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THE RESERVOIR Daniel Scharf

As readers should know Thames Water are expecting replies to their Needs and Alternatives Report by 9 November. If you missed the exhibitions then the information is on the Web Site at www.thameswater.co.uk /utmrd or a free CD Rom can be ordered by ringing 0800 1078 001. However, if you think that Drayton would be affected by this very large development and wanted to visit the exhibition in Drayton, then this will depend on the response of TWUL to the request of the parish council to hold the exhibition in the village. I would suggest that you write to TW and express concern that residents of Drayton have missed out on this opportunity.(utmrd@thameswater.co.uk or Freepost Utmrd)

As somebody who has read the report and been to the exhibition to ask questions I think that the layman will have trouble providing any sensible comments. The PC are asking for more time to enable some expert opinion to be brought to bear before committing itself one way or the other. Just as it would be impertinent of me to take issue with the detailed technical analysis in the TW report, if TW want to say that this amounts to informed consultation, I think that TW should provide expert facilitator(s) to put this document under scrutiny.

A group comprising members from about 10 parishes, called the Reservoir Affected Parishes (RAP), has started to analyse the TW Report and will be expressing reservations about the conclusion that the case for a large reservoir at Abingdon (ie Drayton) has been made out.

If residents have some informed opinions about the need for the reservoir the PC would find it helpful if these could be sent to the clerk (mailto:m

Incidentally, I have been able to work out that the need for the reservoir is based on personal water requirements about 50% greater than I am currently responsible for. Anybody opposed to the reservoir could start by getting their own consumption down to about 100litres/day and explain to TW that this is entirely practical and realistic.

(More Parish Council news on page 7 – Ed)

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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, 20th November 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.

THE FOLLOWING THREE MONTHS			
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Jan/Feb	8 January 2007	19 January 2007	
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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! Please check that you receive a confirmation email. The editors' email addresses are:

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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.
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- 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.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor.

I would like to thank everyone from Whitehorns Way who paid their respects at my father's funeral on Thursday 12th October. Terry Arnold passed away suddenly on 1st October and will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. He had been a Chronicle agent for over 18 years.

Teresa Burnage

(See Jean Barton's tribute to Terry on page 6 – Ed)

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a big thankyou to the pupils and staff of Drayton School for my Harvest Gift. It is so nice to think that you can still make someone happy.

Thank you once again for your kindness.

P. Smith

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Brian Thompson for a most enjoyable evening with the Jazz and Swing Concert in aid of church funds. It was a foot tapping evening which I and many others hope will be repeated in the future.

Barbara Carter

Dear Editor,

The relatives of the late James James (Jimmy) formerly of Sutton Wick would like to thank everybody who generously donated the sum of £208.32 in memory of Jimmy. This money was given to Abingdon Alzheimers Club, a cause very dear to him.

Maurice Hutt

Dear Editor,

We would like to send congratulations to Pearl and Charlie Botley on their 65th wedding anniversary on 15th November

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If for any reason you were unable to contribute on 30th September we will gratefully receive your gift at anytime. Gift Aid envelopes are available in church and these can be put in the wall safe or dropped into the Vicarage.

Revd Josie Midwinter - Priest-in-charge Peter Cline & Sue Harris - Churchwardens

Dear Editor

We are just writing to say what a great time we had at the Drayton School Quiz Night recently.

The evening was really well planned with a quiz suitable for all levels, a fabulous home cooked two-course meal and a bar.

Thanks to Colin & Carole Arnold, Karen Smith, Martin Honey, and everyone else who put in so much hard work to make the evening a success.

Looking forward to the next one!

The Reservoir of Dogs a.k.a. Fay & Paul Nugent, Roz & Andrew Wright & Maggie & Andee Weir.

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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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Every Third Sunday	10.00 am	Sunday Pebbles	Church Room
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Sun 5th 3.00 pm	All Souls Tide Commemoration	Church
Tues 7th 3.00 pm	J	ch Room
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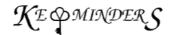
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LETTER FROM REVD JOSIE MIDWINTER

Dear Friends

This time last year one of my nephews was in Iraq with the Territorial Army. It brought home to me the very real danger that our troops face in such situations and their need to be vigilant and courageous whatever the odds. He returned safely with his regiment ready for Christmas and we were all glad to have him back. On talking to him I realised our soldiers face a very different type of conflict from those who have fought in earlier wars. Today's service men and women are required to fulfil a number of roles. There is that of direct fighting as we have seen recently in Afghanistan. But there is also the much needed role of peace-keeping as in Northern Ireland and now in Iraq.

Alongside our troops in all situations are members of the Chaplaincy Service. The present size of the British Army is 104,000 personnel and these are served by 151 chaplains. All chaplains are fully ordained within their own denomination and they all receive a commission into the Royal Army Chaplaincy Department. They wear the uniform of the British Army but do not carry arms as they are non-combatant. Chaplains serve along side the soldiers and are to be found wherever the Army happens to be during times of peace, conflict, or more recently in its peacekeeping role

The presence of religious leaders among armies is recorded even in the Bible where we read that the Israelites brought their priests with them into battle. A formal Army Chaplains' Department has existed as an integral part of the British Army since 1796, when a Royal Warrant was issued. Although clergymen have always been involved in the Army as ministers of Word and Sacrament, or indeed as military leaders. The spiritual care of soldiers and their families remains at all times the responsibility of the wider Church, and to this end, they appoint Priests and ministers to serve in the Army.

For our Remembrance Service this year the Revd Stephan van Os, the Chaplain of Dalton Barrack, will be our preacher. He will be able to give us an insight into the challenges facing present day soldiers and also the work the Chaplaincy Department does to assist them and their families in these situations. Please feel welcome to come and join us for the service at 6pm on Sunday 12th November. This service is being arranged in conjunction with Drayton Baptist Church and The Royal British Legion. Josie Midwinter



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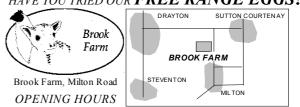
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CHRONICLE NEWS

Jean Barton

As you will have read elsewhere in the Chronicle, very sadly, Terry Arnold has died. He will be a great loss to the Chronicle team as he has faithfully delivered Chronicles in Whitehorns Way and sold lottery tickets (over 120 monthly) for over 18 years. This has been a substantial contribution in both time and effort. As an Area Agent, he took his responsibilities seriously as do all the Area Agents, and I continue to be thankful for the contribution that all the members of the team make to the successful running of the Chronicle. Terry has laid strong foundations but we now need a new agent to take over Whitehorns Way. We have late breaking news of a volunteer but I can't give details until this has been confirmed. On behalf of the Chronicle team, I send our condolences to Terry's family.

There is also news that Christine Turley is giving up the Area Agency for 12-32 Binning Close, a post that she has held for nearly 25 years. Ann Hutchings of 21 Binning Close originally covered this area and she has now kindly offered to take it back.

(Editors note! Jean is in Australia at present and although she sent the letter of tribute to Terry, I am sure she will have more to say to the individuals involved in the team reorganisation when she returns.)



** REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT ST PETER'S Sunday 12th November

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Jean Oliver

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WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey

Strange as it may seem, Parliament, at the time of writing, has only just returned from the long summer recess. And even now, we are somewhat in limbo. The first few weeks, from the beginning of October until the middle of November, are taken up with the tail end of many bills. For example, as I am writing this, we are debating the Companies Bill, which, despite being in Committee for many weeks, still has more than a thousand amendments to be considered (in two days!). Parliament will really return with the Queen's Speech, which is in November. This sets out the Government's agenda for the coming year. With luck, I will have time to report on its contents in the next column, so that if any Bill catches your attention, you can write to me about it. And I am always happy to send people copies of Hansard (parliamentary debates) on any issue that interests them. The reservoir is the dominant issue and will dominate debate in this area for at least the next two years - and possibly beyond. As you may have read, Thames Water have been taken over by McQuarrie bank. The deal still needs approval by the European competition authorities, but this is a technicality and will be done by the end of the year. The new ownership, I am afraid, will not mean a change in Thames Water's proposals. On a personal note, many thanks to everyone who wrote to us about the birth of our first child, Joseph, he is wonderful. Also, I have been nominated for a parliamentary award for my work with Children and Young People, by a mental health charity called Young Minds. Finally, I am trekking across the Arctic to raise money for small local groups. If you want to sponsor me visit www.justgiving.com/edvaizev or send a cheque to the House of Commons. My website is www.vaizey.com for news and information, and I have just started a BLOG, just follow the link from the homepage. Write to me at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or vaizeye@parliament.uk. My next surgery in Didcot is on November 10 in the King Alfred Drive Community Centre from 5.30 - 7.





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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Robin Butler

The meeting of the 2nd October was unusual for two reasons. Firstly, there were more members of the public in attendance than Parish Councillors, and secondly, we had a new member join the Parish Council, Melanie Parker, to swell our total number to nine.

There were six members of the public in attendance to lend their support to a ten year old who had previously written to the Parish Council to ask if anything could be done for the children of his age group, in terms of a play area. The Parish Council is sympathetic to his and his friends' needs and further proposals and discussions are planned. I admit that only two of the members of the public were of voting age, but we were pleased to see such a gathering at a parish council meeting.

The other significant item raised at the meeting was the Thames Water reservoir proposal which is covered in the article by Daniel Scharf on the front page of this issue of the Chronicle. If you have any comments on this topic, or any other, please forward them to the Parish Clerk who can be contacted on 01235 200042 or email mariesellwood@hotmail.com.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane on Monday 6th November at 7.45p.m., do come along, we are still two members short of our full quota of Parish Councillors.



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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Webber

I may be bursting with messages about the Youth Club (still needing volunteers), - For Sale parked cars in the village and the Reservoir (plenty more to come on this one), but last month I promised to concentrate on Energy in this issue. The world needs more energy and the world needs less Global warming and we probably have less than a generation to sort things out.

I well remember sitting in University lectures listening to the prophets of doom telling us how the world with its booming numbers, insatiable thirst for energy and water and its limitless capacity to pollute was careering towards disaster. It was 1972 and we all nodded in agreement and did nothing. The trouble was the world seemed to have an infinite capacity to soak up the results of man's folly. Thirty years on, we are finally getting the message, if we don't do something now it will be our children and grandchildren who will suffer. Now I wish my great-great-great grandchildren well, but I cannot get as worked up over them as I can over my children and grandchildren. It's probably no more than the fact that I may have to see the look of disappointment and disapproval in my immediate descendent's faces. No, I cannot escape it, it is up to me to do everything I can to undo the damage that 30+ years of global 'heads in the sand' have achieved. Not being a particle physicist and not being an inventor, it is unlikely that I can help much in the search for new, efficient, less-polluting sources of energy. All I can do is make sure that I conserve every Watt, every Joule, and every Therm. If I can do this, others might be doing it too, and if we all do it, even politicians might realise that we all mean it and come up with enough energy saving policies to give the boffins enough time to come up solutions that will work. We've nearly given up smoking, fewer of us drink and drive, we're learning to recycle our waste, so we know we can change, - let's do it. But how? Here are some ideas:

(For most of the ideas below, many thanks to Tony Holmes – Drayton Chronicle Editor)

- 1. Low-energy light bulbs if we all converted to them, we could more than halve this country's energy consumption problems.
- 2. Turn the TV RIGHT OFF every night, don't leave it on standby. (Think of the long walk over to the set to be helping with your daily exercise regime). If possible, buy equipment that doesn't have a standby option and tax those that do.
- 3. Turn the PC right off and the screen & turn the modem off too if it is separate.
- 4. Get councils, and/or the Highways Agency, to reduce substantially the lighting presently on motorways and main roads (eg parts of A34).
- 5. Try and encourage people to buy replacement fridges, freezers, washing machines, dishwashers etc NOT solely on price, but with an eye on the energy and efficiency ratings, whether power, water, whatever and tax the worst offending ones accordingly.
- 6. Car-sharing to work if you can. Save your car's miles, less fuel used. Reduce fuel consumption (and save money) by thinking of your accelerator as a fuel tap accelerate smoothly.
- 7. Use less water (has everyone got one of those gadgets for the cistern, or a dual-cistern that has a large and small flush?) Thames Water answered an enquiry of mine by saying that, yes, water going down the sink/bath etc wasn't exactly being wasted as the expression often has it but (leaving aside the leaks question) the more processing and purifying they have to do, the more power gets used to do it.
- 8. Solar panels, now getting cheaper, and less unsightly. If your proposed Solar Panels are going to take up less than 60% of the roof on which they will be sited and will stick out by less than

10cm, you do **not** need planning permission If you contact the Vale on 520202, they have a list of companies charging fair and reasonable prices. The costs are coming down, so solar panels are an option for an increasing number of us.

9. Penalise offices/shops that leave too many lights on all night.

If anybody else has ideas on this or any other issue, please let

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Wooden Spoon Recipe

No. 22 (from October 1991) Winter Prune Fool

4 oz prunes (soaked overnight in cold water), 2 oz caster sugar, juice of 1 orange, 2 tablespoons redcurrant jelly, 1 tablespoon custard powder, $\frac{1}{4}$ pint milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ pint double cream, 1 - 2 oz chopped nuts.

- Drain the prunes, then chop the flesh roughly.
- Put in a pan with the sugar, orange juice and redcurrant jelly, then heat gently for 10 minutes until soft, stirring occasionally.
- Meanwhile mix the custard powder to a paste
 with a little of the milk. Heat the remaining milk
 to just below boiling point, then stir slowly into
 the custard paste. Return to pan and cook until
 the custard is very thick, stirring constantly.
 Leave to cool.
- Reduce the prune mixture to a smooth purée, then fold in cooled custard. Whip the cream until thick, then fold into the prune custard until evenly blended.
- Spoon into individual glasses or bowls, then chill in the fridge until firm. Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Served chilled.

Lois Rennells



Saturday 18th November 10:00 to 12:00 noon

Home made produce, crafts, tombola, raffle, lucky dip, etc. Refreshments served in the Church room

NOTICE BOARD

ARE YOU LOOKING AFTER SOMEONE?

Many of you will know that there are people in your Parish who are sick, disabled, elderly or frail. Often their greatest wish is to continue to live in their own homes with as much independence and dignity as their conditions allow. NHS and social and community services are struggling to provide the required level support needed.

For most people in this position it is a relative, neighbour or friend that provides the help they need. These unpaid carers spend many hours every week looking after others; shopping, transporting, cleaning, cooking, washing, and dispensing medication and personal care.

Caring for others can be rewarding but it can also be tiring and stressful. It is important that carers remain strong, fit and healthy if they are to continue helping the person they care for.

The South & Vale Carers centre is a local charity that provides support for unpaid carers in your area. We visit people in their homes and ensure that they have access to the advice, benefits, respite and other services they need to do a difficult job. All of our services are confidential and free.

If you are a Carer or you know a Carer who may benefit from these services please contact us on 01235 510212 or write to 5 Lydalls Road, Didcot, OX11 7HX, or carers@svcarers.org.uk

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 very worthwhile charity, please get in touch as soon as possible with the Organisers for this area – Diana and Peter Hasting (The Middle House, 11 High Street, Milton, OX14 4ER, 01235 834740 <diamar@onetel.com>).

CAN YOU HELP? Tam Buckingham

The Churches of Drayton, Steventon, Sutton Courtenay, and Milton combined with The Drayton History Society are planning an exhibition in all four Churches from Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July 2007 featuring History of the Villages, Oral history, Church records and other subjects of interest. With a launch event at Steventon Village Hall Friday 20th April 2007 at 7-30pm

At the present we have a very small committee and would welcome anyone who may be interested to help us make this a memorable event. Our next meeting has been scheduled for Monday 13th November 7-30pm at the Vicarage Gravel Lane.

If you could help us please confirm you would like to attend either to Revd Sister Josie Midwinter Tel; 531374 or Tam Buckingham 532522

ALL SOULS TIDE AT ST PETER'S CHURCH COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

3pm Service at St Peter's on Sunday 5th November

There will be an opportunity to remember our loved ones by name and by lighting a candle Please add names to the list at the back of church

The service will be followed by refreshments

MEN WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS

For men who have wanted to try singing four-part harmony in a choir, or perhaps come back to singing after a few years in the wilderness, the Wantage Mens' Christmas Choir may be a great opportunity.

Some experienced singers, who perform regularly around the W.antage area, have decided to organise a special Choir to sing Carols in Wantage Town centre on Saturday 23rd December, between l0am and 3pm. The purpose, apart from having a good fun time and bringing smiles to the faces of last minute shoppers, is to raise funds for that worthy local cause, the Wantage Nursing Home Charitable Trust.

It is free to join the Choir and the only commitment is to attend five rehearsals on Wednesday evenings in Wantage, starting November 8th from 8pm to 10pm.

Music, learning materials and rehearsal tuition will all be provided by volunteer singers. To register for the choir just phone Jan Bridgeman on 01235 764898 or email b.bridgeman@virgin.net as soon as you can so that they can prepare sufficient tapes, CDs and music.

Be prepared for some uplifting harmonies and some serious fun. Wives and partners may also well appreciate you being out of the house for five weeks. Doing something useful!

TALKING SCIENCE

The Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Chilton is hosting a series of lectures for schools and the general public. The lectures will be held at various times on the following days and evenings.

Friday 10th November, "Rosetta on the road" Did life on Earth start with micro-organisms brought by a comet?

Friday 8th December, "Cartoon Science"

Discover the difference between cartoon science and real science

Friday 12th January 2007, "The science of Harry Potter" Who is the real Dumbledore? Can owls really deliver post?

Friday 9th February 2007, "Gravity, gas and stardust" Travel through the cosmos with hands on activities and 3D effects

Wednesday 7th March 2007, "Enigma Project" An interactive presentation of codes and code breaking Admission is free but booking is essential For more information, Email tatkingscience@rl.ac.uk Or phone 01235 445959 (24hr answerphone).

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ALL AROUND

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION. Pearl Stanbridge

I regret to report the recent death of Committee member Mr Sam Hancock. Our sincere condolences are extended to his widow and family.

Don't forget to pause and remember at 11 o'clock on the 11th of the 11th.

The branch standard will be in attendance at the local Remembrance day services. Assembly times are: Milton War Memorial 10.45am. Steventon War Memorial 2.15pm. followed by a service at St Michael's and all Angels at 3pm. St Peter's church Drayton 5.45pm

Don't forget to watch your screens on Saturday evening the 11th when our Standard bearer will be parading the Standard at the service of Remembrance Albert Hall.

Hope to see you at our annual dinner on Friday 24 November.

The next meeting is the A.G.M. to be held on Monday 20th November at 7.30pm so come along and show your support.

DRAYTON WIVES Daphne Barrand

September found us learning the art of Scrap Booking. Aly Atkins showed us how to sort and mount artistically all those Photos we take and leave in a cupboard for ages. For those who may be interested, she is having a Workshop Day in January, when you can use her equipment and learn how to do it and have coffee and lunch for £20. Or she is willing to come to a venue of our choosing.

It was decided at the last committee meeting that we needed to raise the annual subscriptions to £10, due in January. The next committee meeting is on Friday 10^{th} November at Mary Alexander's, High Street at 10.30 am.

Dates for your Diary in November.

Mon 6th COFFEE Rosemary Barlow, 7 Whitehorns Way Mon 20th WHIST Barbara Carter, Caudwell Close Wed 29th MEETING SOUTH AFRICA, Jenny Pooley.

PRE SCHOOL REPORT Helen Topping

In the next half term starting 30th October 2006, the children will be looking at autumn.

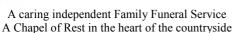
Tempest Photography are coming to pre school on 3rd November to take pictures of our precious little ones including siblings or family if you want to, don't forget to put your name down next to a time.

There are still places Monday to Friday morning and afternoon. For more details call 01235 536094.

Thank you for all the vouchers that have you have given. Keep them coming. We are collecting Nestle box tops and Tesco sport vouchers.



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BOWLS CLUB

Roll Up

There were mixed results from the recent internal competition. The Ladies competition went ahead as planned and going through to contest the final on December 3rd will be Kay Attwood and Barbara Watts, but sad to report, there were not enough entries to justify running the tournament for the men therefore the competition was cancelled. The John Berry 4's on Mondays and Wednesdays is well under way and will not be decided until the end of November. We are now into the winter league with both teams making a good start to their programes with The Hammers winning their first 3 games to go top of their league, and The Rollers winning one and losing one but still early days. It was a very successful day at Stanford in the charity tournament but no success for any of the Drayton teams but everyone agreed it was a very nice days bowling and we were well looked after by the players of Stanford. Finally, we wish Gillis a speedy return to bowls after her recent operation; it will be good to see her back.

DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

The Players' September offering of two one-act comedy dramas were well received by audiences who also enjoyed a delicious and satisfying interval supper. The typical Irish humour of 'The Last of the Last of the Mohicans' with its convoluted, rib tickling and at times quite zany plot was in good contrast to the form-filling driven intricacy of 'The Spy who Came in for the 'Phone'. At the Saturday evening show, we were privileged to have with us Alan Richardson, the author of the latter. This was only the second time the play had been performed and it was the first production he had seen (probably because its premiere took place in Canada)! Alan declared that, from his point of view, it was good to be in the audience and gauge its reaction. He was quite delighted with the groups' interpretation – keeping it in period, light and frothy and getting the timing just right (as, of course, was the case in the Irish play).

The timing was everything for these two plays and the measure of their success was, happily, quite evident from the enthusiastic response by everyone present.

Now it is all systems go for THE BOY FRIEND. Musical rehearsals have been in progress for some time and everything is stepping up a gear as the spoken script is gradually integrated. Tickets will be available in the New Year, (only a couple of months away now)! Watch this space for further information. In the mean time, it is down to increased concentration on words and twinkling the toes.

W.I. Doreen Buckland

Our October meeting was well attended; the speaker for the evening was Mr Clive Jones, a tour guide and mountaineer. He showed slides of Morocco from Rabat to Casablanca. The photography was excellent. Morocco is a very poor country, with very little employment. The carvings on the buildings were beautiful. A Mosque which took 6 years to build and holds 2,500 people was really something to see also a door made from solid gold. We held a coffee morning on 14th October which raised just over £68 for the Thames and Chiltern Air Ambulance Rescue Service. This is our Chosen charity for this year. Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 2nd December 10am to 12 noon in the Drayton Village Hall, please come an support this worthwhile charity. NOW A REMINDER, the Wit & Wisdom quiz night on 10th November 7-30pm in Drayton Village Hall. Teams of 4 at £4 per head which includes a ploughman's supper. Names to Mrs Anne Webb Tel 01235 531481 or Mrs Gwen Mitchell 50 Abingdon Rd. All profits going to our chosen charity.



MORE ALL AROUND

TODDLERS

Anna Loughlin

Firstly, a big hello and a very warm welcome to all the new mums and tots who have recently joined Toddlers Group. It is wonderful to have some adorable babies enjoying the new baby toys (the new baby mats will hopefully arrive soon). Sadly, we say goodbye to two lovely South African ladies, Lynn and Robin, who are heading back to glorious summer weather. It has been great to meet you both and we wish you luck and happiness as you return back home.

Christmas is nearly upon us and celebrations wouldn't be complete without the Toddler Christmas party. The children's Christmas party will be held during the morning session of Thursday, December 14th in the main hall. Come and enjoy party games, party food and, of course, an exciting visit from Father Christmas himself...not to be missed!

The plans for the mums' Christmas night-out are well underway. A trip to the local, The Wheatsheaf Pub, is arranged for Saturday 4th December. Thanks to Laura for organising everything and WE CAN'T WAIT! If you'd like to join us, new and old members alike, there's still time to book your place.

Finally, a reminder that the last Toddler session for this year is 15th December (we'll end on a high at the Christmas party) and Toddlers will reopen on January 12th, 2007.

SCHOOL REPORT Anita Hedditch

The school Term is well underway, with each area of the school busy. A well done goes to the foundation year for singing so well in the Harvest Festival with words well learnt. A thank you too to the parents and children who braved the rain to deliver harvest boxes to local residents. Years 1 and 2 have been busy with their paint brushes and have drawn and painted self portraits, some future budding artists in the making.

Years 3 and 4 have had an exciting trip to the Natural History Museum in Oxford incorporating their science learning. They were praised for their enthusiasm and excellent working ethos. Mine might have been stretched a little when asked to handle a variety of cockroach.... They have also received some first hand experience of Tanzania from one of their mums Mrs Morrison during a question and answer session.

Years 5 and 6 would like to thank Mrs Whilton for coming in and sharing her experiences of living in London and being evacuated to Abingdon during the war. Rev Josie Midwinter has also taken time to explain to this class her role as religious leader. A thank you to her too.

The school is very grateful to a handful of parents who consistently run clear up sessions during the year. This is enormously supportive to the school and those who use it.

The school has also held a fundraising event to the sum of 231 pounds. This is being sent via a charity to provide mosquito nets in Uganda. A subject of recent media discussion also. Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed.

Finally some children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 represented the school in a cross-country relay challenge at Tilsley Park on 12th October. Although no medals were won, a tremendous effort was made. Well done to all the runners. We have some new pictures for the school website the address of which will be included in a future report.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB John Gould

We are now a few weeks into the season and our teams are in the main doing well.

The A team are top of Division 1 with three wins and a draw from their four games. Karl Bushell has won eleven from twelve matches and tops the individual players' list. In Division 2, the B

team are second having played three games. This is very good as top player Tony Krason is yet to play a match.

The C team are 6 points clear at the top of Division 3 after only four games with David Hudson winning eleven from twelve played.

Our D team in Division 4 have only played two games as two have been postponed. They have won both games so have had a brilliant start to their season.

Also in Division 4 the E team - all of who are in their first season of playing League Table Tennis have played four games to date. They are yet to win but each game has seem an improvement from a big 0-10 defeat in the first game to a 4-6 loss in the fourth. They have 6 points and will no doubt improve with more experience.

The Club holds practice/social table tennis at the School each Monday from 7.30pm at a £1.00 cost. If you fancy trying the sport please come along one Monday. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

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DRAYTON DIARY

FOR NOVEMBER All events are at Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise (To book Drayton Hall call Ann Webb on 531418) Regular Events are listed opposite 9.45am-10.45am Sale of Fairtrade Goods Church Evening Private Party 10.15am-10.45am Sale of Fairtrade Goods Church 7.45pm Parish Council Meeting Caudwell DC 3.00pm 1st Tuesday Connections Church Room 10 7:30pm Wit & Wisdom Quiz night Private Party

Private Party Fri 18 9.00am Sat Richard Webber's Surgery 2.00pm Baptist Church Christmas Bazaar Sat 18 Evening Private Party Sat 18

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REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

9.00 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg

MONDAYS

2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys/girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 51	2834) Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys/girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512	2834) Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	
7.00 pm	Keep fit / slimming class	
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monda	y) Caudwell DC
7.30 pm	Table Tennis Practice	School
7.45 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	Caudwell DC
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	St Peter's
TUESDAY	S	
9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	Caudwell Day Centre

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3.00 pm First Tuesday Connections (1st 7	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

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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	

Cubs (Boys/girls, 8-9 yrs, Tel. 512834) 6.15 pm 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 7.30 pm League Table Tennis School

THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in	Term) School Ground Bldg
	followed by lunch club and	d afternoon session
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Lady Chanel

Holy Communion 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)

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
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8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Family Service 2	nd Sunday) St Peter's
11.15 am	Family Time (1st Sunday)	Baptist Church
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	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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