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News in Brief



April Coffee Mornings

The next coffee morning will be at the Village Hall on 5th April 10:00 - 12:00. There will be a few stalls selling local produce and homemade craft items to raise money for Riding for the Disabled and the Dry Drayton Village Hall. If you have any produce/ craft items etc you could donate, please bring them along on the morning.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who make the coffee morning a success. The last one was the busiest yet and it was great to see people travel from other villages to join us.

If you would like to give time/ cake please contact Una on <u>una.sowerby@btinternet.co</u>m or Gil on <u>hemyghislaine@gmail.com</u>

April newsletter deadline

The next issue of the Dry Drayton Newsletter will be the May issue. The deadline for that is 20th April. If you have any contributions (text and/or photos), please send them to drydraytonnews@gmail.com to arrive by 20th April at the very latest. Thank you.

Many thanks also to all the Newsletter production team, regular contributors, and the volunteers who deliver the monthly Newsletters to your door. We couldn't do it without you!

Dry Drayton Friendship Club

Thank you to John and Janet
Shepherd for a talk on the 1978-79
The Winter of Discontent.

This was followed by afternoon tea prepared and served by Angie Martin and Carol Doyle.

Our next meeting will be held on 19th April. Everyone, whether you have been before or not, or whatever your age, will be very welcome.

Marlene Northrop, tel: 01954 789525, email: marlene.northrop28@gmail.com.

From Winter to Spring in the Churchyard

Last summer Dry Drayton was awarded a bronze award from the Wildlife Trust for the maintenance of the churchyard to promote biodiversity. The plant diversity acts to attract birds, insects and small mammals (some of you may have noticed our mole hills!).

February was marked by the appearance of groups of snowdrops, which have been followed by the emergence of daffodils and violets as we move into spring. Blackthorn is already in flower in the hedgerow, whilst hawthorn is beginning to show fresh green leaf.

Within the next month, watch out for lesser celandine, bluebells, and the first of the wildflowers in the maintained areas of

grassland, and over the coming year further updates on the flora and fauna spotted around the site will appear in the newsletter.



Mental Health Counselling

Take a Stride for affordable mental health counselling

egistration is now open for a new charity fundraising event that can also be used to support the Dry Drayton School & Village Association (S&VA). The event is the Cogwheel Cambridge Coronation Stride. While the event will raise funds for local mental health charity Cogwheel, walkers and runners can also raise funds for other charities – including the Dry Drayton School & Village Association (S&VA).

Cogwheel Counselling is a Cambridge-based registered charity providing counselling services in Cambridgeshire, including supported affordable provision for those on lower and limited incomes. Funds raised from the Stride will help Cogwheel continue this important work.

Created to mark Cogwheel Counselling's 35 th anniversary, the Stride is a 27-mile self-guided walk around the perimeter of Cambridge. There are also shorter options of 6 miles or 13 miles for walkers or runners. The Stride will take place on Sunday 7 May as part of the Coronation weekend.

The Stride uses the historic River Cam as the spine of the walk, with Grantchester Meadows as its most southerly

point before it rejoins the Cam past Stourbridge Common on the northern part of the route.

There is a fee to take part (except for children under 18 taking part in the 6-mile and 13-mile routes who will go free). But discounted places are available for anyone who would like to collect sponsorship to raise money for the S&VA. Please contact Sarah at <u>comms@cogwheel.org</u>. *uk* for details.

Full details, including an outline of the route, can be found on the event website at https://www.cogwheelcambridgestride.org.uk/

- Cogwheel would very much like to encourage walkers/runners taking part to obtain personal sponsorship for Cogwheel, and free entry is available for anyone committing to a fundraising target of £100. Please email <u>comms@cogwheel.org.uk</u> to obtain a code to register free of charge.
- Cogwheel is keen for other charities to benefit from the Stride. If you would like to fundraise for another charity (like the S&VA), a discount of £5 per entrant is available for the 27- and 13-mile distances and £3 for the 6-mile walk. Please email Sarah at cogwheel.org.uk for the discount code.

Community Car Scheme

Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick

his Car Scheme is there for anybody who needs taking to essential medical or social destinations and has no other means of transport.

It is good to report that our Community Car Scheme is working well. Please let me know if you would like to become part of this wonderful supportive team serving our community. We are always looking for fresh members either to drive, coordinate journeys or join our committee. Please contact Sheila if you can help. For drivers mileage costs are reimbursed at 45p per mile. For passengers local trips cost £3.50. Further trips are calculated by mileage of 30p per mile from the driver's door. The miles driven are subsidised by 15p paid from the County Council.

The scheme is run entirely by volunteers.

Please only call between the hours of 8.30 am to
6.00 pm weekdays.

Not weekends or bank holidays.

To book a driver

Contact one of our coordinators below where possible at least 48 hours before your appointment.

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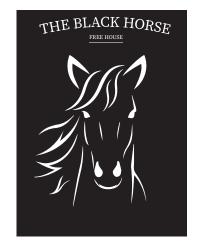
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ounty Council.

Please note our drivers will not tolerate any verbal or other abuse and we reserve the right to refuse future help in such cases.

News from The Black Horse

arch was a lovely busy month in the Pub, with many groups of friends meeting up and family get-togethers and birthday celebrations, and quite a few people have enjoyed sitting outdoors when we saw glimpses of the sun...more of this please!



THURSDAY OPENING

After Easter we will be opening the pub on Thursdays again for both lunch and dinner (from April 13th). We will start with a limited menu to minimise food wastage and see how we go. We will also continue with our private events bookings on weekdays, some of which may fall on a Thursday, so please do book in advance if you know you are

coming to ensure that we can accommodate you.

This is what we have coming up for April and Easter: **EASTER OPENING HOURS**

Good Friday Open 11am-3pm (Lunch 12-2.30pm) and 6-9pm (Dinner 6-8pm)

Saturday Open as usual 11am-9pm (Food 12-3pm and 6-8pm)

Easter Sunday Open 12-5pm (Sunday Lunch 12-3pm) We'll have Rosegate Farm Lamb, Roast Chicken and a Vegetarian option and some Easter-inspired desserts. Please do book in advance.

Easter Monday Open from 11-2pm for cake and lunch, then from 3pm for those taking part in the Quiz...

EASTER MONDAY - THE BIG EASTER QUIZ!

Fun, fun, fun....we don't take our Quiz too seriously (though teams at the top of the leader board with one or two points between them may do!)

Our guizzers are doing a great job at raising funds for charity.

Teams of up to 6, £4 per person. Bar open to keep those participating fully hydrated! Book your teams in advance please.

PIZZA PASSIONE

Sandro will be with us on Saturday 22nd April 5.30-8pm. Please order in the usual way (pre-ordering with PP Facebook messenger will avoid any 'sell out' disappointment).

If you'd like to eat in, please do book a table with us.

'SAUSAGE SATURDAYS'

Brunches on Saturday mornings will continue (11am-12.30 before the lunch menu takes over) so do pop in for a late breakfast or early lunch.

We have introduced some new wines from around the world to our wine list, and new boards in the Bar will feature details of these. We will, of course, continue to offer the popular range that we always stock too. We also wish to continue to support local companies and always have a Lord Conrad's draught ale available. The Bar also has a small range of bottled low-alcohol options, plus gluten-free lager, so there really is something for everyone.

Lastly, the pub will be open for the whole weekend of the King's Coronation in May and we are excited to have live acoustic music provided by a talented young musician living here in Dry Drayton on the evening of Saturday May 6th. The outside set will start at 6pm.

As always, do keep an eye on the notice boards for what we're up to week-by-week and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Amanda and Colin

Sunday Services in April

St Peter & St Paul

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Sunday 2 April Palm Sunday

5:30pm Choral Evensong with Revd Clare and with Nigel Taylor preaching. All welcome.

Sunday 9 April Easter Day

9:30am All age Holy Communion with Revd Clare. All welcome.

Sunday 16 April

11am All Age service led by Canon Sue. All welcome.

Sunday 23 April

9:30am Holy Communion led by Revd David Newton. All welcome.

Sunday 30 April

10:30am Team service of Holy Communion at Harlton. All welcome.

Holy week services

Wednesday 5 April

8:30pm Compline, led by John Harding. All welcome.

Friday 7 April Good Friday

12 noon to 1pm Music and reflections, led by Revd Clare. All welcome to this quiet, contemplative service.

A Message from our Minister

St Peter and St Paul's Dry Drayton A small church with a big heart

ear Friends, Spring is here, and with it snow showers! As I write, flurries of thick white snowflakes are swirling around St Mary's Church in Hardwick, the daffodils emerging reluctantly into a blast of cold air. We don't often have snow at Easter, but I wonder whether this year, after several years of very warm Aprils, we may find ourselves celebrating in a covering of snow?

What does Easter mean to you?

That first Easter morning was a total surprise. The women who came to tend to Jesus found instead an empty tomb. Their news didn't make sense to the other disciples, who didn't believe them when they said he was alive. The logical response to such claims is unbelief because our own personal experience tells us death wins. But the message of Easter teaches us that love is stronger than death. Jesus is risen. Life and love get the last word. Regardless of who we are; what we've done or not done; what has happened in our life; and whatever we believe in, or don't: God's promise of life and love remains. Easter is a promise to us all of new life and new hope. Jesus's tomb is empty. He is not there but he is waiting for each of us to follow him, if we choose to do so.

I hope you have a wonderful Eastertide.

God Bless,
Clare
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COME and SING

Music for the Coronation at Dry Drayton Parish Church

led by Edward Wickham *St Catharine's College*, *Cambridge*



Music to include
Handel Zadok the Priest
Parry I was glad
and a new work specially written for
the coronation of King Charles by
Joanna Forbes l'Estrange

Tickets on the door:
Suggested donation £5-£10
to include tea

Saturday 29 April 4 pm final 'performance' at 6 pm

CELEBRATE THE CORONATION with a special COME AND SING event at Dry Drayton Parish Church

Saturday 29 April, 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm (incl. a cup of tea, and 'performance' at 6:00)

Recommended donation of £5.00-10.00 on the door.

We will be having a sing through (with 'light-touch' rehearsal) of two classics of the Coronation repertoire:

Handel: Zadok the Priest

Parry: I was glad

as well as a new work specially composed for the coronation of King Charles by Joanna Forbes l'Estrange

The session will be led by Edward Wickham, Director of Music at St Catharine's College, Cambridge. Edward is experienced leading groups of all abilities and is happy to welcome to this event singers of all abilities.

Seeking YOUR ideas for community events

Platinum Jubilee last summer, holding the annual village Fun Run, and coordinating last summer's village Feast Week and Saturday Fete. These are just some of the things the Dry Drayton School and Village Association has done in the last year as its Chair – Neil Harris – reminded those who came to the S&VA's annual meeting in February.

We could do more, he added, if we could encourage more people to come forward with ideas for community events. Here is his report:

As usual in recent years, financial support from S&VA funds was split between the school and village activities. Broadly speaking roughly £4,000 was given to the School to help buy items from school books to gym equipment to a climbing frame and pay for paint that volunteers used to freshen up the school. Roughly £500 went to the Little Owl Pre-School along with various smaller amounts for other activities. The other initiatives were more social in nature.

My personal highlights outside the direct help to the school were:

- Continued production of a high quality newsletter
- Organisation of the Jubilee picnic and church service in the marquee
- Coordination of Feast Week, and especially the Fete on Feast Saturday
- Managing to hold the Fun Run even though the original date in early September had to be rescheduled because of the Queen's death
- The renaissance of the coffee mornings by the Village Hall Committee
- The marquee team, which is the biggest fund-raiser for the village as well as being a valuable social institution.

These constituted a successful year for the S&VA and its liaison with other village groups.

Looking ahead

Like other village organisations, the S&VA is seeing a shortage of volunteers willing to help out with social events. We're not blaming anyone, but just need to

understand what deters people from getting involved and what we could do to motivate more to come forward. We're particularly short of volunteers to help put on events for the younger people from the school and wider village.

In 2023 this will mean fewer events in Feast Week. And while the Fun Run is once again planned to take place in September to mark the start of the school year, it's not obvious there'll be a Film Night taking place.

This is not a sustainable way to go forward. So we'll be trying some new initiatives to spark new interest, ideas, volunteers or events, including:

- Encouraging parent reps to pass on ideas and suggestions to the S&VA and give feedback on existing events
- More informal contact between the S&VA and school parents before and during the Collective Worship on Friday mornings
- Space in Feast Week for new events including on the Feast Saturday afternoon. The marquee will be on the School grounds and so is available for use.
 We can assist in turning these ideas into reality – if people come forward with new ideas

So to conclude, another successful year for the S&VA, but there are clouds on the horizon.

There are opportunities for people to get involved and do what they want as well as join in with existing activities. If you've got ideas, please contact us on the S&VA email, drydraytonsva@gmail.com
Neil Harris, S&VA Chair

The S&VA Committee comprises:
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Rachel Gardner
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Making Connections!

Our school children become scientists for British Science Week 2023





aking Connections! Late March brought British Science Week - an annual celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths co-organised by the British Science Association. This year's theme was 'Making Connections'.

At school, we started Science Week at our Collective Worship on Monday where we made the connection between everyday events and science by conducting an experiment to see which type of biscuit was the best for dunking in tea!

Each class then carried on with the theme in their

lessons. Cotton pants (underwear) are being planted around the school field and we will be digging them up in eight weeks' time when we will be noting the effects of different soil conditions and locations around the school grounds on the cotton fabric. Thank you to Mrs Fairbairn for leading Science Week for us.

There was also music in school too when we were treated to a mini-version of the musical Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. One of our children, Henry, was playing Ieremy Potts in a production of the musical at Comberton Village College.

He and two other members of the Bourn Players cast (who were playing Truly Scrumptious and Caractacus Potts) entertained us with three songs from the show. We loved it and thoroughly enjoyed joining in with singing the title song, 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'.

We also had the parents of Key Stage 1 children (5-7-year-olds) coming into school. They came to take part in their children's learning and share lunch together. It was lovely to have them here and we hope this gave them a taste of how hard their children work in school and the amazing work they produce.

Our Key Stage 2 children (7-11-year-olds) will similarly be invited to bring a parent or other relative into school in mid-June for a lesson and lunch.

The Easter Term finishes on Friday 31 March. The Summer Term starts on Tuesday 18 April.

Sonia Hegan Headteacher

Dry Drayton Book Group March Meeting

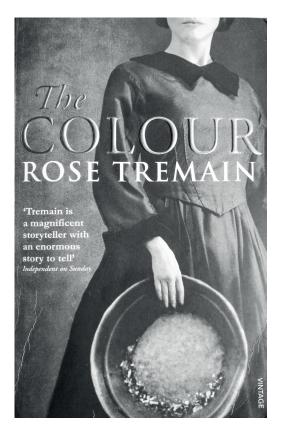
ROSE TREMAIN The Colour

Rose Tremain. Newlyweds Joseph and Harriet Blackstone emigrate from England to New Zealand, along with Joseph's mother Lilian, in search of new beginnings and prosperity. They settle on the plains just south of Christchurch and Joseph builds a cob house made of clay and straw with a view to creating a smallholding. However, he does not heed local advice and builds the house in an exposed location which puts their lives at risk. As they start to work the land, they are befriended by Toby and Dorothy, established and wealthier migrants who have a son, Edwin, who was initially cared for by a Māori maid, Pare. Following an accident Pare was dismissed but she returns to see Edwin, in secret on a number of occasions.

As they work the land around the cob house, Joseph finds tiny deposits of gold (The Colour) and then hears about more substantial finds to the west. He leaves Harriet and Lilian and travels to the gold fields west of the southern alps where he expects and fails to make his fortune. After harsh weather which destroys the cob house Harriet eventually follows Joseph and finds her own stash of gold which makes her a wealthy woman who is able to make a comfortable life for herself and her family in New Zealand. Joseph ultimately returns to England with a small amount of gold that he took from Harriet and is depicted living out a very lonely life.

Once again the group was divided on their enjoyment of this book. Some members had little empathy for most of the characters whilst others found the story well constructed, the characterisation credible and the fate of the characters compelling. The group did agree that the narrative describing the landscape and hardships facing migrants in New Zealand at that time was excellent. One member of the group had visited this area of New Zealand and was able to identify the key landmarks depicted in the story. In terms of characterisation, some thought that Joseph had no redeeming features while others felt he was a dreamer unsuccessful in achieving his aspirations. On the other hand the women in the story displayed pragmatism and strength of character and it is notable that the group agreed that Harriet was the most likeable character.

Whilst there were numerous threads to this complex story there is a key theme of uncertainty in terms of terrain, relationships and the environment where the characters bring their small worlds with them and have to relate that to the larger world in which they find themselves. These themes helped to give the story cohesion and draw in the more esoteric threads such as Edwin's relationship with Pare which was given a mystical and folklore treatment. Pao Yi, the gentle



Chinese vegetable seller, plays a central role in the latter part of the book, rescuing Harriet and nursing her back to health as well as sharing his gold find with her. The story does have pace as it develops and the group agreed that the ending gave some resolution to the fate of the main characters.

Our book for review in April is Oh William by Elizabeth Strout. Lucy Barton is a writer, but her ex-husband, William, remains a hard man to read. William, she confesses, has always been a mystery to me. Another mystery is why the two have remained connected after all these years; they just are. Elizabeth Strout is a Pulitzer prize-winning author and Oh William was short listed for the Booker Prize 2022.

If you would like to find out more about the group please contact *Hilary Smith hilary.smith@xtranex.co.uk* 07786 073220

Dry Drayton on YouTube

Fragments Of Time: Dry Drayton In The 1900s

ife in Dry Drayton in the 1900s was very different to the life we know now Alec Hawkes has produced a series of short videos about that era using interviews he made some time ago with several long-time residents of the village.

Fragments of Time Episode 3 has now been uploaded to YouTube.

Follow this link: https://youtu.be/ITOXQxHYuTQ or type in to YouTube: Fragments of Time Episode 3

In **Episode 3** we meet **Joy Dunn** and **Violet Hawkes**. Joy first came to the village in the war years. She produced Nativity plays in the church from the 1940s to the early 1960s. She was active with her family in the church and school and stayed connected with Dry Drayton for many years. Violet arrived at age 12 when her father became Rector of the Parish. Violet remained in the village for the rest of her 98 years. She was active in many aspects of village life and founded and ran the Country Cattery. Many of her family are still here.

Fragments of Time Episode 4 will be uploaded to YouTube in early April.

This episode is the second of three featuring **John Hacker**. It can be viewed by typing in to YouTube: Fragments of Time Episode 4 on or soon after April 2nd. The YouTube link will be posted on the e news (DryDrayton.net) and on the Dry Drayton People Facebook page.

Later in April Fragments of Time Episode 5 will be uploaded to YouTube.

This episode is the second of three featuring **Sid Martin**. It can be viewed by typing in to YouTube: Fragments of Time Episode 5 on or soon after April 16th. The YouTube link will be posted on the e news (DryDrayton.net) and on the Dry Drayton People Facebook page.

At the very end of April Fragments of Time Episode 6 will be uploaded to YouTube.

This episode is the second of three featuring **Joy Dunn** and Violet Hawkes. It can be viewed by typing in to YouTube: Fragments of Time Episode 6 on or soon after April 30th. The YouTube link will be posted on the e news (DryDrayton.net) and on the Dry Drayton People Facebook page.

In this series, hear about memorable Dry Drayton characters and snapshots of their lives. Among those a three bedroom house with an acre of land for £350; a perilous pony and trap ride from Madingley: stories about the former pubs, post offices and shops in the village; beekeeping; the village in the war years; leaving school at 14; working on local farms; the digging of village wells; electricity and mains water arriving in the village and many other anecdotes from the past.

The recollections are illustrated and brought to life in the videos with photographs and information, much of which can be found in the Local History and Family **History** pages on the village website.

Previous episodes featuring John Hacker and Sid Martin can be found by following the links: https:// youtu.be/0PIVfP-S5GQ and https://youtu.be/ zA5S4iWW0MM

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News from the Parish Council

Options available after funding pulled from village cyclepath

aving a speaker from Cambs County Council coming to talk to the Parish Council meeting about what's happening with the Non-Motorised User route (or cyclepath) meant that the March Parish Council meeting was particularly well attended, writes Parish Council Chair, Stephen Aldersley.

Grant Weller is Team Leader, Project Delivery for the County Council. He'd agreed to speak about the planned Non-Motorised User route (NMU) and the process and options available to us now that National Highways has pulled their funding for the project.

As was mentioned in last month's article, it has been well documented over the last seven years or so, that a Non-Motorised User route (or cycleway) is planned to link Dry Drayton to the cycleways that were constructed as part of the A14 development. The route runs by the side of Oakington Road on the opposite side of the road to the golf course.

Prior to the meeting, Grant Weller circulated a document that gave the background to the project, the decision that was taken, and options for the future. This document can be seen on the village website at https://www.drydrayton.net/pdfs/NMUFunding.pdf

There are some hard copies in the Village Hall, or contact me for one.

The discussions with Grant lasted over an hour and I am grateful to Les Waters for his notes from the question and answer session.

Key points that were mentioned include:

- Cambridgeshire County Council is still committed to the proposed Dry Drayton NMU and is seeking sources of funding for both our project and others that National Highways is no longer supporting financially.
- There is no safe route in or out of our village for non-motorised users (i.e. pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, etc) and there is a risk to life and limb along the Oakington Road. There have already been multiple accidents along the road, with vehicles leaving the carriageway.
- Residents pointed out that the road through Dry

Drayton is particularly dangerous as it provides the (unofficial) main north-south route west of the City of Cambridge for commuters and HGVs, despite it being a poorly maintained C-class road. Traffic levels will only increase due to developments around the area (Northstowe, Bourn Airfield, Cambourne, Hardwick, etc).

- Residents felt let down by the failure of the County to deliver what had been agreed in 2019, and the lack of a champion for the project today.
- Improvement of the existing cinder track along the Oakington Road was discussed. It is too narrow to be used for either the NMU or as a 'temporary' route before its construction, particularly at the point shortly before it joins the footpath at the boundary of the village.
- Compulsory Purchase of the land for the NMU is going ahead, but the County must wait for National Highways to transfer a small piece of land at the A1307 end of the track to them so that the CPO process can deliver a whole route and not an incomplete solution.
- As well as pressing for the Oakington Road NMU, the Parish Council is campaigning for an equivalent to link the village to the proposed travel hub at Scotland Farm.

The outcome of the discussions with Grant Weller was useful. However, as has been said previously, it is very disappointing that something that the Parish Council and residents of Dry Drayton had been assured was going to happen is now not going to happen any time in the immediate future. The Parish Council is committed to getting the NMU in place, but please bear with us, and I thank everyone for their support and patience.

Conditions of the roads through the village

I think we'd all agree that the roads in Dry Drayton are in an appalling condition.

Not only do we have to dodge potholes in the road and huge puddles when it rains, but pedestrians must deal with a stream of water running along the pavement on Park Street; mud, water and debris on Park Lane; and broken and damaged footpaths throughout most of the village.

The conditions of the roads and the flooded areas have been reported on several occasions with very little

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response. However, our County Councillor, Cllr. Murphy, has told me that she has secured the offer of Cllr Alex Beckett, Chair of Highways and Transport, to attend a meeting during the day (date to be arranged) with her, me and any other parish councillors who can attend, and possibly the LHO (Local Highways Officer).

We can walk the roads, Cllr Beckett can see for himself the issues, and explain exactly where Cambridge County Council are in overhauling their maintenance systems.

In the meantime, there is always the option to report a highways fault at https://www.cambridgeshire.gov. uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-andpathways/roadworks-and-faults which also includes information about making a claim for damage to your vehicle, should this be necessary.

East West Railway

At the January 2023 meeting, it was agreed that the Parish Council should be a signatory to a letter of support that was sent to the Minister of State for Transport by Cllr Bridget Smith, leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council. The decision to support Cllr. Smith was not unanimous but it was considered that it would be better to join the other parishes that were signatories and be kept in the loop, rather than to be outside the discussions.

This project is very divisive, and it was further agreed at the February meeting that the Chairman of the Parish Council should write a further letter to Cllr. Smith to explain the concerns that residents and the Parish Council have about both the project in general as well as the impact of the northern route on Dry Drayton. This has duly been done, and a copy has been sent to Huw Merriman, the Minister of State for Transport as well as our local MP, Anthony Browne. A copy of the letter will be available with the minutes from the March meeting. As has been announced recently, we should know in May which route has been selected by EWR.

Traffic calming measures - 20mph limit

It was agreed that an application for funding for the next phase of traffic calming measures should be made by the Parish Council, and this would be for the introduction of

a 20mph limit throughout the village. This is in response to the consultation which was carried out last year and is in addition to the recent LHI application for the 40mph Buffer Zones before the entrances to the village.

As Dry Drayton is a small village with a handful of roads, and to avoid any confusion, it was agreed that the application for a 20mph limit should be for the whole village. Whilst it is appreciated that this is perhaps more than had been envisaged, a successful application should help to make the roads of Dry Drayton safer for all residents of the village.

Saturday 29 April: Great British Spring Clean

Once again, Dry Drayton will get involved in the Great British Spring Clean. It would be good if as many people as possible could get involved on the day. That day is Saturday 29 April, and we will meet at the Village Hall at 9:30 am for a couple of hours.

If you can join in tidying the footpaths and greens of the village please send me an email (cllr.aldersley@ <u>drydraytonpc.org.uk</u>) or a message via WhatsApp (07728 855789). I look forward to a good turnout and a tidy village!

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be 4 April and 9 May at 19.00 (note earlier start time). The Annual Parish Meeting will be Friday 28 April 2023, also at 19.00.

Cllr. Stephen Aldersley cllr.aldersley@drydraytonpc.org.uk



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Applications close on Sunday 30th April. Find out more at https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-we-do/ net-zero-now/

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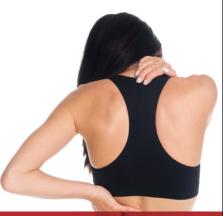
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