

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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Wednesday 11th July at 7.30 pm.

Meet at the pond

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Unsuitable for young children.

HISTORICAL NOTE

This weekend (29th June to 1st July) the parish churches of Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay & Steventon will be focusing on the history of their villages. To coincide with this, the Chronicle this month contains a four page reprint of the 1980 edition that commemorated the bicentenary of the Great Fire of Drayton which began on Sunday 16th April 1780

CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The **August Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday, 27th July 2007** from **Sue Powell-Jones, (535044)** who should be contacted by any Agents requiring copies additional to their allocation.

The Editor will be **Tony Holmes, 53 Whitehorns Way (531180)**. 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, 16th July 2007

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		
Chronicle Issue for	Copy for publication and return of Agents Lottery Packs needed by Monday:	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Friday:
September	13 August 2007	24 August 2007
October	17 September 2007	28 September 2007
November	15 October 2007	26 October 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. 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:

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

2. On a **3½" diskette**, in PC format, preferably as a Microsoft Word file. Please include your address if you want the disk returned to you.

3. As a **good quality, fairly large, simple black typescript, without underlining** on white A4 paper or smaller. Our optical character recognition software can read typescripts but only imperfectly, especially if the typeface is elaborate or small.

4. Any **hand-written items** are dictated directly to the computer or typed up by a willing team of typists. **Please write the names of people and places in capital letters.** This does save a lot of mistakes.

The Editor clears the box at Vickery's from time to time during the previous week. It can therefore be a great help if items are left in the box a few days before the closing date. Many contributors are indeed doing just that and it really does help. Thank you.

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£10	1038	P. Cline, 31 High Street.	Mary Alexander

The winning tickets were drawn by Members at the Drayton Wives Whist from the 2276 tickets sold

CHRONICLE NEWS

NEW CO - ORDINATOR

The Chronicle is delighted to announce that Gareth Davies has agreed to take over from Jean Barton as Chronicle Co-ordinator.

His duties begin in July, more details in the next issue

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

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Throughout the last fourteen years we have welcomed numerous customers through the door. Many new faces and many people who have shopped with us from day one. We also remember customers who are no longer with us; they may be gone but are not forgotten. We will not forget the many different characters, the laughter shared and the stories told.

A big thank you to everyone who have given us cards and presents. It means so much to us. We are also very grateful for those who stepped in to help when we needed it. You know who you are, your kindness means so much to us both.

Well, no more alarm clock going off at 3.45 a.m., no more penny sweets to count, no more papers to sort or shelves to stack, but many, many good and lasting memories to take with us into our retirement. We hope you give Chris and Alistair Luker as much encouragement and support as you have shown us.

Geoff and Marion Dix

Dear Editor

Alistair and Christine Luker at the newsagents would like to welcome all customers and we would also like to wish Marion and Geoff a happy retirement

Alistair and Christine Luker

Dear Editor,

On Wednesday 11th July at 7.30 pm, we are arranging an evening walk on the Millennium Green. The walk will be led by Rod D' Ayala who is a very interesting conservationist and ecologist. The main emphasis will be the pond where its' ecology and future management will be explained. We hope also to include the rest of the field. He is charging £60 so contributions will be welcome. It should be a valuable experience but will not be suitable for young children. We shall be pleased to meet you at the pond ready to start the talk at 7.30. Contact Gwen and Tony Price- Telephone 531205.

For users of the green, the upkeep of the Green, including the pond and the mowing, costs money. Without the help of the Parish Council and generosity of the friends of the Green it would soon deteriorate. Why not become a friend of the Green by making a regular small financial donation? This would ensure your Green's future. Contact: Nick Hamilton on 01235 559291.

Gwen and Tony Price

Dear Editor

Would the person who left their sun glasses on the Book Stall at the School Fete on Saturday 16th June, please ring 531476.

Daphne Barrand

Dear Editor

May I through the Chronicle, remind people of the village that there will be a Grand Sale on Saturday 14th July 2007 at Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane at 2pm. As some of the regular visitors know this years cause is the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and all proceeds go to them. We are nearing a total of £1000.00 raised for this charity so we would very much like to beat this and more. . Who knows when any one of us might be in need of such a professional service? You will all be very welcome on 14th!

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REGULAR SERVICES

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Mon - Fri	8.15 am	Morning Prayer (CW) in Lady Chapel
Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing	<i>Bell Tower</i>
Friday	6.30 pm	Choir Practice (fortnightly)	<i>Church Room</i>

CALENDAR FOR June/July

Sat 30th June	10.00 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods
Sun 1st July	11.15 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods
Tues 3rd July	3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections
Fri 29th June	10.00 am-4.00 pm	History Weekend
Sat 30th June	10.00 am-4.00 pm	History Weekend
Sun 1st July	12.00 am-4.00 pm	History Weekend

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism

22nd April	Tyler William John Heery
10th June	Leah Horton

Marriage

27th May	Christopher John Sabey Rachael Jennifer Kidd
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Funerals

23rd May	Terrance Sydney Duley
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Burial of Ashes

29th May	Dorothy Mary Dewe
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YOU STAY – WE PRAY

1st July – 14th July	Steventon Road, Eastway, Eastway MHP.
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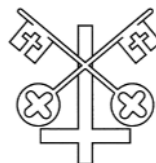
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LETTER FROM REV JOSIE MIDWINTER

Sir Alan Sugar has built up quite a reputation as a hard talking businessman who can sort out the successes from the failures in the business world. His programme 'The Apprentice' has given a number of young hopefuls a very challenging time to see if they can make the grade in the business world. Recently two candidates had to plan the redevelopment of a £120million project on London's South Bank - the winner to become his new apprentice for the coming year.

It is clear from the gospels that Jesus put a lot of trust in Peter and yet at first it is hard to see why. Peter was impetuous - the sort of person who jumped in with both feet and often ended up getting it wrong. This does not immediately seem like the sort of person you would want to head up a worldwide movement. Sir Alan Sugar would not even have put him on the shortlist. He would be looking for someone who had a clear head and strong management skills. Peter had none of these; he was a local fisherman with a loud mouth and a high temper.

So why did Jesus choose Peter from all the other people who were around? Despite his shortcomings Peter was the first to recognise Jesus as the Son of God, he was also the one who was prepared to get out of the boat and try walking on the water towards Jesus. In other words he was prepared to declare his faith in words and deeds.



The emblem of St Peter sums this up. The crossed keys and the upside-down cross both say something very important about the qualities that Peter brought to his Christian discipleship. Jesus told Peter that he would receive the 'keys of the kingdom'. This phrase has given rise to a number of jokes about Peter on duty at the Gates of Heaven, keys in hand, deciding who can come in -- and who stays out! Jesus is not referring to that kind of key, but the idea of a key as the knowledge which leads us to the heart of the Christian message. Peter has the 'key' because he understands the message of love that Jesus was preaching and this is what gives access to 'the kingdom' of eternal life. This leads to the cross. When Peter was condemned to death by the Roman authorities he asked to be crucified upside down because he did not feel worthy to die in the same way as Jesus.

Sir Alan may be able to pick people who can make their way in business - perhaps even become a millionaire. Jesus, however, is able to pick those who can make a far more lasting contribution to the world through love and faith and action. He challenged his disciples with these words:

'For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world but forfeit his life?' (Mark 8:36)

When it comes to the vote - my vote is for Peter.

He did not want to gain the world, but win the world with God's love.

On **Sunday 1st July** we will be celebrating **St Peter's Day** at the church; he was an ordinary man, chosen by Jesus to do his work, because he was prepared to forfeit the world to gain eternal life.

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

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 3rd July and 7th August. If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

DRAYTON FOOTPATHS

Josie Midwinter

This year for our May-time walk we wanted to include a boundary path which had become blocked by brambles and therefore impassable. Jenny Pooley, as the parish councillor in charge of footpaths, had been lobbying the county council to get it dealt with and assisted me to put extra pressure on the council to get it done. A splendid new bridge has now been built over the stream and on Friday 4th May council workers came and re opened a path alongside the blocked path. This meant we could walk it on the May-time walk on 19 May. You can also make use of the path from Drop Short across the field to the Oday Hill road.

REFERENCE ONLINE

Lucy Allwood

(Abingdon Library Manager)

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SUMMER FETE

Josie Midwinter & Claire Soper

The fete was opened at 2 pm by Richard Webber our District Councillor. This was followed by the crowning of the Summer Queen and some excellent maypole dancing by the school children. The Fete was well attended and only slightly damped by a downpour at 4pm!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fete and who came and spent their money. Over £2000 was raised - £300 of which was sponsorship money for either the Head teacher or the Vicar to be 'gunged'. In the event the Vicar gained the most sponsorship money and was duly 'gunged'!

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Maypole dancing at the Fete



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MORE NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

PROPOSED CHANGES TO VILLAGE GREEN – VILLAGE SURVEY

Chris Fursdon Davis

With sterling help from a number of those concerned about the matter, a door-to-door survey of opinion for or against the proposed changes to the Village Green was undertaken over a limited time span in the month of April.

Face to face contact with householders was inevitably very much less than complete due to people being out at the time of the visits etc, but we did achieve response from 423 households, which approximates to 45% of the total number of households in the village. This produced 724 individually offered and bona fida responses, which approximates to 40% of the electorate of the Village. Of those who did respond, 99.7% were opposed to the proposed changes and just 0.28% were in favour. Thus, projection of these figures leaves little doubt that more complete coverage of the Village would confirm an overwhelming sentiment of opinion against the proposed changes; this taking account of the observation that only an extremely small minority said that they did not wish to express an opinion. It should be added that a few people who had not been approached spontaneously sought a 'voting paper' to fill in, added to which a limited postal vote to the 'extremities' of the Village produced an approximate 30% response, which was unanimous in opposition to the changes.

The results of this survey were conveyed to DEFRA in response to its consultative process on behalf of the Parish Council concerning the legal requirement for exchange of pieces of Green for pieces of roadway, which, once accepted, would allow the proposed changes to go ahead.

As is clear, this very unsatisfactory matter is extremely tangled in the context of two Public Inquiries and an agreement between Drayton Parish Council and the Earl of Plymouth Estates, such that it is very difficult, but not impossible, to unravel in such a way as to produce a satisfactory outcome.

What is certain and most helpful is that the Village may reasonably be said to have made its feelings clear on the matter, and the strength, breadth and depth of feeling, along with rational interpretation, must certainly make some impression upon those who have responsibilities in the matter. To date, a letter from your MP to the County Council for clarification has, none too surprisingly, produced a response which is not only unhelpful but also, seemingly, uninformed.

This is unfortunate, as there can be little doubt that no more than a modest amount of common sense (please excuse the pun) could, with some concentration of minds, allow a way forward to an acceptable solution.

Finally, I should like to extend very special thanks to those who helped in this endeavour. For those interested, more detailed comment on the methodology of the survey has been lodged with the Parish Council.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Jennifer Pooley

As reported in May it was decided to postpone until June's meeting the election of the Council chairman and appointment of chair- persons and members of the various sub committees. Daniel Scharf was re-elected as Chairman and the committees are to be chaired as follows: Finance by Robin Butler, Planning by Heather Morrison, General Purposes by Melanie Parker and Rights of way & Conservation by Jenny Pooley.



A new member, Brian Purbrick, was co-opted to the Council which was encouraging, and there is a possibility that a second volunteer will join us shortly. That would bring our number up to seven out of our permitted number of eleven. The larger the Council the more easily responsibilities can be shared and the more effective we can be. So again we would ask that others might seriously consider offering to serve for a term.

Daniel Scharf and Chris Fursdon Davis recently met with a representative from the County Council to consider again the proposed alterations to the north side of the village green. The outcome of their discussion was not encouraging for those who are keen that the layout of the green remains as it is, and it seems likely that when eventually houses are built on the Earl of Plymouth's land behind Manor Farm the green will be changed.

More encouraging news is that Melanie Parker reported that the recent monthly Youth Zone meeting was well attended and a great success. About forty young people are now registered although not all attend every session.

The Council has been asked by a village resident to consider installing an extra street light in one particular spot. The Council would like to know if other residents would welcome extra lights anywhere in the village. The Council would have to pay for installation and also realises that more lighting in a rural area is not always appropriate nor welcomed by residents.

We should also like feedback about residents' experience in using the recycling centre, especially if you have noticed any particular problems e.g. queuing, parking, using the escape route etc.

Two matters to highlight again are, firstly, that **there is still one allotment available to rent** and anyone interested should contact the **allotment warden, Linda Butler, on 01235 531212**. It would certainly be good to see all the allotments in use. Secondly, it would be good to have a new member on the Council who has a particular interest in conservation. Failing that we should welcome some advice from someone who might suggest possible small projects we might undertake to enhance the village environment. So if you are a conservation enthusiast please make yourself known.

The **next meeting** of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 2nd July at 7.45pm** in the Caudwell Day Centre and all are welcome to attend.

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WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey

For MP's, the long summer recess is just around the corner. It is the one time of the year when we are not tied to the Westminster village and so I will be able to spend a lot more time in the constituency. I could not be happier about this - not because I dislike the rigour of day to day life in Parliament, but I will have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of the Oxfordshire countryside. Oxfordshire, I recently learnt, has over 2,600 miles of footpaths open for the public to enjoy. In fact there is a group called the Countryside Access Forum, who help to improve and extend access to the countryside for residents, visitors and tourists for generations to come. The Ridgeway is now closed to 4x4s, and so there are huge opportunities to enjoy the peace and the spectacular views. I recently met with the Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Trust, who showed me how much work is going on in local farms to ensure that nature has the chance to thrive. The countryside is the great natural resource of our area. In addition to providing tourist income from day visitors to local attractions such as the Ridgeway and the Didcot Railway Museum (the most popular tourist site in Oxfordshire apart from Blenheim Palace), tourism also supports many independent businesses - from B&B's to Farms. However, the countryside is coming under threat from development. I met with the local branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, who expressed their concerns - shared by many people - about the reservoir, increased housing development and mineral extraction. I am very alive to all these issues. I am committed to ensuring that the countryside is not thrown away, like so much is in the modern world. And I am glad to see that many other MP's are equally concerned. I hope everyone will enjoy the countryside over the summer, but do so with respect.

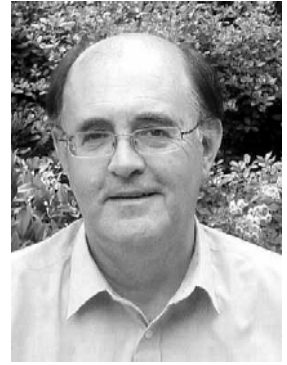


DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Webber

Village Community Day

I hope you will have been unable to miss the front page advertisement for this, our second Community Day. Developing what was good about our first attempt - free Pig Roast. all activities and businesses represented, football for the young etc. plus improvements this year - play areas, bouncy castle, free driving lessons for 16yr olds, raffle, hot and cold food, music, Maypole dancing etc.



This year's highlight will be a FUN BIKE RIDE (about 1.5 miles) with a pause at the A34 bridge to look over the proposed Reservoir site - the Press will be there.

Show you care - be there!

Reservoir

The Government has a new Statutory Water Resource Management Planning process which (according to the Environment Agency) 'will ensure that the issues over the justification of need for a major new source of water can be properly assessed and answered' - it sounds as though people in high places may be listening to the remarkable unanimity of concerns over the process expressed by Parish, District and County Councils. We must wait to see if the system will allow the evidence provided under the New Water Resources Plan for need to be properly and impartially tested.

What cannot be denied is that much of the time and money (ours) spent on TWs Stage 1 'Consultation / Selling Exercise' looks to have been wasted. Not an auspicious start for a new process!

Keeping in touch

In the absence of any objections, I will not be holding a surgery in July. As explained in the last issue, I am intending to begin door to door visiting. It has been suggested that a once every six months (say) public meeting / forum at the Hall would be a good idea. Here people could ask for information on what the VWHDC is doing about any issue and exchange views on major local issues such as Reservoirs, Greens, Traffic etc. I propose to try this in September - details in the next Chronicle.



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ALL AROUND

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The branch will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of formation on Sunday 16th September at 1.30pm with a Parade and service in St Michael's and All Angel's church, Steventon at 2pm so members make this a day to show your support and come along for a get together afterwards in the Village Hall, we look forward to seeing you there.

Our President and Chairman will be manning the Legion mini marquee at the Church Fete, Steventon on Saturday 7th July so do come along and make yourself known.

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

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

John Gould

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on 11th June. We would like to thank Janet and Glenn at the Red Lion for providing a room and an excellent buffet for the evening.



The usual AGM matters were discussed and officers elected for the next year. The only change was that we have a new Vice Chairperson – Kevin Davies.

Financial matters were to the fore as always. The need to continue to raise funds was stressed as running costs are very high and the club needs a steady source of funds to enable us to operate. The main expenditure being the hire of the school, purchase of equipment and the cost of playing League Table Tennis.

It was agreed that the past season was one of our most successful with three of our sides winning trophies in the Didcot & District League. We hope to continue this progress next season.

Our attention now turns to increasing our membership for next season's campaign. If anyone in the area feels that they would like to take up table tennis or possibly return to a sport they used to play then please get in touch. Ring either 531328 or 205111 for more information.

As always we are grateful to the Village School for letting us use the hall for our sport. We have been there for 21 years and hope that this association will continue for many more. We have now entered a summer break and will start back on 3rd September 2007 when we hope to see some new faces.



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DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

At the beginning of June some members of the Players were involved in presenting a one-act comedy, 'Have a Nice Day', at the Unicorn Theatre in Abingdon as part of the Oxfordshire Drama Network festival. The play was well received by the audience and the adjudicator gave some very encouraging comments and useful suggestions during the workshop which followed. This applied also to the two plays shown by other groups and, overall, the whole evening was most interesting.

Community day is almost upon us, Saturday 7th July, and as part of our contribution, we shall be presenting a short programme of Old Time Music Hall songs towards the end of the village celebrations, so you might like to grab a chair in the hall and sit back to relax and be entertained for a while.

Hope to see you there.

BOWLS CLUB

Roll up

The result of the Ladies verses the Gents turned out to be a solid win for the Gents, although lots of the matches were very close with only one shot separating a lot of the matches. This was followed with the 'Don Alexander' single and pairs competition, and after a great days bowling, Tony Wright, Jane Pimm, and Chris Smith will play Bryn Jones, Josie Carter, and Marjorie Strachan in the final to be played on December 9th. The Monday Rose Bowl Triple league has also been concluded, with Ron Glead, Kay Attwood & Pat Hoyland going through to play the winners of the Wednesday league, this will also be on finals day. The next internal competition will be 'The Beryl James Triples' this will be taking place on the 15th July and with the Summer league just underway it's all go with most bowls sessions showing very good attendances, most of the new members taking part in a lot of the competitions which is nice to see. The committee and members are pleased with the extra space available with the new cupboard provided by The Hall committee; this will make life a lot easier for all concerned

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MORE ALL AROUND

TODDLERS

Jane Nye

Firstly this month, congratulations to everyone at Toddlers who took part in and completed the Barnardo's Toddle at Beale Park on June 14th. There were many concerns about the weather in the build up to the big day but the rain held off! Everyone received a medal at the end before settling down to enjoy a picnic and exploring the Park. Many of us went on the train ride to see all the animals and other favourites included the Little Tikes play area and the adventure playgroup. Our thanks to Anna for organising the day, please hand in your sponsor money as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

By the time you read this, hopefully we will all have enjoyed our next big event, our day out at Cutteslow Park. More on this next month!

As promised, we can now tell you that we raised £33.18 from commission on sales from the Pampered Chef evening. Thanks once again to everyone who attended this evening. We will let you know how much we raised from the Toddle for both ourselves and the Barnardo's Toddle in due course.

Looking ahead, our Toddle Fun morning will take place on Thursday October 4th. Watch this space for more details!

Finally, a reminder that the toddler session will run as normal throughout the summer holidays, **Thursday mornings, 9.30-11.30 am**, in the village hall. Older siblings are welcome. This does though depend upon the continuing goodwill of all our mums to volunteer to "open up" or run an activity. Please keep checking the rota!

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of toddlers, and don't forget new members are always welcome!

PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Debbie Bargus

We would like to welcome Abbie Mason, Ella Smith and Kai Taboada who have joined us this term. We hope they have a great time.

The tadpoles have now been moved to the school pond and are progressing well. Our caterpillars are now in the cocoon stage and have moved to a bigger home. We now also have very, very small water snails. We will be monitoring their progress and watching them develop.

We also have a holiday theme this term, looking at things related to the sea, sun and sand. The children are really enjoying packing and unpacking the suitcase.

Thank you to everybody that joined us on our fun day, and all those who helped. We hope you all enjoyed it. The children enjoyed making pom pom pets, having their face painted and aiming wet sponges at Oz.

Everybody enjoyed the Banardos Toddle at Beale Park, thanks to everyone for the money raised.

Our annual Teddy Bears Picnic is on Wednesday 25th July at Preschool. There will be a normal morning session and then all are welcome to join us in the garden (weather permitting!!) for our picnic. Please feel free to come along, everyone welcome. Don't forget to bring your Teddies!!

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: Summer Term finishes on Wednesday 25th July. We return to Preschool on Wednesday 5th September.

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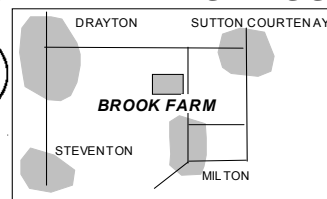
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SCHOOL REPORT

Anita Hedditch

Foundation/Year 1 news includes;

The revelation of care and watching over the past few months. Potatoes were the result from the childrens and teachers efforts. Whether they have been cooked for lunch, I am not sure.

They have also received a letter from a pirate, which has resulted in a hunt for some buried treasure in the school grounds.

The children have also enjoyed the outdoors, and have converted the outside playshed to an ice-cream parlour for the day.

Year 1 and 2 activities include;

Watching Ronald Reindeer which is an animation to find out about global warming. They have also enjoyed the trip to Sutton Courtenay Field Centre which had emphasis on recycling. Year 2 children have started their swimming with the school on Monday mornings which seems to be going down well. The other thing they have been learning about is saving energy.

Year 3 and 4;

Have enjoyed a day at Clifton Hampden where they took part in a design and technology day. Everyone came home with a wooden toy they had made.

Their next trip was to Sutton Courtenay for a rounders day. Well over 100 children from surrounding schools took part. There were a total of 6 awards to be won, we are proud that three of those were won by Drayton children. Congratulations to Charlotte, William and Peter, now proud owners of pedometers.. Another learning activity has been about carbon dioxide emissions. Judy Atkins from Didcot Power Station has been discussing what emissions can do and the effect on global warming.

Year 5 and 6;

Are going to Radley College for Cricket coaching, sharing a bus to get there with children from Sutton Courtenay. The children are also devising a Green Credit assessment for working out how 'Green' each family is, with 4 levels of attainment. They are developing their persuasive writing technique to encourage 'green' living.

The Village Fete went really well until the rain, which has been washing away the gunge mix ever since. Unlucky Sr Josie! It has raised approximately £1000 for both school and Church.

The Energy Day has culminated in an interview by Fox FM which has been put out on bulletins during the day. The children have had free tasters of FAIRTRAID goods, with a good sale of products during the day. Parents were encouraged to fill in their Green credit form and pledge to increase their attempts in this area. The children were asked to bring in a low waste lunch i.e. no wrappers. It was won by year 3/4 the prize is usually a longer playtime, so will be the envy of the rest of the school. Charley and Georgia won the sticker competition.

The Albatross day is on the 29th of June at 3pm. This is to raise money towards the education of fishermen who are partly responsible for the reducing numbers of this magnificent bird.

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DRAYTON WIVES

Pam Lacey

Mr Brian Woolnough, a volunteer worker with the Christian based aid organisation, Tear Fund, gave a very interesting talk, accompanied by slides, on the aftermath of the Tsunami in S.E. India. It was amazing to see the progress that had been made in clearing the area and rebuilding the houses so that some normality could be brought back to the day to day lives of these very courageous people, following that fateful day in 2004 when the Tsunami struck and changed their lives for ever.

The draft Constitution will be available for members to read at the July, August or September coffee mornings. Anybody not attending the Coffee mornings may obtain a copy from either Eve Sharp or Ann Hutchings.

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DRAYTON DIARY

FOR JULY

All events are at Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise
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Regular Events are listed opposite

Sun	1st	11 – 11.45am	Fair Trade Sale	Church
Sun	1st			Private Party
Mon	2nd	7.45pm	Parish Council	Caudwell DC
Sat	7th	2.00 – 8.00 pm		Community Day
Sun	15th			Bowls Club
Mon	16th	5.15 pm	Chronicle copy deadline	Vickery's box
Thur	26th	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm		Drayton Youth Zone
Sat	28th			Private Party



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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
8.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	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

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
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	
6.15 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
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	School

THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
	followed by lunch club and afternoon session	
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (First Thursday in Month)	Caudwell Day Centre
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Lady Chapel
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group	
9.50 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	Haywards Rd
10.15 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	The Green Car Pk
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)	
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FRIDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	Caudwell Day Centre
6.30pm	Choir Practice (fortnightly)	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 (1st Sunday)	Baptist Church
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Baptist Church

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