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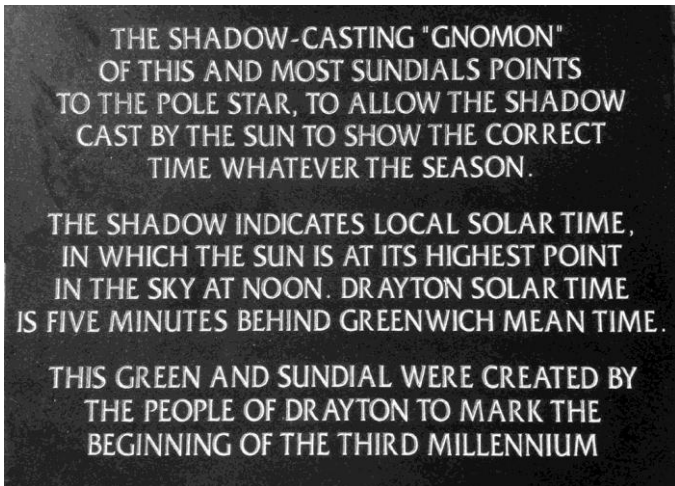
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## MILLENNIUM GREEN SUNDIAL RESTORED

Nick Hamilton

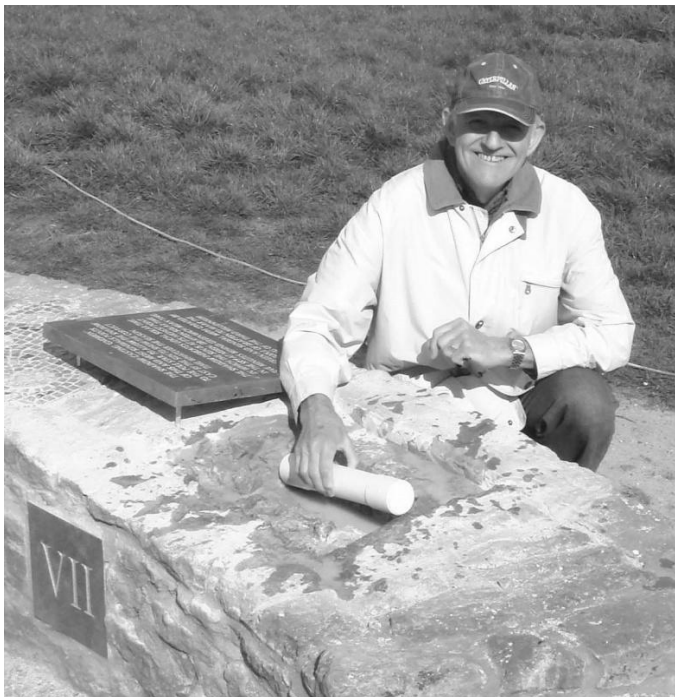
Many of you who are regular users of the Millennium Green will have noticed the plaque that now has been mounted on the sundial which describes how it all works.

This is a photograph of the plaque showing the wording



This installation now completes the restoration work on the sundial which has been masterminded by Derek Pooley with great enthusiasm and skill. Thank you Derek for all your hard work. The Trustees would also like to thank the Parish Council, Robert Corneville Charity and the individuals whose financial contributions allowed this work to take place.

The following article describes the Time Capsule that has been buried beneath the plaque.



*Derek placing the time capsule in its recess before the plaque is cemented in place*

## DRAYTON'S TIME CAPSULE

Derek Pooley

Was your photo among the many included in 'Drayton in Focus - 1999', the wonderful booklet published by Daria Stimpson and the Local History Group to celebrate the new millennium? Then it is now in the time capsule we have placed in the sundial on the Millennium Green. Perhaps, in hundreds of year's time, someone will rediscover the time capsule and be reminded of you!

When I wrote about refurbishing the MG sundial in last November's Chronicle, I stressed that 'it's not there to set our watches by! We hope it will be an interesting and intriguing feature on Drayton's beautiful Millennium Green, symbolic of the passing of time as the shadow rotates round the wall. The clock-face numerals are Roman number symbols, thousands of years old and no longer used except on clocks, carved into blocks of granite made a billion years or more ago. In contrast, the shadow-casting gnomon is stainless steel, a material of today, pointing into outer space, where perhaps mankind's long-term future lies.'



Now the sundial has also become a memorial of present-day Drayton, because buried in the wall, under the newly installed plaque, is a physical time capsule. This is a piece of PVC waste pipe containing snapshots of Drayton from the last 10 years and hopefully protected against water, bacteria and insects. As well as Daria's booklet, we have placed inside it the current 'Drayton Village information leaflet', the part of Gwen Price's MG diary which explains the genesis of the Green and several Chronicle pages about the new millennium and the sundial.

The capsule is protected from direct sunlight and rain by the granite plaque above it and any liquid water reaching it will rapidly drain away through the sandy core of the wall. The plastic and the seals should protect the documents against insects and bacteria and the humidity in the tube should stay low enough for the documents to stay in good condition for a long, long time.



Fingers crossed!

# CHRONICLE INFORMATION

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September	17 August 2009	28 August 2009

## NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

Contributions to and advertisements in the Chronicle are most welcome. Please be sure **always to include your name**, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number. Without names we will usually not print an item at all.

**However, please also note** that the editor has to ensure that each Chronicle fits exactly into an even number of printed pages. The editor therefore reserves the right to place, edit, shorten or even reject contributions as required.

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1. The best is by **email** to **editor@draytonchronicle.net**. Your contributions should either be embedded in your email as **plain text** or attached as a **rich-text** or **Microsoft Word** document!

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Please head your email and label any attachments with a name distinctive to you, not just 'Chronicle'. Also, make sure the editor or advertising manager acknowledges your email within 2 or 3 days.

2. If you cannot send your contribution by email, send us a **good quality paper version**, using fairly large, **simple** black typescript, without underlining on white paper, A4 or smaller.

3. Finally, we do accept **hand-written items**. However, in this case **please write the names of people and places in capital letters**. This does save a lot of mistakes.

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After the deadlines listed at the top of this page, only urgent items will be considered for inclusion and then only if emailed or delivered directly to the **Editor's** house by the Wednesday following the deadlines.

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# CHRONICLE LOTTERY

**Daphne Samworth, Hon Promoter**

## RESULTS OF THE APRIL LOTTERY

Prize	Ticket	Winner	Agent
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£10	0737	Mrs Smith, 5, Henleys Lane	Angela Painton
£10	1401	Mr Evans, 42, Steventon Road	Jackie Walker
£10	2385	Ann Andrew, Middle Barn, Sutton Wick Lane	Jean Oliver
£10	2574	Mr Butts, 5, Barton Court	Margaret Watts
£10	2579	Margaret Watts, 1, Mott Cottages	Margaret Watts
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# GARDEN TOPICS

## The Seasonal Gardener – May

Sara Southey

Ah, the sunshine! It's a beautiful thing but having just received the first burn of the season it's time to remind all you gardeners out there to apply your sunscreen before you go outside. I didn't even think of it over the Easter weekend and whilst distracted by all those lovely young shoots poking their heads up I received a very nasty bit of sunburn. I am old enough to know better but each spring I get caught out at least once!

May is pretty much here and I'm very glad. My greenhouse is full to the brim with seedlings and plants waiting for the risk of frost to be completely gone. Putting them out too early is a gamble I'm not prepared to take, having lost many last year to the very late frosts. However, it is a wonderful sight to behold. I have to admit to regularly going in to the greenhouse just to admire all those lovely seedlings waiting to become vegetables and flowers for my garden. However, trying to find a home for all those seedlings that didn't quite make the cut, but I can't bear to throw away, is getting harder and harder!

Things are hotting up outside as well. The vegetable plot is starting to look productive with the beans, peas and rhubarb all doing well. My first sowings of carrots, beetroot, and radishes are all popping their heads up underneath the garden fleece. The fruit trees and bushes are all blossoming their hearts out. And this year my children and I have sown what seems like hundreds of sunflowers for a sunflower forest in the front garden. Needless to say taking these in and out to harden them off is beginning to wear a little thin! My flower borders are beginning to fill out again, reminding me that I should perhaps split some of the clumps before they get too large!

My magnolia tree has been the most splendid thing in my garden for some weeks now. Having taken 3 years to get its feet down into my heavy clay it is now relishing all those nutrients and has more blooms than I can count. Quite spectacular! My aim now is to have a tree for every month of the year and my tree for May is my weeping crab apple which as I write is just showing signs of its full potential.

I read today that "Some days in the medieval calendar were believed to bring bad luck, and early May is recurrently dangerous", so you have been warned! Don't put your tender plants out yet!!

Happy Gardening.

Sara Southey, *Southey Gardening Solutions*  
[www.southey-garden-solutions.co.uk](http://www.southey-garden-solutions.co.uk), tel. 07773 333972

## Orchid Care

Anne Hendry

Orchids are not difficult to care for despite having a reputation to the contrary. Actually, it is said that once you have an orchid, you have it for life. So just follow a few simple rules and you'll be successful. The basics are light, temperature and water.

The easiest orchid to look after is the Moth Orchid (*Phalaenopsis*). It enjoys bright conditions but not direct sun light though it is happy on a south-facing window sill during the winter months. Moth Orchids are best located in an east or west-facing window, preferably with double-glazed properties so as to avoid draughts. Kitchen and sitting room window sills are two favourite locations as they're usually warm and bright. Another ideal spot is the warm and humid bathroom. *Phalaenopsis* are happy too in conservatories but keep an eye on the intense summer light and heat between May and August.

Optimum temperatures are 60°F/15°C at night and 70° – 80°F/20° – 25°C during the day although lower day-time temperatures (spring and autumn) will help promote new flower spikes. However, it is important to keep the plant away from draughts and varying heat levels (too low or too high) as these will cause the buds to turn yellow then drop.

Moth Orchids do not like to be over-watered nor do they like standing in water. This is the most common cause of orchid death! *Phalaenopsis* seem to be at their happiest if they are slightly neglected in fact. This means watering once a fortnight or so during the winter months when light levels are low and indoor temperatures vary day and night. During the summer, water once a week when the days are longer and warmer.

There are two watering options; either use rain water that has been brought into the house and allowed to acclimatize or run a sink tap until the water is only tepid, no warmer. Hold the pot over the sink and allow the water to drain through. Once the water has drained away, place the orchid pot back onto its saucer or into its plant pot.

*Phalaenopsis* should be fed periodically with a balanced liquid fertilizer such as a seaweed extract. If you use this, dilute the feed to at least 4 times that indicated on the bottle. Otherwise, use a specific orchid feed. Feed when the plant is in active growth – generally between March and September – and do this every third to fourth watering, allowing the fertilised water to drain away. Orchid leaves can be periodically misted but not the flowers. Also remember to keep the leaves clean, using a damp cloth or a natural leaf shine (such as almond oil).

*Phalaenopsis* like their aerial roots to be exposed to light hence the use of clear plastic pots. If you're going to repot your orchid – and it's good practice to replace the orchid bark every 3 years or so – use the same pot having thoroughly cleaned it first. Don't repot however until the orchid has finished flowering. Cut the spent flower spike back to the node below the last flower on the stem. Sometimes the stem will remain green and produce new side shoots. At other times, the stem will die back; this is normal and nothing to worry about. Simply cut the stem right down and eventually a new flower spike will emerge from amongst the leaves.

People worry about rainforest environments and humidity when it comes to caring for their Moth Orchids. Don't! You can create your own microclimate by simply placing the orchid pot onto a saucer containing small pebbles. Ensure the pebbles are kept moist and this will allow the plant to draw up moisture into its root system. *Phalaenopsis* are really more than happy in the home environment and quickly adapt. It's as easy as that!

Anne Hendry, *Newington Nurseries*,  
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## REGULAR SERVICES

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

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday	10.30 am	Pebbles (Term Time only)	<i>Church Room</i>
Monday	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	<i>Bell Tower</i>
Every Second Friday	7.45 pm	Choir Practice	<i>Church Room</i>

## CALENDAR FOR MAY

Sat 2nd May	10.00 am-11.00 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods	<i>Church</i>
Sun 3rd May	11.15 am-11.45 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods	<i>Church</i>
Tue 5th May	3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections	<i>Church Room</i>

## CHURCH REGISTER

<b>Baptism</b>	22nd March	Lily Georgina Marie Crowshaw
<b>Funeral at Crematorium</b>	7th April	Chloe Jennings

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## LETTER FROM REVD JOSIE MIDWINTER

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One of the most famous sketches on TV was The Blood Donor done by Tony Hancock. Tony, all full of civic pride, turns up at the local hall to do his duty and give blood. The nurse comes and takes a prick of blood from his finger and Tony makes to leave thinking that is all that needs to be done. The nurse calls him back and tells him he needs to lie down as they are going to take a pint of blood. At this point Tony is filled with horror - 'A pint', he declares, 'that is very nearly an armful!' He is not prepared to give so much and simply walks away, all his good intentions forgotten. Described as 'very nearly an armful' a pint of blood does seem to be a lot to give in one go. But week by week thousands of people do just that - and those who receive the blood are truly grateful because they would probably not survive unless they had that necessary transfusion. One of the wonderful things about the blood donor service is that the people who give do not know who they are helping, they only know that they are helping someone somewhere who needs that life-giving blood.

This year Christian Aid are challenging us to think of our donations like that of the blood donor. Giving a pin-prick is not really going to do much, but giving a pint ('an armful' as Hancock put it) could make the difference between life and death. You might think that you cannot spare 'an armful' and you might walk away, but someone somewhere in the world will be grateful if you decide you can make that sacrifice because it will give them life.

In the year 2007/08 Christian Aid allocated 15 million pounds in responding to emergency situations, 39 million to long term development and 12.2 million campaigning for justice. They work in 50 countries with people of any religion or none and they work through some 600 partnership organisations which understand the situation in the local community. The record of the work they have done is outstanding. But it can only continue if people are prepared to be like blood donors, giving their 'pint' on a regular basis for the good of people they will never see or know.

Christian Aid Week is 10th to 17th May and we will be collecting throughout Drayton. We are always in need of extra collectors and if you think you could help please contact Victoria Griffiths (01235 531463) - she will be glad to hear from you. Each year we collect over £1000 in the village and this is a good total (but can always be increased!)

The Christian Aid Service is 10am on Sunday 17th May at St Peter's and our speaker is Christine Loy.

Jesus said:

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.  
I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep'

John 10:10 & 11

The example Jesus set was truly 'live-blood' giving, because he did lay down his life for all of us - that we might receive life. This is why as Christians we feel we cannot turn away from the needs of others however far away they might be from us. Christian Aid week is an opportunity to also do some 'live-blood' giving for others to live.

*Josie Midwinter*

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# BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Secretary: Mrs Jayne Henderson.....Tel. 522161

## REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

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

**EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME**

## FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS **Jean Hager**

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 3.00 pm to 4:30 pm and you are invited to drop in during these times. The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Our next two dates are 5th May and 2nd June. If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.

## LOCAL METHODIST WORSHIP

High Street, Milton  
Sunday Service: 10.30 am

Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

We wish a warm welcome to Mary Domes who has moved from Sussex to the High Street to live nearer her daughter.

*Mary Alexander*

It is with sadness that we have been informed of the death of Sarita Chambers who passed away in Warrington on Easter Monday. I'm sure many of us will remember her walking Nell, her little terrier, around the village.

*Daphne Samworth*

Congratulations to Amy and Lee of Whitehorns Way on the birth of their new baby girl, Scarlett Annie Louise Davies, born 16th February.

*Trudi Buckner*

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Once again St Peters and the Baptist churches joined forces to remember the Easter story, starting at the Baptist church where we heard the first part of the story how Jesus was betrayed.

Then out onto the green for the next episode in which Jesus was tried and found guilty, here we met Tracey the donkey who led the procession down the high street. At the edge of the village we turned onto the path and halted to remember that the crucifixion would have taken place in an area on the edge of town. Once again we moved on with our donkey leading the way we paused again in the burial ground to remember that Jesus was placed in a tomb after his death on the cross. Finally we moved on and entered St Peters, our friend Tracey the donkey, stood at the front of the church while we heard the last part of the story how after three days Jesus was raised from the dead.

Following this we took tea and coffee accompanied by hot cross buns in the church room. Our thanks go to all of the readers who made the story come to life, to the members of the Abingdon Band who played wonderfully to make our singing as enjoyable as it was, to the ladies who prepared the refreshments, to Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary who brought Tracey to join us but most of all to everyone who came and took part in this celebration of the Easter Story.

*Colin Arnold*



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# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## Jennifer Pooley

### Report of the Drayton Annual Parish Assembly and Council meeting on Monday 6th April 2009

As well as the Parish Councillors, twelve people attended the meeting. In the absence of Daniel Scharf (Chairman), Heather Morrison (Vice Chair), read his report highlighting matters dealt with during the year: management of the allotments, refurbishment of the Millennium Green sundial, involvement in the upkeep of village hall, topple testing of burial ground headstones and the Council's response to planning issues (especially the reservoir and incinerator) and the District Council's local development framework.

Reports were also given by chairmen of each working group and our District Councillor, Richard Webber:

**Leisure and General Purposes:** Repairs had been made to the village hall carpark and the hedge is to be cut back in preparation for extending parking space. The Youth Zone and Drop-in clubs continue to be well used and very successful.

**Rights of Way and Conservation:** Apart from a stretch of Sutton Wick footpath most are in good condition, sign posting on some has been improved and overgrown areas cut back in time for the parish 'beating the bounds' walk on May 9th. It is hoped that by autumn the OCC will have fulfilled its promise to install further kissing gates on the path from Eastway to the golf course. The OCC's Field Officer plans to call a second meeting to discuss improvements to the surface of the west end of Eastway.

**Planning:** The Planning Committee dealt with 39 planning applications this year, nine of which the Council objected to, but only one of which was eventually rejected by the Vale's planning department. The PC's views are sought on all planning applications and if objected to, the matter is referred to the Vale's planning committee for their consideration. If the Parish committee gives approval, the plans are just seen by the Vale's Planning officer who makes the final decision.

**District Councillor:** There had been a 50% response to Richard's village survey. Residents were concerned chiefly about traffic congestion, speeding, poor condition of pavements and the need for more youth facilities. He said some of these were the responsibility of the County and not the District Council and the public is often confused about who is responsible for which services. He complimented Melanie Parker and volunteers on the excellent youth work instigated so successfully.

**Finance:** The Council had satisfactorily carried out its mandatory annual risk assessment. Annual accounts had been audited and approved and Robin Butler made them available to the meeting for inspection. The Council's budget for this year is £32,000, more than previously so there is money in reserve for improvements to village amenities and grants. The Council's largest expenditure is on the Clerk's salary, village upkeep and grants to the DAMASCUS project and Millennium Green.

Rita Atkinson, representing the DAMASCUS youth project, reported on the work's success. The project has an annual budget of £45,000 and hopes for further Lottery funding to give security for the next five years. As with the Youth Zone and Drop-in club, there is always need for more adult volunteers.

Two young people, Lorna and Jasmine, expressed a wish for more youth activities and had some good ideas. They were unaware of the existing clubs and this led to discussion in the main Council meeting of how the youth work might be better publicised. The idea of having a regular feature in the Drayton Chronicle is to be referred to the editors and a prominent youth notice board is also a possibility.

John Killick, former Parish Councillor and Rights of Way/Conservation chairman, gave a summary of his recording of Drayton's 118kms. of hedgerows which he had examined in 30 metre stretches, numbered and mapped. Richard Webber invited

John to present his work at the village Community day on July 4th.

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman and the Clerk the main Council meeting was kept to bare essentials. However, most noteworthy was the welcome presence of the four newly co-opted Councillors, Gill Hind, Richard Williams, Andrew Wright, and Julian Cook who has also been appointed village caretaker.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30pm on Monday 11th May in the Caudwell Day Centre. This will be the Council's AGM and all are welcome.



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## The Red Lion



# DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

**Richard Webber**

Where are the parents?

In Drayton, we are lucky enough to have excellent Youth services. Under the experienced guidance of The Damascus Youth Project, our Youth Zone is increasingly well attended, and caters for Drayton's young from 8-15, it is manned by a group of wonderful, unpaid volunteers, (but always in need of more). Parents whose young attend know that they will be in good care. We have some of the lowest figures on vandalism in the whole District (and the District has some of the lowest figures in the UK). The difficulty with low figures is that when there are incidents, they stand out all the more. How sad it is then, that in recent months it has become apparent that we have a small group of young teenagers who are in the habit of teasing and even bullying the elderly, and there has been at least one incident, of the same group doing the same with a young Mum on her own with a very young baby. In general, these things are best not publicised and I have thought carefully before mentioning it here. I have decided to do so for one very good reason. The offending youngsters all have parents and it is to them I wish to appeal. Do you know where your young teenage son or daughter is at any time? How certain are you? The behaviour of these youngsters is not only disheartening to all those people giving their time to help with the young, but also costing the youth services and our Police Community Support Officers a great deal of time, time which could be spent engaging with *all* our youngsters as they grow to become responsible citizens and fully participating members of the community.

Please think carefully before leaping to the defence of your youngsters if you are visited by our PCSOs or Youth Services. Surely we should try to encourage decent behaviour by encouraging good, responsible parenting first. I do not like the idea of this village bristling with CCTV cameras and people having to give witness statements to the police and make direct accusations against each other.

Air Quality – calling all Scientists and Window-Cleaners.

I have a piece of apparatus which I keep in the garage. Once every two or three years or so, I bring it out, guiltily, to clean the paving slabs. Am I making it more likely that one day we will need a reservoir every time I use it? We have a lot of paving slabs, we prefer them to weeds. The apparatus is, of course, a pressure hose.

Am I imagining it or does it get harder to clean the slabs each time I do it? Is the thick, tarry layer of grime which needs to be removed thicker than 2 years ago? Is there more tar and less lichen than there used to be? Are there any window cleaners who think that windows get dirtier, faster each year? Is it possible that Didcot Power Station for example is pushing out more or different particulates or ash or whatever than it used to? Before we contemplate incinerators, are we quite certain we understand what is already falling from the sky? I certainly have no wish to be alarmist, and so far, my thoughts on this are idle – but are there any scientists in the village who can reassure me?

# WESTMINSTER LETTER

**Ed Vaizey**

At the beginning of April, the Daily Mail wrote a two-page spread on Wantage. The Daily Mail is now printed just a few miles away from Wantage, in Didcot, so you might have thought this would be a homage to a local, nearby town. Not a bit of it. Headed Credit Crunch Central, the article depicted Wantage as almost a ghost town - boarded up shops, listless kids, even the famous statue of King Alfred denuded of his axe.

The premise of this article was that the Wantage constituency, which I represent, and which includes Faringdon, Grove, Didcot and Wallingford as well as Wantage itself, has seen the largest annual rise in unemployment in the country, in percentage terms - a whopping 204.9%.

Now, that is a very worrying statistic. And I do not want in any way to underestimate the difficulties we face in this area, nor the personal crisis faced by many individuals and their families who together make up that terrible statistic, some of whom were quoted in the article.

But it is also important to present the other side of the story. Wantage - the town and the constituency - is very far from being a ghost town. Yes, Wantage itself has lost its Woolies, and several estate agents and a bar have gone out of business. But there are also new employers coming to the area all the time, to Wantage and elsewhere in the constituency. In fact, Wantage's rise in unemployment looks awful only because we start from such a low base. Even today, unemployment remains relatively low, at 2.5%, and Wantage ranks 601st out of 659 constituencies in terms of unemployment (with one obviously being the constituency with the highest number of unemployed).

As I never tire of telling people, this is one of the most economically dynamic areas of the country, with Europe's largest business park, and some of the biggest scientific investment in the UK, as well as good transport links to the rest of this country. We are well-placed to weather this recession.

But we cannot just sit back. I am planning job clinics in Wantage and Didcot. As I have said before, I am ready to help any individual or business in difficulty, either with banks or Government bureaucracy. And we must also plan for recovery. We'll continue to need the skills to sustain our economy, which means investment in our local schools and colleges. We'll continue to need good transport links, which means planning infrastructure properly. And yes, we will need more housing, in the right places, so that people can be confident that if they invest here there will be the people to employ.

But we are not Credit Crunch Central, not now, and I don't think ever.

Next surgeries are 8th May in Grove Old Mill Hall, and 29th May in Didcot, King Alfred Drive Community Centre, at 5.30pm

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## YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

The recent collection for the Children's Society raised £125.00. Many thanks to all who contributed in Steventon Road, Haywards Road, Binning Close, Eastway, Lockway and Whitehorns Way.

*Doreen Bourne*

Dear Editor,

I feel compelled to write a short note regarding the state of the footpath section of Drayton East Way. I run along this path fairly regularly and since the evenings have begun to get lighter I have noticed that the path has become very dog-fouled, to the point where it is, at times, almost impossible to run along.

I am writing to you in the hope that if this is put in the magazine, the dog owners responsible may read this and start to consider other people by cleaning up after their pets. I do not consider it to be reasonable to diminish other people's enjoyment of a public footpath in this manner.

*Name and address supplied*

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a big thank-you to everyone that supported my buckets of pennies for buckets of water appeal. We raised £270 that will be able to buy 13 wells in other countries.

*Annie Soper (Aged 11)*

### WOODEN SPOON RECIPE NO 27

#### Rosti-style pork (serves 4) (from September 1994)

4 pork loin medallions or steaks, 1 large potato (coarsely grated), 1 onion (coarsely grated), 4 tablespoons finely chopped chives, 2 ozs grated mature Cheddar cheese, 1/2 oz melted butter, 1 tsp ready-made English mustard, salt and ground black pepper. Set the oven to 200C, gas mark 6.

Place the potato and onion in a sieve and squeeze out as much moisture as possible.

Place the potato, onion, chives, cheese, butter and mustard in a bowl and mix well. Season with salt and ground black pepper.

Arrange the pork in the base of an oven-proof dish. Pile the filling onto each piece of pork and flatten well with the back of a spoon.

Cover and bake in a pre-heated oven for 15 minutes. Remove the cover and drain off any liquid. Cook for a further 20 minutes to allow the topping to become crisp.

*Lois Rennells*

## ALL AROUND

### DRAYTON W.I.

**Shirley Thomas**

We extended a warm welcome to three new members this month. A very well attended gathering of W.I. members enjoyed an illuminating talk by Norman Francis on Madame de Pompadour the paramour of Louis the fifteenth of France. A very beautiful, talented and amusing lady, she remained in his affections for twenty years. The evening continued with W.I. business and forthcoming trips were discussed including one to Aston Pottery. Thanks were extended to our outings organiser for a successful bowls afternoon; since then we have had a challenge from the Hendreds for a future fixture in September. Several members attended the A.G.M. in Oxford Town Hall and some went to the Group meeting in Sutton Courtenay. Our next meeting will be on May 14th which will be on Wildlife in Oxfordshire.

### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Pearl Stanbridge

The Branch is having a Family Fun Day in the grounds of the Lantern Restaurant on Saturday 27th June in celebration of the first ever National Armed Forces Day so we hope you will all come along and join us for an enjoyable time and make this event a successful one to be considered for an annual event.

Our next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 18th May at 8pm.

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## TODDLERS

**Julie Laws**

Many thanks to everyone who helped out with and supported the Nearly New Sale held in March. £90 was raised for our Toddler group.

We send our love and best wishes to Tyler Heery and Alfie Sharman who have started pre-school this term. We wish you lots of fun at pre-school and are pleased we will still see you at Toddlers.

A couple of reminders for you:- 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 2009, 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.

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 or Becca on 07513 971587.

## DRAYTON WIVES

**Pam Lacey**

We had a wonderful attendance of members and guests at our March meeting when Paul Mayhew-Archer (who now lives in Drayton) came along to talk about his work as a Scriptwriter for TV and films. The programme, which perhaps he is most associated with (and which we all love), is The Vicar of Dibley. He showed various clips from the programme and explained how the script is written in such a way that the humour bounces from one character to another. Paul has also been involved in scriptwriting with the highly acclaimed scriptwriter, Richard Curtis, on a number of popular films such as Four Weddings and a Funeral and Bridget Jones.

Our April meeting will be the AGM and during the year we have seen our membership steadily grow and had a number of interesting visits and events namely, Waterperry Gardens, the Falklands Memorial Chapel at Pangbourne, Didcot Power Station, Basildon Park. At our Christmas Coffee Evening we had Edmund performing his magic tricks and in February we had a very enjoyable Birthday Lunch at Drayton Park Golf Club.

Dates for your Diary in **MAY**

**Mon 11th** COFFEE - Barbara, Pat, Mavis - Caudwell D.C.

**Mon 18th** WHIST - Barbara Carter, Caudwell D.C.

**Wed 27th** MEETING - Diane Wilson - Wild Life in a Country Garden

**Reminder:** Our Bring & Share Lunch will be on 26th August at the home of Mary Alexander, 3A High Street.



### **ST PETER'S - PRAISE AT TEN CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE**

**10am Sunday 17 May**

Christine Loy will talk about the work of Christian Aid

**PET PRAISE - 3pm Sunday 21 June**

How we British love our pets! Please bring your dog, cat, budgie (or whatever you have) along to the church/churchyard.

Even if you don't have a pet join us to celebrate the joy that pets bring to us all.

## ART PROJECT IN DRAYTON HALL **Claire Soper,** **Youthzone Volunteer**

Three members of Drayton Art Group : Jean Fernyhough, Shirley Thomas and Cicely Willis-Dixon have been involved over the past month in working with some of Drayton's young people who attend the weekly Youthzone meeting at the village hall on a Monday evening.

The project evolved after some of the young people expressed an interest in having an art session, and members of the Art Group were approached for their help.

What started out as a rather vague idea to create a picture to brighten the small hall grew into an ambitious project by the Art Group and Youthzone members, culminating in the unveiling of a roughly eight foot square painting on Monday 20th April.

The painting of flying elephants has transformed the rather uninspiring decor of the small hall into a much more vibrant environment for everyone to enjoy.

Anyone who would like to view the painting is more than welcome to come and visit Youthzone on a Monday evening from 6.30-7.30pm

Youthzone would like to extend sincere thanks to Jean, Shirley and Dixie for all their considerable hard work over the past month. Much work has gone on unseen, in addition to Monday evenings for which Youthzone is extremely grateful as without their expertise the project would not have been completed.

In addition many thanks go to David and Heather Lee who have also worked hard to construct a wooden frame on which to mount the painting, no mean feat in itself.

Finally thanks to the Hall Committee for agreeing to the project taking place, it has been a wonderful example of collaboration between two village organisations which would not normally have had anything to do with each other, and shows what can be done if we work together.



*Some of the young artists from the Youthzone  
Pictured in front of their work*

# MORE ALL AROUND

## DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB John Gould

The D.D.T.T.A. season has reached its conclusion & for Drayton Table Tennis Club it has been quite successful.

The A team has finished as Runners up in Division 1. This is the best ever finish for our top side in 25 years. They finished level on points with BR Crown but lost on ties won. This despite having beaten the champions convincingly both home and away. BR Crown however won all their other ties to clinch the title. Many congratulations to them. Vital dropped points with two draws and an early season defeat proved costly. We are hopeful the team of Karl Bushell, Ellis Bicknell, Greg Boone, Craig Campbell & Captain Roger Perry will stay together for next season and will then go one place better.

Better news in Division 2 where the C team of Steve Gardner, David Hudson, Tony Krason & Captain Roy Stocker have won a four team marathon tussle to become League 2 Champions. In addition, Tony has won the Division 2 'Best Player' award. They may well accept promotion to Division 1 and join our A & B teams.

Drayton G finished runners up in Division 3. The team of Andrew Cudden, Dave Harradine & Captain John Gould only lost three ties all season and will play in Division 2 next season.

Of our other teams, the B team under the captaincy of Rob Hudson have consolidated their Division 1 status; the D team finished 3rd in Division 3 and the E team mid placed 7th in Division 4. All three sides probably achieved more than was expected with the D & E teams coping with the loss of good players during the season. Their respective captains Shaun Collins & Allan Lovelock deserve credit for their efforts in keeping the teams together and completing all their scheduled fixtures.

Drayton F in division 5 was our team of inexperienced adults and juniors. They all enjoyed their season and did very well against some more experienced players. We see this as a stepping stone for the players and expect them to move up the leagues as they become more experienced. Captain Matt Wicks in his first season has become a major asset to our club and during the summer will attend coaching courses to become our regular Club Coach from the start of next season.

At the time of writing, we still have the Bidmead Cup Final where our team will be up against Abingdon. Abingdon are the biggest club so start favourites but we are hoping for an upset. Drayton last won the cup in the 2003-04 season.

Our Club Championships are now being arranged with the main event, the Senior Closed tournament on Sunday 17th May. This is our 17th year and we are hoping for a good day. Matthew Davies will attempt to defend his Senior Singles title but only one person has done that before so he will find it tough. The Cadets and Juniors tournaments will be on Monday 11th May starting 7.00pm.

The Club Annual General Meeting is on Monday 18th May at the Red Lion Pool Room from 7.30 pm. Potential new players are welcome to attend.



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## BOWLS CLUB

## 'Roll Up'

The latest internal competitions to be completed are 'The Rose Bowl' triple leagues and going through from the Monday league will be John Goodacre, Kay Attwood, and Pat Mitcheson who will play Tony Mullins, Jim Bray, and Barbara Carter from the Wednesday league in the play off on finals day, December the 9th. Also completed was a handicap competition which was won by Chris Smith. Well done Chris, this was a new competition and was enjoyed by twenty four members all of whom thought it should be repeated next year. The annual 'Friendly Fours' was again a great success, with teams from Harwell, and Stanford-in-the-vale and Drayton competing, with the winning team of Tony Wright, Val Locke, June Hyde and Josie Carter from Drayton beating Harwell in the final. Many thanks to Jane for arranging the event, and to Doreen and Carol for providing the lunch and all the other helpers who made this another grand day which was enjoyed by over forty people. The next competition to be held will be 'The Don Alexander Trophy', this will be held on the 17th of May.

In closing these notes, it is with sadness that we have lost yet another member after a short illness, Heather Pennington who was a regular Thursday member, and our sympathy goes out to Heather's family at this sad time.

## DRAYTON PLAYERS

## Jean Hager

After the success of our last production we are now busily rehearsing a one-act play which will provide our contribution to the Oxfordshire Drama Festival being held in the Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon from Sunday 31st May to Saturday 6th June. (Also, the following week, in the Corn Exchange, Wallingford).

Entitled "Nasty Things, Murders", the play is set in a retirement complex for ladies and the plot develops around a TV docu/drama describing a twenty year old murder. The TV set breaks down as the culprit is about to be revealed and the ensuing developments on stage concern the efforts of the ladies to discover the vital identity, leading to more than one surprise!

The whole week is a really interesting showcase for local amateur dramatic groups, providing a good variety of entertainment. So far, we have not been allocated our specific performance date but if anyone is interested in going along to the Unicorn during the Festival, just give me a ring on 531558 nearer the time and I will fill in the details.

Besides our one-acter, plans for the late September production are now in discussion and I hope to have some firm news on that front soon.



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# EVEN MORE ALL AROUND

## PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP **Debbie Bargus**

We would like to welcome Tian Carpenter, Robyn Edgington, Archie Gibbard, Tyler Heery, Tyler Porter and Alfie Sharman who all join us for the summer term. We hope they have lots of fun and enjoy their time with us.

Our Topic for the summer term is Mini beasts, we will be looking in the garden for lots of bugs and insects. We will also be following life cycles, including those of frogs and butterflies. We have tadpoles and caterpillars; we will be watching their progress.

A big thank you to all who helped during the Easter holidays, we now have a few new fence panels alongside our garden as well as bright new curtains at the windows. Also much cleaning, gardening and tidying was done. All was really appreciated and helps to maintain Preschool for the children. Many thanks to everyone.

Term dates are Monday 20th April til Friday 22nd May, no sessions on Monday 4th May (May Day). Half Term is Monday 25th May til Friday 29th May. Returning to Preschool on Monday 1st June.

A reminder of some important dates for Preschool, we are holding our AGM on Wednesday 10th June 2009 at 7.30pm in the Preschool building. This is where new committee members are elected. We do need more new members; the committee usually meets around once a term to discuss any ideas or issues relating to the smooth running of Preschool. If you have any questions or would be interested in what any particular role involves, please do not hesitate to speak to either a member of staff or current committee member who can answer your queries. All are welcome.

This year's sponsored toddle is on Tuesday 16th June at Beale Park. Please ask in Preschool for more details.

There is an easy way to help our fundraising, if you order goods via the internet, you can register at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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.

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## SCHOOL REPORT

**Annette Mitchell**

School started the new term on a sad note. Our new shed had been broken into, vandalised and equipment was either stolen or broken. Also, the new fence has been kicked in and litter left around the school grounds. The teenagers are known to us and still have siblings going to the school, so not only are they costing the school even more money but ruining it for their own brothers and sisters. We are, needless to say, extremely upset and will not hesitate in reporting them to the police.

The school collected in 1p and 2p's a grand total of £270 for Water Aid! Thank you to everyone who donated.

We are now collecting the following vouchers!

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All these vouchers provide valuable resources for the school without costing the school money! Thank you for your support.

In the week commencing Monday 8th June we will be getting arty in school because we are having a whole week of art based activities. We are hoping to include sculpting, printing, making music, poetry, weaving, dance and many other things. So if you weave, print, paint, sing, rap or arrange flowers, in fact anything a group of children could do in an hour we would love to hear from you! Call the school on 531316.

Year 1/Foundation Robins – are using their new canopy and stage area and are now waiting for the new play equipment to arrive soon!

They will be looking at growing this term and would love any donations of old plastic plant pots and seeds they could grow?!

Year 1/2 Ravens – will be studying plants and animals in the school grounds for science. In Art, they will look at Australian Aboriginal Art and in Geography the subject will be 'Going to the Seaside'!

Year 3/4 Kingfishers – are continuing to study The Tudors and will be visiting The Abingdon Museum to have another Tudor Day!

This term they will be looking at 'How To Improve Our Environment!'

Year 5/6 Eagles – will be studying 'The Movies' and everything to do with the subject. Including Special Effects, Arts and Scenery, Scripts, Costumes, also the types of movies including Westerns and Silent!

During this term SATS will be happening but the children will not be aware that they are actually being tested.

Dates for your diary:

Summer Fair Saturday 20th June 2 – 4pm.

Please see the advert for more details.

We are also looking at starting an aerobic class every Monday 9.15am – 10.15am in the school hall, more details to follow.



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## GARD REPORT

The Committee are not sitting back, and what we now wish to achieve is the elimination in May by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Hilary Benn, of the Thames Water reservoir proposal from their 25 year plan. All our advice is that the reservoir is not going to be needed for at least 20 years, and when additional supplies are required for London there are far more appropriate, cheaper, quicker, more reliable and environmentally friendly ways of meeting demand. These have not been properly or fully considered and researched by either Thames Water or the Environment Agency.

Our water resources consultant, Chris Binnie, has confirmed that there is no good reason for Thames Water to have failed to undertake full research into the Severn to Thames water transfer options which we put forward, especially as some of these were initiated and favoured by the old Water Resources Board and the National Rivers Authority before the disaster of water privatisation, which then put the planning lead into the hands of commercially motivated water companies.

Our flooding expert, Dr Penning –Rowsell, has reinforced the viability one of our proposed scheme involving a smaller reservoir at Longdon Marsh in Gloucestershire which was wrongly ruled out by both Thames Water, with support from the Environment Agency, on flooding grounds.

We have circulated Chris Binnie's critique of Thames Water's revised plan very widely and we hope that it will be used by responsible and unbiased people when advice is given to Mr Hilary Benn. If not, its contents will stand up against the Abingdon reservoir plan in 5 years time, or when the reservoir again rears its unpleasant head.

*Nick Thompson*

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The Annual General Meetings of these two trusts will be held in the Caudwell Day Centre from 7.30 on Tuesday 23rd June. Everyone is invited to attend but it would be helpful if those who would like to raise issues for consideration by the trusts could contact their chairmen in advance - Andrew Bax for Drayton Community Trust (tel 531512) and Nick Hamilton for Drayton Millennium Green Trust (tel 559291).

### BOWLS TASTER

Abingdon Bowls Club will be holding 'Taster Sessions' on Friday May 22nd, (5 pm - 7:30 pm) and Sunday May 24th, (10 am - 12 noon); all you need are flat shoes or plimsolls. Bowls equipment will be provided free. Just simply come along and enjoy yourself. So, KEEP ACTIVE and come bowling.

The Bowls Club is situated in Albert Park.

Ring Harry (525500), Mary (531744), Geoff (525464) or June (01865 391300).

### UPDATE ON THE INCINERATOR PROPOSAL

The OCC Planning Committee will not now be considering the incinerator proposal until 20th July at the earliest. That is well after the local elections on 4th June.

Despite the Public Consultation having ended, "Letters of Objection" can still be sent quoting WRG SUT/APF/616 60CM to the Planning Officer at, mary.thompson@oxfordshire.gov.uk, though Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) does not guarantee that they will be taken into account. With the postponement, however, there is little excuse for OCC not to do so. ➔



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Anyone who has not, should therefore write, for if it comes to a judicial review such letters will be important. They should also sign the petition at [www.scai.co.uk](http://www.scai.co.uk), and write to the members of the OCC Planning Committee, whose details can be found on the website. It also gives the opportunity for more Parish Councils to register their objections.

With the postponement, the proposal could also become an election issue. It will be important to ascertain the position of candidates on incineration, therefore, before casting our votes.

Meanwhile:

The Vale District Council and Sutton Courtenay Parish Council have both reiterated their strong opposition to the proposal, with the Vale stating that the case is not proved. The Parish Council have also indicated that should the County Council approve the proposal they would instigate the process of a "Call In" by the Secretary of State.

Sutton Courtenay Against the Incinerator (SCAI) is also considering "Call In" procedures and have indicated that they are prepared to seek a "Judicial Review", should that be necessary.

The Waste Recycling Group (WRG) seem to have left out the Climate Change Assessment in their amended application.

Although initially assured that the proposal was to deal with only Oxfordshire's waste, the amended WRG application also seeks approval to import 25% of the waste (75,000 tonnes a year for 25 years) from Reading, Wokingham, Bracknell and West Berkshire. This is in addition to the large amount of waste currently being brought in daily from Berkshire and London to the landfill site, which has already been extended to 2021.

It is also now feared that the County Council could give planning permission to build incinerators at both Ardley and Sutton Courtenay. Once approved, subject to the granting of Environmental Permits, there seemingly will be nothing to stop the applicants from building the two incinerators. This could mean importing the waste from wherever they could get it, to meet their commercial requirement to maximise the economic benefits of their investment, without due consideration of the impact on local communities.

There are Alternatives! Concerned by the lack of public consultation and proper consideration of the alternatives, the full County Council meeting on 7th April was asked the following question. In view of "the widespread shift in sentiment against incineration, not least in Oxfordshire with objections from 4 district council equivalents, 30 parish councils and 15,000 petitioners"; that other local authorities such as North West London and Lancashire have chosen non-incineration alternatives and in France that no new incinerators are to be built unless proof is provided that they are a last resort, would the Council commission "a detailed analysis of all the alternatives, including the comparative costs, the respective health risks and the environmental impacts, so the full Council can take an informed vote on which alternatives should be selected to meet Oxfordshire's waste disposal requirements?"

At the time of writing, the written response the County Council promised had not been received.

Environmental Permit Application (EPA). The consultation on the EPA has also finished, though the Environment Agency (EA) has committed to put its findings out to a further consultation before finalising their decision.

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website address [www.draytonvh.org.uk](http://www.draytonvh.org.uk)

**Regular Events are listed opposite**

Sat	2nd	10 – 11 am	Fair Trade Sale	Church
Sun	3rd	11.15 – 11.45 am	Fair Trade Sale	Church
Fri	8th		Private booking	
Sun	10th		Private booking	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Parish Council AGM</b>	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
Sat	16th		Private booking	
Sun	17th	Bowls	All Day	
Mon	18th	Hall Management AGM		7:30 pm
<b>Mon</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Chronicle copy deadline</b>	<i>Vickery's box</i>
Fri	22nd		Private booking	
Sat	23rd		Private booking	
Sun	24th		Private booking	
Fri	29th		Private booking	

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### MONDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys / girls, 6–8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys / girls, 8–10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.00 – 8.30pm	Junior Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
8.00pm	Senior Table Tennis	<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>
7.15 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

### WEDNESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>Haywards Rd</i>
11.20 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>The Green Car Pk</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	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.15 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

### THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
	followed by lunch club and afternoon session	
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (First Thursday in Month)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.15 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
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>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.45pm	Choir Practice (fortnightly)	<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 Sunday)	<i>Baptist Church</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	<i>Baptist Church</i>

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