

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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COMMUNITY DAY Melanie Parker

The Community Day was a great success. It was never meant to be a fundraiser, just the opportunity for villagers to spend a pleasant afternoon in each other's company. We tried to get sponsorship for the suppliers and so grateful thanks to Parish Council for sponsoring the Hog Roast and to the Corneville Trust for paying for the programme printing and the music.

Our other supporters were Scorpion Signs (Abingdon) and Copycat Services (Drayton), thanks to them who pulled out all the stops for us this year as always.

The kitchen was run by Drayton Wives and the WI and these ladies could happily give a masterclass in team-work. The kitchen was a convivial beehive. Just because it appeared to be effortless, of course this is not the case. Thanks to all the ladies who gave up their time and all bakers of course for their fayre as they all enabled us to raise much needed funds to support the other areas of the day.

Young people of the village came up trumps again. Many offered to help or were happy to be press-ganged into setting something up, running a stall or just moving stuff about. Essential support, making a busy day much more relaxed as everyone lent a hand.

Isabel ran a wonderful Fun Dog show which was enjoyed by everyone with a pooch (and those without). She also organised the visit by the Wallingford Agility Team who entertained us with an afternoon of displays.

Thanks to Gary for running a slick Football Tournament. This has traditionally been the anchor of the Community Day as so many of us either watch or play. I think my team deserves special mention here, the men did well of course but my guys were outstanding!

Thanks to the Football Club for running their bar for the enjoyment of the village all afternoon and for their kind donation towards the running costs.

We're thinking we should do something completely different next year. If you have any suggestions or thoughts on this please, give me a ring 07799 850974.

Thank you everyone and I hope you enjoyed the day.

P.S. Did you see my goal? Finest piece of flukery there ever was...

The following is a selection of photographs taken by Derek Pooley



Proud owners line their pets up for the Prettiest Bitch Competition



Oscar the Spaniel won both the Handsomest Dog & Waggiest Tail Competitions



Some of the footballers in action

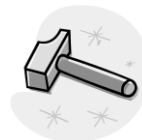
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3. Finally, we do accept **hand-written items**. However, in this case **please write the names of people and places in capital letters**. This does save a lot of mistakes.

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£10	1802	Mr. Pitts, 9, Lockway	Jenny Pooley
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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Jennifer Pooley

Report of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 6th July

Mr. Peter Williams from the VWHDC Planning department came to the meeting to explain the process of the Vale's recent Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). Following Government guidelines the Planning Department needed to identify all potential development land within the Vale. They looked at all green sites (e.g. parks, playing fields, allotments) but excluded the Green Belt, areas of scientific and archaeological interest and flood plain. They identified enough possible land for 60/70,000 houses although are required to find land for only 11,000 at present. Mr. Williams said that they were restrained in their choice of rural sites and concentrated more on potential sites for approximately 500 houses in urban areas. Evidence gathered by this exercise included all likely sites even if there is no intention of them ever being used, but nonetheless perhaps useful information for the future. Members of the Parish Council commented that this did seem to have been an expensive project in both time and money and somewhat unnecessary. But, as Mr. Williams said, it was a government initiative and so had to be done.

The Community Day took place on July 4th. Originally the inspiration of Richard Webber, he and several members of the PC were heavily involved and the Council had made a financial contribution of £600 towards its organisation. It was declared a success, well attended (although not quite as well as last year), with a happy atmosphere and plenty of entertainment.

In June, residents of Eastway and a PC representative had met with Mr. Mark Sumner of the OCC's Environment Department and had agreed that the OCC would pay for repair to the surface of the potholed bridleway. Mark described various methods for the repair, some expensive for which residents would have to pay and take responsibility for future maintenance. After much discussion, in which Mark implied that any of the three options might possibly last for five years, the residents finally chose the least expensive option for which the OCC would pay. Work should be carried out later this year.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd August 2009 in the Caudwell Day Centre. If you have questions or suggestions you would like to put to the Council please come along.



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

During August on the third Sunday it will be a sung Eucharist

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 10.30 am Pebbles (Term Time only) *Church Room*
Monday 7.45 pm Bell Ringing Practice *Bell Tower*
Every Second Friday 7.45 pm Choir Practice *Church Room*
No choir practise during August

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Sat 1st 10.00 am-11.00 am Sale of Fair Trade goods *Church*
Sun 2nd 11.15 am-11.45 am Sale of Fair Trade goods *Church*
Tue 4th 3.00 pm First Tuesday Connections *Church Room*

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LETTER FROM REVD JOSIE MIDWINTER

Dear Friends

Cod an' Chips is a favourite meal for people of all ages, especially eaten out of the paper (used to be newspaper with the printers ink adding its special flavour, but alas no more!). So when we hear that cod stocks are endangered it cuts right to the heart of our British way of life. Herring an' chips does not have the same ring about it - or the same taste! However, although the loss of our favourite fish an' chips would be a blow to our society, we do have plenty of other foods to eat.

Deep in the Amazon rainforest the loss of fish stocks for local village communities is a matter of life and death. The Amazon basin and forest cover an area 18 times the size of Britain & Ireland so you would have thought there was enough to go round everyone who needs recourse from that environment. But this is not the case. We have already heard a great deal about vast logging enterprises which are destroying the forest. Less is known about the depletion of fish stocks in the river.

All along the river banks are villages like Maria Ribeira, communities of some 30 or 40 families, living and working together to fish and grow vegetables and gather fruits from the forests. Theirs is a simple way of life, but a very healthy one with many people living into their 80s and 90s. All this is now under threat because of the commercial fishing-boats with large nets coming and transporting their catches to the towns down the river. The local fishermen are unable to compete and are left with reduced fishing grounds.

The villagers of Maria Ribeira are tough - they are not about to give in to their bigger rivals and it is the church that has been at the heart of their fight to sustain their way of life. At the centre of the community is St Peter's church - they chose Peter as their patron saint because he was a fisherman too and they feel he would understand their lifestyle. They began by buying two big fridge freezers so that they could store fish in the nearby town ready to take to the market and sell. This has helped to fund a school so that the children can have a better education, although the school is still severely under-resourced. They also want a village clinic because the nearest hospital is 30 hours away by boat. They are not expecting to be given these things but want to work for them - and with a little help, they can do it.

This year our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 27 September (more information in the September Chronicle) and we will be supporting the USPG work with such villages as Maria Ribeira. People do not want to be dependent on handouts, they want the dignity of providing food for their own families and caring for their own people. The commercial logging and fishing will continue to go on - Brazil depends on it for foreign currency and to feed the towns. So on a global scale we need to restrict this to reasonable levels. And on a local level we need to help the communities to make the best of the opportunities they have.

The people of these villages know well the teaching of Jesus that - in giving and sharing - in loving and forgiving - in trusting and hoping - God is able to bless his people. They see God's blessing in forest and river and call their home God's Garden, let us help them to keep it that way.

Josie Midwinter

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- 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 4th August and 1st September. If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

I am a true Englishwoman. I love my dog and I love my horse and of course I love my family most of all. I also love going to St. Peter's Church, not only for a bit of peace and quiet but also to recharge my batteries amongst friends.

The new Praise at Ten services have really opened up the Church and I was anxious to join in the Pet Service on 21st June. I was assured that it would be outside but the showery forecast proved correct and everyone apart from myself and Shannon (my horse) moved into the Church. Shannon was a bit nervous about standing in the porch so lifted her tail in the opening prayer causing embarrassment to me and hilarity to certain members of the congregation.

All the other animals (mainly dogs) were impeccably behaved, joining in with the hymns, prayers, tributes and readings.

A big thank you to both Josie and Rosie for their courage and for organising such a beautiful service.

Victoria Griffiths



Victoria with Shannon & friends

Dear Editor,

Alice Busby 1918 - 2009

Davina, Michael, David and Philip would like to thank all the kind friends and neighbours who sent such thoughtful cards and flowers after their recent sad loss.

Alice and her late husband, Cyril came to live in Drayton in 1952 and at the age of 91 was one of the older residents in the village. She was a much loved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend who will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her.

Once again our heartfelt thanks to you all

Davina Chapman

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Stephanie Tucker who was awarded a first class BA (Hons) degree in Accounting and Finance from Oxford Brookes University. Stephanie is an ex-pupil of Drayton Primary School. Well done Stephanie from Nan and Grampy.

Sylvia and Brian Stimpson

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PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUPE

Debbie Bargus

We would like to wish Max Adams, Hamish Anderson, Poppy Edwards, Elizabeth Fletcher, Josh Moore, Rebecca Norkett, Molly Prior, Jamie Regan, Randaya Samarasinghe and Ethan Taylor well as they head off to BIG school. We hope they continue to progress well.

What a year, as the 2008/2009 school year has now finished we thought a Preschool report would be a good idea!!

We have had an extremely busy year, with lots of children joining us and at times, we have been very close to capacity with only a few sessions available. This has been hard work for the staff involved with varying ages of the children adding to the fun. However, we have made it through successfully. Many are moving on to BIG school this September and we have new children starting. We had a routine visit from Ofsted in November, the overall result was good although we had a few minor points to work on. We have planted lots in our garden with many items growing including lettuce, strawberries, potatoes and beetroot. The children enjoyed making cheese and lettuce sandwiches, and tasting the strawberries. We held our annual AGM in June and successfully elected a whole new committee who have adapted to their roles well and are full of enthusiasm for the coming year.

We have embarked on a long journey to replace the current Preschool building. Although ok at the moment, we really could do with an improved space and better facilities to enhance the children's experience at Preschool. We are currently investigating several options. We will keep you informed of the progress.

We held a mini sports day on the last day of term, thank you to all who took part and we hope you enjoyed the afternoon.

We look forward to the next school year and all the fun it brings.

We are now closed for the summer and reopen on Thursday 3rd September 2009. We still have sessions available for September. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Debbie on 01235 204609 or leave a message at Preschool on 01235 536094.

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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Pearl Stanbridge

Thanks to all who supported our Family Fun day on National Armed Forces Day. Special thanks go to Penny and Frank of the Lantern Restaurant for allowing us to use their grounds and also for other facilities they provided.

A big thank you to the local Bomb Disposal Unit who provided us with both personnel and equipment for the afternoon, which proved to be the star attraction. Last but not least, thanks to Richard Whittle our Standard Bearer who paraded at a ceremony in Wantage prior to joining us and also his wife Sarah who provided the advertising leaflets.

There is no committee meeting this month.

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Eric Curtis

Notwithstanding the heat on Saturday 27th June, our exhibition attracted a good crowd of visitors in the Caudwell Day Centre. Arrangement of the paintings by Jean Furneyhough on our new stands was obtained in a most accomplished manner and comments on the quality of our brushwork were very encouraging. Thanks must go to all those who helped with the event including Geoff Samworth for his time and effort setting up the impressive plant stall and also supplying the plants.

DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

We are experiencing mixed fortunes at the moment; some good, others rather disappointing.

First, the good news. We recently entered two local amateur dramatic festivals for one-act plays, in Abingdon and in Wallingford. In the latter festival those people who came as audience on all five nights were asked to choose their preferred performance and our play – NASTY THINGS, MURDERS – came second out of eleven plays shown. We were very encouraged by that result.

The not so good news is that, due to circumstances which have arisen over the past couple of months, we are not now able to offer an Autumn production. We regret this very much and are already concentrating on finding a suitable three-acter to stage next February.

We are always happy to welcome new members either on stage or back stage and would be particularly glad to hear from anyone interested in directing a project. Please contact Fred Stevens (tel. 01235 200350) or me (tel.01235 531558) for a chat and further information.

We look forward to being back early next year and I will keep you abreast of our new plans as they unfold.



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MORE ALL AROUND

DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB **John Gould**

The club Pre Season Meeting took place on Monday 13th July 2009 at the Red Lion. With thanks to Glenn & Janet for the use of the room and the excellent buffet. With 19 attendees, it was a lively meeting. Tony Krason, our club Chair opened proceedings.

We have selected our teams for the coming season. We will run seven sides in the Didcot League. Two in division 1, two in Division 2 and one each in Divisions 3, 4 & 5. Our Captains will be – A Team – Roger Perry, B Team – Tony Krason, C Team – Roy Stocker, D Team – John Gould, E Team – Shaun Collins, F Team – Allan Lovelock, G Team – Andy Dickinson. In the event that we get some extra players to join, we will have the room to enter at least one more team.

We also agreed the need to purchase some new equipment including two new tables & nets. Unfortunately these purchases will depend on some funds being raised. We will run some events in the coming months to achieve this. The first being a Sponsored Walk on Sunday 13th September. We will combine this to raise money for the McMillan Nurses as well. Anyone wishing to sponsor should contact a club member.

Other fund raising ideas were put forward and several of these will be introduced as the season progresses.

We have also decided to revamp the award of the Geoff Hoyland Memorial Shield. In future this will be presented to the Best performing Drayton team in the Didcot League. Geoff was a valued member of the club who sadly passed away in 2000. The shield was purchased in his memory and we wish to continue to use it for Table Tennis and remember a good friend to many of us.

The club will restart on Monday 7th September 2009. New members are very welcome to come along. Ring 01235-531328 for details. We cater from ages 9 – 90 and now have a qualified coach in place.

DRAYTON BROWNIES **Ruth Hudson**

A big thank you from all the Drayton Brownies to Mary Thompson who retired from the post of Brown Owl during July after running the group for many years, we all wish her every happiness and best wishes for her retirement.

The term ended with a "Drayton Brownies got talent" show held at our room in the village hall, the funds raised, which amounted to an amazing £116.00 will be donated to Cam Fed who will use the money to sponsor the education costs of a girl for a year in an African village.

Well done to all the girls for the hard work and effort that went into running this event.

Drayton Brownies will resume after the summer break with myself as leader and Ester Deabill and Jess Caudle providing help. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 9th September from 6.15 to 7.45 at Drayton village hall. This is open to anyone aged 7 to 10 and anyone wishing further information please contact Ruth on 01235 205111.



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DRAYTON WIVES

Pam Lacey

We were under no illusions as to the occupation of our Speaker in June as he made his presence known from the Hall Car Park with the sound of his hand bell and the following cry:

“Oyez Oyez Oyez

I am instructed to bring to Drayton Wives the very best wishes of the Mayor of Abingdon and of Abingdon Town Council.

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It may be that I'm a little bit green

But when I'm in a noisy crowd

It's the only way to be heard and seen.

God Bless Drayton Wives

God Bless Drayton Husbands

And God Save the Queen”

It was none other than one of Abingdon's several Town Criers, Mr. Tony Legge. He came duly dressed in his splendid green cloak, lace ruff, breeches and tricorn hat. He gave us an interesting insight into the history of Town Criers and the various events he had attended and the famous people he had met along the way. He then asked if any member would like to try their hand at Town Crying. This invitation was duly taken up by our Chairman, Eve who made a very splendid and rousing entrance from the car park into the hall.

Dates for your Diary in AUGUST

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TODDLERS

Julie Laws

A good time was had by all who took part in the sponsored toddle at Beale Park, in aid of Barnardo's. £109.60 was raised in total for Barnardo's and £27.85 for Toddlers. Well done and many thanks to all who supported this event. The Cutteslowe Fun Day was a big success again and lots of fun was had by all.

Please note that the Toddler Group will be closed for a few weeks during the summer holidays. The last session will be on Thursday 30th July and sessions restart on Thursday 27th August.

Tracy Heery, Becca Atherton and Michelle North have decided to stand down from the Toddler Committee from September. We are so grateful to them for their hard work and commitment to the group and for being so willing to take on the responsibilities involved. They've organised some really fun times for the children (and adults!) and we want to say a huge THANK YOU for everything they have done. We are really pleased though that Cherry Barnett has agreed to take on the running of the Toddler group from September so we know the fun will carry on. Thanks Cherry for your willingness to do this, it is really very much appreciated.

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 and Becca on 07513 971587.

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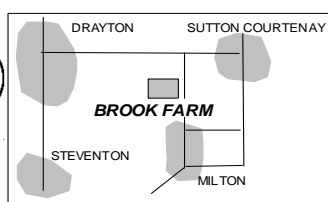
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SCHOOL REPORT

Annette Mitchell

It was fabulous to see so many people and children at the Summer Fair. It was a great success and thankfully the rain held off until the very end. We would like to thank everyone who helped set up, man the stalls and clear up. Also, a huge thank you to Brian Webb and co for providing, delivering and collecting the hay bales.

The rain also put an early end to our Sports Day! But it was enjoyed by the children and parents until shortly after lunch time.

Year 3/4 Kingfishers have been busy making lighthouses in D & T and have got them to work brilliantly whilst Year 5/6 Eagles have been premiering their film shows that they have written, produced, directed and starred in!

On the last day of school we wished Year 6 all the very best in their new schools and finished the year with a leaver's assembly, presented them with their chosen books and profiles of their time at Drayton CP School. They also enjoyed a leaver's disco which was very successful and a thank you to those who organised and helped on the night.

We must mention our pond that has been cleared out by the youths of Drayton. George Lester, Andrew Gould and Toby Soper were especially brilliant and thanks to Claire Soper for arranging it. The school have given Damascus and the Youth Club permission to use the school grounds when accompanied by an adult in return for them carrying out jobs around the school.

A big thank you for the 25,000 Tesco vouchers that were collected, we have just put our order in for a Digital Video Camera, Digital Microscope, a Computerised Sensor Unit that monitors light, sound and temperature and a Floor Robot called B Bot! Also with the Sainsbury's' vouchers, the school Play Leaders got to choose from the catalogue the equipment they would like ordered. We look forward to receiving all of the above some time in the Autumn term.

We welcome a new Parent Governor – Mrs Vibna Parkin has been accepted. But we do still have vacancies, if you are interested and would like more info please give the school a ring.

From September 2009 there will be some changes to the staff. Mrs Towersey will be returning from maternity leave to teach Year 5/6 Eagles from Wednesday to Friday whilst Mr Lambert will be replacing Mr Mayer in the classroom teaching them on Monday and Tuesday. Joining them will be Mrs Gibbard and Mrs Ballantyne as their TAs, replacing Mrs Dickinson who sadly for us is leaving, but we wish her well.

Year 3/4 Kingfishers will be taught by a new teacher Mrs Goh for two days a week and we wish Mrs Abdollahi all the very best for the future. Mrs Nicholls will be working as a TA on Mondays and Fridays and we have also appointed another TA full time, Mrs Price.

School starts again on Thursday 3rd September. We wish everyone a happy and enjoyable summer holiday!



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HALL MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ann Webb

The meeting was well attended even with the change of date. Members were told that our contract with Chubb will soon end and we will be looked after by a more local company in the future. The whereabouts of the water meter has now been logged into our records for the future.

Those of you who use the hall or attended the Community Day will no doubt have noticed the new doors on the field side of the hall. This was done for several reasons but mainly to let light back into the small hall. This was one of the agreements made with the young people who use the hall. If the damage was reduced so would the need for protecting the building. They have helped us and we have complied with more light. Long may it continue! The doors cost £5,750. The company was chosen because of the position of the doors and their need to be weatherproof. We have some very important thank-you's to give for the assistance we received towards the final cost of these doors, namely; The Doris Field Trust, £1000, Drayton Parish Council £1,437.50, and finally The Vale of the White Horse District Council £1000. The balance was paid from hall funds but without these donations we would not have been able to complete this work, we are very grateful for their generosity. Please accept the thanks of the Hall committee and all the users of the small hall, Thank-you.

There were a few other items discussed. The outside light will be put on a time switch. The cooling cabinet in the bar has finally died and has been replaced. Members are asked to remember to empty the urn after use and leave bicycles outside the building.

The Drayton Players have unfortunately had to cancel their autumn production.

Finally, we are still looking for a secretary; please think about it, could you do this job? Two hours every two months plus preparation of agendas and the odd piece of correspondence to be dealt with. If you are that person, please contact me, Ann on 01235 531418 or any member of the hall committee.

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Abingdon Town Council is once again holding its Annual Fun in the Park from 2.00 pm on Sunday 13th September 2009 in the Abbey Grounds, Abingdon. The event will be opened by the Mayor of Abingdon, Cllr Patricia Hobby, and will include a climbing wall, children's roundabouts, cartoon workshops by local cartoonist – Scooter McKenzie, arena displays, brass bands, Winners' from Abingdon's Got Talent, Tug of War, stalls, games, BBQ, refreshments plus lots more. The Mayor's Parlour will also be open to view. Come and join us for an afternoon of family fun. **ADMISSION IS FREE.**

For further information contact Sandra Hill 01235 468340 or sandra.hill@abingdon.gov.uk

FAMILY FUN DAY

There is a Family Fun Day on 8th August at Abingdon Rugby Club, Southern Town Sports Park Lambrick Way 10-2 Free entry

Kathryn Caudle

THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS ARE FROM THE Oxfordshire Rural Community Council News Bulletin

Nordic Walking is coming to Oxfordshire for FREE!

GO Active (Get Oxfordshire Active) have received funding from the Big Lottery Fit as a Fiddle wellbeing project to run a series of Nordic walking courses during the summer for anyone aged 50 and over. They will run for 8 weeks and are completely free! In addition, taster sessions are being held in various locations prior to each course.

Places are limited so contact your local GO Active Co-ordinator today for more information on a course or taster session near you:

For Vale of White Horse: Anna Capel-Davies 07768 567876, anna.capel-davies@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Archaeological Excavation

2-16 August 2009 at Ascott Park, Stadhampton, Oxfordshire

A two-week excavation will take place at Ascott Park to investigate 17th century garden remains associated with this former seat of the Dormer family. The project is being carried out by the Oxfordshire Buildings Trust in conjunction with Oxfordshire County Council, the site owner, and will be led by garden archaeologist Brian Dix.

Volunteers are invited to apply to join the excavation and training will be available in the techniques of garden archaeology. Participation for 5 consecutive days or longer preferred.

Send SAE for more information to John Griffin, Hon. Secretary, Oxfordshire Buildings Trust, Haycot, Church Close, Farmoor, Oxford OX2 9NP.

DRAYTON DIARY

FOR AUGUST

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

website address www.draytonvh.org.uk

Regular Events are listed opposite

Sat	1st	Private party	
Sat	1st	10 – 11 am	Fair Trade Sale Church
Sun	2nd	11.15 – 11.45 am	Fair Trade Sale Church
Mon	3rd	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting Caudwell DC
Sun	23rd	Drayton Twinning Supper	
Mon	24th	Drayton Twinning Barbeque	
Mon	17th	5.00 pm	Chronicle copy deadline Vickery's box
Fri	28th	Life Screening session	

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2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
6.30 – 7.30 pm	Youthzone (Except Bank Holidays)	
7.45 – 8.45 pm	Drayton Drop In (Except Bank Holidays)	
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
7.00 – 8.30pm	Junior Table Tennis	School
8.00pm	Senior Table Tennis	School
7.30 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
7.15 pm	League Table Tennis	School

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Praise Service 3rd Sunday)	St Peter's
11.15 am	Family Time (1st Sunday)	Baptist Church
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Baptist Church

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