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Drakes Broughton Village Hall



Drakes Broughton 2025/26 100 Plus Club

The current 100 Plus Club will finish soon with the last draw taking place on the first Friday of April 2025. The current 100 Plus Club will have raised around £900.00 towards Hall funds and paid out over £600.00 in prize money. Thank you to all our existing members.

The new 100 Plus Club will commence with effect from May 2025. It costs just £12.00 to join. Applications and payment for the new 100 Plus Club need to be received by the end of March 2025. Information and an application for the 2025/26 100 Plus Club will appear in the March edition of Villager. Existing members will receive an application via email or post. Applications will also be available at the Hall, in Simply Fresh, Drakes Broughton and on our website

If, in the meantime, if you would like further information regarding the 100 Plus Club, please get in touch with Martin Boniface at dbvhtreasurer@outlook.com

Fund raising thanks

We would like to pass on our thanks to "the cake ladies" and those who organised and supported the Lolly Parton Christmas Party at the Hall in December. A good time was had by all and a fantastic amount of £325.00 was donated by the organisers to Hall funds.

Trustee needed

We would like another person to join the current three Trustees who meet three to four times a year. If you would you like to be involved in helping to shape the future direction of what happens at the Hall then please get in touch via dbvillagehall@hotmail.com. We are looking to create a more diverse board and would be particularly pleased to hear from anyone who has moved into the area recently or has a young family.

We need volunteers to run a playgroup at the Hall

After nearly 18 months, Messy Hands Play Group closed its doors before Christmas. This is such a shame as we believe it was such a worthwhile activity to have at the Hall. The Trustees and Management Group would love to see a regular playgroup being run at the Hall. We would be willing to take on the financial aspect of running a playgroup and would help with publicity etc..

If you would be interested in starting or helping with a new playgroup in the New Year, then please get in touch via dbvillagehall.com or via our Facebook page.

Social and Community Events at the Hall

Over the past few months we have run a number of social and community events at the Hall. These included another successful family quiz night, a Christmas Fayre, a Village Carol evening a Wellbeing Event in conjunction with Wychavon District Council at the Community Café and Healthy Worcestershire sessions every Wednesday.

It is **your hall** and it is there for everyone to use in the Community; we are always open to ideas and suggestions for other social and community events. If you have an idea, and better still, can help in some way, we would love to hear from you.

Healthy Worcestershire – free weekly sessions

The popularity of the Healthy Worcestershire sessions has been increasing since they started

at the beginning of September. The sessions, which are free of charge, take place at the Hall every Wednesday between 10am and midday. The sessions are open to anyone over the age of 18 who is looking to improve their health, get advice on physical activity, healthy living, mental health and more! There is a also an opportunity to socialise and have a cuppa.

What's on?

Regular classes and clubs at the Hall

For a list of upcoming clubs and classes, please see our Facebook page, website or the notice board at the Village Hall, scan the QR code at the foot of this article or go to https://www.dbvillagehall.com/clubs-classes

Dates for your diary – 2025

Community Café and Tuck shop – every Friday 2pm to 4pm.

Healthy Worcestershire sessions – open to all every Wednesday morning 10am to 12pm **Community Singing** – Mondays - 2pm to 3pm. 3 February, 10 March, 7 April **Wychavon Health & Wellbeing event** – at the Community Café – next date to be announced

Family Quiz Night – Friday 21 February 2025 – 7.30pm. £5.00 entry per team of four Village Hall Barn Dance – Saturday 29 March 2025 – more details to follow Village Hall Karaoke Evening – date to be advised

Dates for future events at the Hall will appear in future editions of Villager and are on the Village

Hall website www.dbvillagehall.com and social media.

2024/25 100 Plus Club lottery January Draw Results

The current 100 Plus club finishes with the draw at the beginning of April 2025. The next 100 Plus Club will commence. The winning numbers are:

January 2025
First prize of £25 ticket number 18
Second prize £10 ticket number 89



Booking the Village Hall

More information about various events, groups and classes may be found on our website at https://www.dbvillagehall.com/whats-on our social media pages and the Village Hall Notice Board.

If you want to book the hall you can check availability and book online using Hall Master. Simply go to https://www.dbvillagehall.com/contact and follow the "Online Booking" link. When booking the Hall, please allow time for accessing and leaving the building before and/or after the booking.

Community Café and Tuck Shop.

The Community Café and Tuck Shop is open every Friday afternoon between 2p.m. and 4p.m. serving a variety of tea and coffee, cakes and of course sweets, ice pops and drinks for children. A range of second-hand school uniforms are also available. If you have

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moved into the Village recently, this is a great way to meet new people and check out the facilities are at the Hall.

We need your help to make full use of the Hall.

If you can spare a few hours from time to time, why not get involved in the **Village Hall Community** and help with the running of the Hall. Ways to become involved include:

- Becoming a trustee
- Helping at the Community Café,
- Joining the Management Group which runs the Hall on a day-to-day basis
- Help with advertising, publicity, website and social media
- Safety and security
- Building maintenance

Fund raising

You can support the Hall in several ways including by donating money by cash, cheque, or BACS. To do this please contact the Treasurer, Martin Boniface at: dbvhtreasur-er@outlook.com

You can support the Village Hall when shopping with your favourite online retailers via www.easyfundraising.org.uk

You can also support the Hall by using the **Clothing Bank** bins and donating good quality clothing, paired shoes, bags and belts using the two donation bins in the Hall car park. **Please place any items in bags and do not block the bin chutes.**

Anti-social behaviour and vandalism at the Village Hall.

If you witness any anti-social behaviour, vandalism or other damage being caused at or around the Hall, please report it to the Police online via https://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/ or dial the Police non-emergency line using 101. If is something more serious, dial 999.

Scan this QR Code for details of regular clubs and classes at Drakes Broughton Village Hall



Martin A Boniface..

On behalf of the DBVH Management Group.

email: dbvhtreasurer@outlook.com Mobile 07702 207300

Drakes Broughton, Wadborough with Pirton Parish Council - Update

The Council meets on the first Thursday of every month, members of the public are welcome to attend to bring things to the attention of the Parish Council. In order to ensure any items for discussion are researched and included in the agenda please get in touch with the clerk about attending one week prior to the meeting.

The next meeting will be on <u>Thursday 6th FEBRUARY</u> at Drakes Broughton Village Hall, please advise the Clerk if you wish to make representations.

The key points from the January meeting and ongoing issues the Parish Council is currently working on include:

- VACANCIES x1 DRAKES BROUGHTON WARD, x1 WADBOROUGH WARD & 1x PIRTON WARD. Please contact the Clerk or talk to one of the Members if you want to know what's involved, or maybe come along to observe a meeting. We can only deliver our services with a full and active membership!
- **DRAKES BROUGHTON PLAYING FIELD** A new pedestrian, kissing gate is to be installed at the Walcot Lane pedestrian entrance. There will also be some barriers installed at the embankment slide to improve safety.
- **SEVERN TRENT WATER** STW have committed to doing some work to improve the foul water systems in Drakes Broughton. Once the Parish Council knows more about what is being done and when they will update the community.
- **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** The project to review and update the Neighbourhood Plan is moving forward at a good pace, the working party has assessed all the policies and are taking advice from consultants with a view to be ready for public consultation in April 2025.
- **SWDPR** Has now progressed to the next stage. The public examination is scheduled to start on 4th March 2025.
- STREETLIGHTS The Parish Council owns and maintains many of the Streetlights in Drakes Broughton. Please report any unlit or flickering streetlights to the Clerk. Thanks in advance! Please note col 10 in Keeper Close is unlit and scheduled for upgrade works over the coming weeks.
- **NEW LITTER BIN** further to a resident request the Parish Council will be installing a new litter bin at the green on Lewis Close, please note all litter bins can and should be used for dog waste as well as litter.

Should you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact me. Nikki Nicholson (Parish Clerk & RFO) 01905936560, dbwppc@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW WEB ADDRESS:

https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/myparish/

- Most highways issues such as potholes & damaged signs and much more can be reported directly to Worcestershire County Council via their HUB www.worcestershire.gov.uk
- For bins, litter and street cleansing contact Wychavon District Council, their telephone number is: 01386 565000 or you can report via their website www.wychavon.gov.uk NB: Not picking up after your dog is a crime and is punishable with a hefty fine! Please report dog fouling to www.wychavon.gov.uk/dog-fouling-removal.
- Public Footpaths are maintained by WCC via the Countryside Centre and issues should be reported to the WCC Hub www.worcestershire.gov.uk
- WCC Roadworks updates are available at: <u>www.worcestershire.gov.uk/roadworks</u>

Drakes Broughton & Wadborough With Pirton Parish Council Vacancies

The Parish Council have a vacancy for parish councillors for each village ward.

1 x Drakes Broughton Ward, 1x Wadborough and 1x Pirton.

The parish council meet on the first Thursday of each month normally at Drakes Broughton village Hall at 7.30pm

The parish council review the facilities & services provided in the villages and surrounding area on behalf of the residents.

If you are community minded and are interested in joining, you need to be over 18 and registered on the electoral role for at least 12 months.

Please contact Nikki Nicholson – Clerk & RFO on 01905936560 or email dbwppc@gmail.com.

Please feel free to come a view a meeting and meet the members and see if you would like to join us.

CHATTERBOX Ladies Club

Happy New Year from all our members

Thursday 6th February at 2 pm

Speaker - Paul Carpenter "Insects and Spiders"

> Janet Brown 07494 780277

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CONTACT

Reg Moule 01905 840868

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Any queries, please ring Moira on 07775 681415

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Pershore Volunteer Centre on 01386 554299

Village Carols

We are delighted to announce that the annual village carol evening, which took place on Monday 16th December to the music of our own DBSO, raised £197 for Pershore Volunteer Centre.

Well done to all those who took part, to make the evening so enjoyable; well done to Meg and Richard Durrant for providing the mince pies and mulled wine in the interval; and well done everyone who came to listen and to join in the carols. A truly local, community event, and the best way to start Christmas.

Moira Gutteridge

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14.15 to 14.30 Pirton Pirton Grange

4th Tuesday in the month

14.35 to 14.50 Wadborough Mason's Arms

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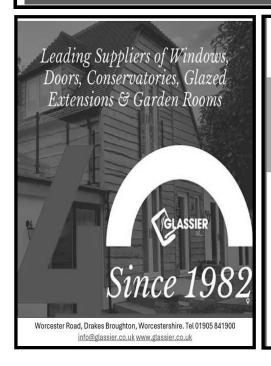
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Pershore Rotary



A very happy New Year and thank you!

Our 2024 Tree of Remembrance Appeal raised the largest sum ever and we have so many people to thank for helping us support three vital, local charities – St Richard's Hospice, Acorns Children's Hospice and the Midlands Air Ambulance.

Where to start? Without the support of all those who tried their luck at winning a bottle of bubbly on our tombola stand at the Georgian Christmas Fayre, or donated at the street collection, or 'remembered a loved one' this Christmas and donated to the fund through local parish newsletters and magazines, or donated online via our Facebook page or as one of our cherished business sponsors; none of this would have been possible. Thanks to the generosity of you all we raised £5,500, which will be split evenly over the three charities, giving each £1,800. We are grateful to the Editors for giving us the space in their newsletters to promote our 2024 Appeal.

Our thanks go to many local businesses for their friendship and support. To the Riverside Fish Bar, Thomson & Bancks, Solicitors, K C Carpets Ltd, Memory Lane Memorials Ltd, CJC (Worcester) Ltd and A G Redman & Son Ltd for their sponsorship. To the managers and staff of the Co-op and Asda in Pershore for allowing us to pitch our stands outside their stores in the run up to Christmas. To Sugar n' Spice for looking after our Christmas tree with all the hearts. To Number 8, Pershore for holding the lists of those being 'remembered' and to Jacqui Marler at Pershore Football Club for allowing the bands to use some their chairs.

Collecting outside in the weeks before Christmas can be a challenging time. The weather will be unpredictable and the hours long, but this year we were privileged to have several choirs and bands join us to lift our spirits and bring their own style of festive cheer to our fundraiser. Despite the first Saturday in December being a total washout due to the weather, we were delighted to welcome Pershore's Vocal High and Feel-Good Chorus, Piano Hedgehog, Pershore Brass, U3A Ukulele Band, the Evesham Concert Band and the Pershore Abbey Choir to Chapman Court, to entertain us with their Christmas carols, songs and music. Thank you to all of you for transforming our Asda collection day into a truly memorable event. You really did make a big difference.

But we shouldn't forget that as well as supporting our charities, this was Christmas, and we chose to remember those that we have loved and lost. In particular, we remember John Adams, Pauline Aldington, Christopher Annis, Lilian Austin, Harry Badger, Mary Badger, Stephen Badger, Linda Beard, Ann Beard, Dennis Bent, Olive Bent, Edwin Bick, Elma Birmingham, Shelia Birmingham, Scott Bowering, Dave Bowering, John Bowers, Zilpah Bowers, Millie Brant, Rueben Brant, Jim Brown, Kathy Bullen, Mick Carswell, Shane Church, Anne Corrigan, Janet Corrigan, Matthew Corrigan, David Cresswell, Bernard Cresswell, Edward Cross, Eileen Cross, Keith Crouch, Daphne Crouch, Mary Davis, Colin Edmunds, Bryan Edmunds,

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Pershore Rotary lost two of its most loved members last year in Helen Whitwell and Gordon Hartley-Bennett. Their memories live on through the fun we have, the friendships we enjoy and the support given to us by our community.

And finally, as we move into 2025 the members of Pershore Rotary wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year, prosperity for all our businesses and peace and friendship in the world.

Richard Lees









St Edmund and St Barnabas Stoulton with Drakes Broughton



Preparation of Church Electoral Roll 2025

Every parish in the Church of England draws up a new Electoral Roll once every six years.

The Electoral Roll enables us to report accurately to the Diocese the size and profile of our community of worshippers and parishioners who take an interest in the life of the churches in our Parish. It also gives the right to vote for Churchwardens and PCC members at the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting). This year the APCM is to be held on Thursday, 20th March at 7pm in St Barnabas.

St Barnabas, Drakes Broughton and St Edmund, Stoulton form one parish, with Stoulton being the Parish church. Each church has a regular congregation or "church family" of people who care for the buildings, facilitate the worship, and raise funds to keep them running. The day-to-day running is largely funded by our regular worshippers and donations, but these are YOUR churches - public buildings - where you are always welcome for regular Sunday worship, as well as special services such as Remembrance, and Christmas.

If you are 16 or over, live within the parish (and are on the Civil Electoral Register), and are baptised into the Church of England or a church in communion with the CofE, you have the right to be on the church Electoral Roll. You don't necessarily need to be a regular attendee. If you live outside the parish then you would need to be attending public worship regularly at one or both of our churches.

If you would like more information or would like to be added to our Roll **please contact me for a form (to be returned by 4th March)** Perhaps you are new to the villages or a long-time resident who would like to become involved/re-connect, or perhaps you live in one of the villages but attend services elsewhere (equally not everyone in our congregations live in DB or Stoulton)...whatever your interest, you are welcome to attend the APCM on Thursday 20th March where you will be able to read the Annual Report and find out everything you wanted to know but didn't know who to ask, about the church communities.

Alternatively, look out for our coffee mornings and other events and come and say hello, or join us for Sunday worship.

jenniekimberley@gmail.com

Electoral Roll Officer

St Barnabas Church News

Café Church 2nd February

Join us from 10:30am for tea/coffee and pastries followed by an informal worship 'café style'

We had a wonderful service for Epiphany with a varied age range from 6 months to 80+ This is a wonderful service for all ages.

If you are looking to bring your children to church this may be a good place to start. Meanwhile, for those who wish for a more traditional service, there is always the Holy Communion service at the parish church of St Edmunds, Stoulton at 9.30am

Coffee morning

We continue with our monthly coffee mornings. All are welcome 1st Saturday of each month for coffee and cake. Donations of cakes are also very welcome. This is a great opportunity for you to visit our lovely building in an informal way and sit and chat with old friends and make new ones.

- 1st February
- 1st March

10.30am - 12pm

See you there.

Soup and Social 12pm – 2pm

Now the autumn days are drawing in, we are going back to our soup and social which will be held on 2nd Tuesday of the month from now on. The soup and social dates for the rest of the year are:

- February 10th
- March 10th

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Bible study group

Meeting every Wednesday at 7pm in the church. An ideal opportunity for you to learn a bit more about the Christian faith and what it means to others. We meet from 7pm for refreshments and the session start at 7.30pm for about an hour. We look forward to welcoming you.

Art Group

Meeting every Wednesday in church from 10.30am. You don't have to be a whizz at art. We have people who knit, crochet, collage, arrange flowers, draw and paint as well as those who simply want to meet together for a bit of a chat and catch up. The art group are responsible for most of the displays in the cabin in the church grounds. Why not come along. A good chance to meet old friends and make new ones.

Choir

Do you enjoy singing? Why not join our friendly choir. We meet in church on Thursday lunch time at 12.30pm. For more information please contact Moira Gutteridge on 07775 681415

Church/School partnership

We are delighted that two of our church family are chair and vice-chair of the school governing body. Jill Mapp is chair and Heather Laight is vice-chair. Both these ladies are ex-teachers and are a great asset to the school. With Jill and Heather at the helm, our church school links are surely going to go from strength to strength.

We continue to welcome the whole school into the church for collective worship once every half term.

Barnabas Bear Club for babies and toddlers

Calling all parents, grandparents, expectant parents and anyone who cares for little ones. We are enjoying our sessions with playtime, craft, story time and singing. Come along and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and meet new friends over a cup of tea or coffee whilst your little ones play. We hold sessions on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 10am in the church. *There is no charge for these sessions*.

- February 10th
- February 24th

Please contact Corinna if you would like more information (07904 166594)

Church open

We will continue to keep the church open every **Sunday** after worship until Sundown. This provides you with an opportunity to visit the building if you are interested to see the inside.

There is also a chance to sit quietly and pray and light a candle for a loved one. If you are able we would appreciate it if you can sign our visitors book as it keeps a record of who has been in the building. The new carpet has been admired by many and we now have the new chairs in situ. Why not pop in and take a look.

Social Media:

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for news and events. We also have a new Instagram page (drakesbroughtonchurch) and a tik-tok account (Barney Bears) If you have any ideas or want to join in with the planning of our events, please do let us know either by Facebook message or by contacting Corinna.

Facebook – St Barnabas Church Drakes Broughton Instagram (drakesbroughtonchurch) Tik-tok (Barney Bears) Website – www.achurchnearyou.com/10808

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES February 2025

St Barnabas (Drakes Broughton)

2nd Holy Communion together

Revd Emma 9.30am

St Edmunds Stoulton

Café Church Advent

St Barnabas, DB (see note) Lay Led from 10.30 am

9th Holy Communion Revd. Emma 9.30am

16th Morning Worship Lay Led 9.30am

23rd Holy Communion Revd. Emma 9.30am

St. Edmunds (Stoulton)

2nd Joint Holy Communion 9.30am

St. Peters (Pirton)

2nd. Holy Communion. 3.30pm

16th. Evening Prayer. 3.30pm

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