## **DRAYTON CHRONICLE**

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#### JULY: FANTASY and FLOOD

Our Medieval Fayre on 7th July proved to be quite spectacular on more than one count. The flamboyant and attractive costumes certainly made a splash of colour on the Millennium Green - and the weather provided at a splash of another kind!

Providentially, the storm came at the end of the afternoon, by which time most of the visitors were on their way home, although many stall holders were marooned in their pavillions for what seemed like an eternity. However, whilst battered by the fickle elements, we felt the event had gone well with the entertainment being the highlight of the afternoon. The mock joust had to be enacted more than once and

caused a lot of vocal audience participation, which was great. We thank all those who contributed, in so many different ways, to the success of the occasion. Special thanks go to Reverend Dorothy Derrick and John who were our Lord and Lady of the manor. They had a particularly tight schedule that day and we appreciate their cheerful participation.

Thanks to Geoff Caudle for his photographs of the Fayre.

Jean Hager

#### **SEPTEMBER:**

The Historic Churches Trust raises money to help with repairs and improve Oxfordshire's church heritage.

The annual sponsored bike ride has become its main fund raising event, and has grown steadily over the past 15 years. It's a fun way to explore your surrounding neighbourhood and it doesn't have to be a fitness test either!

This years sponsored event is on Saturday 8th September and will include walkers. The target is to visit as many ©

## **AUGUST: COMEDY and CONFUSION**

Come to a summer evening of family fun, to madcap comedies of love and confusion.

Trading Faces, the very best in professional street theatre is coming to Drayton on Friday 10th August. What is more, the show is FREE, thanks to subsidies from the Vale of White Horse District Council and Southern Arts. But unless you are happy sitting on the grass, you will have to bring your own rugs or chairs.

The show is called 'Double Trouble' and is described as 'an evening

of laughs and tears, jeers and cheers.' Trading Faces will be arriving during the afternoon to set up their magnificent stage on the Millennium Green. The entertainment begins at 7.30 and will close an hour later, just as the sun goes down. We cannot guarantee the weather, but we can guarantee a good time for everyone who comes along.

There will be a collection after the show for contributions towards the Millennium Green's development and maintenance.

Andrew Bax

#### RIDE or STRIDE

churches or chapels as possible, open between 10.00am and 6.00pm. Money can be donated as a total sum or for each place visited.

A full list of places open and route plans are available, along with your sponsor form, from me; telephone 07879 674066









Laughs, tears, jeers and cheers Loune Troune The Millennium Green Friday 10th August at 7.30 pm **Entrance Free** 

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#### **COMING CHRONICLES**

The **September Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday**, **24 August 2001** from **Helen Brassington**, **1 Cheers Farm**, **(534045)**, who should be contacted by any Agents requiring copies additional to their allocation.

The Editor will be **Tony Holmes, 53 Whitehorns Way (531180).** Contributions should be placed in the Chronicle letter box, which is outside Vickery's hardware store on Drayton Green,

#### no later than 5.15 pm on Monday, 13 August 2001

After this deadline, only items of the utmost urgency may be considered for inclusion and only then if delivered to the Editor by the following Wednesday.

The Editor clears the box from time to time during the previous week. It is a great help when items can be left in the box a few days before the closing date. Contributors are indeed doing just that when they can and it really does help. Thank you.

THE FOLLOWING THREE MONTHS			
Issue for	Copy for publication and return of Agents Lottery Packs by Monday:	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Friday:	
October	17 September 2001	28 September 2001	
November	15 October 2001	26 October 2001	
December	19 November 2001	30 November 2001	

#### NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

Contributions to the Chronicle are most welcome. Be sure to include the name, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number of the author.

A contribution can be made in one of several ways:

1. By email to the relevant editor. These contributions should in plain text or attached as a rich-text or Microsoft Word document; we do not have all word processing packages! Please use a subject or filename which is unique to you; 'Chronicle August' is not very helpful. The editors email addresses are:

Tony Holmes <u>tony-holmes@ntlworld.com</u>

Peter Jackson <u>jacksonfamily@clematis39.fsnet.co.uk</u>

Geoffrey Long <u>geoff.long@talk21.com</u>
Derek Pooley <u>derek\_pooley@talk21.com</u>

- 2. On a 3½" disk, in PC format, preferably as a Microsoft Word file. *Please include your address* if you want the disk returned to you.
- 3. As a **good**, **black typescript**, **without underlining** on white A4 paper or smaller. Our scanners and optical character recognition software can read in typescripts but only imperfectly so careful editing is needed. Even so, this is still much easier than re-typing.
- 4. Finally, **hand–written items** are typed up by a willing team of typists or dictated directly to the computer. Thanks to the many contributors who **write the names of people and places in capital letters**. This does save a lot of pencil sucking and mistakes.

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#### **YOUR LETTERS**

Dear Editor,

Will you please publish a message to your readers for me?

It is very gratifying that after June 7th I continue to be your County Councillor. I am much indebted to all of you who voted for me. I will continue to make to you the only promise that I have ever made - that I will do my best for all of you whether you supported me or not.

You can ring me on 01235 847341, if I can help you with anything. The answering machine will be on full-time for a little while longer until my knee allows me to walk smartly! I am usually available between 5 and 6pm.

1 look forward to seeing you at your Parish Council meetings and, soon I hope, on the street again. Thank you!

Margaret MacKenzie, County Councillor.

Dear Editor,

The envelope collection for the Children's Society in Steventon Road raised a total of £97. Thank you to all who kindly contributed.

Doreen Bourne

Editor's note: We apologise to Doreen for mislaying her letter when she first sent it in.

**Dear Editor** 

I would like to thank people living at numbers 61 – 119 Abingdon Road for their kind contributions towards the 'Asthma' collection. £25 was raised.

Gwen Stirling

Dear Editor,

Many thanks to those who supported the Church Carers Fund by visiting the two gardens opened on 22nd June – namely Mr and Mrs J A Price's, 39A Sutton Wick and 48 Henleys Lane. The total raised was £113 – all due to your generosity and the very fine weather.

Letters to the Editor are accepted on the understanding that opinions expressed are strictly those of the correspondent. The Editor reserves the right to shorten, clarify or reject them. Each letter must bear a legible name and address (and telephone number if possible) so that the correspondent may be contacted if necessary. The correspondent's name will be published unless the Editor is specifically requested in writing not to do so.

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A warm welcome to Luigi and Suzanne Mattia from Canada and their son Daniel, who have moved into Halls Close.

Welcome back to Mr and Mrs Mitchell, who have moved into Steventon Road on their return from Abingdon

#### **NEWS OF THE CHRONICLE**

The Chronicle costs around £300 a month to produce, covered by the sale of lottery tickets and of advertising space. Without either of these income streams the Chronicle would soon run out of funds.

Keeping tabs on our advertisers and their payments is the job of the Chronicle's ADVERTISING MANAGER and this job has been done for many years by Linda Semmens, working quietly in the background to make sure that all goes smoothly. Unfortunately - for us - Linda feels that she needs a change and will shortly be retiring from the job. So if we are to continue generating essential income it is IMPERATIVE THAT WE FIND A VOLUNTEER to replace her in the near future.

The job is not arduous – a few hours each month, mostly between issues. The main tasks are:

- Maintaining an up-to-date record of current advertisers (about25-30) and how many issues each has subscribed for.
- Reminding regular advertisers when renewals become due
- Providing the editor with a list of those adverts which have to be included in the current issue
- Advising new advertisers on how best to prepare an advert
- Where necessary, preparing new adverts in-house, although editors can help with this if necessary.

If you would like to consider helping in this way I would be glad to discuss with you what is involved in more detail – without obligation or commitment, of course; telephone 531321. Linda would then be glad to initiate the new recruit into the details of the job.

Also, Marion Gilsenan can no longer deliver Chronicles in Lyford Close. If any one in the Close or nearby can offer to take over as an agent would they please contact me on 531321.

Geoffrey Long, Chronicle Co-ordinator

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Associate Priest	Revd Theresa A. Scott533714 The Driftway, Sutton Wick Lane, Drayton	
Churchwardens	Mr Tony Allen Mrs Terry Fleming	
Organist & Choirmaster	Mr Adrian Thompson	01865 439669

REGUI	LAR SE	RVICES
Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist (Common Worship), except
		2nd Sunday when there is a non-Eucharistic
		Family Service
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (CCP)
Mon - Fri	8.15am	Morning Prayer (CCP) in Lady Chapel
Wed	10.30am	Parents and Toddlers Service in Church Room
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (CCP) in Lady Chapel
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) in
		Lady Chapel.

#### **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

Sunday	10.00am	Junior Church (not 2nd Sunday	) Church*
Sunday	6.30pm	Youth Group	Church Room*
Monday	7.45pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Bell Tower
Friday	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Church Room*

\*These activities are suspended during August

#### **PARISH REGISTER**

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#### LETTER FROM DOROTHY DERRICK

Dear Friends,

The 10th of June was Trinity Sunday - the day on which we celebrate God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We remember that at the heart of God these three persons live in perfect unity ~ "God in three persons, blessed Trinity" as the hymn writer expresses it. This reminds us that it is possible to live in community in love and harmony.

We, too, are called to live in community together. Do we, living in the community of Drayton live in love and harmony together? Well I guess the answer is yes and no. During the last few weeks there have been many good examples of the community coming together.

Firstly Drayton School Fete at which children and adults came together to enjoy themselves and raise funds for our local School. Then there was St Peter's Songs of Praise, when members of the community gathered to sing praises to God. The next week was the Medieval Fayre on the Millennium Green organised by the Drayton Players where "olde tyme funne" was had by all. Finally last Saturday The Vicarage garden was filled with people from the community for the Church Fete, enjoying one anothers company, picking up bargains and having fun.

All these are good and positive examples of community coming together. However there is another side to our community which showed itself on that same Saturday night when a resident in Church Lane had their front window smashed. We all need to reflect on our responsibility for this action.

On a larger scale, we have read about the disharmony and disunity in our inner cities. Changes must be made and they must begin with each individual. God calls us all to live in peace. "Live in harmony with one another" Romans 12:16. He calls us "to act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8. If we can do that as individuals we shall get it right in community.

Yours prayerfully, Dorothy

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#### **CHURCH FETE**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Vicarage and gave us your support. The weather was kind to us and we raised £1540.

Thank you also to everyone who donated gifts and to all stall holders and tea makers for their hard work.

Donations were received from the following a local businesses: Drayton Post Office Stores, Geoff and Marion's Mace store, Wendy Madley, Matthews and Son, Millet's Farm, Sabina's, Sainsbury's, Tesco's, Vickery's, Waitrose and the Wheatsheaf. Thank you to all.

Val Cross and Terry Fleming.



#### **FAREWELL TO THERESA**

On August 5th we say "Farewell" to The Reverend Theresa Scott as prepares to move to her new We thank her for all that she has offered to the community of Drayton, we celebrate together at 10 am in Church that morning. Please do come to ask for God's blessing on her new appointment. If you wish to make a contribution to Theresa's leaving gift contact Tom Oliver (531749) or myself (531374).

#### **BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Pastoral Co-ordinator:** Mr Roy Brown.....Tel. 531296 **Home Visitor** Mrs Norma Russell......Tel. 531655

#### **REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES**

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#### THE ABINGDON BRIDGE

Tom Oliver

You are probably aware of the work done by Abingdon Young People's Drop-in Centres (normally known as 'The Abingdon Bridge') with challenging young people aged 16 to 25.

What you probably do not know is that, despite donations from County, District & Town Councils as well as the Church in Abingdon and individual churches in and around Abingdon (including St Peter's here in Drayton) they still have to find nearly 45% of their core costs of some £35,000 each year. In the 2000/2001 financial year, the deficit in covering their core costs was over £8,000.

They are therefore appealing for our financial help. Specifically, they are asking for individuals to send cheques in favour of The Abingdon Bridge to Dr Derek Pooley, 11 Halls Close, Drayton, Abingdon, OX14 4LU who is the Honorary Treasurer. It is possible to gift-aid to The Abingdon Bridge and you will find the appropriate forms at the back of St Peter's Church or can ask for them from Dr Pooley (tel: 01235 559454).

Editor's Note: We are grateful to Tom and St Peter's for their support. Helping young people who are in danger of falling out with themselves and with our society is a difficult task and success at the Abingdon Bridge is very patchy. But the rewards of success are enormous, not only for the youngsters themselves but also for all of us, if they can be helped to become happy, law-abiding people. The young people who drop-in at the Abingdon Bridge definitely value the acceptance and advice they can get there.

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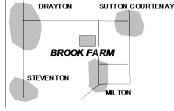
The Drayton Youth Centre Charity administers funds of approx £50,000 from the long-ago sale of land once occupied by the Drayton Youth Hall. Each year, interest gained from the invested money is distributed to about 10 youth organisations of Drayton.

The Charity holds a meeting, usually in April, when it considers and allocates Grants from these Youth organisations. The AGM follows, where the same groups send a representative to go through the formalities of electing the Management Committee.

This Year's AGM was held on June 22nd and the Management Committee wish it be known that excepting 4 official apologies for absence, no other group had the courtesy to send a representative.

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## A GREAT SUCCESS





## A great success our Green has been!

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Every day the locals come,
Babes in buggies pushed by Mum,
Little boys with cricket bats,
Teen-aged youngsters having chats;
Children search the pond for frogs,
Owners walk their various dogs,
While older folk in sunshine sit
And rest their weary bones a bit.

#### A great success our Green has been!

But here's a less familiar scene:

She tripping lightly, he with sword,
Come pious lady and her lord.
Jousting knights in combat dare
For medieval maiden fair.
While minstrels play and jesters prance
Around the maypole children dance.
And peasants play at tug-of-war,
There's fun for all, both rich and poor.

#### A great success our Green has been!

Whate'er will be the future scene?

The future's sounding quite auspicious,
Plans are ever more ambitious.
To make us jeer and cheer's the task
Of actors wearing grotesque mask.
I've heard there'll be an air balloon
Launching from the Green quite soon.
Whatever next! Let's have a ball,
Come join the fun, come one, come all.





#### A GREAT SUCCESS OUR GREEN HAS BEEN!





**Photgraphs courtesy of Geoff Caudle** 

#### ABOUT BALLOONING

#### **Andrew Bax**

Just imagine the thrill of rising gently above Drayton in the calm of early evening, seeing all the familiar landmarks from the air and waving to your friends on the ground! That is the opportunity presented by the big balloon lift-off on 20th August from the Millennium Green. Nothing like this has ever happened in Drayton before and it has naturally given rise to a number of questions. Here are some answers:

Is it safe? Ballooning is extremely safe; it is also fun and an adventure.

What weather do you need? Light wind, no rain, good visibility

How do we get back? A back-up crew follows the balloon in a retrieval vehicle to bring everyone back to Drayton after the flight

How long is the flight? Approximately one hour, but you should allow up to three hours for the whole experience

What should I wear? Casual clothes suitable for the time of year. It is not good to wear short-sleeved shirts, shorts or your Sunday best

Will it be cold? It often feels warmer than on the ground because of the burner. If you are tall it may be useful to wear a cap or hat

Are there any age limits? No, but passengers should be over 4ft tall so that they can see over the edge of the basket

Will I get a souvenir of the flight? All passengers will be given a flight certificate signed by the pilot. Head in the Clouds sweatshirts and polo shirts will also be available for purchase.

Bookings should be made direct to the Civil Aviation Authority pilot, David Head on 01635 43719. Be prepared to leave a message if necessary because David is very busy at this time of year, and he will ring you back. Unfortunately it is not a cheap experience - £130 per passenger - but it is one you will never forget!

#### **'SUMMER TIME' IN DRAYTON Geoffrey Long**

The large audience that braved the thunderstorms on Saturday 7th July were treated to a delightful evening of words and music in what has become Drayton's Summer Entertainment.

Held in St Peters Church, we were treated to a very varied mix of words, music and song: serious verses and comic readings; violin and clarinet solos; a delightful selection of songs and duets from three charming young ladies; and a wide range of choral items from the Portamente Singers conducted by Peter Fleming and accompanied by Adrian Thompson. With a glass of wine or juice in the interval this all added up to a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

In Drayton we are fortunate indeed to have so many talented people in our midst who are prepared to give their time for our enjoyment. It is particularly pleasing to see so many young people involved. All who heard the concert are grateful to all those who made it such an enjoyable occasion and in particular to Peter Fleming whose hard work in planning and organising the programme - and in beating the choir into shape – made the evening possible.

The proceeds of the evening, amounting to over £200, were in aid of the St Peter's fabric fund.



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#### **ALL AROUND**

#### **DRAYTON WIVES**

#### **Margaret Long**

At our June meeting, we had a truly fascinating talk given by Mrs Dell Fletcher on the history of Sutton Courtenay illustrated with slides. Her husband Dr John Fletcher originally did the research but after his sudden death in 1986 Mrs Fletcher completed the work and arranged for it to be published in book form. We learned lots of surprising facts about the village and its houses, some of which date back to Norman times and even earlier. For example, that Queen Matilda, wife of Henry the First stayed in Sutton Courtenay in 1101, not because of the splendour of the residence, but because she was pregnant and the Abbot of Abingdon, Faritius, was a skilled physician and could care for her when the time came for the baby to be born.

The Wives' outing to the Tate Modern on Sunday, 23rd September 2001 is now open to non-members of the Wives. The coach will leave Drayton at 9.30 am and leave the Tate Modern at 4.00 pm to return to Drayton. Entrance to the Tate Modern is free but the price of the coach will depend on the numbers going on the outing. Please ring Gillian von Hoven on 531236 for further information.

Gillian is also hoping to arrange a guided tour of the Bodleian Library hopefully on Wednesday the 14th of November starting the tour at 2.00 pm and we hope to have tea afterwards at the Convocation tearooms at St Mary's Church. The tour will take an hour and cost £3.50. Watch this space for more information.

Dates for your Diary in August: -

Mon 6th 10.30 COFFEE C Willis-Dixon 48, Henley's Lane Mon 20th 7.15 WHIST **Shirley Thomas** Caudwell DC Tue 28th 7.00 for 7.30 PUB SUPPER Venue to be researched Menfolk invited

#### **WOMENS INSTITUTE**

#### **Gwen Price**

Our July meeting was held at Brenda Malin's where we enjoyed a supper and social time. We had hoped to spend some time in the garden but the weather was not suitable. Many thanks to Brenda for a happy evening.

Our next meeting, in August, is a members evening. Final plans for our Cook, Sew and Grow Show in September will also be made. Don't forget to get your entries ready. It is a show for everyone.

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#### **DRAYTON PLAYERS**

Jean Hager

Now that the Medieval Fayre (see pages 1 and 6) is over we look forward to our future productions.

The casting for 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' (February 2002) is almost complete and it promises to be a very exciting venture. On a Saturday 20th October we will be presenting two oneact plays with a light interval supper. We last held a similar evening a couple of years ago and it was a great success, so we hope for a similar response this time.

Further information will be given in the next Chronicle but, in the meantime, please make a note of the days in your diary for a pleasant evening out.

#### DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB **Martin Honey**

Since I last wrote we have had a successful club championship, the AGM and the long-awaited website was launched.

This season's club tournament was extremely well attended by players and supporting friends and families. Once again, the younger members of the club won most of the trophies and highlights the success the club is now beginning to see, thanks to the superb guidance the late Geoff Hoyland gave, and now through Shaun Collins and Ray Massie. This can only encourage further younger members of our village to play table tennis, and hopefully be rewarded with the same enthusiastic, experienced coaching and encouragement the club can offer.

Results of the various competitions are as follows: Senior Singles -Robert Hudson; Senior Doubles - Ray Massie and Paul Taylor; Junior Singles - Matthew Davies; Junior Doubles - Andrew Collins and Paul Taylor; Senior Player of the tournament - Tony Krason; Junior Player of the tournament - Polly Rayner; Club person of the season (The Alan Bachrach Trophy) - Shaun Collins; Players of the season - Tony Krason and Matthew Davies (these two were also the best players in their respective divisions (2 and 3).

The club was also successful in winning the Bidmead Cup, the League Handicap Shield, the Geoff Hoyland Trophy as well as having three teams promoted. All in all, quite a good season!

At the AGM several issues were discussed, and these can be found on the club website. The next meeting will be to discuss next season's teams and captains and to talk further about the club fees proposal. This will be held at the Red Lion on August 6th. It is a very important meeting for those wanting a say in which team and division they play in next season.

A letter has been received from the Drayton Twinning Society invitingmembers of our club to the inauguration ceremony with Lesparre, on the 25th August at the Village Hall. If any members are interested in going please let John Gould or Martin Honey know.

Finally, the website has been launched, the address is: www.blencolour.com/draytonttc. This will be very important communication tool to the club in the forthcoming season, and will be regularly updated with news items, reports and results.

More All Around opposite ©

















#### MORE ALL AROUND

#### SCHOOL REPORT

#### **Clare Ventom**

By the time you read this all the children will be enjoying their long summer break, hopefully with plenty of good weather, so they can come back rested and ready to start a new school year.

There is not much to report, but FODSA (Friends of Drayton School Association) want to say thank you to everyone who came along to the summer fair in July and supported the school. They also want to say a very big thank you to all the businesses in Drayton who gave their support by donating raffle prizes and advertising in the programme. The fair was a great success. £1569.17 was raised - the highest total ever raised by a summer fair at Drayton School.

#### TODDLER GROUP

#### Sarah Hutchinson

The long awaited summer holidays are finally here and this is just a quick reminder to say that Toddlers is open only on Thursday mornings during August. Tuesday sessions will restart on 11th September for the autumn term, when both mornings will be up and running again as normal.

On Tuesday 18th September we have the photographer booked to come and see us from 2 pm onwards. We are hoping this date will also be the annual Toddler Fun Day, so keep an eye open for further

Every one who ventured out with us on the Teddy Bears Picnics to Wantage Park thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the weather was very kind to us for yet another year.

I think that's about all this month, except to say Happy Holidays to everyone - have fun and enjoy the Sun.

#### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION **Pearl Stanbridge**

The branch Standard Bearer and two members attended the Service of dedication for a new standard at Newbury on Sunday 15 July. David and I were honoured and privileged to attend the Queen's garden party recently.

There will be no committee meeting this month.

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#### PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

#### **Kathy Neville**

Following our recent AGM we are pleased to announce that we have found a new Chairperson, and this will be Anita Hedditch. Thank you very much Anita, for volunteering to do this role; we hope you will enjoy your time with us. The AGM was a great success, we also gained some new general committee members, Maggie agreed to stay as Treasurer, and myself as Secretary. We hope you all enjoyed the evening.

With Anita's election, it is time to say good-bye to Karen Tinson. Karen has been the Chairperson for more than two years and has worked very hard for Playgroup - Karen really has worked above and beyond the "job description" for Chairperson - without her efforts, we would be in a much poorer situation. So, many thanks for all of your efforts over the years, they are greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten.

As the summer term is now over we again, sadly, are losing children to School. So we would like to say good-bye and good luck to..... Jade Neville, Jennifer Weir, Jessica Smith, Holly Evans, Melissa Honey, Malcolm Moses, Kai Jesson, Jacob Wilkes and Ilian Scott. It has been a pleasure having you all at Playgroup and we wish you all the best for your time at school.

It is all thankyou's and good-byes this month ......thank you also to everyone who was involved in the running of the bric-a-brac stall at the school summer fair, also to those involved in the setting up and running of the nearly new sale. All proceeds go towards buying new equipment for the children, so we are very grateful to you all.

We hope August will bring with it some nice sunshine and that you will all enjoy the holidays. Enjoy it while you can; time flies and we will start back at Playgroup on Monday 10th September.

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#### TAKE UP COMPOSTING!

Nobody can escape the importance of 'rubbish'. Many of us already recycle much of our rubbish, using kerbside boxes, bring banks or sites such as Drayton Waste Recycling Centre. The materials which are accepted for recycling at Drayton are: textiles; newspapers and magazines; oil; cardboard; car batteries; CFCs fridges and freezers); glass; garden waste; scrap metal and bric-a-brac. If you have garden waste that cannot be composted readily at home then this can be placed in Drayton's green waste bin and will be composted off site.

However, there is still the potential to do more with your rubbish. One of the best ways to deal with organic waste from both the kitchen and garden is to compost it at home. This reduces pollution from transport and degradation, reduces our gardens' dependency on peat extracted from internationally important wildlife sites, and provides nutrient rich compost, all for free!

Composting is easy to do at home and can take as little as 5 minutes a week. The compost heap should be on soil or grass to allow free drainage and let composting organisms in. To start off the compost, place a layer of brown material (leaves, straw/hay, sawdust, wood shavings, paper towels, egg cartons, newspaper or vacuum cleanings) into the composter and add some soil. You can then add green materials too (fruit and vegetable scraps grass clippings, garden trimmings, livestock manure, tea bags, pasta, egg shells and coffee grounds). A good mixture of green and brown materials will ensure that good compost is produced. It should be as damp as a wrung out sponge. If it becomes too wet, add some brown materials and if it becomes too dry, add some green materials or sprinkle some water on the heap. To speed up the decomposition of your compost, try turning it as this makes it hotter and makes the micro-organisms work faster. The compost is ready when all the ingredients have turned dark brown or black and smell sweet and earthy.

If everyone did this, we could reduce the amount of rubbish produced in Oxfordshire by 100,000 tonnes. To help residents in Oxfordshire with composting, Oxfordshire County Council has appointed a Compost Development Officer, Fay Dashper. She will be visiting garden centres, supermarkets and one day events throughout the county. Fay is also available to do talks and compost workshops. So, if you fancy learning more about cornposting or have any queries then phone the compost hotline on (01865) 815281. If you wish to buy a reduced price composter then phone (0870) 8443006.

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#### **OUTING TO TATE MODERN**

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For more details see the Wives' column in this issue (on page 8) or ring Gillian von Hoven on 531236.



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#### **GENOA versus BONN**

#### **Derek Pooley**

The recent pictures of mayhem in Genoa took all our attention away from Bonn. Whilst presidents and prime ministers were in Genoa, their environment ministers met in Bonn. In Genoa they talked of how to keep the faltering economies of the USA, Europe and Japan from stalling altogether and how to help Third World countries to grow faster. In Bonn they were trying to find ways of supplying the energy we need for all this economic activity without changing our climate too much. In a very real sense, success from Genoa will make the task for Bonn more difficult. A dilemma.

We all share in this dilemma. None of us wants the British climate to become like Labrador, as some experts think it might if there is too much global warming. We would lose all those glorious English gardens for a start. But we all want to enjoy high living standards.

We must all share in the remedy. For us, using energy more efficiently means not complaining too much when petrol (or electricity?) is taxed heavily but finding ways of using less. It means composting at home to avoid the energy use of taking it to the 'dump'. It means lobbying for more money on trains, buses and cycle tracks!

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **DISTRICT COUNCIL**

#### **Grahame Ash**

#### **Reparation of Grass Verges (continued)**

Following on from last month's article, I received an apology from the Scottish and Southern Energy Group, (SSEG) for the delay in reseeding and rolling the grass verges in Steventon Road (those areas originally dug up to permit the cable laying.) The work was carried out a week later. The local residents have been asked by SSEG if they would water the grassed area to help the seed take. In the autumn the SSEG confirmed that bags of bulbs will be delivered to these residents as a gesture of goodwill.

#### White Horse Leisure And Tennis Centre

The Centre, located off Audlett Drive, Abingdon, is planned to open next spring. The complex provides 6 indoor and ten outdoor tennis courts. Although a considerable amount of money has been provided by the LTA and the Oxfordshire Tennis Associations to promote the sport, the facilities will be available to everyone. I understand fulltime tennis coaches will be available if you need a helping hand, (or aspire to be a Tim Henman!), but if you just want to have a fun game - that's fine. There will also be an eight-lane swimming pool, plus two other pools - for learners and for toddlers. The indoor sports arena is massive, offering eight badminton courts and/or two five-aside pitches, squash, basketball, netball, gymnastics, roller skating..... There will also be a fitness and dance studio. To avoid the problems of baby sitting, parents will be able to make use of the crèche or kids zone, so they can focus all their efforts on keeping fit or enjoying their Afterwards there will be the opportunity of enjoying Whilst the VOWHDC owns the premises, the refreshments. management of the Sports facilities will be by an external Leisure management company.

It is intended to make a smooth transfer of facilities from the Old Gaol to the new Centre. Discussions are being held to determine the change of use of the Old Gaol. If anyone has any suggestions, please let me know and I will pass them on!!

#### Vale's English Language and Culture Week

Last Week there were about 20 visitors from the Vale's Twinned towns of Colmar and St Niklaas, and from Schongau and Lucca (two of Abingdon's twins) who participated in the Week. Mornings were spent improving their English at Abingdon College and afternoons visiting the attractions of the Vale, including White Horse Hill, the East Hendred vineyard, and Oxford. The Week culminated in a Buffet dinner at which the visitors were awarded certificates and entertained by the local St John's Singers, who provided excellent "A cappella" singing of songs ranging from 16th century to modern numbers, and from the Morris Men with their unique English dancing. As Vice Chairman of the Vale's Twinning Committee, I had the opportunity of speaking to some of the visitors who told me (in English!) they felt the week had been extremely successful and had helped build better relationships between themselves and their hosts.

Earlier this year Colmar had held a French Language and Culture week, which too was successful. It is hoped that the other Twinned towns will over the next year or so hold similar weeks. If you would be interested in attending Culture weeks abroad, please let me know. You do not have to be a member of a local Twinning group, but interested in developing better language and cultural links within the European Union.

#### Reminder

The next Surgery will be held at 9.00 at the Village Hall on Saturday August 4th. I look forward to meeting any Drayton residents who wish to come along and discuss their concerns. Please note the following Surgery will be held on September 8th, the 2nd instead of the 1st Saturday in the month,

Regards,

Grahame Ash (Your District Councillor)





















#### PARISH COUNCIL

#### John Killick

The meeting of 2 July 2001 was chaired by Paul Knight. Three members of the public came to it.

#### Vandalism, drugs, under age drinking ... again

Despite the good effects of the Youth Club and the BMX track, we heard yet again of problems of vandalism, drugs, under-age drinking, purchase of alcohol by children, theft and graffiti, attributed to a small number of under-age offenders. We believe many examples do not get reported and members of the Council would **welcome any further reports of incidents and offenders, and will treat these in strict confidence**. We shall raise the matter again with the police and invite them to come to the next meeting of the Council.

#### **Planning matters**

The name Lesparre Close for the new development off Abingdon Road has found favour with the developers and with the District Council, and there is a possibility that the naming ceremony could coincide with the arrival of the Lesparre delegation in late August. None of the planning applications reaching the Parish and District Councils this month had posed problems.

#### Finance.

We have duly paid to the Millennium Green Trust the agreed £1149.50 and the Finance Committee will meet on 6 August to discuss among other things possible future help to the Trust, to the Twinning visit, and bids for grants.

#### We still have no Village Caretaker, but Thanks for helpers.

As of now we still have neither Village Caretaker, nor Burial Ground Caretaker. There have been some applications, and interviews will be held before the next meeting. In the meantime, **our grateful thanks** for maintenance work by the June working party and by Mr G Bird on FP25, and Mr McKenna on the Burial Ground.

#### Other matters.

Paul Knight attended a meeting for Parish Council Chairmen to acquaint them with the Local Government Act 2000; this includes a code of conduct, which will become available for consultation at the District Council offices. Stagecoach surprised people by some sudden bus timetable changes, and have reduced the evening 32A service. Margaret Mackenzie was re-elected as County Councillor.

The next Parish Council meeting (hopefully with a police presentation) will be on Monday 6 August July 2001 at 7.45 pm in Caudwell Day Centre, preceded by a meeting of the Finance Committee at 7 pm. Note that the September meeting, preceded by Planning Committee, will be on 10th September not 3rd.

#### DRAYTON DIARIES Fred Hays, Honorary Diarist - Tel. 531649

#### **DIARY FOR AUGUST**

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated To book Drayton Hall ring 531501 To call the Hall ring 528686

Thurs 2	8.00pm	Weekly Sequence Dance (visitors welcome)		
	•	Information from 531649 or 531701		
Sat 4	9.00am	Councillor G Ash Surgery (until 10.00am)		
Mon 6	7.45pm	Parish Council Caudwell Day Centre		
Fri 10	7.30pm	'Double Trouble' Millennium Green		
<b>Mon 13</b>	9.15am	Chronicle Lottery deadline Vickery's		
	5.15pm	Chronicle copy deadline Vickery's box		
Mon 20	7.00pm	Balloon Flight Millennium Green		
Sat 25	7.00pm	Twinning BBQ Dance		
SEPTEMBER				
Sat 8	9.00am	Councillor G Ash Surgery (until 10.00am)		
		Not the first Saturday as usual		
Mon 10	7.45pm	Parish Council Caudwell Day Centre		
		Not the first Monday as usual		

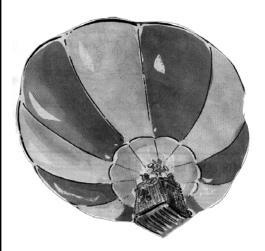
#### **Drayton Diary is for you!**

Everyone should know about your event! And you don't want it to conflict with someone else's, do you?

Yet each month several events take place of which I am not notified. Your event could have been included in this diary had you telephoned me on 531649. This service is free so please let me help you and your organisation to get publicised.

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#### REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

9.15 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

#### **MONDAYS**

1.30 pm	Afternoon Social	Caudwe	ell Day Centre
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session	(for 3 ho	ours)
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys/girls, 6–8 yrs, Tel. 51	12834)	Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys/girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 51	2834)	Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Junior Table Tennis, Age 9+ (for	1 hour)	School
7.00 pm	Badminton (Private Group)		
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monda	ıy)	Caudwell DC
7.30pm	Youth Club		
7.45 pm	Parish Council (note 2nd Mon in S	Sept)	Caudwell DC
8.00 pm	Senior Table Tennis, League (for	2 hours)	School
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)		St Peter's
TUESDAY	S		
9.15 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School	l Ground Bldg
10.00 am	Parent and Toddler Group		
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	Caudwe	ell Day Centre

#### Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour) 7.30 pm Senior League Table Tennis 7.30 pm Drayton Wives (Last Tues in the month)

Junior Netball (for 1 hour)

8.00 pm Mothers' Union (1st Tues) Church Room

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#### WEDNESDAYS

3.00 pm

6.00 pm

9.15 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
10.30 am	Parent and Toddler Service	Church Room
2.00 pm	Whist – now each week	Caudwell Day Centre
2.15 pm	Badminton	

6.15 pm **Brownies** 

6.00 pm **Evening Prayer** St Peter's Lady Chapel Cubs (Boys/girls, 8–9 yrs, Tel. 512834) 6.15 pm Steventon Hall

7.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)

7.30 pm Bingo Session Caudwell Day Centre 7.30 pm League Table-Tennis School

#### **THURSDAYS**

9.15 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg 9.30 am Holy Communion St Peter's Lady Chapel 9.50 am Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min) Haywards Rd 10.00 am Parent & Toddler Group 10.15 am Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min) The Green Car Pk

2.00 pm Darby & Joan Club Caudwell Day Centre 2.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)

8/12 Club (1st & 3rd Thursday in the month) 6.30 pm

School 7.45 pm Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)

8.00 pm Sequence/Old Time Dancing

8.00 pm Wilt/Berks Canal Group (3rd Thursday) Caudwell DC

#### **FRIDAYS**

Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) 9.15 am Sch'l Ground Bldg The Friday Club (to 3.30) 202466 Caudwell Day Centre 11.00 am 7.00pm Choir Practice (see page 4 for dates) St Peter's

#### SUNDAYS

8.00 am **Holy Communion** St Peter's Sung Eucharist (Family Service 2nd Sunday) St Peter's 10.00 am 11.15 am Family Time Baptist Church 6.00 pm **Evening Worship** Baptist Church 6.00 pm **Evening Prayer** St Peter's

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