays abroad. They eventually decided to marry at the local church in October 2019 at the ripe old ages of 80 and 76.

Ralph's lifelong wishes were to be able to live in his house in the village to the end and to be cremated and his ashes laid to rest here in the Churchyard where he loved to be the most.

A Tribute to Grampy

In Drayton Parslow's heart, a light would shine,
A kind and gentle soul, warm and divine.
Grampy, with his smile so wide,
Forever a beacon, his village's pride.
Born and raised in this cherished place,
A lifetime spent in its sweet embrace.
With a wheelbarrow in hand, he'd roam,
Tending the earth that he called home.
The allotment he loved, his sanctuary green,
Where life would flourish, serene and keen.
Among his plants, his heart would sing,
The simple joys that life could bring.
He loved the pub, a pint in hand,
A place to chat, to understand.
With cards on the table, he'd join the game,
A twinkle in his eye, his joy untamed.
His love for Grandma, steadfast and true,
A bond that time only deeper drew.
Their laughter, their love, a precious part,
Of Grampy's ever-loving heart.
The cats he cherished, his loyal friends,
Companions through days and nights that blend.
He thought so highly of all he knew,
A heart that always saw the good and true.
Through every street and every lane,
Grampy's spirit will remain.
For Drayton Parslow was his life, his soul,
Its people, its heart, that made him whole.
So as we gather, we hold him near,
A man of love, of joy, of cheer.
Grampy, your legacy forever will be,
A life well-lived, a soul set free.
Rest now, dear Grampy, your work is done,
Beneath the sky, beneath the sun.
In gardens of peace, where dreams take flight,
Your spirit blooms, a guiding light.

Rector's Musings...

As I write this we are in the last few days of Wimbledon.



Many matches have been played and for my part I have enjoyed several from the comfort of my sofa! If you are a tennis fan, I wonder what you made of the fact that there are no longer line judges – everything controlled by electronic equipment. Gone are the humans who had the intense pressure of getting the call right.

Gone too the right to challenge a few calls if players thought the call was incorrect. If you ask me, it all seemed quite clinical this year! But then Wimbledon has changed a lot over its 148 year history.

As spectators cheer under the summer sun and players compete with intense professionalism, it's fascinating to reflect on a time when a mild-mannered reverend from Yorkshire once dominated the tennis court in long trousers and a clerical schedule. Reverend John Hartley was the only clergyman ever to win Wimbledon and was World Number One in both 1879 and 1880 – winning Wimbledon both years.

As an amateur, he received no cash for his Wimbledon wins, and in the course of his first finals win he caught a train back up to Yorkshire so that he could do his duty and take his services at Burneston on the Sunday. Not only that, but he stayed with a dying parishioner until he passed away on the Monday – the day of the semi-finals. A rain delay helped him to get back to London in time. Rev'd Hartley's triumphs remind us that Wimbledon began not as a grand spectacle, but as a genteel competition rooted in amateur spirit and Victorian values—a stark contrast to the high-powered, global tournament it is today – one where those human line judges have disappeared!

I must take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make our church fete such a success. Unlike Wimbledon, where rain delays play, the rain forecast for Fete Day meant that we had to move the fete to the Village Hall. Thank you very much to the Village Hall for accommodating us and to all who helped to set up and make the fete happen – we really do appreciate all your hard work! We were able to fit the band, the stalls, the teas etc. in and it was the right decision to move as we had a huge downpour right on schedule at 2pm, which would have left us all soaked! As you know, villagers have to raise all the funds needed to maintain the church and pay for clergy, so every penny counts!

I was delighted to see that the new windows were fitted recently to the toilet extension and the whole toilet project is almost complete! I hope that you will come in and see the changes soon.

Rev'd Yvonne Mullins

HOLY TRINITY SERVICE DATES

Date	Time	Service	Rector
3 Aug	9.30am	Morning Worship	Jane Grimmette
10 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion	Yvonne Mullins
17 Aug	10am	Café Church **Sports & Social Club**	Lay Led
24 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion	Jane
31 Aug	11am	Benefice Service – Little Horwood	Jane Grimmette and Linda Church
7 Sep	9.30am	Morning Worship	Linda Church
14 Sep	9.30am	Holy Communion	Yvonne Mullins
21 Sep	10am	Café Church **Sports & Social Club**	Lay Led
28 Sep	9.30am	Holy Communion	Jane Grimmette

Did you Know?

5 Parishes is a benefice of 5 churches in the Diocese of Oxford, Archdeaconry of Buckingham and situated just to the south-west of Milton Keynes.

The 5 Parishes that make up our benefice are:

- St Faith's, Newton Longville
- St Mary's, Mursley
- St Swithun's, Swanbourne
- St Nicholas', Little Horwood
- Holy Trinity, Drayton Parslow

Each church has its own identity but as a benefice we have one ministry team working across all 5 churches.

Rector



Yvonne

Associate Vicar



Linda

Curate



Jane

Rev Yvonne Mullins has been our Rector since her licensing at Little Horwood on 26th October 2022. **Jane Grimmette** joined the benefice as curate in the summer of 2023 and the benefice House for Duty post has now been filled with the **Rev. Canon Linda Church**.

The present Church dates from the 14th and 15th centuries although there is some stonework of an earlier date, it is a fine example of an unspoilt simple country Church, the hexagonal font dates from the 15th century and has been described as 'one of the finest in Buckinghamshire'. An alabaster panel depicting the crucifixion was given to Holy Trinity in the nineteen twenties. It is considered by the British Museum to be of a quality more rare than the panel in the Ashmolean, and is thought to have been carved as early as 1430 by the Nottingham School.



Drayton Parslow Sports & Social Club

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

CLUB NEWS

- Every Friday, we're now open for drinks, pool (free of charge!), table football and sitting outside in the sun (hopefully!). From 5.30pm - 8pm, or later.
- We've developed a small but perfectly formed cocktail list so please do come and help us drink it.
- Coffee is also now served behind the bar.

EVENTS COMING UP

- Saturday 16 August: Turf Tappers will be performing at the club. Bar open from 7pm, music from 8pm. All welcome for a fun evening.
- We hope to host a couple of cricket matches soon: one just for fun and one for veterans. Date is TBC but please contact Linda Fedoriw on 07851 077684 if you're interested in playing.
- Do check out our website which features any upcoming events: www.dpssc.org.uk. If you'd like to buy any of the photos featured, the proceeds will go towards events in the village for children. Contact Sarah Haughey for info: sarah.haughey4039@gmail.com.



VILLAGE ROUNDERS - THANK YOU FOR COMING!

Thank you for coming to village rounders! About 70 of you came and it was great to enjoy a drink, a chat and a game with you all! Special shout out to the winning team, "Pitch Perfect"! Rematch next year?!



Bingo Dates (Monthly, Saturday Evenings):

Forthcoming dates for bingo are:

- 2nd August
- 6th September
- 4th October

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.



VPA NEWS – VILLAGE SHOW 9th AUGUST 2025

As I'm writing this it's another hot, dry day!! Not looking too promising for the produce classes at the Village Show, but I'm sure the spirit of Drayton Parslow villagers will once again make sure there is something on show for everyone to look at. Fingers crossed for some rain, but hopefully not on show day!!

There will be a full show update in the next issue.

We are still very short on VPA members, we would welcome some new/fresh input if anyone would like to give it a whirl! We are a friendly bunch, we meet roughly once a month (maybe more in the lead up to the show).

Message me if you'd like to get involved or need some more information.

Let's see if we can get some interest in the VPA to keep it going and preserve the show for future years. Come on Drayton Parslow, I know you can do it.(You don't have to be a resident of Drayton Parslow to join the VPA) *Linda*

END OF AN ERA

On 27th June 2025 I worked my last day at Drayton Parslow School. For almost 36 years I had been the cleaner and caretaker at the village school, really handy as I only live just across the road! So this will be the first summer for many years that I don't have to spend my time deep cleaning the whole school.

I started work at the school in November 1989 as cleaner/ caretaker, this was added to a couple of years later when I also became Lunchtime supervisor. I only stayed in this role for 21 years!

I have watched children work their way through the school and I was still there when THEIR children started school.

I've seen lots of changes, several Headteachers lots of class teachers and teaching assistants. When I first started there were only 12 (I think) Pupils and one teacher and a secretary, who doubled up as a teaching assistant.

I enjoyed my time at Drayton Parslow School, but as they say "all good things must come to an end".

Linda Fedoriw

DRAYTON PARSLOW PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

 Website: draytonparslowparishcouncil.org.uk


 Facebook: [Drayton Parslow PC Facebook Group](#)

Planning Updates

To stay informed about local planning matters, you can **register** on the [Buckinghamshire Council Planning Portal](#).

Once registered, you can:

- Track planning applications
- Receive alerts for applications made within Drayton Parslow Parish

 Need help registering? Email the Clerk for a *How to Register Guide*: draytonparslowclerk@gmail.com


Allotments

We currently have **no vacancies to be added to our waiting list** contact the Clerk for details:

 draytonparslowclerk@gmail.com

Buckinghamshire Council Update

Cllr **Jilly Jordan** recently attended our Parish Council meeting and provided a detailed update on local matters.

 Her full report is available on the Parish Council website:

 [Buckinghamshire Council Updates – Drayton Parslow Parish Council](#)

Parking Issues at Greenacre Hall

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints about **ongoing parking issues at Greenacre Hall and the Social Club**, particularly during events. In response, the Council is actively discussing options with the hall and social club. Possible **parking restrictions or traffic management measures** are under consideration to help ease congestion and ensure safe access for residents, visitors, and emergency services.


We will keep the community informed as these discussions progress.

Become a Parish Councillor

Would you like to help shape the future of Drayton Parslow?

- Concerned about local issues?
- Want to make a difference?
- Have time, energy, or experience to offer?

We have **vacancies for Parish Councillors** and invite all interested residents to apply.

 For an application form, please contact the Clerk: draytonparslowclerk@gmail.com

Parish Council Meeting Dates – 2025

All meetings are held at **7:30 PM** in the **Carrington Room, Greenacre Hall**:

- *(No Meeting in August)*
- **25th September 2025**
- **27th October 2025**
- **24th November 2025**
- *(No Meeting in December)*

Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

At the time of writing, we are pleased to confirm that the Church toilet extension is nearing completion. We are currently waiting for the windows, internal door and storage units to be fitted. A toilet is installed and useable, and a sink has also been fitted in the vestry.

Garden Fete

Thank you to everyone who came to support our Church Fete on June 7th. A special thank you to The Giocoso Concert Band whose uplifting music really brightened up the dismal, damp afternoon!

The event raised £1905 for Church Funds!



Art Exhibition and Teas

Saturday & Sunday
4th & 5th October



Open to local artists - for information on exhibiting please contact Jenny: jen.tell@hotmail.com

Harvest Songs of Praise and Lunch Sunday 12th October

A note for your diary for this special midday service, followed by lunch with wine, all held in the church. Everyone welcome!



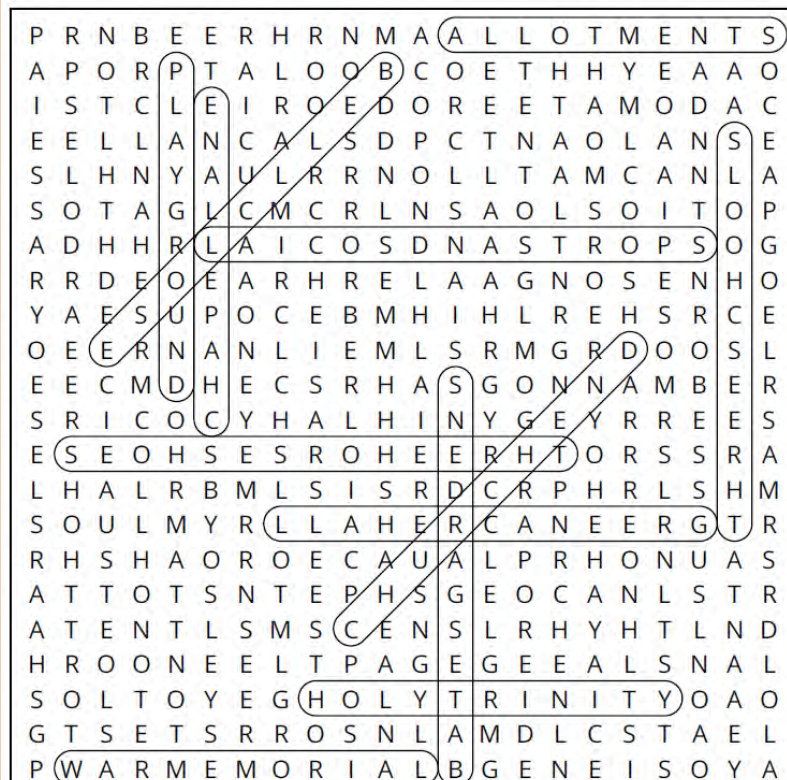
Café Church

10am every third Sunday in the Sports & Social Club - informal church with refreshments for all ages.

Please come along and join us!



Solution to Drayton Parslow Word Search from issue 188



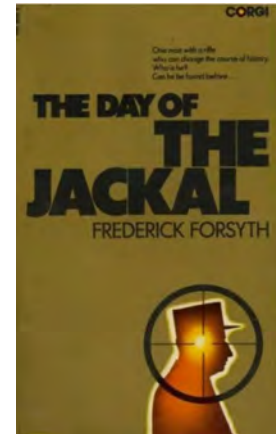
Quiz Time 23 with thanks to Susan Piddock

Back by popular demand!

1. Which blood group is known as "The Universal Donor"?
2. In which English city is Strangeways prison?
3. How many hours are there in a week?
4. What is the capital city of the gulf state of Qatar?



5. Who was the first child to be born to Queen Elizabeth II after she was crowned?
6. What is the main alcoholic ingredient of a pina colada?
7. Which is the largest Greek Island?
8. What anglicized Italian term refers to a person having a concealed or false identity?
9. What type of food is Pumpnickel?
10. Which animal appears on California's state flag?
11. The song "Good Morning Starshine" features in which musical?
12. Who starred as "The Jackal" in the 2024 TV series "The Day of the Jackal"?
13. What letter is the last letter in the Greek alphabet?



14. In which sport in North America do the teams compete for the Stanley Cup?

15. Swaledale, Suffolk and Oxford are all breeds of which farm animal?

(Answers below)

8. In Cognito
9. Bread
10. Grizzly Bear
11. Hair
12. Eddie Redmayne
13. Omega
14. Ice-Hockey
15. Sheep

1. Group 'O'
2. Manchester
3. 168
4. Doha
5. Prince Andrew
6. Rum
7. Crete

Answers to quiz on this page:



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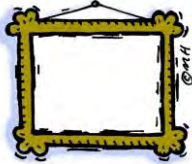
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