

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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GEOFFREY LONG

Derek Pooley

Dr Geoffrey Long died peacefully on Saturday, 8 April 2006, at the Churchill Hospital, finally losing his battle with cancer. His wife, Margaret and their two daughters were with him.

Throughout his nearly 77 years, Geoff had a genius for being in at the beginning of important things. In the record of the first formal meeting of the people who founded All Saints Church in north Abingdon back in 1959, the third of the many names recorded are Dr and Mrs Long. Geoff missed the second meeting, which will have taught him a hard lesson about the Methodist Church because in his absence he was elected one of the three first leaders of the new church. Characteristically, he graciously accepted the job - and All Saints still thrives!

Even earlier he had helped start the Abingdon Operatic Society in 1957. He had a fine voice, was the society's chairman for several of its early years and his contribution was later recognised by his becoming President. The operatic Society became and still is a blinding success.

In his first job with the UK Atomic Energy Authority Geoff was again in at the beginning, this time on so-called molten salt reactors. They were later put on one side but Geoff may still be proved prescient, since molten salt reactors are back on the agenda in the major international reactor development programme now underway called Generation IV. His boss at that time, Keith Dawson, said of Geoff, 'all that he does is carefully thought out. I trust his judgement and have never had any reason to doubt it'.

But the enterprise Geoff started which has had most impact in Britain is the renewable energy programme. He was selected at the time of the first oil crisis in 1974 to be the first leader of the government's programme to support renewables. The work he started then steadily grew and still goes on as 'Future Energy

Solutions' in what is now AEA Technology. Moreover, renewable energy has become a main plank of our government's energy policy.

In his retirement years Geoff gained much pleasure from running the Drayton Chronicle. He was its overall 'coordinator' and an editor until January, when his illness forced him to hand over these jobs to Jean Barton and David Lee.

With the Chronicle, he wasn't in at the original birth but, when he took over at the very sudden death of Harry Bisby, the Chronicle was born again, as a truly village paper using increasingly up-to-date technology. In the words of Linda

Semmens, who is our advertising manager and was involved at the time, 'without Geoff there probably wouldn't be a Chronicle today. He took on the responsibility of sorting things out after Harry's death - no mean feat given that Harry was a one-man band. He worked out all that Harry had done, parcelled it into smaller jobs and recruited volunteers for them - me included! It was difficult not to want to help Geoff.' Just how much Drayton values the Chronicle that Geoff sustained and developed for 10 years was demonstrated last summer when he reluctantly decided we would have to increase the price of the advertisements and lottery tickets that fund it. Despite the higher prices, when people in the village realised that the Chronicle needed more money they actually increased the number of tickets and adverts they bought.

Ironically, the thing Geoff sometimes seemed proudest of was something for which he could claim no credit at all, that

he was a Yorkshireman. He was born in Bradford and went to university in Leeds, where he gained a first class honours in Chemistry and a PhD before coming to Harwell. Most importantly, in Yorkshire, in Bradford, he found the real love of his life, Margaret.

I think Linda's phrase 'it was difficult not to want to help Geoff' captures his character very well. He was a true gentle man, a somewhat diffident person who nevertheless achieved much through his ability, application and charm. Drayton, the Chronicle, his family and all his friends will miss him sorely.



MAYTIME WALK

Saturday 20th May

Walks 9:30am and 2pm from church

Lunches and teas served in church

For many centuries the church has observed a time of walking round the boundaries of the parish called 'beating the bounds'. This year we are going to revive the custom. There will be the choice of walks of different lengths so that people of all age groups can join in.

Registration forms available from the church or from Josie at The Vicarage 531374.

CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The **June Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday, 26 May 2006** from **Shirley Thomas, 48 Henleys Lane (531626)** who should be contacted by any Agents requiring copies additional to their allocation.

The Editor will be **Derek Pooley, 11 Halls Close (559454)**. Contributions should be emailed to the issue 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, 15 May 2006

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

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July	19 June 2006	30 June 2006
August	17 July 2006	28 July 2006
September	14 August 2006	25 August 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:

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 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. Many contributors are indeed doing just that and it really does help. Thank you.

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£15	0071	Mrs Arnold, 95 Abingdon Road	Julie Brown
£10	2516	J Mailloux, 14 High Street	Darren McDonald
£10	0186	Mr Rowlands, 20 Corneville Road	Gerald Redman
£10	0306	Mrs Dawson, 25 Sutton Wick Lane	Tom Shebbeare
£10	1770	Mrs Talbot, 31 Lockway	Jenny Pooley
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ALL AROUND

DRAYTON WIVES

Daphne Barrand

Our March speaker was Mr. Don Rouse, MBE on Growing Up in an Oxfordshire Village, which was Bampton, Nr. Witney. He grew up on a farm in the 1960's, when farming was very different than it is today. He mentioned that he earned his MBE for his fund raising activities in the village for a charity called The Preservation of Ancient Junketing, commonly called The Spajers. The proceeds of which are distributed among the elderly of the village at Christmas time. The Famous Shirt Race takes place at the beginning of the Spring Holiday.

Dates for your Diary in May:-

Mon 8th COFFEE Eve Sharpe 17 Steventon Road
Mon 15th WHIST Barbara Carter Caudwell DC
Wed 31st AGM With Quiz & a Cream Tea.

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR THE
MAY COFFEE MORNING.**

W.I.

Doreen Buckland

Mr Smith was the speaker at our April meeting talking about his life as a shepherd and his various experiences in the Lake District and the Cotswolds, working with a variety of sheep. He also had a collection of tools used for shearing and a very nice shepherds crook with an engraved handle. He brought along samples of sheep fleeces telling us of their different uses. We also had a taste of some Swaledale Sheep's milk cheese. Mr Smith also praised his collie dogs for their work and care with the sheep.

The speaker for our May meeting will be Stuart Bailey talking about his bees and the making of honey. Why not come along and hear what he has to say?

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Pearl Stanbridge

The National Conference is being held in Blackpool at the end of the month so watch your Legion journal for updated information.

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday 15th May at 8pm.

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DRAYTON ART GROUP

Eric Curtis

The cakes seemed to sell faster than the paintings but thanks anyway to all those people who came to our ANNUAL EXHIBITION on the 8th of April and showed their interest in our efforts. Many thanks to Brian Moylan for the use of his display stands, also to those who gave up their time to set up and run the stalls.

TODDLERS

Anna Loughlin

Firstly, thank you to all the mums, dads and carers (regular and new members) who attend toddler group each week. The camaraderie and friendship make toddlers a really enjoyable and relaxing morning for everyone. All new faces are warmly welcomed!

The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. There were a few older brothers and sisters accompanying little ones, as it was the Easter holidays. Much to the children's delight, the toys were in the "big hall" and everyone enjoyed the change of scene.

The children helped to open some new toys purchased with our grant funding. These included some role-playing resources, a wheelbarrow and garden strimmer (I deliberated over buying a toy chain-saw, but decided against it!), work tools for the work bench and a variety of headgear. Also, there are lots of gorgeous babies who regularly come and they have been treated to some lovely new toys. No more nibbling on the plastic dinosaurs! Our "new stuff" has really enhanced our stock cupboard, brightened up the room and created new and lively enthusiasm for playing.

Finally, the sessions will continue to run on Thursday morning, between 9.30 and 11.30 in Drayton Hall during the summer months. Look forward to seeing you all there!!



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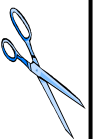
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 Mon - Fri 8.15 am Morning Prayer (CW) in Lady Chapel
 Wed 10.30 am Parents' & Toddlers Service in Church Room
 Thurs 9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

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LETTER FROM REVD JOSIE MIDWINTER

MAYTIME WALK: For many centuries the church has observed a time of walking round the boundaries of the parish to bless the fields in spring. In the days before ordinary people could read a map it also helped to teach everyone where the boundaries of the parish lay. This custom was known as Rogation or more commonly 'beating the bounds'. This year we are going to revive the custom and have a walk round the parish boundaries as far as the footpaths will allow us to do so. The total length of the boundaries is about 10 to 12 miles, which is a good long walk. So to make it more accessible to people we have split it into two sections. This will take place on Saturday 20th May. The morning walk(s) will begin at 9:45am and we will assemble at the field gate next to the Manor House in High Street, (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs W F Caudwell). If you are not sure where this is come to the church and someone will guide you round to the start point. There will be two walks on offer one of 5+ miles and the other of 4 miles. These will go round the south and western boundaries of the parish coming back to the church. From 12noon to 2pm a soup and bread roll lunch will be available for walkers and for anyone who would like to drop in the church, at a cost of £3 per head. Then in the afternoon there will be two shorter walks which will be especially suitable for children and families, which will go round the northern and eastern boundaries. These will start at 2pm from the church and lead back to the church where tea and cakes will be served from 3pm onwards. Again these will be for walkers and for anyone else who drops in. Children are very welcome to join in the walks but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

We would ask people to register before the day so that we can plan well for the walks. Registration forms will be available from the church or from me from the end of April. However it is still perfectly all right to turn up on the day. Each walk costs £2 (or £3.50 for one person doing morning and afternoon) and children under 16 are free. At the beginning of the walk you will be given a route telling you which paths to take. All money raised will go to upkeep of St Peter's church.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – 14th to 20th May. At the 10am Family Service on 14th May Hilary Blake will give us an illustrated talk on the work of Christian Aid in the Philippines. There will be an envelope collection to every house in the village. Volunteers are required to help with the collection. Please let me know if you can help.



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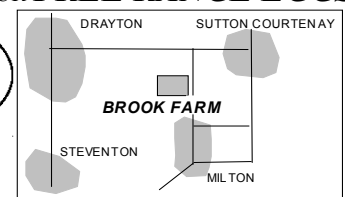
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MORE ALL AROUND

SCHOOL REPORT

Claire Soper

At the time of writing the children are enjoying the end of their Easter break, so news from the classrooms is rather thin this month! However lots of good news on the fundraising front: -

The traditional end of term Easter Egg Raffle raised over £200 for school, thanks to everyone who supported this. The children were also reminded about the real meaning of Easter with a prayer afterwards read by Georgina and Holly.

The F.O.D.S.A. Family Bingo Evening raised £600, this included £300 from Barclays Bank Matched Funding Scheme courtesy of Sonia Lyford.

Finally a HUGE WELL DONE! To everyone for raising over £1,000 in the British Heart Foundation 'Jump Off' in March, this was a truly magnificent effort for a small school.

F.O.D.S.A.'s next fund raising event will be a Family Quiz on Saturday 20th May from 5pm in school, aimed at testing both adults and children's general knowledge, refreshments will also be included in the ticket price, full details available from Colin Arnold.

There is IMPORTANT NEWS this month about the launch of our 'PARK and WALK' scheme on TUESDAY 2nd MAY!!

This is part of the School Travel Plan particularly aimed at reducing the car congestion at the school gate and improving safety for everyone.

We are especially grateful to Glenn and Janet from the Red Lion who are willing for their car park to be used by parents who have no alternative but to bring their car to school. The children have timed the walk to school from the Red Lion and at 4 minutes, it just means leaving home an extra 5 minutes earlier!!!!

PLEASE PLEASE try to use it.

Children who do use the scheme will be rewarded with stickers and will earn a certificate at the end of term as well as entry to a FREE draw, as will those children who walk or cycle, so lots of incentives to change old habits!

We are very serious about trying to improve the environment and are also delighted to have had confirmation of funding from the County Council towards new cycle storage and improved pedestrian access to school.

Finally still on the environment we continue to recycle aluminium cans and foil at Vickery's, thanks to Lawrence and Debbie, this can be left outside their gate, but must be sorted into separate bags.

We also collect used Ink Jet and Printer Cartridges which are recycled to raise funds for school, these can be left at the school office or Dix's Shop.

DRAYTON COMMUNITY TRUST **Andrew Bax**

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

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Webber

Thank you to those who responded to last month's article. If I am to represent your opinions to the Council I need as much feedback as possible. Just to remind everyone, on the third Saturday of every month between 9.00 and 10.00am I have a "surgery" at the Village Hall. If you would like me to call on you to discuss any issue, please ring me on 534001.

I would like to devote this article to two issues only this month. The first is becoming a growing source of irritation for the village, and this is the issue of Cars for sale. Everyone has the right to advertise their car for sale in their own driveway of course, and also if legally parked, taxed and MOT'd on the road outside. However, there is a growing problem in the area and in Drayton in particular, of people parking in the centre of the village with a for sale notice in a window. The car then stays there all day using up space that could be used by customers to our pubs and shops and making the centre of the village look like a second hand car lot. I am trying to persuade people not to do this with varying success. If anyone spots cars with the same contact details advertised, please let me know.

The second issue is one that is particularly near to my heart – that of recreational facilities in the Village. On Saturday July 8th between 4.00pm and 9.00pm we are holding a Drayton Activities Day at the Village Hall. Before anyone says anything, yes, there is a world cup football match on that evening but no-one need miss it for this event. The Hall Management Committee has kindly agreed to host this entry-free event. We hope that all Village activities will be represented - sporting, cultural, charitable, administrative etc.. Activities in the Village for all ages from Preschool to Senior Citizens will be represented. Once guests have had a chance to go round the displays, we hope that they will stay for the outdoor (weather permitting) barbecue 6.00-9.00pm. The bar and kitchens will also be open.

We want Drayton to sell itself to everyone in the Village. Everyone represented will be asked to man a simple table/stall displaying what it is they do, when they do it, and for whom they do it. We also hope to find out what else is needed by the people of Drayton. Some ideas already suggested are given below:

An extra football pitch or two. An outdoor basketball court. An outdoor bowling green. Tennis courts. A cricket pitch. A decent sports pavilion. A coffee bar. A computer room. A full time caretaker at the Hall. A comfortable committee room. A small theatre able to show films. A Youth shelter.

If you have more ideas, please bring them along on Jul 8th or let us know beforehand (534001). Feasibility and Finance will of course determine what we do eventually, but at this stage, we want an "ideas free for all", so please join in!

Invitations to all activity organisers will be going out in Mid May – if you have not received one by the end of May, please let us know. Flyers will be posted through every door in Drayton in mid June.

Once again the date for your diaries is SATURDAY 8th JULY. There will be more details of this event and other issues in the June Chronicle. Next surgery Saturday 20th May 9-10am at the Hall.

Here's hoping for some good weather!

Richard Webber.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Daniel Scharf

Annual Meeting and Parish Council Meeting 3 April 2006.

There being too much to report for one issue of the Chronicle I must apologise if justice is not done to some important issues.

At the Annual meeting, a healthy interest was shown in the new neighbourhood policing arrangements. The idea is that the local force will respond to local demands. If any villager has some specific ideas as to what the police can do for us then let the Council know. At the Annual meeting proper, Paul Knight gave his final report from the chair (it is a shame that not more of village residents are aware of the many years Paul has dedicated to this role). Paul thanked the councillors who are no longer serving (Richard Wade, John Cross and Craig Dewar) and ex-county councillor Margaret Mackenzie. He produced statistics to show that the planning committee under the charge of Helen Morrison had not always been able to persuade the District Council to share the Council's view of what should be approved or refused. I reported on what John Cross had achieved as Chair of the Leisure and General Purposes Working Group. As his replacement I may have made a lasting contribution by recommending that upright headstones should not be used in the burial ground as these leave a liability for testing and repair. Jenny Pooley has been a vigorous Chair of the Rights of Way and Conservation Working Group. Most of the improvements to the paths, signing and stiles achieved over the last year or two have been down to her.

Claire Soper gave what seemed to be an encouraging overview of the state of the village school (Ofsted report 'satisfactory' now aiming for 'good'). One of the continuing issues seems to be the congestion at the school gate. An imaginative scheme has been devised with the cooperation of the Woolley's who have kindly agreed to allow parents to leave their cars at the Red Lion while walking the 4 minutes to school. This is part of an environmental offensive including Eco awards, Green Flags, an energy team and travel plan.

The only motion put to the meeting from the public was from Brenda Malin, frustrated by seeing her efforts at energy conservation being overwhelmed by waste by large organisations in the public and private sector. This generated a short discussion ranging from personal responsibilities to nuclear power before the meeting passed her proposal that the Parish Council seek a role in the consumption of energy within the village; promoting energy conservation and encouraging the District and County Councils to do likewise. It is not easy to see how the PC will respond to this resolution and all suggestions would be welcome. Perhaps the PC should start by speaking to the eco-enthusiasts at the school?

By comparison the Parish Council meeting was less eventful. There was a short discussion about the developments at Manor Farm and the exclusion of the two housing sites being promoted (behind Lockway and on the corner of Henleys Lane and Abingdon Road) from the Local Plan. But like buses, plans come in pairs and there is already a Local Development Document under way that can involve both new and old arguments about the merits of development in the village.

On Monday 8 May (7.45pm at the Caudwell Day centre at the end of Gravel Lane) your Parish Council starts the last of its 4 year term in office. This is the ideal time for residents to come and see what local democracy is about and to possibly put their 'foot in the water' before possibly standing for election next year for a full term in office.

For those interested in attending, an agenda item for the 8th May Parish Council meeting will be a re-evaluation of the proposed changes to the road system on the village green.

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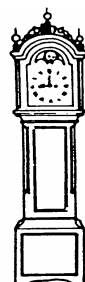
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Come and hear about your local health services and have your questions answered.

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Cathy Dyer at the Primary Care Trust Freephone 0800 052 3225

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Graham Bird

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

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Applications must be received by May 31st 2006

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

It has been very sad to attend Evening Classes at Abingdon College this term to be greeted by an almost total absence of cars in the car park.

It appears that well over 60% of all evening classes advertised in their brochure, were cancelled for this Spring Term.

Could it be due to the vast increase in costs due to the Government withdrawing their previous grants for Evening Classes? Costs have risen from £52 to £72 for a 10 week course.

Could it be caused by the increase in the number of students required on a course to make it viable, rising from 8 to 14?

Could the lack of students be due to the lack of promotion of the Evening Classes by the College administration?

The new Summer Term is almost upon us, will the car park be completely empty this time, if it is, who will be to blame if Abingdon College evening classes are to be closed for everyone?

Will it be you, the public? Will it be due to the increased fees and crowded classes, or lack of promotion by Management, whose efforts appear to be concentrated on the Day College?

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Brian Eastoe

(This letter has been shortened for space reasons – Ed.)

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Regular Events are listed opposite

Mon	8	7:45 pm	Parish Council	Caudwell Day Centre
Thur	11	7:30	AGM Drayton Community Trust	Caudwell Day Centre
Mon	15	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery deadline	Vickery's
		5.15 pm	Chronicle copy deadline	Vickery's box
Sat	20	9:00-10:00am	Richard Webber's Surgery	



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MONDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
12.30 pm	Pre-School Playgroup afternoon session	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys / girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys / girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	
7.00 pm	Keep fit / slimming class	
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	Caudwell DC
7.30pm	Youth Club (until 9.30pm)	
7.30 pm	Senior Table Tennis, League (for 2 hours)	School
7.45 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	Caudwell DC
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	St Peter's

TUESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
	followed by lunch club and afternoon session	
9.30 am	Parent and Toddler Group	
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	Caudwell Day Centre
3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	Church Room
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	School
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	School
6.30 pm	Weight Watchers	Caudwell Day Centre
7.30 pm	Senior League Table Tennis	School

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
	followed by lunch club and afternoon session	
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Lady Chapel
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group	
9.50 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	Haywards Rd
10.15 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	The Green Car Pk
2.00 pm	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)	Sch'l Ground Bldg
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	Caudwell Day Centre
7.15pm	Choir Practice	St Peter's

SUNDAYS

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

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