VILLAGER
December 2025

Merry Christmas



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Drakes Broughton, Wadborough with Pirton Parish Council

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 Thursday 4th December at Drakes Broughton Village Hall, please advise the Clerk if you wish to make representations.

NOTE OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: clerk@dbwp-pc.gov.uk

YOUR MEMBERS:

Drakes Broughton Ward: Tina Pell (Vice-Chair), Ray Turner (Also footpath warden) Mark Grisdale, Richard Booker, Maureen Williams, Alistaire Clarke and Ruth Bessant.
Wadborough Ward: Lawrie Abercrombie, Marianne Vincent and Carole Bretherton
Pirton Ward – Janet Butterworth (Chair) and Derek Skeys

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

VILLAGER

It is with a heavy heart we say good-bye to the Villager magazine after 50 years and the Parish Council wishes to thank the committee volunteers for a sterling job. We are hopeful a Drakes Broughton Times will replace the way to get this update to you, our communities, we are also investing in a new Parish Council website.

HELP YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU! VACANCY PIRTON

We still have a vacancy for 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!

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE.

- Many of you will be aware that a new Neighbourhood Plan is being developed for Drakes Broughton, Wadborough and Pirton. This will enable our community to guide the future of any development, regeneration and conservation in our neighbourhood.

- Funding to ensure it is delivered for the community. All is progressing and we anticipate having some public consultations later this autumn to share the progress with you all and get your feedback.

- Please anticipate and swiftly respond to the housing needs survey you will receive in the coming weeks, hubs with help and support will also be set up with PC members available to assist completing paper or online forms. Updates will continue to be provided on village WhatsApp groups, the Drakes Broughton Facebook page and Village Hall website. We will also be placing posters throughout the villages in prominent places (Pubs, Churches, shops and noticeboards etc)

- **PLAY PARK & VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**

PLEASE BE REMINDED TO only use the Village Hall spaces if you are attending something at the Village Hall, the other spaces nearer the Play Park are the Community Spaces for those intending to use the Play Park and Playing fields.

PLAY PARK

The Parish Council has recently had the larger equipment serviced as per safety guidelines along with weekly checks and annual inspections, please do advise the clerk if you see any damage or deterioration.

PLAYING FIELD

The old garages were removed and the ground cleared, containers moved, fencing is being costed & work long the boundary will continue next month.

SPEEDING!

The Community Speed Watch is always in need of further volunteers, if you are concerned regarding speeding in Drakes Broughton and can spare an hour, please get in touch.

SEVERN TRENT WATER

As part of the investigation work to inform the STW infrastructure upgrade programme a series of road closures are planned in Drakes Broughton whilst STW undertakes some more investigation. Many residents will have received a communication from STW about this programme of work.

STREETLIGHTS

The Parish Council owns and maintains many of the Streetlights in Drakes Broughton. The PC has secured a very competitive new contract for the electricity with only a marginal increase on the past 3-year deal, for the next 3 years! Please report any unlit or flickering streetlights to the Clerk. Thanks in advance!

Should you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact me.
Nikki Nicholson (Parish Clerk & RFO)
01905936560, EMAIL ADDRESS: clerk@dbwpc-pc.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE THE 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.

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Nikki Nicholson (Parish Clerk & RFO)
01905936560, Email: clerk@dbwpc-pc.gov.uk

Message from your County Councillor

It is with some sadness that I realise that this will be my final contribution to Villager after it has recently marked its 50th Anniversary year. It has served us continuously and been much appreciated as a key means of keeping villagers from Drakes Broughton and Stoulton informed on local issues and forthcoming events.

My heartfelt thanks go out all those who have been involved from the Newsletter Committee over its duration.

I would also like to take this opportunity to send all residents my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

As always please feel free to contact me as your County Cllr if I can be of help with any issues or queries using my contact details as shown on the back page.

Linda

Message from your District Councillor

By the time you read this message Christmas will be fast approaching. There are so many changes on the horizon, not just the relentless push for more houses but the unknown how Local Government will work when unitary government is formed. There will be no more Wychavon and no more County Council. Thank goodness, hopefully Parish Councils will stay in place but may take on more responsibilities.

The main message I would like to say is a very big thank you to the Parish Council headed up by Chairman Councillor Janet Butterworth and Clerk Nikki Nicholson supported by an excellent parish council together with all you residents who help me representing you. Your phone calls and email messages are so valuable.

Please everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year, any problems I am around.

Rob, rob.adams@wychavon.net
Tel: 01905 347927/07885 306608

Drakes Broughton Village Hall

Thank you.
The Trustees and Management Group of Drakes Broughton Village Hall would like to express our thanks to all those involved in producing and distributing Villager over the years and for supporting the Hall. Villager has been valuable in helping to publicise and promote the Hall and its activities over the years.

Volunteers needed
We still need volunteers to help with running and maintaining the Hall.
If you can spare a few hours from time to time, why not get involved in helping with the running of the Hall? Ways to become involved include:

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

Parking at Drakes Broughton Village Hall.
Car parking for village hall users is now clearly marked "VILLAGE HALL" in three areas. We would ask those not using the Hall to use the public parking spaces furthest away from the Hall where is says "keep clear". Thank you for your cooperation.

What's on – Community and Social Events
For information about what's on at the Hall, please visit our website at www.dbvillagehall.com or check out our social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, Blue Sky and X.
Community Café and Tuck shop – every Friday 2pm to 4pm.
Healthy Worcestershire sessions – free and open to all every Wednesday morning 10am to 12pm
Community Singing – Mondays - 2pm to 3pm. 1 December & 5 January
Wychavon Wellbeing sessions at the Community Café. 19 December
Family Quiz Night – Friday 21 November 7.30pm. £5.00 entry per team of four.
Christmas Fayre – Saturday 29 November 2025 – contact Tina on 07519 870421 to book a table
Christmas Carol Concert with DBSO - Monday 15 December at 7.00pm. Details to follow.
Barn Dance – Saturday 21 March at 7.00pm. Details to follow.

We have a number of **regular clubs and classes**, please see our Facebook page, website or the notice board at the Village Hall or go to https://www.dbvillagehall.com/clubs-classes

2025/26 100 Plus Club lottery November Draw Results
Winning numbers will continue to be published on our website and social media pages.

November 2025
First prize of £25 ticket number - 43
Second prize £10 ticket number - 34



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.

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.

Martin A Boniface..
On behalf of the DBVH Management Group.
email: dbvillagehall@hotmail.com Mobile 07702 207300

DB VH

Calling residents of Drakes Broughton, Wadborough & Pirton Volunteers needed

With the continued and growing success of the Hall, we need more volunteers to help us run and manage the Hall.

We need your support with a variety of tasks and aspects of running the Hall. A few more people able to spare a few hours a month would make a huge difference.

For further information please email or call Martin at dbvillagehall@Hotmail.com or 07702 207300

The Drakes Broughton Folk Band

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

St Barnabas Church from 6:45 till 8:15pm

Any queries, please ring

Moira on 07775 681415

SHORT MAT BOWLS

In the Village Hall, Drakes Broughton

Wednesday afternoons 1.45 till 4.00pm

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Annual subscription is £30:00
Bowling sessions will be free

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CONTACT

Reg Moule, 01905 840868

Carols in the Village Hall

Once again, there will be village carols, held in the **Drakes Broughton Village Hall on Monday evening, December 15th at 7pm**. If you would like to play with the DBSO this year, rehearsal dates are as follows:

Monday 1st and 8th December 8th from 6:45 – 8:15 pm in St Barnabas Church, Drakes Broughton

If you can play a musical instrument: come to one, two or all three rehearsals **Or, if you cannot manage to get to a rehearsal:** just turn up on the evening!

If you used to play an instrument, but don't think you can any more: come along and give it a go

If you have an act you can offer: song, instrumental item, poetry reading, juggling, handbells, or any other form of entertainment, **or**

If you can offer help with: eg, furniture moving, helping to decorate the hall: **Ring Moira on 07775 681415**

Update On The Community Buses and Demand Response Transport

November 2025

Good news the community buses will continue to run until March 2026 then there will be a review! We need to use them as much as possible to show the County Council there is a need for the community service transport.

Worcester wheels 01905 450654 run a weekly bus on a Tuesday morning to Worcester City ring at least the day before to book a seat.

Pershore Volunteer Centre 01386 554 299 run a weekly bus on a Friday morning to Pershore again ring at least the day before to book a seat

Demand Response Transport is established in our area and has been used by quite a few people but it is not always easy to use the app especially if its on your phone. So you can ring 01905 846180 to book a ride. This service does not go into Worcester but does go to Pershore, Evesham Broadway. You can get a ride to Parkway to get the X50 if you want to go into Worcester City . They are looking into getting the DRT to the Countryside Centre so you could then walk through to the hospital. Check on the web site or on the phone as to whether this is yet in situ.

The app 'Worcestershire on Demand' can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google Play. The service runs 7am-7pm Monday to Saturday. Fares are £2.50 per person per journey (£1.25 for additional passengers) Concessionary cards are accepted.

Library Service at Home

Do you live in Drakes Broughton and love to read but are unable to access the library?

Volunteers can deliver a selection of books to your home monthly (large print or books on CD are available)

This is a free service.

For more information please call 01905 822722 and ask to be put through to Pershore Library.

County Mobile Library

3rd Tuesday in the month

13.30 to 13.45	Drakes Broughton	Greenfields Close
13.50 to 14.05	Stoulton	Hawbridge
14.15 to 14.30	Pirton	Pirton Grange

4th Tuesday in the month

14.35 to 14.50	Wadborough	Mason's Arms

Enquiries about this service should be made by contacting:-

TEL: 01905 822722 or emailing

mobilelibraries@worcestershire.gov.uk

Important Announcement from the Newsletter Committee

Dear Reader,

We the Newsletter Committee met for our annual AGM on 9th October and took the opportunity to discuss the future of Villager.

As with previous years the cost of printing Villager is more than the income we generate and therefore without a significant increase in our advertising income, to continue a further year would not be viable.

With regret we have therefore decided to **not continue** with Villager after this December.

Apart from the lack of finances, the other reasons for taking this decision are:

- One Committee member has recently moved out of Drakes Broughton
- One member is also in the process of moving soon.
- One member has decided to step down for personal reasons.

The other factors in our decision are the software we use to create the magazine is no longer being supported by Microsoft, and ….

Since having to take the decision last year to not deliver to all households, the interest in the magazine has significantly reduced. Accounting for number of paper copies printed and number of residents having a PDF version, less than a quarter of the original deliveries have continued to support the magazine.

All members of the Committee have been involved with Villager for many years and feel that we have hit a “Perfect Storm.”

We therefore conclude that now is the right time to stop producing the magazine in our 50th anniversary year.

We thank you for understanding.

The Newsletter Committee.

Come to Drakes Broughton village hall to:

- sing carols
- Listen to the delightful strains of the D.B.S.O.
- Eat mince pies and drink mulled wine





Monday
December 15th
at 7 o'clock.



Admission £5

"Christmas begins with the D.B.S.O."

25th Anniversary

Christmas Concert 2025

DRAKES BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 6th December 6-00 pm

Proceeds in aid of Pirton Church Funds

Payment will include light refreshments/mulled wine/soft drinks, however if you wish to bring your own drinks you are welcome to do so.

If any children wish to read or play an instrument etc., please contact Roly on Tel. 840887 ASAP.

PAYMENT AT THE DOOR

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• **CHILDREN U.7YRS**	**FREE**



Cheques payable to: " Pirton PCC " Thank you

Pershore Rotary News

Recently, we gathered to celebrate the life and music of **Rotarian Gordon Hartley-Bennett**. A packed Pershore Abbey on **Saturday, 18 October** was treated to a truly memorable evening — filled with stirring orchestral sounds, a powerful organ performance and uplifting brass solos from musicians who had known and played alongside Gordon for many years. Funds raised from this wonderful concert will be shared between **Parkinson's UK** and **Pershore Rotary**, honouring Gordon's enduring love of music and service.

Pershore Rotary's much-loved **Tree of Remembrance Appeal** returns this Christmas, launching at the **Georgian Christmas Fayre on 28–29 November.** In return for a donation to our chosen charities, families and friends are warmly invited to 'R**emember a Loved One'** by completing the online form at www.pershoretreeofremembrance.com, or filling in and submitting the attached form.

The **names of those remembered** will be displayed at **Number 8 Arts Centre**, the **Acorns Hospice Shop** and in our **online Book of Remembrance**. All funds raised will again support **Acorns Children's Hospice, St Richard's Hospice** and the **Midlands Air Ambulance** — charities that bring hope and comfort to so many. Donations can also be made at our **tombola stall** during the Fayre, in December at the Co-op or in Chapmans Court at Asda, where local choirs and bands will perform festive music and carols. The joyful sound of carols in **Chapman Court** last year filled the air with Christmas cheer — and we can't wait to see you singing along again!

Join us on **Friday, 19 December** for an enchanting evening as **Vocal High** returns to **Pershore Abbey** with their **Candlelit Winter Warmer** concert. **Tickets at** £12.00 each will be available from **The Style & Colour Co, 36 High Street, Pershore**, or online at www.vocalhigh.com. The **concert begins at 7.30pm** and features **guest musicians.** Let this magical night of music light up your Christmas season.

Rotary is one of the world's largest humanitarian organisations, with **1.4 million members in over 35,000 clubs across 200 countries.** Here in Pershore, we're proud to continue that legacy — investing our time, energy and enthusiasm into **local and global projects** that make a difference. If you'd like to get involved, support our work, or learn more, visit www.pershorerotary.club, find us on **Facebook,** or email secretary@pershorerotary.club.

Together, we can make good things happen — in Pershore and beyond.

Being the 50th Anniversary and final copy of 'The Villager', on behalf of all Pershore Rotarians I would like to congratulate the Editors for producing an excellent and informative newsletter over many years and thank them for the great contribution the monthly newsletter has made to the local community.

Richard Lees

Pershore Rotary Tree of Remembrance Appeal 2025

Rotary Club of Pershore

Pershore Rotary are offering this special way to remember your loved ones, past and present, this Christmas and at the same time help three local charities who support us and our loved ones at crisis times in our lives. They get little Government funding and rely on our generosity.

Donations in memory of those loved but lost can be made online by scanning the QR code; by going to https://www.pershoretreeofremembrance.com or by completing this form and sending it with a cheque to the address below.

Name(s) of those you wish to remember (block capitals please):

1…….. 2……

3…….. 4……

Your Name: ……

House name or number: …… Post Code: ……

I enclose a cheque (not cash) for £ …….. Please make it payable to **'Rotary Club of Pershore' and place in the Rotary Post Box at Pershore Town Hall, or post to: Rtn Lynne Raymer, Woodwards House, Cook Hill, Wick, WR10 3PA.**

☐ **Please tick ✓ the box.** I want to 'Gift Aid' my donation. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax/or Capital Gains Tax in a current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay the difference.

Signed: …… Date: ……

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Loved ones names will be displayed on a list at Number 8, Pershore from Monday 3rd November and also on 'The Memory Tree' at Acorns Hospice shop at 24-26 High Street, Pershore, and on www.pershoretreeofremembrance.com and Pershore Rotary's Facebook page. The list of names will be displayed in full in the new year in the Pershore Times and the Evesham Journal.

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History of Villager 1975 to 2025



First 25 Years

(edited from the 25th Anniversary Edition in July 2000)

Early in 1975 a small group of people decided to setup the Drakes Broughton Residents Society which would produce a quarterly newsletter the theme of which was to be "communication within the village and amongst residents"

After an inaugural meeting, the first committee meeting place on 2nd June at the home of Mr & Mrs Rendal Hill. The first magazine appeared in A5 format, in a smart orange cover in July 1975 containing information on forthcoming events, for sale and wanted adverts, puzzle corner and useful telephone numbers. There was a report on the "Pig Roast", the first function held by the Playing Fields Leisure Centre Committee and a write-up about the two plays presented by the Drama Society. Plans were in hand for the first Village Gala, to be held in September. Phone numbers were still listed as 841 for Peopleton or 840 for Stonebow and Pershore numbers had only 4 figures. Stonebow Road was Stonebow Lane and concern was expressed as to the dangers of trying to turn into it and out of it at the junction with the A44.

The committee, chaired by Gerry Kerwood, started off with £9.40 received in donations and the "Tramps Supper" provided the first Fund-raising event for the new magazine; tickets 50p each from "Fandy's" (now Perfect Plaice).

At the first Village Society saw itself as a means for airing concerns, for instance, warnings were printed as to the likelihood of accidents on the narrow S-bend by The Old Oak and there was talk of "Sleeping Policeman" in Shrubbery Road to stop cars speeding. A survey into these interested in Gas in the village was carried out in 1979; petitions for speed limits within the village were begun in 1975 but these were not in place until February 1978. There was also a call for double yellow lines outside school.

In 1976 a Valentine's Dance was held, tickets were 75p excluding refreshments (which were hot dogs!) and later that year a noticeboard was made by Fred Mason and erected. The Society held the four keys and were responsible for sifting through and putting up notices

Villager became a monthly newsletter in June 1976 and received its first Parish Council Grant (£20) in January 1979 when funds had stuck to £1.80!! The Parish Council Grant continues to be a regular source of income.

In April 1980 it was decided that the "Village Society" as it still was, should become the Villager Newsletter Committee and should concentrate on the newsletter, leaving village matters to the Parish Council. The Editor was to be solely responsible for content. Also that year an alliance was formed with the Church-run Parish Magazine, which donated the services of its network of deliverers, and also with the Parish Council-run Parish News. Villager shared the cost of a printing machine and did the printing for the other publications. This was followed by much fund-raising activity towards buying a reconditioned printer in 1984. At the time 850 copies were printed.

Three years are then missing from the minute book. By the time the next entries are made,

funds are being raised for another printer, this time a new one is purchased in October 1989. Villager Committee decided to take on organisation of the 1990 Gala with the theme Red, White and Blue. The AGM 1990 was abandoned due to a lack of support (as has happened frequently since!)

There was a call for a definitive delivery list in August 1991, something we finally achieved after the grand AGM at the Bird In Hand in 1995. The Jazz Evening in November 1991 was a great success as were various orchestral concerts, musical evenings, Pie & Peas supper, Jumble Sales and a Murder Mystery Night at Caldewell. Villager functioned for the first 18 years on fund-raising and grants and never directly asked for contributions to its running from the public.

Then came "The Leaking Roneo Disaster of October 1993, which forced Villager to "go out" to be printed. Software was purchased to improve the look of the magazine and a very much improved edition first appeared in March 1994. However the printing cost was such a drain on resources that desperate measures were taken and Eunice Mason was even seen outside the chip shop with a bucket collecting money for funds. It was decided that a Scan-Printer of our own was the way forwards and efforts were made through an orchestral concert and The Changing Face of Worcester Evening to make a big push for funds. Grants were applied for and appeals for money made.

Then in October 1994 in stepped Eddie Hoxey, provided our Scan-Printer for us. We were able to print our own copies with the minimum of fuss. We used some of our funds raised to buy a second-hand computer and publishing software and kept it up to date. We were then totally "in-house" produced newsletter, of which we were very proud. We also had enough funds to ensure that we could maintain machinery.

Since 2000

Our own printer eventually succumbed to old age. We would like to thank and acknowledge the commitment of Peter Gutteridge who kept the printer going for many years. Fortunately we were able to have the magazine printed through my employer at a very reasonable rate, eventually printing 1275 copies, distributed across the four villages, until my retirement last year.

We would like to thank our Delivery Co-ordinators Bob & Jenny Title and Ian Wilcox, as well as our fantastic Volunteer Delivers for ensuring all households received their monthly magazine.

Villager has been, for many years now, funded by advertising income and a small Parish Grant. Thank you to all the businesses and traders and of course the Parish Councils for their support to the magazine.

Thank you to Ed Lewis, who has been proof reading the magazine for many years.

The Committee would like to thank anyone who made a contribution to Villager, whether it be on the committee or providing articles, notices and news who we missed out above. All contributions to Villager over the past 50 years have, I'm sure, been very much appreciated by the residents of Drakes Broughton, Pirton, Stoulton and Wadborough.

On behalf of the Committee
Pete Barrington, Editor



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Maud Goodwin	1991
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Sheila Joynes	1999
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Pete Barrington	2003
Tarn Heeks	2008
Mike Roffey	2010
Pete Barrington	2017

Chairperson:

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And finally…..

We would like to thank all contributors and readers who have made contact during the past month since we made our announcement to cease printing Villager. We are extremely grateful for their kind words and appreciate the impact our magazine has brought to so many residents.

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Further Update from the Newsletter Committee

Dear Contributors and Readers

Further to previous notice we can announce that following a meeting with Hughes, they propose merging Villager into the Pershore Times.

Hughes would be happy to receive your articles and notices to be included in the Magazines section of the newspaper, where a section for Villager would be created. We understand the current layout of Villager would be incorporated within the newspaper.

Mr Hughes would be happy to meet representatives from each village/group to agree a proposed layout within the newspaper.

Please forward your future articles and notices to news@hughes.company

Thank you for your continued support.

St Barnabas Church News

CAFÉ CHURCH – 7th December 10:30am

Our November service saw us putting together shoe boxes for the village Teams4U appeal.

This month we will be focusing on Advent.

Join us as we talk about this special period in the church calendar. There will be craft activities for everyone. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is thinking about bringing their children to church or just exploring possibilities. Café church is relaxed and informal.

Church/School partnership

We shared a lovely Remembrance service at school on 11th November and the whole school have been over to church for collective worship. They have been busy making more wooden nativity figures of shepherds to go with the angels they made last year. Do take a look in the churchyard. We are building up quite a nativity scene.

The whole school will be holding their Christmas end of term worship in the church. It is wonderful to be able to share welcome with them in this way.

Carol Singing at the pub
4th December

This is now an annual tradition. Meet at The Old Oak, Drakes Broughton at 6pm for about an hour and sing some of your favourite carols and Christmas Songs.

Thank you to Moira and Peter for providing live music!

Carols by Candlelight
21st December 6pm

Join us for this delightful service of readings and carols.
The church looks beautiful as it is lit by candles.

Mulled wine and mince pies will
be served after the service.

COFFEE MORNING – 6th December

10:30am – 12pm

All welcome for tea/coffee
and homemade cakes.
Donations towards church funds

Art Group special 17th December

The art group meet 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.

There will be a special floristry demonstration on 17th December followed by a bring and share Christmas lunch. This is a wonderful social opportunity, and we look forward to welcoming you.

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.

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Soup and social

Tuesday 9th December
12pm – 2pm

Donations towards church funds.

We are grateful to Judi for spearheading this monthly lunch club.

However, help is always welcome.

Barnabas Bear Club

Monday 8th December and
Christmas special Monday 22nd December

A Mother and baby/toddler group from 10am – 12pm. Playtime, stories, craft and singing Come along and join us.

The sessions are free, we serve refreshments and you will receive a very warm welcome.

Church open

The church building is open every Sunday after worship until sunset. This is a wonderful opportunity if you are out and about in the village, to pop in and take a look. You can sit quietly and light a candle for a loved one if you wish. You can also complete a prayer tag which will go on the school prayer wall. Please feel free to sign our visitors book in the porch.

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

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. (churchwarden) 07904 166594 or corinna.wilcox@btinternet.com

Church Services in December

St Barnabas (Drakes Broughton)

Sunday 7th December St Edmunds Stoulton	Holy Communion together with	Revd Emma	9.30am
Café Church Advent Special St Barnabas, DB	***(see note on page 21)***	Lay Led	from 10.30am
Sunday 14th December	Holy Communion	Revd Emma	9.30am
Sunday 21st December	Carols by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and mince pies.		6.00pm

Please note there will be no morning service but there will be services at Pershore Abbey.

Christmas Eve Crib and Christingle Service **4.00pm**
A lovely way to start Christmas celebrations. The figures are placed in the crib at this short all age service and Christingles are handed out.

Mid-night Eucharist at Pershore Abbey **11:15pm**

Christmas Day Celebrate the birth of the Lord with a family Eucharist **9.30am**

Sunday 28th December	Holy Communion	Revd Emma	9.30am

St. Edmunds (Stoulton)

7th	Joint Holy Communion	9:30am
14th	**Village Carol service followed by mince pies at the Old Vicarage**	6.00pm

St. Peters (Pirton)

7th	Holy Communion.	3.30pm
21st	**Carol Service**	**3.30pm**
25th	**Christmas Communion**	**9.30am**

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