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# Drakes Broughton, Wadborough with Pirton Parish Council Wish you a PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all that they do for the local community; we are all very fortunate to have an army of unsung heroes in our midst.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY</u> at Drakes Broughton Village Hall, please advise the Clerk if you wish to make representations.

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

- VACANCIES x1 DRAKES BROUGHTON WARD & x1 WADBOROUGH WARD and 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!
- COMMUNITY MEETINGS, Have your say. Each year the Parish Council hosts Annual Parish meetings, these are a chance for residents to put forward a wish list to drive the Parish Council's objectives, these are planned as follows: Drakes Broughton & Wadborough Parish Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 & Pirton Parish Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- PLANNING The Parish Council are continuing to make representations to WDC at Planning Committee Meetings and Appeal Hearings. Any support you can give by submitting comments to the planners about planning applications or attending Planning Committee meetings to provide support will make a difference. <a href="https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/planning">https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/planning</a> The decision makers do take notice of the number of comments received as well as what is said.
- Severn Trent Water If you are unhappy about the situation with the foul and surface water drains in Drakes Broughton please write to Severn Trent and also to the Environment agency to tell them. The more complaints they receive the more likely it is that they will take action.

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- NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN The project to review and update the Neighbourhood Plan is moving forward at a good pace, the working party has divided into sub-groups with work streams. This project is more important than ever with the ongoing lack of housing land supply and the ongoing delay in the SWDPR.
- OPEN SPACE PHASE 2 The Open Space Working Party is reviewing the items to be included in the second phase of the development project with a view to requesting the s106 money early in 2025. The pedestrian entrance at Walcot Lane will have a gate installed in the new year.

- COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY The Parish Council received money for Community Infrastructure from new housing developments in the Drakes Broughton, if you have ideas for this to be spent on, please do let us know. This can range from new installations of benches to repairs of existing infrastructure.
- PLAY PARK— The Play Park Zip Line will be receiving some maintenance work over the winter.
- 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!
- MOBILE PHONE SIGNAL STRENGTH SURVEY look out for this advertised on the refuse lorries and report any signal strength issues.

Should you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact me. Nikki Nicholson (Parish Clerk & RFO) 01905936560, <a href="mailto:dbwppc@gmail.com">dbwppc@gmail.com</a>



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# **COMMUNITY BUSES**

The two services will continue to be supported by WCC into 2024. There is a new Bus Service Improvement Plan and the council have received over 1.4 million to support bus improvements throughout Worcestershire. So we must ensure that we keep using them so if you want to get to

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# **Drakes Broughton Village Hall**

#### A huge thank you

The Hall has grown in both use and popularity since it re-opened for HM Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee is 2022 after being closed for extensive rejuvenation work. We now have a thriving Community Café and children's tuck shop every Friday afternoon, we have run and continue to run social and community events including quizzes, fayres and singing, and the Hall used most days for different clubs, classes and meetings, as well as being a popular venue for parties including wedding receptions.

None of this would be possible without the help of the volunteers who give up their time to help run the Hall. So, from the Trustees and Management Group, we would like to say a huge thank you to those who volunteer at the Hall and those others who support the Hall whether as someone who hires it or someone who attends the various events. We look forward to seeing you in 2025.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:dbvillagehall@hotmail.com">dbvillagehall@hotmail.com</a>. 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

Since the December Villager was published 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. As you will see from the list below, we are starting to build up the number of social and community events we are running at the Hall. 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 or scan the QR code at the foot of this article.

#### Dates for your diary - 2024/25

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. 6 January, 3 February, 10 March, 7 April **Wychavon Health & Wellbeing event** – at the Community Café – next date to be announced

Village Hall Karaoke Evening – Saturday 1 February 2025 – more details to follow Village Hall Barn Dance – Saturday 29 March 2025 – more details to follow Dates for future events at the Hall will appear in future editions of Villager and are on the Village

Hall website <u>www.dbvillagehall.com</u> and social media.

## 2024/25 100 Plus Club lottery December Draw Results

The winning numbers are for the increased Christmas prizes are:

December 2024
First prize of £100 ticket number 12
Second prize £50 ticket number 94



## **Booking the Village Hall**

More information about various events, groups and classes may be found on our website at <a href="https://www.dbvillagehall.com/whats-on">https://www.dbvillagehall.com/whats-on</a> 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 <a href="https://www.dbvillagehall.com/contact">https://www.dbvillagehall.com/contact</a> 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 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: dbvhtreasurer@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 <a href="https://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/">https://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/</a> 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



# **CHATTERBOX Ladies Club**

Thursday January 9th

Lunch at The Ketch at 12.30

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# The Drakes **Broughton Folk Band**

The Drakes Broughton Folk Band is now back and meets each Monday evening in

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#### Stoulton

Feli's Bar & Restaurant Village Hall

# **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

Many thanks to all the people who gave boxes for this appeal. Drakes Broughton and the surrounding villages made up 70 boxes....really great. Also thank you to the people who donated odd items and money. We were given many knitted gloves, scarves, bags and puppets....again, thank you very much. There were also people who helped in lots of other ways. We are very grateful.

As I write this in early December one lorry load of boxes left last weekend for Romania and two more are leaving next Saturday (Dec. 7th) for Ukraine and Moldova. If you go to the teams4u website, there should be short films of the boxes being given out.

Now we begin to think about next year. We know a lot of people are busy knitting scarves, mittens, puppets and bags ready for the next appeal. That is great. I don't think anybody from D.B. knitted stuffed toys this year, but please don't. From Christmas 2025 we are not allowed to send hand-knitted stuffed toys....a custom's regulation.

If you are going to do a box for next year, it's a good idea to collect items throughout the year so you don't notice the expense. Harrisons in Pershore is a good source of stationery items and other fun things. Soft toys don't have to be new, but should be clean and in good condition. Car boot sales and charity shops often have nice ones. it's fun to build up a box during the year. More details from teams4u.

Once again a big thank you to all the people who helped in any way. There must be some very happy children in Romania, Ukraine and Moldova.

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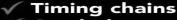
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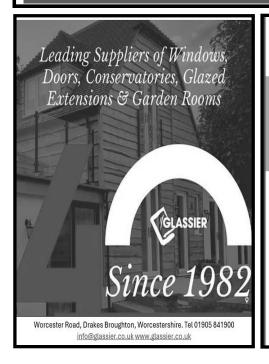
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# **Stoulton Parish Council**

# WCC & Wychavon update

NHS Covid & Flu vaccine has started to protect against a Winter Tripledemic. Eligible groups for the flu vaccine include pregnant women, children aged two or three years old, primary and secondary school children, and those aged 65 and over. Autumn Covid vaccine is available to care home residents, adults over 65 and front-line health and social care workers.

The flu vaccine can also be booked at pharmacies, and there are walk-in sites for the Covid-19 vaccine.

The NHS has already invited more than 11 million people to come forward for vaccination.

GP practices and other NHS services will also be contacting people to offer both vaccines. However, eligible individuals do not have to wait for an invitation to book. Vaccinations will take place at GP surgeries, pharmacies, and pop-up clinics in the community. Last year, the NHS vaccinated more than 3.3 million people in the Midlands with the flu vaccine and more than 2.2 million people with the Covid vaccine. Roz Lindridge, Midlands NHS England director responsible for vaccinations, said: "With new figures showing thousands of deaths associated with Covid and flu in recent years, it is clear the threat of winter viruses is all too real and it is vital that anyone eligible takes up the offer to get vaccinated.

#### **County Planning:**

I have attached this flyer to give a flavour as to what applications County and its Planning Committee of which I am Vice- Chairman have to consider. As you can see it is quite different and generally more strategic than the applications that are dealt with at our District Council in Wychavon. **Please see page 16** 

# Bin lorries helping find mobile black spots in Worcestershire

MOBILE signal trackers are being fitted in bin lorries to help find Worcestershire's mobile black spots.

Residents and businesses are also being asked to play their part by letting the council know when and where they experience poor connectivity.

Equipment being placed in bin lorries will measure mobile signals across the county over the next few weeks will allow Worcestershire County Council and network mapping company Streetwave to collect detailed street-level data. This will then be used to lobby the government, network operators and telecoms watchdog Ofcom to improve connectivity in the county.

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#### **Christmas Parking**

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- Saturday 23 November all Wychavon long and short stay car parks in Evesham and Droitwich Spa
- Saturday 30 November all Wychavon long and short stay car parks in Pershore
- Saturday 7 December all Wychavon long and short stay car parks in Broadway

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#### **Local Issues**

The Millennium Wood footpath has been cleared making it easier for walkers and now access is easier the new information board will be installed as promised.

Cllr Robinson to follow up on the cancelled bus service from Hawbridge.

Cllrs asked if Cllr Robinson can request the footpath from Feli's Restaurant through to the crossroads and further up out of the village towards the train station be cleared and cut back from vegetation.

## **Village Hall Committee**

The Hall is still busy with bookings and the committee are planning a Christmas event for Sunday 1st December. A successful big breakfast has been held and an Indian themed supper, the coffee mornings are also still well received and the next one is planned for Saturday 7th December. Small issue noted with a springy section of the flooring will be looked into

#### **SWDP** Update

A liaison meting was held in November (Please find slides on the website) in brief the SWDP have merged the original concept plan with some of the views the developers requested.

The Southern development and bypass looks to now possibly be built in the first stages of the development rather than the latter stages. All evidence documents must be submitted to the inspector before the end of December 2024

#### Play Park Claverton

The Clerk shared that the works to install new equipment will start in the Playpark from 16th December and they should be self-sufficient, the Clerk and Cllr A. Morris are contacts should they be needed. The Clerk will share information with residents on the village facebook page, website and using laminated posters in the playpark to inform them of the works beforehand. The park may be taped off and out of use for a week or two whilst works are undertaken.

The Clerk has agreed with Wychavon for the funds to be paid upfront for the project to progress swiftly.

#### Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be Thursday 16th January 2025 at 7pm in Stoulton Village Hall.

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#### ST BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS

# Café Church 5<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany

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

We will be thinking about the journey of the wise men (or three kings) as we approach Epiphany. A 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

# • 4<sup>th</sup> January

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from now on. The soup and social dates for the rest of the year are:

- January 14<sup>th</sup>
- February 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*.

- January 13<sup>th</sup>
- January 27<sup>th</sup>

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

#### **Christmas at St Barnabas**

How wonderful to see so many villagers joining us for our Christmas celebrations. The church was full of joyful song for our carol service and for our Crib and Christingle.

Don't forget though, church is open all year round and we hope to be able to welcome many of you to some of our other services and events throughout the year. Please keep an eye on dates via Instagram, Facebook and website (details below)

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. Please pop in and take a look. At the time of going to press we still await the chairs but hopefully by the time we go to print they will be in full use in our building. Please 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)

# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES January 2025

5<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion together

St Edmunds Stoulton Revd Emma 9.30am

Café Church Advent

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

12<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion Revd. Emma 9.30am

19<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship Lay Led 9.30am

26<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion Revd. Emma 9.30am

# St. Edmunds (Stoulton)

5th Joint Holy Communion 9.30am

# St. Peters (Pirton)

5th. Holy Communion. 3.30pm

19th. Evening Prayer. 3.30pm

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