

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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DISCOVERING THE PAST

FIFTY YEARS FROM THE CRASH Judy Henman

50 years ago a plane carrying Alsatian sniffer dogs and their handlers, flying from R.A.F. Abingdon to Malta and Cyprus, crashed on Sutton Wick. Shortly after take-off between 10.00 am and 11.00 am on March 5th 1957 the plane was found to be losing fuel and the pilot was trying to get back to Abingdon.

Maurice Hutt lived in one of the terraced cottages next to the Millennium Green (Sutton Wick entrance) in Drayton. The then 17-year-old Maurice worked for T.H. Tombs (general builders and plumbers). He had a one-hour dinner break - he could cycle home for lunch in 10 minutes. As he cycled past Gainsborough Green his uncle waved him down, he told him that a plane had crashed at Sutton Wick.



By the time he got half way to Drayton he could see black smoke and smell aviation fuel. With his heart beating fast he cycled through the wreckage area to his cottage. The front window was smashed and a large piece of wing was leaning against the house. This was about 100 yards from the crash site. His mother was in a state of shock. She'd been standing by the front window ironing when she heard a very loud unrecognisable noise. Using her knowledge of wartime procedures she moved to stand in the centre doorway of the cottage which is the strongest part of the cottage. The window where she had been standing ironing at the front of the house was shattered. She was shocked but unhurt.

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IN DAMASCUS VILLAGES

THIRTY YEARS OF CHANGE Daria Stimpson

Within the 30+ years from 1780 to 1811 important events took place that changed the face of Drayton forever.

THE GREAT FIRE OF 1780

Have you ever wondered why there are not many thatched houses in Drayton? Fire was quite a common occurrence in those days but in April 1780 Drayton suffered a "disastrous" fire which started when a householder near the Wheatsheaf put out some hot ashes on a very windy day which resulted in the whole of the High Street right down to Elms Close Cottage, being destroyed. Everything - houses, barns and equipment - was lost. It was such a disastrous fire that a National Appeal was launched to help rebuild the lost houses. We have research in the shape of an old edition of the Drayton Chronicle which makes very interesting reading. Two houses still have charred beams. Pink stones maybe seen in the grey stones walls of the High Street which indicate the intensity of the fire on those walls.

THE ENCLOSURE ACT OF 1811

Drayton is one of the few parishes which still possesses its Act. Here we see how strips were taken away and fields were created by surrounding them with hedges, as we see them today. There were winners but many losers!!

With maps and schedules of the time it is possible to see exactly who lived where and who farmed what. If you would like to study the maps and other documents relating to the above events then come along to St Peter's church during the History Weekend to see them and many other historical documents.

History Weekend: 29 June to 01 July

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DRAYTON VILLAGE SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 16th JUNE
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The **July Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday, 29 June 2007** from **Margaret Armstrong, 1 Crabtree Lane (531122)**, who should be contacted by any Agents requiring copies additional to their allocation.

The Editor will be **David Lee, 15 Corneville Road (202699)**. Contributions should be emailed to the editor or placed in the Chronicle letter box (outside Vickery's shop on Drayton Green) or sent to Vickery's at 5 The Green, Drayton, Abingdon, OX14 4JA **to arrive no later than 5.15 pm on Monday, 18 June 2007.**

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

THE SUBSEQUENT THREE MONTHS		
Issue for	Copy for publication and return of Agents Lottery Packs needed by Monday:	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Friday:
August	17 July 2007	27 July 2007
September	14 August 2007	24 August 2007
October	18 September 2007	28 September 2007

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. The best is by **email** to the relevant editor. These contributions should either be embedded in your email as **plain text** or attached as a **rich-text** or **Microsoft Word** document; we do not have all word processing packages! When using email make sure the editor acknowledges your contribution within 2 or 3 days. The editors' email addresses are:

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

2. As a **good quality, fairly large, simple black typescript, without underlining** on white A4 paper or smaller. Our optical character recognition software can read typescripts accurately, but not if the typeface is elaborate or small.

3. 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.

It can be a great help if paper items are left in the box a few days before the closing date.

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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Daphne Samworth, Hon Promoter

RESULTS OF THE MAY LOTTERY

Prize	Ticket	Winner	Agent
£25	1586	S Smith, 13 Binning Close	Ann Hutchins
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£15	0084	Mrs Davies, Bay Tree House, S Wick	Julie Brown
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£10	1740	Mrs Sadler, 11 Lockway	Jenny Pooley
£10	1380	Mrs Purrott, 58 Steventon Road	Jackie Walker
£10	0394	B Hamilton, Sutton Wick Barn, S Wick	Beryl Dawson
£10	2295	Mr Wilson, Peewit Farm, Drayton Rd Sutton Courtenay	Claire Soper
£10	1385	Mrs Owens, 80 Steventon Road	Jackie Walker
£10	2471	A Beacroft, The Holt, Sutton Wick Lane	Jean Oliver
The winning tickets were drawn by customers and staff of the Wheatsheaf from the 2355 tickets sold			

CHRONICLE NEWS

CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED URGENTLY

Again we need to find new Chronicle Co-ordinator. I have recently been appointed as a House for Duty Priest in the village of Greenfield, which is part of the Anglican Saddleworth Team in the Diocese of Manchester and Peter and I will therefore be leaving here in mid July. We will miss Drayton but we shall be letting our home because we intend to return in 3/4 years time.



The Chronicle Coordinator's job is an important one and one that is very enjoyable. It involves contact with people and keeping an overview of our operations. It requires some computer skills, but nothing too complicated. **PLEASE**, if you would like to know more contact me, or if you know of someone who you know would do the job well, get them to contact me, or tell me and I'll do the asking! All members of the team are fantastic and do their respective jobs brilliantly. It is a job that I can recommend.

PLEASE NOTE, ESPECIALLY ADVERTISERS!

We now have a new Advertising Manager, Stephen Fearnley and we hope soon to have a new Coordinator, changing the Chronicle contact addresses yet again. To help our advertisers and other postal correspondents Lawrence Vickery has very kindly agreed to put any Chronicle post that he receives at his shop into the Chronicle Letter Box.

So, in future please can all **postal** correspondence for the Chronicle be sent to The Drayton Chronicle, c/o A.L.Vickery & Son, 5 The Green, Drayton, OX14 4JA, labelled for the attention of **either** the Editor **or** the Advertising Manager. Of course, any paper communication can still be placed directly into the Chronicle box outside Vickery's during shop hours (Mon-Sat 9.00am-5.30pm) thus saving postage. We are very grateful to Lawrence for all his varied support of the Drayton Chronicle, including his monthly advert!

Jean Barton

EDITOR'S NOTE

We are very sad to be losing Jean after a relatively short time as our coordinator. She has walked in the footsteps of Harry Bisby and Geoff Long with great distinction and we wish her all the best for her new job in Greenfield

Derek Pooley

YOUR LETTERS

Dear Sir,

After a courageous year-long fight with cancer my dear husband Robert passed away, at home, on 12th May. Through the Chronicle, I would like to express my most sincere thanks to my dear neighbours and acquaintances in Sutton Wick Lane who gave me and my daughters such quiet and understanding support during this time. I would also like to say how much I appreciated the help, advice and time which our MP Ed Vaisey gave to my husband, to thank our Community Nursing Team who gave Robert such understanding nursing and to pay tribute to the total dedication given to Robert by his allotted Nurse from the Marie Curie Cancer Care Service – this is indeed a wonderful organisation.

Jeanette Anderton

Dear Editor,

Dorothy Dewe 1920 to 2007

I and family would like to thank those who sent cards and letters and the people who filled St Peter's Church at the thanksgiving service on May 4th. Special thanks to Josie, Parish Priest, and Peter Barton, Lay Reader, and Tonk's, funeral directors

God bless you all

Bill Dewe

Dear Editor

May we, through the Chronicle, say a big thank you to Janet and Glenn Woolley at the Red Lion for holding a darts knockout in memory of our son Anthony Belcher. Also we would like to thank Marion & Geoff Dix, Matthew's, Vickery's shop and all the people who donated prizes and who played. We raised £132 for Marcham Road Hospital

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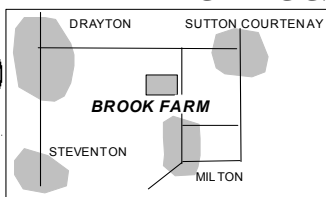
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Dear Editor

The Collection for the Children's Society this year in parts of Binning Close, Haywards Road, Lockway, Steventon Road and Whitehorns Way raised £93.00.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

Doreen Bourne

Dear Editor,

As far as the proposed inland sea is concerned my greatest loss would be the view of distant hills and trees. This would be replaced by a scrubby, featureless 25-metre-high embankment a mere 800 metres from my windows. From David Boyd's letter in the April Chronicle it now seems the vandals at Thames Water want to put another one (an embankment) along this side of the A34! The excuse is that this would hide all the ugliness of the reservoir and the traffic. What? With the same ugliness; but closer? No thanks!

It just sounds like a convenience for Thames Water to me. Anyone who thinks these embankment/bund walls will be lovely tree covered mini Dovedales needs to wake up to some commercial reality. I predict that none of the "envisioned" amenity features will get beyond the pretty pictures of the consultation stage. Go and look at Staines - I expect they were promised parkland too!

Yours,

Alan Bourne

Letters to the Editor

The Editor reserves the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter. Every letter must bear a legible name & address - and a telephone number if possible.

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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Minister in Training and Choir
 Mrs Rosie Bruce.....525284
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Organist Mr Adrian Thompson.....01865 714801

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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sunday 10.00 am Pebbles (every 3 weeks) *Church Room*
 Monday 7.45 pm Bell Ringing Practice *Bell Tower*
 Fridays 6.30 pm Choir Practice (fortnightly) *Church Room*

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Sat 2nd 10.00 am Sale of Fair Trade Goods *Church*
 Sun 3rd 11.15 pm Sale of Fair Trade Goods *Church*
 Tues 5th 3.00 pm First Tuesday Connections *Church Room*

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

22nd April William John Henry Tyler

Funerals

3rd May Alexandrina Isabella (Rina) Robertson
 4th May Dorothy May Dewe
 8th May Queenie Elizabeth White

Burial of Ashes

4th May Robert William Richardson

YOU STAY - WE PRAY - for JUNE

27 May – 2 June: High Street; Chiers Drive; Cheers Farm; Halls Close. 3 - 16 June: Lockway; Whitehorns Way. 17 - 23 June: Corneville Road; Crabtree Lane; Lesparre Close. 24 - 30 June: Drayton Road; Milton Road; New Cut Mill; Fisher Close; Marcham Road; Meads Close; Rippington Court; Stone Hill

LETTER FROM REV JOSIE MIDWINTER

Dear Friends

What makes a town or village a community? It is not difficult to answer that question because a community seems to be a natural way in which we live out our lives. Some people like the hustle and bustle of a town or city; some prefer the quieter, slower pace of life in a village or rural area. But in either case there needs to be points of contact between people - in shops, pubs, clubs, churches and other public places. We are very fortunate in Drayton to have a good variety of such places where people can meet and talk and exchange views - in other words make community.

The history of any place gives roots to the community and here in Drayton and the surrounding villages we have much to value. The Damascus Group is organising a History Weekend which will cover all 5 villages; Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon. Each church will have displays of historical material and interesting facts about the history of that village. Our Drayton display will include the Great Fire of Drayton in 1780, the Enclosure Act in 1811 and Living History, featuring memories from older inhabitants. We will also have some of the parish registers from the Berkshire Records Office. ➔



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➔ This will all take place over the weekend of 29th June to 1st July in St Peter's church. See the advert on the back page of this Chronicle, and there is a booklet with full details available from the church price 50pence. All the proceeds of the weekend will be divided between the churches involved.

It is good to look back and appreciate our past, but it is also important to look forward and plan for the ongoing future for our village. It is very fitting that the following Saturday on 7th July we will have the second of our Community Days based at the Village Hall. This is an opportunity to celebrate the good things happening now in the village. We have much to be proud of in Drayton as we have some very lively organisations: Drayton Players, the Damascus Group Youth Zone, Brownies, Football Club and other sports groups, WI, Drayton Wives, Sequence Dancing..... it goes on and on. We also have a very good school in the village and they will be participating both in the History Weekend and the Community Day. The church and the school will also be working together for the Village Summer Fete on Saturday 16th June.

Yes, community is important for everyone in the village, but we should not be too complacent and just pat our selves on the back. Community takes involvement and effort. It takes a willingness to 'roll up one's sleeves' and get involved. This is a very important part of the Christian understanding of community; that we love and serve one another. Not just for what we can get out of it, but so that we make others feel involved and included. Drayton, like every other village is in danger of losing some of its valuable community experience for lack of leaders and volunteers. We do all live a busy life, but even in that busy-ness we need to find time to support and develop our community. The opportunity is there during June and July to make the most of our community by supporting and encouraging the above events and just getting involved.

Josie Midwinter

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

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

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

LOCAL METHODIST WORSHIP

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Sunday Service: 10.30 am

Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS Jean Hager

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 5th June and 3rd July. If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.



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We extend a warm welcome to Robin and Chris Downie and their three children Georgia, Olivia and Hannah who have moved into Church Lane from Australia.

DRAYTON HALL

Ann Webb

The extra meeting on 23rd April was a little better attended and many topics were discussed and approved.

Over the next few weeks you will see a few changes to the Hall, new doors will greet you, these are to be the new entry and exit doors and the kitchen door will become a fire-exit-style door. The front door will be green coated and metal framed and will be set at the opening of the porch, this door will have built in openers to hold the doors when open.

The custom-built cupboards to be built in the small hall and room off are to store bowls equipment, WI, Brownies and Youth Zone property. The small room will then become all Players storage, the Toddlers will gain the under stage cupboards and the Dance group will gain space vacated by Bowls on the stage. A slot will be made in the cupboards for 3 new blue topped tables and the original chairs that are bent and put to one side, will be replaced with new folding chairs, These will be stored on a trolley and will match the tables having blue comfort fit backs.

Our secretary Sheila will be missing for a while, she is undergoing treatment and we wish her a speedy return to us.



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THIS SPACE - - and more besides - - could have been filled by something you wrote. Just drop your contribution into the Chronicle Box at Vickery's (See 'Notes for Contributors' on page 2 of this and every Chronicle)

FIFTY YEARS FROM THE CRASH Judy Henman

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The plane was heading for the aerodrome going low over the fields at the back of Webb's farm when one of its wings clipped some elm trees. (It was running low on fuel; it was alleged at a later date that mechanics had fitted a valve back to front and it wasn't letting fuel through). The jolt turned the plane at right angles on a collision course to the bungalows and farm. First in line was a caravan owned by Mr. James (now of Marcham Road), he and his wife were out at work. Next in line was a pre-fab where the Binnington family lived. Mrs Binnington was at home, dealing with the electric-meter reader and both of them were killed outright. The house was demolished completely. Next to the pre-fab was a cottage where Mr. & Mrs. Stanton lived. Mrs. Stanton was injured but not seriously. The plane cartwheeled and ended up with its tail on the roof of the farmhouse.

The pilot was badly burnt and lost an ear. Seventeen people were killed, 15 R.A.F. and two civilians. Many of the dogs were killed, others were shot, one lady kept one as a pet. (The others were mad with fear) There were rumours that the pilot was thrown into a cow trough to put out the flames on him. The co-pilot was found to be dead on the veranda at the farm.

Maurice's pet cat disappeared that day never to return. Nobody enquired about the part of the wing in Maurice's garden. The pilot was often seen in Drayton with terrible facial scars. He was befriended by Mrs. Beverley Smith (not her real name but named because she claimed to be first on the scene after the crash and being W.V.S. she was a great help). She was later awarded The Oak Leaf for her services.

Mr Eric Webb saved three of the crew by pulling them from the wreckage. He and Phil Richards threw Vic Hurring, the pilot, into a horse trough to put out the flames on him.

Mr Webb was later awarded The British Empire Medal and The Industrial Heroism Medal for his bravery.

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ALL AROUND

ART GROUP

Eric Curtis

Despite the inclement weather, the Drayton Art Group annual exhibition and sale held on 12th May was attended by the usual number of people, many of whom commented on the high standard of our paintings. We appreciate those who showed an interest in our efforts by attending, also the help given by many to make the event a success. Special thanks must go to Brian Moylan and Geoff Samworth: Brian for the loan of his display screens without which the show could not go ahead and Geoff for the wonderful array of plants he donated. Tombola prizes for those not present at the draw were set aside and have by now been delivered.

DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

A last reminder of the Oxfordshire Drama Network Festival taking place at the Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon 4 – 9 June. The entry in which members of the Players are taking part is on Wednesday 6th June and it will be one of three short (half-hour) one-act plays to be performed that evening (curtain up 7.30 pm). Further information can be obtained from Deidre Jones (527865) or tickets will be available at the door. As each play is followed immediately by a constructive and helpful adjudication, this promises to be a very interesting experience. I attended last year and found it most absorbing, so why not go along and see for yourselves?

More about The Importance of Being Earnest (to be staged in late September) in due course.

DRAYTON WIVES

Pam Lacey

Many members attended the AGM when Georgie stood down as Chairman and Eve took the helm for the coming year. Ann Hutchins is to be our new secretary. Following the official business the members took part in a very amusing Quiz and the meeting ended with a scrumptious tea of cream and jam scones.

Dates for your Diary in JUNE

Mon	4th	COFFEE	Pam Lacey, 15 Whitehorns Way
Mon	18th	WHIST	Pat Hoyland, Caudwell D.C.
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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Pearl Stanbridge

The branch will be supporting the History Weekend in St Michael's Church Steventon at the end of the month so we hope members will be supporting this event

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 18th June at 8pm.

W.I.

Brenda Malin

Our well-attended May meeting incorporated two aspects of the W.I. - The Institute's Commitment to the Community and the Education and Recreation for Country Women. This of course now includes all women, not just in country areas, and possibly in this politically correct era, men as well, need-less to say we have had few inquiries!

After receiving the good news that Doreen was home from hospital and hopefully will be able to join us very soon at our meetings. We agreed - Resolution 2007, only one this year - 'To Oppose the Closure of Community Hospitals'. This resolution was unanimously upheld and will be presented at the W.I. AGM in June at The Albert Hall before an audience of between five to six thousand ladies. It may not be known to all our readers but the W.I. is the largest women's group in the country and is often invited by the Government to participate in departmental debates on various subjects, such as the proposed closure of community hospitals. Keep Britain Tidy, a well known campaign, was part instigated by the W.I.

Business over, we settled down to enjoy an evening of 'OWLS'. I do not know what we were expecting but we were enthralled and privileged to have not one but three beautiful birds just a few feet from us; an American Horned Owl, with no horns just feathers which look like horns, a magnificent Barn Owl and a delightful Little Owl.

These wonderful creatures were introduced by Chrissie Harper with a wealth of knowledge and humour. All the owls are rescued, some hand reared from rescued owls. What was very sad is the fact that most barn owls are killed by cars within a year of fledgling; another reason to cut our speed.

Our next meeting on Thursday 14th June is on Aromatherapy. Please feel free to join us in the small hall at 7.30pm.

MORE ALL AROUND

TODDLERS

Jane Nye

First, a quick mention about our successful Pampered Chef Evening which took place at the end of April. The event was well attended by mums who tucked into some tasty food, enjoyed a glass of wine and watched a demonstration of a variety of cooking utensils. We will let you know how much this event raised for our toddler funds very shortly. Our thanks to Anna and Ali for organizing the evening.

We are all hoping for good weather on **Thursday 14th June** as once again we toddle along for the **Barnardo's Toddle in Beale Park** in Reading. This is a half a mile sponsored walk which will help to raise money for both the Barnardo's children's charity and for our own toddler group funds. Those who take part will receive a medal and refreshments afterwards. Once the Toddle is over, there will be plenty of time to explore the park, have a train ride, look at the animals and play in the sand pit. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch, sunhats, sun cream and plenty of fluids. For more details about meeting times, to collect a sponsor forms or to sponsor any of our children, please call in to the Village Hall on Thursday mornings.

Our next fun day will be at **Cuttleslow Park on Thursday 28th June**. Make sure you get your tickets from toddler group ahead of the day. The event takes place from 10 am to 3 pm with a variety of stands, animals and activities for all to enjoy.

Please note that the normal toddler group sessions will be cancelled on the 14th and 28th June as the majority of our members will be at the above events.

Looking ahead, plans are in motion for our Toddler fun day in October. Watch this space for more details of what will be on offer this year! We will need lots of volunteers to help out with cake making, the raffle and other activities.

Don't forget we will be running our toddler session during the summer holidays in the **Village Hall** as usual, **9.30 -11.00 am**, older siblings are welcome!

We look forward to seeing you again soon and sharing stories about what you get up to in the holiday over a coffee and an orange juice!

PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Debbie Bargus

We have continued to watch the tadpoles develop, no frogs yet though!! We now also have very, very small caterpillars. We will be monitoring their progress and watching them develop.

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's AGM, we have successfully elected a new committee to take us into the next school year. A big thank you to all the outgoing members and a big welcome to all the incoming ones.

The Barnados Sponsored Toddle is on Wednesday 14th June at Beale Park, this is a great day out for all and a good fun way to raise money for Barnados and Preschool. Our staff will also join in and there are no Preschool sessions on that day. For more info please ask at Preschool.

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We have morning and afternoon sessions available, morning sessions start at 9am and finish at 11.30am. Afternoons start at 12.30pm until 3pm. We also offer a lunch club which runs from 11.30am to 12.30pm. For more details please call 01235 536094.

There is an easy way to help our fundraising, if you order goods via the internet, you can register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk You choose a charity, we are on the list, then when you buy online from major companies like Amazon, Next, Play.com, Churchill Insurance, AA, Woolies, Ebay and The Book People. They give a percentage to us at no extra cost to you.

Also coming up: Wed 25th July – Teddy Bears Picnic, all new, present and past families welcome, a great way to finish for the summer holidays.

SCHOOL REPORT

Anita Hedditch

School welcomes two new starters to the lower unit, Arun Parkin and Laurie Gill. The lower unit also welcomes Teaching Student Louise Stewart for her placement. She has already had the children producing some wonderful art pieces in pastels and felt collage. One of their learning topics is making sandwiches, growing their own beans and making fruit salad - healthy eating options. They are also learning some country dancing, no doubt to be demonstrated in the parents' assembly.

Years 1 and 2 in Science are exploring plants by drawing what they found and documenting where they found them. Their studies have now extended to mini-beasts, examining them under a magnifier, drawing them and then letting them go. Year 2 are undertaking their SATs tests, with a teacher emphasis on minimal stress on the children. After the term break they will begin their swimming sessions, joining the current years 3 and 4.

Years 3 and 4 are being nature detectives by working on improving the school grounds. They have discovered a good food source for house sparrows in the wild area and have a challenge to make a bird houses to encourage the birds into the grounds while offering protection from predators.

They have had an interesting school trip to Sutton Courtenay Nature reserve, finding out about sustainability. The group was very pleased to be placed at the top of the leader board for the least amount of waste/packaging in their lunchboxes. The children have also visited St Peters church whilst exploring places of worship.

Year 5 and 6 are back into school routine after their Yenworthy trip; emphasis since has been on the coming SATs - good luck to you all. After the exams the children will be delving into sports activities including Cricket and athletics. Year 6 will join in a Junior Citizen event at Upper Heyford at the end of the month.

The cycle sheds are now open; so many children cycled on the day that there was not enough room for all the bicycles. The day included a time rally devised by members of the School Council Team. There are some real 'demons' as far as speed goes within the school at all ages. The final sum raised at the sponsored walk was over £900. This has been utilised for the paths to and from the cycle shed. It is good to see the number of children cycling to school has remained consistently higher since the event.

The next fundraising event has been initiated from a member of the school who is a concerned member of the RSPB. It will be an event to raise money to help protect the wonderful albatross from untimely death as a result of line fishing. The statistics are that an albatross dies every 5 minutes and their numbers are rapidly declining. The RSPB is raising money to educate fishermen and provide flags to frighten the birds away from their boats. Watch this space!

BOWLS CLUB

Roll up

While our last notes reflected a success story, these are not in the same vein. Firstly a team from the Bowls club were beaten by Grove in the quarter final of the 'Knock-Out Cup' and, in the champions play off against Challow Cricket Club, the Hammers lost by one shot. It went down to the last wood of the match.

With some brighter news, the 'Henry Bunce Handicap Pairs' was played on the 29th April, and the winning pair was Jean Mullins and Jan Cook who beat Ivy Harrison and John Goodacre in the final. The Wednesday 'Rose Bowl triple league' as been completed and the winning team were Tony Mullins, Fred Long, and David Pimm, who will go through to finals day on December 9th to play the Monday winners who have yet to be decided, with this league still having 5 weeks to run.

The club will be entering two teams in the summer triple league and these matches will get under way the second week in June. The next internal competition will be 'The Ladies' verses Gents, to be held on 20th May, and after setbacks the last two years the Gents are looking to put things right, but we're sure the Ladies will have something to say about this.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Derek Messenger. Derek was a very popular and keen member of the bowls club and played in many of the league teams over the years; he will be sadly missed by all his many friends at the club. Our thoughts at this time are with June and her family.

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on the 20th of June in the main hall

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

John Gould

We have now finished what was a very successful league season in our 21st year of league tennis. The main success was by the C Team that won Division 3 and reached the Handicap shield semi-final. Captained by Roy Stocker, the team of Shaun Collins, Kevin Davies & David Hudson won their last match against runners up Sutton C to clinch the title. David Hudson also won the Division 3 'Most wins' trophy. The D team is Runner Up in Division 4 and the E team (in their 1st season) finished off the bottom with three very good wins. The A team ended Division 1 in 3rd place having led the League for a long time; our A team's best ever finish. The B team had a great finish, winning their last three games to leapfrog into the Runners Up spot after it seemed they would have to settle for 3rd place. Karl Bushell was the top Senior winning 41 of 42 matches for a 98% finish and Robert Hudson won our top Junior award on 73%.

We consider the Alan Bachrach Trophy to be our most prestigious. Given in memory of our late Chairman and founder member it is awarded to the person that goes that extra yard to support the club and teams during the season. This year it has been awarded to Brian Hunt in his 1st season with the club. He took on the captaincy of the E team in difficult circumstances and ensured they made it to every match and, more than that, enjoyed themselves. He is a regular at practice and a fine example to us all.

On Sunday 13th May we held our 15th Club Closed Tournament at the School. This was an excellent day with most participants playing at least 10 matches. On normal match days we play 4 matches so you can tell a lot of extra effort was required.

Our Senior Singles Champion is Nicole Hunt who, at 14 years old, became the first female to win the event. Nicole beat Martin Honey in a tense final. The Junior Champion is Luke Hunt who is Nicole's elder brother. Nicole was runner up. Tony Krasan and Luke Hunt, who defeated David Hudson and Allan Lovelock in the final, won the Doubles event. The Plate Final for the early rounds losers was the closest of all the events going to the fifth set. It was a real battle, likened to a game of chess. John Gould emerged victorious, overcoming Roy Stocker to take the consolation crown. The Best Performance award went to David Hudson who, despite a broken toe, limped through 11 matches with very little sympathy and a lot of bad jokes! ➔

➔ The Club AGM is at The Red Lion on Monday 11th June and anyone interested in playing Ping Pong can come along and meet with us. The Didcot League AGM is on Wednesday 20th June at British Rail Social Club. The League trophies will be presented on the night and we will have plenty of recipients.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Jennifer Pooley

Report of the Parish Council meeting held
on Monday 14th May

The May meeting is usually the Parish Council's AGM, when the Council Chairman is elected for the coming year and membership of the various committees and working groups and who shall chair them is decided. However, in the absence of one member of the already depleted Council and also of the holidaying Parish Clerk it was decided to postpone these formalities until next meeting.



Several members of the public were at the meeting, some of whom have shown interest in being co-opted onto the Council. There is a serious lack of Council members and we should really appreciate more volunteers coming forward to serve the village.

The future of the Village Green was the most important matter under discussion, and in the light of some recent changes in highway planning regulations a meeting is planned between an OCC Highways' engineer and current Council Chairman, Daniel Scharf and Dr. Chris Fursdon Davis. Chris has been much exercised in the past about the proposed changes to the Green's layout and he and Daniel hope to discuss safety issues with the engineer and whether it is indeed necessary to change the layout.

Richard Webber and his team have well-in-hand plans for the Community Day on Saturday July 7th, and are arranging some extra activities to interest all ages this year. Richard would be very grateful for any raffle prizes, especially if you can offer something a bit special.

Those whose interest is in gardening may be encouraged to know that all of the village allotments have been let except for one. The last available plot needs to be cleared of weeds (weed killer is supplied) and can be rented free of charge for the first year, details from the allotment agent, Linda Butler.

Unfortunately the DAMASCUS bus is not touring the villages at the moment as there is nobody to drive it. This is a great loss to all the villages as the work being done by those involved with the young people has been greatly valued.

By the time you read this the Beating of the Parish Bounds walk will be in the past. But walkers may like to know that one path included in the walk has recently been made usable through our Vicar's efforts. Josie Midwinter successfully persuaded the OCC's Environment Dept. to clear the hitherto impassable footpath between the B4016 (opposite the turn to Milton) and Oday Hill. The Parish Council has been trying for two years to get the work done, but apparently Vicars have clout that Councils lack!

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 4th June at 7.45pm in the Caudwell Day Centre. All are welcome to attend and there is opportunity for members of the public to raise issues that concern them.

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WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey



It's a bit ironic, but at one of the busiest times in politics, Parliament is quite quiet. As Tony Blair departs, and Gordon Brown prepares to take over, there is not much going on in the House of Commons. Of course, the reason is obvious. There is no point in putting forward new legislation while we are waiting for a new Prime Minister. Also, with the long summer recess looming, most of the business is focused on the final stages of Bills that started going through Parliament last autumn.

One big issue that will affect most people reading this column is the introduction of Home Information Packs on June 1st. They have caused a great deal of alarm amongst members of the public and those involved in the industry. Although the scheme is well intentioned, it simply has not been well thought through in my view. Key components such as the Home Condition Report, effectively an old fashioned survey of the building, will not be mandatory. As a result all we are left with is an ineffective shell of bureaucratic legislation, making the process of buying and selling houses more complicated and expensive than it already is. Added to this is the inadequate number of trained 'Home Inspectors' and the fact that the Government is rushing this legislation through, this could all lead to unnecessary chaos hitting our housing market this summer.

One of the most vocal groups in my constituency are cyclists. Since I started cycling to Westminster when I am in London, I have huge sympathy for their complaints. Parliament is being lobbied to make sure rail and cycling is more integrated, and I agree - there are very few facilities for bikes on trains, and almost nowhere to keep them at a station. I was shocked to learn the other day that Parliament has no cycle storage facilities - none at all - for people who visit Parliament. My visitor was told to park at St Thomas's hospital across Westminster Bridge!

I have been told that Thames Water's application for a reservoir has been delayed. This is because they must first go through a procedure required by Ofwat to consult on water needs for the future. This happens every five years. It is not all good news though. Having gone through this procedure, it means their application for a reservoir (if they proceed with it) will be heard more quickly.

With best wishes

Ed Vaizey

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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Webber

The Election – for the last time!

First, I must thank 503 residents of Drayton for voting for me. I also want to thank the 250 or so who supported other candidates. With a 43% turnout, we were well above average for the Vale. The fact remains, however, that rather less than one elector in three actually voted for me and I would very much like to persuade/ cajole/encourage many more to become engaged with local issues in the future. Whilst canvassing, I was struck by the number of households with children no longer living at home but on the electoral role in Drayton. Young people move around and are busy; it takes some organisation and forethought to arrange postal or proxy votes for them. It is possible to apply for a permanent postal vote, which lasts for as many elections as you wish, until the elector wishes to cancel it. If we are to engage young people in the electoral process, we need to make it as accessible as possible. The website www.aboutmyvote.co.uk gives details of all the postal and proxy options currently available. May I suggest that, while elections are in the mind, a very useful service that a parent can do for their busy adult offspring, is to ensure that they are not disenfranchised when away from home.



How to keep in contact?

'The trouble with you people is that we only see you at election time.' It is a fair point. If people don't see what you are doing, they think you are not doing it! Since first being elected in 2005, I have been visited by less than 20 people at my once-a-month Saturday surgeries. This does not seem a good use of time – so how should I keep in contact?

There are 863 front doors in Drayton. For a trial 12 months, I am proposing to visit every door. If no-one is in after three attempts, I will leave a calling card. I hope that in this way, I can hear about the concerns of everyone – there is certainly no substitute for speaking to people.

However, if you have an urgent concern I can be contacted by phone on 534001, by fax to 523374 or by email to info@RJW-online.co.uk. I will come round to see you at home if you wish, or you can come round to see me at Orchard Barn, Sutton Wick Lane, Drayton, OX14 4HJ. I will, of course, endeavour to keep everyone informed of current issues via the Chronicle each month.

'Kid's Motorbikes'!

One issue that raised its head a number of times whilst canvassing, was the issue of 'Kid's Motorbikes'. Now on the market, there are bikes capable of 40mph+, driveable by youngsters of almost any age (off road), and costing under £200.

Every normal 10-15 year old boy would fancy one, but I would ask parents to think very carefully before permitting their sons (or daughters) to have one. We have a number of areas in the village where these things are already causing a public nuisance. Youngsters with (and without) helmets are driving them too close to houses, revving up unnecessarily, and driving them where they are not allowed. Roads and bridleways are supposed to be off limits to these vehicles. It is a national problem, and is almost unpoliceable either by the police or by parents. There are serious accidents just waiting to happen. Whilst we wait for the government to address the issue, I would be very pleased to hear opinions for and against (perhaps in the Chronicle?).

And finally:

Planning for the second **Drayton Village Community Day** is well under way, with some extra surprises for people of all ages. Please put the date (Saturday July 7th 2007, 2pm – 8pm at Drayton Village Hall) into your diaries!

DRAYTON DIARY

FOR JUNE

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

Regular Events are listed opposite

Mon	4	7.45 pm	Parish Council	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
		evening	Damascus Youth Group (instead of the bus)	
Tues	5		Blood Donors Clinic	
Fri	8	5.30 pm	MP Ed Vaizey Surgery	<i>Didcot</i>
Sun	10	all day	Bowls Club	
Thurs	14	7.00 pm	Neighbourhood Action Group	
Mon	18	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery deadline	<i>Vickery's</i>
		5.15 pm	Chronicle copy deadline	<i>Vickery's box</i>
Fri	22	5.30 pm	MP Ed Vaizey Surgery	<i>Wantage</i>
Sat	23	9.00 am	District Councillor Richard Webber Surgery	
Thurs	28	7.30 pm	Drayton Youth Zone (until 9.00 pm)	

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MONDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys / girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys / girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Table Tennis Practice	<i>School</i>
7.45 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>

TUESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	<i>Church Room</i>
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Senior League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

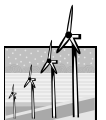
SUNDAYS

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

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