

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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ED VAIZEY M.P.

On Saturday March 21st, I found myself at a layby on the A420, with the firefighters of Faringdon, and the British Legion.

We were there to pay tribute to three fallen British soldiers, whose funeral cortege passed by on its way from RAF Lyneham to the John Radcliffe. These sad processions have been going on for about 14 months, usually about 50 people turn up (that's this location, there are quite a few others). This was my first time, and it was very moving. A Police outrider slows the traffic, and stops the traffic in the opposite direction. A busy road goes completely quiet. The cortege slows down and passes by. Flags are lowered and then raised. All returns to normal in five minutes, but a **quiet and emotional tribute** has been paid.

The big local news this month has been the decision by Thames Water to put back its reservoir plans for five years until 2014, and to reduce the size of any proposed reservoir by a third.

I have always been a reservoir sceptic. I have never said "never" to a reservoir, but I have always said that TW should have to prove its case overwhelmingly before such a huge change was made to our local area. I have to say the case for a reservoir **looks weaker than ever**. If it was essential, how could Thames Water afford to delay their plans?! Given that they seem to have easily postponed them, it is hard to see how they can now argue that a reservoir is essential for our future water supply. While the project is delayed, **planning blight** still affects a number of people, and I am keen to ensure that they do not suffer in the next few years.

I can be contacted:- by post in the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA; email vaizeve@parliament.uk; or on 020 7219 6350.

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St Peter's Drayton

@ Easter

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday 5 April

8 am Holy Communion

10 am Dramatic Reading of the Passion Story

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP - Wednesday 8 April

10 am to 12 noon - **Making the Easter Gardens** - registration forms from the church or vicarage

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday 9 April

9:30 am Holy Communion

7:30 pm Passover Celebration in the church room

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday 10 April

10 am Ecumenical Service: **Donkey procession** from the Baptist church, round the village, to St Peter's church.

Followed by hot cross buns in church room.
(2 pm to 3pm The Hour Before the Cross).

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8 am Holy Communion

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TVFM news - ring **01235 227266** - website Tvfm.org.uk

Chris Linzey, one of Drayton's PCSOs (Sandra Syphas is the other one), invites anyone with local NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) concerns to look out for surgeries at the Caudwell Day Centre (see local notices, or call 08458 505 505). Full report next month!

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COMING CHRONICLES

The **MAY Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday, May 1st**, from **Margaret Armstrong (531122)**, 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, April 20th 2009.

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 April 17th, 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. 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 (and please use a meaningful title, we get a lot called Chronicle!) :-

(next editor)	editor@draytonchronicle.net
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David Lee	david_r.lee@ntlworld.com
Tony Holmes	tony-holmes@ntlworld.com

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

2. A **recording device such as CD or DVD** (even the old Floppy Disk!); **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 a bit 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 things, 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

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RESULTS OF THE MARCH LOTTERY

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£10	Mrs Wright, 60 Whitehorns Way	Daphne Barrand
£10	Mrs D Walters, 60 High Street	Margaret Long
£10	Debbie McFarland, 111 Abingdon Road	Julie Brown
£10	Mr. Grant, 53 Sutton Wick Lane	Beryl Dawson
£10	Mr. Tolmie, 18 Corneville Road	Gerald Redman
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Winning tickets, from a total of 2267 sold, were drawn by members of the Whist Drive - Corneville Rd & Sutton Wick did extremely well! We do need more Agents - could YOU help?

THE FOLLOWING THREE MONTHS

Issue for	Copy for publication and return of Agents Lottery Packs by Monday:-	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Friday:-
June	18 May	29 May
July	15 June	26 June
August	20 July	31 July

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ALL AROUND

Drayton TODDLERS

Julie Laws

In the next Chronicle issue, we hope to be able to report on the nearly new sale recently held.

We send our love to Oliver Booker and Jack Atherton who have started pre-school this term. Oliver, we will miss you and wish you lots of fun at pre-school. Jack, we're glad you're still with us on Thursdays and hope you also have a really good time there.

Free tickets for the Fun Day at Cutteslowe Park are available from Toddlers. This is organised by the Early Years team and will be on June 25th, 10am -3pm. Entry is by ticket only (children and adults) and we have a limited supply available on a first-come-first-served basis. Please give your details to Tracey or Becca if you wish to go. **This is a great day out** with lots to do. (You will need to take your own picnic and provide own transport).

Barnardo's annual sponsored Toddle will be held again in June. Once we have details we will let you know how you can take part.

It's been fabulous to welcome new faces to Toddlers and we would like to let you know that we are back in the big hall again (our sessions in the little hall were getting very cosy and busy!!) The children do appreciate the space in the bigger hall but it does mean more work in setting up beforehand. **If you can help** in any way please add your name to the rota. Ideally there should be 2 adults setting up so you are not expected to do it alone. **Thank you** to those who help out already.

If you know anyone who might like to come along to our sessions, please give them our contact details. We would be really pleased to see them. Toddlers is open **every Thursday** from 9.30am - 11.30am and is run on a membership basis. More information is available from Tracey on **07732 533057**.

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Grateful thanks are extended to all those who donated prizes for our Easter Draw, also the hard-working ticket sellers; I'm sure all those who will benefit from the proceeds would wish me to pass on their thanks also.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 6th April at 8 pm.

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Drayton BOWLS Club

'Roll Up'

The winter leagues have now finished, it was a disappointing year with most teams at the wrong end of the tables. The Hammers being the best, finishing second in the afternoon triples league, and it was disappointing to see 'The Rollers' getting relegated after finishing in the bottom two in the South Oxon league Div 1. In the same league The Flyers ended in mid-table, but all in all a disappointing year.

The club will be entering two teams in the summer league, these will be starting the second week in June.

There have been a couple of internal competitions recently, firstly 'The Wally Weightman Triples' the two teams to make it through to finals day were :- John Goodacre, Carol Smith, Eileen Long, who play Olive Brown, Barbara Carter, and Gillis Tate in the final, and in 'The Beryl James' triples going through to finals day will be John Goodacre, Josie Carter, and Graham Lacey who will play Jean Mullins, Barbara Watts, and Julie Brain.

We close these notes with sadness in reporting that Mick (Cook) died after a long illness; Mick was well liked by all members and was very active in the club, and will be missed by all - **we offer our deepest sympathy to Jan and her family.**

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CHURCH NOTICES

REGULAR SERVICES

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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice	Bell Tower
Weds	10.30 am	Pebbles (term time only)	Church Room
Friday *	7.45 pm	Choir Practice (*Alt'ate Fridays)	Church Room

CALENDAR for APRIL

Sat	4th	10.00 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods (until 11 am)
Sun	5th	11.15 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods (until 11.45 am)
Tues	7th	3.00 pm	1st Tuesday Connections Church Room
Sun	19th	10.00 am	Springwatch Service

NB Advance Notice combined Church & School Fayre will be Sat June 20th

PARISH REGISTER

Burial of Ashes	Feb 20th	Summer Maise Precious Bryon
	Mar 4th	Philip Raymond Bomford
Funeral	Mar 20th	Leonard Strong
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Letter from St Peter's Church

Dear Friends,

I cannot imagine what it must be like to be diagnosed with a terminal illness, especially not when it is something as degenerating as Motor Neurone Disease. Such a diagnosis was handed to Michael Wenham in 2002 when vicar of Stanford in the Vale. In 2008 Michael published a book about the progress of the disease and his reflections. He chose the title 'My Donkey Body: living with a body that no longer obeys you!'

It is a challenging and inspiring book which has greatly encouraged me. As he went through the weeks and months of the effects of the disease he had to depend more and more on others. For most of us that is a position that makes us feel uncomfortable, but through it Michael discovered something amazing:- "Being inexorably rendered incapable is like undergoing an enforced, prolonged and embarrassing striptease. I can contribute less and less. I cannot even help to lay the table for a meal. The astonishing effect, however, I have found, is this:- as I do less and 'just be' more, those nearest me, starting with my family, value me no less. Indeed, since my self-esteem used to depend in part on what I did, I feel that I am valued more. Their affection seems not to depend on my ability to meet their needs or to do anything".

Michael equates this understanding to God's 'agape-love'. This is the love God demonstrated by sending Jesus, stripped of all his heavenly glory, to live an ordinary life on earth with us. This is the love Jesus then utilizes in order to be stripped once again by Roman soldiers and nailed up to die on a cross. This is the love God then employs to raise him from the dead. It is not our self-evaluation which brings about God's forgiveness, but the agape-love which values us through Jesus.

Motor Neurone Disease is a ticking clock and no-one knows how long it will take to run its course. Michael found the waiting hard at times, but he was not about to let it overcome him.

"But there is waiting and waiting. It could be that we will sit, huddled and irritable, like passengers waiting in a haunted waiting room, wondering when our train will arrive to take us into the unknown darkness".

"At this point, while I'm still able to, I want to invest in a bank of good memories - days out, holidays, family celebrations, evenings coming together by the fire, revisiting former haunts, rekindling old passions, but also discovering new ones. So it's not just waiting. It is living. Life goes on".

The Easter story could well be entitled 'Life goes on'. It would be darkness indeed if our life was just waiting for that train to take us into the 'unknown darkness' of death. When we say on Easter morning "Jesus Christ is risen today!" we are saying life in all its fullness is guaranteed not just now but for eternity. That is a hard message to grasp sometimes especially when things are not going well. However as I read Michael's book I felt challenged on several levels about my willingness just to let things 'happen' without investing myself fully into the life that God has given me.

I can whole-heartedly recommend this book. It tells the story of one man's struggle with a terrible disease, but it also gives one man's story of learning his value in God's eyes.

The Christian story is not an other-worldly, pie-in-the-sky-when-you-die story, but a map of how to live your life NOW.

... Not waiting ... but living.

Welcome to you all

Josie Midwinter



(MORE) ALL AROUND

DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

It is good to report how well our murder mystery evenings were received recently. The audiences became really involved in the action, the food went down well and – as the saying goes – a good time was had by all! I think we shall have to find something similar for a future date and enjoy all the fun again. Our thanks go to all our back stage and front of house stalwarts, especially the catering team headed by Georgia and Trudi. We would also like to thank Vickery's store for acting as an extra box office on this occasion; the support given was very much appreciated.

We are now in the process of choosing our autumn production and more about that when details are available. In the meantime, we are busy rehearsing a one-act play to be entered into an annual festival of plays to be held during the first week of June in the Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon. Last year we did not have an official Drayton entry although some of the Players were on-stage working with another group. However, this year we have our own presentation and I will have more news of that in the next Chronicle, so watch this space for future interesting developments.

Mrs Suzy Willis

MCSP SRP AACP

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Drayton Pre-School Playgroup Debbie Bargas

We are continuing the theme of GROWING for next term, weeding, tidying the garden, planting seeds and awaiting their development. We will also be making and painting items in relation to Easter.

We do have sessions available for children aged 2 1/2yrs to 5yrs. We are also happy to put younger children onto our waiting list. Please do keep supporting us, the children have great fun and are always learning new things. Please contact Preschool on 01235 536094 for a welcome pack or to visit.

We will once again be collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids 09 vouchers and the Tesco for Schools and Clubs vouchers. These are a great way for us to obtain new equipment and toys which the children love. The collection box is just inside the door at Preschool and all vouchers are gratefully received.

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped at the Table top sale.

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 (eg Amazon, Next, Play.com, Woolies, Ebay and The Book People), **they give a percentage to us at no extra cost to you.**

Also, coming up:- Toddle – date and 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 TABLE-TENNIS Club John Gould

The Club continues to thrive and we have been pleased to welcome Jane & Alistair as new members. **We are always keen to welcome new players whether adults or children.** With that in mind we are actively trying to improve the coaching at the club and hope that by September at the very latest we will have regular coaching on an organised basis. We hope the existing members will bear with us on this in the meantime.

We are now in the final stages of the Didcot League season. The C team won their three round robin handicap ties and will therefore compete in the knockout stages. Our 4 other sides will have to wait and see if they have also qualified as they won two of their three.

In the League, the A team are in pole position in Division 1. They recently beat BR Crown – their nearest rivals 9-1. Effectively they will have to beat the same team again to secure the title. A draw would give it to the BR team. The B team are secure in mid-table with star player Matthew Davies on 60%, his best performance in the top flight to date. Matthew started with Drayton as an 11 year old youngster. Now 22, he has progressed to play in the top division and is getting just reward for his hard work. In Division 2 the C team are still aiming for a top two finish. It will probably go down to the last tie when they play their nearest rivals. Funny how the fixtures work out!

The G team in Division 3 are certain to finish second so the team of Andi Cudden, Dave Harradine & John Gould will play in Division 2 next season. The D team are mid-table in the same division. The E team in Division 4 have dropped to 6th but will finish safely in mid-table. The F team in Division 5 have fared well in their 1st season. The players will all improve given time and we expect at least two of them to play at a higher level next season.

The new Development League at Abingdon Leisure Centre is going well. Our team of Blair Coles, Ryan Gimigliano & Ryan Seamark are getting good experience of competitive table tennis and seem to enjoy it. They also continue to enjoy our Monday Night sessions at the school.

Any other youngsters wanting to play table tennis will be welcome to attend. Parents please just bring them along from 7pm.

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(Communion every second Sunday)

Come and join us every Sunday – we look forward to seeing you.
EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

(MORE) ALL AROUND

DRAYTON WIVES Pam Lacey

In February, many members came to our birthday lunch, held at Drayton Golf Club. We had a superb lunch, in lovely surroundings, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Dates for your Diary in APRIL

Mon 20th COFFEE Mary Alexander (3a, High St) . . .
. . . (NB One week later due to Easter)
Mon 20th WHIST Joyce Simmonds, Caudwell D.C.
Wed 29th AGM & Members' Favourite Poems

DRAYTON W.I. Shirley Thomas

The March meeting (12th) was very well attended. Mr John Walmer gave an enlightening talk on Conservation and Commonsense. The subject ranged from the 'Green' campaign, to which we all subscribe, but could probably improve on with his many tips, to renewable energy where the farmers are being encouraged to grow 'crops for fuel'.

He also talked about the effort by Governments on new energy resources such as wind turbines which are in use in various parts of the country and the research being carried out with wave power.

We then went on to the business of our A.G.M. - our President and Secretary reminded us of the very good year that we have had with many very good speakers, fun coffee mornings and some excellent outings. The committee were returned 'en bloc', and we all look forward to an even better year ahead. We welcomed one new member.

A very vibrant coffee morning was enjoyed on Saturday 14th with lots of chatter as well as the coffee and cakes!!

Anyone who is interested in the WI and would like to find out more is most welcome to join us informally, at our meeting on the **second Thursday of each month** at the Caudwell Day Centre (7.30 pm). Our next meeting is on April 9th when we have Mr Norman Francis coming to talk on Madame Pompadour.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

Devotees of this service will be aware of the Drayton schedule, alternate Wednesdays, but perhaps potential new readers may like to be aware of upcoming dates :- April 8th and 22nd, May 6th & 20th, June 3rd & 17th, stopping at Haywards Road 11:00 to 11:15am, The Cross 11:20 to 11:40am, and Lyford Close 11:45 to 12 noon.

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Drayton Twinning Society Michael Bell

Where has the time gone? It is hard to believe that it will soon be 10 years since 'missionaries' from Lesparre arrived to see if Drayton would form a Twinning group!

Following extremely successful visits to and from France, many lasting friendships have been formed in Drayton as well as between Draytonians and Lesparians! **In August we will be hosting a group of around 25-30 people**, of all ages, from Lesparre over the weekend of **August 21st to 24th**. Planning for this visit has already started.

Nearer the time we shall be advertising activities that we hope you can participate in.

The visitors stay with host families in Drayton and we will be organising a range of activities. In previous years, these activities have ranged from 'larger scale' outings, such as trips to the Roman Baths at Bath, along the Thames to Oxford to smaller outings where the host family simply show their visitors the attractions of the countryside surrounding Drayton, perhaps over a leisurely picnic or the odd pint in a local pub.

We already have several new families who have offered to act as hosts but we are always keen to expand contacts between Drayton and our Twin Town of Lesparre. So, if you want to learn more about Twinning, have a spare room and **would be prepared to put up one or two visitors please contact** Michael Bell (531388) or Stephen Fearnley (531347). It is not necessary to speak French (Ed's note:- "Bon"); indeed, half the fun is trying to communicate!! **Our AGM** is at Caudwell Day Centre, Thurs April 23rd, 8pm - **do join us**.

These visits are reciprocal, with a party from Drayton visiting Lesparre in 2010. For those of you who may be new to the village, Lesparre is a town in the heart of the Medoc wine region, (that's on the west coast, by the Gironde estuary, and not far from Bordeaux), and opportunities for sampling the local food and drink abound.

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YOUR LETTERS (page 8 too)

Litter Pickers - Thanks

Dear Sir, via e-mail

On Sunday 1st March a group of young people went about the village picking up litter. No flags or fanfares, just their time and care.

I would like to thank everyone who gave up their Sunday morning to do this. Unfortunately I can't name everyone but thanks to George, Caly, Mike, Harry, Connor and anyone else who was there, not forgetting Ian and Gary of course.

Additional thanks to **Colin Marshall** at the Vale for supplying the kit and to the **Damascus Youth Project** for their unerring support with village activities.

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Studio Savagery Suspects at Suppertime

Dear Sir, 25 Steventon Road

It was a splendid evening! Everyone had such fun and thoroughly enjoyed themselves – well, everyone except the murder victim. She was killed in her dressing room at the TV studios, but not until she had demonstrated to us just how unpleasant she was.

Melissa, played ably by Jayne Henderson, was a glamorous, selfish and fading soap star, who manipulated the lives of those around her quite shamelessly. There comes a time however when her husband, (or was it her daughter, or her dresser, or the journalist, or was it one of her lovers?!), could take it no more, and the deed was done (Anton King delighted us with a hugely amusing portrayal of one of the ex-lovers).

We were amazed to find that a police inspector and his wife were sitting among us in the audience and he directed us to deliberate whilst eating our excellent ploughman's supper, and try to decide who the guilty party was. We were helped by having copies of the inspector's notes, a birth certificate and an autopsy report to refer to.

We deliberated hard, while we sipped wine and munched pickled onions, and eventually came up with two questions from each supper table to ask of the suspects. The six suspects appeared once more on stage to face the barrage of questions. Their ad-libbed answers, delivered in character, were spectacularly creative - quite the high point of the evening.

This part of the evening was managed brilliantly by Mike Varnom, who played the inspector, and we felt that we had been really intelligent in asking such searching questions - quite certainly we had found the culprit!

A few of the Friday night audience did guess correctly but on Saturday (which had a different murderer!) no-one got it right!

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Yours sincerely,

Eve Sharp

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YOUR LETTERS (continued)

Grateful Thanks

Dear Sir, St Peter's

Austin and Geraldine, of The Wheatsheaf Pub, held a New Year's Eve Party in the village hall.

It was a splendid occasion with good food, lively entertainment and wonderful fireworks. Altogether it was a great way to welcome in the New Year.

They also very kindly donated £170 from the ticket money to the work of the St Peter's church and, on behalf of myself (who very much enjoyed the party) and the church members, I would like to thank them for this generous gesture.

Yours faithfully, Josie Midwinter



On GARD

Dear Sir, via e-mail

Almost everyone will now be aware that Thames Water has decided to delay their application to build a reservoir on our doorstep for up to 5 years, and provisionally to reduce its planned size by one third. This is good news and gives us time to continue to challenge the long term need for this project and its suitability. The threat certainly has not gone away. Houses and land are still blighted and a large question mark about the future remains. Thames Water's reasoning for the change of plan is given as a revised assessment of water demand and the effects of the economic downturn on water consumption. We like to think that the fierce criticism encountered was another factor.

GARD has now studied the revised plan and had it analysed by Chris Binnie, our consultant, and we propose to ensure that the biased data and arguments provided by TW in the new plan (still favours a reservoir), are exposed to Ofwat, the Environment Agency and Defra before a decision on whether to approve it is made by the Secretary of State for the Environment in May.

As we feared Thames Water either ignored, or dismissed without proper examination, several of the most viable and cheaper alternative options we had put forward, although they did respond to others. We contend that they have not met their obligations to respond fully to the consultation, and they have hidden some of their detailed figures and calculations behind the excuse of commercial confidentiality, thus making it impossible for their calculations to be publicly scrutinized. We now hope that by drawing our technically well supported criticisms to the attention of the Regulators, Thames Water will be forced by them to examine our alternatives properly against their expensive Abingdon reservoir option before it is allowed to be incorporated as part of the plan for the next 25 years.

All will not be lost if we fail, as there is a statutory requirement for a new plan every 5 years, which would have to re-examine the proposal and justify it again. To that extent we have won a battle but not the war.

Nick Thompson (Hon Chairman – GARD)

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Springwatch

Dear Sir, St Peter's

Every year I find it fascinating to watch the BBC TV programme Springwatch. It is so exciting to see all the new things of spring come forward for another year. At St Peter's we are trying to develop our churchyard to be an area for not just spring, but all the year round (see article by Colin Arnold last month).

At 10am on Sunday 19th April we will have a **Springwatch** service in church. Included in the service will be information about our plans for the churchyard and also **thanks to the Brownies** for planting 100 tulips around the church.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Yours faithfully, Josie Midwinter



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PARISH COUNCIL (March 2nd)

As a result of the advertisement and article in the previous issue of the Chronicle several people attended this month's meeting to ask questions and listen to the PC Chairman, Daniel Scharf, describe the role of Parish Councillor. **To the delight of the Councillors present all the visitors said they wished to be co-opted onto the Council. Obviously the advert & article were very effective.**

The job of village caretaker was also recently advertised and the Council appointed the successful candidate. In the case of both the new Councillors and the caretaker there are certain formalities to be completed first but in my next report I shall be able to give more details. The appointee was recently contracted to do just a fortnight of litter picking and in his first week collected **eight bin liners of rubbish and six in the second.** Sweet papers and wrappers etc. accumulate around the shop frontages and the Council would appreciate it if these areas could be regularly swept. Better still of course would be if the rubbish wasn't dropped in the first place.

Mike Badcock, County Councillor, attended the meeting and emphasised the fact that school governors are needed both in Drayton and some of the Abingdon schools. If you have a child at that school or if you are interested in becoming a governor then all the necessary information can be found on the OCC Governor website (that's www.oxfordshire.gov.uk then enter Governors into the Search box, a number of topics will appear under Governor Services, including duties, training etc). →>>>

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Once again the possibility of creating a Drayton website was discussed. Many villages now have their own websites and certainly the judges of the 'Village of the Year' competition consider that a plus when making their judgement. Finding a willing and able person not only to create a website but also to maintain it has not proved easy so far but the Council is still trying. Meanwhile we do have our excellent and informative Chronicle and Councillor Badcock assured the meeting that Drayton's Chronicle is by far the best village newspaper he sees.

The Council has received a complaint that some people walking their dogs occasionally allow their animals to wander over cultivated plots on the allotments. The only public right of way is the narrow footpath bordering the back gardens along the east side of Church Lane, and allotment tenants would be very grateful if dog owners would ensure that they and their dogs keep to that path.

Since the last meeting the PC's planning committee has met to formulate the Parish Council's official response to the VWHDC's preferred options for its Local Development Framework Programme up to 2026. One option proposed by the VWHDC is that of building 1500 houses south of Abingdon, and the Parish Council is not in favour as such a development would increase traffic on the already congested Drayton Road and through the village. The PC in its response to the Vale urged that **before any development takes place all necessary infrastructure and relief roads must be built.** The PC asked that consideration should be given to opening more slip roads on and off the A34 at Lodge Hill and possibly even at Drayton to ease traffic flow.

No doubt most readers will already know that the building of the reservoir has been put on hold for at least five years, and its size reduced by a third. This caused some satisfaction and relief in the Council meeting!

The next meeting will be the PARISH ASSEMBLY on Monday April 6th. Please note the revised start time of 7pm (last month's advert mistakenly said 7.30pm). This is your chance to air your views or ask questions, so please come along to the Caudwell Day Centre and hear what your Parish Council and some of the village societies do.

Jenny Pooley

YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cars, Traffic and Transport

Everyone agrees that we have a major traffic problem in this area. What we do about it produces less agreement. It seems to me that in judging a particular course of action, there are 4 boxes that need to be ticked. Will such an action....

1. Minimise impact of traffic on the environment:- air quality / use of resources / oil etc
2. Improve Road Safety
3. Reduce congestion / improve traffic flow in the short/mid term.
4. Reduce congestion and improve traffic flow in the long term.

There are many possible actions we might take - Build bridges, build by-passes, reduce traffic speed, reduce numbers of vehicles, build safer, less polluting cars etc.

Some actions may tick one box, some 2 or three, but there may be only one which ticks all four. Whenever we improve road safety, improve car design, reduce average speeds and build new roads, history has taught us that we make driving a more pleasurable experience, and as a result we generate yet more traffic.

We live on a small island and we have to face the fact that there is a limit to how many vehicles it can absorb. Traffic issues all around the country suggest that we may already be at that point.

Politicians are notoriously reluctant to face decisions based on long term planning. Trying to get elected on a platform of - 'use your car less', 'don't drive two if you can manage with one' and 'get on your bike' is probably doomed to failure - let alone a platform of 'limit numbers of cars per household', 'raise car taxes' and 'more congestion charging' etc.

The problem is one of changing our behaviour and changing it permanently. We have to educate ourselves over a long period, we did it successfully with smoking - my parents' generation were advised to take up smoking by their GPs to soothe their nerves, today we ban smoking in pubs and public places and there is no rioting in the streets.

There is no reason why a long term education programme could not succeed in getting us out of our cars and into a more healthy, sustainable lifestyle - but - and it seems a big 'but' - politicians have to be much braver and begin to change our perception of the place of cars and driving in our lives.

Owning a car and driving needs to be seen as a privilege, not a right. It is probably (as with smoking) a 50 year project, but whether it's Drayton, Abingdon or Westminster, we all need to begin work on it now.

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Housing

We are told by central government that we must build more than 10,000 extra homes in the Vale by 2025. Most of the housing is already allocated to Didcot and Grove. The District Council planning department is charged with working out possible options for where the remaining houses should go. It has suggested that South Abingdon or Wantage are the most sensible options. It may not have wanted to, and many of us feel that it is not the right thing for us to be asked to do, but those of us that do not want it to happen must produce evidence as to **why** it should not happen.

It is no good simply waving placards or accusing the planners of stupidity or, worse still, skulduggery. They are simply doing what Westminster says they must. My own view is that any development in South Abingdon without roads and bridges would do unacceptable damage to air quality and create further traffic gridlock in Abingdon, and the cost would be prohibitive.

Even with roads and bridges, there is the problem of flooding. The planners are obliged to work within the Environment Agency's (EA) advice. The EA has said that the July 2007 floods were a 1 in 200 year event and have based their assessment of which parts of Abingdon are in the flood plain on that assumption. Given that twice more since 2007 we have been within an inch or two of the same '200 year' event, the EA need to be strongly challenged on their assessment.

A tour of Oday Hill shows clearly that many of the fields between Drayton and South Abingdon have been permanently flooded since July '07. The ditches all around the Thames Water Sewage works in South Abingdon, are wider and fuller and more blocked with weeds (and worse), than I can remember in the past 30 years. All this convinces me that the EA assessment of flood risk is wildly optimistic. For these reasons, I am arguing that further building in South Abingdon, even with roads and bridges, would be bordering on reckless, at least until there has been an extensive survey by the EA and others on exactly what is happening to water and drainage in and around the area of gravel extraction to the south of Abingdon. Our local farmers are angry (and rightly so) that they are being left to cope.

If anyone has further points to raise, supported by evidence if possible, I will make sure that their points get into the melting pot.

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Drayton School

Annette Mitchell

It has been a busy time at school these last few weeks. A new school sign has been put up with the new school logo of a Red Kite and a motto. This will eventually appear on all future sweatshirts, polo shirts etc.

We have had the Leylandii trees chopped right back and said goodbye to their residents the Starlings!

A new shed has been built for all the play leaders' equipment and the concrete tunnel has been demolished and a new play tunnel ordered to replace it.

Many proud parents and families attended the Talent Show to watch some very talented and entertaining children for the evening. A thank you to everyone involved and to those who helped on the evening, especially to Liz Malin for organising it.

The school has been participating in a couple of charity fundraising events – Comic Relief Day all the children had been learning the Comic Relief song and on the day dressed up as animals, funny, bling, big and red! A total of £118.80 was raised.

All the classes are currently in competition with each other to see who can collect the most 1 and 2 pences for Water Aid, we will let you know how they get on.

Yr 1/Foundation Robins – The school is looking into and getting quotes for new play facilities and equipment for the Early Years Foundation Unit play area, with the children putting in their ideas and designs of what they would like!

They have also been learning about dinosaurs, pronouncing tricky names and future palaeontologists digging in the garden for dinosaur bones! With Spring finally here, the children have been learning about new life and with Easter approaching soon, will be making cards and nests.

Yr 1/2 Ravens – have a newly decorated resources area thanks to Andy Gibbard and Mick. New furniture will be arriving after Easter. The children have been studying materials in Science and discovering what everyday items are made from.

Design and Technology has been producing some individual vehicles with wheels designed and made by the children.

Country Dancing in PE has been thoroughly enjoyed, children remembering their left from their right! →>>



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→> **Yr 3/4 Kingfishers** – will be visiting Sulgrave Manor, Banbury as part of their history topic, the Tudors. A day will be spent with the children taking on roles of the Tudor dynasty from Henry VIII right through to Elizabeth. As part of the experience they will be taking a Tudor lunch!

In Science they have been learning about circuits and conductors by putting together a switch, battery and a light bulb and getting the bulb to light up!

In RE the children will be learning about Special Holy People, Lent and Easter.

Yr 5/6 Eagles – Unfortunately the Yenworthy trip was cut short due to snow! But the children have just made another attempt to go back for a long weekend and it has proved successful! Climbing waterfalls, rock pooling are just some of the things they are rumoured to have done! We look forward to hearing more.

We must also mention and say a big “well done” to Liam, Jordan and Vaugn who have every Monday for 8 weeks been going to Sutton Courtenay Environmental Study Centre to design, develop and build a bird hide area.

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GARDENING TIME

Rhododendrons – Large and Small

When you look closely at a Rhododendron flower, it is truly an amazing piece of work. And not only the detail of the flower itself but the way it sits amongst the foliage gives the impression of real plant perfection. Rhododendrons have been a familiar sight in this country since the middle of the nineteenth century when the Victorian collectors and plant hunters began bringing back specimens predominantly from China, Japan, and the Himalayas. Yet they retain their exotic beauty and still make a great impact wherever you come across them.

Anyone who has wandered through a spring garden bursting with Rhododendrons in flower must want to enjoy a slice of that glory on their own patch. The good news is that **anyone can**. At its simplest, dwarf Rhododendrons can be enjoyed in containers on a patio or balcony. The Yakushimanum (otherwise known as 'Yak') hybrids grow slowly and with the right feeding and watering will put on glorious displays of flowers year after year without ever out-growing their space. Container growing allows all the benefits of being able to get the soil conditions just right (**acid soil is a must** although the RHS has been running long-term trials on lime-tolerant varieties) and you can relocate your plants as the fancy takes you. Handy if you're moving house.

If you've got more space and the soil is right you can make them a bigger part of the garden. Combine them with ferns, perhaps in the dappled shade of mature trees. Hostas make great partners too. Try matching the sumptuous *Rhododendron* 'Blue Peter' for example with *Hosta fortunei* to get maximum value from the lilac flower heads of the Rhododendron. A worthwhile guideline to bear in mind is that the more floriferous the variety, the less suitable it will be for naturalistic settings. For this reason, the really showy examples, like *Rhododendron* 'Linda', with its vivid cerise flowers, are best nearer the house. Even 'Linda' however can be moderated by planting in combination with cooler flowers, for example bluebells.

Bigger Rhododendrons have the potential to provide useful screening against eyesores or for protection from a busy road. Hardy hybrid or 'iron-clad' evergreen Rhododendrons are perfect for these situations. *Rhododendron* 'Cynthia' is one such variety, reaching a height and spread of 20m in ideal circumstances and would be effective in this situation. However, also there are dwarf alpine varieties that are perfect in rock gardens, for example 'Dora Amateis' which bears lovely white flowers in spring and achieves a maximum height and spread of only 60cm.

The wonderful world of Rhododendrons brings colour and interest for much of the year but it is in **spring** that the greatest glories occur. Make your selection for your situation and as long as you give them a helping hand as they become established, they will bring you joy for many years to come.

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The Seasonal Gardener

Has Spring finally Sprung? Maybe we'll get 4 seasons this year instead of one long rainy season! Well as I write it feels more like summer! I personally will not be missing the long murky grey days and cold weather of winter. I'm revelling in the sunshine, the longer evenings of light that mean we can be out in our gardens more often and for longer. The spring bulbs are doing their job of cheering us up and helping us look forward to the next delights of our gardens. My flowering cherry tree is in full bloom and the fluffy catkins of my weeping willow bring a smile to my face.

However, while walking around enjoying this beautiful time, I see much is to be done if we're going to get the best out of the garden this year. **April is a busy time** of year. The planning is over and now we can actually start to do constructive things.

It's the last chance to plant bare root hedges and plants before they burst into growth. All the established shrubs and trees need feeding and mulching for the summer. Last minute tidy ups of dead growth and pruning of overgrown plants can be done now. Very important is to get the supports in for all the perennial plants that have a tendency to flop in the summer. Done now, the plants grow through and over the supports and hide them. And it's much easier than feeding long fragile growth through the little holes of the supports! The veg plot is de-weeded, manured and fertilized ready to plant seedlings, and the soil is covered to warm quicker as I'm on heavy clay! The seeds in the greenhouse for both vegetables and pretty annuals are coming on a treat.

I'm staggering the sowing of my seeds in the hope that I won't have to prick out all the seeds in one go like I did last year! My garlic and onion sets are in the ground now with more in pots waiting to go out when they're a bit bigger. My potatoes are chitting nicely, although I can't say it made a huge difference when I planted out unchitted seed potatoes last year! This weekend I went over my lawn with a dethatcher to remove the moss and will be aerating it this week before giving it a spring treat of feed and weed killer. Hopefully it will be better placed to stand up to the wear and tear of the kids.

Ah, so much to do and I can't wait to get stuck in. So I'll leave you with this thought. The soothsayers believe that after a hard cold winter there will be a long hot summer. Fingers crossed, I say and get those water butts cleaned and ready for the hosepipe ban!

Sara Southey

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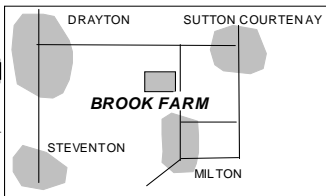
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Two main topics were discussed, firstly the future of the bar and how we can run it and keep it in as near its present form as possible. The problem in this economic climate is that we are all unwilling to 'ought for nought' on a regular basis, so most of the help we used to get on a voluntary basis no longer exists. As a consequence our **outgoings now exceed our income**.

The second item, the doors that are in the hall at present are rotting, allowing ants to enter in the summer - and being fire doors they are difficult to use as entry doors, this will be remedied by converting one door to an entry door, and one left as an emergency exit, lastly it will bring light back to the small hall. These doors will cost a great deal of money, we are applying for grants to help with the cost, but it will leave a shortfall the Hall funds will have to make up. When this work is done, we must ask everyone inside and out to respect them and protect them!

Lastly we looked at the almost complete yearly figures, they don't make good reading, If we can't **encourage more usage**, cuts will have to be made! We don't realise how lucky we are to have this Hall, I have seen and used other halls in the county and ours is one of the best, even at 34 years old!
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DORCHESTER SAILING CLUB 'Try Sailing Day' Sat April 25th @ 1pm; could YOU, or someone in your family, become another British Olympic yachting hero?! Here's your chance to try this exciting hobby, call 01865 407726 or 341853 for more details (you need suitable shoes – could get wet! – and a windproof jacket) and/or see website www.dorchestersailingclub.org.uk (and this site has details of BIG discounts on training course fees - but HURRY, contact them by MARCH 31st !)

NSPCC FUNDRAISER (CLIFF tribute)

Drayton Golf Club, Sat May 9th, an excellent Cliff Richard tribute artist and supporting disco, £10 a ticket. Details contact :- Sarah Eighteen (seighteen@oink.co.uk)

Abingdon Museum – see the latest exhibits :- 'The 70's - the decade that taste forgot' & 'Abingdon: Back Through Time'.

OXFORD BUS NEWS Daniel Scharf (Parish Council) reports a helpful development – re transfer FROM a 35A TO an X3, X4 or X13 to continue the journey to Oxford.

Oxford Bus managers have confirmed that it IS acceptable (the only example of 'through ticketing' in the County) and that all bus drivers will be advised; & they should be able to determine if a quicker connection is due without a call to HQ.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

A Warm Welcome to Mark Francis, who has just moved into the Eastway Mobile Home Park. He now occupies the newly refurbished #1 spot!

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 April 7th, and May 5th. If you need transport or further information please give me (Jean Hager) a call on 531558.

DRAYTON DIARIES

DIARY FOR APRIL

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

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

NB You may now check Hall bookings online :-

www.draytonvh.org.uk or call the above number

Sat	4	Private Booking	
Sun	5	Bowls (all day)	Large Hall
Mon	6 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting (p9)	
Tues	2 3.00pm	First Tuesday	Church Room
Sun	12	Private Booking	
Mon	13	Private Booking	
Fri	17	Chronicle Adverts DEADLINE (p2)	
Sun	19	Bowls (all day)	Large Hall
Mon	20 5.15pm	CHRONICLE DEADLINE	Vickery's
Thur	23 8.00pm	Twinning AGM (p6)	Caudwell DC

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Running (beginners)

Includes technique coaching and injury prevention exercises. Starts and finishes in Steventon. Call to book and check times.

Yoga (beginners)

45 minute class is for beginners to learn the basic yoga positions. Call to book and check times

Enquiries & bookings to
Caroline Dendy 07714 896033
www.dendy.co.uk

REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

MONDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys / girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys / girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
7.15 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
8.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	

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
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	Table Tennis - League	School

THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Foot Clinic (1st Thurs)	Caudwell Day Centre
9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
	followed by lunch club and afternoon session	
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Lady Chapel
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group	
9.50 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	Haywards Rd
10.15 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	The Green Car Pk
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs)	Caudwell DC
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing. Tel: 531701	

FRIDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	Sch'l Ground Bldg
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	Caudwell Day Centre
6.30pm	Choir Practice	St Peter's

SUNDAYS

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

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