

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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CHARLIE MUDFORD

(1911 – 2004)

Charlie Mudford's funeral service was on the 27th May at St Peters Church, we said goodbye to a dear friend who was a member of our Baptist Church for many years.

The church was nearly full of all the people he befriended in Drayton. Normally when you go to a funeral of someone who is old, there might not be many people there to say goodbye, but that was not the case with Charlie's funeral.

He appealed to young and old, and that's why I think it was best to have his service at St Peters rather than the Baptist Church, I just don't think everyone would have fitted in the small Baptist Church.

I think that says something about the wonderful person he was, for so many to have gathered together. Funerals can be very sad and I've been to some very sad ones in my time, but Charlie's funeral was happy and joyful just like the happy chappy he was.

Reverend Dorothy Derrick took the service and spoke about his life, and what a hard working life he had.

Also at the service members of the Baptist Church did readings, and a prayer that Charlie wrote for the Friday club was read too. Sheila Cook read the prayer out and at the end of it she said, as she looked at the coffin, "Charlie, it was a privilege to know you". And I think she speaks for all who knew him yes!

Charlie, it was a privilege to know you, a gentle and kind man that will not be forgotten.

One of Charlie's favourite hymns was 'What a friend we have in Jesus'. Jesus was a friend in Charlie's life, and yes he spoke openly about his friend in this world, and now he has a friend and King for ever in the next.

Nice to know you Charlie, you did "REALLY GREAT" (as Charlie was always saying).

Janet Strong

OSTEO-ARTHRITIS STUDY

McTimoney College is looking for patients as part of a research project into the effects of chiropractic therapy on Hips or Knees.

If you can help, please contact Alice Berry on 01235 523336.

NEWS OF THE CHRONICLE

Once again the Chronicle says 'Goodbye' to another Area Agent. Joan Sinclair, who has been agent for Crabtree Lane for several years, has decided that the time has come to retire.

Many thanks, Joan, for all the time and effort that you have given to the Chronicle over the years. This month will be Joan's last delivery in Crabtree Lane, so to keep up the delivery of the Chronicle there each month we do **need a volunteer** to take her place. So many of our Agents join because they see it as a good way of getting to know people in the village – so here is another chance to do just that.

You don't have to live in the area to be its agent. If you would like to consider joining and learn more of what is involved please call me (Geoff Long) on 531321 and I'll be glad to discuss it, without any commitment or obligation at this stage.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

DON'T FORGET – SATURDAY JULY 3rd

Is the date of the St Peter's Church Fete – see large back page ad

TRAFFIC CALMING

Recent issues of the Chronicle have seen the Parish Council refer to the prospect of traffic calming for the village, and requesting input.

Years ago I researched and wrote an article on this subject, listing the various options available, speed bumps, chicanes, and others.

Speed bumps are still a problem, as generally people living nearby don't like the noise they generate. Chicanes are probably not suitable for Drayton, they were imposed on Milton and then withdrawn after protests as they were so unpopular.

Having recently visited Norfolk, I can vouch for another idea that seems most effective. This is a speed detector, a little like a camera, but instead of taking pictures (and running out of film after a couple of hours) this is a black sign that illuminates in front of speeding drivers, giving a large 'SLOW DOWN' with a reminder of what the limit is.

I can't recall such a sign in this area, so residents are perhaps unfamiliar with the concept, about the nearest is in Long Compton, near Chipping Norton. They can also be programmed to show a 'smiley' face if you're doing the right speed, and the opposite if you're not.

I've seen reports that there are excellent safety statistics for these signs, and they are considerably cheaper than speed cameras; having seen them in action, they might be considered an effective deterrent for drivers approaching Drayton.

Tony Holmes

COMING CHRONICLES

The **August Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday, July 30th**, from **Shirley Thomas, 48, Henleys Lane, (531626)**, who should be contacted by any Agents requiring copies additional to their allocation.

The Editor will be **Derek Pooley, 11 Halls Close, (559454)**. 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, July 19th 2004.

After this deadline, only items of the utmost urgency may be considered for inclusion (NB No guarantees!).

NB :- **Can we politely remind** Contributors that the above **deadline** is exactly that; there seems to be a trend (with increasing use of e-mail) that sending items on Monday evening, or during Tuesday, (or even later!) is ok. It isn't - editors are busy people, and continually receiving items through the week greatly reduces the time for editing, queries, formatting, printing etc. Is it so very difficult to note the above date, and prepare items by then - not start them?

Editors clear the box from time to time before the deadline. It is a great help when items can be left in the box a few days before the closing date. Some contributors are indeed doing just that, 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. Contributions can be made :-

1. If you've Internet access, by **email** to the relevant editor :-

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

Please remember to check that you soon get a confirmation reply.

2. A 3½" **disk**, in PC format, preferably 'Saved As' WORD. *Please include hard copy* for checking the formatting and *your address* so that the disk can be easily returned. This is STILL an excellent way to receive copy since it removes much of the work necessary in 3 & 4 below, AND should help to eliminate misprints/errors.

3. A good, **black typescript** on white A4 paper or smaller. The scanner can read in typescripts and this is still much easier than re-typing. IF you prepare text on a PC to print the output and send it to us, thanks, BUT PLEASE SEE 2 above - we do return disks, honest!

4. Finally, **hand-written items**. It helps if all **names of people** and places are spelt out in **CAPITALS** (thanks to those who do), thus saving mistakes and possible embarrassment. **You KNOW who you're writing about, but please don't assume we do too!**

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£10	0511	E Lessner, 122, Abingdon Rd	Margaret Armstrong
£10	0271	Mr Messenger, 'Highfield', Abingdon Rd	Gerald Redman
£10	1277	Mrs Humphries, 46 Steventon Rd	Jackie Walker
£10	0758	Mrs Williams, 28 Church Lane	Susan Brooks
£10	1563	C Turley, 18 Binning Close	Christine Turley
£10	0203	Mr Tumer, 27 Comeville Road	Gerald Redman

Winners were drawn by members of the British Legion, from 2161 tickets sold. Purchasers in Abingdon Road did very well this month.

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:-
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ALL AROUND

DRAYTON WIVES

Margaret Long

We enjoyed an evening of 'Superstitions, Bizarre Beliefs and Peculiar Practices' at our meeting at the end of May with Mr Hugh Granger. He has spoken to us on several occasions and is always entertaining, with a fund of knowledge about all kinds of subjects. We heard a great deal about the amazing beliefs that had been held over the ages and by all accounts Midsummer Day must have been alive with people reciting spells, burying things at midnight, etc.

We were able to bask in the sunshine under umbrellas at the coffee morning at my house on the 7th of June. It was a good opportunity for people to wander around the garden. Everyone's garden is looking its best at the moment although we desperately need some rain.

The programme for the next six months will be produced as soon as we have finalised one or two items, and we will try to get it to you as soon as possible.

Dates for your diary in July: -

Mon 5th 10.30 COFFEE Rosemary Barlow, 27 Whitehorns Way
 Mon 19th 7.15 WHIST Mary Alexander, Caudwell D.C
 Tues 27th 6.30 MEETING: JACOBS JOIN Jean Taylor, High St.
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Our sincere condolences are extended to his family.

The total profits of our Easter Draw (£174) have been distributed to the following ex-Service Charities:-

- The Royal Star and Garter Home
- The Gurkha Trust
- St Dunstan's
- The Henwood Trust
- Combat Stress.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 19 July at 8pm.

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Doreen Buckland

The June meeting was held in the Caudwell Centre. After the president's report, we had a very interesting 'Chinese Cooking Demonstration' given by Tom and Marianne Hales. All members having a tasting of the recipes which included:- Pork & Water Chestnut Wantons, stir-fried Chicken, Beef with stir-fried Tomato, aromatic roast marinated Char Sui Pork, all dishes served with rice, followed with a cup of Chinese tea, all very enjoyable.

Maureen Comborough, Val Cross and Doreen Buckland won the raffle. On the 19th June, members will have had a trip to the racing stables at Lambourn.

The July meeting will be in Drayton Village Hall. The speaker will be Sheila Hallam talking about 'My Amish and Lancaster Adventure'.

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Priest in Charge:- Revd Dorothy M Derrick..... 531374
The Vicarage, 8 Gravel Lane, Drayton

Licensed Lay Minister:- Dr Peter Barton.....523702

Churchwardens:- Mrs Sue Harris 848361
Mr Peter Cline 530519

Organist & Choirmaster :- Mr Adrian Thompson ... 01865 714801

CHURCH NOTICES

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW Traditional).
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (CW) except 2nd Sunday, when a non-Eucharistic Family Service is held.
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (CW).
Mon-Fri	8.15 am	Morning Prayer (CW) in Lady Chapel
Weds	10.30 am	Parents' & Toddlers' Service - Church Room
Weds	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (CW) in Lady Chapel
Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sunday	10.00 am	Sunday Pebbles & Rocks	Church Room
Monday	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice	Bell Tower
Friday	7.00 pm	Choir Practice	Church Room

CALENDAR FOR JULY

Tues 6th	3.00 pm	1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room
Sun 11th	11.15 am	Sale of Fairly Traded goods	
	6.30 pm	St Peters UN-Limited	Church Room
Sat 24th		Wedding :- Dunn / Glead	

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism	June 6th	Isabel Florence Collett
	June 12th	Grace Edge
Marriage	May 22nd	Richard Quartermain & Sophie Hill
	May 22nd	Peter John Cline & Mary Christine Norton
	May 29th	Martin Strong & Joanne Mackenzie
Funeral	May 27th	Arthur Reginald Mudford
	June 3rd	Eva Maud Jeffrey

YOU STAY - WE PRAY

During this month we will pray for all the people who live and work in these roads:- 27 June - 3 July:- High Street; Chiers Drive; Cheers Farm; Halls Close. 4 - 17 July:- Lockway & Whitehorns Way.

18 - 24 July:- Comeville Road; Crabtree Lane; Lesparre Close.

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Letter from The Revd Dorothy Derrick

Dear Friends,

This was to have been my last contribution to the Drayton Chronicle, but my date for leaving the Parish has been put back to the 11th September 2004 to allow for the builders finishing our new house.

Summer finds us embroiled in sporting fixtures - Euro 2004, Test Matches, Henley, Wimbledon, European Cup, Olympic Games to name but a few. Sport it seems can bring out the best in us, but it can also bring out the worst in us. It certainly can be a way in which we can begin to learn how to win and lose. This should then be transferable to life situations of gain and loss and enable us to understand that life is not always a bed of roses.

This is something that faith can help us with as well. Jesus certainly never said to his followers that life would be easier for them if they believed in him. However, he did promise to be with them in whatever situation they found themselves to be. There have been many examples down the ages when Christians have been conscious of the presence of God with them in the darkest of moments, as well as the most joyful ones.

As a Parish Priest I can certainly endorse those feelings. It is the presence of God with me that helps me to be alongside others in these moments of sadness and joy. It is the greatest of privileges. The duty and joy of the Church of England is that it is there for all who live in the Parish. The doors are open for all. We do our best to keep St. Peter's open for people to call in for a space to be still, to draw aside from the busy day, to speak to God. Many of you do use it, I know.

So I ask you to remember that you don't have to walk alone in this life. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is there to guide and lead us. All we have to do is reach out and he will take us by the hand. This is how much God loves us. God said, "I have cared for you from the time you were born. I am your God and will take care of you until you are old and your hair is grey. I made you and will care for you." (Isaiah 46 verses 3 - 4 ; Good News Bible).

Take a little time to reflect as you take your holidays. Let's enjoy the changes and chances of this life and remember God in the ups and in the downs.

Happy and safe holidays to you all.

Yours prayerfully,

Dorothy Derrick



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Please contact:- Mrs Neen Priestnall, 9 Marcham Road (531330)

(MORE) ALL AROUND

Drayton TODDLER GROUP Anna Loughlin

Thanks to all the ladies who participated in the Big Toddle for Barnardos at Beale Park, and all of you who sponsored us. We raised money for Barnardo's, the toddler group (we kept 25% of the takings) and had fun in the bargain!

The life of Thomas Barnardo is a fascinating and inspiring story and one to be shared. Barnardo's work began 133 years ago when he rescued thousands of homeless children. He went to London in 1866 to train as a doctor, and lived in a poor area. Parents had to pay for children to attend school, and many poor children never learnt to read or write. Children often worked all week in factories or sweeping chimneys for just a few pennies.

It made Barnardo angry to see children starving and living on the streets, so he decided to help them. He wasn't rich and couldn't give money to all the children. So he worked hard all his life raising money by speaking and writing newspaper stories, asking everyone to help get poor children off the streets. When people gave him money he built homes where children were kept safe, fed and taught to read and write. Barnardo built children's homes all over the country and when he died, 8,500 children lived in Barnardo's homes. His supporters have continued his work to the present day.

Barnardo's don't build big homes any more, but they work with children and their families to overcome problems and face a brighter future. As a charity, Barnardo's rely on all sorts of people, from toddlers to big businesses for financial support, and all donations are very gratefully received (www.barnardos.org.uk, or Barnardo's, Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex, IG6 1QG).

Due to the drop in attendance over the summer months, the Thursday toddler session will relocate to people's gardens within the village from 22 July until the end of August. The sessions will run from 9.30 to 11.30am, weather permitting, and there will be a charge of 50p to cover tea, coffee, juice and biscuits. **It would be great if everyone volunteered their garden for a play-session! Please phone Anna (206170) to find out where the toddler group will be held.** The Tuesday sessions will continue as usual.

Finally, a call to all those mums who always "mean to get there" but "never quite make it"... to Toddlers, that is! **Please, please do come along!** The group runs on a Tuesday and a Thursday between 9.30 and 11.30am. **You will be most welcome.**

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PRE-SCHOOL Playgroup Anita Hedditch

Hello from the Pre-School. We have had a busy term so far. The newcomers have settled in well with us and the leavers have settled into school really well. They are so lucky in seeing the school every day, and its activities. It must make the transition so much easier.

We are looking forward to an open day on the 21st June. It is a flower-power theme, with plenty of activities for the children to take part in. It seems to be a popular event and is now a regular on our yearly calendar. This time we have a different entertainer to try out as our usual is not available this year.

The children are enjoying the summer and use the outside play area every day. We have sand/water and chalking and plenty of other activities plus the little bikes to try out. The latter on a timed basis to ensure everyone has a turn.

We are sadly saying goodbye to Dusty. She has been an assistant play-leader for 7 years now and is moving on to pastures new. Many thanks to her for all her hard work, and best of luck for her future choice of work.

The term draws to an end on 16th July. September will bring changes anew with a new play assistant and alterations in the intakes of children at school. All starters for the new school year will be offered full/part time places at school from the September Term. This means we lose 16 children at the end of this term however we will continue to offer the same sessions throughout the week, but to a younger age group.

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- 6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service, frequently with guest speakers.
(Communion every second Sunday)

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.

Come and join us every Sunday – we look forward to seeing you.

News

We made £210 at our Coffee evening at the Caudwell Day Centre, which was up by £100 on last year. This was for Christian Aid Week. There was bring and buy, books, tea and coffee, games. Thank you everyone who came to support this.

Next Family Service is 4th of July 11.30 am, leading the service Janet Strong.

(Ed:- and you will have seen Janet's tribute to Charlie Mudford – placed on the front page)

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BINGO SESSIONS

are held in the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Drayton
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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Welcome to Steve, Julie and Samantha Pitts who have returned to Drayton and recently moved into Lockway, near to Steve's parents.

And Welcome to Clive, Sharron and Rebecca Tapping who have moved to Steventon Road from Didcot.

(and news from the recently departed Flemings)

Going East

Look East is the name of our (new) local television news bulletin – so apologies for borrowing it! As many readers will know, we were looking East for quite some time so how have we fared since changing our address?

Well, surprisingly, pretty well thus far! We have missed our many friends and, of course, just being in Drayton Village but it is great still to be in touch – through kind telephone calls and our copy of the Chronicle.

We were totally overwhelmed by all the kindness shown to us before we moved and will never forget it. It was not possible to respond to everyone but, through the Chronicle, we would like to express our warmest thanks to all. The kitchen was "pasted" with all the cards – and they have only now come down as a new kitchen is being fitted. Enough said!

The garden is a 'disaster area' but 'Maple House' now has a beautiful new Maple Tree gracing the front garden – in a splendid pot – reminding us of the generous garden vouchers which were amongst our many gifts and support. Thank you again for all this practical and psychological help during our very demanding move!

And so, what about this new area? The birthplace of Oliver Cromwell, Huntingdon, has references to him all over the place. We are still trying to adapt to a smaller river up the road – the Great Ouse – and, so far, less water traffic than on the Thames. Travelling into London is as convenient as the 'Paddington Flyer' – and we have made shopping forays into Peterborough but have not yet had time to explore the Cathedral (rather more interesting, architecturally, than we remembered!). Cambridge is only an hour away but, again, we have not had the opportunity to visit.

We are hoping to be around for St Peter's Fete and catch up with the news then.

With love and good wishes to all,

Peter & Terry Fleming

YOUR LETTERS

Well Done – Now have a Rest?!

Dear Sir, 21 Hilliat Fields

I'm just writing to say congratulations to my Mum Karen & her colleague Sarah for doing the 'RACE FOR LIFE' & completing the 5km run in Oxford's University Parks on 6th June 2004 & collecting her Medal, between them they raised £200 for Cancer Research.

Well Done Mum!

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Grateful Thanks

Dear Sir, 10 Lyford Close

I would like to thank all friends, family and neighbours for all their kind words, letters and cards they gave me after the death of my father (Charlie Mudford).

It has been a great comfort to me to know how well he was loved by you all. His friends had been a great help to him providing meals, plants, doing gardening jobs, taking him to Friday club and keeping Dad entertained with visits, for that I thank you all.

Many thanks also to Revd Dorothy Derrick for such a lovely service, (it was so nice to see the Church full), and to Sheila and team for helping with refreshments.

Lastly, thank you Mick and Jo for helping me through all this.

Yours Faithfully

Ann Faulkner

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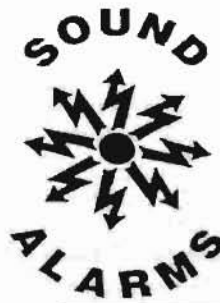
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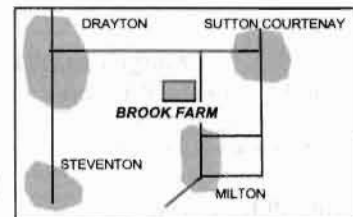
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Local Plan (Update)

The Second Deposit draft as it is legally called, (in reality it is a revision to the Initial Local Plan), has just been issued by the district council. The only change I could see affecting Drayton is the recommendation made by the consultants to the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust. The planned route moves closer to Drayton in the west, skirting the village before meeting up with the original planned route, just south of Oday Hill. It then travels east to the Thames. **British Waterways intend the canal to be used for full navigational use**, as it once was back in 1810 up to the 1840's, when railways took over.

It is likely some **development on or close to the route of the canal** will be permitted to facilitate the recreational potential of the waterway.

Another local change is the extension of the Ock Valley Green corridor just south of the Tesco's roundabout to the A34. This change acknowledges it is part of the river Ock flood plain and the land will not be built on whilst the current council is in authority at the Vale.

Change of Circumstances

Just to let you know that I have moved house, but am still living locally. I can be contacted on 0781 722 0736 between 6.30 and 8.30 during the week. In case of emergency please call the Vale on 01235 831622.

I will still be holding my monthly surgeries on the first Saturday each month (so July 3rd is next) between 9.00 and 10.00 am at the village Hall. I look forward to meeting any Drayton residents who wish to come along and discuss their concerns.

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PARISH COUNCIL (meeting June 7)

A resident of Dropshot raised the issue of traffic between Drayton and Sutton Courtenay that ignores the 40mph limit and the danger of the de-restricted road to Milton village. These issues may be overlooked in the calming measures that are coming through the Didcot Integrated Transport Study. **We will be suggesting a roundabout on the Milton turn** but there can't be a regulation or physical obstruction to control every case of bad or irresponsible driving.

On the planning front, **comments are now invited** by the VWHDC on the second deposit draft local plan that does not include the proposals to build houses between the village and the A34 or those on the field between Henleys Lane and Manor Farm. Growth is directed to Abingdon, Wantage/Grove and Faringdon as villages like Drayton are regarded as 'unsustainable'. **If anybody is interested in the village plan** that could look at why village lifestyles are unsustainable and what could be done about it, **please come to a parish council meeting**, contact me, or watch out for further announcements.

Every year the VWHDC has money to spend on amenity planting. **If you have an idea of where some new trees would improve the village** and its setting please let the PC know.

In a week where the claims are made that the low turnout for European elections is a measure of the indifference for that level of government, it may be worth noting that at the opposite end of the scale, we cannot even get a full parish council and numbers are falling. It might be worth coming to a meeting or two just to see what it is that Parish Councils do in case there is something that **you could offer**.

Anybody who has opinions on the above, or other ideas, should come to a meeting of the PC (usually the first Monday - July 5th - 7.45 pm at the Caudwell Day Centre). **Daniel Scharf**

(and to Contact :- MARIA WYSOCKI-JONES - on 01235 225909 - or e-mail MWJFORDPC@AOL.COM)

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS

If you are feeling **lonely, isolated or in need of company** for whatever reason, **you are warmly invited** to come along to our drop-in tea and chat afternoon held monthly, at St. Peter's Church Room, on the first Tuesday.

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NEWS FROM AFAR

As a result of preparing the Chronicle in 'Adobe' format for the printer, one by-product is that it's much easier to send editions to former residents – and we've had this reply from our occasional correspondents Norman & Christine Foord, now teaching in Malaysia :- >>>>>>>>

What a wonderful surprise to have the Drayton Chronicle appearing out of the college printer and (at only the 2nd attempt) looking just like it did when we lived in Church Lane. Thanks so much for sending it. Keeping up with village affairs means a lot to us out here in Malaysia. We have told June and Ron, who have been kindly and regularly sending it out to us, that they can be relieved of this job. I trust that all future issues will arrive by e-mail. Thanks.

We are both thoroughly enjoying ourselves teaching at a Malaysian 6th form college. The students are all studying A-levels and hoping to qualify to study as doctors and engineers in British universities. The campus is about 50 miles north of the capital, Kuala Lumpur, and is fully residential. Founded 6 years ago it has modern facilities in this technologically minded country. The students come from all over the mainland and the island of Borneo giving a mix of city and country backgrounds and a chance to learn about Malay, Chinese and Indian cultures. It is a stimulating and fascinating place to work. The country has a vision to be considered a fully-developed nation by the year 2020. Having travelled through Malaysia about 12 years ago, it is interesting to see where progress is being made (and where it isn't).

There are times when we long for the cool, fresh spring weather of Oxfordshire. Please give our best wishes to Margaret and others whom we know in Drayton.

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Drayton School

Claire Soper

As this is the last report before the Summer break I would like to take the opportunity to say some farewells. Firstly to Jacinta Oakes who will be retiring at the end of term after many years association with school. We wish her a very happy retirement and hope she may continue to keep in touch. Rachel Sykes is moving away from Oxfordshire so will not be returning from her maternity leave, we wish her lots of luck, baby Sean continues to thrive. Also farewell to two of our longstanding Teaching Assistants Jean Caudle and Barbara Bell. Finally Ann Stobie who has taught Years 5/6 on a 1 Year contract will finish at the end of term. There will be an opportunity to say goodbye in person to all these staff on the evening of 7th July in school. **Any past pupils or parents who would like to attend would be most welcome. Please contact Mary Malin at school to confirm your attendance.**

We also wish GOOD LUCK to all the Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to secondary school in September. **Leaver's Assembly** will be held on 20th July, the final day of the school term, at 1.30pm.

This is always a very busy term for pupils, staff and parents, with lots of activities and outings taking place and this year is no exception!

A group of children will be travelling to Wembley Conference Centre on Saturday 3rd July to take part in the **National Association of Primary Education Concert**, singing Songs from the Shows with schools from across the U.K.

The Lower Unit have been busy studying mini beasts; this has included making up riddles about them and using a computer program to make pictures. They have also produced beautiful paintings of summer flowers.

The Middle Unit have really been getting out and about! They visited Abingdon Abbey to sketch the buildings, took part in a concert at Long Furlong School, visited St.Peter's Church to find out about symbols and forms of religious expression and, most exciting of all, visited the Living Rainforest as part of their science topic about habitats. The children have also used the experience to create a rainforest in the classroom as part of their artwork.

The Upper Unit have been pond dipping and have enjoyed the resulting artwork they produced.

They have also created magnificent Greek Theatre masks and clay pots and urns based on original designs, which can be seen displayed at the upper end of the school.

A junior citizens quiz is currently planned about health and safety.

Finally a visit to the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory is to take place for the children to visit the Mission to Mars Project. Wow!!!! What a lot of activity I'm exhausted writing about it!

The whole school was involved in the recent Walk/Cycle to School Week, which was a **great success**. The **reduction in the number of cars** in Hilliat Fields was commented on, and **one family walked from Stevenon every day!** Thanks to the School council for organising the event, which culminated in a decorated bike competition won by Matthew Venom and Annie Soper.

Two children and a member of staff will be attending an Eco School celebration at Sutton Courtenay to receive the school's Bronze Eco Award.

Everyone took part in preparations for the recent Summer Fair; the children were involved in planning their own stalls this year.

Sports day will take place on Wednesday 14th July with a **Family Picnic** at lunchtime for those able to attend.

F.O.D.S.A. raised £500 at the Fashion Show in May, a brilliant result. Many thanks to everyone involved in making the evening so successful.

We will be holding a Family Treasure Hunt and Barbeque on Sunday 4th July from 2pm at school and the Leavers party will be on Friday 16th July from 7pm, with fun and games for all.

Can I wish everyone a very **HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAY**, keep safe and well. School restarts on September 2nd.

NOTICE BOARD

Wooden Spoon Recipe No. 2 - From June 1966

Tunisian Chicken (serves 6) :- One 5 lb roasting chicken, salt, pepper, 2 oranges, ½ lb honey and 1½ glasses vin rosé (by Lois Rennells)

- Season inside the bird. Make several cuts through the skin of one of the oranges and put inside the chicken. Place in a roasting tin (the tin should leave only an inch or so either side of the bird)
- Sprinkle with salt and pepper and pour over the juice of the second orange and the honey.
- Roast at 170 C, gas Mark 3 for 1½ hours, basting very frequently. Pour over half the wine and cook for a further 40 minutes, basting well. Lower oven temperature if the liquid in the tin is becoming too dark. It should be a rich dark brown but must not burn.
- When cooked remove from the oven, take out the orange and squeeze the juice over the chicken. Pour out the fat from the liquid in the roasting tin and add the remainder of the wine. Stir well and serve with the chicken,
- Accompany with orange rice and chicory and watercress salad.

YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS :-

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We also have an Outreach Officer who holds drop-in sessions around the county at various events and establishments such as fêtes or toddler groups. This enables parents to chat informally about their childcare needs and get information directly. If anyone would like to book a drop-in session please contact us.

- Our telephone help line open 9-5 Mon to Fri, 01993 886933
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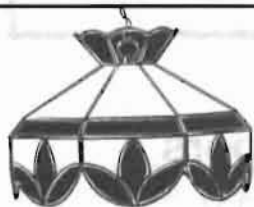
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NB If your event isn't listed, IT COULD HAVE BEEN!!!

Sat	3	9.00am	District Councillor 'Surgery'	
Sat	3	2.00pm	Church Fete	Caudwell DC & Vicarage
Mon	5	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting	Caudwell DC
Tues	6	3.00pm	1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room
Fri	9		Wedding Reception	
Sun	11	11.15am	Fair-Trade sale (after service)	St Peter's
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9.15 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	Sch'l Ground Bldg
1.30 pm	Afternoon Social	Caudwell Day Centre
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys / girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys / girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	
7.00 pm	Keep-Fit	Small Hall
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	Caudwell DC
7.30 pm	Youth Club (until 9.30)	Small Hall
7.30 pm	Senior Table Tennis, League (for 2 hours)	School
7.45 pm	Parish Council Meeting (1st Mon? - see report)	CDC
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	St Peter's Church

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

9.15 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	Sch'l 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	
6.00 pm	Brownies	
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	St Peter's Lady Chapel
6.15 pm	Cubs (Boys / girls, 8-9 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Junior Table Tennis, Age 9+ (for 1 hour)	School
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	Caudwell Day Centre
8.00 pm	Senior Table Tennis	School

THURSDAYS

9.15 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	Sch'l Ground Bldg
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Lady Chapel
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group	
9.50 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	Haywards Rd
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)	
4.00 pm	Dancing Classes - 3 to 6 years Tel 764433	
6.30 pm	8/12 Club (1 st & 3 rd Thursday in month)	School
7.45 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)	
8.00 pm	Sequence Dancing	
8.00 pm	Wilt/Berks Canal Group (3rd Thursday)	Caudwell DC

FRIDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

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