

VILLAGE COMMUNITY DAY

Richard Webber



"Prince Larry" is royally greeted

I must confess there were times over the past few weeks when I wondered if the Community Day might consist only of the 40 or 50 members of the Village Community who already give much of their time to community life, looking at each other across an empty Hall and exchanging polite pleasantries for four hours. Was the message 'Show you care...Be there!' plastered all over our flyers, posters and banners too demanding and too bullying? I need not have worried. The Village responded magnificently. Between 500 and 600 people of all ages showed they cared by being there, and I received no less than 16 messages from people saying that they wanted me to know that although they could not be there, they really did care!

Drayton Village Community life is not dead. Many of the clubs and societies reported plenty of interest and potential new membership. The bar made a healthy profit, and those that were able to wait, while the Pig cooked well enough to keep 'Health and Safety' happy, had plenty to eat. The 5 a side football tournament involved dozens of youngsters as did the Primary School Gym Display and although something strange had happened to our visiting VIP's hair dye (!), his visit seemed to be enjoyed by all. And the sun shone!

We had a number of very constructive suggestions as to how to improve the Community Day in the future. Many thanks to all who helped make the Day a success and especially The Parish Council and the Hall Committee for underwriting the whole occasion.

It is still not too late to let me know of any more suggestions for improvement or modification.



The weather was a bonus

DRAYTON'S DAY by Doggerelle

*All was bustle in the halls
As groups arranged their varied stalls.
The Drama Club took to the stage –
The plays they do are all the rage.
The Group that twinned us with Lesparre
Showed us just how keen they are.
The skills showed by the W.I.
Were of a standard very high,
Whilst Drayton Wives hear many talks
And sometimes even go for walks.
The School Gymnasts gave their display,
While Bowlers demonstrated play.
And on the football pitch outside
Young sportsmen kicked the ball with pride.
The Toddler Group was also there –
For Mums and little ones they care.
The older youngsters showed their bus,
Their project known as DAMASCUS.
St. Peter's had a simple stall
With right next door Fair Trade for all.
The Book Club members proved they're bright,
They read both heavy books and light.*

*And Drayton Painters all took part
To reproduce a work of art.
The Parish Council joined in too
And showed us what it is they do.
The Chronicle Team upon their table
Showed us just how they are able,
Month by month to print our news
And give us chance to air our views.
Of interest was each varied stall,
From Action Group to Village Hall.*

*District Council, Fluvius,
So many groups who work for us.
And to delight the waiting throng,
(And they had waited very long!)
A famed celebrity then came,
Prince Larry was his royal name.
And all the afternoon there turned,
Slowly just in case it burned,
A large, fat pig that, rather late,
The hungry Drayton folk all ate.
This excellent day was all inspired
By just one man who never tired
Of urging our community to show what village life can be.
THANKYOU RICHARD WEBBER*

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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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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

We would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to the ladies who arranged our flowers on the window sills in the Church for our wedding on 17th June 2006, they looked stunning. We would like to thank Rev Josie Midwinter for the lovely service, the choir for their excellent singing and the organist for playing beautifully, thank you all for making our day a special one. Also thank you to our neighbours for their warm wishes, it is much appreciated.

Rachel & John Willis.

Dear Editor,

Milk Container Tops

Thank you Tony for the item on the front page of July's Chronicle and to those readers who are already contributing to the collection. Could I please clarify that the tops are from milk containers only – not water or squash. The recycling company will not accept those as they are of a different plastic.

Many thanks, on behalf of the members of the Alzheimer's club at Marcham Road Hospital. Our thanks also to Geoff Dix.

Shirley Schofield

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to two Drayton youngsters who attend Fitzharry's school. Over sixty pupils auditioned to appear in 'Stars 2006', Stacey and Oliver were among two of the eighteen acts chosen. Their individual performances were excellent and thoroughly enjoyed and applauded by the large audience. They were a credit to the school. Well done to you both.

Gwen Price

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Millennium Green Trustees, I would like to thank Briam Eastoe for making the Roman Numerals on the Sundial.

They are superbly carved and should give pleasure to everyone in the future.

Tony Price (Trustee)

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank Richard Webber for the mammoth effort he put into organising the Community Day. It appeared to be a huge success and we would like to congratulate him.

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Dear Editor,

I would like to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone for their prayers and the cards sent to me. What should have been a week in hospital – due to complications, turned out to be a month.

I am now on the mend, thank goodness.

Thank you again.

Gill Akers

Dear Editor,

My parents were Harry and Doris Tyndall. They lived for many years at 7 Abingdon Rd. My father died a long time ago but my mother left Drayton in 2000 and died just three years ago when living near to me in Somerset.

I visit Drayton about twice a year in order to go to the churchyard where they are both buried. I was up there at the beginning of July and I felt I had to write and congratulate the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council for the wonderful way in which Drayton churchyard is maintained and kept. It is immaculate and that is a great consolation to my brothers and me as we do not get to Drayton very frequently. Please thank everyone concerned on my behalf.

Lesley Boucher (nee Tyndall)

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 Wed 10.30 am Parents' & Toddlers Service in Church Room
 Thurs 9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

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 13th – 26th August: Hilliat Fields; Lyford Close; Manor
 Close; The Green
 27th August– 2nd September: High Street; Chiers Drive;
 Cheers Farm; Halls Close

LETTER FROM REVD JOSIE MIDWINTER

Dear Friends,

This year St Peter's Festival was a delightful opportunity to invite back to Drayton Revd Dorothy Derrick and her husband John. They both had a very fruitful ministry in the six and half years they spent in the village and many people have cause to be grateful for the love, support and care they gave in so many ways. One of the very positive things that Dorothy was able to do was to set up the Ministry Team which involves the lay people in contributing to life of the church through, worship, healing, care, discipleship and prayer. The foundation that Dorothy built has been of enormous benefit to me as the present priest in charge and to the whole ministry of the church throughout the village. One of the very encouraging results of such developments is that lay people are able to develop their talents and skills in the ministry that Jesus passed on to us all.

Rosie Bruce has been a member of St Peter's for over 20 years and she has contributed to both the healing and worship teams. She is the Choir Director and also organises the Music Group which plays at the Family Service. Rosie is also well known to people in the area as a musician and music teacher. Two years ago Rosie began to feel a call to ordination and this was something that Dorothy also recognised in her. When I came at the beginning of 2005 Rosie had begun to explore the possibilities and I was only too happy to encourage her in the process. In June this year she attended a Church of England Selection Conference for ordination – and was selected. It was a great pleasure to commission Rosie at our St Peter's service with Dorothy also there. Rosie will undergo three years part time training which will be very much based in the parish. When she has finished her training and is ordained she will continue to serve us here in Drayton.



Past present and future.

The Photograph shows Dorothy Derrick, who served St Peter's from 1998 to 2004, myself, Revd Josie Midwinter, who became priest in charge in February 2005 and Rosie Bruce who now begins her training and will be part of the future ministry here.

God has a wonderful way of providing men and women to serve him through his church. In St Peter's we have a list of curates and vicars going back to 1607. Four hundred years of different people with different talents and skills but all with the one calling of bring the message of Jesus Christ to their generation. We are part of a long line which stretches back over 2000 years to Jesus himself and which will stretch forward well into the future. Both Clergy and lay people have the privilege of being the messengers of Jesus Christ to our village of Drayton and wherever we are called to serve.

Josie Midwinter

(The photograph also shows the middle panel of the beautiful triptych, which is only opened on special occasions. Ed.)



Pebbles for Toddlers

**Pebbles will be open for
 play sessions during the summer
 holiday 10:30 to 11:30
 Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 August
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The Church room will be open, toys and games available and a time for tea and a chat. This will be very informal for Mothers/ Carers and small children. If fine, we can use the grounds for some outdoor play. Older brothers and sisters are also welcome to join in.



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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.

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS Jean Hager

The Summer Tea Party, hosted by the Almshouse Trustees, Friday Lunch Club and Connections was enjoyed by all. Good weather, good company and the celebrations of a 90th Birthday contributed to a pleasant and successful occasion.

A big thank you to all those willing helpers who worked so hard and cheerfully to make it go with a swing.

Our next tea and chat get together will be August 1st and we look forward then to meeting old friends and new. If you are feeling lonely, isolated or would just like some friendly company, do drop in to St. Peter's Church Room between 3pm and 4.30pm. Don't forget that our 5th September meeting will be a selection of seated exercises to music led by last years instructor who says she has some new ideas and music. It should be a very helpful session, with more than a few laughs along the way, so do come along and join in. If you need transport or further information, call me on 531558.



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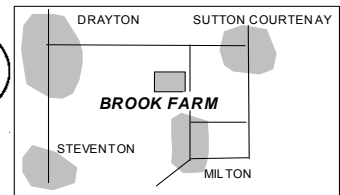
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WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey



By the time you read this, Parliament will have risen for its long summer recess. Parliament broke up on July 25th and will not sit again until October 9th, leaving MPs to find something to do with their time in August and September. During the last summer recess, I worked as normal in my office in the House of Commons and in the constituency. I intend to do the same again this summer – it's a chance to get to grips with some of my more difficult

constituency cases, to review all my files to see what more needs to be done on a variety of issues, and to get out and about in the constituency. Of course, the pace of work is not as frantic, and so I also have the opportunity to read many of the reports that have piled up on my desk. In particular, I will be doing a lot of work on global poverty, which is the policy area that I have been asked to work on by David Cameron.

Most recently in the Commons, I have participated in two debates on the future of the BBC. I canvassed the opinion of my constituents via an excellent website called hearfromyourmp.com, which allows constituents to sign up and see what I am doing in the House of Commons. Everyone I heard from was a huge fan of the BBC, and many said they would be happy to pay more for their licence fee! The debate on the BBC is a very important one. The licence fee is set to rise to £180, and many people now watch a huge range of channels because of the advent of digital television. Indeed, a lot of young people don't watch telly at all any more, spending most of their free time on the computer. Within a generation, I expect the idea of a television – a box delivering TV programmes – will be redundant, and we will have to look at how we fund the service differently. My particular concern with the BBC is the huge range of activities it now undertakes. There are a number of local employers, such as RM, Harcourt Education and OUP, who now have to compete, on unfair terms, with the BBC in the area of educational software, and this affects many of my constituents. I am hoping to meet the Director General of the BBC to discuss this in the near future.

I will be taking my holidays early this year, as my wife is expecting our first child, so I apologise for missing my surgery in Shrivvenham – cllr Peter Saunders will be there to answer any queries. Surgeries resume in September, starting on 1st September at Didcot. All surgery dates can be found on my website, vaizey.com, or on parish notice boards.



DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Webber



Trees

In my garden, I am lucky enough to have a Willow Tree. It was 10 foot high when we moved here in 1993 and is now nearly 50 foot tall. We have heard all the dire warnings of what Willows can do to house foundations and drains in the search for water and there might come a time when our Willow becomes dangerous or damaging to the house. At present, we are firmly of the opinion that it's benefits (not just to us but also to the Millennium Green) far outweigh its drawbacks, so it is going to stay there, growing and drinking for as long as possible.

On my desk, at present there are three separate applications for planning permission to remove trees on private property in Drayton. Most are entirely sensible propositions based on the diseased and unsafe condition of the trees.

A County Council expert has reported recently to the Parish Council that at least one of the mature chestnut trees in the centre of Drayton is unsafe and should be felled. This would cost the PC nearly £2000. A second opinion from the County Council pronounced that the tree in question was in fact perfectly safe for the time being.

Drayton is not lucky enough to have a central, ancient and beautiful pond or green. The character of the centre of the village depends to a great extent on the size, position and maturity of its trees. It is so easy to cut them down, yet it takes so long to replace them

Village Hall

We are trying to get a Committee together to consider the future provision of facilities – sporting and cultural in and around the Village Hall. If anyone has strong feelings on the subject or has expertise that could be useful, please let me know.

Surgeries

The monthly surgery at the Hall on the 3rd Saturday of the month 9.00am-10.00am does not seem to be a particularly popular event. I am always happy to be contacted by any of the means below, and am happy to visit people at home if they would prefer – but is the monthly surgery a worthwhile use of time – your comments would be appreciated.

'Despairing'

At the Community Day, a very caring and concerned friend asked me if I was enjoying life as a Councillor. She told me that my piece in the last Chronicle sounded a little despairing. I did not mean it to sound like that at all. One of the advantages of arriving in local politics at my age is that one cannot be accused of career-building. I have no interest in giving people what they want simply to win votes. I had intended last months comments to be a little angry – angry at the state of Community Life in this country as I saw it – angry at the argument that because people are busy, hardworking and important they should not be expected to contribute to community life – angry, but certainly not despairing. There are enough 'nice' Liberal Democrats about these days – what we need is some angry ones!

Richard Webber

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Jenny Pooley

Parish Council meeting Monday 3rd July 2006

On an uncomfortably hot evening, with fewer than the usual number of Councillors able to be present, the last meeting dealt only with small matters, which nonetheless affect Drayton and its residents. Inspired by last month's report of the visit from Thames Valley Energy, one member of the public attended and he may possibly seek like-minded people to discuss future action.



The Council is responsible for ensuring the safety of public areas in the village. To this end our Treasurer has worked long and hard to complete a risk assessment document. Trees are a potential hazard, as are gravestones and footpaths.

Two trees are of current concern, one being at the entrance to the Village Hall and the other at the bus stop on the west side of the village green. The roots of the first have been disturbing the pavement and when all quotes have been obtained work will begin on trimming the roots and resurfacing the pavement. The second is rather more controversial as experts have said that the large horse-chestnut at the bus-stop is potentially unsafe, so the Council is seeking further advice before taking any drastic action.

There is now a legal requirement for headstones to be 'topple tested' on a regular basis. Because this is expensive the Council has reluctantly decided that from now on only tablets placed at an angle will be permitted in the burial ground.

For a long time we have been trying to have the surface of Gravel Lane Path and Sutton Wick Path levelled and upgraded, but they are low on the County Council's list of priorities. However, there is a new potential source of revenue that we will investigate to see whether the path can at least be made free of mud in very wet weather.

The Council often receives requests for donations to worthy causes, mostly local ones. (e.g. The DAMASCUS Bus, Citizens' Advice Bureau, Drayton Twinning Association). We take this seriously as we are responsible for public money, and have decided that only local, as opposed to national, charities will be considered in future.

We were pleased to see that Drayton School got a mention and photograph in OCC's 'Home 2 School' magazine for its efforts to reduce congestion at the school entrance by using the Red Lion car park, kindly offered by the pub owners.

Important meetings were discussed, some past, one still to come. The joint Police/ Neighbourhood (NAG) meetings proved useful in forming closer links between police and community and highlighting the main concerns of Drayton residents: these were speeding, anti-social behaviour and under-age drinking. The Police plan to tackle one matter at a time and report back regularly to the Community. (*See the police item on this topic below, Ed.*)

Our District Councillor, Richard Webber has worked immensely hard to plan the Drayton Community Day on Saturday 7th July, and he urged the Council to give it strong support. By the time you read this it will be in the past but hopefully will have been a great success in helping to make Drayton an even closer community than many of us think it already is.

The next Council meeting will be in the Caudwell Day centre on Monday August 7th at 7.45pm. All are welcome to attend, and, who knows, maybe the Community Day will have persuaded some to join the Parish Council themselves.

THE FOLLOWING IS A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THAMES VALLEY POLICE AFTER LOCAL MEETINGS

Residents from South Abingdon, Drayton, Sutton Courtenay and Appleford have attended three public meetings to have their say on how their neighbourhood is policed.

Meetings were held in Abingdon, Sutton Courtenay, and Drayton on 15, 19, and 22 June.

Sgt Andy Cranidge, leading the neighbourhood teams, said: "There was a good mix of residents with a varied age range at all three meetings and we had some lively debate about what issues affect people the most. We even received a round of applause after the meeting in Drayton!"

We have been encouraging people to have their say in lots of ways so that those who couldn't attend the meetings could still have an input into what will become the top three priorities for the neighbourhood action group (NAG).

We have organized an awareness day in Abingdon town centre where we took questionnaires around the shoppers and we have visited local care homes to find out the views of our senior residents. We have also put a questionnaire into the local parish magazines and put ballot boxes in local shops to give as many people as possible a say."

The top priority from each of the three neighbourhoods was taken as the first three priorities for the NAG to address. The NAG group includes representatives from the police, councils, education and, most importantly, the community.

The three priorities are speeding in Drayton, Speeding in Sutton Courtenay, and antisocial behavior in South Abingdon.

The NAG will begin at once to decide how these issues will be addressed. They will gather information about the issues, decide a strategy and put this into action in order to reduce speeding and antisocial behaviour in the target areas.

Sgt Cranidge explained: "We will draw on the expertise of the NAG members in order to tackle the issues the public have identified. We will make sure that residents are kept informed of progress so that they can see that their issues are really being addressed."

Bill Jones, Community Safety Manager for the Vale of White Horse District Council, said: "Speeding and antisocial behaviour are already priorities for community safety so these meetings have confirmed that we are focusing on the right things to try and make people feel safer in the Vale. We have already started work in partnership to tackle these issues and with the support of the NAG and the communities we should make even further progress."

For more information about your local neighbourhood policing team, or to discuss any issues in the community, please contact Sgt Cranidge or his team via 0845 8 505 505 or at [email dascsa@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dascsa@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)



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Alternatively you can call 0845 434 8962 to register your phone vote (*calls cost no more than 1.5p*). Every vote counts, so if you do have time we would appreciate it! Voting closes 11th August so please please do log on and vote now!!

We'll keep you updated on our progress, all our fingers are crossed!

Thank you for your continued support of DAMASCUS Youth Project

DRAYTON YOUTH CENTRE CHARITY

Karen Tinson

The Annual meeting of the above Charity was held in July at the Caudwell Day Centre.

The following Youth organisations benefited from Grants as follows:

Abingdon Eagles	£500.00
St Peters Church Youth Groups	£500.00
Drayton Toddlers	£500.00
Drayton Brownies	£500.00
F.O.D.S.A	£500.00

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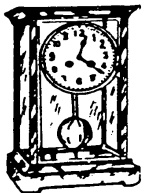
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in the drive) on the kitchen worktop. The thief was therefore able
to open the back door to get bulky items like the TV out of the
house and use the car in the drive as his getaway vehicle.

The moral is not to leave spare keys where they can easily be
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Wooden Spoon Recipe

Recipe No. 19 (from October 1987)

Bramble Meringue Torte (serves 6 – 8)

For the base: 6 oz plain flour, 2 oz caster sugar, 1 oz ground
rice, large pinch ground ginger, 4 oz butter.

For the filling: 1lb blackberries, 5 oz caster sugar, 2 level
tablespoons cornflour, 2 eggs separated plus 2 egg whites.

Set oven to gas mark 5, 190° (adjust for fan ovens). To make the
base: mix all the dry ingredients together, then rub in the butter.
Knead the mixture together to make a shortbread dough, then press
into the base of a 9" loose-based cake tin. Bake for 25 minutes
until golden, then unmoild.

To make the filling: add 2 oz sugar to the blackberries in a pan.
Cook with the lid on, shaking the pan occasionally, until softened.
Mix the cornflour to a smooth paste with a little of the juice from
the blackberries, add to the fruit and stir over the heat until the
mixture boils and thickens. Remove from heat and beat in the egg
yolks. Allow the mixture to cool completely, then spread over the
shortbread base.

Whisk the four egg whites until thick then beat in the remaining
sugar to make a meringue. Pile on top of the blackberry filling.
Pop the torte into the oven for 8 minutes until the meringue is well
browned.

Lois Rennells

ALL AROUND

TODDLERS

Jane Nye

We hope that you are all having a lovely summer holiday, whether you have been away on holiday or are playing happily at home with friends. Don't forget that we continue to run throughout the holidays on **Thursday** morning at the **village hall**, from **9:30-11:30am**. Older siblings are also welcome.

Many of us celebrated the start of the holidays by enjoying the Teddy Bears Picnic on the Millennium Green on the 21st July. Teddy bears and children alike tucked in to sandwiches, cakes and orange juice whilst chatting to old friends who have moved on to Drayton Pre-school.

Looking back to June, those of us who went to Beale Park had a fun-packed, sunny day. Everyone completed the Toddle to raise money for Dr Barnados and our toddler group, whether it be on foot or in their buggy. We then went on for a picnic in front of Punch and Judy and a train ride around the park. Other activities included a huge sandpit, adventure playgroup and Little Tikes toy area. Everyone went home tired out and happy after a successful day out.

Talking of fundraising, we must pass on our grateful thanks to the Drayton Youth Charity Trust and the Chairman, Graham Bird, who have donated the sum of £500 to ourselves for the purchase of a wooden beaded activity table and soft play balancing table. We look forward to watching our toddlers have hours of fun and play as a result of your generosity.

Plans for our annual Fun Day, which will take place on Thursday 7th September, are well under way. This fundraising event will take place during our normal Toddler sessions in the morning. The Tempest photographer and Usborne Books will be there to help raise money for the toddler group funds in addition to our raffle and sale of cakes made by our members.

Following Sam Greenall's decision to stand down as treasurer, I have agreed to take on the role. Thanks again to Sam for all the hard work she has done for the toddler group and for explaining to me what needs to be done.

In readiness for the Autumn term, mums will once again be donning their rubber gloves for a cleaning session to make sure all the toys are bright and sparkly ready for the coming months. This will take place during a session in late August.

Our thanks go to Joy for helping Thursday mornings run smoothly. The children love her juice and biscuits whilst mums appreciate having a cup of tea made for them! Her help in packing away at the end of each session is invaluable.

We look forward to seeing you soon on Thursday mornings!

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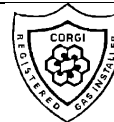
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MORE ALL AROUND

BOWLS CLUB

Roll up

We start these notes with a reminder that subscriptions for the year 2006-7 are due by the end of July and to remind members that if they want to remain as members these subs must be paid.

The Community day was a success as far as the club was concerned and several people tried their luck, it will remain to be seen if we attract any new members from the exercise.

The Summer league is well under way and both teams have made an average start and will have to improve if we are to get among the honours this year. The club is to enter 2 teams in the winter league this coming year, we are one team down on last year, which in a way is very sad as 5 years ago we had four teams competing, and all this means there is an urgent need to attract some new members to the club. As we have pointed out many times, sessions are afternoons Monday & Thursdays 2 til 5 and Wednesday evening 7 til 10. All one has to do is turn up on one of the days mentioned and there will be someone to help and, who knows, you may just like it, you will be under no commitment to become a member.

The next internal competition will be the Berly James Trophy to be played on 16th July when 30 members will be taking part, this will be followed by the Wally Weightman Memorial triples to be held on August 20th

W.I.

Doreen Buckland

Our July meeting started with the president giving us all the federation news. Mrs. Creese then took us for armchair aerobics. This was very entertaining and enjoyed by all members. No doubt a few stiff joints the next day? Several members are attending the open day at Denman College at the end of the month. The August meeting will be held in Mrs. Malin's garden, this will take the form of a "bring and share supper". Will members please note, this meeting will start at 6 O'clock?

DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

Plans for our next production are well under way; two one act comedies plus an interval supper. A reminder that the dates for this are 28th - 30th September and full details will be given in our advertisement in the next Chronicle. Come along and join us for a really fun filled evening which will send you home still chuckling.

Early plans for our February 2007 production of THE BOY FRIEND are going well and rehearsals will be up and running in September. We would welcome some more junior (and not so junior) boys, especially if they would like to try a bit of singing and dancing. So, if there are any young lads from 10 to 19 years who would like to join us, do give Deidre Jones a call on 527865 for more information.

Finally, a brief mention of our involvement in the recent Community Day project. The group had a great time showing off costumes, displaying videos etc. of past productions and generally enjoyed meeting and chatting with everyone about the Players history, hopes and plans.

DRAYTON WIVES

Daphne Barrand

In July we all met at St.Peter's Church, Drayton, where the Rev. Josie Midwinter, gave us a most interesting talk on the History of the Church and the many changes to the interior that have taken place. In the 1800's the minstrels gallery was removed and the north aisle and the arches were installed and the Rev. F.E Robinson did his beautiful carvings.

There is the 17th C Parish Chest, where all the valuables would have been kept and the Alabaster Reredos above the altar in the Lady Chapel that was discovered buried under the floor. There is so much more to see and discover. We ended the afternoon with Tea and Biscuits in the Church room and it was most enjoyable. Thank you, Josie.

Dates for your Diary in August

Mon 7 th	COFFEE	Jean Taylor, 32 High St.
Mon 21 st	WHIST	Shirley Thomas, Caudwell DC
Wed 16 th	OUTING	Tour of E. Hendred with Norman

Francis.

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FOR AUGUST

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Regular Events are listed opposite

Tues	1	3:00 pm	1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room
Sat	5		Private Party	
Sun	6		Private Party	
Mon	7	7:45	Parish Council Meeting	Caudwell DC
Mon	14	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery deadline	Vickery's box
Mon	14	5.15 pm	Chronicle copy deadline	Vickery's box
Sat	19	9:00-10:00am	Richard Webber's Surgery	
Sun	20	All Day	Drayton Bowls Club	
Fri	25		Private Party	

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9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
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
7.30 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
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)	
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)	
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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
11.15 am	Family Time	Baptist Church
6.00 pm	Evening Worship (2nd Sunday)	Baptist Church

Editor's note: If anyone knows of any inaccuracies in the above list, please contact one of the editors (see page 2)

There has been a recent instance of a person arriving at an advertised event only to find that it had been discontinued.

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