

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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HELP SOMEONE WIN A GOLD MEDAL

(He's waiting, all a-quiver!)

Hi, my name is Grant Womack, my wife and I have recently moved into Drayton (July 15th, into Haywards Road) and I am appealing for YOUR HELP - read on!

Just recently, I was selected to compete in the **Commonwealth Archery Championships** as part of the **English team**. It takes place in India, November 4th until 12th. As you can imagine, preparation for the event requires a **great deal of training**.

The problem is, since moving to Oxfordshire (in Sept '05), I have not had a **regular venue** where I can train during the **winter months**. Obviously I want to perform at my absolute best in India, and the 2-3 hours of training I was able to get last winter simply wasn't enough to maintain the stamina and fitness I will require.

I am putting out **an appeal** for **anyone in the area** with a warehouse, barn, shed, or even a large garage that has some space in it. What I am looking for is somewhere I can train in the evenings:- ideally at least 20 metres long and 2.5 metres tall, which is **sheltered from the weather** and is **lighted** - or has a power source and I can provide lights.

Having to work full-time, this is the only opportunity I have. Furthermore, I am looking to **raise the funds required** to make the trip to India. It will cost around £1000 overall. So sponsorship or donations would be **happily accepted**.

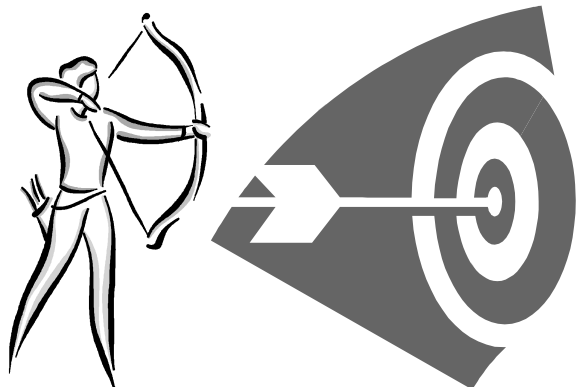
If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me. My details are:-

Grant Womack, 10 Haywards Road, Drayton, OX14 4LB

Tels: 531539 (h); 07894 702053 (m); 01865 476466 (work)

Email (preferred):- grantwomack@yahoo.co.uk

NB I am infrequently at home (training and gym take up most of my non-working hours), so calling me on my mobile is the best way. Otherwise I should be at home all day Sunday.



Chronicle News (by Jean Barton)

WANTED :- Advertising Manager. Linda Semmens has decided to relinquish her role as Advertising Manager from the end of this year. When she took over two years ago it was just for a couple of months, so we are VERY grateful to her for all her hard work. Thank you Linda.

The Advertising Manager is an important post. Just over one third of our income comes from advertisers and many people use the Chronicle to find local services from the adverts. If we do not have the income, then the Drayton Chronicle, as we know it, would cease to function.

If you feel that you would like to help by becoming the Advertising Manager, please contact Linda who will let you know exactly what is involved. It is a job that can be done from home and being **computer literate** would be a huge asset to the editors. There must be **someone out there** who is willing and able! Please do consider whether you might help in this way.

Linda's email is: linda.semmens@ntlworld.com or telephone 531180. (More news:- page 11)

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Wooden Spoon

Rugby's charity supporting disadvantaged children and young people

Charity No. 326691

£100 cash reward - p11

Not just for Uncle Albert - wartime experiences needed for posterity - p6 AND p10

Welcome to our new advertisers Aladdin's Cave (p8) Learn Karate (p6) & Weight Counselling (p7)

Get your 'thinking caps' on, it's nearly time for the Wit & Wisdom Quiz - p5 YOUR Energy ideas wanted - p8

It's also not long until Remembrance Sunday, Poppy Collection volunteers PLEASE - p11 (Youth Club too)

Microchip YOUR pet (discount!) - p11

More Bowlers please - p5

Don't leave it behind - p12

COMING CHRONICLES

The *November Chronicle* will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday, October 27th**, from **Helen Brasington, 1, Cheers Farm, (534045)**, who should be contacted by any Agents requiring copies additional to their allocation.

The Editor will be **David Lee**, 15 Corneville Road (202699). Contributions may be e-mailed (see below), or placed in the Chronicle letter box, outside Vickery's store on Drayton Green,

NO LATER than 5.15 pm on Monday, October 16th 2006.

After this deadline, only items of the utmost urgency may be considered for inclusion (NB No guarantees!), and only then if delivered to the Editor by the following Wednesday.

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

Editors clear the box from time to time before the deadline. It is a great help when items can be left in the box a few days before the closing date. Some contributors are indeed doing just that, and it really does help. Thank you.

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

All contributions to the Chronicle are most welcome. Be sure to include the name, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number of the author. Contributions can be made :-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Daphne Samworth, Hon. Promoter

RESULTS OF THE SEPTEMBER LOTTERY

Prize	Winner	Agent
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£20	G Slack 56 Lyford Close	Barbara Purbrick
£15	Miss Miller 98A Whitehorns Way	Terry Arnold
£10	Mr Kimber 9 Corneville Road	Gerald Redman
£10	R Green 66, High Street	Margaret Long
£10	S Jones 17 East Way	Teresa Burnage
£10	N Adams 3 High Street	Mary Alexander
£10	J Midwinter 8, Gravel Lane	Barbara Purbrick
£10	Mrs Lucas The Shires, S'n Wick Lane	Carol Arnold
£10	Mrs Brooks 70, Whitehorns Way	Daphne Barrand

Winning tickets, from a total of 2268 sold, were drawn by members of staff at Sabina's; Gravel Lane did well, also Whitehorns Way.

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Issue for	Copy for publication and return of Agents Lottery Packs by Monday:-	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Friday:-
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Jan / Feb	14 Jan 2007	19 Jan 2007
March	18 Feb 2007	23 Feb 2007



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ALL AROUND

DRAYTON WIVES

Daphne Barrand

In August we had a conducted tour around East Hendred by Norman Francis, Historian and resident of the village. We visited the Church of St. Augustine's where we heard the 15th century faceless clock strike the hour and play the Angels Hymn, which it does every three hours.

There was much to see in the church including a medieval Lectern, probably unique. We learned about the Eystons, the Catholic family that have lived in Hendred Manor since 1453, and visited the Catholic Church built by the family in the 1800s. Then we walked up Dancing Hill, past the ancient village shop to see the tiny museum housed in an old Chapel which has the priest's house attached. We ended the afternoon with a welcome cup of tea at the Q gardens Café on Steventon Hill. A very enjoyable outing.

Also very enjoyable was our Bring & Share Lunch which we should have had in July, only it was too hot. The weather this time was just right and we were able to eat out of doors in Margaret Long's lovely garden. Many thanks, Margaret.

Dates for your Diary in October

Mon 2nd COFFEE Brenda Boyd, 24 W'horns Way

Mon 16th WHIST Jean Taylor, Caudwell D.C.

Wed 25th MEETING 'THAT HAT!' Celia Cooke (Bloxham).

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The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 16th October at 8pm.

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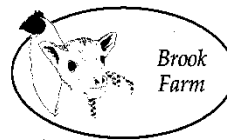
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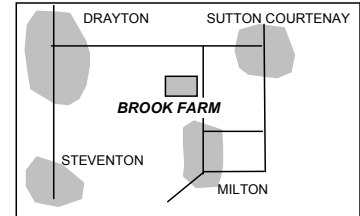
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DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

This issue will be distributed about the same time as our Sept productions are staged, so more of them next time.

Rehearsals for THE BOY FRIEND are gathering pace, zipping along well due to the great enthusiasm of those involved (mostly the juniors at present). The 1920s style music is catchy, and isn't difficult to get the toes tapping.

Recently a group of the senior players presented a short play before an invited audience. This was performed in the open air and was very well received. Indeed, as it went ahead in the teeth of a howling gale, it really went down a **storm!**

Congrats to all involved, including the two gallant helpers hanging on for dear life throughout to the backing screens, not an easy task.

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Please contact:- Neen Priestnall (531330), Jean Hager (531558), Sally Dixon (531547) or Jackie Walker (522361).

ST PETER'S CHURCH



Priest in Charge	Revd Sister Josie Midwinter	531374
Licensed Lay Minister	Dr Peter Barton	523702
Churchwardens	Mrs Sue Harris	848361
	Mr Peter Cline	530519
Organist	Mr Adrian Thompson	01865 714801
Choir	Mrs Rosie Bruce	525284

CHURCH NOTICES

REGULAR SERVICES

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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sunday	10.00 am	Sunday Pebbles (3rd Sunday)	Church Room
Monday	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice	Bell Tower
Friday	6.30 pm	Choir Practice (Alt'ate Fridays)	Church Room

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Sun 1st	11.15 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods	
Tues 3rd	3.00 pm	1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room

And NOVEMBER

Sun 5th	3.00 pm	All Souls Tide Commemoration	
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PARISH REGISTER

Wedding	Sept 9th	Martin John Brown and Emma Jane Roberts
Funeral	Aug 30th	Beryl Sims

YOU STAY - WE PRAY During this time we will pray for all the people who live and work in these roads:-

- 1 - 14 Oct:** Steventon Road; Eastway; Eastway MHP
- 15 - 21 Oct:** Church Lane; Henleys Lane; Caudwell Close; Gravel Lane
- 22 Oct - 4 Nov:** Abingdon Road; Oday Hill; Binning Close; Haywards Road



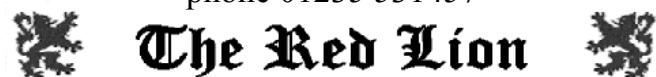
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The Red Lion

Letter from St Peter's Church

Dear Friends,

Drayton is no longer a rural village in the sense that the main occupation is farming. Most of the working population have jobs outside the village, although we do still have one or two working farms here. We also have several small industrial and retail units which employ local people. Because of this change in the village focus we have largely lost touch with our roots in the farming economy and working of the land. So this year we have decided to focus our Harvest Festival on Drayton and link in with the local farms, allotments and even those who grow fruit and veg in their gardens.

British Farm has gone through a huge period of change since the end of WWII. The biggest change has been the mechanisation of farming which means fewer workers are needed. Also much of our food is imported from around the world. For example 30 years ago this was a fruit growing area, but now 95% of fruit sold in our shops is imported.

In a recent article in the 'Church Times' the Bishop of Ely The Rt. Revd Dr Anthony Russell made some interesting points about modern farming. He thinks there are three main issues and I summarise them below:- **FOOD AS A WORLD COMMODITY:** The policy on British food is driven not by the government but by the major supermarkets. They decide what food is required, what standard it should reach and where it should be grown. They are purely concerned with profit and therefore do not particularly consider the consequences of where they place their orders. For us as consumers this may seem like good news as we get a wide variety of food, at a low price from all over the world. Across the world, however, this means the poor growers get poorer and our farmers cannot easily compete with the low prices.

CHANGES IN WORLD DIET: Most of the worlds population are still vegetarian but the 'American Diet' of manufactured food is fast catching up. These manufactured foods which rely heavily on wheat, maize, beef and chicken require three or four times more land than the traditional vegetarian diet. To meet this need large tracts of land are being cleared and more intensive farming methods are being used. We are all well aware of the environmental issues this raises.

DEVELOPMENT OF BIO-FUELS: In the past this has not been taken too seriously because oil-based fuels have been relatively cheap, but now things have changed it is being researched commercially. For example bio-diesel can be produced in this country from wheat or sugar beet. It yields 93% more energy than the energy consumed in its production and it produces 41% lower emissions. This sounds like good news for the environment and the farming industry.

Dr Russell thinks:- "For a generation, farmers have found themselves at the margins of British life, but there is no doubt that the harvest this year marks a considerable change. Farming is now at the centre of the strategic and environmental debate that is becoming of such significance in this country."

On **Sunday 8th October** we will celebrate **Harvest Festival** at St Peter's- **you are welcome to come and join us** and celebrate the rural aspect of our village and the importance of the farming and food-growing community in our midst.

Yours sincerely

Josie Midwinter

CHIROPODIST - PODIATRIST

M.S.S.Ch., M.B.Ch.A.

**FOR A HOME VISIT
PLEASE CONTACT**

**Mrs Hazel MOODEY, 48 Hanney Road,
Steventon. Tel. (01235) 834093**

(MORE) ALL AROUND

Drayton TODDLER GROUP Jane Nye

Firstly, a big thank you to all of you who came along and supported our Fun morning in September. Everyone had lots of fun playing on the ride-ons, eating cakes and playing with the play dough. Many of our little ones had their photos taken and £10 worth of free books were raised by mums buying Usborne books. Once all takings have been collected, we will let you know how much money we have raised.

All sponsor money has now been collected from our Toddle for Barnados at Beale Park back in June. We collected £77, a quarter of which went into our own toddler funds. Special thanks go to Laura and Dion for collecting £43 from their sponsors.

Looking to the future, our thoughts turn to Christmas. We are planning to hold our **Christmas party** for the children during the morning session of **Thursday 14th December**. As ever there will be party food and games as well as a visit from a very special person who wears a red outfit and has a white beard. Watch this space for more details as we head into the Autumn.

There will also be a **Christmas night out for mums** in December, a chance to let our hair down and dance the night away! For more details, please pop in to the session and have a chat with Laura.

Don't forget, if you are looking to make new friends and have a chat over a cup of coffee, why not come along and join us on **Thursday mornings, 9.30 – 11.30** in the **village hall**. Please remember that we will be closed during the half term holiday. New faces are always welcome. Hope to see you soon!

See us at:- <http://nyefamily.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/>

MILLS OF THE RIVER OCK

Guided walk with historical commentary (About 6 miles)

Saturday 14th October

Start at St. Peter's church 10 a.m.

Return for soup and roll lunch

Cost £5 including lunch, children £3

Dogs welcome

Sponsored by St. Peter's church and in aid of church funds
Registration forms and more details from the church or Vicarage

DRAYTON W.I.

Doreen Buckland

Our September meeting started with the disappointing news that we are unable to go to the Pam Ayres celebrity evening in Oxford, due to the event being over-subscribed. Our speakers for the evening were Jenny and Jean from Rustic Angel Quilts in Moultsford. They displayed many forms of quilting and very attractive fabrics. Their work included small quilts, wall hangings, dolls and handbags.

The speaker for our **October meeting** will be Mr Clive Jones talking about the **wonders of Morocco**. On October 9th several members will be going to Sutton Courtenay W.I. for the group meeting.

Please make a note of these dates:- we are holding a coffee morning on 14th October (10am to 12 noon) in Drayton Hall in aid of charity;

and . . . our annual **WIT & WISDOM** quiz night will be held in Drayton Hall on Friday November 10th at 7.30pm. **WE WELCOME** entries of TEAMS (of 4) at £4 per head, which includes a ploughman's supper. There will be a licensed bar. **Please get your entries in early** by applying to Mrs Gwen Mitchell (46 Abingdon Road) or Mrs Ann Webb (531418). Once again all profits go to charity.



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Drayton BOWLS CLUB

'Roll-Up'

We start these notes with the results of the last two internal competitions, going through to finals day on December 3rd in the Beryl James Triples will be:- Jim Bray, Val Locke, David Pimm, to play Tony Wright, Doreen Jones, J. Brain. In a new competition, The Wally Weightman Triples Shield, through to finals day B. Watts, O. Brown, J. Brain will take on T. Wright, J. Hyde, J. Carter.

In August, 16 members of the club enjoyed a friendly match at Kirtlington with the home team winning by just 3 shots, but the most important thing was that we were well entertained by our hosts, and we will look forward to entertaining them next year at Drayton.

The next internal competitions will be Ladies and Gents singles due to take place on Sept 24th. The summer league ended with both teams in mid table, and we are now looking forward to the winter league where we will be hoping to improve our positions with The Rollers in Division 1 and The Hammers in Division 2 of the South Oxon leagues.

Also we are taking 12 players to Stanford-in-the-Vale to participate in a charity competition on September 17th.

We are still looking for **new members**, anyone interested just pop into the Hall when sessions are being held, that's Mondays & Thurs, 2 till 5, and Weds 7 till 10; **you'll be made very welcome.**

BAPTIST CHURCH

PASTORAL Co-Ordinator:- Roy Brown..... 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)

Come and join us every Sunday – we look forward to seeing you. Next **Family Services** are (all 11.15am):-
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YET MORE ALL AROUND

Drayton Pre-School Helen Topping

We hope everyone had a fantastic summer even with the strange weather. "Thank you" to all the parents who helped with the garden maintenance day, our garden has been extended, also a big thank you to Ms Higgs for giving us the land to make this possible.

Term started Tues Sept 5th; a **warm welcome** to the new children :- Emila, Juulia, Izzy, Jack, Cayce, Dion, Signe, Jude, Charlie, Paige and Christopher (Ed's note – how times change, my school register, many years ago, would have only had a couple of these names!).

Thank you for all the vouchers you have given, **Nestle box tops and Persil stars are still being gratefully received.** Geoff Dix has a collection box for vouchers in his shop, please donate any you have and we'll collect them.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Congrats to Mrs. Stevens, 79 Abingdon Road, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday.

AND to Mr and Mrs Hutchings of 113, Abingdon Road who were married on the 23rd September 1946 in Germany, Margaret being in the Army and 'Hutch' in the RAF; they will therefore celebrate their **60th Wedding Anniversary**.

We would like to wish a **warm welcome** to Angela & Gary Galloway and their family, ALSO Julie & Wayne Moore and their children, all recently arrived in Halls Close.

Plus happy landings in the High Street to Sarah Jane & David Rees and their two sons, and also Martin, Sally, Charlie and Clara Wells.

MISSED OUT ON YOUR CHRONICLE?

If your Area Agent is unable to deliver your Chronicle, you can collect a copy from Vickery's shop in the week after normal delivery time. Lawrence has very kindly agreed to keep a small stock for us.

An APPEAL - Can YOU Help?

My name is Matthew Smaldon, I am a locally-based volunteer recorder for The Second World War Experience Centre, which is in Leeds, and I wonder if **you can help me?**

I am currently trying to locate people who would like to **share their recollections of the war**, for inclusion in The Centre's archive. We aren't looking for dramatic tales of glory – **stories from all walks of life**, including servicemen and women, but also from civilians, children, factory workers, or anyone who has memories from that time.

I meet with people, and record their recollections informally. It's an opportunity for the interviewee to recount their stories and experiences - my questions are minimal. If the subject (or relations) requests a copy of the tape, it's always made available.

The recording is sent to the Centre for transcribing and inclusion in the archive, accessible by authors working on Second World War books, by veterans groups, historical societies, and various researchers. It is currently developing educational modules for use by schools, and has recently provided source material for the Scottish Holocaust Memorial Exhibition in Edinburgh.

The Centre is a registered museum and charity, more than seven thousand people have their younger years covered in the Centre by original documents, memorabilia and recorded memories. Its website can be found at <http://www.war-experience.org>. If YOU can help, my details are:- Matthew Smaldon, 4 St Edmunds Lane, Abingdon OX14 5BU Tel: 01235 526734 (please leave a message if I'm out), e-mail:- matthew.smaldon@googlemail.com

YOUR LETTERS

PACE - Thank You

Dear Sir, 20 Steventon Rd

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Dear Sir, 44 Abingdon Rd

I would just like to say a big "thank you" to EVERYONE who has helped me through this year.

When I was diagnosed with breast cancer in February we were shocked and terrified (operation, Chemo, Radiotherapy).

John and I have been overwhelmed with the love and support from family, neighbours, friends, doctors, Josie and the Church, and everyone in Drayton

The judges of the best-kept village competition said we were a busy, caring community, and I can assure you that caring is 100%.

So, thank you all once again.

Jenny Stevens

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ED VAIZEY - Your Local MP

Thames Water has started its roadshow on the Abingdon reservoir, which will obviously affect Drayton residents. I continue to work closely with RAP, who send me their minutes and correspondence with Thames Water. I remain sceptical about the reservoir - its size and the need for it all. Of much more immediate importance, it is vital that the Government **gives some assistance** to the local council in dealing with this application. At the moment it is David versus Goliath, and I think the **Vale should have some specific funds** to help it consider the application properly.

I am coming to the end of the parliamentary recess. I spent a week visiting the Falkland Islands, as part of my role in the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme. I spent two days on board HMS Chatham, and two days at the base (which has the longest corridor in the world). Just in case you think this was a jolly, I would remind you that August is the Falklands' winter! I also spent a week **working at a night shelter** in Bedford, which was very illuminating. It gave me a better insight into the problems faced by the homeless. If I learned one thing, it is that homelessness is a symptom of much deeper problems with an individual, not a cause of those symptoms. So even if everyone had access to accommodation that would not simply solve their problems. They need a great deal of hands-on support.

I am now preparing for fatherhood, and also trying to lose weight for my Arctic Challenge for charity. I will be riding a husky dog sled across the arctic wastes in February, and **raising money** for Crimestoppers and the Oxfordshire Community Foundation, which gives money to local charities. On the off chance you wanted to sponsor me, see www.justgiving.com/edvaizey - or send a cheque!

If you need to get in touch with me, telephone 020 7219 6350, write to me at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or you can e-mail me on vaizeye@parliament.uk ; The Website is www.vaizey.com with up to date news and surgery details:-

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YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

YOUTH CLUB

As this issue goes to press, the young of the village are distributing a leaflet about the Youth Club. Much work has already gone in to preparing the way for a well-run, well-funded and sustainable Club to operate at the Hall every other week. Before we can launch with absolute confidence, however, we must find **one or two extra adult volunteers**. The commitment need be no more than 2 hours per month, but without this help, we cannot launch this much needed facility in Drayton. If you would like to know more or feel you may be able to help, please let us know.

The Community Day – a few reflections

Several people have approached me to say that the Community Day, although a **great success** for a first effort, should not be allowed to slip into a distant memory, but should become **an annual event** – held in early July each year – growing and evolving as the Community wished – with an overall aim of stimulating activities within the village and encouraging positive community feeling. Plans are being made to begin this process by forming a committee of interested and willing parties in the new year to organise the event for 2007.

It is always hard to be certain what positive benefits have been gained from a Community Day, but the first signs are encouraging. Hall bookings are well up on last year and there has been noticeably less damage at the Hall in recent weeks. Some groups are saying that they have new members and we have had lots of ideas and offers of help for next year's event. →

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TREES AND BRIDLE PATHS

Is it my imagination or is the centre of Drayton – around the Green looking particularly attractive this year? The trees are flourishing and the whole area looks tidy and cared for.

Please join me in thinking very carefully before removing old trees and looking after and appreciating our paths and bridleways. If trees have to go, let's try to plant others to replace them wherever possible.

ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

I would love to see Drayton regarded as a village that takes such issues very seriously, and shows others what we can all do to address the problems of energy supply and conservation. I propose to devote next month's article to this issue alone – if **anyone** has original and workable ideas that I could include, **please let me know**.

THE RESERVOIR

This issue is taking up much of my time at the moment, but given the mere 4 months that Thames Water have allowed for Stage One – An assessment of Needs and Alternatives, it is right that it is top of my agenda. It seems quite clear to me, that until December, we should not be talking about any other issues at all than these two:-

- 1) **Do we need a reservoir? Will it solve the problem?**
- 2) **Is a reservoir the best of the alternative solutions?**

All other considerations – building issues, recreational issues, planning issues and so on, should be argued about after December if and when TW have convinced us all over issues number 1 and 2.

Whatever I may feel personally about the proposals, it is perfectly fair and right that I urge everyone to ensure that TW is given as tough a time as we can all manage in the next few months. This is to be Europe's largest stretch of man-made water and TW must be made to justify it. We can only do this if we stick to the issues in hand. At present, I am concerned that the planning and reflective stages are being bulldozed through; 4 months is a very short time indeed. There will be more than enough bulldozers if and when the building stage begins!

Richard Webber

(Tel:- 01235 534001 Email :- info@RJW-online.co.uk)

PARISH COUNCIL (Sept 4)

It is not only the press that has a summer silly season, but also it seems so does the Parish Council. There were no large issues for deliberation this month, which was fortunate since there were very few Councillors present to consider them.

The item that caused most discussion was a letter from a ten-year-old Drayton boy asking that the Council give thought to providing more play activities for his age group. The Councillors agree that there is a need, but it is quite a challenge as both money and space are necessary if anything worthwhile is to be achieved. However, the matter is being looked into and there are one or two possibilities being explored. Meanwhile we have thrown the ball back into the youngster's court by asking him to say what he would like to see happening and to get his friends to suggest things too – with the proviso, of course, that they must not be over ambitious.

Again on the leisure front, there is good news for horse riders and walkers. The bridleway that used to run from the southern end of Sutton Wick Lane to join Gypsy Lane was officially re-routed alongside the breaker's yard several years ago, but in fact has not been accessible because of flooding and thick undergrowth, trees and bushes. The County Council has worked all year on clearing the path and draining the ground. The bridleway (officially BW 29) is now open and very pleasant. It has yet to be sign-posted, but it is approached through the breaker's yard gate (possible even when the gate is closed), or from Gypsy lane. >>>



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I recently mentioned that our Finance Committee Chairman, Robin Butler, had been working on an extensive Risk Assessment document. One of the many things the Council has to oversee in this respect is the playground in Lockway. The annual inspection by ROSPA has just taken place. Apart from recommendations that minor repairs take place the report was satisfactory and the **playground found to be safe**. I also wrote last month that the tree outside Vickery's shop probably need not be felled after all; I'm glad to say that turned out to be the case. However, the village has recently had to lose one of the magnificent horse-chestnut trees on the High Street as it was found by several experts to be diseased and unsafe. It is hoped that another tree will eventually be planted to replace it.

We welcome anyone who wants to attend Council meetings whether or not they wish to speak. Even more we would **welcome those who would like to join the Council** whose numbers, as I said last month, are somewhat depleted.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 2nd October at 7.45pm in the Caudwell Day Centre. **Jenny Pooley**

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Drayton School Anita Hedditch

The new term is underway with new friendships beginning. Reception children seem to be settling in well to the school routines and challenges. **Welcome to them all.** They have already discovered the tomatoes and pumpkins that have grown over the summer having been planted during the last term. One of the Science topics being covered is 'all about me' and involves looking back to when the children were babies.

Years 1 & 2 are discovering about Health and Growth in Science, and their Geography this term is based around the school. A welcome to **Mr Roberts** who comes in to the school to teach PE to this class and years 5 & 6. This allows non-contact time for the teachers of these classes. Mr Roberts also runs an **after-school club on Thursdays.**

Years 3 & 4 are looking at weather around the world and studying climates. Their Science is about moving and growing. This involves looking at a skeleton; imagine the natural fascination which that invokes! They also will be going to the Natural History Museum to look at other skeletons.

Years 5 & 6 are studying the Second World War. **SOME HELP IS NEEDED HERE. Was anyone an evacuee or a child through the war and be willing to come and talk to the children about their experiences?** There's nothing like hearing first-hand experiences to assist a greater understanding of events during that time. If you can help, please contact the school on 531316.

The school's building works are almost complete now with some big changes that really improve the school. Sadly, whilst these were being done, **some locals still managed to vandalise the building.** Repairs will need to be made to a skylight. Money so carefully raised by the fundraising efforts of FODSA.....

On a good note to end however, the pond in the school has been revamped over the summer thanks to the organisation of Claire Soper, and a Probation Group; **many, many thanks.**

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Wooden Spoon Recipe No 21 (from Oct 1990)

Salmon with cucumber (serves 4) - by LOIS RENNELLS

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Brush the salmon with half of the oil and sprinkle over the peppercorns. Grill for 5 minutes, turning once and brushing with the remaining oil during cooking.

Meanwhile make the sauce:- boil the wine until reduced by half, add the remaining ingredients except the butter and cook until the cream bubbles and thickens. Stir in the butter until it has melted.

Spoon the sauce over the salmon and serve.

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NOTICE BOARD

DRAYTON HALL

Management meeting was held 18th Sept. The meeting discussed various issues namely, window guards, they will be fitted to the rear windows by the time you read this, hopefully this major expense will stop constant window breakage (£441 in July).

Mr Church, a long standing helper of the hall and lately the enterprise section, has expressed a desire to retire from his post as bar takings coordinator and Licensee. We are obviously very sorry to see him go but fully understand his reasons and we are very grateful for all the years he has helped us. For the time being Mr Campbell, who is at present running the bar, has offered to take over the bar money and banking, and the licensee duty will be resolved shortly.

Faith Bennett, our cleaner, has moved to Devon we thank her for 8 years of service not only cleaning but also her work behind the bar, we miss you Faith but wish you luck.

Due to a slight upturn in bookings we must bring our crockery up to a good level. Why do knives multiply but cups and spoons vanish?!

We are planning to put up some tasteful Christmas decorations this year in time for the festive season. We are looking for a **large artificial tree** either as a **donation or a gift**, in good condition please. If anyone would like to oblige, before we buy one, please get in touch (Ann on 531418).

Did you know you can hire the Hall with the bar for as little as £60 on a Friday night til midnight or £68 til 1am.?

Lastly, PLEASE NOTE:- The R.S.P.C.A. are coming to the Hall on Saturday 28th October 10am til 2pm to **microchip your cats and dogs** at a very reasonable price (about **half the usual fee**) a bargain not to be missed if you have precious pets.

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 3.00 pm to 4:30 pm and you are invited to drop in during these times.

The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Our next two dates are Oct 3rd (birthday celebrations, with an Age Concern officer joining us) & Nov 7th. If you need transport or further information please give me (Jean Hager) a call on 531558.

Our Sept 'exercise from the chair' session Sept was very popular, physically beneficial, and the source of much merriment; we all went home for a well-deserved nap!

TORTOISE (62 years in the same family) was lost or 'acquired' in Abingdon (Abbey Meadows / park) around July 21st. **DO YOU KNOW** anyone who suddenly obtained a tortoise around that time?

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More Chronicle News (from p1)

Lyford Close Gerald Redman has taken back the Area Agent's job in Lyford Close! It was good to meet some of you myself, when I delivered last month's Chronicle. Many of you bought tickets and Gerald may well call on you as well. **Thank you** for your response.

Lottery Tickets The sale of lottery tickets is crucial to the finances of the Chronicle. Two thirds of our income comes from the sale. If you want tickets they are always available at Vickery's and if you leave a note for me in the box at Vickery's saying that you would like tickets on a regular basis, I will make sure your Area Agent delivers them to you. **Only 20p each or £1 a book.**

Once again to all, thank you for your support

Jean Barton Chronicle Co-ordinator



LISTINGS

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Royal British Legion Poppy Collection 2006

Due to illness and collectors moving away from the area, we have **vacancies for new Collectors** in Drayton. The annual house-to-house Poppy Collection takes place over the fortnight from the final Saturday in October (the day before the clocks go back!) until Remembrance Sunday.

If you would like to collect for this worthwhile charity, please get in touch asap with the Organisers for this area – Diana and Peter Hasting, The Middle House, 11 High Street, Milton, OX14 4ER (01235 834740).

DAMASCUS - by Gary Hibbins

The DAMASCUS team has been busy working very hard throughout the summer break. I have spent many hours engaging with young people and assisting them in many projects. The bus is a great success in Drayton as it is in every other village. We are getting 15-25 young people turning up regularly every Monday night. We might just be chatting, maybe playing football.

If you are a young person reading this, **come down** and see what we are all about – you may enjoy being a DJ or playing on the X-box. "The bus is really cool., it gives us somewhere to go and talk to people who are dedicated to us".

We have been working together with a core group of young people in Drayton to organise a cricket match between parents and young people. It will be held one Sunday afternoon. The date is not yet confirmed so please look out for posters in the village. There will be a BBQ, drinks and fun for all the family – also **parents making fools of themselves**. It will be really good if people turn up to this event as it's been organised by, and will be run by young people.

We have made very good headway on the Youth Club front. We have had a couple of meetings and things are starting to move forwards. The only thing we are missing is another couple of dedicated volunteers and then we are ready to go. **We are desperate for more people to get involved** – without you the youth club will not be able to run. It is only a couple of hours every other week. Please contact me (07904 182501 or 539045) or just stop me in the streets.

I would like to say thank you to all the people who have already expressed an interest in becoming a volunteer at the youth club – Becky Stone, Andrew Gold, Nikki Edwards, Richard Webber and Justin Arthurs. Not forgetting Simon Murray who does a great job on the bus!

Most of all, **thank you** to all the young people who are working extremely hard to lead positive lives within their community.

DRAYTON DIARIES

DIARY FOR OCTOBER

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

To book Drayton Hall ring 531418 To call the Hall ring 528686

NB If your event isn't listed, IT COULD HAVE BEEN!!!

Mon	2	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting (p9)	Caudwell DC
Tues	3	3.00pm	1st Tues Connections (p11)	Church Room
Sat	7		Wedding Reception	
Sun	8		Private Party	
Fri	13		Private Party	
Sat	14	10.00am	WI Charity Coffee Morning	
	14		Private Party	
Mon	16	5.00pm	CHRONICLE DEADLINE	Vickery's
Tue	17		Blood Donor Clinic	
Wed	18		Private Party	
Sat	21		Private Party	
Sun	22		Bowls Club	
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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)	
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
6.30pm	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

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