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Another busy half term at Pre School where we have been looking at "People who help

us", which included a visit from a paramedic with his ambulance.

We were very excited to receive a set of wooden blocks to enhance our block play area. We were lucky enough to get this through the Early Years.

We have also received some Science equipment which the children are enjoying exploring with.

Spaces are still available for children aged 2 upwards. For further information please ring 07896238294 or call into the Village Hall.

'BARNIES' out of school club is now going into its 2nd year, offering safe out of school care for Breakfast and After school for local families whose children attend St Barnabas First & Middle School.

We have been lucky to have recently received some funding from local sources and would like to thank everyone who has made that happen, with the money we are going to purchase some new games and equipment for 'Barnies' and the children are enjoying helping use choose what they would like to have in their out of school club. We currently have places available Monday to Friday for both before and after school, new children are always made very welcome.

For more information please call Bobby on 07896240875.

Our Pre School and Out of School fundraising committee have a date for your diary

- Saturday 2nd April 7.00pm till late, Drakes Broughton Village Hall.
- Drakes Broughton Pre School & Barnies Out of School Club does 'Strictly' An evening of great entertainment 'strictly' style,
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or

Julie Lloyd 841344 (Drakes Broughton.)
The Lilies will be used to decorate
St Barnabas and St Edmunds churches

THE OLD OAK

This month I have been talking with Sheila and Alan Hughes who run the Old Oak in Drakes Broughton. The original building is 200 years old and began as a row of cottages, although they do not know when these cottages were converted into a public house. Sheila showed me a photograph, taken sometime during the 1920s, of the landlord at the time, a very tall man called Mr Lewis. He is standing outside the Oak and next to him stands a small boy, his son Archibald. Another photo Sheila has depicts Archibald's sister, also standing outside the Oak.

Archibald Lewis is now in his 90s, and during the summer of 2009, he came back to visit the pub where he grew up, with several members of his family. Sheila told me he was really interested to see the pub again after all this time and he was able to recognise many features from the time he lived there.

Alan told me that Archibald's father not only ran the pub, but he also ran traction engines for local farmers, getting up at 4 o'clock in the morning to get the engines fired up so they could go out.

Since I spoke to Sheila and Alan, I have met with Ron Owen, who was a small boy in Drakes Broughton during the 1930s. He remembers the landlord's name as Ken Lewis, and remembers the Old Oak more as a cider house than a pub selling a wider variety of drinks. He and his brother Gerry also remember the work Ken Lewis did for the local farms with his traction engines.

I've also been doing some research of my own: a trawl of the census records reveals that in1881 Andrew Kendrick Lewis, a licensed victualler was living at The Old Oak, and he was still there 10 years later in 1891. However, the 1901 census shows that the landlord was a 26-year-old man called Rawson Passey. I wonder if any knows if there is a connection between Rawson Passey and the Lewis family; also, how did the pub pass back to the Lewis family in the 1930s?

I would love to hear from Villager readers who can tell me more about the history of the pub, either about the building or anything about any of the families who have lived or worked there over the years. We are planning to put the two photographs Sheila showed me, and eventually other pictures to illustrate any of these articles, onto the Villager website. If anyone has photographs, even ones you have shown me in the past, perhaps you would lend them to me to scan for the website.

Moira Gutteridge fiddlesticks@clara.co.uk 840947

CASSEROLE SUPPER RAISES £940 A BIG THANK YOU

Stoulton Village Hall was packed for this year's Casserole Supper. It was a truly community occasion with raffle prizes, casseroles and a rich variety of truly scrumptious puddings made and donated by volunteers-a big thank you to everyone for these. The event raised £940 towards the costs of caring for Stoulton's ancient church building; this year the money will be put towards the insurance bill of £1750. The PCC is particularly grateful to Margaret Henry and her team for shouldering the responsibility of organising and running the event for Stoulton Church.

Sandy Marchant Church Warden.

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Retail Assistants help with the smooth running of the National Trust shop, helping to meet sales targets while providing a friendly and helpful service for all visitors. The Volunteering Manager coordinates special events and outings for the team of volunteers, ensuring they have a voice and feel involved in decisions. All of these roles will suit people who have an enthusiastic and friendly manner, enjoy meeting people and like working as part of a team. An interest in gardens/gardening would be useful, but is not essential.

Health Charity

The Worcestershire Branch of this national charity is run by volunteers and is currently looking to recruit the following: A **Vice Chair** to deputise for the chair when necessary. An **Events Co-ordinator** to organise branch events and assist fundraising groups. A **Branch Contact** to offer a proactive service for people seeking help or information. An **Association Visitor** to befriend people who have been diagnosed with motor-neurone disease by providing friendship, advice and support to them and their families.

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<u>DRAKES BROUGHTON AND WADBOROUGH</u> WITH PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD THURSDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2011

LOCAL POLICING

PCSO Ben Allchurch introduced himself as the new PCSO for the area. He advised of 3 reported crimes. 1 theft from Motor Vehicle, 1 theft of copper wire and 1 criminal damage. He spoke of the new West Mercia Police Website and answered members questions.

REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

County Councillor R. Adams gave his report particularly regarding the New Leader of Worcester County Council. He advised that money available for Youth Activity Grants had successfully been fully allocated.

District Councillor P. Middlebrough gave his report particularly regarding the reduction of subsidised bus services and of plans regarding the relocation of Pershore Library, he encouraged both individuals and the Parish Council to participate in both consultations. He spoke of the refusal of a local wind farm application and of plans for a electricity generation scheme at Wyre weir. District Councillor Middlebrough advised that all Councillors expenses and District Council purchases of over £500 are now published and available to view at the District Council Website and that the District Council would be waiving the £75 road closure fees for the Royal Wedding on 29/04/11 contrary to recent reports in local press.

Cllr. R. Durrant expressed his displeasure at an article in recent press that had insinuated leadership of the 'Race to Infinity' campaign had been initiated by Peopleton Parish Council.

HIGHWAYS

The Clerk spoke of a report previously circulated to members regarding outstanding matters following Highways Meeting Held on Monday 27th September 2010. The Chairman advised that he has spoken with Mr Lavender regarding his proposals for the use of £5000. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Lavender and request that he put his proposals in writing for the

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Church Calendar March 2011 Rev Don Sloggett 840528

Parish of Stoulton (St Edmund) with Drakes Broughton (St Barnabas)

Together, the churches that make up our Parish offer a variety of services each week, to suit all tastes or moods. From the traditional BCP (Book of Common Prayer), and Morning/Evening Prayer, through CW (Common Worship which is more modern in style) to freer, livelier worship such as the Morning Prayer and Praise and the Family Service. You will find a warm welcome whichever of the services you would like to trywe look forward to seeing you!

ST. BARN	abas, Di	RAKES BROUG	SHTON March				
Sunday	6 th	10.15am	Eucharist				
Sunday	13 th	10.45 am	Morning Prayer and Praise				
Sunday	20^{th}	8.15am	BCP Worship (Epiphany)				
-		10.15am	Christingle Family Worship				
Sunday	27 th	10.15am	Eucharist				
Sunday School on 13th & 27th - 10am in village hall							
Dot Cotton - 840933							

ST. EDMUND), S тои	<u>LTON</u>	March
Sunday	6 th	9.00am	Eucharist CW1
<u>Wednesday</u>	9 th	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist for Ash Wednesday
Sunday	13 th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday	20^{th}	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	27 th	9.00am	Eucharist CW1
St. Peter, Pirton			March
Sunday Sunday	$\begin{array}{c} 6^{\text{th}} \\ 3^{\text{th}} \end{array}$	3.30pm 9.00pm	Eucharist Morning Prayer
Sunday Sunday	20 th 27 th	3.30pm 10.00am	Evening Prayer Morning Prayer

consideration of Mr Jones, Engineering Consulting Manager at Wychavon District Council.

A discussion ensued regarding the recent A44 speed limit review. It was agreed that Mr Adams would enquire as to the current stage of the proceedings and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr. Small expressed his disappointment at the footway repairs/reconstruction works currently being carried out at Keepers Close. The Clerk advised, Mr Small & County Councillor Adams both agreed that on a 'walkabout' around the village to identify, and as minuted following the January 2010 meeting, agreed the repairs/replacements of footways most necessary in the village were to Stonebow Road and Shrubbery Road. The Clerk advised that upon investigation Mr Fullee, Highways Liaison Officer had advised that Keepers Close had been nominated by County Councillor Adams. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that County Councillor would investigate and report back.

Cllr. Durrant expressed his disappointment at recent pot hole repairs carried out by the Highways Team and advised that although all seemed well initially, the repairs had started to fail after barely 24 hours. County Councillor Adams spoke of a recent meeting he had attended where follow-up procedures to highways repairs were discussed.

INFORMATION AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 3rd March 2011 in Drakes Broughton Village Hall.

Michelle Elliott, Clerk & RFO, 1 Greenfields Close, Drakes Broughton, WR10 2BD Tel: 01905 841564 email: michelleelliott@gmx.com

^{**} The above information is extracted from Draft Minutes, the full contents have yet to be approved by the Parish Council **

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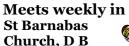
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CHATTERBOX (Ladies Club)

Tuesday 1st March 7.30pm Village Hall 'An armchair view of Edwardian Worcester' (slides)

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Tuesday 5th April 7.30pm Village Hall Talk by Mr. G. Hook (the last pearl button maker)

A dynamic talk telling the story of Pearl Button making

further info from Janet Brown 01905 840998



Short Mat Bowls

Drakes Broughton Village Hall **Monday Evening** 7.30pm **Wednesday Afternoon**

2pm

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If you'd like more information on this or any of the various groups for children and adults meeting each month please telephone any of the following: Shirley on 840472 (Barnabas Bear) **Corinna** on 840576 (Tea break/Xpression) Jennie 01386 552057 (Xpression) Dot 840933 (Sunday School/Xpression) June Sloggett 840528 (Response)

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP WITH SCHOOL

Every week we see a different group of children coming across to school to join us in collective worship. The session is on a Tuesday at 11.15am and lasts for about 20 minutes. Anyone is welcome to come along and worship with the children.

PRAYER REQUESTS

At St Barnabas Church, we produce a monthly news sheet as well as a weekly news sheet. On the weekly sheet, there are prayer requests usually from local people who are unwell or bereaved and would like the church family to pray for them. Sometimes the requests are for strength in some other area of their lives. If you would like to be included on our prayer diary, please contact Corinna. If you know of someone else who needs prayer, please ensure you obtain their permission before putting them on the prayer list. Prayer is very powerful. You may be surprised.

CELL GROUPS

We are very blessed to have three very lively cell groups in our village. Wednesday cell, Thursday cell and DB Wanderers cell (of no fixed day!). We meet together in our homes for fellowship and discussion. If you feel you may be interested in cell church, please contact Jennie, Corinna, Dot or Shirley for further information.

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, DRAKES

JAM CLUB

MESSY JAM this month Thursday 3rd March 3.30 - 4.30pm (to include tea) Fun, games, crafts and stories for ALL the family

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BARNABAS BEAR CLUB

Thursday 10th March 2.15pm in church (see below) For pre-school children and babies and their parent/carer. Small act of worship, story time, play time and refreshments. See you there!

YOUTH NEWS

Xpression 4th and 18th March 7.00pm -8.30pm in church Year 6 – year 9 inclusive. Fellowship and fun with light

TEA BREAK

Afternoon tea will be served at In church on Thursday 17th March at 2.15pm - Crèche available. Come alona for an informal chat over tea and homemade cake and mince pies! See you there!

CONTACT COFFEE MORNING

The coffee morning this month will be in **Drakes Broughton Church** Wednesday 30th March 10.30 to 12 noon

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MORE than 900 million people may be vulnerable to a newly-discovered security flaw that could let hackers hijack their computers.

Industry giant Microsoft have issued a critical warning to every user of their Internet Explorer web browser on every version of their system software.

It admitted that users could easily be fooled into downloading malicious files by just clicking on a web link and that could let malicious hackers steal private data.

Microsoft have stated: "The Internet Explorer flaw a threat malicious script would run on the user's computer for the rest of the Internet Explorer session. Such a script might collect user information, such as email, display spoof content or otherwise interfere with the user's experience." They gave no indication that the glitch had been exploited but their research showed it was a serious threat. They have issued an update to patch the problem and are now working to develop a long-term fix.

(some cheerful news)



An enthusiastic committee is already working hard to ensure this year's Pershore Carnival in May will be a fantastic event, building on the success of last year.

The theme for the 2011 carnival is 'summer holiday' and organisers are confident this will allow for a wide range of interpretation on the day, from floats to

fancy dress. As usual, lorries can be provided for the floats and the parade.

Activities for children and the carnival princess return, together with a bigger and better dog show being plan by Jenny Bennet.

Organisers have also asked for church or village magazine editors to get in touch at pershore.carnival@hotmail.com and send deadline dates so that they can ensure carnival related articles are printed in local publications in time.

From the Rector

Dear Friends.

Not long after I had been ordained, I was invited by the church where I had grown up to preach at their Ash Wednesday Eucharist. I remember it well because I started with the words 'You're not going to like this at all, but I feel it my duty to say something today that will be unpleasant. The fact that one day, each one of us will die.' To my surprise, there was an audible sigh of relief, which puzzled me so much that it through me off for the rest of my sermon.

Afterwards, some of the people that I knew so well, came up to me and said things like, 'you had me worried there, I thought you were going to say about the row I've been having with Mrs so and so' etc.

Odd, relieved that I spoke of our mortality, which is traditionally the subject for an Ash Wednesday address, but concerned that I might make a public declaration about some squabble of which I knew nothing anyway.

Maybe it's because although we know it to be true somewhere in the back of our minds that our time here on earth is temporary, we don't actually like to be reminded of it.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent and traditionally, it is also a time when we are reminded of our own mortality with the words, 'remember oh man, remember oh woman, from dust you came and to dust you will return.'

It is so easy to go through life thinking that it will never end, but that it just not the reality, so it is good that we are reminded of that fact for all sorts of reasons. That we have made provision for covering the ever increasing cost of our funeral, and maybe even given thought to how we would like that funeral to take place. That we have put our affairs in order so that there will not be problems left for our loved ones to sort out.

But what about our own preparation to meet our maker. We do not know much about that day, but the Bible is clear that we will be called to give account of our lives and how we served God. Maybe it's time that you gave some thought to that. I would be only to please to speak with you about what we as Christians believe about that time. Just give me a call.

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BIRD AND NATURE NOTES by Paul Rhodes

The spring has seemed a long way off particularly after the attritional weather of late November and December.

However, the air is now full of bird song from native birds and great spotted woodpeckers are advertising their presence to mates by drumming from their favourite hollow trees.

The first flowers are also making their appearance, two of the earliest are the coltsfoot (*Tussilago farfara*) and lesser celandine (*Ranunculus ficaria*). These two common, often overlooked plants, once had a place in folklore, early medicine and literature.



Coltsfoot is an interesting plant flowering from late February through to early April, the flower stalks with their yellow flowering heads appear before the leaves and therefore are easy to identify. It can grow to a height of 12 inches, but more typically reaches a

height of 4 to 6 inches. Whilst it is a relatively common plant in our parishes, it is often overlooked, as it resembles a small dandelion. However, in most years coltsfoot will have flowered well and gone over well before most dandelions appear with both flowers and leaves. Coltsfoot prefer areas of bare, sometimes damp waste ground. The leaves appear after the flowers and it is from the leaves that the plant is named, in that in cross-section the leaves resemble a colts foot. The leaves are utilised as a food plant by the larvae of The Gothic and Small Angle Shades moths.

For such an unobtrusive plant, it has been attributed medicinal properties. Indeed the Greek physician Dioscorides recommended its use as a relief from coughs and asthma when smoked, its Latin name Tussilago farfara, literally means cough dispeller and its dried flowers and leaves have been used in herbal cigarettes. (don't try this at home!)

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The other common flower of early spring, the lesser celandine is also yellow in colour. It is a member of the ranunculus or buttercup family. The yellow flower heads normally have 8 to 12



narrow petals and these turn whitish as the flowers age. It is a common plant, often found along hedge banks or stream sides. Where it is found in gardens it can be a pest, as any part of the root tubers if left in the ground during removal will form a new plant. The name celandine is a corrupted form of the Latin word chelidonia, meaning swallow. The belief being that it flowered at the time of the swallows arrival. This is partly true, as celandines should be in flower when the first swallows start to arrive in late March, but in most springs they will be in flower well before swallows arrive. The plant has often been referred to or written about in literature, William Wordsworth even dedicating a poem to the celandine. His memorial plaque in the church at

Grasmere has a celandine carved on it, unfortunately, however the flower carved was a greater celandine from a different plant family altogether, the greater celandine being a relative of the poppy family. References to celandines also occur in works by C S Lewis and Tolkein. There are no formal medical uses attributed to the lesser celandine but its former name of pilewort was supposedly due to the belief that it could be used to treat hemorrhoids, due to the shape of the plant's tubers (definitely not to be tried at home!)

THE MONTH AHEAD, THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR:-

First arrivals-sand martins from early March, first swallows from as early as the 21st and chiffchaffs (they sing their name) from the 16th onwards. Departing guests from the end of the month onwardsfieldfares, redwings, siskins and lesser redpolls.



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Have you heard of Spires Restaurant at Worcester College of Technology?

I am in my second year of the VRQ Catering and Hospitality Course at Worcester College of Technology, and every Thursday we are open to the public for dinner.

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Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Aimée Sealey

Drakes Broughton Rangers Football Club

(Est. 1987)

This report is written before 3 of our sides have played their cup semi finals. However, well done to our under 11s.14s and 15s all of whom have progressed to the 'last 4' in their respective cup competitions. Hopefully we shall have some good news to report in April, but whatever the outcome, our congratulations to all lads and coaches concerned.

All 7 of our sides continue to enjoy their football with varying degrees of success...... as always!

Once again, the club are sending kit (shirts, socks and boots) to Zambia via Pershore High School who will be making their annual trip in April.

If anyone has any old, unwanted or unused kit could they please hand it to their team coach. If anyone has kit but does not play for our club, please drop it round to me (Fairacres, Walcot Lane). We have previously received fantastic photos of the Zambian 'link' school kitted out in the kits we have sent over. They are indeed very grateful for all donations and it is great to see the kit put to good use. Please ensure all kit is washed and boots are clean before handing in. The deadline for the collection is **20**th **March.** Thank you.

As always, we are happy to welcome new players to our club. The Under 10s team desperately need a permanent goal keeper. If you are in year 5 and are keen to play football, please contact me in the first instance. Similarly, we are looking to set up a new Under 8s team for next season. This team will consist of players who are currently in year 1 and 2. Again, please contact me to register your interest.

Ian Wilcox Club Secretary ☎(10905) 840576

THE TALE OF THE DOG (PART 10)

At the end of part 9, I mentioned the Cinnomon Trust (here is the promised information):-

The Cinnamon Trust 10, Market Square Hayle, Cornwall. TR27 4HE.
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Being on a lead, types of leads used, training to walk to heel, have all been commented on. It would now be useful to discuss behaviour on the lead and why a dog acts as it does when faced with certain circumstances.

When on a lead, a dog feels very vulnerable. It is restricted and cannot defend itself either by fleeing or fighting if it is threatened by other dogs or scary situations.

It's reactions will be varied. If the dog is a breed which in which defence is attack, it will go for the jugular (and mean it!) If it is a dog who would naturally leg it to get out of danger, it will put up a tough front, creating huge amounts of noise and leaping up and down. A timid dog will cower, bump the human's hand with it's nose or even roll over in submission. The human can do quite a bit to pre-empt these situations. (TIP 9)

When dogs are approaching, make sure your dog is heeling tight in by your side and try to keep distance between you and the oncoming animal. If the dogs wag their tails, let the lead out and they can meet in a calm manner.

Going back to Part 1 - 'Think dog' - If you are in control, in the eyes of your dog, you are defending it and it will relax and let you deal with the situation. Likewise, do not let your dog rush in on another dog on the lead for the same reason, that is asking for trouble.

It is worth noting, if you have more than one dog, that constitutes a pack. They will behave in hunting mode and will tend to pounce on anything that moves unless their owner is well in control. Life outside can be a bit daunting but if the owner is nervous, the dog will be also. Carrying a stout stick is useful (we are not much good with our teeth if required to defend our pooch)!!!! Next month, some interesting doggy activities.

Jenifer Russell

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