

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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DRAYTON PLAYERS

Roland Hopkins

I 'Came to the Music Hall' on the 23rd of October and witnessed the brilliant 40 year celebration of the Drayton Players.

There were so many items that I soon stopped taking notes and was swept up into the music-hall atmosphere with its enthusiastic audience participation. Since so many individuals were involved on stage and behind the scenes, I will mention no names but will heap my praise onto all the participants.

The dominant feature was that one could so easily forget that these were amateur players with limited rehearsal time, any nervous performer being willed into shape by latent audience encouragement. One was drawn into the characters portrayed rather than the actors, which is the measure of an actor's ability.

The Master of Ceremonies gavelled his way, with true Leeds exuberant loquacity, from one act to the next, thus giving momentum to the theme and continuity to the 70 items! How appropriate it was to see the boards trodden so competently by players ranging from founder members to promising youngsters.

Having seen Drayton Players' productions for over thirty years, I was delighted to find that this was indeed a peak performance.



Dear Sir,

May we, through the *Chronicle*, send our heartiest congratulations to the Drayton Players for their 40th year celebration with "Come to the Music Hall"?

It was a thoroughly professional performance, enjoyed by everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey and Daphne Samworth



ANOTHER SMASH HIT!

Dear Editor,

I can't help wondering how many other people in Drayton are as remiss as I was, living in the village for many years but never seeing the Drayton Players in action. We finally came to our senses by seeing their recent 'Come to the Music Hall' and what a delight it was.

Peter Jackson was a magnificent Master of Ceremonies but the greatest pleasure for us was to see such a wide age-range of good performers, from school children to the long retired, capturing the spirit as well as the format of entertainment before movies and television.

We will certainly make big efforts to see future Player's productions.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Pooley



Dear Sir,

May I, through the *Chronicle*, say to the Drayton Players simply "What a wonderful performance!"?

It would not be fair to name any particular person, because all of you were excellent, each in your own individual way. From beginning to end, from the superb verbal eloquence, the singing, dancing and acting, you all gave everything you possibly could and your talents were outstanding.

Congratulations! Especially to the producer and all those behind the scenes who created clothes, props and lighting.

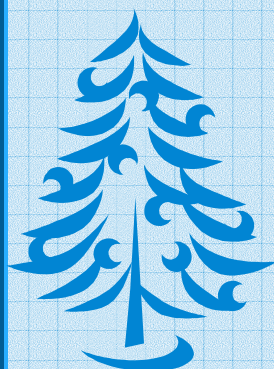
Long may your shows continue!

Yours sincerely,

Gwen Stirling

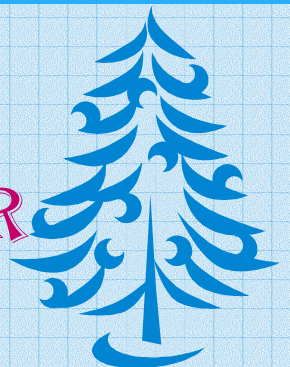
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TO ALL OUR READERS
**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

FROM THE MEMBERS OF
THE CHRONICLE TEAM



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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, 10 January 2005.

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 your name, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number

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

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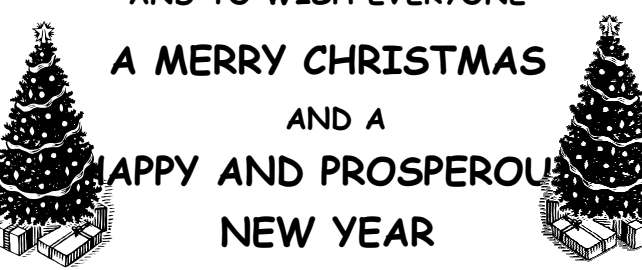


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THE NEXT THREE MONTHS		
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March	14 February 2005	25 February 2005
April	14 March 2005	25 March 2005
May	17 April 2005	28 April 2005

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Daphne Samworth, Hon. Promoter

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W	J Dunster, 30, Binning Close,	Christine Turley
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W	Mrs Smith, 5, Henleys Lane	Angela Painton
W	Mr Selley, 24, Cornville Road	Gerald Redman
W	Mrs Milne, 64, Whitehorns Way	Daphne Barrand
W	Mrs Morgan, 66, Whitehorns Way	Daphne Barrand

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

At the weekend my Daddy took me and my big sister, Holly, to the swings and slides in Lockway. We were very excited as we knew there were some new swings. I was really upset when I got there, as there are no longer any swings for us younger children, why is this ?

Many thanks,

James Evans (aged 4)

Dear Editor,

As a parent of a one year old boy, who loved regular visits to the playground at the village hall, I was very pleased to see that the swings were being replaced and the area re-surfaced. However my pleasure turned to dismay when I discovered that there is no longer any baby seats.

I can't see any reason for this as the play area, from what I've seen, is used just as much for toddlers as for older children. There is now nothing there for the younger ones at all.

I am hoping that other parents have found this a problem and that we can get the two baby seats returned.

Your sincerely,

Claire Bullock

Paul Knight, Chairman of the Drayton Parish Council, replies:

When the decision was made to replace the swings, it was our intention to replace them on a like for like basis, thus retaining the mix of standard children's swings and 'baby' swings. Unfortunately life is not that simple. The safety regulations regarding playground equipment are getting more and more stringent and, just to complicate matters in some instances, any new equipment has to conform to the latest standards but existing equipment does not always have to be adapted or modified to meet the same standard. Our safety advisors told us that this sort of situation applied to the swings. Whilst a mix of swing types was acceptable on the old unit, the new unit would have to conform to a more recent higher standard that did not permit a mixture of seat types on a single frame.

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Fun for all the family on New Year's Eve

Join your friends at Drayton's New Year's Eve party on Friday 31st December in the Drayton Hall from Eight 'til Late, with Disco, Ploughman's Supper and bar. Everyone is welcome! Tickets £10, (6-15 yrs old £5) are on sale now and can be had from Dot Day (call 531501) or by calling 01865 407712.

NEWS OF THE CHRONICLE

Good news on Agents this month. Ian Bell is delivering *Chronicles* to the part of Steventon Road vacated by Teresa Burnage, while Darren McDonald has taken over from George Cox as Agent for Conifer Drive and part of High Street. Thank you to you both for offering to help in this way, and thanks again to George and Teresa for their work in these two areas over the past few years. No fewer than three of Darren's clients will be delighted with the good luck that a new face has brought them!

Readers will be glad to hear that Freda Palmer is now out of hospital and, with a few aids around the house and help from carers, 'family' and friends, is now again living in her own home. Walking is still far from easy and Freda feels that it is now time to hand over her job as Area Agent. Just when Freda started as an agent is lost in the mists of time, but it's at least twenty years ago, and for the last six years she has been looking after *both* of the two rounds in Lyford Close. Many, many thanks, Freda, for all the time and effort you have spent working for the Chronicle over all these years. Like many other long-serving agents you deserve a medal.

That leaves us looking for two volunteers to take over the two vacant agencies in Lyford Close, since Gerald Redman cannot go on looking after those as well his own two rounds. I know everyone's thoughts are on other things at the moment but a couple of phone calls to 531321 would give me a very happy new year! There would be no commitment at this stage; I'd simply be pleased to explain what is involved and leave you to think about it.

Geoffrey Long, Chronicle Co-ordinator

↘ All may not be lost, however. It has been suggested that, because the frame for the swings has a central support as well as supports at each end, it may be possible to consider it as two units instead of one!!! If we are able to confirm this we will happily order two new baby seats and have them fitted to the new frame.

In the meantime, if you notice that I am getting thin on top, it is probably because I am pulling my hair out!!!

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 Wednesday 6.00pm Evening Prayer (CW) in the Lady Chapel
 Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion (CW) in the Lady Chapel

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Sunday 10.00am Sunday Pebbles and Rocks Church Room
 Monday 7.45pm Bellringing Practice Bell Tower
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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Tues 7th 3.00 pm First Tuesday Connections Church Room
 Sun 12th 6.30 pm St Peter's UNLimited Church Room
 Sun 19th 11.15 am Sale of Fair Trade goods Church
 Sun 19th 6.00 pm Carol Service Church
 Sat 31st 4:00 pm Wedding:
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Theresa Scott, formerly assistant priest at St Peter's, has been appointed one of six new honorary canons of Christ Church Cathedral. Theresa was selected in recognition of her ministry here in Drayton and, subsequently, at Burchetts Green and for her contribution to non-stipendiary and women's ministry.

Bishop Richard said that Christ Church is looking forward to welcoming her and using her gifts further. Theresa will be installed in Christ Church at Evensong on 22 January 2005.

YOU STAY - WE PRAY

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 5 - 18 Dec Lockway; Whitehorns Way.
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The number left as I write is thirty three, but by the time you read this it will be rather fewer. Perhaps you are now stuck into the shopping and if you have relatives in distant places you may already have sent some parcels off. If so, well done! But if you are anything like me there are still be important things to decide, like where to spend the festival. Is it their turn to come to us or are we due to go to them? And what about granny this year? We all know families are important but, my goodness, at times the negotiations can become complex, even impossible. No wonder some folk choose to go off to spend the holiday a long way away, on their own. And the cards: apparently we send more than any other nation. Did they send one to us last year and if not, shall we miss them out this time? Then caught up in the last minute rush for food drink and those special presents, we may forget and overload the 'plastic'. In the end the angels' announcement of peace and goodwill to all seems hollow as we arrive at the festival, with the kids over excited and ourselves just plain exhausted. No wonder there's a danger of falling asleep in front of the telly on Christmas Day. It can all turn out be a bit of a mixed blessing, can't it?

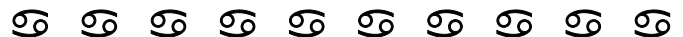
Has it always been like this? Well, no. Very early on the Christian church didn't even know the date of Jesus' birth. But about 336 AD, 25 December was chosen to remember this and to provide a Christian alternative to the Roman festival celebrating the unconquerable sun and during which by all accounts things could get a bit out of hand. The custom in this country of having a Christmas Tree is relatively recent. Although started in Germany as long ago as the 8th Century by Boniface, an English missionary it wasn't until Prince Albert had one in Windsor Castle in the mid 1800s that the idea caught on here. And Christmas cards started about the same time.

What a task it is to search for that ideal present. Something that will last, that doesn't have batteries that need replacing frequently, that goes on being enjoyed and treasured. A pipe dream? Impossible? Funnily enough, no. It does exist and as the saying goes, like all the best things in life, amazingly, it's free! What am I talking about?

Why, it's that peace those angels came to sing about, the peace Jesus Himself came to bring and to share with all who are willing to receive it; 'The Peace of God that passes all Understanding'.

Are you and I going to accept and enjoy it? It would be absolutely tragic if this Christmas we were to leave such a priceless, life-changing gift unopened, ignored, still wrapped up under the tree.

Peter Barton



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5th December, 11.30am Family Service
led by Janet Strong

19th December, 6.00pm Carols and Readings
speaker Larry Kavanagh

Christmas Day, 10.30am Half-hour Family Service, led by
Roy Brown and Janet Strong.

There is no Sunday Service on 26th Dec. as this is Boxing Day

Unfortunately there is no Nativity Play this year due to a shortage of young children in our church. Our young people who have always done the nativity story over many years have now grown up, which is a real shame. I myself love to see the Nativity Story played out each year. I would like to thank Edward and Lyd, Lisa, Sophie, Robyn, Sean and Isabella, for being shepherds, angels, wise men, and of course Joseph and Mary. They have all done this so very well over the years, thank you all very much.

We at the Baptist Church would like to wish everyone in Drayton a very happy and peaceful Christmas, also A Happy New Year to all.

Janet Strong

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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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

We extend a warm welcome to two young couples who recently moved into Drayton.

Nicola and Terry, to Abingdon Road and

Naomi and Vincent to Meads Close

A warm welcome also to Steve and Karen Harvey, who have recently moved into Steventon Road.

And to Mike and Barbara Coombes, who have moved from Didcot into Hilliat Field.

And finally to the Lonsdale family: Jayne, Tim, Natalie, Emily, Zoe and Max, who have moved into Steventon Road from Abingdon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Pansy Smith, of Steventon Road who became a *great, great grandmother* when her great granddaughter Carly and her partner Phil's baby Ethan Doyle was born on September 9th at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital. Carly is the daughter of ex-Drayton resident Adrian and Marina Smith. Ethan's great grandparents are Douglas and Pam Smith who live in Hilliat Fields and Jeff and Heather Doyle who live in Gloucester. The picture shows Pansy, who is nearly 90, and great, great grandson Ethan, who was three days old when the picture was taken

CONGRATULATIONS also to Mrs Hutchings, of Abingdon Rd, who was 80 on 28th November.

And finally CONGRATULATIONS to five members of the 1st Drayton Brownies who have been successful in getting into next year's Gang Show at the New Theatre in Oxford. This will be at the end of February/beginning of March 2005. The Brownies involved are:- Georgina Arnold, Holly Evans, Jessica Smith, Jade Neville and Jenessa Neville. Well done, every one of you – and have lots of fun!

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WISHING by Marguerite Kynnersley

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I'd wish peace would reign for evermore, no more fighting, no more war.
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I'd wish a roof for everyone, no more homeless, no more slums

I'd wish there were no rich or poor, just an equal share for all,
I'd wish there no sad hearts would be, or silent tears that none can see
I'd wish the world was full of love, then God would be happy in His heaven above.

ALL AROUND

BOWLS CLUB

'Roll up'

At home - the Didcot Windows Competition was played to the semi-finals, with Bryn Jones, Norman Hopkins, Tony Wright and Jean Mullins going forward to play on Finals Day, December 5th.

Away - at Sandown, Isle of Wight, the Drayton bowlers did magnificently well in all competitions. Doreen and Bryn Jones won the Singles KO, beating Margaret and John Goodacre in the final; Doreen and Bryn with Margaret and John won the Open Fours; while Doreen and Bryn (again!) with Jean and Tony Mullins won the Mixed Fours.

The winners of the internal Handicap Pairs Competition were June Hyde and Barbara Carter.

Jean and Tony Mullins have won through to the semi-finals of the County Pairs Championship.

We have been joined on the past few Wednesday evenings by two young men (13 and 15 years old) from the village. They have become good bowlers and seem to fit in very well. If any others are interested new members are welcome to any or all of our sessions on Monday and Thursday afternoons and Wednesday evening.

Any enquiries to our Chairperson, Doreen Jones.

The Club's Annual Dinner is on January 14th 2005 at Abingdon United Football Club – members, don't forget to book your seats early!

DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

Last month I promised to give more news about our music hall nights entertainment which was just about to happen at the time. I am very happy to report that we had a truly overwhelming and enthusiastic response to this venture and we thank all those who phoned or sent notes of appreciation to the group. We also thank all those who supported us in any way, including our great backstage gang, lighting, sound and front-of-house helpers. We also thank our audiences for entering so wholeheartedly into the singing and providing such great rapport with the performers and in many cases dressing up as we had encouraged them to do.

For us it was such a fun-filled production, hard work but worth every bit of effort required to achieve its success. Our director and choreographer, Deirdre Jones, extracted the very best from us and we thank her for her patience and persistence – both of which were certainly needed at times! We really did celebrate our 40 years anniversary in the most happy and successful way possible.

Now for something completely different. We are back to new words and new musical numbers in rehearsals for our February 2005 offering, based on the legend of Boudicca, as told in the reminiscences of the Roman military leader Agricola. Quite an undertaking this but promising great things.

We are going to need all the backstage staff we can get for this production, so anyone interested in set building, shifting, painting and the myriad of other support jobs is asked to contact Richard Webber on 534001 or 523374 for further details. ☺

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Pearl Stanbridge

It is with great sadness that I report the recent death of our long serving chairman – my husband David Stanbridge.

Wishing all members and their families a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday 20 December at 8pm.

DRAYTON WIVES

Margaret Long

Those wives who attended our October meeting should be walking on air if they followed the rules given by our speaker, Angie Morris. It was all a lot of fun as well as being very informative. A quiz proved that we were all rather ignorant in factual knowledge about our feet, but we know more now. We learned something about the ailments that inflict our feet but the simple exercises to keep our feet supple are well worth doing. So, ladies, every morning scrunch your toes downwards five times and then spread your toes as wide as possible (takes a bit of practice, this!) – again five times – and you will keep your feet "happy".

Our Christmas coffee evening on the 13th December is in the Caudwell Day Centre at 7 pm. Please note the earlier time. We shall again be indulging in sherry and mince pies – and don't forget a small wrapped gift worth about £1.50. We shall have a game or two and any party pieces are always very welcome.

Committee members please note that we are having a meeting on the morning of the 13th of December at Gillian von Hoven's at 10:30 am.

Dates for your diary in December: -

Mon 13th 7.00pm Christmas Coffee Evening Caudwell D.C
Mon 20th 7.15pm Whist Trudi Buckner, Caudwell D.C

and in January: -

Mon 10th 10.30 COFFEE Jean Hager, 27 W'horns Way.
Mon 17th 7.15 WHIST Barbara Carter, Caudwell D.C
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Finally as we approach the Christmas season once again, the players wish everyone a happy time and all the good things in the new year

MORE OF YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I would like to say 'thank you' to all family and friends who attended my husband's (Bryan Gibson) funeral at St Peters Church in July. There were so many guests I did not have time to thank you all personally for your visits, calls and prayers for Bryan over the years.

I would also like to thank one very special lady, The Reverend Dorothy Derrick, who's sincere love and kindness towards Bryan & myself truly helped us over a very difficult year.

Finally you will be pleased to know that your kind donations helped raise over £1000 towards 2 special charities, The Sir Michael Sobell House Hospice, and The Wishes & Dreams Charity ... Bryan would have been so proud.

Sincere 'Thank you's' once again.

Ann Gibson

Dear Editor,

I wish to extend my sincere and grateful thanks to all who have sent me cards and messages of condolence on the loss of my husband David and also for donations to the Renal Unit and the Royal British Legion

Thanks also to all who attended his funeral, and how privileged we were to have Dorothy back to conduct such a memorable service – my heartfelt thanks to her for coming back to do this one last thing for David – he would have been proud.

The visits made by friends were always appreciated and I want you all to know the kindness shown to us will never be forgotten.

Yours sincerely,

Pearl Stanbridge

Dear Editor,

Another year has passed and people have been asking about Natasha, who has been much healthier this year, with no operations and her convulsions few and far between. During the past few weeks, however, she has had a series of mini convulsions but as she is now more articulate she can tell us when one is coming on. She can now chat away using quite long sentences but we have to be patient while she slowly says what she wants to say.

At the moment PACE is trying to raise £20,000 to build a new nursery class. This year so many people in Drayton have worked for PACE and Derek and I, Clare and Jeremy and everyone at PACE are so grateful. Thank you so much to the WI for their monthly bring-and-buy coffee mornings for PACE.

PACE is expensive to run because all the staff are highly trained and give so much one-to-one service. Thank you one and all for your support for these special children at PACE.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Henman

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the people of part of Abingdon Road and Sutton Wick for their kind donations towards the collection for the Marie Curie Cancer charity. We raised a total of £27.00.

I would also like to thank my daughters, Lauren and Emily for helping with the envelope deliveries.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Brown

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MORE ALL AROUND

DRAYTON W.I.

Doreen Buckland

At our November meeting we had an interesting talk and film show given by Mrs Laelia Austin from Wantage, on her visit to Harvard University, Boston, U.S.A., where she discovered the making of "Glass Flowers".

Apparently, a family from Prague first made them in the 15th century. In 1870 it was introduced to Harvard, when they started to make glass flowers, insects, fruits and blossom where every detail was perfect.

In October several members visited Chilton Garden Centre for their Christmas open evening.

The coffee mornings held in the Cauldwell Centre have been successful in raising over £100. This money will all go to the charity P.A.C.E. The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 4th December from 10-30 to 12 noon. There will be a bring and buy stall, mince pies and a raffle. Please come and help us raise more money for this worthwhile charity.

On November 12th we held a Quiz Evening. Seventeen teams took part and a total of £277 was raised for the new children's hospital in Oxford. We thank all the teams for their support.

The Cup winners from our Cook, Grow and Sew event held in September were:

W.I. Cup: D Buckland

Red Lion Cup: G Bird

Fidler Cup: D Buckland

Louisa Vase: J Henman

Glad Tinson Cup: V Cross

Barnes Rose Bowl: J Henman

Caudwell Cup: G Mitchell

Debney Cup: I Moyland

Mary Bisby Cup: J Henman

Charlie Mudford Cup: I Moylan

Chrislook Medallion: G Bird.

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COUNCIL REPORTS:1

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Graham Ash

Barton Garage Planning Application

An application for 13 dwellings was held before the Development Control Committee on 8th November. Just to remind you, permission was granted as long ago as year 2000 for 9 dwellings; this increased to 11 by May 2004. Now the applicant, Bowers Mapson want to insert front facing dormer windows giving the property at the front the appearance of a three story building. The committee refused the application, but only just, following presentations by the Parish Council chairman and myself.

Abingdon Integrated Transport System Update (Abits)

One of the better features of the Abits project was the requirement for a full interchange on the A34 at Lodge Hill. This would certainly help alleviate some of the traffic problems in the town centre and would hopefully make exit easier to access the A34 by Tesco's. I have since learnt that, despite telling you last month there was all party support at the Full Council of the Vale District council for this interchange, it has not been accepted by the Conservative Executive member on the Oxfordshire County Council responsible for these matters. It does not make the planning process easy when different opinions are held by the same political party at different council levels.

Result of By-election in the Vale

The Lib Dems increased their number of councillors to 30 following the November by-election in Wantage. The election arose from the resignation of a Conservative Councillor in order to become the Party Political candidate for Colne Valley for the next General Election. Whilst having wished her every success in her new challenge, I was surprised to learn that she has since resigned this position, due to her being victimised by the local Conservative party, according to one of the Sunday papers

Council Tax

The Vale of White Horse District council has the eighth lowest rates in the UK. The Lib Dems have worked effectively to manage successfully the finances of the council. Now the early rounds of the budget for the year 2005/2006 are starting. Whilst the LD Councillors and Vale staff are examining ways to minimise costs, I would like to give you the opportunity to help in this process to try to keep costs to a minimum. Please let me have your suggestions by either phoning me on 07817220736 or writing to me at the Vale at Abbey House, Abingdon OX14 3JE.

One problem all councils find is that, as in previous years, the Labour government is passing over additional work and responsibilities without adequate funding, sometimes without any funding at all.

Licensing Changes (1)

The Licensing Act 2003 transfers all licensing functions from the Magistrates courts to District councils. These responsibilities cover the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. Licence holders will be required to operate their premises in a way to support these duties. Before the requirements of the new Act are implemented, the Vale has to prepare a comprehensive licensing policy and consult widely with Parish and town councils, the licensing trade, the general public and all interested stake holders. A draft will soon be published to interested parties and will also be available on the Council's website.

Licensing Changes (2)

The old adage "if it ain't broken don't mend it" has been ignored. Licensing decisions once made by the Magistrates will shortly become the responsibility of the District Councils. Why the

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change? A crafty move by the Chancellor needs to be exposed. The cost of the Magistrates Court comes under the Treasury and is paid out of general taxation. The cost of administering the law will now fall on the district council and will be paid out of the council rates. A neat little manoeuvre! The Treasury reduces costs and the district councils increase costs. The costs will have to be passed onto the council rate payers. Another example of Stealth tax to add to the long list.

Sutton Wick Liaison Meeting

This meeting was held in October to discuss the possible impact of two planning applications relating to local sand and gravel extraction and one application to convert the present landfill gas into electricity. The main concern was an increase in lorry movements with the mineral extraction. Mr. J. Curtis assured the meeting that the two applications were only made because of the impact of the Sustrans cycle track and the proposed route of the Wilts and Berks canal to existing approved plans. There was much vocal concern over the third application - from Renewable Power Systems. Whilst it was welcomed that the landfill gas would be put to better use, issues arose over the noise of the generator and residue gases. The spokesman from RPS explained how these would be minimised, but there was still some unrest. Arrangements are being made for this application to be heard by the full planning and regulations committee in January.

Health Cover

Just a reminder that if your GP surgery is closed, you will need to dial 0845-345-8995 from now on. You will be passed through to medical assessors, not qualified doctors who will determine the action required.

Gambling Bill or Do You Want A Casino In Your Area?

The bill seeks to modernise gambling laws, so we are told. It will enable district councils to allow new casinos to open up across the UK. The government is suggesting casino operators may wish to make some "contribution" to the council's coffers to help get their application approved. Whilst the government is saying that this will only lead to about forty more casinos across the country, the scope of opportunities does not support this. The local government association group is trying to persuade the government to give the councils the power to refuse new casinos and to build in safeguards over whether gambling premises might create public nuisance.

Christmas Greetings

May I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year. A special mention of thanks and cheer to all the people who have worked hard to ensure the Drayton Chronicle appears each month. We are very fortunate to have such an excellent newspaper.

And Finally.....

The next surgery will be held at 9.00am at the Village Hall on Saturday December 4th. I look forward to meeting any Drayton residents who wish to come along and discuss their concerns. The surgery thereafter will be on the first Saturday in February.

Regards

Grahame Ash

COUNCIL REPORTS:2

PARISH COUNCIL

Daniel Scharfe

Notes on the meeting held on 1st November 2004.

Once again a resident asked the Council for support, this time to check that the electricity generator powered by landfill gas at Sutton Wick would not cause problems from air pollution or noise. The County Council are being asked to provide assurances that this plant will not give rise to problems. Apparently there are already a couple of larger generators working at Sutton Courtenay without any apparent problems.

The Parish Council has been concerned for some time about the condition of the memorial on the Millennium Green and is hoping to receive details of the Millennium Green Trust's plans very shortly.

The County Council have responded to a PC request for renewing our road signs and this should be happening throughout the village.

The first instalment from the Didcot Integrated Transport Strategy will be "Village Gateway Treatments" comprising coloured road markings, bollards and signs. The PC has been asked for its opinion but as comments are required by the end of November, before the next meeting of the Council, those interested in the detail will have to catch up with the plan as it does the rounds or contact Mike Wasley at OCC by email on mike.wasley@oxfordshire.gov.uk. The PC would like to have copies of any comments made directly to the OCC.

The attention of the P.C. has been brought to vegetation overhanging footpaths. Could everybody responsible for hedges, bushes and trees bordering the highway/footpath, make sure that these are well trimmed back so as not to cause an obstruction or blocking sight lines for cars at junctions or private drives.*


Finally, I attended (not in capacity a parish councillor) the Examination in Public into the Oxfordshire Structure Plan and caught the end of a debate in the about the A34 when development at Didcot and Bicester was being discussed. It seems that the Highways Agency have a brief to say that although the road may appear to be close to capacity, this should not prevent growth in the A34 corridor as there is scope for drivers to behave responsibly and use the road less. It is uncertain whether the spare road capacity will be created by voluntary behaviour or through coercion, but it seems that homes are going to be put before roads.

Apologies to those who expressed an interest in a village plan. Preparation of a village plan will continue and anybody else who is interested should contact me (rippington@waitrose.com, 01235 531107, but time is needed to work out the next step.

We hope to see residents with any issues to raise about the village, or to just come and watch, at the next meeting on Monday, 6th December at the Caudwell Day Centre at 7.45pm.

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\* Being over six feet tall and with little natural protection at my summit, and finding by experience that scratches from holly, rose and conifer are particularly painful, I thoroughly support this request and make a plea for a clearance of at least 2 metres when trees and shrubs overhang the footpaths. *Ed.*

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## DRAYTON'S FOOTPATH NAMES

It has been suggested that it would be helpful if some of the most frequently used paths and bridleways in Drayton could be named. At present they are all designated by numbers on official county maps, not a user-friendly method for village residents.

There may be people who have lived in Drayton for very many years who remember old names that used to be given to some of the paths. If anyone does please could they contact me, on Abingdon 559454) or any member of the Parish Council?

Already Love Lane, which is the path joining High Street to Gravel Lane, has been labelled and it would be good if others could be also, especially those in the village itself.

*Jenny Pooley*

Chair - Parish Council Rights of Way Working Group



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## MORE ON TELEPHONE SCAMS

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The call reminded me of a document that I had ordered from British Telecom some time ago. The thirteen tightly packed A4 pages list the charges for over 1,400 number pre-fixes for calls made from a private land-line phone to various so-called "non geographical" numbers, i.e. those not starting with 01 or 02.

Almost 400 numbers with 07... prefixes are listed – covering, mobile phones – and the cost can be anything from free to 50 ppm (pence per minute), most hovering around 20ppm.

About 225 number groups start with 08... , laughably called 'Freephone' numbers (BT's own quotes). For these the charges range from the long-standing, and only, free 0800... up to prefix 0871 597...., costing 37.5 ppm.

The numbers to be watched are the nearly 600, aptly named, Premium Rate Service, with the 09... prefix. Charges range from a few pence to £1.50 per minute but, short of consulting the list I know of no way of easily finding the charge for a given number.

If you care about how much phoning costs, call BT on 0800 891 to order a copy of 'The Price of Calls to Specialised Numbers for Residential Customers' and be aware of the costs you phone.

*Geoffrey Long*

# DRAYTON SCHOOL

Claire Soper

Everyone's thoughts and activities in school at the moment are very much focused on Christmas. This month's school value is PEACE, which seems extremely appropriate for the time of year. Let's hope that the children absorb this really well in the run up the Festive Season!!

I'll start with some DIARY DATES:

The School Plays will take place on Tuesday 14th December, with a matinee and evening performance, and on Wednesday 15th December with an evening performance. Tickets are available from the school office.

The Christmas Carol Service will take place on the last day of term which is Friday 17th December at 1.30pm. Please do come and join us for this special event.

The Reception and Year One class have been learning about the Muslim festivals of Ramadan and Eid. The children made cards and had a party. The Year One and Year Two children have visited St. Peter's Church to look at the War Memorial as part of their topic about Remembrance Day. All the children will be learning about Advent and the Christmas Story. Indeed the Lower Unit play is entitled "Are we nearly there yet?" and retells the story afresh through the eyes of children travellers. The younger ones have been busy practising the songs. I'm always amazed at how they all remember the words so well!

Thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale on 12th November, this raised the magnificent total of £79.50 (!) which will go directly to Miss Stenzhorn and Mrs Raven to buy extra resources for the classroom

The Middle Unit have been learning about Divali, making mendhi patterns and diva lamps. As part of their topic about "Weather Around the World" the children have recently enjoyed constructing a Travel Agent's office. They have had fun role-playing as customers and sending each other on trips!

There is lots of activity, too, linked to the Christmas production, with everyone practicing hard to perfect their Native American Indian dance. The Upper Unit have just returned from a very enjoyable week long trip to Yenworthy, accompanied by Mrs Higgs and Mrs Whiting, more news and stories of this next month. They too have been contributing to this year's Christmas production, which is "The Snow Queen", including painting scenery. Some of the children will be taking part in the annual Carol Service at St Helen's Church. A reminder to everyone that the school's web site is currently being updated so do please have a look! By logging on at [www.drayton-pri.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.drayton-pri.oxon.sch.uk) you will be able to view pictures and read about events that have taken place.

FINALLY a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and PEACEFUL NEW YEAR from us all at Drayton School and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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## WOODEN SPOON RECIPE NO. 5

Lois Rennells

### Christmas Cheer Mull

from Christmas 1970

- 1 bottle red wine
- 3 tablespoons clear honey
- good pinch cinnamon powder
- 1 orange studded with cloves
- 1 pint boiling water
- 1 miniature bottle or 3 – 4 tablespoons brandy.

Heat wine, honey and cinnamon with orange. Stir well.

Add boiling water and just before serving stir in the brandy.

At the bottom of the recipe there is a note that says 'Makes 12 glasses at approximately 1 shilling (5 pence) per glass'!

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Besides reducing the amount of waste going to landfill the scheme also raises funds to help the Woodland Trust to continue its work in protecting what is left of the UK's ancient woodland and in creating new native woodland for future generations.

Wastewatch suggests that by recycling 883 tonnes of Christmas cards last year the savings achieved were:

- 15,000 trees
- 6 million gallons of water saved
- 4 million kwh less electricity used
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So don't forget to take your cards down to Tesco or WH Smiths this January between 31st December 2004 and 9th January 2005

**. . . AND YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE**

The Vale of White Horse District Council will be providing facilities at the following location to enable real Christmas trees to be recycled after Christmas. You can take them along between

31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2004 and 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2005

to the Drayton Recycling Centre and your old tree will be turned into chippings for mulch for use on the parks throughout the Vale.

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**NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS**

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- |                                         |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Newspapers                              | Aerosol Cans                     |
| Magazines                               | Plastic Bottles                  |
| Junk Mail                               | Aluminium Foil (clean)           |
| Catalogues                              | Clothing (in good condition)     |
| Food Cans (clean)                       | Car Batteries (place beside box) |
| Drinks Cans                             | Shoes (in good condition)        |
| Mobile Phones                           |                                  |
| Telephone Directories (no Yellow Pages) |                                  |
| Glass Bottles and Jars (all colours)    |                                  |
| Batteries (place in small clear bag)    |                                  |

**BUT PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE**

- Christmas Wrapping Paper
- Christmas Cards -please take these to a Waste Recycling Centre, Tesco's or WH Smith's.-see previous column

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*What kind of spectacles do they need?*, Basic reading glasses and those used to correct milder forms of long or short-sightedness.

*Broken metal frames* that can't be repaired can be sent to be smelted. The resulting income helps cover the appeal's overheads such as packaging and air freight costs.

*How can I help the World In Sight Appeal?* Take your old glasses to any Dollond & Aitchison branch or to any Help the Aged shop.

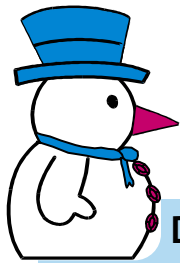
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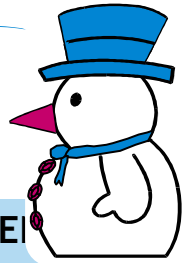
**over Christmas and New Year**

For the holiday period covering Christmas 2004 and New Year 2005 the following arrangements will apply for the collection of both refuse and Green Box recycling:-

| Normal Collection Day              | Will be collected on               |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December  | Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> December |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> December | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January    |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January    | Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January     |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January   | Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January    |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January   | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January  |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January  | Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January  |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January   | Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January  | Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January    |



# DRAYTON DIARIES



## DIARY FOR DECEMBER

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

|                                  |    |                              |                                                    |
|----------------------------------|----|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| To book Drayton Hall ring 531501 |    | To call the Hall ring 528686 |                                                    |
| Sat                              | 4  | 9.00 am                      | Councillor G Ash Surgery (until 10.00am)           |
| Sat                              | 4  |                              | Private Party                                      |
| Sun                              | 5  | 7.30 pm                      | Candlelight Carol Service                          |
| Mon                              | 6  | 7.45 pm                      | Parish Council Meeting <i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>  |
| Fri                              | 10 |                              | Private Party                                      |
| Sun                              | 19 | 11.15 am                     | Fair Trade Stall <i>St Peter's Church</i>          |
| Sun                              | 12 |                              | Toddlers' Christmas Party                          |
| Tue                              | 14 | pm & ev                      | Drayton School Plays <i>Drayton School</i>         |
| Wed                              | 15 | evening                      | Drayton School Plays <i>Drayton School</i>         |
| Fri                              | 16 | 1.30 pm                      | Drayton School Carols <i>Drayton School</i>        |
| Sat                              | 18 |                              | Wedding                                            |
| Sun                              | 19 | 6.00 pm                      | Carols and Readings <i>Baptist Church</i>          |
| Sun                              | 19 | 6.00 pm                      | Carol Service <i>St Peter's Church</i>             |
| Fri                              | 31 | 8.00 pm                      | New Year's Eve Party – see page 3                  |
| and dates for January            |    |                              |                                                    |
| Mon                              | 10 | 9.15 am                      | <b>Chronicle Lottery Deadline</b> <i>Vickery's</i> |
| Mon                              | 10 | 5.15 pm                      | <b>Chronicle Copy Deadline</b> <i>Vickery's</i>    |
| Fri                              | 14 |                              | Bowls Club Dinner <i>Ab United FC</i>              |

## REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

|                   |                                                                     |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAYS</b>    |                                                                     |
| 9.00 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 1 1/2 hours) <i>St Peter's</i>                    |
| <b>TUESDAYS</b>   |                                                                     |
| 9.00 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 Rm</i> |
| 6.00 pm           | Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour) <i>School</i>                          |
| 7.30 pm           | Senior League Table Tennis <i>School</i>                            |
| <b>WEDNESDAYS</b> |                                                                     |
| 9.00 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 Wives (Last Wednesday in the month)                         |
| 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>                                   |
| <b>THURSDAYS</b>  |                                                                     |
| 9.00 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>            |
| <b>FRIDAYS</b>    |                                                                     |
| 9.00 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>         |
| 6.30pm            | Choir Practice (Alternate Fridays) <i>St Peter's</i>                |
| <b>SUNDAYS</b>    |                                                                     |
| 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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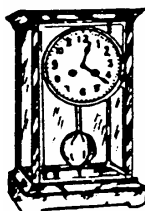
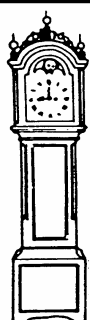
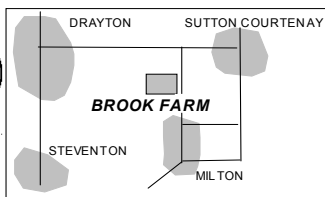
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