

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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VIC PARDEY

Geoff Caudle



The Drayton Players were deeply saddened to lose one of their founder members on 1st May, when Vic Pardey died.

The first meeting of the Drayton Players was in the early 1960's when, in response to an advertisement in the 'Hall News' (the fore-runner of the 'Drayton Chronicle'), village folk who were in any way interested in amateur dramatics met in the lounge of Vic & Hazel Pardeys bungalow, 'Glendale' in Sutton Wick Lane.

This was soon followed by the Players first production - in 1962 - of 'Treasure on Pelican' produced by Marjorie Baines, a BBC producer family friend, in the Old WI Hall in Church Lane. That first production made a loss of £15! But, undaunted, the Players have continued now for nearly 50 years and are still very active today with regular productions in Drayton Hall.

Vic, as everyone called him, was born in Southsea, in 1921, - it was the start of a wonderful life, to carry him through 'til he was 88 this year, devoted to amateur dramatics and entertainment with his fine singing voice. He first sang as a choir boy in the Portsmouth Cathedral choir and helped to organise and run a thriving boys club.

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ABINGDON BRIDGE

Gary Hibbins



As some of you know, I'm back from the work I did abroad after DAMASCUS and have recently been appointed as manager for the Abingdon Bridge young people's support centre. TAB is a fantastic project that provides advice and guidance to people aged 13 - 25. We are based at 27 Bridge Street in Abingdon but our clients come from all over the area. We run workshops on drugs and alcohol, housing, benefits and sexual health, a computer club, help with literacy and numeracy and finding a job and a fantastic counselling service. We are open 2 to 6 weekdays excluding Tuesdays.

We have many young people regularly using our services as well as people dropping in and seeking advice, or for a friendly chat. I'm working hard with the team to develop our services and grow the project. I have already seen how important this project is to the young people of Abingdon; it's the absolute centre point to their young lives. In many cases "TAB is all they have". We work closely with other agencies trying to provide a support network across the area. There is so much good work going on at TAB in many cases its life changing; quote "I had nowhere to go and know-body to talk to, TAB provided me with a friendly ear and helped me focus on my goals"

If you would like to know more about what we do please pop in or call me on 01235 522375. We are always looking for volunteers who can help grow the project and help us on our mission to provide first class support for local young people.

Editor's Note: Those of us involved with the Abingdon Bridge are delighted that Drayton's Gary Hibbins has taken over as manager - and that Abingdon's new and youngest-ever mayor, Councillor Duncan Brown, has selected the Bridge to be one of the projects he will support and sponsor during his mayoral year.

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Drayton Under 16s Soccer Squad

CHRONICLE INFORMATION

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NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

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 to **advertising@draytonchronicle.net**. Please note that they 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 a few 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 either be 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.

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

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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Daphne Samworth, Hon Promoter

RESULTS OF THE MAY LOTTERY

Prize	Ticket	Winner	Agent
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£20	0229	D. Lee, 15 Corneville Rd	Gerald Redman
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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Sir

As we all know, the ballot held on 6th May was a secret one. However, when the boxes used at Drayton village hall were emptied out at the count, the papers were put into the respective piles for the different parties. A bystander (not actually me) could see roughly how the votes were distributed. It is therefore no secret that most of this village voted for a party that fought the election by saying that we should all arrange ourselves into a "Big Society", which would include greater responsibility going to Parish Councils.

A rough calculation suggests that there could be well over 500 people in this village voting in favour of a Big Society yet we have 3 vacancies on the Parish Council!

Daniel Scharf

Dear Drayton Friends

I would like to take this opportunity through the Chronicle of thanking many friends in Drayton for all your good wishes on my recent retirement.

This last five years at St Peter's church and in the village of Drayton have been so rewarding and it has been a pleasure to serve both church and community. I am now settling into my flat in Didcot and looking forward to plenty of country walks and time with family and friends.

Thank you to everyone in Drayton and keep up the good work of making it a lovely village to live in.

Josie Midwinter

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Dear Friends,

We wish to thank those of you who sent cards and letters to Pearl and family upon the death of Charles on 6th April. Also for the donations to the British Heart Foundation. Another thank you to Revd Sister Josie Midwinter for all her help and support through a difficult and sad time.

Charlie is now at peace, but greatly missed. Pearl and Charlie lived in Drayton for 53 years, and they married 68 years ago. If any of Pearl's dear friends wish to visit her, she will be pleased to see you.

Pauline Taylor

Dear Editor

I would like to thank friends who donated to the Air Ambulance Charity the on the occasion of my 80th birthday. £222.50 was raised. Thank you all once again.

Mavis Hays

Dear Editor

We would like to say thankyou to Janet and Glenn Woolley of the Red Lion for letting us hold another year of playing a mixed darts competition in memory of Anthony Belcher. We raised £150 to help Child Reach International which Tom Woolley is involved in. Also we want to thank everyone who played darts and donated a raffle prize. Thank you to Mr. Matthews, Vickey's shop and the paper shop.

A very big thank you to everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Merv and Freda Belcher

Letters to the Editor

The Editor reserves the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter. Every letter must bear a legible name & address - and a telephone number if possible.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Tessa and Charlie Hobday on the birth of Rupert Nicholas, born on 29th April, weighing 7lb.8oz. - a little brother for Freddie.

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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.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Wed 10.30 am Pebbles (term time only) *Church Room*
 Monday 7.45 pm Bell Ringing Practice *Bell Tower*
 Fridays 7.00 pm Choir Practice *Church Room*

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Tues 1st 3.00 pm First Tuesday Connections *Church Room*
 Sat 5th 10.00 am Sale of Fair Trade Goods *Church*
 Sun 6th 11.15 am Sale of Fair Trade Goods *Church*

and in July:

Sat 10th 2.00 pm Village Fete *Drayton School*

CHURCH REGISTER

Funerals:

28th April Elizabeth Anne Kraffe De Laubarede
 13th May Victor George Marsden Pardey
 14th May June Patricia Allen

Burial of Ashes:

1st May Lesley Jane Coterell

YOU STAY - WE PRAY: JUNE

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 13th to 19th: Corneville Road; Crabtree Lane; Lesparre Close
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JOSIE'S FAREWELL SERVICE

Sue Harris

On Sunday April 25th Rev Josie Midwinter took her last service in St Peter's before her retirement.

The Church was full and many village organisations were represented e.g. The Brownies and Drayton Baptist Church. The service was a joint one with the churches of the Damascus Group so their congregations joined with us at St Peter's. We also welcomed members of Josie's family as well as her friends who had travelled to be with us.



All the ministers of the Damascus Group took part in the service with prayers led by Rev Laura Hodges (All Saints, Sutton Courtenay) the Gospel was read by the Rev Colin Patching (St Steven's, Steventon), the peace was said by Rev Helen Kendrick (All Saints), Rev Rosie Bruce (Ordained Local Minister, St Peter's) read the ministry of the word and Mr Jack Jarvis (Licensed Lay Minister, St Steven's) administered the chalice at communion. Josie herself gave the sermon which was both witty and thought provoking. It was a full day as the service also included Healing Ministry given by the team at St Peter's.

Although Josie must have realised that something would be planned she had no idea quite what we had in mind! Following the service presentations were made by Val Cross and myself (Churchwardens, St Peter's) on behalf of the congregation and PCC of St Peter's, the churchwardens at St Peter's, Mrs Sue Helby (churchwarden at Appleford) and the PCC at Appleford. The Brownies gave her a gift and Mrs Sheila Cook made a presentation on behalf of Drayton Baptist church. Finally Mr Ron Dell gave Josie a cheque on behalf of the congregation of All Saints, Sutton Courtenay.

Rev Colin Patching then made a very funny and complimentary speech in which he promised Josie a statue of St Joseph but in the meantime gave her a snow scene of the Holy family!

After all this everyone was encouraged to stay for a bring and share lunch which had been provided by the congregation of St Peter's. Mrs Carol Arnold had made a magnificent cake which was ceremoniously cut by Josie and everyone went home with a slice.

Josie is now enjoying a well earned rest on holiday with her sister in Italy. When she returns she will be moving into her new home in Didcot. She will be missed both at St Peter's and in the

wider parish as she has made quite an impact on village life (culminating recently in the award of "Heroine of the Vale" by the local council). She has worked tirelessly for St Peter's as well as in youth work in the village, in the school (becoming a governor), and in the History Society. She was also a member of Drayton Wives. In between times she found time for walking, seeing her family and welcoming numerous friends who came to visit.



We wish her a long and happy retirement!

Editor's note: I'm very grateful to Colin Arnold for sending in a selection of photos taken at Josie's Farewell Service, including these two of Sue and Josie.



BAPTIST CHURCH

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

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

11.15 am Presently only one morning service per month.
A Family service on the first Sunday
6.00 pm Evening Service. Traditional format.

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

Drayton Baptist Church Table-top Sale and Cream Teas

Saturday 5th June 2.00 pm
Proceeds to Christian Aid

HALL A. G. M.

Ann Webb

Attendance was quite low at this very important meeting.

After matters arising from the last minutes, there being no correspondence other than ORCC newsletter, we moved on to the more official business of the evening. We welcomed Sarah Smith to our team; she has replaced Sheila Purvis who retired on health grounds. We all wished her well on her last visit to us. The financial statement for the year was gone through by our financial adviser, and we were very impressed by the figures for the year, given the credit crunch. We have just about survived and held our own through this very difficult year. The downside of the accounts was a large increase in repairs due to damage, accidental or deliberate. This made a difference between breaking even and making a small profit. The Parish Council has agreed to grant to the hall financial assistance with the running costs which are ever increasing. The chairman's report gave a brief account of the happenings in and around the hall. All the people who have contributed to the hall over the past year were duly thanked.

Finally the loss of three well known figures in the life of the Hall was acknowledged. Firstly Norman Stimpson; Norman was a well known figure in the early days of the hall, involved with so much within the village. His like will not be seen again. Secondly Norman's fellow stooze in many of the drama group's pantomimes, Vic Pardy. I only heard half of the eulogy to him at his funeral, but what a man he was, I hope they meet up yonder and carry on entertaining. Both of them left the village a few years ago to make life easier for them all, we missed them then and we miss them all the more now. Lastly Doreen Jones, who's life was cut short so tragically last year. All three will be greatly missed and all will be remembered with great fondness and gratitude.

The old Committee was re-elected en-bloc and things will continue to run much as before. Bookings remain steady and a list of the hall users and events were read out, this does make interesting reading and surprises a few at the number and variety of the bookings we receive.



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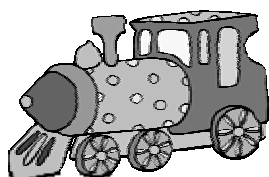
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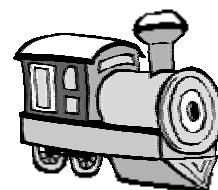
KINGDOM TRAIN

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At Drayton School - cost £5 per child

Registration forms from Drayton church

This holiday club is sponsored by St Peter's Drayton & All Saints Sutton Courtenay



VIC PARDEY

Geoff Caudle

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During the immediate post-second-world-war years, 1944 – 1950, Vic served in France with the British Expeditionary Force. He was landed on the Normandy beaches on D Day plus two. Vic spoke fluent German and he acted as interpreter for the rehabilitation of the prisoners in the German concentration camps, including Belsen.

With his passion for singing he entertained the troops in France working with various bands, including the Squadronaires, and after his release from service life he continued by forming a concert band and entertaining troops in hospitals all along the South Coast.

On moving to Drayton in 1960, Vic soon became involved in all aspects of village life, serving on the Parish Council and the New Hall Committee which tirelessly raised funds for 10 years, Vic, as treasurer, going to the bank regularly every Thursday – it was a huge combined village effort which resulted in the building of the present Drayton Village Hall which opened in May 1975.

For the Drayton Players Vic was always a prime mover, taking many varied character parts – there were not many productions in all the years that did not feature Vic's huge talent, besides being the producer and director on many occasions, there was nothing that could keep him away, he never got 'too old' to be a Player and even when not on stage he still supported the Players as front of house manager and in any other way that he could.

Opportunity knocked several times for Victor in his eventful life, he appeared in the show of that same name in the Coliseum in Southsea with Hughie Green where, despite their best efforts, they could not persuade Vic to turn professional!. Often you would hear Vic singing 'That old black magic has me in its spell, that old black magic that you weave so well'. One of his singing career highlights of which he was very justly proud was when he was asked by Noel Coward to be the first to sing a new song he had just written to entertain the troops in France. That song was 'We'll gather lilacs in the spring again'. Perhaps, now we know that little gem, it explains why Vic was so keen for us to perform. 'Blithe Spirit' (twice), 'Hay Fever', 'Present Laughter', 'Private Lives'

Vic received a standing ovation at his 86th birthday party when he sang 'They did it My Way'.

Vic was a 'real gentleman', who contributed much to all our lives, he was loved by all and will be remembered with the greatest affection.



Victor George Marsden Pardey

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CHILDREACH INTERNATIONAL Tom Woolley

I've recently been chosen to participate in a "Childreach International" project, and in November will be travelling to Tanzania to help build two classrooms and a playground in a village school.

To enable me to participate I had to raise £2,200, to cover my travelling expenses, accommodation (*tent*) and the purchase of building materials. So over the past couple of months, with the help of friends and family, I've been trying to achieve my target. I am pleased to say that I am now almost there, with over £2000 raised.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to my fundraising but in particular the following people. Paul and Dusty Evans, who organised a Race Night at The Red Lion and who both worked very hard on the night, this event raised almost £900. Freda and Merv Belcher who kindly donated the proceeds from the Antony Belcher Annual Darts Competition, held in Antony's memory, this raised £120. Liz Pugsley and John Curtis who sponsored me £100 each to not drink any alcohol during the whole month of April, (*this was particularly difficult as my birthday was in April*).

Thanks to all the customers of The Red Lion who have been amazingly generous, either by participating in the events or by simply putting a donation in the bucket on the bar, (this raised a further £200+).

And finally a big thank you to my Mum and Dad, Janet and Glenn who have supported me throughout.

Thank you.

WOODEN SPOON RECIPE

Lois Rennells

No. 35 (from November 2001)

Hungarian Pepper Pasta (serves 4)

1 onion (cut in thin half moons), 3 tablespoons olive oil, 1 clove garlic (crushed), 1 yellow and 1 red pepper (each halved and de-seeded, and each half cut into three lengthways strips), 8 oz (225 grams) mushrooms (sliced), 6 teaspoons paprika, handful of parsley (roughly chopped), sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, 10 ozs (275 grams) dried tagliatelle, 1 284 ml carton soured cream.

Fry the onion in half the olive oil until lightly golden. Add the garlic and pepper strips. Lower the heat and gently cook for 8 minutes until the peppers are softened. Add the remaining olive oil.

Add the sliced mushrooms and paprika and stir well to cook the mushrooms. Add some of the parsley, season to taste, and simmer for 6 minutes.

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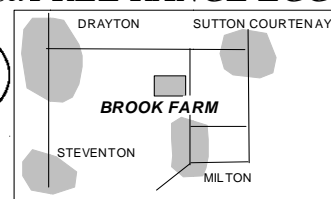
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UNDER 16s FOOTBALL

Richard Seamark

Our under 16s team has finally completed its first season's league games in the Oxfordshire Invitation League, This should have happened at the end of January but owing to the severe weather many games were postponed with pitches frozen under several inches of snow.



So we have had a very long, disjointed but very successful and enjoyable season nevertheless...the team have finished a dignified third in the league, just missing out on promotion. Quite an accomplishment for a new team made up with players from several different clubs or who hadn't played at all for one or two seasons.

The squad trained throughout the winter and will continue to train through the summer in preparation for next season in the Under 18s League. Many players are beginning to train alongside the men in addition to our own team's sessions, this will only help strengthen our team and the future of the club as a whole as they progress through to playing for the Men's sides in due course.

We are a strong team now that the squad has bonded, the players socialize in their free time and have remained loyal to the club, in this age group many teams fold as numbers dwindle, but we now have the luxury of players looking to join us from other teams so our future is secure and looks very bright.

Huge THANK YOU'S go to Debby and Jason McKenna at Drayton Construction and to the Drayton Youth Charity for their financial support. We require more kit (growing boys!) and need to pay for our winter training pitch at Tilsley Park so donations are always welcome.

We are collecting codes from inside promotional packs of Kellogs crunchynuts, frosties, and cornflakes cereal to purchase kit, they can be posted into 42 Abingdon Road (next to the shop). Many thanks!



We are looking forward to our presentation evening in June and, with some of the lads hoping to organise other events, it will be a busy summer! Watch this space....!

COMMUNITY SAFETY NEWS

Karen Brown

Liz Hayden has been appointed the new shared community safety manager for both the Vale and South Oxfordshire community safety teams. Her role involves working with two community safety partnerships, which include Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust, Thames Valley Probation and other agencies working together to reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime in both districts. Liz also has responsibility for managing CCTV for both Vale and South.

The Vale continues to be one of the safest places in the UK according to crime figures released at the end of 2009/10, which showed overall crime in the area had decreased by 16.3 per cent.



Contact details:

Liz Hayden, Community Safety Manager- 01235 540309 or liz.hayden@southandvale.gov.uk

Karen Brown, Projects Officer - 01235 520202 ext 485 or karen.brown@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Richard Baker, Anti-Social behaviour officer - 01235 554783 or richard.baker@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

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ALL AROUND

BOWLS CLUB

Roll Up

We start these notes by reminding all members that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday June the 2nd in 'The main hall'. It's a important one, in as much as we are looking for a President, a Chairman, and a Secretary, these are very important roles to be filled.

The April internal competition was completed, and was a handicap tournament, and the winner was Nick Carter after a nice day's bowling. The latest competition to be decided was 'The Ladies Singles', and going through to play the final on December the 6th will be June Hyde and Barbara Watts. 'The Rose Bowl Triple' leagues have also been decided and going through from the Monday league will Pam Smith, Gillis Tate and Bryn Jones, who will take on Tony Wright, Carol Smith and Fred Long the Wednesday league winners. Again this will be competed for on finals day.

The next internal competition will be the Ladies versus the Gents, this will be played on June 13th.

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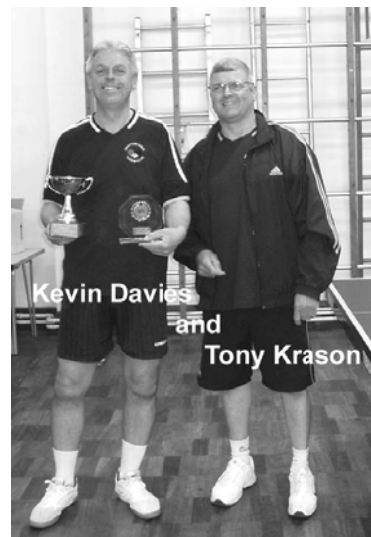
I am pleased to report that for the first time in the Club's 25 years history we have completed the Treble! Drayton A were League Champions, The team comprised of captain Roger Perry, Ellis Bicknell, Greg Boone, Karl Bushell & Craige Campbell.

The Club also won the Bidmead Cup, defeating British Rail Didcot in the Final. Our team in all rounds of the competition were Matt Davies, Ryan Seamark & Matt Wicks. Finally Drayton B won the Handicap Shield Final. In an all Drayton tie the B team of Tony Krason, Robert Hudson and Matt Davies defeated the D team of John Gould, Dave Harradine & David Hudson. The teams all received their trophies at the DDTTA Presentation Evening on Saturday 15th May 2010. It has been a truly memorable season for the club.

The Club Championships have all taken place. In the Cadets' Tournament - under 15, the singles winner was Harry Jones-Locke. Harry defeated David Craig in the final. The doubles winners were brothers Vincent & Curtis Emery who beat David Craig & Harry Jones-Locke in the final. David Craig was awarded the Player of the Day.

The Junior Tournament - under 18, saw James Cooper become our new Champion, defeating Ryan Seamark in the Final. Ryan was also runner up in the doubles with his partner Curtis Emery. They lost to Alex Emery & Harry Jones-Locke.

The main Club Championships were on May 16th. An entry of 18 produced a great day of ping pong. The main event saw Kevin Davies and Geoff Cherrill reach the Final - both for the first time. They had met in the earlier league format round when Geoff won. However in the final Kevin proved victorious to become our 18th Club single Champion. Kevin also teamed up with Dave Hudson to take the doubles crown (another first for Kevin) when they beat Ray Massie & Ryan Seamark in the Final. The Plate competition was won by Allan Lovelock. Allan defeated Robert Hudson in the final.



In the League, Karl Bushell won Drayton's Best Senior Player award and Ryan Seamark the Best Junior Player award.

A special award was presented to Club President Ray Massie. Ray has represented the club for many years but has moved away from the area so he is ceasing his ping pong activities. Ray will stay as Club President. He received an engraved mantle clock in recognition of his support over the years. Ray will be greatly missed by all at our club.

The club's AGM will be held on Monday 7th June 2010 from 7.30pm at the Red Lion & not as advertised in last month's chronicle. Any prospective new members are welcome to come along.

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DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

As you will see from our advertisement elsewhere in this Chronicle, we are exploring slightly new territory for our autumn presentation. We are aiming to run a pleasant evening's entertainment showcasing the considerable talent to be found in and around Drayton.

To gauge whether we are correct in our thoughts, we would ask anyone interested in taking part to contact either our chairman Fred Stevens (01235 200350) or secretary Georgia Alston (01235 531425) in the first instance for an informal chat. We think this is an interesting project and are sure that there is a wide breadth of talent to be tapped and enjoyed. The wider the variety the better, so do pick up the phone for further details.

You will see elsewhere in this Chronicle a tribute to Vic Pardey who died recently. He was a founder member of the Drayton Players group, which is coming up fairly soon to its half century, and we are all enormously sad at his passing. For many years rehearsals were happy occasions in his home in Sutton Wick and the number of times he was either directing or acting (or both) are too numerous to quantify. He enjoyed every minute, whatever function he might be performing and was a delightful, kind and encouraging colleague and friend to us all and we shall always remember him with the greatest affection.

DRAYTON WIVES

Eve Sharp

April was a busy time for Drayton Wives. Our coffee morning was followed later in the month by a visit to Wallingford Corn Exchange to enjoy a concert - 'Let the Good Times Roll', which really got our toes tapping.

A fascinating tour of Christchurch College and Cathedral was an absolute treat, and was rounded off by having an excellent lunch in the Dining Hall - of Harry Potter films fame. We felt very grand indeed lunching in such an august place, where kings, queens and prime ministers of the future have eaten, however, no witches or wizards were to be seen on this occasion.

Our Annual General Meeting took place at the end of the month and was very well attended. Perhaps it's not only April that was a busy month for us, because we heard in the Chairman's report that during the year our 52 Members had been able to enjoy 8 speakers, 7 outings and 8 theatre trips, as well as the many 'feasts' that we indulge in. True to form the AGM finished with an amusing quiz and a cream tea.

Dates for your diary in June:-

Mon 14 COFFEE Trudi Buckner's 52, Whitehorns Way
Mon 21 WHIST
Wed 30 TALK Fraud sand Swindles

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Pearl Stanbridge

I regret to report the recent death of member Mr Bob Day. Our sincere condolences are extended to his widow and family.

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday 21 June at 8.00pm

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DRAYTON W.I.

Shirley Thomas

In spite of our Speaker not being able to attend our meeting this month we were still able to have a very enjoyable evening. Teresa Taylor brought along a number of her quilts to show us, some still "work in progress". Her blends of colours and patterns combined with the superb stitching demonstrated what a talented lady she is. Over a cup of tea we had a quiz and a "bit of a chat", it all made for a very relaxed evening.

On the morning of the 24th April several members met at Blenheim to partake in an organized charity walk in aid of the NSPCC. We were lucky with the weather and all enjoyed the beautiful grounds and the exercise, not to mention the pub lunch on the way home!!

Our next meeting is Rural Life and Rural Rhymes by Tom Smith.

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PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Debbie Bargus

We would like to welcome Samuel, who joins us after half term, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Our Topic for the 2nd half of the summer term is that we will be looking at ourselves and thinking about the valuable skills needed in preparation for starting school. This will include practising our listening, sharing, being polite and being kind to our friends. Also developing physical skills whilst playing in the garden.

We return to Preschool on Monday 7th June and term finishes on Thursday 22nd July. We will be supporting the Banardos Toddle at Beale Park on Tues 22nd June; therefore there will not be any sessions at Preschool on that day. We are planning an activity lunch/ afternoon on the last day of term, details to follow.

Our AGM this year is being held on Wednesday 9th June at 7.00 pm in the Preschool building. This is a very important meeting for Preschool as we will be looking to elect new officers to the committee. We need a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. These three important roles **MUST** be filled for Preschool to continue, we would also like general members who are also important to help with new ideas and fundraising items. All are welcome, please support us.

We will have spaces available for September 2010. Do you have a child who is approaching 2 1/2yrs. We are happy to put younger children onto our waiting list. Please do keep supporting us, the children have great fun and are always learning new things. Please contact Preschool on 01235 536094 for a welcome pack or to visit.

Many thanks to the Drayton Youth Charity for their kind donation towards our outside play, we are looking at buying dome pop up tents for the children to enjoy in the garden, and thank you to everyone who donated tokens at Waitrose during February, we will be receiving about £200. Also James Booker will be taking part in a triathlon on 5th June to raise money towards our new building. Please see form in Preschool if you wish to sponsor him.

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BROWNIES

Ruth Hudson

Well done to Neve, Melissa, Sarah and Leia who have made their Brownie Promise and welcome to Morgan A, Kiera and Erin, who have recently joined us. We wish Kate Harris who is leaving us, good luck for the future.

Our summer challenges are going well, seeds growing fast with a tasting session with Cress and Rocket grown by the girls.

We had our first rounder's match with help from Rob Hudson and Jack Lester who organised the whole event, fun was had by all. Thank you Rob and Jack.

We have sponsored an Owl called Mulberry from the Hawk Conservancy Trust, Andover, this was part of our Friends for Animals Badge.

Party in the Palace was on the 15th May, 29 of us went to this event to help celebrate 100 years of girl guiding. We did various activities which included getting inside a helicopter and seeing how it worked. Morris dancing, cooking, tug of war, walking along a rope bridge and taking part in a science experiment. Then we had a big sing a long. It was a great day out with a very well behaved brownie pack. Thanks to all the helpers.

Things to look forward to this month. A pottery decorating evening, skipping event and planning for our talent show.

A big thank you to Drayton Youth Charities who gave us £100. We have purchased 25 skipping ropes, rounder's bat and balls, paper, pens, paint and glue, which is much needed by our pack. Thank you so much.

Meeting are held at Drayton Village Hall, on Wednesdays during school term from 6.15 – 7.45, meetings are open to all girls aged between 7 – 10 years old.

Further details are available from:

Ruth Hudson (Brown Owl) on 01235 205111

Esther Deabil (Tawny Owl) on 01235 528502

DRAYTON SCHOOL

Ana Gurl

Classroom updates ...

Robins (reception and year 1) have been trying their hands at growing. (Let's hope a few more than just the first bean come up!) Now that the weather is starting to improve they are learning about transport and journeys and thinking about all the different ways of getting out and about.

Ravens (year 1 & 2) are Nature Detectives and have been taking a very close look at plants, flowers and trees, producing some very detailed drawings with labels. In art they have continued this theme making an impressive display of trees made from hand prints.

Kingfishers are continuing with their topic of Vikings. A whole Viking day will see them dressing up as Viking children and heading to the Millennium Green with swords and shields for a Viking feast. In science they are learning about light and habitats helped by a visit to the Living Rainforest in Newbury.

Eagles (year 5 & 6) enjoyed a trip to Portsmouth and visited HMS Victory and HMS Warrior and are now looking at a new topic – the Victorians. Their classroom has been transformed with Victorian maps, profiles of the children in Victorian costume and even a Victorian fireplace complete with photographs.

School news ...

Geography fun week is in June. The children will be using colour co-ordinated recycled materials to create a map of the world to be displayed in the hall. Each class will be working on a particular continent. Robins will use reds for Australasia, Ravens will be oranges and yellows for Africa, Kingfishers will be using green, pink and purple to build Europe & Asia and Eagles will work with dark blue and brown for the Americas.

Some of our year 6 children will be taking part in **junior good citizen morning**. This is a joint activity as part of police week involving children from various other local village primary schools.

Theatre group M and M Productions will be visiting the school again and all the children will be watching their production of **Oliver Twist**. There is going to be a **Circus Skills** after school club coming soon when children will get a chance to master various circus skills including juggling, diabolo, devil sticks, unicycles and more.

Our outdoor environment is to be further improved over the half term break by re-development of the **pond area**.

A date for your diaries ...

Drayton Village Summer Fete will be held at school on Sat 10th July from 2 – 4pm. There will be MG cars on show and various displays and performances by the children. Refreshments will be on sale and there will be lots of games and stalls. (See advert on the back page for details). Please come along and enjoy the fun!

Can you help?...

At the end of this school year we will be losing some of our long-standing **school governors** so will be looking to fill several school governor positions. If you are interested in helping the school move forward, or would like to find out more about what the role involves, please contact Mr. Mayer at school (01235 531316). Please note that you do not need to have a connection to the school to be eligible.

We are also looking for another **lunchtime supervisor** for the new school year, so please contact the school office if you are interested. Thank you.

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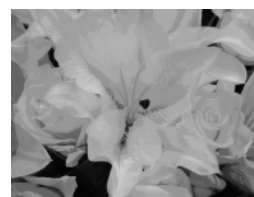
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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Williams



Report of the Drayton Parish Council AGM and council meeting held on Monday 10th May 2010

As well as the Parish Councillors, 7 members of the public attended the meeting. The formal part of the AGM included the appointment or re-appointment of various committee chairs, and Daniel Scharf was re-elected Chairman of the Council. Daniel has also taken on the role, on a temporary basis, of Chair of the Finance Committee, following the resignation from this post of Robin Butler, as reported last month.

Tim Atkins and Kay Davies, two of the new Allotment Wardens, explained that the majority of allotments are held by families, and that, in the event of the death of a spouse or partner, it would compound the family's distress if the allotment had to be surrendered simply because it was registered in the deceased person's name. It was agreed that the best way to resolve this issue would be for the allotment to be registered in joint names.

Andrew Bax attended as Chair of the Drayton Community Trust, having been invited to the meeting to speak on the subject of setting up a Drayton Village website. Andrew stated that the CT's main purpose is to raise finance for major projects, such as the Millennium Green, and that the Trust has capital, but not income. It was therefore prepared to contribute to the set-up costs of a website if the Parish Council would undertake to help with the ongoing maintenance costs. It was felt that the website could draw on the expertise of the Drayton Chronicle, although its content would aim to complement the Chronicle rather than duplicate it. David Perrow, the Parish Clerk, suggested that parish records, such as the minutes of meetings, could be placed in an on-line archive, which would make them more accessible to a wider range of people. The PC welcomed these proposals, and agreed to assist the project in any way possible, in return for space on the site.

Paul Evans and Alan Hodson represented the Drayton Football Club, and outlined in greater detail the problems (raised at last month's meeting) arising from trying to maintain several different teams - adult and junior - with only a single football pitch available. Daniel Scharf said that there was a history, stretching back more than 30 years, of attempts by the Parish Council to obtain more land for recreational use, but that these efforts had always been unsuccessful. The difficulty lies not just in identifying a suitable piece of land: the landowner also has to be willing to sell. Daniel will write to the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (OPFA) who have experience in these matters, to ask their advice on possible ways forward.

Claire Soper from the Youth Zone said that, due to a contraction in funding, the DAMASCUS project has been forced to become more specialised, and now works primarily with 'difficult' youngsters. ➔

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➔ It can no longer support more general youth club provision, and thus the Youth Zone now operates as an independent youth club, run entirely by volunteers and without any professional youth-worker input. The Parish Council agreed that it was unfortunate that cutbacks in funding should draw away resources from the vast majority of young people in the village who do not have behavioural issues, and at the same time acknowledged the excellent work being done by the present small band of adult volunteers. Needless to say, more helpers, especially anyone with any experience of working with young people, would be welcome.

On a less positive note, Ann Webb reported that petty vandalism to Drayton Hall had cost £1200 in repairs so far this year. Most recently, a kitchen window has been broken, and guttering and brickwork have also been damaged. There is also abundant evidence of under-age drinking in the vicinity of the hall – discarded cans, bottles, and other litter. It has been suggested that part of the problem may be that the police have been enforcing 'dispersal orders' in South Abingdon, whereby they break up large groups of youths whose behaviour has been troublesome and order them to leave the immediate area. As a consequence, it is thought that some of these youths may have migrated to Drayton and other areas not currently affected by the dispersal policy. The Parish Council and District Councillor agreed to investigate the matter further and discuss with Thames Valley Police appropriate ways to deal with the problem.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 7th June, in the Caudwell Day Centre. As always, all are welcome.

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ON WHALES, LIB DEMS...

Richard Webber



It's been quite a month. A dramatic first debate. The polls all over the place. The press getting itself in a state of frenzy. A financial crisis. Bigot-gate. All predictions revised and strategies torn up.

And after all the excitement, it all made very little difference. It was a hung parliament when we started and it was a hung parliament when we finished. It was the First Past the Post system that had given the 'hard done by' Lib Dems 22%

of the vote and less than 10% of the seats in the old parliament, and now gave them 23% of the vote and less than 9% of the seats in the new parliament – not much change there, then.

But other things had changed and changed out of all recognition. The young were engaged and people were talking politics everywhere. The electorate had spoken and the electorate was boss. It was clear what the electorate *didn't* want – but none of the pundits could agree on what the electorate *did* want. Minority government? – Stability or instability – the world money markets would not be patient for long. It looked like a sea of uncertainty.

And then, after a few short days to check that the correct cargo was aboard and the unnecessary and unwanted stuff had been heaved over the side, the good ship 'Coalition' set sail, skippered and coxed by two rather impressive young men who thought that they could plot a course, with a crew – some committed, others bewildered but excited and prepared to give them a chance.

Left on the shore was an assortment of flotsam and jetsam, beached whales and dinosaurs – some blue, some yellow, some red - long extinct or too intransigent to climb on board – even though there was no other way off the beach - yesterday's animals – missing the boat – hoping that the ship would soon flounder and they could at least say 'We knew it couldn't work!.' Most extinct and most intransigent were the Press – as the ship began to sail away with gathering speed, the more they ranted and the more the electorate began to realise that extinct dinosaur politicians might have been treating them like fools for too long, but so had the great Whales of the media – and *all* were now beached.

I believe that it is in all our interests that we wish the 'Coalition' well – indeed there was, in the end no other boat sailing. I am very encouraged by the numbers of people of all political persuasions who want the journey to be successful and who, like me, for the first time in some years. are feeling rather optimistic.

Your District Councillor

PS In order to capitalise on the new spirit of engagement with politics, I am intending to hold some sessions, talks, Q&As in the Hall over the next few months on topics such as Immigration / Europe / Electoral Reform etc. I already have a number of key people who have said they would like to take part/attend. – More details next month.

WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey



I was delighted to be re-elected as your MP at the general election, with an increased majority and an increased share of the vote. Since then, of course, we have had one of the most extraordinary weeks in British politics, culminating in a coalition government, something we have not had in peacetime for eighty years.

I was delighted with that outcome, as it resulted in my becoming Minister for Culture, a job I have been keen to do for many years. Apart from the Cornerstone at Didcot, as well as the cultural delights of Oxford, there is a lot of cultural activity taking place in every town and village in the constituency, which is a useful reminder of how important culture is to our day-to-day lives, even if it does not make a great impact on politics.

I am based in the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. You will be delighted to know I will not be swanning around in a ministerial car, as the Secretary of State immediately banned them, instantly saving the taxpayer £250,000 a year. All Ministers have also taken a 5 per cent pay cut.

The new job will be demanding, but I will not lose sight of the constituency. The general election was an important time, because it gives you the opportunity to listen to people's concerns. I think the voice of pensioners was hardly heard, but there were other issues, such as mental health, raised at the hustings, that did not get a voice. I am also aware of the privilege of representing a constituency with extensive science, energy and defence interests, which gives me a local perspective on national issues. I also intend to hold regular public meetings to allow people to come and question and raise concerns with people who run our public services - not just me, but also councillors, the Police and the health service.

The public enquiry into the reservoir begins in June and I am in close touch with GARD to try and ensure that they are able to raise vital points during the hearing.

If you need to contact me I can be found at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 vaizeye@parliament.uk. Next surgery is 21 May at Wallingford Town Hall, and 11 June at Faringdon, The Pump House, both at 530pm.

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Sat	12		Thai Dancers	
Sun	13	all day	Bowls	
Mon	14	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery deadline	<i>Vickery's</i>
		5.15 pm	Chronicle copy deadline	<i>Vickery's box</i>
Sat	19		Wedding Reception	
Tue	22		Blood Donor Clinic	
Sat	26		Wedding Reception	

DRAYTON VILLAGE SUMMER FETE



SATURDAY 10th July
2.00 – 4.00 PM
AT DRAYTON SCHOOL



MG Car Club
Performance by Eagles Class
School Gym Display **School Choir & Music**
Tightrope Challenge **Oxford Utd Penalty Shootout**

Bouncy Castles **Hopper Racing**
Lots & Lots of Stalls **Grand Raffle**
BBQ & Cream Teas

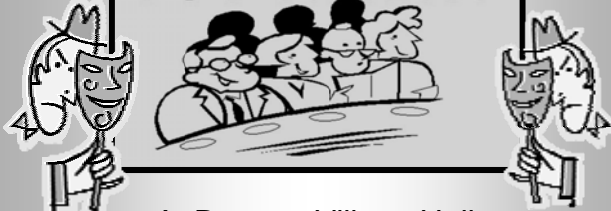


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REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

MONDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys/girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
6.30 pm	Youth Zone (except Bank Holidays)	
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys/girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Junior Table Tennis (until 8.30 pm)	<i>School</i>
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.45 pm	Drayton Drop In (except Bank Holidays)	
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>
8.00 pm	Senior and Social Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
8.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	

TUESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	<i>Church Room</i>
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

WEDNESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 15 min)	<i>Haywards Rd</i>
11.20 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>The Cross</i>
11.45 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 15 min)	<i>Lyford Close</i>
2.00 pm	Whist – now each week	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (last Wednesday)	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.15 pm	Brownies	
6.15 pm	Cubs (Boys/girls, 8-9 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>

THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
	followed by lunch club and afternoon session	
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (First Thursday)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	W.I. (2nd Thursday)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing. Tel: 531701	

FRIDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.00 pm	Choir Practice	<i>St Peter's</i>

SUNDAYS

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

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