DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT Jennifer Pooley

Report of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 5th October

The main meeting was preceded by a short PC Finance committee meeting. Robin Butler, Finance Chairman pointed out that the budget for the burial ground and allotments had been exceeded due to the topple testing work carried out in the burial ground. There would also have to be some adjustments made within the overall budget in order to make available enough money to meet grants and donations requests in the next six months.

Debbie Roberts, Finance officer for the village hall attended the meeting. She explained that in the past the hall had relied heavily on profits from the bar to meet its financial commitments, but owing to diminishing use the bar now made less profit. Therefore within the next year or so it would become harder for the village hall to make ends meet. She explained that the hall is fully booked on weekday afternoons but that weekend bookings could usefully be increased. Debbie asked if the PC could contribute towards upkeep of the hall. The PC's solicitor has recently been examining what are the precise responsibilities of the PC and the Village Hall committee in regard to the hall's upkeep, something that has become slightly confused over time and with constantly changing membership of both committees. November the PC Finance committee will be setting its budget for the next financial year and Debbie Roberts was asked to then submit a formal application for a grant. Richard Webber emphasised how fortunate we are to have such a good village hall and that it is important that it is kept as a viable amenity for the benefit of future generations.

Another visitor to the meeting was PC Keith Morton, Neighbourhood Specialist Officer. His task is to make contact and build relationships with residents in a large number of villages in the Abingdon area. He said he had established a good relationship with the young people in Drayton, which prompted Richard Webber to recommend a film recently made by young and older people, entitled "The Youth of Today"; it apparently paints an encouraging picture. Richard had also been to a Neighbourhood Action Group meeting at which the police emphasised that Oxfordshire has a low crime rate compared with much of the rest of the country.

The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Day Centre.

DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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CAUDWELL DAY CENTRE

WESTMINSTER LETTER Ed Vaizey

I launched the Poppy Appeal for Oxfordshire this year in Wallingford, and made a donation from the funds I have raised for charity since becoming an MP. I will be attending the Remembrance Day Parades at Wallingford and Didcot on Remembrance Sunday this year. It is always a very moving occasion, and most people have noted that the crowds swell each year. This is not surprising given the prominence that the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq have taken. But it is nonetheless very welcome.

As the MP for Wantage I am conscious of the huge contribution local people are making to the conflicts. Although RAF Benson is not in the constituency, it is on the doorstep, and many of its personnel live in Wallingford and Cholsey. Like the Rifles, RAF Benson enjoys the freedom of the town. I have visited Benson, and been taken up in a Merlin, which is one of the most modern helicopters available. In this respect at least, our troops are well provided for. It is home to Flt Lt Michelle Goodman, the first woman to win the Distinguished Flying Cross. In Didcot, we have Vauxhall Barracks, which I have also visited, home to the bomb disposal team, who sadly lost Warrant officer Gary O'Donnell earlier in the year. Grove resident Claire Griffiths received national prominence when as staff sergeant she was the only woman in Afghanistan to drive an armoured vehicle in combat conditions. In Abingdon, we have Dalton Barracks which will become part of the constituency at the general election, and which I have recently visited. And in Shrivenham we have the Defence College, effectively the "post-graduate" university of the armed forces, which I have been to on several occasions. Most poignantly of all, every serviceman and woman who has been killed and is returned from Afghanistan, travels along the A420 on their way to the John Radcliffe. Many members of the Royal British Legion stand salute in Watchfield and on the A420 at Faringdon, and I have been privileged to stand with them on several occasions.

In Parliament I am a member of the Armed Forces Parliamentary scheme, which means that I spend time with the Royal Marines and try and get a better understanding of the pressures our Forces face. I have visited them at their headquarters, and in Afghanistan and the Falklands.

This is not the right place to discuss the politics of the conflicts our armed forces are involved in, simply to take the opportunity to salute them and pay tribute to some of the bravest men and women in our country. It is a privilege to know just a few of them.

Next surgery dates, all at 5.30pm: November 6th – Faringdon Corn Exchange, November 20th – Didcot, King Alfred Drive Community Centre. Contact Details: House of Commons, London, SW1A OAA, tel. 020 7219 6350,vaizeye@parliament.uk



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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.

A contribution or advertising request can be sent to us in one of three ways:

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!

Requests for advertisements should be emailed not to the editor but advertising@draytonchronicle.net. Please note that advertisements eventually need to be in Word format, 9cms wide and, for a single block advert, about 4.5cms high

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.

Paper contributions should be either placed in the Chronicle letter box (outside Vickery's shop on Drayton Green) or posted to Vickery's at 5 The Green, Drayton, Abingdon, OX14 4JA.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor.

Bowled over with support for Macmillan to the tune of $\pounds 1000$

It was billed as the biggest coffee morning in the UK and was certainly a special event in the Drayton Hall on Friday 25th September. All over the UK, support was being pledged for this worthwhile charity and Drayton was no exception.

Doreen Jones, Chairperson of the Drayton Short Mat Bowls Club, herself suffering from the effects a brain tumour, began the day by preparing for the coffee morning with her co-workers. Like a well-orchestrated colony of bees with a buzz in the air, they baked and cut cakes, poured and washed tea cups - simply a master class in precision and confidence put to music. It would have been fitting to hear the "Flight of the Bumblebee"!!! Doreen's granddaughter, Scarlett and her friend Vicky trailed the streets of Drayton in their Macmillan green outfits and drew another £58 from builders, dog walkers, and the local businesses around the village. From young and old, they weaved a magic that accumulated £910 in just two hours! The generosity of the raffle prizes donated by many people meant that there was a prize for almost everyone attending! And, a big thank you to all those who made a cash contribution as well, also to Ann Webb, who made a donation that covered the cost of the Hall for the morning. And finally, to Drayton Bowls Club who topped the sum up to £1000. A truly splendid event and a tribute to Doreen (Queen Bee), and the Drayton Short Mat Bowls workers.

Diane Cronly (Doreen's daughter)

Dear Editor

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

May I, through the Drayton Chronicle, please thank everyone who supported the above at my house on Friday 25th September. With the donations of some very delicious homemade cakes, we had a very enjoyable morning, which raised a grand total of £121.00.

Thank you also to those people who made a donation but could not make the morning.

Annette Mitchell

Dear Editor,

Because I live in Sutton Wick Lane and because I am a regular on the Millenium Green, I was given a pair of black framed, rectangular prescription glasses (no brand name), lost on the Millenium Green last weekend. After having asked around, nobody has come forward to claim them.

I will leave them at Vickery's Hardware Store.

Nadja Evenepoel

Dear Editor,

The late Violet Webb

We would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and donations. They were very much appreciated.

Sadly, we lost my Mum on the 24th August 2009 after suffering a long time.

She spent most of her life in Drayton so she was very well known by the older generation.

Now she is at peace so richly deserved. Thank you all again on behalf of:

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Dear Editor,

Life after DAMASCUS

Since moving on from DAMASCUS I have been extremely busy, working for myself under the name of "OFF THE PITCH SOLUTIONS". I have worked alongside both Didcot schools throughout the summer holidays running GOALS, which is a week intensive programme empowering young people to become active and learn transferable skills for the future.

I have also run a village project in Harwell, "our street corner", young people themselves raised the money for me to come and work with them for four weeks. The aim of the project was for the young people to get to know the adults of the village and look at ways they can work positively together in the future. We finished the project with a village workshop that was very well attended. Not only was the project a great success and young people had a great time, the community have come up with some fantastic ideas to move forward.

The key to this success was the supporting adults who are amazing. They understand the needs and now feel confident they can work together to make Harwell a better place for everybody! It was also making the young people understand that they have a responsibility and they need to step up to the mark to make things happen!

With my work with young people, I have seen that they can be their own biggest enemy! There are good people out there who are sometimes put off engaging with young people because of the way they behave. Young people do need to step back and look at their behaviour and reflect on how it affects others. Having said that, I have met many adults who do exactly the same! The key is to build bridges and get to know each other, this way you can understand the challenges and look at positive ways you can move forward

My next venture is in PERU. I'm leaving mid October so I'm probably really dirty and hungry when you read this in the comfort of your homes! I was very lucky to be accepted on a project that works with young people in disadvantaged communities. South America has always been a dream of mine! (It's a shame Stacy from Eastenders isn't coming with me but it wasn't that sort of dream!) I'm really looking forward to the challenge and on my return at Christmas, I will look to do a village presentation to show the work I did whilst I was there.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody at DAMASCUS, without you, the young people, staff and volunteers I wouldn't have this perspective on life. I have learnt so much and have seen firsthand change happen. I want to use my knowledge and experience as a platform to develop myself and help as many people as I can.

Thank you for finding the time to read through this, I look forward to updating you on my return!

Gary Hibbins

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Thurs 9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel. Sunday 1st Nov 3pm All Soul's Service

Sunday 8th Nov 6pm Remembrance day Service

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 10.30 am Pebbles (Term Time only) Church Room Monday 7.45 pm Bell Ringing Practice Bell Tower Every Second Friday 7.00 pm Choir Practice Church Room

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sat 7th 10.00 am-11.00 am Sale of Fair Trade goods Church
Sun 8th 11.15 am-11.45 am Sale of Fair Trade goods Church
Tue 3rd 3.00 pm First Tuesday Connections Church Room

CHURCH REGISTER

There are no entries for this month

YOU STAY - WE PRAY, NOVEMBER

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10am Sung Eucharist with 2 minutes silence at 11am

6pm Remembrance Service

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LOCAL METHODIST WORSHIP

High Street, Milton Sunday Service: 10.30 am

Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS Jean Hager

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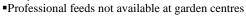
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YOUR LETTERS CONTINUED

Dear Editor.

While I am pleased to see fellow residents having a thoroughly enjoyable few days via the "twinning" scheme I cannot at present work out what I got out of it. I must benefit I suppose because some of my tax was contributed, albeit without my permission, towards the costs of the exercise. It was not a vast amount - about £1700 altogether - but as I could not afford an overseas holiday this year I am feeling a tiny bit peeved by this rather unjustified benevolence to a self selected few.

Of course I know the whole twinning idea was (is?) a tool of the EU to promote its agenda, however subtly, and hence its support by the Europhile parties, particularly Liberal Democrats, but let those who want to participate pay for it. Please don't point out that I could have joined them - I do not wish to.

If you say we live in a democracy and we voted for this via our representatives I would respond that unless we know about these proposals, without having to be bored witless and not being allowed to speak while attending council meetings every month, there is no informed consent and therefore no true democracy.

Did you know your money was being given to this project? Did you agree? It's not the Parish Council's cash, nor the Vale of White Horse District Council's, it's yours and mine. Do we have nothing better to do with it?

Alan Bourne.

Dear Editor

The Parochial Church Council of St Peters Church, Drayton would like to publicly say, Thank-you to the trustees of the Drayton Youth Charities for the very generous grant they made to us this year.

This will be used to purchase materials and equipment to be used at the various workshops that are organised by the church each year. Many of the items made by the children at these events are displayed in church and are often used as exceptional visual aids during services at special and important times of the year.

The two-day summer camp that was held at Drayton School at the end of July was attended with the maximum number of forty-eight places being filled!! The jungle jamboree theme really caught the imagination of all of the children and some excellent arts and crafts projects were tackled with great gusto.

It was very pleasing to see several of the older children acting as helpers to the adults who gave their time to run the event.

We hope that future workshops will be well supported and just as productive. This will be made a lot easier with the grant so THANK-YOU once again.

Colin Arnold St Peters P.C.C.

Wooden Spoon Recipe No. 32

(From November 1999)

Mincemeat and orange brulee (serves 4)

7 ozs luxury mincemeat, 3 large oranges, 8 tablespoons whipped double cream or mascarpone cheese, 2 tablespoons orange liqueur, 4 tablespoons caster sugar.

- a) Cut the peel and pith from the oranges with a sharp knife. Cut out the segments of orange (a small sharp serrated-edged knife is easiest). Keep some of the segments for decoration.
- b) Warm the mincemeat gently. Stir in the orange pieces and liqueur. Divide mixture between four heatproof ramekins. Allow to cool and then spread over the cream or mascarpone and chill for an hour.
- c) Preheat the grill to the highest setting. Top each ramekin with a tablespoon of caster sugar. Place under the hot grill for about 2 minutes until the sugar caramelises. Decorate with reserved orange segments.

Lois Rennells

POET'S CORNER

Sequel to "Summer Holiday"

I enjoyed "Summer Holiday" by Doggerelle in the September issue. It prompted me to write the verse below. Please note that the lack of capital letters and what might be considered as "quirky" punctuation are intentional being my own poetic licence

I can't resist the urge to pen a sequel to your rhyme — telling of a holiday when the sun refused to shine;
All plans for outdoor fun were dashed as the wind and rain about you lashed.
But, book-reading proved the antidote to compensate for thwarted hope.
Again September's with us, the children back in school, The days are getting shorter, we might expect it to be cool, Perhaps we'll see a bit more sun and, hopefully, less rain, And weather what the Autumn brings—'til Summer comes again.

But, if this season's true to form with temperatures above the "norm".

Might we forget this holiday-panning and look ahead......to next year's planning?

Ann Marshall

Festival

Committee meets to set a date Ideas, volunteers abound. Baking, collecting for the fete Transform recreation ground.

Week by week collections grow The village cannot wait, Posters to make, banners to sew All anticipate.

Only one more week to go Rushing causes stress Time appears to ebb and flow Arrange the fancy dress

The fair moves in on Friday night. All hands on deck help out Ribbons, flags, and sparkling light Small children are about.

Dawn glows pink to banish shade Excitement in the air. Count down for the big parade Fun for all to share

People hurry here and there, Praying for the sun, Squeals of laughter fill the air The carnival has begun

Crowds come in to join the fun, We meet new friends and play, Prizes to win races are won Fireworks end the day,

Workers now collapse indoors, They've made a lot of money, It goes to help a worthy cause, And the day was sunny!!

Dawn glows pink upon the trees, On empty field again, Litter dances in the breeze Echoes of laughter remain.

Judy Henman

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Jean Hager

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ALL AROUND

DRAYTON W.I.

Shirley Thomas

At our October meeting, we were given a flower arranging demonstration by Teresa Freeman of Didcot. She showed us two arrangements. One modern, exotic, with style, the other was a more formal arrangement using "everyday" varieties of flowers. They were beautifully done and she was generous enough to donate them to our raffle. How easy she made it look!! Members had the opportunity to attend a couple of events during the month. The bowls challenge match against The Hendreds was enjoyable and Drayton proved the winners. Some of us attended a Group meeting hosted by Steventon W.I. The speaker was Lt. Col. Malcolm Torrent, Retd. He gave an enthralling talk on his life as an Army Musician and some of the very prestigious events that he attended. He brought a selection of brass instruments which he demonstrated and played beautifully. It was a most pleasurable evening Further to our October advert on our forthcoming quiz, tickets can be booked through Ann Webb on Abingdon 531418. Our next meeting is on November 12th, in the Caudwell Day Centre, a talk by Ken Bettridge on "Not just a Bottle of Wine".

DRAYTON WIVES Pam Lacey

Lynn Bellamy, who is now one of our members, gave another very interesting talk on Aromatherapy for Winter at our September meeting. She spoke in particular about the various uses and benefits of tea tree oil and lavender oil. We were invited to mix our own choice of oils into a base cream and then shown how to massage our hands with the oils.

We also had a very enjoyable coffee morning on the 12th October at the Home Farm Trust Café at Milton when 27 members enjoyed coffee accompanied by some scrumptious homemade cake. We hoped our visit would bring in more trade to the Café which is partly run by the handicapped residents at Home Farm, as they not only serve coffee but some tasty lunches too.

Dates for your Diary in NOVEMBER:

Mon 9th COFFEE

Josie Midwinter, The Vicarage Mon 16th WHIST

Pat Percival, Caudwell D.C. Wed 25th **MEETING**

Martin Woodgett - The Cuttysark

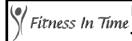
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Pearl Stanbridge

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Assembly times are:

Milton War Memorial – 10.45am

Steventon War Memorial - 2.15pm with a service at St. Michael's and All Angels at 3.00pm.

St. Peter's Church Drayton – 5.45pm.

The Branch President and Vice Chairman will be attending the memorial service at Sutton Courtenay.

Don't forget to "Pause and Remember" at 11.00 on the 11th.

The next meeting will be the A.G.M. to be held on Monday 16th

BOWLS CLUB

Roll Up

Firstly, to rectify a mistake from last month's notes re 'The Attwood Cup', it should have read, winner was Josie Carter and runner up Cyril Carter. The latest internal competitions to be completed were the lady and gent's singles. After a fine day's bowling, going through to the final of the ladies will be Pat Hoyland and Jan Cook, and the gents final will be contested between Nick Carter and Lyndon Locke. These will be played on finals day December 6th. The next competition will be the last for this year and will be 'The Didcot Windows' open singles to be played for on November the 8th. The winter leagues have just got underway and we will be hoping for better results this year.

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MORE ALL AROUND

DRAYTON BROWNIES

Ruth Hudson

Welcome to our two young leaders, Betsy Caudle and Millie Wright who will be helping with the Brownie activities over the next few months.

October: All the Brownies went to Abingdon Fire Station for two Brownie sessions. They were all presented with a Fire Certificate from the Fire Brigade and they all earned their Fire Badge. A wet and fantastic time was had by all!

November: The new Brownies are being officially enrolled and they have been busy working towards this with Tawny Owl. Another set of Brownies will be practising their skills and earning their Hostess Badge by sending invitations, making cakes and looking after parents of the new Brownies being enrolled.

Also, another set of Brownies have been busy with Snowy Owl earning their Seasons badge.

At the end of November it will be Pack Holiday time. A weekend at Hillend with an American Theme, popcorn, Line Dancing, Cheer Leading and cooking USA style, we will tell you more in December's Chronicle!

Finally, a BIG thank you to all the parents who helped with transporting the Brownies to and from Abingdon Fire Station.

Meetings are held at Drayton Village hall every Wednesday in term Time, 6.15pm - 7.45pm. This is open to girls aged 7 - 10years old, anyone wishing further information, please contact Ruth Hudson on 01235 205111.

SCHOOL REPORT **Annette Mitchell**

Carrying on the theme of George and the Dragon, the school will be having a visit from the Plantagenet Society. They will be talking to the children and dressing up in medieval costume as Knights and a Lady. Demonstrating archery, medieval dancing and putting on a tournament with swords!

After patiently waiting for a couple of weeks, the new computer suite is now up and running.

Robins - Reception/year 1 are using 'bossy verbs' and having fun giving instructions! They are also eagerly awaiting their 'egg' to hatch! We will let you know what exactly hatched out!

Ravens - Year 1/2 you now have to enter Ravens classroom by crossing a drawbridge and under a portcullis! Also proudly displayed is the coat of arms in the design of a Raven!

They recently had a trip to the Oxford Castle and Mound, experiencing what it is like to live in a castle!

Kingfishers – Year 3/4 are making dressed models of George on his horse and a princess – a difficult but challenging task!

The children are doing extremely well continuing to learn how to play a cello or violin with Rosie Bruce.

Eagles - Year 5/6 are making Coats of Arms Tabards out of pillowcases. Mr Lambert has taken on the task of making an 8ft Dragon! We look forward to meeting him!

By the time you read this, we would have had our scary Halloween disco to end our term! With sausages in coffins and witches brew, the children and adults dressed up to scare each other, a really great time would have been had by ghouls!

Date for your diary:

Christmas Fair to be held at school on Sunday 29th November 12pm until 2.30pm, more details will follow.

Sadly for the school, Mary Malin is retiring at Christmas after 29 years and 1 term! She will hand over her duties to a new secretary for a few weeks. A party is being organised for Mary at School on 10th December, 7pm. If you would like to join Mary on this evening then please let us know numbers attending on 01235 202417.

Again, we are still getting unwanted visitors on the school grounds at weekends and evenings. They are leaving their mess including bottles and cans behind them for the school to clear up, this is not acceptable. We will pass details on to the police.



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PRESCHOOL PLAYGOUP

Debbie Bargus

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

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.

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

We will be holding our annual Christmas Sing-a-Long and Raffle on Thursday 17th December at 9.30am. Parents/Carers are welcome to watch and join in, refreshments will be available. There will be no normal sessions therefore Parents/Carers will need to stay with their child. We would be very grateful for any donations of small prizes. Please leave in the box inside Preschool. Raffle tickets will be on sale in Preschool from 1st December.

There will be no sessions on Friday 19th December as we will be holding the Preschool Christmas Party from 11am til 2pm; this is open to <u>all</u> Drayton Preschoolers.

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 Argos on-line, 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. Dates: Monday 2nd November – Term Two starts

Friday 6th November – Tempest Photography visiting. Thursday 17th December – Christmas Sing-a-Long and Raffle Friday 18th December – Xmas Party

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DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB John Gould

The new season is now well under way. At the time of writing we have four weeks of ties played for most teams. Drayton Table Tennis Club's seven teams have mostly started quite well. The A team are expected to do well in the top division. They finished runners up last season and hopefully can go one better this time around. They have opened with wins in each of their ties to date.

Also expected to do well are the E team in Division 3. The team were 3rd last season and with the top two teams being promoted, the E team are good candidates to finish in the top two. The team managed with three players last season but have added Ben Collins & Brian Hunt to their ranks. Both good players, they should help the team do well.

The F team in Division 4 have got off to a flying start. They are a bit of an unknown quantity as only Allan Lovelock remains from last season's Division 4 team. Stewart Jones & Matt Wicks have been promoted from our Division 5 team and Derek Nichols has returned to table tennis after a couple of seasons rest. Stewart and Matt are both currently unbeaten despite moving up a level and with the team winning its opening ties, the season could be one of rich rewards if they maintain the good start.

The new tables have now arrived and we are very pleased with them. They are more sturdy than the old ones and should, with care, last for many years. Club members fundraising and grants, including that from the Drayton Youth Charity, have helped us to get these. We also have some new match nets to go with the new tables.

The junior section of the club continues to thrive. With Matt Wicks and his willing helpers involved, our young players are improving rapidly. Matt hopes to take the next level in his coaching qualifications during the season and this will of course benefit all of us.

The Didcot League is hoping to start a 6th Division in the New Year. This will be for new players and Drayton Club is hoping that we will be able to enter one or two teams. We have a number of newcomers this season and by January they should be ready to start competitive play. Anyone interested should come along to the school on Monday evenings.

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UPDATE ON INCINERATOR PROPOSAL

Sutton Courtenay Against the Incinerator

Key result - But!

After an extraordinary meeting on 19th Oct, the County Council Planning Committee turned down both the Sutton Courtenay and the Ardley incinerator proposals. In our case, this was by the narrow margin of 7-6.

The whole day was best described in the words of a young mother from Long Wittenham, who said, "I have never been on such an emotional roller coaster as I did yesterday. It was unbelievable."

On the day SCAI and many local residents were joined by Ardley supporters for a sizeable demonstration before the meeting, which was covered on both BBC Oxford and Meridian TV.

At the meeting Roger Rance formally presented a copy of the SCAI petition, with over 16,000 signatures. Ten statements opposing the SC incinerator proposal were made to the committee, including representations from Didcot, Sutton Courtenay, Appleford, Long Wittenham and Dorchester. Many thanks indeed to all

Despite the result, there is however, no room for complacency: WRG may appeal and the Secretary of State could possibly reverse the planning decision.

In the meantime, WRG's Environmental Permit application has not been withdrawn.

The County Council still has to address its landfill problem. Whilst local people can at least allow themselves a pause and one or two well deserved drinks, all need to remain very alert for whatever comes next.

The incinerator has not gone away yet!

Meanwhile, on the other side of Wittenham Clumps, Dorchester on Thames is to be congratulated on being chosen as a Government's new "Zero Waste" pilot and congratulations also to South Oxfordshire on achieving 70% in its new recycling efforts, which are due to be introduced in the Vale shortly.

Finally a great thank you to the very many people who have given so freely of their time and expertise to achieve this great result, despite the odds.



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GARD

Nick Thompson

Whilst many may think little is happening at present over the proposed Thames Water reservoir, I can assure the village that GARD has not been idle. Thames Water's revised draft Water Resources Plan amounting to about 1,700 pages of text, diagrams, charts and tables of detail are is being studied. There are many changes in it which are not always easy to identify as they are not highlighted. Figures and some of the arguments and reasoning have been altered. This is now, however, the final text with which we have to argue, and it leaves many areas for us to criticise and omissions and inaccuracies to point out. We think we have a very strong technical case for defeating this unnecessary and commercially motivated plan which provides a huge asset for Thames Water at customers' expense

GARD needs more members at this stage to reinforce our clout, although we are supported by CPRE, and we rely on all those who are opposed to the reservoir to sign up. We will call a Public Meeting in early December via Parish Newsletters to report on where we stand, and on our plans for the forthcoming Public Inquiry which may be in held June 2010. As of now, there has been no Inspector appointed so the date and location has not yet been fixed. GARD intends to be represented by a barrister at the

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Fireworks must not be sold to anyone who is under 18.

It is an offence to let fireworks off during night hours (11pm to 7am), except on Bonfire Night & New Year (midnight limit).

It is an offence under the Explosives Act 1875 to tamper with or modify fireworks.

Throwing or setting off fireworks in any street can be punished with a fine of up to £5,000 and up to six months imprisonment. Penalty notices for disorder (on-the-spot fines) can also be issued, attracting a fine of £80.

Letting off fireworks during night hours can draw penalty notices for disorder, again, the offence attracts an £80 fine.

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Mon	2nd	7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting Caudwell DC	
Fri	6th	Private booking	
Sat	7th	Private booking	
Sat	7th	10.00 – 11.00 am Fair Trade Sale <i>Church</i>	
Sun	8th	11.15 – 11.45 am Fair Trade Sale Church	
Sun	8th	Bowls all day	
Fri	13th	WI Quiz Night	
Sat	14th	Private party	
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7.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)

7.30 pm Bingo Session Caudwell Day Centre School

7.30 pm League Table Tennis

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 DC 9.30 am Holy Communion St Peter's Lady Chapel

School

9.30 am Parent & Toddler Group

2.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)

7.30 pm League Table Tennis

7.30 pm Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)

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Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg 9.00 am The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466 Caudwell Day Centre 11.00 am 7.45pm Choir Practice (fortnightly) St Peter's

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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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