

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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BIRDS IN THE

Kites: Andrew Bax



Some months ago I was delighted to see a pair of red kites circling over Drayton; even more so when one of them obligingly settled for half an hour in a dead tree not 50 yards from my house. These magnificent birds were once persecuted into extinction in this country, but some were re-introduced around Christmas Common about 25 years ago. They

have been spreading further into the surrounding area since then and it would be so interesting if they established a colony here. Red kites are easily recognised in flight by their long, forked tail and, when they are at rest, by their reddish body, paler head and darker wings with a distinctive white bar on the underside. They are big birds with a 6ft wingspan and compete with magpies for small animals, worms and carrion. Despite their size they are all feathers, and weigh no more than a chicken.

At about the same time I saw a couple of specks flying very high over the village. Gradually they came lower and I was able to see them quite closely as they swooped over the Millennium Green. They were buzzards – not rare but more usually seen in open countryside. The most common bird of prey is the kestrel, often seen hovering near roadsides. Almost as common but rather shy is the sparrowhawk; they fly fast and low with incredible agility to catch their prey on the wing. You can tell when they are around because all the small birds suddenly disappear. Last summer I was sitting in my summer-house near the pond when one came to drink at the fountain. It could not have seen me so I was able to study it quite closely: a beautiful bird despite its beak and talons designed for hunting.

Less welcome visitors to my pond are herons, come not to drink but for a spot of fishing. They are smart and stately birds but when they spread their enormous wings and flap away they look so ungainly it is surprising they can fly at all.

Editor's note: By coincidence, I received a second article about the kites now over Drayton just a week after Andrew's. This was from Tony Holmes, one of my fellow Chronicle editors, saying many of the same things as Andrew. Both Tony and Andrew - and I guess most of us - are delighted to have red kites back over our village. Both were keen to stress that no-one need be frightened by these magnificent birds, despite their size.

DRAYTON SKIES

Choppers: Gail Moxham

Thanks for allowing me to write a column in the Drayton Chronicle about RAF Benson. I am very keen to keep the local community informed of the goings on at Benson; that was why I and one of our pilots, Flight Lieutenant Sam Fletcher, came to a Drayton Parish Council meeting in February. I think that, if people are aware of our commitments to Britain's armed forces and what we are training for, it will go some way to explaining why we take part in the type of flying activity you see around Drayton.



RAF Benson's helicopters and crews have been on continuous Operations for over 10 years now. We are currently supporting 4 different Operations worldwide: no doubt the most high profile of these being in Iraq where we currently have 5 Puma (above) and 5 Merlin helicopters – with another 2 Merlins expected to follow in the coming days. In addition to this, elements of 33 Squadron are currently braving the cold during winter training in Norway.

So why does all this affect Drayton and other communities?

The answer is that helicopter pilots going on these missions must train at low level. Even when operating at medium or high level, aircrew must be able to safely execute a defence against air-to-air or surface-to-air missiles, (which have proved to be very real threats to our crews in Iraq) by descending rapidly to a low level, and remaining there. The ability of our aircrews to fly at low level is a demanding and essential skill and the ability to perform this over a variety of different terrain requires constant practice.

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MAYTIME WALK

Saturday 20th May

Walks at 9:30am and 2pm from St Peter's

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The Editor will be **David Lee, 15 Corneville Road (202699)**. Contributions should be emailed to the editor or placed in the Chronicle letter box, which is outside Vickery's hardware store on Drayton Green,

no later than 5.15 pm on Monday, 17 April 2006.

After this deadline, only urgent items will be considered for inclusion and then only if emailed or delivered directly to the Editor's house by the following Wednesday.

THE SUBSEQUENT THREE MONTHS		
Issue for	Copy for publication and return of Agents Lottery Packs needed by Monday:	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Friday:
June	15 May 2006	26 May 2006
July	19 June 2006	30 June 2006
August	17 July 2006	28 July 2006

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

Contributions to the Chronicle are most welcome. Please be sure always to include your name, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number. Without names we will usually not print an item at all.

A contribution can be sent to us in one of several ways:

1. By **email** to the relevant editor. These contributions should either be in **plain text** or attached as a **rich-text** or **Microsoft Word** document; we do not have all word processing packages! The editors' email addresses are:

Tony Holmes tony-holmes@ntlworld.com
David Lee david_r.lee@ntlworld.com
Derek Pooley derek_pooley@talk21.com

2. On a **3½" diskette**, in PC format, preferably as a Microsoft Word file. Please include your address if you want the disk returned to you.

3. As a **good quality, fairly large, simple black typescript, without underlining** on white A4 paper or smaller. Our optical character recognition software can read typescripts but only imperfectly, especially if the typeface is elaborate or small.

4. Any **hand-written items** are dictated directly to the computer or typed up by a willing team of typists. **Please write the names of people and places in capital letters.** This does save a lot of mistakes.

The Editor clears the box at Vickery's from time to time during the previous week. It can therefore be a great help if items are left in the box a few days before the closing date.

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Daphne Samworth, Hon Promoter

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£10	1653	S Field, 36 Lockway	Barbara Carter
£10	2062	Mrs Andrews, 58 Whitehorns Way	Daphne Barrand

The winning tickets were drawn by staff of Dix's Mace shop from the 2310 tickets sold

NOTICE BOARD

DRAYTON COMMUNITY TRUST **Andrew Bax**

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust will be held in the Caudwell Day Centre on Thursday 11th May at 7.30pm and anyone is welcome to attend. The Trust exists to support the Drayton Chronicle and other major community projects.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

Derek and I thought 'My Fair Lady' was fantastic, so were the scenery, costumes and all the cast. The leading lady should be acting in the West End. Well done!

Judy Henman

P.S. Has anyone else noticed how peaceful the streets were when the tip was closed - especially at the weekends?

Dear Editor

Having attended the opening night of Drayton Players' recent production of 'My Fair Lady', we would like to say how much we enjoyed the performance and to congratulate everyone who was involved in any way for putting on a truly memorable show.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say well done to a group of girls from 1st Drayton Brownies who have just completed a run of seven performances in "The Oxford Gang Show" at the New Theatre in Oxford.

The Arnold Family

Dear Editor

Our granddaughter Natasha was taken very ill with peritonitis in January. She was treated in Great Ormond Street and at the Radcliffe Infirmary and has made a full recovery. (Our thanks to those who prayed for her!) Meanwhile, Clare gave birth to a baby girl, Paige Molly in the J.R. on the 24th of January. Both were in different hospitals so life was hectic. Mother and baby are doing well and Natasha returned to school on the 20th of February.

Judy Henman

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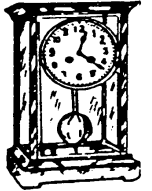
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CHRONICLE TEAM NEWS

Jean Barton

THANK YOU!

It is now nearly two months since I took over as Co-ordinator of the Drayton Chronicle. I am very grateful to everyone for their help and support. It has, so far, been a pleasure!

I know that you will be sad to learn that Geoff Long has spent a number of weeks in hospital and has not been at all well. Geoff, we send you our love and best wishes at this time. I personally am so grateful that everything is so organised. Anything I have wanted to know or find has been, almost, instantly available.

Thank you to Barbara Carter for all the work she has done as an Area Agent for Lockway (W). She has decided to hand on the reins, but we are grateful for all her input over a number of years. As well as handing over, she has also found a replacement Agent – brilliant! The new agent will be Sue Ash with help from her son Ben. A huge thank you to you both. Each person in the Chronicle team has their part to play and we cannot function properly without all the bits working together.

Yet another thank you to Barbara Richards who has agreed to take over my previous job as Lottery Manager. This is the person who puts the lottery tickets in the brown envelopes, before the distributor takes them to the Area Agents with the Chronicles.

VACANCIES on the team!

We have three areas where people kindly deliver the Chronicles, but are unable at present to sell Lottery tickets. (Fisher Close, part of Steventon Rd and part of Hilliat Fields) If you feel that you could help them, please let me know.

We also need an Agent for part of Steventon Road, (south of the by-pass) and for Manor Close. If you just want to enquire about what is involved, please do ring me.

With best wishes to you all

Jean Barton

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 Mon - Fri 8.15 am Morning Prayer (CW) in Lady Chapel
 Wed 10.30 am Parents' & Toddlers Service in Church Room
 Thurs 9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sunday 10.00 am Pebbles (every 3 weeks) Church Room
 Monday 7.45 pm Bell Ringing Practice Bell Tower
 Fridays 7.00 pm Choir Practice (fortnightly) Church Room

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Sun 2nd 11.15pm Sale of Fair Trade Goods Church
 Tues 4th 3.00 pm First Tuesday Connections Church Room
 Sun 9th 10.00am Dramatic reading of Passion Story Church
 Fri 14th 4.00pm Ecumenical Open-air Service Church
 Sun 16th Easter Vigil, Communion and Family Eucharist Church

Please see Church notices for details and times of all of our Easter services.

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

19th March Christopher Topping

Wedding Blessing

25th March Carl Parker and Tracy Smith

Burial of Ashes

3rd March Heber Leslie Woodley

Funerals

27th January Nora Cook
 24th February Rosemary Joan Jones
 28th February Elizabeth (Beth) Keane
 9th March Barbara Butler (formerly Murray)
 22nd March Walter 'Ron' Selley
 27th March David Bachrach

YOU STAY - WE PRAY

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LETTER FROM REV JOSIE MIDWINTER

The idea of going on a journey always fills me with hopeful anticipation. I have always liked travelling and there is something challenging about setting out and wondering what might be found round the next corner. This is why I find the idea of pilgrimage so enticing, because it is not just a journey but a journey which also engages the whole person: body, mind and spirit. It is interesting that Pilgrimage is something which is common to all major religions. Recently the Ashmolean museum had an exhibition on Pilgrimage which included artefacts from Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism. For all these religious groups there were common factors, which made up the total experience of Pilgrimage.



Departure: *A readiness to separate from daily life and begin a search for physical and spiritual well-being.*

Journey: *Using the physical act of walking as a means of spiritual reflection and seeing the things on the way as parables of our daily life.*

Sacred Space: *Allowing the mystery of religious experience to inform our spirit, not striving to understand, but rather allowing ourselves to be caught up in the wonder and depth of God's love for us.*

Central Shrine: *Some focal point, which helps us to identify our spiritual or physical needs and dedicate them to God.*

Return: *Our spiritual development is never in isolation but is something to strengthen and make us more effective in our daily lives. So we return, able to live more fully whatever life holds for us.* →

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⇒ Pilgrimage was especially important to the Mediaeval Christian church and the ambition of the pilgrim was to go to somewhere important like Jerusalem, Rome or Canterbury. This was very difficult for the ordinary person who did not have the freedom to travel, so sometimes the floor of the local cathedral was laid out with the features of the pilgrimage and people could travel their own journey within that building.

This Easter we will have a pilgrimage journey laid out in St Peter's church. It will be open from 12 noon to 2pm on Good Friday afternoon. As you step through the church door you will begin the journey and there will be stages on the way, which take you round the church and out through another door. This will be very simply done so that children and adults can all join in. Each journey is individual so you can do it in your own time – as long or as short as you like.

At 2pm there will be silence in the church until 2:15pm when we will have a service, which lasts until 3pm – the time at which Christ died on the cross. You can be involved in the pilgrimage or go to the service or do both. The main thing is to do what helps you most without feeling under pressure to do more than is right for you.

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Our next date is 4th April and, if you can't manage to come on that date, we shall be together again on 2nd May. If you need a lift or more information please do call me (Jean Hager) on 531558.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastoral Co-ordinator: Mr Roy Brown.....Tel. 531296

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

- 11.15 am Presently only one morning service per month. This is the Family Service, and is on the first Sunday of each month
- 6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service frequently with guest speakers. Communion every second Sunday of the month.

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Sharon and Brian Davis of Henleys Lane on the birth of Amelia Ellen on 25 February

A very warm welcome to Paul Jones, who has moved into Church Lane from Didcot

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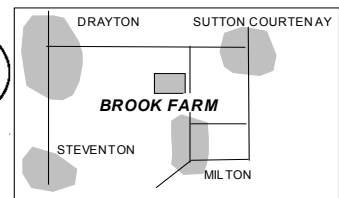
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HELICOPTER TRAINING

Flt Lt Gail Moxham

⇒ continued from front page

Without this practice competence levels degrade very quickly, so that low flying training is still required across the UK. Military helicopters are considered to be low flying when they are operating below 500ft above ground level (agl). As a result of the Helicopter Low Flying Review, the normal minimum operating height for helicopters is now 100ft agl; however, they are permitted to operate at lower level, and down to ground level at times.



While attending the Parish Council meeting, it was brought to Sam's and my attention that there may be a misconception as to the amount of regulation and control of low flying training. I would like to explain a little about the system that is in place and to assure you all that our pilots do not disregard people, property or livestock – there are procedures in place which pilots must and do follow. The policy applying to and regulation of all military low flying is controlled by the Directorate of Air Staff in the MOD, London, and administered by the Low Flying Operations Squadron based at RAF Wittering. In basic terms, the UK is divided up into Low Flying Areas (LFAs), a number of which (including the LFA in which Drayton is found) are known as Dedicated User Areas (DUAs) in that they are allocated to particular military users (in our case helicopters). As the level of helicopter activity in the DUA can be high, all flying below 2000ft must be 'booked'. ⇒

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⇒ What do we mean by 'booked'?

All users of the low flying system are required to book with the Low Flying Booking Cell at RAF Wittering. This allows the MOD to know how much low flying training is taking place, to help ensure that not too many aircraft will be operating within a LFA at one time and to allow them to quickly verify what activity has taken place in a given location in the event of a complaint. MOD also undertakes regular covert monitoring of the Low Flying System using radars which can track aircraft heights and speeds.

Drayton is close to Abingdon Airfield and I would like to explain briefly our use of it. Our helicopters use Abingdon partly to ensure that all the disturbance doesn't fall on Benson. But Abingdon airfield also provides our pilots with an ideal environment for practising essential skills such as basic handling techniques, approaches, departures and downwind operations – all away from a busy airfield (Benson) and in a more realistic setting (i.e without the assistance of Air Traffic Control).

I hope I have explained how and why RAF Benson operates its helicopters. We make every effort to limit disturbance to each part of the local community by spreading our activity. We avoid major built up areas, though it is not always possible to avoid flying over the outskirts of towns and villages, and avoiding towns means that those living in less populated areas will see some low flying training.

Since I became the Media and Communications Officer at RAF Benson in September 2005, I have not heard many complaints from Drayton about our flying activity. I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding. Should you have a complaint about flying or have other questions or queries please contact me (Flight Lieutenant Gail Moxham) on 01491 837766 - the switchboard will put you through to the extension you need.



WASTE and RECYCLING

Fay Dashper

The refurbished Drayton Waste Recycling Centre reopened on 6th March, with some street theatre by the 'Rubbish Heads'. It's a good time to take stock of how well we are doing in reducing the waste we send to landfill and increasing the amount we recycle!

Oxfordshire produces the least waste per head of population in England, and Vale residents produced the lowest waste among Oxfordshire Districts. This is in part because many people believe in reducing their waste - so it is not produced in the first place.

The eight **Waste Recycling Centres** across Oxfordshire, of which Drayton is one, are set to recycle a staggering 54% (on average) of the waste that they accept from householders.

The **overall**, county-wide average for recycling household waste in 2005/6 looks likely to be 33%. This includes all of the waste and recycling collected at kerbside; recycling collected from Community Recycling Centres and waste/recycling collected at the Waste Recycling Centres. This recycling rate is well above the national average and shows just how dedicated our residents are.

The Vale of White Horse District Council topped 28.6% waste recycled in November 2005 and looks set to have recycled 24.5% of its waste (kerbside and Community Recycling Centres) averaged over 2005/6.

Remember that the Waste Recycling Centres are for household waste only. Trade waste has to be paid for but is accepted at Redbridge, Ardley, Alkerton and Dix Waste Recycling Centres once the waste has been weighed and paid for. If you would like a free waste reduction pack and reusable calico bag, please call 08450 504550.



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WATER and the RESERVOIR

Colin Arnold

Having listened to many people talking about this major issue I feel that I would like to put in my two penneth.

With hose-pipe bans coming into force throughout south east England, scientists warning us of global warming and government planning to build thousands of new homes in our region the need for improved water supplies is obvious. It is equally obvious that Thames Water need to invest heavily in their distribution network and plug the leaks. Even so the need to build a reservoir to provide water in the future still exists.

Historically man has used, adapted and modified the proposed reservoir site to meet the needs of the time and the building of a reservoir would be just a continuation of this. With proper consultation any archaeology within the site could be mapped, recorded and even preserved. The concerns over noise, traffic, dust and all of the other problems likely to be caused during the construction phase are all surmountable with reasonable debate and some compromise on both sides.

The benefits are much more long term but include a boost to the local economy in the form of added trade for our local shops, pubs and other businesses, initially from the construction workers but ultimately from visitors coming to use the reservoir for fishing, sailing and other water sports, bird watching, walking etc. The list is massive when you really start to think. All of these would lead to employment and new opportunities for those with some vision and foresight. The resulting nature reserve could only enrich the local wildlife and enhance our environment.

But the biggest benefit is the prospect of turning on the tap and getting good quality water for the foreseeable future.

Editor's Note: Mr Arnold is brave to argue openly in favour of a project which was, perhaps still is, unpopular in this village. We all want the benefits of using roads and airports, the electricity from power stations and the water from reservoirs, but we want the facilities to be somewhere else. But Mr Arnold is not alone; many in the village do accept that the reservoir is probably needed (I certainly do) and think a more realistic line for Drayton to take is to ask for local benefits to compensate us for the real downside of having a large new reservoir built near us. What should we ask for? Tell the Parish Council or the Chronicle!

Parish Councillors Jennifer Pooley, Paul Knight (chairman) and Chris Fursdon-Davis inspect the refurbished recycling centre.



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THE PLAYER'S THOUGHTS

Jean Hager

It is now a few weeks since the last performance of My Fair Lady but it is certainly still fresh in my mind and, I imagine, in the minds of all the other players. It proved to be a great success and putting it on over the course of two weekends worked well. We had full houses at each evening performance and almost the same at the matinees.

It was tremendously hard work, but worth all the effort because of our audiences' enthusiastic reception of this very tuneful musical. I know of some people who came twice and one person, not previously familiar with the music, who rushed out and bought the CD the next day! Our lead players excelled in their performances of quite tricky dialogue and musical score and the lively and colourful set pieces enhanced the whole effect greatly.

Everyone involved in the production did a superb job: Richard Webber, our director; Deirdre Jones, our choreographer; Robert Legg, our orchestra conductor; Georgie Alston with the wardrobe; our backstage crew with the set building and scene shifting; our lighting and sound effects engineers; the people in the box office, refreshments, front-of-house, the dressers and other totally unseen helpers who gave us such strong backing. We thank them all!

A last word about our junior members, all of whom (including quite a few newcomers), showed great commitment and determination. Their exuberance and enthusiasm was boundless and it was a pleasure to be working alongside this talented and happy group.



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WOODEN SPOON RECIPE

Lois Rennells

Fillet steak with asparagus sauce (from April 1985 — the 21st anniversary of 'Wooden Spoon'). Serves 6

6 fillet steaks 1" thick, ¼ pint dry white wine, 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil, 1 clove garlic (crushed), salt and pepper, 6 large slices white bread, 5 oz butter, 2 tablespoons oil, 12 oz (about 350 grams) can asparagus spears (drained), ¼ pint soured cream, fresh basil or watercress to garnish.

Place the steaks in a shallow dish and add the wine, basil, garlic, salt and pepper to taste. Cover with cling film and chill for at least 8 hours or overnight. Drain the steaks.

Combine the asparagus spears, soured cream and steak marinade and liquidise for 30 seconds. Heat through in a saucepan. Stamp out an oval from each slice of bread, slightly larger than the steaks.

Heat 3 oz of the butter in a shallow pan and fry the bread ovals until crisp and golden on both sides. Remove from pan and drain on absorbent paper. Keep warm.

Add the remaining butter and oil to the pan and place over a moderate heat. Add the steaks to the hot fat and fry for approximately 5 minutes on each side.

Once the steaks are cooked, arrange the fried bread on a plate. Put a cooked steak on top of each oval and spoon over asparagus sauce.

Garnish with basil or watercress.

MY FAIR LADY triumphs!

THE CRITIC'S OPINION

Bill Rennells

There's a convention among theatre critics that it's much easier to write a knocking review than a rave. The hurtful adjectives fly off the fingers, the vile comparisons and similes crowd into the head. An honourable exception was a review of 'I Am A Camera' which simply said "No Leica". All this means that a favourable notice has to be carefully crafted if it's not to bore the socks off everyone. So I've got to work like a good 'un to stop your eyes moving straight down to the recipe.

Drayton Players' production of 'My Fair Lady' is going to be worth all the graft. It was simply enchanting. Well there we go. Anyone know a better word for enchanting? There isn't one. So you'll have to settle for hoary old enchanting. See what I mean?

I've seen a few Eliza Doolittles in my time. Some of them might have been more polished — but polish isn't necessarily what you're looking for in this part. I've never seen one I've enjoyed more. Drayton's Becky Webber shaded my next best — Liz Robertson. Did Becky do a few facial contortions too many as the raw cockney Eliza? Probably, but that's just carping — old habits die hard. By the time we got to the visually stunning Ascot race meeting, we'd forgotten that. The way she carried off the new cut-glass voice and the Shoreditch phraseology ("it's my belief they dun her in") was simply priceless.



Then the scene when Professor Higgins discovers Eliza! Jon Crowley hit the ground running with this one. Such an assured, confident performance and when his ire stoked up later in the show it was awesome. Put the wind up me in Row B. He has already played the part in 'Pygmalion' and maybe his interpretation owed more to Shaw than Lerner and Loewe but it was none the worse for that.

His companion Pickering has always been a second cousin to Sherlock Holmes' Watson and Peter Jackson was appropriately charmingly bumbling in the part. You feel that Freddie Eynsford-Hill was never meant to be a cross between Russ Abbott and Harry Enfield's 'nice but dim' but that's the way Paul Martin did him and we loved it.

Who else? There is no one in the cast who doesn't deserve a mention. Andrew Wright maintained the raffish tradition of Eliza's dustman father and was intensely believable. Jayne Henderson got the housekeeper right and so did Jean Hager as the mother of Professor Higgins. Only a mother would love this egocentric chauvinist and she bridges impatience with solicitude just fine.

The show was directed by Becky's father, Richard, who did an amazing job of coaxing every last ounce of talent out of everyone. From the humming chorus at the start of 'Wouldn't it be Lovely' you knew it was going to be a memorable evening. The choreography and production from Deidre Jones was a joy, beating off the challenge of the restricted stage. ➔

ALL AROUND

BOWLS CLUB

Roll up

The winter league programme has just ended, with the 'Rollers' finishing in 3rd place in Div 1 of the South Oxon league and the 'Wasps' in a creditable 6th place. Slightly disappointing as the first time since entering the league that a team from the club has failed to finish in the top two! But the 'Hammers' managed to get off the bottom of Div 2 for the first time in the last few years. At this point it would be appropriate to say that there is an urgent need for some new blood in the club. Anyone who would like to try their hand would be very welcome and you would be under no commitment; bowling sessions are held Monday and Thursdays afternoons 2 till 5 and Wednesdays evenings 7pm till 10.

The first of the ten internal competitions took place on the 12th March, with Drayton competing against teams from Aston Martins and Chilton for the 'Friendly Fours Trophy'. The winning Drayton team was T. Wright, B. Watts, A. Bartlett, C. Carter, beating B. Jones, J. Hyde, J. Brain P. Hoyland. All present enjoyed fine days bowling, and a very pleasant meal provided by Doreen and Jane and helpers. Also underway is The Rose Bowl Triple leagues' Monday & Wednesday; these are due to finish at the end of May. The next internal competition will be the 'Henry Bunce,' handicap pairs to be played on April 23rd.

Recently forty members of the club went to the annual dinner presentation dance at Abingdon United Football Club, and a very nice time was had by all. During the evening there was a collection for the British Heart Foundation and a sum of £100 was raised.

Closing these notes we would like to wish Derrick (Easthope) and Lyndon (Locke) a speedy recovery from their recent operations and that they will soon be back bowling with us.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

John Gould

To date our 4 teams have had differing fortunes. In Division 1 the A Team have had a season of consolidation. For the first time they are not battling against relegation and will finish mid table. The Top Division is full of very good players, many of whom play in several leagues and across the Region. ➔

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➔ A personal note. I so much enjoyed, as ever, the confident acting and singing of my grandson Harry McCarthy. If he turns out to be an IT specialist I shall weep. That brings me back to Becky Webber who's apparently in advertising. ADVERTISING! You're simply in the wrong company girl.

The orchestra under Robert Legg deservedly got a big ovation and you were left with admiration for the many people who pulled together to make this show a great success. For example, two I know about. Fred Stevens, who I recall as a fearless goalkeeper with Abingdon Town and now appeared as a comical cockney, and his wife Sue (front of house and tickets) supporting him just as she did in the days when he might come home with half a dozen stitches in his eyebrow. But they just happen to be folks I know.

The Drayton Players are a massive contribution to community life and they deserved that full house on opening night.

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➔ The signing of Craig Campbell plus the continued improvement of Matthew Davies has meant we will have a team in the Top League next season.

In Division 2 the B team lie 4th and although we had hoped they would do better they will probably finish 4th. The return of Ray Massie has helped them to maintain a position as one of the top teams. The C team had a poor start to the season and then lost Francis Soltaine who returned to France. The 3 remaining players of Steve Gardner, John Gould & Dave Harradine have managed to turn results around with recent wins against teams further up the table. We are now clear of the bottom and will finish mid table.

The D team have struggled all season in Division 3. They are still at the bottom but with 1/3rd of the season left can survive, but only if the individuals play to their known ability. That said they have reached the quarterfinals of the Handicap Shield where they are the club's last surviving team. Lets hope they go all the way.

Our Bidmead Cup team lost in the Semi Final to Moreton. As we have won the Cup for the past 4 seasons it's OK for another Club to win – this time! Our Club Championships will be held on Sunday 14th May at Drayton School.

Anyone interested in playing Ping Pong will be welcome at the club practice sessions. Most Mondays from 8.00 pm at the School!

W.I.

Doreen Buckland

Our February meeting was well attended. Our President gave us all the news and views from the National Federation. This was followed by the A.G.M. All committee members were re-elected to serve for another year. The Treasurer gave out the signed statement of accounts. Future programmes and events were discussed and it was reluctantly decided that there would NOT BE a Grow, Cook & Sew this year due to the lack of local support. Several members will be attending the County A.G.M. in Oxford on 22nd March.

Our speaker for the meeting was Dr Kennie from the John Radcliffe. The Welcome Trust is sponsoring him to use D.N.A. tests for heredity research. He needs to take 3000 blood samples from people living in rural areas, whose parents came from the same area. Several members agreed to take part. It was a very interesting talk.

At our next meeting on the 13th April, the speaker will be Mr David Smith, talking about the wool trade and the life of a shepherd. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting, which starts at 7-30pm.

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MORE ALL AROUND

TODDLERS

Jane Nye

May we be the first to wish you all a lovely holiday and a Happy Easter! As the evenings begin to draw out and warmer weather is before us, we hope the Easter Bunny is kind to you and that you all have a wonderful break. We will be running our normal session on **Thursday 6th April** in the **Drayton Village Hall** from **9.30am-11.30am**, please call in on this date to check whether or not there are enough mums to help out to open on Thursday 13th April. We will be open as normal on Thursday 20th April.

Our thanks go out again to all of you, established and new members alike, for the support you have been giving the group in recent weeks. It is lovely to see still more new mums and carers turning up to make new friends, play and share experiences over a coffee and an orange juice. We now have a good mixture of ages from young babies to those soon to move on to pre-school. There is a happy, bubbly and secure atmosphere for all our children to learn to interact with one another and have fun! We also have toys and baby equipment for our youngest members.

Looking ahead to the summer, a reminder that the annual Barnado's Toddle will once again take place at Beale Park, Reading, in June. More details about the event and how to sponsor our members will follow in the coming months. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us so that we can raise even more money than we raised last year!

A big Easter thank you to Joy for continuing to do such a brilliant job on Thursday mornings, her constant support is greatly appreciated. Once again, a Happy Easter to you all.

PRE SCHOOL

Trudi Humphreys

By now you will have guessed term 3's theme was fairy tales. The Children enjoyed various activities, ending with Cinderella. Everyone dressed up for Cinderella's Ball and all looked wonderful. Many a handsome prince was snapped up by Cinderella's shoe falling off.

Term 4's theme was mini beasts and springtime; the children have had a great fun making creepy crawlies and homemade pebble pets.

A Valentine cake sale has taken place and raised a total of £68 for pre-school. A big thank you to everyone who baked and brought cakes along. ➔

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➔ A Nearly New Sale took place in March and was also a great success. Thank you to all who helped on the day. Nestle box tops, Persil stars and Sainsbury's Active vouchers are still be gratefully received and have enabled us to order lots of items for pre-school's benefit.

Prospective parents are invited to our Open Day on Friday April 28th between 1pm-3pm. Feel free to come along and enjoy May Day activities. There will be an entrance fee of £1 with lots to make and do. Parents please note there will be no pre-school session on this afternoon.

Term Dates: Term 4 ends 31st March and Term 5 begins on 18th April.

SCHOOL REPORT

Claire Soper

The Easter Holidays are upon us and hopefully some warmer weather to enjoy! School restarts on Tuesday 17th April.

Prior to the holiday the Reception/Year 1 class said farewell to their student teacher Mrs Didcock, who had spent six very happy weeks with Miss Stenzhorn and the children. She was presented with a beautiful handmade card in assembly.

We welcome Morgan who will be starting school after the holiday and joins us from pre-school. The children will be learning about plants and how they grow, we look forward to seeing sunflowers, beans and cress in due course.

The Year1/2 Class have enjoyed the story of 'Jamils Clever Cat', set in Bengal, and have been learning how to weave on a loom set up in the classroom, like the cat in the story. They have continued to have fun with the Roma Floor Turtle, including programming it to move around the floor. They impressed everyone at a recent Family Assembly with their skills!

The Middle Unit are currently studying Rocks and Soils in Science with lots of enthusiasm! The children have brought in samples from home and the classroom is awash with fossils. We have also seen examples of the planning that goes into the children's Design and Technology project on 'Pop-Up' books with very detailed explanations in Assembly of their work in progress.

The Upper Unit children were very fortunate to attend Larkmead School to take part in an Athletics Competition with other local schools. They all received coaching prior to the event, which included long jump, javelin, speed bounce and much more. They were supported on the day by Sara McGreavy, who is ranked first in Great Britain for hurdling!

Continued opposite ➔

YET MORE ALL AROUND

⇒ The children have been spending some time practising their skills in persuasive writing, which has involved advertising outdoor holiday pursuits and new CD's. After the holiday they will be continuing their topic on mountains by choosing their favourite mountain range to study.

Everyone in school was involved in a skipping 'Jump Off', which took place on 21st March. This was a sponsored event to raise money for both the British Heart Foundation and school and also to raise awareness of the benefits of skipping as a regular exercise for all ages. The children were challenged to skip for two minutes non-stop and then hand the rope on, with a whole class effort of an hour for the older ones and half an hour for the youngest, WELL DONE!

Continuing on a sporting theme, the Football team took part in a mini tournament against Thameside and Appleton to secure a place in the quarterfinals of 'The Small Schools' 7-a-side Competition. They successfully competed against Blewbury winning 3-2 to go forward to the semi-finals, but unfortunately then lost to Harwell. Well done to all the players who represented school so well in all the matches; Reece, Shaun McKenna, Conor Painton, Lewis, Ben, Jordan, Leo, Toby, Connor Powell, and Sean Bradford. The Netball team have been successful in two matches of the 'Vale High 5' League winning away against Appleton 8-0 and at home against Dry Sanford 6-0, WELL DONE to all the players. At the time of writing they are preparing for three matches weather permitting!

Finally the Valentine Disco in February raised approximately £180.00 for F.O.D.S.A. Thanks to everyone who came and to all the helpers on the night. The next event will be a Family Quiz on Saturday 20th May, more details next month.

We are also collecting Sainsbury and Tesco Vouchers for Schools and would be most grateful for any unwanted vouchers, which can be left at the school office. Find out more about the school by visiting www.drayton-pri.oxon.sch.uk

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Pearl Stanbridge

Grateful thanks are extended to all who supported our Easter Draw, also to our ticket sellers and generous donors of prizes. I feel sure the beneficiaries of the proceeds would wish me to pass on their thanks also for your generosity and support. The next Committee meeting will be held on Easter Draw night Monday 10th April at 7.30pm.

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DRAYTON WIVES

Daphne Barrand

Our birthday lunch in February at The Steventon House Hotel was most enjoyable as usual. Good food and good company on a winter's day! I thought of you all tucking in to Lamb or Duck and Creme Brulee etc. and was so very sorry to have missed it.

Dates for your diary in April: -

Mon 3	10.30	COFFEE	D Barrand, 30 Whitehorns Way
Mon 10	7.15	WHIST	Joyce Simmonds, Caudwell D.C
Wed 26	2.00	MEETING	DVD on Helen and Douglas House Childrens' Hospices

The AGM will be in May, so no talk by the Environmental Officer. I hope that one or two wives can be persuaded to join the committee. It isn't all work, we meet once every two months, enjoy coffee & biks and occasionally have lunch together at a local pub.

DRAYTON HALL

Ann Webb

At the hall Management Committee meeting on March 20th we were hoping to be able to decide who would be Mrs Day's successor as caretaker/booking agent, but we are in the most fortunate position of having a choice! We have had several applicants for the post, all with the right qualities and abilities. So, in fairness to them all, we have chosen to interview them and decide when we have met the applicants. We hope that, in the event of a change of mind by either party when they have fulfilled a trial period, the other applicants might still be willing to 'give it a go'. In the meantime, if you wish to enquire about the hall, please ring me (Ann Webb) on 531418 and I will help you as much as I can!

This is a time we knew would come, but I hope we can move on without too many problems. Mrs Day retires on March 31st so after that date please respect her decision and ring me. She has worked long and hard for the hall, doing not only booking secretary but also the general housekeeping and with Tony, her partner, running the bar for many years. We, the committee, are most grateful to her and wish her and Tony a long and happy retirement,

THANK YOU DOT!

PS we will give a fuller report on the Management Committee meeting next month. It was a very long and busy evening.



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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Webber

When I took on this role in October, it very soon became apparent that nowhere in the country is there a job description for a District Councillor. In these days of Targets, Aims and Reviews, this surprised me, but the fact remains that at present a District Councillor approaches the job as he or she thinks best and sets his or her own priorities.



The Reservoir

I attended a presentation by Thames Water to District and County Councillors and was given a large volume to read outlining the 'need' as TW saw it for the Reservoir. In case anyone thought that District and County were going to be a pushover on this issue, I can report that the questioning of TW was thorough, informed and whilst not hostile, it was detailed and demanding. At the risk of being party political, it seems less than ideal that an organisation whose primary motive is understandably 'profit' should be entirely responsible for setting the pace on this issue and producing all the evidence of need. The current system ensures that all other parties involved can only be reactive. What is more, whether or not the project goes ahead, its costs involved in considering it are likely to be born by Thames Water rate payers – they too must be given a big say. Indeed, at a recent meeting of District Councillors with the Environment Agency, it became clear that there are literally dozens of organisations that will have to be involved before any decision could be reached and that is all going to take time.

Traffic

My suggestion in the last issue of the Chronicle that the flashing 30mph sign at the Steventon Road entrance to Drayton was having a beneficial effect produced a strong response. I would welcome more feedback on this, particularly from those with practical suggestions as to how to make things better. One of the more depressing observations has been the tendency for speeding vehicles to turn off the main roads into the side roads in the village. ➡

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Major Village Planning Issues

There are a number of these around the Village, and I hope that within the next few months to be in a position to update everyone on progress.

Waste and the Environment

If we wish to keep our rate rises to a minimum, we must reduce the quantity of our waste that currently goes for landfill and increase the quantity that is recycled. If you have not yet visited the newly refurbished site by the Golf Course, it is now up and running. The arrangement of depositories takes a little getting used to, but the staff are extremely friendly and helpful – we are fortunate to have this facility on our doorstep and it is important that we make good use of it. Since I became aware of how important recycling is in keeping costs down and protecting the environment, I have been amazed at how easy it is to reduce the proportion of my family's household waste that goes to landfill. Drayton has the opportunity to show Oxfordshire how it can be done.

Facilities and Youth

By the time, this article goes to print, a group of teenagers from around the village will have met me, Gary (our Youth Leader) Anne Webb (Chairman of the Village Hall Committee) and the local press at the Village Hall. We are all enormously grateful to the Hall Committee for allowing the Youth to congregate every Wednesday evening in the Small Hall. Gary and I will be there on these evenings but we do need more volunteers (aged 18+) to help it to go smoothly in the longer term. Simon Murray, who many of us know as Drayton's own Piano Tuner, has been giving up his Monday evenings to help at the Damascus Bus and the more Simons we can find, the lighter the load will be on everyone. If you feel that you could give up an hour or two a week to help with this, please let me know.

Feedback on any of these issues would be welcome. Call 01235 534001 or email info@RJW-online.co.uk, or meet me at the next surgery at the Hall 9-10am April 15th.

Richard Webber



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Daniel Scharf

Those of you who decided to miss the meeting held on 06 March also missed Nick Thompson from Steventon explain how the Damascus project was doing. It seems to be going very well (particular credit and thanks to Simon Murray and Gary Hibbins the youth worker involved) and is becoming an established part of the local scene. For this reason your Parish Council feels that it should continue with its financial support, and I must repeat the request for an adult volunteer to help with the visit of the bus to the village. Nick explained that there is much more going on in the other villages on the back of their greater level of support. For those interested – as always there is strength in numbers – the bus is at the village hall on Mondays between 7pm and 9pm.

The other excellent news is that we have recruited Robert 'able' Seaman both onto the Council and as our representative school governor to join Jeanette Anderton our previous PC recruit who is currently the local authority representative on the governors. This strengthening of the connections between the parish council and the school, being one of the most important aspects of the village community, must be good.

In fact, by coincidence, time was spent discussing the problems that the school is experiencing at and around the school entrance. We were given to understand that some parents are not behaving as responsibly as they might in conducting the school run and that the children themselves will have something more to say about how the problems could be eased (an environmental policy to include a green transport plan?) hopefully before somebody gets hurt.

And did you know that Drayton was one of the worst provided villages for facilities for sports and leisure? Credit must go to those who make the most of the hall and the football club who do a good job of keeping that aspect provided for. However, it may be time to look (again, did somebody say?) at upgrading the facilities. Our district councillor Richard Webber has this bit between his teeth but progress will only come if the village really want it. This would be an ideal topic for residents and frustrated sportsmen and women to raise with the Council at the Annual Meeting on 3 April (7.30pm at the Caudwell Day centre at the end of Gravel Lane). This is actually the time and place to voice any other concerns about the village for which the Parish Council may or may not have direct responsibility.

WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey

March has already proved to be a busy month for me.

I held my first ever adjournment debate in the House of Commons. An adjournment debate happens at the end of the parliamentary day, and lasts for about half an hour. It is used by backbench MPs to flag up a local or national issue.

I chose to do mine on child psychiatric services. This has become an important issue in our part of the world because of the threats to the Park hospital in Oxford (by the time you read this it may indeed have been closed). This is a fantastic facility that treats children between the ages of 5 and 11 with severe mental health problems and supports their families as they cope with the pressures an ill child brings. There are only a handful of these units in the country and closure would have a devastating affect on these families that already have enough to contend with. I used the debate to highlight the general problem of funding a service such as this through a local NHS trust, when it is in fact a national, if not a world service. You can read the full debate by following the link from www.vaizey.com.

The other campaign I have been running this month is to try and save early morning and evening train services from Didcot to London. Last week I met commuters as they waited for the 05.45 service at Didcot Parkway station to hear how service cuts would affect them. So far First Great Western is blaming the government and the Department for Transport are blaming First Great Western. As usual service users are stuck in the middle. Please be assured I will continue to lobby hard on this issue and would like to hear from anyone affected by the proposed cuts.

I can be seen at my surgeries (below) or contacted at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or vaizeye@parliament.uk. My website address is www.vaizey.com.

All surgeries are on Fridays between 5.30pm - 7.00pm, unless otherwise stated. There is no need to book an appointment.

APRIL: 7th Didcot, King Alfred Drive Community Centre
20th Didcot Station (Thursday, 5.30-7pm)
28th Wallingford, Town Hall



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DRAYTON DIARY

FOR APRIL

All events are at Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise
(To book Drayton Hall call Ann Webb on 531418)

Regular Events are listed opposite

Mon	3	7.30 pm	Annual Parish Assembly & Council Meeting <i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
Sat	8	2.00 pm	Art Group Exhibition <i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
Sat	15	9.00 am	Councillor Richard Webber Surgery
Mon	17	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery deadline <i>Vickery's</i>
		5.15 pm	Chronicle copy deadline <i>Vickery's box</i>
Thur	20	5.30 pm	MP Ed Vaizey Surgery <i>Didcot Station</i> For other surgery dates see page 13
Sat	29		Wedding Reception

All Saints Singers Choral Society And Orchestra of Sutton Courtenay

Back's St John Passion

Sutton Courtenay Parish Church.

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REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

MONDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</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 / slimming class	
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30pm	Youth Club (until 9.30pm)	
7.30 pm	Senior Table Tennis, League (for 2 hours)	<i>School</i>
7.45 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1 1/2 hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>

TUESDAYS

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	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	<i>Church Room</i>
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
6.30 pm	Weight Watchers	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.30 pm	Senior League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

WEDNESDAYS

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>

THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
	followed by lunch club and afternoon session	
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 Park</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
4.00 pm	Dancing Classes (3 to 6 years). Tel: 764433	
7.45 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)	
8.00 pm	Sequence Dancing. Tel: 531701	

FRIDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>Sch'l Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.15pm	Choir Practice	<i>St Peter's</i>

SUNDAYS

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



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