

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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What a Way to Spend Saturday Morning!

On Saturday 22nd September an eager band of volunteers, including two youngsters, Millie and Ryan, met to make a start on clearing the Millennium Green pond of invasive plants. The group, clad in old clothes and Wellingtons, worked for nearly two hours digging, raking and clearing barrow-loads of weed from the pond.

This was a start to an ongoing project which will evolve through the years to come, hopefully giving the pond a better balance of plants and creatures. We all went home with waterlogged wellies, mud-spattered skin and aching arms and backs, but we all enjoyed it. **The next session will be on Saturday 3rd November** at 10 o'clock. **Do join us** with waders or wellies, spades, rakes and wheelbarrows at the ready.

Incidentally, if you see ragwort growing on the Green, (tall straggly plant, yellow flowers) please could you pull it up, or at least take the flowers off and destroy them because it seeds and spreads rapidly.

Gwen and Tony Price

(some of the intrepid & gallant band are pictured above right >>)



DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLEASE NOTE that the next meeting will be preceded by an extra discussion re the reservoir, with a representative from Thames Water. **DO COME ALONG** to ask questions.

CAUDWELL DAY CENTRE (GRAVEL LANE)

MONDAY NOV 5th @ 7pm - should go with a bang!

ALL WELCOME - also to the normal meeting afterwards.

(See page 9 for the rest of the Council report)

Drayton Youth Zone

DAMASCUS Youth Project

Next Session – 22nd November 7.30pm to 9pm

Drayton Village Hall (Admission Charge £1)

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(NB sorry no entry if the form is NOT signed & returned)

Your Letters P6, 7 & 10 A Sing-a-long for you P8 And someone to play the joanna P11 Cheap Fitness & Fun P9
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COMING CHRONICLES

The **December Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday, Nov 30th**, from **Sue Powell-Jones (535044)**, who should be contacted by Agents requiring extra copies.

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

NO LATER than 5.15 pm on Monday, November 19th 2007.

After this deadline, items are given less precedence for inclusion (No guarantees!), and certainly need to reach us by the Wednesday.

STOP PRESS - ADVERTISERS should note that the deadline for ads is EARLIER, Friday Nov 16th, due to their preparation time.

NB :- **Can we politely remind** Contributors that the above **deadlines** are exactly that; there seems to be a trend (with increasing use of e-mail) of sending items later. It should perhaps be realised that the later an item is received, the less precedence it gets, which can affect things when there is pressure on space for texts.

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

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

Derek Pooley	derek_pooley@talk21.com
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Tony Holmes	tony-holmes@ntlworld.com

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

2. A recording device such as Floppy disk, CD or DVD; **please include hard copy** for checking the formatting and **your address** so that it can be easily returned. This is still a good way to receive copy since it removes much of the work necessary in 3 & 4 below, AND should help to eliminate misprints/errors from scanner problems or dodgy handwriting.

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

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

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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Daphne Samworth, Hon. Promoter

RESULTS OF THE OCTOBER LOTTERY

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£10	Mrs Topliss 9, Oday Hill	Gerald Redman
£10	Mrs Andrews 58, Whitehorns Way	Daphne Barrand

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ALL AROUND

DRAYTON WIVES

Pam Lacey

In September many members attended a very interesting talk by Brian Easthoe on wood carving/turning which was accompanied by a selection of his work.

Our Christmas Coffee Evening on 10th December is fast approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to remind members to bring along a small gift as in previous years. Also, should any member require transport on this evening, perhaps they could telephone Ann Hutchings (Tel: 531327) or Trudi Buckner (Tel: 531516) to make the necessary arrangements.

Dates for your Diary in NOVEMBER:-

Mon 5th COFFEE Rosemary Barlow 7 Whitehorns Way
Mon 19th WHIST Jean Taylor Caudwell D.C.
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The branch standard will be in attendance at the local Remembrance Day services, Nov 11th, assembly times are :-

Milton War Memorial 10.45am, Steventon War Memorial 2.15pm, and service at St Michael and All Angels at 3pm, then St Peters at 5.45pm. **Don't forget** to pause and remember at 11am on this special day.

We hope to see you at our annual dinner on Friday Nov 23rd, at the Lantern restaurant ; the next Committee meeting is the AGM and will be held on Monday 19th Nov at 7.30 pm, so come along and show your support to a hard-working team.

ARE YOU IN THE DARK ? If your streetlight isn't working, or wastes resources by being on in the daytime, then PLEASE report it on the County Council hotline (free) 0800 317802 - help them by giving the town, road, and if possible the number on the post, or failing that the nearest house.

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DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

Now it can be revealed ! We had a great success with our recent production of THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST. All the audiences were warmly appreciative of this great play – and of the actors who brought it so vividly (and, at times quite hilariously) to life. The sets and costumes were also mentioned in this enthusiastic appreciation. Our back stage members work very hard in all aspects of support – set dressing, wardrobe, lighting, and front of house to provide excellent and rounded productions and they certainly succeeded very well again this time. There has been a short breathing space and now we are on to the next venture.

THE GOOD COMPANIONS (based on a book by J.B.Priestley with a musical score by Andre Previn) is our chosen musical for next February.

This will be presented over two weekends and dates for this will be given a little nearer the production. The melodies are very easy on the ear with lots of chorus participation, which is fun. The cast is quite large so, at present, we are busy finding out who is doing what and our younger members are entering into it all with their usual great exuberance. More news about this in the next Chronicle.

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REGULAR SERVICES

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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sat	3rd	10.00 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods (until 11 am)
Sun	4th	11.15 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods (until 11.45 am)
Sun	4th	3.00 pm	All Souls Day service
Tues	6th	3.00 pm	1st Tuesday Connections Church Room
Sun	11th	10.00 am	Brownies 50th Birthday Service + Party
Sun	11th	6.00 pm	RBL Service of Remembrance

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

5 - 10 Nov:- Sutton Wick Lane; Greenacres; Newman Lane; Conifer Drive
 11 - 24 Nov:- Hilliat Fields; Lyford Close; Manor Close; The Green
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Letter from St Peter's Church

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God will teach us his ways

so that we may walk in his paths ...

They will beat their swords into ploughshares

and their spears into pruning hooks

Nation shall not take up sword against nation

nor will they train for war any more. (Micah 4: 2 & 3)

Private Charles Chainey was only 18 when he died in 1918, Lieutenant John Hobson was aged 23 when he died in Belgium in 1917. Both men were fatalities of the First World War along with 27 others from Drayton who gave their life in that conflict - and 10 in WWII and one in the Korean War. It is important that we never forget their sacrifice along with those who were injured, widowed, orphaned or otherwise affected. War always takes a heavy toll and the work of the Royal British Legion (celebrating 80 years this year) is there to help such people.

Sometimes I look at the list and wonder who they all were. What were their dreams and aspirations, which were cut short by an untimely death? And what about those left behind? Back in June we held a History Weekend in the church. As we were gathering information for the event I was handed a bundle of papers relating to one of those names. William J. Pointer had been just an anonymous name on the list. But as I looked through the papers he became Will Pointer a married man who wrote letters of devotion back to his wife. I then looked at the church records and was able to research some background. I found that Will and his wife Elsie's families had both been in Drayton for at least 3 generations. In an evening of research a name became a person - a person with a life lived here in this village.

As time goes on there will be less and less people who know the background to those on the War Memorial in the church and at the lych gate. I would like to put together an album which at least gives a summary of their life - and where they died. If you have any information please contact me and I will endeavour to put all the information together so that future generations will know the Drayton men who gave their lives for their country.

The annual **Remembrance Service** is at **6pm on Sunday 11 November** in **St Peter's church**.

This is a joint service with Drayton Baptist Church and the Royal British Legion. The preacher is Gareth Wild, a Baptist Minister, who has worked in various conflict zones. The names of all those on the War memorial will be read out and the wreaths placed in their memory. There will also be an opportunity to remember those known especially to you.

As we remember, let us also dedicate ourselves to work for peace and harmony in our community, in our country and in our world.

Let the word of God teach us his ways so that we may walk in the paths of peace.

Yours sincerely

Josie Midwinter

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 TVFM news - ring 0870 241 4762 - website Tvfm.org.uk
 Usually the markets run from about 8.30 am until lunchtime,
 Newbury market is on a Sunday and starts about 9;

(MORE) ALL AROUND

DRAYTON W.I.

Brenda Malin

Our October meeting was, as usual, not quite what it may have at first appeared.

We were shown less known coins and medals which were in general use in times long past and not so long past. Coins thousands of years old that illustrated, through the depictions on the coin or talon, to the populous who would not have been literate, the victories enjoyed by the armies; coins used in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, often issued by the employers, and used and reused by workers over and over in payment for work and purchasing the bare necessities of life, again, often from the same employer through rent and the local shop. These coins were well handled and the relief work is rarely visible as a result. It would also appear that it has long been the custom to strike coins for any reason, not just coronations and jubilees.

Our next meeting is on 'BATS'. As always everyone is most welcome to join us on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in Drayton Hall; you may never know what you didn't know.

There are still a couple of tables free for our **Wit & Wisdom Quiz** on Friday 9th November 7.30pm Drayton Hall, teams of four £5.00 per head plus a ploughman's supper. To reserve your table contact Ann Webb on 01235 531418.

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Drayton Pre-School Playgroup Debbie Bargus

We would like to welcome Oliver Willis who has joined us for the new term. We hope he has lots of fun and enjoys being with us. We wish Amy Belcher well as she leaves us for BIG school.

During this term we will be looking at the winter festivals such as Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas, and learning what takes place, also making Christmas goodies. We will also be looking at the changing of the seasons, collecting leaves to use in pictures and for printing and making snowflakes from paper.

We are holding a Christmas Fayre / Pamper Night on Friday 2nd Nov from 8 til 10pm, in Steventon Village Hall. There will be various stalls selling lots of great things for Christmas from jewellery, toiletries, cards, books also beauty treatments available. See Preschool for more info, also please look out for the Yellow Moon catalogues.

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:- Thurs 20th Dec Christmas singing and raffle and Fri 21st Dec Christmas Party - More details to follow.

ST PETER'S CHURCH HOME-VISITING GROUP

will visit anyone who is, or has been, ill or is recently home from hospital, or unable to get out because of a disability, or is in any other circumstances where support would be welcomed.

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Drayton TODDLER GROUP Jane Nye

We hope that you have all had a lovely half term and are ready for the impending spooky events and firework parties!

We all had a lovely time at our fun morning on October 4th. We raised over £50, £28 of which came from our raffle. The children enjoyed themselves playing and completing the activity provided by Justine as well as eating the odd cake or two. Many mums relaxed with an Indian head massage and by looking at Usborne Books. We will let you know how much money we raise from the purchase of photos from Tempest. **All outstanding money** for photos to be handed to Jane or Kathryn as soon as possible please. Thanks to everyone for helping to make the morning a success.

Our next event will be the Christmas party, to take place in the main hall on **Thursday 13th December from 930am to 1130 am**. Activities will include pass the parcel, party food and hopefully a special guest with a white beard and red coat! For more details please call Jane on 533861 or call in on Thursday morning.

It's been great to see new faces during our sessions on **Thursday mornings**, between **930 and 1130am**. If you are looking for new friends for yourself and your children, please call in for a coffee and orange juice. We will look forward to meeting you.

Tonks Brothers

(Benjamin Tonks)



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Candlelight Carol Service

Drayton Hall at 7.30pm

Sunday 9th December

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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.
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A warm welcome is extended to Adrian and Kasia Keen who have recently moved to 41A, Sutton Wick Lane.

A very warm welcome to Cherry and Ian and their new born baby boy, Jake. and daughter Hazel. They have moved into Church Lane from London.

And to Pat & Rod Hale from Abingdon, best wishes from their Drayton friends upon their arrival in Gravel Lane.

Welcome to Steve and Michelle, who recently moved into Binning Close from Abingdon.

YOUR LETTERS (1)

PACE

Dear Sir, Steventon Road

Would you please thank Drayton Post Office on my behalf for collecting £13-45 for the Pace Centre.

Many thanks Judy Henman

(and also from Judy) Bernice

Bernice Morgan, formerly of Cornville Road, Drayton, has fallen and broken her leg. She has to stay in hospital for 3 weeks. Please remember her in your prayers. If anyone wants the hospital address please contact Gwen Price on 531205 or Judy Hanman on 531651 (Ed:- by the time you read this she may be back home?).

Yours sincerely Judy Henman

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS

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

The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Our next two dates are Nov 6th, and Dec 4th. If you need transport or further information please give me (Jean Hager) a call on 531558.

Wednesday Pebbles Christmas Special

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In St Peter's Church Room

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Letters to the Editor

The Editor reserves the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter. Each letter must bear a legible name & address, (address please even if received via e-mail), and Tel. No in case any text needs verification.

YOUR LETTERS (2)

MacMillan

Dear Sir, 41 Sutton Wick Lane

I would like to through The Drayton Chronicle thank everyone who came and supported me on Friday 28th September at my house for the "Macmillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee morning".

Thanks to all those people who visited to either enjoy a cuppa and a natter, or bought a piece of jewellery. I raised a total of £64.80, which I am sure you will agree is a fantastic sum of money.

So thanks again to you all.

Yours sincerely

Annette Mitchell

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Margaret Stevens

Dear Sir, Abingdon Road

May I, through the Chronicle, and on behalf of my mum Mrs Margaret Stevens, thank the kind children of Drayton School who presented her with a hamper this year.

She was thrilled with it and to see the children in person at the gate!

Yours faithfully

Angie Stevens



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Marie Curie

Dear Sir, 33 Sutton Wick Lane

Through the Chronicle may we offer our sincere thanks to all those who attended our American Yard Sale at the end of September and those who sent us donations towards the benefiting charity – Marie Curie Cancer Care Service.

WE RAISED OVER £500 which will go towards the dedicated caring service this charity provides to the terminally ill in their last days.

Please also note that we will be holding an event towards the end of November – this time a Christmas Craft and Gift Sale – namely 'CHRISTMAS CRAFTS IN THE CONSERVATORY' with charity Christmas cards and raffle (see the advert elsewhere in the Chronicle). We look forward to welcoming you and are sure you will find some unusual and inspiring Christmas gifts and at the same time give support to charity fund raising.

Thank you all once again for your generosity.

Jeanette, Beverley and Faye Anderton



A Great Show

Where can one have an entertaining evening of wit, humour and laughter for a mere £7 a head? well, from September 20th to 22nd it was at Drayton Village Hall, where our talented and hard working Players were performing 'The Importance of Being Ernest'. It was great treat for us all and, once again, I thought how fortunate we are in Drayton to have such a dedicated group of people who give up so many hours to prepare and rehearse plays and musical shows for our pleasure and entertainment.

Oscar Wilde would, I am sure, have been delighted with the way that the actors, under the direction of Peter Jackson, brought his characters to life. Rick Webber as Algy was a real star and was most ably foiled by Jim Cottrell's Jack – a successful partnership. Catherine Webber gave us a formidable Lady Bracknell – her delivery of the 'handbag' line was a different and effective interpretation. Jayne Henderson, as in all her performances, played the part of Miss Prism to perfection and Anton King was quite delicious as the Rev. Canon Causible. One could be entirely sure that Gwendoline (Kate Winchester) had certainly 'never seen a spade' and equally sure Felicity Jackson's delightful Cecily was bound to win her man. We so enjoyed Richard Webber as both the magnificent butler, Lane, and the hilarious manservant, Merriman.

As always, the sets and costumes were entirely convincing and when Algy entered wearing his country garb, the audience dissolved into laughter and gave the wardrobe department a well earned round of applause.

What a talented group our Drayton Players are – their next production in February is on my diary already!

Eve Sharp

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We shall meet in the Church Room at 10.30am and each week the children will make decorations for the Christmas Tree which will be displayed in church over the Christmas period.

On Wednesday 5 December the children can dress up as either shepherds or angels for a **nativity play in church**.

All young children, their parents or carers are welcome to join in the fun, as well as family and friends.

Each session will be followed by refreshments and a chance for children to play informally and for adults to have a natter.

Why not give it a try? For further information please contact the Revd Josie Midwinter on 01235 531374.

PARISH COUNCIL (Oct 1st)

Community policing

Attending this month's PC meeting was Mark Miller, our newly appointed Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). He hopes to arrange surgeries in each of the three villages for which he is responsible and these will be advertised, so those who wish to discuss matters affecting Drayton will be able to. Mark said there had been some success in reducing the amount of speeding through the village and in making offenders aware of the dangers. On the matter of speed it was noted that the speed limit between Drayton and Preston Road is about to be **officially set at 50 mph**.

The Playground

The playground is regularly inspected by ROSPA and the recent inspection showed that in general the area is in good repair. There were one or two recommendations for minor repairs, and also some upgrading of the surrounding surfaces. These are all being dealt with by our village caretaker, Steve Sharpe.

Footpaths

An encouraging development affects those who like to walk in the surrounding countryside. Thanks to Mr. Paul Caudwell there are big improvements to the footpaths crossing the fields from east of the Burial ground to Gypsy Lane, and from Gypsy Lane to Sutton Wick. Paths that for a long while have been impassable are now wide and flat, unfortunately perhaps less good for wildlife but certainly less difficult for walkers. We shall ensure that the paths remain obvious and are kept free of crops.

Hanging holly, leaning lavender

Reiterating a request that was made in the July Chronicle, the Parish Council would ask that all residents take a look at the boundary of their gardens to **check whether trees, hedges and climbers are overgrown**. There have recently been complaints about branches hitting passers-by on the head, hedges protruding and plants intruding onto footpaths. The need for a little more **pruning** than usual is the result of our very wet summer.

Vandalism

There have been a number of incidents of damage to parish property recently, all now either made good or in the process of being so; the bench in the playground, the bollards on the B4107 by Village Green and the destruction of the letter box and bench in Sutton Wick.

Welcome pack

The PC is working to produce a 'welcome pack' for newcomers, and is also considering the possibility of finding someone to create a village website.

The next meeting:-

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday 5th November at 7.45pm** in the Caudwell Day Centre. It will be **preceded at 7pm by a meeting with a representative from Thames Water**. All are welcome to attend both.
Jenny Pooley

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Drayton Table Tennis Club John Gould

We are now wearing the new shirts and everyone is very happy to be flying the Club flag. We have also welcomed back Craig Campbell who has returned to the area and has signed for the B team. Craig is a Barbados international and is one of the top players in the county so will help the B team in their 1st season in the top division. Another international Olafur Pall Geirsson has signed for the A team. Olafur is the current Iceland Junior Champion. This takes our internationals quota to 3 as Dave Harradine has represented Gibraltar.

We have also welcomed Jamie Rivers as a new player for the F team, he's returned to the club after giving up ping-pong for a few years. He won 2 of his first 3 matches and will be a great asset.

Steve Gardner has now installed the new dividing netting for league match nights. They have improved the playing conditions and stop the many interruptions that misplaced shots used to cause.

It's still early days so I'll report on the teams' progress in the various divisions in the next issue.

Finally it has been great to see so many new players join the club. Our treasurer is especially pleased that lots of £1 coins are boosting club funds from our Monday Practice Night sessions. **Yes it's only £1 to play ping pong for up to 3 hours! Good value for money**, as it helps **fitness** and enables players of all ages to mix. Currently we have **age ranges from 9 to mid 60s** enjoying the sport.

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Even More Letters

Dear Sir
Steventon Road

I write with reference to the letter in the August edition of the Drayton Chronicle regarding The Drayton Youth Centre Charity Awards. I attended the meeting on Thursday 21st June 2007 in my capacity as Manager of Drayton Under 8s, and was appalled by the way funds were allocated. Here are my main concerns:-

I am led to believe the DYCC Committee consists of Graham Bird, Ann Webb, Claire Soper and Karen Tinson. Since the above meeting, I am reliably informed that neither Claire Soper or Karen Tinson had any involvement in any discussions relating to the allocation of funds.

I was totally dumbfounded as to why Melanie Parker and Gary Hibbins were asked by Graham Bird and Ann Webb to stand up and almost grovel for financial aid towards the various youth projects they involve themselves with.

Why give £300 of DRAYTON'S money to a Basketball Club in ABINGDON (you may not know they got £500 last year!) ?

Even though Drayton Under 8s are listed as receiving £150, we have not received a penny from the DYCC, as I was asked to go away and provide quotes, which I have to say I found almost insulting.

I am sorry if any of this offends, but I feel the residents of Drayton Village are entitled to know how, and why, these funds are distributed.

Paul Evans

(Ed's note:- this letter was held over from last month; the editor felt it was reasonable, given the nature of the text, to try and get a balanced response from the people concerned; having spoken to some of the parties, I can say that some members of the DYCC committee are sufficiently upset at the suggestions that they may not be continuing their long years of voluntary service).

Dear Sir, (via e-mail)

I am very concerned at reports which are circulating regarding the way, both in choice of beneficiaries, and the manner in which distributions have recently been made, from the monies made available to the local youth by the Drayton Youth Centre Charity, set up by a trust deed in 1954 and registered as a Charity (1962).

The legal trustees are currently Paul Caudwell and I. The legal trustees have no part in the day to day running of the charity or make any decisions regarding distribution, but I would like to assure all concerned that I fully intend to do whatever is within my power to preserve the integrity of the charity and the proper use of these funds, which have been for so many years, presently are, and will in the future be, of such wonderful benefit to our local youth. I will also be looking into allegations regarding the manner in which funds are currently distributed.

This trust was set up with the following object:-

'For the religious, social, moral and physical well-being of the young people resident in the beneficial area by provision of facilities for social and physical training and recreation, and for such other charitable purposes for their benefit as shall from time to time be agreed upon', and the area of benefit is described as 'The Parish of Drayton and the Surrounding District'.

I will be asking for copies of the minutes of the recent meetings and lists of beneficiaries and once all is to hand I will call for an inquest to which all interested parties will be free to attend. The date of this inquest will be announced in a subsequent issue of the Drayton Chronicle.

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Dear Sir, (via e-mail)

Funds from the sale of the old youth hut in Marcham Rd were invested in 1982 and only the yearly interest earned (approx £2000 - £2500) is used for grants. The Capital remains fixed.

The Charity usually meets once a year and places an advert in the Chronicle for grant requests. It is not a closed shop and meetings generally last for an hour. The present committee (4 persons) was re-elected last year and **would welcome any Drayton Villagers who wish to participate** in its running.

The Standing Committee will meet should an application for funding be received in between the yearly meetings.

Melanie Parker represented the community day event which had already received funding from the Parish Council. The application was for a non-specific amount re the young peoples' activities that day - a donation was made to cover the cost of the bouncy castle.

The Damascus Project submitted 2 applications (Gary Hibbins represented them). They requested funding for a professional counsellor to carry out one to one counselling work for a few vulnerable youngsters, projected costs to be approx £600 over a 3 month period. The Charity awarded a grant of £200. At the same time the charity awarded £150 to cover the Village Hall hire costs for the next 12 months for the Youth Zone project.

The basketball club has a number of boys from the village in the club and since there are no sports hall facilities in the village, they play and train in Abingdon. This satisfies the criteria in the above mentioned mission statement.

At the 2006 meeting there were 5 applications requesting similar amounts so each applicant received £500

Since a number of youth organisations apply every year, (eg the Brownies, the School, Pre School playgroup, Drayton Toddlers), it is clear to the committee what their function is and a request is always made for a specific item requiring funding.

At no point is any youth group representative made to 'grovel'; if the committee are unsure of the workings of a particular group, for instance Damascus, then surely by asking questions the committee will become more knowledgeable.

Graham Bird / DYCC management committee

Drayton School Naomi Broomfield

A warm welcome goes to the new children in the foundation class and to ex-pupil Chloe Alston who is with us every Monday on work experience. The new FODSA committee is now up and running; thank you for all of your hard work, to those who are stepping down and welcome to those joining us. It would be great to see some more new faces at the meetings, please come along, we are a friendly bunch and you don't have to take on a role. As the saying goes 'many hands make light work!' - I will put the forth-coming meeting dates in the next article.

So far this term the children have celebrated Harvest Festival with an assembly led by Rosie Bruce and again a fantastic display of fruit, vegetables and flowers which were then distributed around the village. We have received many thanks from the elderly of the village for the gifts. Thank you to Rosie and all the children and adult helpers who made the deliveries.

The food theme was continued within the school during a week of activities. These included estimating weights and measures of various food types. The whole school worked together during the week, this allowed for new friendships to be formed and a greater understanding between the different years. Well done to the children that were awarded certificates for the closest estimations. All of the children were also involved in experimenting with food and recipes including making salsa and smoothies - I know Mrs Higgs enjoyed them all as she was privileged to be given tasters.

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There are lots of sport activities going on at school. Football sessions are on every week. For years 3-6, Chloe Groves is coaching on Wednesday's after school which is proving very successful with both boys and girls. For the younger children Gill Lockey is kindly giving football coaching on Tuesdays. High five netball is as popular this year as ever, led by Julie Lester and Maggie Weir. Years 5 and 6 are currently having tennis coaching with Julie Bradbury. The staff and children would like to say thank you to all of the above people for their time and effort.

On Thursday 11th October 12 children from years 3 - 6 represented the school in a cross country race held at Tilsley Park. They competed against 9 other schools (most of which were much bigger) and did the school proud. Thank you to the children and to the parents that helped getting the children to and from the event.

Year 6 attended an IMPS session at Abingdon hospital. This was a chance for the children to learn first aid including resuscitation and bandaging as well as safety issues such as the importance of wearing a cycle helmet.

By the time this article goes to press the school will have held its fashion show, which I hope will have been a great success. Thank you to all those involved in this event, both on the day and with the preparation - more information next month.

A date for your diary, the **Christmas Fair** is on Saturday 24th November 12pm - 2.30pm (see advert). This is an important fundraising event in the school calendar, as well as the chance to win prizes and some gift ideas, please support us by coming along. There will be activities for the children to do as well as some festive food and drink.

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YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Why GARD is wrong

Yes, I thought that might get you going. And while we are at it, why COG (A very well meaning group interested in maintaining Community use of the Old Gaol) and 'Save Radley Lakes' (A well meaning group concerned with npower's plans to fill a lake with fly ash from Didcot Power Station) are also wrong.

The problem is not that their objectives are wrong but that the media find their activities and their approach sells so much better than democracy. To some extent they are outside the law, they represent the people more directly than elected authority, their activities being so focussed on single issues, their ideas are immediately comprehensible, of course direct action sells more newspapers. And the whole process is self sustaining. More newspapers means more noise, more noise in itself makes an end so much easier to achieve. So pressure groups become things to admire, fighting for the common man, against injustice and authority. Pressure Groups good, elected authorities bad.

Since I took on this job, I have become increasingly aware of the general disillusionment with politics and politicians be they local, regional or national. Election turnouts of 40% and less underline the problem. As I write, there is the very real prospect of a General Election in which about a third of the country will reluctantly decide which political party will run the country for the next 4 or 5 years. Most of us will not know the difference and most of us will not care. (To be fair, while the parties are offering very similar things, most of us may be right.)

It has taken us a long time to arrive at our present system of Government and whilst some of us might like proportional representation, and others of us might like more devolution of power, our present system is at least as good as any other. But the system is under serious threat - threat from the media and threat from pressure groups. It has been said that the last few elections have been decided not by you and me, as we might have thought, but by 'The Sun'. I have no doubt that Rupert Murdoch is a wonderfully able media man, but we didn't elect him and he doesn't represent anybody. His job is to sell newspapers and he is not answerable to anyone. He should not be allowed to decide elections. I am afraid that the same applies to pressure groups - they are not elected, they are not answerable to anyone and no-one knows for sure whom they represent. →>>>>>>

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→>> But even if GARD, COG and Save Radley Lakes are unelected, unrepresentative and wield far too much pressure via a media too ready to glorify and stimulate their activities, surely they still have an important function.

Just as I would not wish to abolish 'The Sun' (even if it were possible), I would not wish to limit the activities of pressure groups. The problem is that however well-meaning the media and the pressure groups may be, their activities are at least in part responsible for the growing disillusionment with elected authorities. They help to feed the idea that 'The only people who will give you the truth and who will speak without a hidden agenda are those who are not tainted by politics.'

As your elected District Councillor, I am not allowed to get too political (quite rightly), but GARD (bless 'em) were given a sizeable space ** to say almost what they chose in last month's issue of the Chronicle (and that is, of course what got me going).

(** Ed's note:- looking back at the last issue, I'd estimate that Richard's text this time is about twice the size of that 'Water Demand and Supply' piece!).

What then should a well meaning pressure group be doing that it is not now doing in order to push its cause? Well first I suggest that 'pressure groups' should never forget that that is what they are. Unelected bodies who should be very careful not to claim that they represent anyone but themselves. Of course they are welcome to express their views and should be encouraged to do so. As with GARD, pressure groups often have levels of knowledge and expertise that would be of great use to elected authorities in making decisions on behalf of those that elected them, but so often by acting as 'anti-authority' they make it harder than ever for elected authorities to come to rational decisions.

Over the past year, I have spent many hours talking and listening to Thames Water, the Environment Agency, OFWAT, the District and the County Council. Much of what I have learnt has to be confidential (people would not talk to me if it wasn't!). The trouble with confidentiality is that the media and others can so easily claim that it is hiding skulduggery and secret dealing. As your elected Councillor, I can assure you that I have seen absolutely no evidence of it. On the contrary, I have witnessed a large number of people, of all political persuasions wrestling with the distinction between what is fact and what is merely opinion, and if you don't believe me, you can remove me at the ballot box - which is more than can be said for GARD, COG and the rest.

No-one knows how a Compulsory Works Order will operate in practice, but we can be sure that Thames Water will find it much easier to rule us if we insist on being divided. Our best hope for a well thought-out conclusion to the issue must be for us all to work together *through* our elected authorities. We must trust them. The alternative is to let the pressure groups and Rupert Murdoch rule the world.

Richard Webber

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The show starts on Saturday, November 24th and runs through to Sunday, the 6th of January. **There will be a 10% discount** on all purchases at the Craft Guild show throughout the opening weekend, the 24th and 25th of November.

Also on that first Saturday there will be a Candlelit Evening throughout Woodstock, and the show will remain open until 7 pm for this special event.

Opening times are: Tuesday to Saturday 10:00-5:00; Sundays 2:00-5:00. (The museum is closed on Mondays, on the 25th and 26th of December, and on New Year's Day, Tuesday, 1st of January.)

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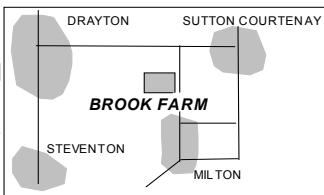
Brook Farm, Milton Road

OPENING HOURS

Mon to Sat - 9.00am to 1.00pm Except Friday 9.00am to 6.00pm

FREE RANGE EGGS, & POTATOES (if available)

Our own lamb available May to December



REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

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>
7.15 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>
8.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	

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>
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>
7.30 pm	Table Tennis - League	<i>School</i>

THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Foot Clinic (1st Thurs)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i> followed by lunch club and afternoon session
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)	
7.30 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>
6.30pm	Choir Practice	<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 (1st Sun)	<i>Baptist Church</i>

ANY ERRORS IN THE ABOVE EVENTS? - LET US KNOW !!

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