

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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HAPPY 29th BIRTHDAY TO DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL!

Ann Webb

I am sure that by now quite a lot of you will have heard of, read about or seen the damage done to the windows on the southern end of our village hall. If not, here are some photographs taken before the mess was cleaned up. This damage has taken place over the last 4-5 weeks.



Repairs, temporary or permanent, have to be done immediately for the safety of the Hall users. This means that very few people actually get to see the extent of the damage. This also means finding a good Samaritans with a supply of plywood or pay very expensive emergency call out fees to companies that specialise in this type of incident.

Unfortunately, most of this damage takes place at evening or weekend and this means that we have to respond quickly to protect the building from the weather, keep out unwelcome visitors and, of course, make it safe for the people who use the building.



Our pot of money is not bottomless and our funds come from the Hall fees. If we have to keep paying out at this rate, your own commonsense will tell you the outcome – the fees will go up – followed by howls of protest.

We need to know who does this damage. We know it is young people from this village and we know some of their names. What we would like to know is why? Today's youngsters have more money and more possessions to occupy their time than any previous generation but they seem to be the most destructive. *Why?*



The cost of repairs of this year is approaching £2,000. This is only for the work that has been charged-there are a lot of repairs and cleaning

up done for free by willing volunteers and obviously is not included in this figure. The club room is now devoid of daylight. The toilets are, for the time being, also dark; this will be rectified when cages are made to protect the glass. It really should not be necessary to have to pay out this amount of money to protect what is, after all, a public building provided for the benefit of everyone in the village.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Graham Ash

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is.....

- working with others to make your community safer
- knowing what to do when a crime or emergency occurs
- community awareness of local crime risks and the measures to take against those risks
- reducing the opportunities for crime and to make it more difficult for the criminal to act.



How does it work?

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can be large, covering for example most of the households in a village or they might involve just half a dozen houses. It depends on the area and what people living there want.

A scheme is led by a volunteer co-ordinator with ideally a deputy who plays a supporting role. The role of the Co-ordinator is to act as a liaison point between their neighbours, the Regional NHW Administrator, the Police and other groups who have responsibility for Community Safety.

What is Ringmaster?

Neighbourhood Watch started in 1982 and it now has a new weapon to help fight crime - Ringmaster provides a fast and effective way for police officers to communicate with communities. Ringmaster is a hi-tech message service that has contact details of all Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators stored in its memory.

A message is recorded onto the Ringmaster system, which then automatically telephones the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators - at a time that they have said, is convenient to them - and plays it back to them. The message can also be sent by fax or e-mail. Co-ordinators then pass the message onto members of their scheme.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS TURN TO PAGE 9.



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COMING CHRONICLES

The **July Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday, 25 June 2004** from **Margaret Armstrong, 1, Crabtree Lane, Tel 531122**, 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, 14 June 2004.

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.

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

All 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:

- The best way is now by **email** to the appropriate editor:-

Tony Holmes tony-holmes@ntlworld.com
 Geoffrey Long geoff.long@talk21.com
 Derek Pooley derek_pooley@talk21.com

Please use a 'Subject' and 'Filename' which are unique to you. Too many 'Chronicles' gets confusing!

- A **3½" disk**, in PC format, preferably 'Saved As' Word for Windows 6 or Word Perfect 2. *Please include hard copy* for checking the formatting and *your address* so that the disk can be easily returned to you.

- A good, **black typescript** on white A4 paper or smaller. The scanner can read in typescripts but only imperfectly so very careful editing is needed. Even so, this is still much easier than re-typing.

- Finally, **hand-written items** are typed up by a willing team of typists. Thanks to the many contributors who spell out names of people and places in capitals. This does save a lot of pencil sucking and mistakes.

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The winning tickets were drawn by the Mr Vickery in his store from the 2134 tickets sold.

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THE NEXT THREE MONTHS		
Issue for	Copy for publication and return of Agents Lottery Packs by Monday:	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Friday:
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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Sir,

Thank you all

I would like to thank all the caring staff at the Marcham Road Hospital. The care that I received from all concerned was outstanding.

I would like to thank all my loving family for their support while I've been ill.

I also would like to thank certain members of the Anglican Church at St Peters. And all my friends at the Baptist Church, my friends also at Friday Club. Everyone has been just great.

Grateful thanks from

Charlie Mudford

NEWS OF THE CHRONICLE

Sheila Clarke, has decided that the time has come for her to retire from the Lottery Team. Many thanks, Sheila, for all the time you have given over the past few years to helping keep the Chronicle in funds, and for all the fivepenny pieces you have counted and the thousands of counterfoils you have folded.

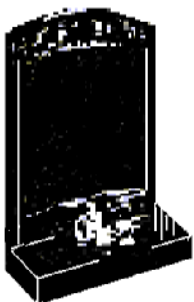
We are fortunate that Doreen Eato has stepped into the breach so that the lottery will continue without a hitch. Many thanks for agreeing to help us in this way. I'm told that, although the lottery team has serious work to do each month in keeping the *Chronicle* solvent, the team do make it into an enjoyable and fun occasion. Welcome to the team, Doreen, and do enjoy yourself working with them.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

A warm welcome to Mark and Nicky Frances who have moved into Church Lane from Grove

...and to Gavin and Alexa who have moved into Steventon Road.

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NOTICE BOARD

DRAYTON YOUTH CENTRE CHARITY

Applications are invited from any Youth Organisation in Drayton wishing to apply for a financial grant from the above charity. Applicants are requested to send details in writing to:

Mr G Bird, 9 Gravel Lane, Drayton, OX14 4HY.

Please include a contact address and phone number.

Applications should state the purpose for which the grant is required.

All applications will be considered at the Charity's meeting to be held shortly. (Date to be confirmed)

Applications must be received by June 20th 2004.

Graham Bird, Secretary, Drayton Youth Centre Charity

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL FETE, STEVENTON

St Michael's Primary School Summer Fete will be held at the Steventon Village Green/Hall on Saturday 26th June, from 3pm until 5pm.

Besides the usual range of stalls, sideshows, etc this year provides the once-in-a-lifetime chance to win in a raffle one of the two Official Manchester United Shirts (one adult & one child size) signed by the current 2004 team. These were donated by Diego Forlan. (Yes the very same 'Diego Forlan' who plays for Manchester United and who also happens to be a friend of St Michael's School!) Tickets are £1.00 each. To buy tickets please call Mrs Bassett on 01235 848627 to locate the ticket seller nearest to you, or you could buy them at the fete.

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Mrs Sue Harris 848361

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (CW - Traditional)
10.00am Sung Eucharist (CW) except 2nd Sunday when
there is a non-Eucharistic Family Service
6.00pm Evening Prayer (CW)

Mon - Fri 8.15am Morning Prayer (CW) in the Lady Chapel

Wednesday 10.30am Parents' and Toddlers' Service, (Pebbles) in
Church Room

Wednesday 6.00pm Evening Prayer (CW) in the Lady Chapel

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion (CW) in the Lady Chapel

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sunday 10.00am Sunday Pebbles and Rocks Church Room

Monday 7.45pm Bellringing Practice Bell Tower

Friday 7.00pm Choir Practice Church Room

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Tue 1st 3.00 pm First Tuesday Connections Church Room

Sun 13th 6.30 pm St Peter's UNLimited Church Room

Sat 19th 3.00 pm Wedding - Vacher/Eadie Church

Sun 20th 11.15 am Sale of Fair Trade goods Church

Sat 26th 2.00 pm Wedding - Denton/Webb Church

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism

25 April Josh David Strong
25 April Halah Lily Thomas

ST PETER'S CHURCH HOME-VISITING GROUP

will visit anyone who is, or has been, ill or is recently home from hospital, or unable to get out because of a disability, or is in any other circumstances where support would be welcomed. Please contact any one of the following:-

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Letter from the Revd Dorothy Derrick

Dear Friends,

I have just returned from a few days of Retreat at Burford Priory. This place has been the home of an Anglican Benedictine Community of monks and nuns since 1949. The main house is built on the medieval foundations of an Augustinian religious house. Today's Community seeks to witness to Christ through its common life of prayer, study and work. It welcomes individuals and small groups who wish to come on retreat or quiet time in the environment of recollection and silence in which the brothers and sisters try to live. Central to the way of life is a regular daily pattern of prayer and communion.

What a blessing it has been to have the privilege of sharing in that community for a few days. Time to rest, time to be silent, time to pray, time to reflect and just time to be. In the busy everyday lives that most of us lead these days it is hard to find space for ourselves and for God. As I walked in the wooded grounds and by the river, I saw many delightful things that I would normally have passed by, but with time to stand and gaze there were so many treasures to be discovered. For example, there was the mother duck proudly escorting here nine ducklings from the Priory garden back to the river, shepherded by the gentle coaxings of one of the brothers, reminding me of the shepherding of the Good Shepherd that Jesus spoke of in the gospels. Then there was the one hidden cowslip in amongst the bluebells doing its own thing reaching up in glorious praise to the Creator.

I have returned to the Parish with fresh eyes and renewed vigour as I approach my final months here in Drayton. Some of you may wish that you could take time out in your busy lives. Some of you may see that as a daunting prospect. Summer is a good time to try to set aside a little time to withdraw from the rat race of our every day commitments. Holidays can be used for this unless we fill them with a different kind of "busyness". You don't even have to go away. The Church is usually open and I know that many people do just pop in to be quiet, to say a prayer, or to leave a prayer on the Prayer Request Board. Please do feel free to enter that space of peace and quiet - a place where you may find the presence of God.

For those going on holiday - have a wonderful time and come back refreshed and renewed to carry on with the business of living.

Yours prayerfully

Dorothy Derrick

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11.30 am Presently only one morning service per month; this is the Family Service, and is on the first Sunday of each month.

6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service, frequently with guest speakers. Communion every second Sunday of the month.

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

If anyone would like to come to church, and feels they do not want to come for the first time on their own, then we can arrange for one of the congregation to accompany you – Please ring Mrs Norma Russell on 531655.

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DAMASCUS YOUTH BUS LAUNCH

First of all a big thank you to everyone who attended the launch of our youth bus on April 15th – it was a great success! With special thanks to Mary Spalding who cut the ribbon with style and grace, and all those who helped with the BBQ and teas. Many thanks to those who helped by putting up posters in the relevant villages, all volunteer drivers and Giles the bus driver who arrived suitably dressed with his bus driver's hat on!

We do still need volunteers to man the bus from all the villages! Please – do you have a hobby or activity that you could share with some young enthusiastic young people? We will be using the bus as a base to run a variety of activities. If you feel you can help please contact Caroline Grundy (848679).

CALLING ALL 11 TO 20 YEAR OLDS

The bright yellow double-decker Damascus Youth bus will be in Drayton between 5.00 and 6.00pm on the following Mondays:

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FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS

Jean Hager

We are enjoying meeting old friends and welcoming newcomers to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. We meet in St Peter's Church room between 3.00pm and 4.30pm so if you will be feeling in need of some friendly company, for whatever reason, just drop in and join us. We will be so pleased to welcome you.

Our next meeting is on 1st June, when a police officer will be visiting to give a short talk (at about 3.30pm) on all aspects of security and a will be happy to answer your questions and give advice on your worries.

If you need transport or would like further information please give me a call on 531558.

Please note that our July meeting date is Tuesday 6th

ALL AROUND

DRAYTON W.I.

D. Buckland

For our May meeting we had a very interesting talk and slide show, given by Mr Mike Hallam, entitled "One Man's View of Oxfordshire". It took us through various parts of Oxfordshire, showing how different towns and villages celebrate May Day, with children making posies, Morris Men, and maypole dancing. He also showed slides of farming in the early 1900's and other interesting topics like Coome Mill.

After the slide show the Secretary read the resolutions for the 2004 A.G.M., these were discussed and agreed.

Mrs Ann Webb and Mrs Taylor won the raffle.

Please note, the June meeting will be held in the Caudwell Day Centre, when the speaker will be talking about Chinese cooking

DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

A big reminder that auditions for the February 2005 musical production will be held on Sunday 27th June in Drayton Hall (small room) from 1.00pm to 2.00pm for juniors and 2.00pm to 3.00pm for adults.

Do please come along at least times if you would like to be involved. Newcomers are always very welcome, so do join us then to find out more. We look forward to seeing you.

There are still some of video copies of Hooray Henley available, price £8.00, and these may be obtained by contacting Fred Stevens on 200350. This is your big opportunity to own a great memento of the world premiere of a really different and tuneful show -- don't miss it!

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Roll up

In the Friendly Fours Competition on Sunday 25th April, three teams each from Drayton, Harwell and Hanney fought a companionable but competitive battle, with the Hanney B team coming out winners.

On Sunday 1st May, the Men's Singles Competition was played to the semi-final stage with Bryn Jones and Fred Long winning. The Final will be played on Finals Day later in the year

We have three teams in the Summer League that starts on June 8th.

Norman Hopkins has been voted the New President of the club.

All members wish Molly Munnoch much happiness in her new home.

Mrs Suzy Willis

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DRAYTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Paul Evans

And so another football season draws to a close. We have not enjoyed the success of previous seasons, but both teams comfortably consolidated their positions in Divisions One and Four of the North Berks League. Our playing records were as follows:

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	For	Against	Points	Position
1st team	22	8	2	12	27	53	26	9th
Reserves	22	8	1	13	49	5	25	9th

A big thank-you to all the players who performed this season, hopefully we shall see you all again next season, and thanks also to our small band of loyal club members who help out all year round on a voluntary basis. Any new players or helpers wishing to join our friendly club please contact Paul Evans on 01235 203108 or Alan Alston on 01235 531425.

Forthcoming events:

Sat 5th June: End of season presentation bash at The Red Lion
(01235 203108 for tickets)

Tue 13th July: Pre-Season training starts at Drayton FC, Lockway
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The next committee meeting will be held on Monday 21 June at 8pm. Hon Secretary.

DRAYTON TODDLER GROUP Anna Loughlin

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Toddlers' Table-Top Sale. The quality and quantity of donations were overwhelming and we raised the fantastic total of £97.41. The money will go towards buying more exciting toys for the children. How about some large, soft building shapes so the children can build their very own Giant's Castle, or Noddy's Toytown... or just a plain old Tower? Feel free to share any other ideas you have!

Thanks also go to all the ladies who regularly arrive early to set out the toys and activities. Your hard work highlights what a community-spirited lot you are! Also, the session is 50p cheaper for anyone who opens up, as well as being a great work-out! Go on, have a go!

Toddlers is for the community but also needs support from the community! In order for the group to flourish, we need you to take the first step and come along! Toddlers is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30am. Please come along and support us.

Looking ahead, the annual Forrester's Big Toddle for Barnardos will be held at Reading Beale Park on Wednesday 23 June. The children are assured an exciting day out as there's lots to see and do.

The idea is to "toddle" a circuit of the park, enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of the animals. Afterwards, the much-awaited picnic is attacked with gusto and the children can have fun in the play-area. The event is part of a national initiative and raises lots of money for a very worthy cause. Come and join us!



Property Maintenance and Cleaning Services

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- Carpet dry cleaning → Domestic cleaning
- One off cleans → Regular contracts
- Communal areas

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DRAYTON WIVES

Margaret Long

I think we have been fortunate to have some very interesting speakers lately and Dr. George McGavin at our meeting on 27th April was absolutely fascinating. He is an entomologist and went as part of a research team in the early nineties on an expedition in the Kanchanaburi Province in Thailand. The team was doing a survey in order to find out what kinds of insects, plants and fungi were present in the caves.

After braving mosquitoes and sleeping on wooden slats in houses built on stilts over a lake, they eventually found one of the caves that they were seeking. This was a river cave 3½ miles long with an entrance through deep water some hundreds of metres long. George McGavin found swimming through this quite terrifying, as was having to squeeze through some very suffocatingly tight places between cracks in the rocks. He had to set traps for insects baited with blue cheese of all things and had to return to examine them every day for three weeks. Fifty-seven species of mould were found on wood in the cave, eighteen kinds of blind cave millipedes, cave crickets one and half inches long and huge, fearsome whip and spider scorpions. As this was a river cave there were occasional floods that reached the roof of the cave, bringing in fallen logs from outside which, as the waters receded, could drop suddenly on unsuspecting heads.

It was a pity that our numbers were down on that particular evening, especially as it was also our Annual General Meeting.

Our President Georgie Logan gave us a resume of our programme over the last year and our Treasurer Trudi Buckner told us that we remained solvent despite organising fewer fundraising events. We have been helped with the increased subscription of £7.50, our coffee mornings and whist evenings, etc. We are hoping to have a special antiques evening later in the year. The speaker asks for a substantial donation for Breast Cancer research, so that this will be our charity for the year. Daphne Barrand has organised our programme for several years now and is to be congratulated on the variety and interest of all our evenings. Thanks as always to everyone who helps us in the Wives in any way.

Dates for your diary in June: -

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HOW TIMES CHANGE - PART 3

Geoffrey Long

In 2003, our printer – Oliver and Son, Ltd – moved from George Street, Oxford, to new premises in Botley. At the same time, the old printing presses were replaced with the most modern technology, which provided the ability to print directly from a computer file. A CD-ROM disk easily held all the files necessary to make up an issue of the *Chronicle*. Better still, the files could be sent by e-mail, cutting out the need to deliver anything by hand to the printer – with more downsizing of the *Chronicle* team!

Things, however, did not work out quite like that. The Word files did not appear on the printer's computer exactly as they left the editor – fonts were not always right and bits of text appeared in the wrong places. The printer therefore needed a paper copy as a check and so we were not that much further forward. Furthermore, the files were large and sending the emails took the editor's time – and money. But technology was at hand to come to the rescue. Tony Holmes showed that converting the files into a different format – the Adobe 'Portable Document Format', or PDF – cut down the file size dramatically and 'froze' the layout. The editor could be then certain that the *Chronicle* pages run off by the printer would be identical to those on his computer at home – mistakes and all.

The March issue was the first one to be sent to the printer in this way, without difficulty. So we are now in the position that a contributor feeds ideas into the computer which are then sent to the editor by email, manipulated and inserted into an appropriate place on the *Chronicle* page in the editor's computer, sent to the printer, again by email, and in the end appear as the printed word totally untouched by human hand.

Another spin-off from this change is that the quality of the final print is determined by the quality of the printer's professional equipment rather than by the more restricted resolution of a home printer. Half-tone pictures are reproduced much more clearly and we have been able to use shading more effectively – as in the main headings, all of which leads to a more attractive and interesting *Chronicle*.

Just as technology has made great impacts on employment in the workplace, these changes have over the years displaced many of the more mundane tasks once requiring dedicated effort by many individuals – turning the crank handle, humping heavy equipment between typists and editors, trekking in all weathers with copy to and from the typist and to the printer. There are, however, still plenty of tasks that can only be done by people and it is thanks to the dedication of the production, distribution and lottery teams that the *Chronicle* continues to appear regularly each month. Everyone in the village should be grateful to them all.

Again, as in the workplace, new ways of doing things have a down side. At one time preparing the *Chronicle* meant that the editor met – and chatted with – lots of people; the Coordinator with the details of the current *Chronicle*; the typist; contributors for help with difficult handwriting; the courier; and so on. Now it's all emails and an occasional telephone call. So although the job itself has lost some of its routine chores it has certainly lost some of its richness.

For the future, it is now no problem to send an email copy of the current *Chronicle* in the easily-read Adobe PDF format to anyone who wishes to have it, whether in the village, in this country or anywhere in the world, provided we have the email address. Indeed, one wonders how soon it will be before we incorporate each issue into a village web site, and as more and more homes have access to the internet to read it, even the print shop becomes redundant.



DRAYTON HALL AND RECREATION GROUND TRUST

Ann Webb.

The AGM of the above committee took place on 17th May in the players lounge. The minutes of the 2003 AGM were taken as read. The chairman reviewed the past year in her report and the treasurer provided us all with a very impressive and comprehensive set of accounts, showing trading figures over the last five years. Drayton enterprises will report back to this committee after their AGM in the June.

A list of new and standing members was read out and the current officers were proposed and seconded and agreed to stand for a further year. The AGM then closed and the committee meeting began.

WREN will consider our heating grant application in July and September, so we must wait a little longer before we know how we stand. Other items on the agenda were dealt with fairly quickly. Dates and photos are needed for the calendar or it will not happen.

The treasurer reported that things were looking acceptable at the moment.

The items that received the most discussion were the damage to the windows and how to stop children getting onto the roof. It has been brought to our notice that a few youngsters are again, literally, playing with fire. Parents please be aware of this – the last thing we want to hear is that a child has been badly burned because no one told you what they are up to when out of your sight.





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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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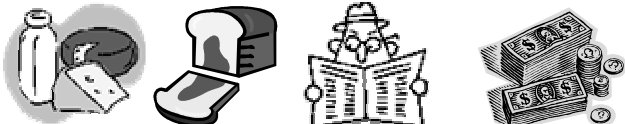
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WOODEN SPOON RECIPE No. 1

Lois Rennells

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Make a scone dough, using

- 8 oz self-raising flour and
- 1 rounded tsp baking powder,
- a pinch of salt,
- 2 oz margarine,
- 1 beaten egg made up to ¼ pint with milk. (Save a little of the egg and milk mixture for brushing over the scone)

Roll out on a floured board into a piece 8" long, ¼" thick.

Mix together an 8-oz tin of salmon, the juice of a lemon, 2 tsp grated onion, a good pinch of salt and a dessert spoon of chopped parsley.

Spread evenly on the dough; roll up like a Swiss roll. Brush with the saved egg and milk mixture.

Bake on an oven sheet in a hot oven, Gas No 6, 400 deg F (no centigrade ovens in those days) for 30 minutes.

Serve very hot, in slices with a sauce made from a small tin of cream of mushroom soup, spiced with a pinch of mace and a dessert spoon of sherry. Serves four.

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YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR COLUMN

Grahame Ash

Vandalism

At long last the police are using what I believe is a real deterrent to reduce vandalism. You may have read about ASBO's, (Anti-social Behaviour Orders), but now they are being used effectively. Very recently, an Abingdon 20 year old was issued with an ASBO. The terms are that he is prohibited for the next 5 years from using intimidating behaviour or violence towards any person, engaging in any behaviour that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person, using any abusive or insulting language. The list goes on and on. Other restrictions relate to entry to certain areas (e.g. Peachcroft) and prohibit drinking in a public place. According to the youngster he felt he was hard done by. He also believed that he was above the law for he disobeyed the terms of the ASBO. This breach is a criminal offence and he will soon be serving a prison sentence.

Hopefully if this message can be spread throughout the village it may deter the vandals who have recently damaged the village hall (see the article from Mrs Ann Webb,) and more recently attacked a French lad one late evening in May.

I have asked the Police to help reinforce the message of reporting actual or potential crimes and you should find in another part of the Chronicle details of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme that I would like you actively to support. I know there have been problems in contacting the police, but I am assured that the situation has improved.

The Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police Force will be attending the next Council meeting and I am intending to ask him why, considering the substantial rate increase (45% and 14%) in the last two years, Drayton still does not have adequate policing.

Change of Leader

After a very successful four years as leader of the council Paul Bizzell has stepped down to focus on his IT business. The new leader is Jerry Patterson. He represents Kennington ward and has considerable experience with the Vale Council. For the last few years he has served as deputy leader and a member of the Executive. Other notable changes include Terry Frazer, of Steventon and Hanneys ward as the Chair of the Council.

Local Plan

With the government demanding an increase in homes, the main site will be at Grove, where some 750 dwellings are planned for the period ending 2011, and with a total of 2,500 through to 2021. The Vale is making it conditional that the infrastructure, including roads, is in place before the properties are developed. As for Drayton, the request by the owners, the Earl of Plymouth's Estate, to have the area to the west of the village up to the A34 designated as building land has been rejected. The only building to be allowed in the village will be infilling, for example between Gravel Lane and Henleys Lane.



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Barton Garage Development

At long last approval of the latest revised application for the Barton Garage plot is expected on Monday 24th May. The number of dwellings will reduce by two to eleven. There has also been a reduction in the height of the buildings requested by the Planning Committee at their previous meeting. This had the effect of turning four flats into a pair of semi-detached. Parking spaces are above Government guidelines at 1.9 per dwelling. Let us hope this will be the last in the revisions to the planning requests so that building can commence soon and remove one of the local eyesores.

The Government's Planning Power Strategy

Earlier this year I advised you that the government's bill to give strategic planning powers to an unelected and remote regional body (at Guildford) was rejected by the House of Lords. (I mentioned that the Bill appeared to put convenience before democracy.) The Lords threw out the proposed bill again and the Government has conceded defeat. This is very much a victory for local communities.

Post Office in Steventon

Just to let you know that the Post Office has advised of a change in Steventon. The new Co-op at Steventon (where the garage used to be) will have Post Office facilities. By the time you read this notice the new Co-op shop should be open.

And Finally.....

The next Surgery will be held at 9.00 at the Village Hall on Saturday 5th June. I look forward to meeting any Drayton residents who wish to come along and discuss their concerns.

Regards,

Grahame Ash (Your Community Councillor)



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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Daniel Scharf

MEETING held on 10 May 2004

Unusually, a member of the public came to raise an issue and ask for help from the Parish Council. Remember that every meeting begins with the opportunity for public participation and that not everybody who asks for assistance or provides information gets asked to become a Parish Councillor.

Traffic issues – your comments wanted

Traffic calming is heading towards Drayton at a time when there is a lively debate about what are the most effective and acceptable methods of slowing traffic. We hope to be involved in the consultation having succeeded in getting Drayton close to the top of the list of villages that will benefit from investment arising from the growth of Didcot. This is an issue where the Parish Council expects to receive feedback and would prefer to receive comments from residents before rather than criticism after.

Village Notice Boards

Another hot topic was the state of the notice boards and it would be helpful if people let the Council know how useful they find them in the four existing positions.

Plans for a Village Plan

The Oxford Rural Community Council held a seminar on the preparation of village plans. Shock news, "Village Plans raise house prices". Property prices are higher in villages that have produced a village plan. Apparently this is because it shows the strength of the community that is reflected in the way the village looks and functions. The plan helps local businesses and local services and improves the chances of affordable housing being provided, to counterbalance the effect of generally higher values. Drayton does not have a village plan but the Parish Council will be considering whether to start to process and see if there is the enthusiasm in the village to produce one. Normally the village plan is produced by a group outside the Parish Council and requires volunteers from all parts of the community. If you have or would like to develop particular skills such as IT, writing, editing, web design, graphics, photography, video, communications, or just like the sound of the idea, then it would be helpful if you could let the Parish Council know of your interest. This column will include further reminders on this topic and report on the views of the Parish Council when the matter has been discussed.



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19th June	FOSDA Summer Fair at Drayton School	see p 1
24th to 27th June	Milton Feast	see p 2
26th June	St Michael's, Steventon	see p 3
3rd July	St Peter's, Drayton	see p12

DRAYTON SCHOOL Claire Soper

Firstly, some welcomes this month to our new children and their families who started school after Easter. That is Bethany, Charlotte, Georgia, Jessie, Peter, Ryan and Thomas in the Reception Class and also to Reece who joined the Middle Unit. We hope you will all settle into the school community very soon.

The Lower Unit children had a very special visit from Rachel and baby Sean Sykes, who is thriving after his early entry into the world in December. The occasion was recorded with a photograph. Sean and Rachel also visited other parts of the school.

The children have been looking at modern and traditional toys and made a time-line of toys. They have also had lots of fun making a variety of hand and finger puppets.

The Middle Unit have also enjoyed a Tag Rugby workshop, which proved to be physically very hard work! They are in training for a get together with other local schools later in the term.

The children have recently started their new History and Geography topic about Abingdon and are looking forward to some field trips to visit the Abbey, Museum, East St Helen's Street and the Library.

In Technology, the Middle Unit are starting a piece of work to design and make a money container; we will look forward to seeing the finished results

Some children from the Upper Unit have enjoyed attending Abingdon Music Festival. Year 5 have been studying life cycles of plants in science and have germinated seeds collected from sunflowers that were grown in school last year.

Mrs Higgs congratulated the year 6 children on their hard work during the SATS week.

The junior and senior football teams were very successful in recent friendly matches played against St. James School East Hanney at Drayton, the scores were 6-0 and 3-1 respectively.

Book stamps will be on sale weekly on Fridays after assembly at a cost of 20p each. This will enable children to save towards the regular Book Fairs that take place in school, the next one being in June.

A new menu is currently being introduced at school by County Facilities Management. The emphasis is on Healthy Eating with a wider range of homemade meals and more fresh vegetable and fruit. WELL DONE to Lynn our cook for taking this on in spite of having no extra resources, I'm sure it is welcomed by many parents.

Finally some FOSDA news.....A BIG THANKYOU to Karen Thomas, Theresa Burnage, Pat Percival and Betty, who all worked so hard on 15th May at the Table Top Sale in the village hall, the amount raised was approx £105!! Your efforts are much appreciated.

FOSDA would like to remind everyone that their AGM will take place on Thursday 10th June at 7pm in school, followed by a Cheese and Wine Evening and Fete Meeting.

The Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 19th June from 12-3pm again at school. We hope for good weather and lots of people, as this is one of our main fund raising events of the year. Finally, the Treasure Hunt that was to have been held on 16th May has been rescheduled for the 4th July - more details will be circulated nearer the time.

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Sat	5		Private Party
Sun	6	2.30 pm	Drayton Twinning Society make teas for the <i>Lime Close Open Garden</i>
Mon	7	7.45 pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>Caudwell D C</i>
Thu	10		POLLING DAY, 7.00am to 10.00pm
Mon	14	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery Deadline <i>Vickery's</i>
Mon	14	5.15 pm	Chronicle Copy Deadline <i>Vickery's</i>
Mon	14	5.00 pm	DAMASCUS Youth Bus in Drayton see p5
Sat	19		Wedding Reception
Sat	19	12.00 pm	FODSA Summer Fair (see p1) <i>School</i>
Sun	20	11.15 am	Fair Trade Stall <i>St Peter's Church</i>
Sun	20		Drayton Youth Charity closing date – see p3
Sun	27	1.00 pm	Drayton Players auditions see p6
Tue	29		Blood Donor Clinic

REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

MONDAYS

9.15 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
1.30 pm	Afternoon Social	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys / girls, 6–8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys / girls, 8–10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	
7.00 pm	Keep Fit	
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Youth Club (until 9.30pm)	
7.30 pm	Senior Table Tennis, League (for 2 hours)	<i>School</i>
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>

TUESDAYS

9.15 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group	
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections (First Tuesday in month)	<i>Church Room</i>
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Senior League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Drayton Wives (Last Tues in the month)	

WEDNESDAYS

9.15 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Parent and Toddler Service	<i>Church Room</i>
2.00 pm	Whist – now each week	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.00 pm	Drayton Computing Club: Absolute Beginners	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.15 pm	Brownies	
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
6.15 pm	Cubs (Boys / girls, 8–9 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Junior Table Tennis, Age 9+ (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
8.00 pm	Senior Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

THURSDAYS

9.15 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group	
9.50 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>Haywards Rd</i>
10.15 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>The Green Car Pk</i>
2.00 pm	Darby & Joan Club	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
3.00pm	First Tuesday Connections	<i>St Peters</i>
4.00 pm	Dancing Classes (3 to 6 years). Tel: 764433	
6.30 pm	8/12 Club (1st & 3rd Thursday in the month)	<i>School</i>
7.45 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)	
8.00 pm	Sequence Dancing – Tel: 531701	
8.00 pm	Wilt/Berks Canal Group (3rd Thursday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>

FRIDAYS

9.15 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>Sch'l Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	The Friday Club (to 3.30) 202466	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
1.00 pm	Computer Class (to 3.00pm)	
7.00pm	Choir Practice	<i>St Peter's</i>

SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's</i>
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Family Service 2nd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
11.30 am	Family Time	<i>Baptist Church</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	<i>Baptist Church</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	<i>St Peter's</i>

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St Peter's Church Fete will be held at the Vicarage and Caudwell Day Centre



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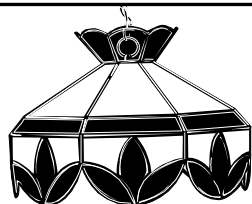
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