

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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Le Dixième Anniversaire

This year – **our tenth year of twinning** - we invited members from our twin town of Lesparre to visit us in August. After months of meticulous planning our 25 guests arrived Thursday afternoon, brought by coach to Drayton. Fourteen families acted as hosts for them so that each English family had from one to three guests. The first evening was spent relaxing with the host families.

On the Friday a mixed group of French and English visited the Houses of Parliament, in two groups, one for the English speakers and one for the French. The tour was fascinating and enjoyed by all. Afterwards we crossed Westminster Bridge, and walked along the South Bank towards Tower Bridge eating picnic lunches at various spots whilst enjoying the many artists performing along the route. The trip was spoiled a little by the occasional showers but there was enough shelter along the way. We returned to Waterloo Pier by boat and caught the coach back by Westminster Abbey, to take us on a short sightseeing trip past Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park and the Albert Hall. In the evening five families hosted larger groups of both English and French for dinner.

On Saturday we visited the Didcot Railway museum where it was a Steam Day. We had a very enjoyable and informative couple of hours being shown around. Two good friends translated for the French speakers. Steam train rides are increasingly popular for all. During the afternoon we had very English cream teas at the Caudwell Day Centre with a pétanque (boules) competition for the Maire of Lesparre's Cup - held at Manor Farm courtesy of the Caudwell family. (That is an enjoyable French version of bowls which you can play on rough ground). In the evening over 60 people enjoyed a curry supper provided by Drayton Twinners.

Sunday was a 'free' day when visitors were entertained by their host families. Visits were organised to various places such as Blenheim Palace, the Oxford Colleges, Wittenham Clumps, the Maharaja's Well and so on to show off our region. Some people just chilled out at home and got to know each other better. Drayton Hall was decorated for the evening as we held a dinner with the theme 'Noir et Blanc' where everyone dressed in black and white. Some of the more creative outfits were spectacular!

Monday found us visiting the Cotswolds, firstly in Chipping Campden. Few of the English and none of the French had visited this picturesque village. In particular we found the Silversmiths – the same as it has been for just over a hundred years - and the Art gallery of great interest. There were enough shops (including a patisserie), antiques shops, coffee shops and interesting buildings around for us to spend a couple of hours. We then had a picnic lunch at Hidcote Manor after which we spent a showery afternoon exploring Hidcote gardens. This is a National Trust property and well worth visiting, fortunately there were guides written in French for our visitors.. Everyone returned to meals with their hosts and then for the final evening we all met on the Millennium Green for nibbles, wine and some 'fun in the park' and games such as Tug o' War finished in the dark.

In a flash it was Tuesday, the day for travelling back to Luton at 06:45 from Drayton Hall! **We are very grateful to the Drayton Parish Council for their financial support** towards the transportation costs over the weekend and to **The Vale of The White Horse for a grant.**



Altogether it was a thoroughly enjoyable few days for everyone, despite apprehension on both sides about language barriers that in the event did not materialize. We need to raise funds to entertain our guests; hopefully whilst having some fun ourselves and we do provide hospitality in our own homes, but the ticketing for the entire weekend was less than £40per head, which is great value.

Some people are visiting Lesparre this Autumn but as a group we are already looking forward to being **invited to Lesparre in 2010**. Old and New friendships will be renewed and strengthened as we look forward to the next 10 years.

After the August 2008 report, several new recruits joined us and they have all very much enjoyed the experience (see Letters). We really hope that reading this article will **encourage others to join in the twinning** – membership is open to everyone. If you would like to find out more please contact Michael Bell (531388) Stephen Fearnley (531347) or Bob Matthews (531204).



(hosts & guests, last evening - the top picture needs no label?!)

COMING CHRONICLES

The **NOVEMBER Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday, Oct 30th**, 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, October 19th 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 Oct 16th, due to their preparation time, and FOR THIS ISSUE - PLEASE - NEW Ads or RENEWALS As Early As Possible !!

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.**

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!) :-

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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, though scanned text does require a lot of checking. 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**. Names of people and places in **CAPITALS** please (thanks to those who do), but remember these need typing out; do you know anyone with a PC? (saves us time).

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The service will be followed by refreshments

ALL AROUND

Drayton TODDLERS

Julie Laws

Hi everyone – hope you all had a good time over the summer holidays.

Toddlers has started up again after a short summer break and we are really pleased that Cherry Barnett and Vicky Cotterell have agreed to run the group. There are lots of fun things being planned and Cherry and Vicky would be delighted to welcome new faces to the group any time.

If you know anyone who might like to come along to our sessions, please give them our contact details. The children have a lovely playtime and refreshments are provided for everyone. Cherry can be contacted on 01235 202600.

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The latest internal competition was recently completed, this being 'The Attwood Cup' and was won by Cyril Carter, with wife Josie in second place, and Jean Mullins third, it proved to be a lovely day's bowling, well run by June and Josie, well done girls.

The winter leagues won't be starting until the end of October, this being due to losing a few teams, and the league being reduced as a result.

The next internal events will be The Ladies Singles and Gents Singles both to be played on the 6th of October, for the first time both competitions will be run with handicaps coming into play, by doing this we are hoping to boost entries for both events.

The John Berry fours leagues are underway and will run until the end of November.

We are still looking to boost membership with some new faces, anyone interested please call in at The Hall when sessions are taking place, these are Mondays and Thursdays 2 till 5, and Wednesday evenings 7 through till 10.

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DRAYTON W.I.

Shirley Thomas

For our September meeting we were fortunate to have Josie Midwinter, the Priest in charge at St. Peter's, talk to us about the life of William Blake. This was a most apt subject as he wrote the words of Jerusalem. She enlightened us that apart from his poetry he was also an artist and an engraver, using that skill to produce his own books, engraving on copperplates both the text of his poems and the illustrations. Josie made the talk all the more interesting by reading some of Blake's poems.

Some members had earlier that day spent a lovely morning at Denman College enjoying a cookery demonstration and tasting some delicious dishes.

Our next meeting is on **October 8th** (Caudwell DC, 7.30) when the speaker will be Mrs Teresa Freeman (a Floral Demonstration).

Ladies, come and see what we're about!!

ST PETER'S CHURCH



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Churchwardens Mrs Sue Harris 848361
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Choir Director Jo Burn

CHURCH NOTICES

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW - Traditional).
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (CW) except 3rd Sunday, when a non-Eucharistic Praise 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 *	7.00 pm	Choir Practice (*Alt'ate Fridays)	Church Room

CALENDAR for OCTOBER

Sat	3rd	10.00 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods (until 11 am)
Sun	4th	11.15 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods (until 11.45 am)
Tues	6th	3.00 pm	1st Tuesday Connections Church Room

PARISH REGISTER

Funeral Sept 1st **Violet Blanche Amelia Webb**



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4th to 10th :- Lockway; Whitehorns Way.

11th to 17th :- Corneville Rd; Crabtree Lane; Lesparre Close

18th to 24th :- Drayton Rd; Milton Rd; New Cut Mill; Fisher Close; Marcham Rd; Meads Close; Rippington Court; Stone Hill

25th to 31st Steventon Rd; Eastway; Eastway MHP

Letter from St Peter's Church

Dear Friends,

The poet John Keats described Autumn as:-
 Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
 Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
 Conspiring with him how to load and bless
 With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
 To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
 And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core.

It is a lovely poem and describes all the things which are beautiful and memorable about the autumn season, which I must confess is my favourite of the year. It does seem this year has been particularly good for fruit. I've had a good store of blackcurrants, gooseberries and raspberries, although my strawberries did not do so well. My apples are ripening nicely and should be ready for picking soon. But my very ancient pear tree (said to be 85 years old) is completely covered in pears.

Also when you look around the hedgerows you can see an abundance of berries:- hips, haws, elderberries and the holly tree in the churchyard is bright red with them!

Autumn is indeed the season of mellow fruitfulness, a time to enjoy the wonderful fruits which God has provided for us in our gardens and countryside as well as those the fruit farms grow for us.

The idea of fruitfulness is one that Jesus uses to describe our effectiveness as Christian followers:-

No good tree bears bad fruit, Nor does a bad tree bear good fruit, Each tree is recognised by its own fruit (Luke 6:43 & 44).

The analogy is easy to follow, that if a person is faithful to God's call to follow his path of love and kindness and forgiveness then he or she will automatically behave in a loving, kind and forgiving way. A person might try to hide their inner nature, but ultimately their true colours will come out in the way they live their day to day life.

This is an idea which Paul picks up in his letter to the Christians at Galatia. They had been having difficulty committing themselves to Christian principles. Paul wants to encourage them and so he writes :- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22), also

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9).

Paul recognises that trying to be 'good Christians' in our own strength is likely to end in disaster, because we so often fall short of our own standards, never mind God's standards. But if we see this as the fruit of the Holy Spirit then we know we are not alone - God's Spirit is working in and through us - therefore we can be loving and faithful, kind and forgiving because he is strengthening us to do this.

On Saturday Oct 17th we are holding a **Children's Workshop** (see advert elsewhere in the Chronicle) which will take the fruit of the Holy Spirit as its theme. This workshop will be organised and run by our Junior Leaders (with adult support) as part of their development in leadership. It will also link with the **Praise at Ten Service** which will take place at 10am Sunday Oct 18th, children aged between 5-11 are welcome to come along.

There is no charge for the Workshops and we are grateful to Drayton Youth Charity for giving us a grant of £300 this year towards the cost of running these activities. **So come and join us and have some fun while you learn something amazing!!!**

Josie Midwinter



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Drayton Pre-School Playgroup Debbie Bargas

We would like to **welcome** Katie Cloutier, Charlie Goodrick-Meech, Lennon Hibbins, Sebastian Sheridan and Alan Wadzyk as they have also joined us for the new term. We hope they have lots of fun and enjoy being with us.

We do still have a few sessions available, please telephone Preschool on 01235 536094 for more information or if you would like a Welcome Pack.

Our theme for this term is exploring shapes and colours, the children have been making collages from scrunched up tissue paper and mixing paints to see what colour develops. Also drawing shapes and building with shaped blocks.

A **big thanks goes to the Drayton Lottery Youth Charity**, we received a donation from them which has enabled us to replace some much needed fencing. Also thanks to everyone who helped putting it up.

We are continuing to gather information regarding a replacement building and will keep you informed of our progress.

We are very grateful to Brian Davis (Amelia's Dad) and all his sponsors. On Sunday 13th September Brian took part in the Para's 10 Coy Challenge, this entails completing a 10 mile course wearing a 35lb rucksack and army boots. All sponsorship is being donated to our new building fund. **Many thanks to Brian.**

Please remember that the deadline for applications to schools for children starting in September 2010 must be in before 13th November 2009.

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, Ebay, Churchill Insurance, AA, and The Book People), **they give a percentage to us at no extra cost to you.** Plus many more new outlets.

Dates: Friday 23rd October – End of Term One

Monday 2nd November – Term Two starts

Friday 6th November – Tempest Photography visiting.

Drayton TABLE-TENNIS Club John Gould

I am pleased to report that our Sponsored Walk took place on Sunday Sept 13th. Starting from the Red Lion, Drayton we walked to Culham Lock via Sutton Courtenay and then along the Thames Path to Clifton Hampden. This being our halfway point we stopped in the Barley Mow for a refreshing drink before returning along the same route; the intention was to walk 10 miles but, due to a slight miscalculation, we actually managed to complete 12 miles!

The walk concluded in the garden of the Red Lion where we all enjoyed a buffet provided by Janet and took the opportunity to quench our thirst. Some of our non walking club members joined us in a game of Aunt Sally which saw Dave Hudson's team triumph. The walkers were all awarded Certificates that the walk organiser Kevin Wilkes had produced. Special mention to Rob Hudson & Jack Lester who ran the majority of the course and to the Collins family of Shaun, Sara, Martha and Courtney who had the added problem of taking a pushchair with them. There were no injuries but probably some aching muscles the following day

The weather was perfect for walking – dry but cool with a gentle breeze. We are not certain of the final amount raised but indications are this is a good sum and will benefit the club and our chosen charity MacMillan Cancer Support. We send our thanks to all those in the village who sponsored our walkers (pictured>>).



The next event is a Quiz Night on Friday 23rd October. At the time of writing the venue is uncertain but anyone wishing to enter a team of 4 (or less) should ring 531328 or 205111.

You may have noticed I haven't mentioned Table Tennis in this report! Well the season started on 21st September so I'll let you know how our teams fared in my next notes.

Our two new tables will soon be in use and Matt Wicks our Club Coach will have his new coaching equipment to help the young players improve. We are now back on Monday evenings at the school with Juniors (over 9s) from 7.00 pm & Seniors from 8.30 pm. We will welcome any new players including those who wish to enjoy social play – just turn up. Cost £1 per session.



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- 6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service, frequently with guest speakers.
(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 Rosemary Barlow

The August garden lunch unfortunately became a victim of this summer's unpredictable weather and the venue had to be moved from Mary Alexander's to the Village Hall. The committee did a splendid last minute job and lovely cloths and flowers adorned the tables. The bring and share food was virtually a banquet with a huge variation of mains and puds. The thirty five members who attended thoroughly enjoyed it all. Many thanks to all the Drayton Wives who helped to make this lunch such a happy occasion.

Guided Tour of Oxford University :- We met our guide Rob Walters at the gates of the memorial garden Christ Church. We then walked in front of this beautiful college and along Merton Walk into Merton Street listening to snippets of information from our guide along the way. On reaching Oriel Square we entered Oriel College Quad. The college was founded by Edward the Second in 1326 as the House of Blessed Mary the Virgin in Oxford, later it became known as Oriel College after a dwelling called Le Oriole on its site. We visited the chapel and dining room. On being told the history we heard that it was the last college to admit women in 1984. We then moved on across The High to stand in Radcliffe Square just behind The University Church of St Mary the Virgin, the administrative centre of Oxford University until the mid 17th Century. The Oxford Martyrs were tried in the church. We also took a look through the gates at All Souls Quad to see the Wren Sundial, All Souls is the only college in Oxford purely for graduates of the highest academic distinction. We ended our visit outside the Sheldonian, but the real end of the afternoon was tea in the undercroft of St Marys Church. See below for our next two visits to Oxford, if anyone would like to join us please ring **Ann on 531327** for more information.

Dates for your diary in OCTOBER

Monday 12th COFFEE Home Farm Trust, Milton Heights
Monday 19th WHIST Janet Thomas, Caudwell D.C
Weds 29th MEETING Ken Wells, Thames Valley Police Museum.

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DRAYTON BROWNIES Ruth Hudson

Saturday Sept 5th 12 girls from 1st Drayton Brownies went to the Cotswolds Wildlife Park to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Guide movement. The girls took part in a group sing song, giant picnic, mask making and face painting. It was a great day out.

This term we welcome 5 new brownies to our pack. The Brownies had a vote of names to choose what Ruth, Esther and Jess should be called in the brownie group:-

Ruth - Brown Owl; Esther - Tawny Owl; Jess - Snowy Owl

The girls are all working towards various badges, seasons, fire, hostess and adventure 100 a special centenary award.

Meetings are held at Drayton Village Hall **Wednesdays** 6.15 - 7.45pm. This is open to girls aged 7 -10, anyone wishing **further information** please contact Ruth Hudson on 01235 205111.



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YOUR LETTERS

Julie Diane Sudlow

Dear Sir, 76 Whitehorns Way

Gordon & Marian Chick, son John, daughter Sharon, and Julie's children, Andrew, Ashley, Nicholas and Martin, wish to thank everyone for the great support we received from family, and friends, over our terrible loss.

Over one hundred people attended her funeral, which reflected her love for her family, her life, and music.

We are sorry that we didn't speak to everyone who attended, and we hope they will understand why.

A collection, instead of flowers, raised the wonderful amount of over £700 to date. This money will go to The Jennifer Trust for Spinal Muscular Atrophy, in memory of Julie's Great Niece, Belle, who died at Christmas, aged six months.

Gordon Chick

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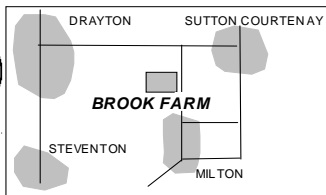
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School Research

Dear Sir, via email

I'm researching the teaching career of a Great-aunt, Ada HOLMES, Pupil Teacher aged 18, lodging in Drayton on Census night 1881 in close proximity to the High St School House.

During the course of my research I am attempting to trace the School Log Books [if extant, whether in the Berkshire or Oxfordshire Archives] and also any records pertaining to the Local Education Authority staff appointments from inception of compulsory education. I can't be certain that Ada was actually employed in Drayton until I find supporting evidence; the occupation of women was rarely recorded at marriage in the late-19th Century and the omission was often compounded by a blank in occupation for married women in subsequent census returns.

Such was the case for Ada at marriage in 1890 and in the 1891 Census. It was suggested to me by an ex-teacher that Ada's teaching career would have been curtailed by a marriage 'bar' but I have not found any supporting evidence for that theory.

If you are aware of any other research into the history of the Drayton Schools or their staff, I'd be very grateful for details.

Kind regards Dorothy Jones (Mrs)

(dee-jay@jones2115.fsnet.co.uk & 01962 864648)

PS - Update - Good news! Daria Stimpson put me in contact with Teresa Taylor, at Forge Garage, who was in the old History Club; so far as Teresa is aware, the old school Log is still with the new Drayton School and she will pursue the search for me.

I had a chat to an Archivist at Oxfordshire Record Office, who advised that the Drayton Admissions Register 1890-1947 is lodged there, so the exercise has been successful on several counts.

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Volunteers ?

Dear Sir, Greenacres

My name is Jill Shepherd and I have lived in Drayton for some 18 years; I have worked in Human Resources for the past 24 years. As part of my continuing development I am about to start a part-time Post Graduate Certificate in Coaching and Mentoring with Oxford Brookes University and am looking for some volunteers.

I would love to hear from any Drayton residents who would like to benefit from some free and confidential one to one coaching over the next six months. Each monthly session would last around 45 minutes - 1 1/2 hours at a convenient time and place.

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If you are interested in volunteering or would like some further information, please contact me by phone (07967 350499) or my email (jill.shepherd@tellman.co.uk).

Many thanks Jill Shepherd

Wooden Spoon Recipe No. 31 (from August 1999) by LOIS RENNELS Cider Syllabub

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More of YOUR LETTERS

Chronicle News

Musings of a Twinning Virgin

Dear Sir, via email

I have lived in Drayton for three years and apart from my immediate neighbours and the lady who brings my Chronicle, I can't say that I have really got to know anyone beyond a friendly nod, smile or "hello". That all changed during the recent twinning visit from Lesparre.

At the end of last year, I went along to a Twin Town Meeting. Immediately I was taken on board by the twidders and enjoyed a great evening where we watched a film of the exchange visit made to Lesparre last year. It looked as if everyone had great fun, a fantastic welcome offered by our French twins and amazing hospitality was given.

2009 was to be the year when our twins came to visit us here in Drayton. As my first year with the group I became acquainted with the rest of the twinning group. Of course, for those who had done this all before they were well skilled in what to do and knew that everything would work out OK. I wasn't too sure but stuck with it and found that they were right! It was a great weekend, I got to know fellow villagers much better, and can recognise some folks in the street but above all, it was a real pleasure to meet our twin townspeople.

I confess to being a Francophile but it is a real joy to receive people in your own home, village and area, to show them the sights. Yes, we DO have some sights, even if we take them for granted, to strangers they are a revelation. You can look at your village with fresh eyes after an event like this. Would you like to explain the essence of a cricket match on Steventon village green? Or the quaint English obsession with steam trains that drives a group of volunteers to raise the money to build the new steam engine 'Tornado' – a treat we enjoyed on its visit to Didcot when we visited the Railway Centre.

I suppose this starts to answer the question from the uninitiated – what do you do with a group of strangers? Well, we had meals together, we went to interesting places – not just Didcot – played games and generally enjoyed one another's company. Even tasting the local product from Lesparre – no prizes for guessing what that is. Lesparre is situated at the heart of the Medoc, a region famed for its wine.

If you want to join us (next year we go to the Medoc for our return trip) get in touch with Michael Bell (531388) or Stephen Fearnley (531347) for more information, and you will meet some interesting folk from Drayton as well as Lesparre. I can recommend it, and French speaking is not essential – there is mixed ability on both sides and sign language is a real challenge!

We do other things in between visits, so it's not just a once a year thing.

Yours sincerely Alan Elson

I would like to **thank Andrew Wastie** for his commitment in delivering the Chronicle in Hilliat Fields for the past few years, who has decided to step down.

If **anyone would like to take on the delivery** of the Chronicle in this area (house numbers 17 to 36) then please give me a ring on 529510.

Many thanks Gareth Davies (Chronicle Co-ordinator)

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Natasha - Pace Centre, Aylesbury

Dear Sir, 20 Steventon Rd

Many people have asked me about Natasha's well-being. She is still the cheerful, caring little girl she always was. Derek & I looked after her for a week whilst Clare & Jeremy took Gemma & Paige to the Isle of Wight.

Natasha was anxious the first week-end, but loved the summer playschool routine at PACE (Aylesbury) for a week. She counted bikes, lorries and cars on the journey, we didn't mention "seaside" as that's her favourite place, but said that mummy & daddy had gone to a hotel. We constantly reminded her that we'd all be going to the seaside in August, and that she'd be going on the 'land train' – she did! Twice every day (3 times once) and up and down on the cliff railway from Alum Chine to Boscombe.

Despite the pain in her back, she loved it, and now has a new saying "Yow", when she loves something. All the drivers got to love her, each day she'd chat to them and they took her photo on the train.

Natasha's back is arched like a bow, curving backwards, most uncomfortable. The earliest next hospital appointment she can have is November, she hates hospitals but now asks every day when she can see the doctor to make her better. Nevertheless she continues to smile and laugh when in agony.

THANKS to all who contribute in the PACE boxes (quiz coming soon); PACE is Natasha's (and many similar children's) lifeline, if only there were schools in every county.

Yours Sincerely Judy Henman

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PARISH COUNCIL (Sept 7th)

One thing that one learns as a member of the Parish Council is that few things are accomplished in a hurry and that producing results takes time. So this month's meeting dealt with a variety of issues that are ongoing, most of which are some way from resolution.

Burial ground topple testing is a case in point. After much discussion the careful wording was agreed of yet another letter to owners of memorials in need of repair. It would be good to think that this issue will be dealt with by the end of 2009.

Richard Webber and Daniel Scharf are investigating future provision of more recreation facilities in Drayton. Several Councillors hope to attend the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association AGM October. Again any developments will almost certainly be in the distant future.

News from the Public Transport Development Team is that in the next two years bus stops and shelters on the X2 route between Abingdon and Didcot will be improved, those on Steventon Road beyond the A34 bridge hopefully having priority.

There are plans to provide a new notice board on the Green in the centre of the village as the present one is in poor repair. Also, responding to the request of an Eastway resident who complained that dog owners were allowing their animals to foul that bridleway, it is hoped that a dog waste bin will soon be installed in that area. →>>>

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The Council has received a letter telling of a commemorative plaque that was placed beneath the southernmost horse-chestnut tree on the Green in 1937. Apparently the three pink chestnut trees were planted to commemorate the coronation of King George VI and the plaque installed beneath one of them. Close inspection shows that the plaque is still there, though bent almost flat. Julian Cook, Councillor and caretaker, is to see if it is retrievable and can again become a small village feature.

On the subject of the village Green, the Council has noted that somebody has been parking a car for sale actually on the Green. **The Council owns the land and would request that people do not park on the grass or use it to advertise cars for sale.**

The PC makes a financial contribution each year for cutting the grass on the Millennium Green. It has been difficult for the MG Trust to find a reliable contractor with adequate equipment to do the work regularly. Brian Webb from Sherwood's farm has done an excellent job since the PC meeting and Nick Hamilton, the Trust's Chairman, has arranged for a new contractor to mow monthly next summer.

Various areas of the village are in need of maintenance at this time, and Julian is working on paths that are overgrown in places and also arranging for the hedge around the hall car-park to be cut. There is good news for walkers, especially those with large dogs, recently the OCC has installed several new kissing gates between Eastway and the golf course, making that very pleasant walk (apart from the short stretch past the sewage works!) much more accessible. The PC requested the gates a couple of years ago and getting them done is another instance of wheels grinding slowly.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 5th October at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Day Centre, as always open to all.

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Drayton School

Annette Mitchell

Welcome back to a new school year. We have come back to a newly painted school, thanks to Andy Gibbard and Mick for their hard work. Some work has already begun on re-vamping the PAWS after-school room. Also work has started on developing the school gardens and grounds. This has been made possible by the hard work of Lucie Kogel, Sam Gibbard and some volunteers. Thank you.

We continue to develop and evolve our curriculum and we are concentrating on not just reading and writing about topics but getting the children to have discussions at school and home about certain topics i.e. "Who was the naughtiest, Goldilocks or Jack?"

For this term only, the whole school will be doing the same theme topic work inspired by George and The Dragon.

Robins – Reception/year 1 a special welcome to Hamish Anderson, James Andrews, Aileen Brosnan, Jessica Cloutier, Sienna D'Cruze, Josh Moore, Rebecca Norkett, Molly Prior, Charlotte Puncher, Theodore Puncher, Jamie Regan, Finlay Rowlands, Ranadaya Samarasinghe and Ethan Taylor who have all started in reception class. They will be looking at different castles, and role playing Dragons, Knights and Princesses. →>>



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→> **Ravens** – Year 1/2 welcome Alex Sheridan and Max Waddup and the class will be building castles and looking at different Dragon Stories and writing their own versions of George and The Dragon.

Kingfishers – Year 3/4 welcome Ellen Harper, Lilly and Joe Bevan and Tanje Zimba. The class have acquired a George and the Dragon costume and will be producing the story in Pictures.

They are also working hard on their times tables and are going to be brilliant!

Also Rosie Bruce from Oxford Music Service will be visiting for the year and teaching all 39 children to play either Cello or Violin!

Eagles – Year 5/6 welcome Lewis Waddup, Chelsea Sheridan and Ling'iwe Zimba and the class will be producing a tourist leaflet telling the George and the Dragon story but using persuasive writing in favour of or against The Dragon.

At school we always **welcome any volunteers** not just within the school but also outside of the school, for instance we are always looking for volunteers to come and read with the children. But YOU may have a skill that you would like to share with the children?

You may be a trained Archery teacher or really good at Crochet, we are open to any ideas and would love you to come forward and show or teach the children, maybe possibly start a club? **Please contact us on 531316, we would love to hear from you!**

Sadly we are still getting **unwanted visitors** on the school grounds at weekends and evenings. They are leaving their mess behind them and also damaging school property. **We have informed the police.**

BIG REMINDER:- We have received numerous complaints from residents about parking. Please do not park in the turning circle outside school, park your car with consideration for the residents of Hilliat Fields.

YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Please forgive me, I want to be positive, optimistic and constructive. I have had two weeks of fending off people telling me that Abingdon is a dead, dying dump and how dare I suggest otherwise! – would I just get on and make things better while they rant at me! So, by way of light relief, I am going to talk about the NHS, something over which I have even less control – at least no more control than anyone else.

It's a funny old world. For years now, it seems, our National Health Service has come in for endless stick - dirty hospitals, endless waiting, lack of money to do what we wanted, too much money wasted. The queues of people and opposition politicians wanting to give the NHS a good kicking sometimes seemed longer than the queues for treatment. It was about time we abandoned the whole system. Surely, to any outsider, it must have seemed that the whole thing was out on its feet.

The view from abroad however, was in some quarters at least, rather different. President Obama, despairing at the numbers of US citizens unable to afford healthcare, and finding the idea of a system that ensured a better chance of living based on the ability to pay unacceptable, is seeking to introduce some of the 'equal healthcare for all' ethos that drove the NHS founders. Most people in this country seem to approve of President Obama, and when a decent bloke like him admires a British invention, we generally quietly approve. However, when a bunch of Johnny Foreigners start criticising OUR health system (as has been happening in the US), large numbers of us suddenly come out in force to say how much we love the National Health, and in the crowd are people of ALL political persuasions – not just the socialists, the communists and the left wing lunatics. Yes, it's expensive. Yes, there are plenty of things wrong with it. But it's fair and most important of all, it's British! Yes, it's a funny old world. →>>>>

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Luckily, on a leaflet by the phone is a telephone number for NHS Direct. Keen to pass the buck, I handed out the number and asked them to let me know how they got on. Within an hour, they had rung me back to tell me of the 'wonderful' conversation to reassure them that a) it was probably a strain and b) a visit to the **minor injuries department** at the local hospital (**Abingdon is open 10am to 10.30pm, 7 days, 208730** to check) would soon tell. No queuing on the phone or at a surgery, no using up of a doctor's valuable time when all they can say is – "Yes, it's a strain, don't walk on it for a bit" or "We'd better book you in for an Xray" (more waiting!). Perhaps most important of all, by going through NHS direct, there was now one less person clogging up a surgery. If the treatment required is obviously routine or a session of reassurance, NHS Direct must certainly be worth a try.

Everyone tells me that once you are diagnosed, our NHS is still a great service. I wonder what proportion of the delay in getting a diagnosis could be eliminated by more of us taking the attitude that a doctor's time should be spent on the seriously worried and the seriously sick. If you are not sure how worried or how sick you are, NHS Direct will certainly help you to decide. I am going to encourage all my family and friends to try it. **Richard Webber**

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GARDENING TIME

The Seasonal Gardener

As I write this October article, it's one of those glorious mid September sunny days where you want to relax and enjoy the remains of summer. The rudbeckia and echinacea are still good and those sedums are really coming into their own, attracting butterflies. The leaves are beginning to prepare themselves for the autumn show, the conkers are falling and summer flowers are producing their lovely seed heads. It is an appropriate time to evaluate your garden and decide whether it's done as well as it could this year.

So have a look at your garden. Was there something interesting happening throughout each season? How could you improve the show for next year? Which plants didn't do well? Are your asters taking over the garden? Is the hardy geranium that you bought as a low growing front of border plant in fact a large sprawling geranium that needs moving to the back? It's your last chance this year to dig plants up and move them. As top growth dies down and before the ground gets too cold, new plants will settle in quickly and get established in time to give you a great show next year. And don't forget you can make new plants from your existing ones by taking cuttings, dividing the existing plant or collecting seed ready to sow in spring.

Here are several things that you can look at doing before the weather gets cold and every thing hibernates for winter!

Clear dead or dying foliage from your plants and compost anything that's not a nasty weed or diseased. These you should burn or take down the tip. Leave on any seed heads that will be ornamental in winter frost and provide free food for the birds.

Start to sweep up your leaves and store in a leaf bin or black bag with holes in. In time these leaves will turn into leaf mulch which is a great compost to put on to your garden.

Bring your tender plants under cover. Anything that will not survive our winters, for example non-hardy fuchsias, pelargoniums, gladioli, cannas etc, need to be in a dry, above freezing, frost-free environment like greenhouses, conservatories and sheds.

Give the lawn some TLC. Growth from borders can flop onto lawns damaging them. Children, dogs and weather will do the same. Rake the moss out, aerate the lawn by stabbing all over with a fork and brush a mix of sand and compost over the holes. Sprinkle grass seed over bare patches. Use an autumn specific feed high in phosphates to encourage strong healthy roots that will survive better in the cold and wet.

Prune shrubs like lavatera, buddleja and tall roses. Anything tall will rock in the wind and cause severe damage to your plant roots. Reducing them by half should ease this problem. This is not instead of a normal pruning regime which generally happens after flowering or late winter/early spring dependent on the plant.

I think the autumn clear up and garden assessment is like spring cleaning your house and does wonders for you and your garden. Remember, it's not essential that you do all of it, certainly not all at once, but every bit you do makes a big difference and gives a great sense of satisfaction. Be bold and confident! It can seem like a drastic process the first time you do it but as you move plants around your garden more and more, you'll realise what amazing abilities to survive they have. For example, remember earlier in the year those tall trees that were felled opposite the Old Farm Shop? If you look now, you'll see strong healthy new growth racing up from the stumps. Those trees survived being felled and still want to grow, so there's the proof that most plants will survive most things! So go on, give it a whirl!

Sara Southey

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Acers – not just an Oriental delight

Imagine the archetypal Japanese garden, characterised by simplicity, refinement and calm. It's an idealised representation of nature arranged to create a sense of well-being and to serve as a refuge from outside stresses. An Acer throws gentle shade onto the house, helping to keep it comfortable in the heat of the day and provides delightful colour effects through spring, summer and autumn. A decorative bridge crosses running water and bamboo screens provide sympathetic divisions between the different garden sections. Don't you wish you were there? With the right plants you could achieve a similar feel in many British gardens.

Perhaps your most important ally in achieving this is the Japanese maple or Acer palmatum. A deciduous tree with a history of cultivation well over 300 years, Japanese maples have been grown in temperate areas outside Japan since the 1800s. They are well suited to garden conditions because of their compact root systems which are unlikely to undermine paths, structures or compete with other plants. Many Acers have features that are striking through the different seasons, including intense autumn colour, brightly coloured winter bark and fresh new growth in spring. Their style and compactness makes them ideally suited to courtyard gardens, so much so that Acer palmatum 'Red Pygmy' ranks second on Channel 4's '10 plants for courtyard gardens'.

Some Acers will grow to small-medium sized trees, 'Osakazuki' (brilliant red autumn colours), for example, may reach a height and spread of 6m. 'Bloodgood' (up to 5m) is always popular and the dark red-purple leaves turn a fantastic vivid red in autumn. For finely cut leaves as well as colour, look to 'Garnet', 'Burgundy Lace' or 'Dissectum' (golden leaves in autumn), these are also on the bigger side for Acers. For very confined spaces or containers, look out for 'Red Pygmy', 'Corallinum' or 'Crimson Queen'.

Acers are adaptable plants, but are unhappy in wet or dry conditions and find very alkaline soils difficult to cope with. Some shade is an advantage for green-leaved or variegated varieties, but red leaves do need sun to develop deep reds to their full.

As we move into October, the next event in the natural calendar is the turning of the leaves, prior to their fall. This small selection of Acers can provide a wonderful reflection of autumn right on your doorstep. Couple this with some Far Eastern flavour and you can create some garden magic to come home to!

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Although nothing to do with me, Sutton Courtenay has earned a reprieve on the incinerator, as the County has chosen another bidder, in Ardley. I will now be calling on WRG, the Sutton Courtenay bidder, not to go ahead with its planning application.

Appleford is getting its trains back, after a campaign to persuade FGW to reverse cuts to the train service between Didcot and Oxford. Four trains in all will be put back in December, two more than we expected, after I convened a meeting between FGW and the local parish council.

I had a week's holiday in Crete, and visited the Commonwealth War Graves at Suda Bay. There are 800 British soldiers buried there. I found a naval stoker from Faringdon, killed in World War 1, and an infantryman from Cholsey killed in the Second.

If you need to get in touch with me, telephone 020 7219 6350, write to me, c/o House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or you can e-mail me on vaizeye@parliament.uk; The Website is www.vaizey.com with up to date news and surgery details (no need to book an appointment - times are from 5.30 pm to 7pm unless stated). Next surgery:- **Oct 9th** - Grove, Old Mill Hall

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

A very warm welcome to Katrina and Martin who have recently moved into Lockway.

OTHER LOCAL PLACES OF WORSHIP

Methodist Chapel Sunday Service: 10.30 am
High Street, Milton
Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

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 Oct 6th, and Nov 3rd. If you need transport or further information please give me (Jean Hager) a call on 531558.

NB No space this month for a bigger mention of the **St Peter's Home Visiting Group**, but call Jean for details.

Letters to the Editor

You may request that your name & address are not shown; however we MUST have those details, and phone number in case any text needs verification. NB Please also note that, although we welcome submissions on a variety of topics, the Editor reserves the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter or supplied text.

FUN QUIZ NIGHT Friday Oct 16th, 7pm to 9.30pm, Caudwell Day Centre; run by the Abingdon Community Hospital League of Friends. Cash prizes, raffle and buffet, all for £5 per person. Make a team of 4, or make new friends! Limited tables, so names by Oct 11th please, + Cheques to ACHLoF c/o 11 Ladygrove Paddocks, Drayton Rd, Ab'don OX14 5HT.

Any queries :- Julian Hayton, on 01235 520392.

ALSO ACHLoF is now holding a Whist Drive, same venue, every first Friday in the month, starting 7pm; ALL WELCOME for an enjoyable game, with refreshments.

New DRAYTON Under 16s Football Team!

I am delighted to announce that we now have another **youth football team** in the village. We played two pre-season friendlies (v Botley & Wantage, winning both) and have started playing our league games on Sundays in the Oxfordshire Invitation League, the first against Greater Leys FC in Oxford winning 6-0. We will be travelling the county as far as Hook Norton and Bicester with our home games generally kicking-off at 2pm.

We have several players from Drayton with the remainder from Abingdon, Steventon, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Didcot.

Many thanks to all on the Drayton FC Committee for their kind support and to the Drayton Youth Charities, Oxford Fencing, and the McKenna family at Drayton Construction for their generous financial assistance...without whom this new team wouldn't have been possible.

The boys are raising funds themselves with a carwash on 12th September and we hope to be participating in the Community green token scheme at Waitrose in Abingdon later this year so please check the collection boxes and support us if you can!

Watch for our committed and hard-working youngsters training on the village pitch Wednesday evenings during the lighter months, and on Sundays sporting their amber and black hooped kit - they are proud to represent the village and your support at home games is most welcome. **Richard Seamark (531246)**



ARMED FORCES DAY Saturday Oct 24th, Newbury racecourse, first race 1.30pm (doors open 11am), last race 4.55pm, FREE ENTRY for all military personnel, AND members of the Royal British Legion (there's family entertainment, live music and top-class flat racing too).

To claim your free entry (or to book a box or the panoramic restaurant), please call 01635 40015, quoting your Military ID or Royal British Legion membership number. For more details see www.newbury-racecourse.co.uk or email info@newbury-racecourse.co.uk

DRAYTON DIARIES

DIARY FOR OCTOBER

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

Fri	2	7.30pm	Karate Club (& EVERY FRIDAY)	
Mon	5	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (p9)	
Thur	8		Abingdon Young Farmers	
Sun	11		Bowls (all day)	
Fri	16	7.00pm	Fun Quiz Night (p13)	Caudwell DC
Fri	16		Chronicle Adverts DEADLINE (p2)	
Sat	17		Private event (all day)	
Mon	19	5.15pm	CHRONICLE DEADLINE	Vickery's
Thur	22		Abingdon Young Farmers	
Sat	24		Private party	
Sat	31		Private party	



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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
6.30 pm	Youth Zone (to 7.30 except Bank Hols)	
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
7.30 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	Caudwell DC
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	St Peter's
7.45 pm	Drayton Drop-In (to 8.45, except Bank Hols)	
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
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	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	
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
7.00 pm	Whist Drive (ACHLoFriends)	Caudwell Day Centre
7.30 pm	Karate Club	
7.00pm	Choir Practice (alt Fridays - page 4)	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
6.00 pm	Evening Service	Baptist Church

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Newbury (1st & 3rd Sundays) - 4th / 18th

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Usually the markets run from about 8.30 am until lunchtime, **Abingdon's market** is now on a Friday, in the Square, and has an excellent, growing set of stalls, several organic meat suppliers, a fishmonger & greengrocers (remember them?!), and I'm told a cake-maker who will make you forget that diet!