

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Webber

Community Day

It's been a hard decision. After four Community Days – one a year since 2006 – all based at the Village Hall – all organised by different groups of hard-working volunteers – each with an attendance in excess of 600 people of all ages – could we manage it one more year? We had lost some key people. People who had given hours and hours of time, effort and sometimes money to helping make the Community Day a success – but people who had already given more than anyone could possibly expect. It was proving very difficult to get replacements. Was attendance falling? Had the whole idea of a free entry event, heavily supported by the Parish Council and other generous donors based in and around the Village Hall, reached its sell-by date? There seemed to be a feeling that it might need a re-think.

Whatever we did, someone or some willing organisation had to be prepared to take over the organisation of the event.

Drayton Twinning Society have a proven track record of organising events over the past 10 years and have expressed an interest in running a Community Day with a difference. A Community Day on The Millennium Green - but under the title:-

The First Drayton Village Apple and Walnutfest

- Fun and games for the whole family -

September/October this year.

Please make a note in your diaries. More details in coming Chronicles.

Vale of White Horse District Council

Editorial board permitting, I have been asked to say something about some of the issues involving my own Council, VWHDC. So here goes:

Waste Collection

Unless you have been fast asleep or living on another planet, you will be aware of the new joint Waste Contract with South Oxon District Council, due to kick in in October. We have the considerable advantage that their half of the contract began a year earlier and hence, we are almost certain to suffer a much reduced settling down period.

Whenever a new contract begins, there are inevitable difficulties, hic-cups and questions.

Does everyone understand what they are supposed to be doing? (If not, please let me know)

Have appropriate arrangements been made for collecting rubbish and recyclables from every kind of property? (If I am to believe the feedback forms received by VWHDC from you so far, it would seem that they have – let me know if I am wrong).

Will kitchen waste be collected weekly? – Yes.

What will be recycled? – most things – including plastics – nearly all types.

Do I have to sort the different recyclables? – No, machines do that.

And what's the point of it all? Believe me, I have tested and questioned this contract in every way I can think of and I can find little to fault it. SODC have already increased their recycling rates to over 80% - we should be able to do the same – this will drastically reduce the chances of EU fines for failing to meet targets (targets which we signed up to many years ago) The vehicles will push out 60% less CO2 than the present lot.

And, finally, because it is a shared contract, there have been considerable savings, which together with savings derived from our Shared Management arrangement with SODC, will protect us from a good deal of the pain which much local government in this country is about to have to face.

Town Centre Vitality

I would like to correct one common misconception. Abingdon, Wantage and Faringdon have, and always have had, a retail premises occupancy level well above the national average. A walk through Abingdon Town Centre (particularly a week-end walk) I believe shows a town that is steadily growing in self confidence. There is more to see and do. There are more places to eat and drink. The pavements and squares are looking better cared for. I absolutely refuse to believe the pessimists who claim that Abingdon is a dead, dying dump. Such a claim is not only wrong, it is, in itself, a major obstacle to further progress.

Community Safety

It is undeniable, the Vale is one of the safest places to live in the whole country. Thanks to the efforts of the police, our excellent PCSOs and the VWHDC Community Safety Team, the good figures are getting even better.

I am fully aware that not everything is right and that times may well get tougher before they get easier. Whilst I am happy to listen to anybody who thinks otherwise, I am proud of what my Council is achieving at present.

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Editor: **Tony Holmes**, 53 Whitehorns Way (531180).

Distributor: **Helen Brasington**, 1 Cheers Farm (534045),

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September	16 August 2010	27 August 2010
October	13 September 2010	24 September 2010
November	18 October 2010	29 October 2010

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.

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!

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

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

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

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.

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

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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Daphne Samworth, Hon Promoter

RESULTS OF THE JUNE LOTTERY

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£10	1190	Mrs. T. Collins, c/o 4, Caudwell Close	Barbara Purbrick
£10	1328	Mr. Jones, 37A, Steventon Road	Jackie Walker
£10	2596	N. Denton, 13, Lesparre Close	Vanessa Denton
£10	0066	Mr. Moyna, 73, Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson
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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Williams



Report of the Drayton Parish Council AGM and council meeting held on Monday 7th June 2010.

Five members of the Council met this month and were joined briefly by our County Councillor Mike Badcock and by a member of the public who wished to discuss an issue concerning street lighting. Following on from concerns that have been expressed recently about anti-social behaviour around the Village Hall, and the associated vandalism to the Hall itself, Sgt Kevin Hickman of the Thames Valley Police attended the meeting to share some of the information the police have about the problem and to explain what actions they have been taking.

Sgt Hickman confirmed that the youths found around the Hall, and in the village late at night, were not all from Drayton, and that young people from both Drayton and Abingdon had been returned late at night (or in the early hours of the morning) to their parents. This reminder to parents of their responsibilities would continue.

Alcohol is a particular problem, and this was being confiscated from under-age drinkers, and from any adults accompanying them who were thought to be supplying them. Daniel Scharf felt that alcohol was certainly the catalyst for a lot of anti-social behaviour, but provided that the drink was taken away from underage young people, he did not generally favour moving them on from the vicinity of the Hall as this would probably just displace the disruptive behaviour to another, and possibly more troublesome, location in the village. In discussion, it was agreed that further alcohol awareness sessions at the local Abingdon secondary schools should be considered, and Daniel Scharf volunteered to take part in such school visits if the police organised them.

The Parish Council has been asked by the Energy Officer at the Vale to draw everyone's attention to the insulation grants which are now available to Vale residents wishing to insulate their lofts or cavity walls. The additional funding secured by the District Council enables the insulation work to be carried out for a standard price of just £99. In addition to this, those over the age of 70 and those in receipt of certain benefits may be entitled to free loft and cavity wall insulation. The Energy Officer stresses that, although this is an excellent offer, funding is limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. The grant is distributed on behalf of the District Council through the insulation discount scheme Cocoon, and for more information please contact Cocoon on 0800 80 48 777, or visit their website: www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk

Another scheme intended to benefit the environment is also in the pipeline. Most people will be aware that a new waste collection scheme starts in the Vale this autumn, with the aim of boosting the amount of waste which is recycled and at the same time, drastically reducing the amount which goes to landfill. Figures supplied by Oxfordshire County Council state that, within the Vale, 64% of household waste is currently sent to landfill. This percentage, plus the fact that the total quantity of waste is increasing, places great pressure on existing landfill sites, and is becoming unsustainable, given the limited space for new sites, and their unattractive impact on surrounding localities. A similar scheme introduced in South Oxfordshire last summer has increased the recycling rate from 42% to 65% in a single year. The new service in the Vale will actually be on a joint contract with South Oxfordshire, which it is hoped will reduce costs as well as produce long term benefits for the community. As a huge number of new bins have to be delivered to households, the distribution operation starts early and is spread over the summer months. The estimated delivery dates for Drayton are 23rd August – 6th September. ➔

➔ The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 5th July, in the Caudwell Day Centre. As always, all are welcome.

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	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (CW), except 3rd Sunday when there is a non-Eucharistic Praise Service.
Mon - Fri	8.15 am	Morning Prayer (CW) in Lady Chapel
Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10th July Summer Fete at Drayton School

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

CHURCH REGISTER

Funeral

3rd June Pearl Mary Botley

Renewal of wedding vows

29th May Andrew and Karen Brooks

CALENDAR FOR JULY

Sat 3rd	10.00 am-11.00 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods	Church
Sun 4th	11.15 am-11.45 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods	Church
Tue 6th	3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections	Church Room

YOU STAY - WE PRAY, JULY

4th to 10th:	Steventon Road, Eastway, Eastway MHP.
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ST PETER'S LETTER

Dear Drayton,

It's my turn to write the "church-y" letter this month, so let me introduce myself. Though I live in Milton, Peter and I have worshipped at St.Peter's for 18 years. I've been on the PCC since 1993 (most of that time as Secretary) and also for many years as St.Peter's lay representative on Abingdon Deanery Synod. I have been elected to Oxford Diocesan Synod for the past 12 years. In other words, a bit of a busy-body! I thoroughly enjoy all I do at St.Peter's and in the Diocese, the people I meet, the services I attend, and all the activities which are offered.

For many years I have been involved in the St.Peter's Prayer Hub, which puts in place a framework for prayer to underpin everything which happens in St.Peter's. Many of you will know of the Prayer Board in the Lady Chapel, where anyone can come and write a card of prayer for someone who is ill or in trouble, or perhaps a thank-you for something good which has happened. At Morning Prayer each day, we bring these prayers to God, and at the end of each month, the cards are blessed on the altar at the Eucharist. We also have a Prayer Chain where emergency prayers are sent round by phone and by e-mail to those in a praying circle. Anyone can ask for this kind of prayer support - there are little explanatory leaflets near the big entry door into Church giving contact details. "You Stay, We Pray" is operated by the Prayer Hub.

I am a Diocesan Member of Mothers' Union, and have recently been elected a Diocesan Trustee which I am finding very interesting. One of the MU things I do is Welcoming at Christ Church Cathedral once a month - I usually meet visitors from over 20 nations (Poland and China are big at present) in one day since the world comes to Oxford.

One of my passions is the strengthening of family life and as a Trustee of PACT (Parents And Children Together) I feel I can support this big-time. PACT aims to make a difference in society and increase the life-chances of children through housing and community projects, fostering and adoption, and training workers in the Care sector. At present, I serve on their Adoption Panel, and am also involved in other projects.

It would be lovely to welcome you in St.Peter's one Sunday, so give it a whirl!

Yours sincerely,

Diana Hasting

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- 6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service frequently with guest speakers. Communion every second Sunday of the month

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LOCAL METHODIST WORSHIP

High Street, Milton
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Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS Jean Hager

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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

A warm welcome to Ms. E. Sargeant who has recently moved into the High Street - a return to her roots.

Margaret Long

Congratulations to Sharon and Brian Davis on the birth of Jamie Thomas on 24th May. A little brother for Amelia.

Angela Painton



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A Historical Note by Lois Rennels

I found a reference to Drayton in *The Diary of a Country Parson 1758 - 1802* that I thought might be of interest to *Chronicle* readers. The diarist is James Woodforde who was a scholar at New College Oxford and was ordained Deacon in May 1763.

September 3 1763: 'Went this morning to Draton [sic] (two little miles beyond Abingdon) and talked with Mrs Bacon about serving that Church tomorrow. She says that she will give me half a guinea, a dinner and stabling for my horse, therefore I promised her that I would serve it tomorrow and the next Sunday. Mrs Bacon behaved very handsome to me; she has a school of twenty-two young ladies. After drinking a glass of Mountain and eating a bit of crust of bread, I returned to Oxford and dined at New College in ye Hall. Mrs Bacon pressed me to dine with her, but I had ordered in Hall, and I could not.'

Sadly my copy of the diaries is an edited version of the original five volumes and there is no entry in it to say how he got on in Drayton. Does anyone know what Mountain was?

WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey

"As some of you may have heard, I have been made the Minister for Culture, Communications and the Creative Industries. This is a long title, possibly one of the longest in Government. It also includes in effect two jobs. One is to cover the arts, libraries, broadcasting and the creative industries over at the Department for Culture Media and Sport (known as DCMS). The other is to cover broadband roll out, telecoms, and illegal filesharing over at the Department of Business (known as BIS). Phew.

As a local MP, it is interesting to consider how these responsibilities affect people in the constituency. The first and most obvious is broadband rollout. About ten per cent of all homes do not have broadband at all, and about one in 3 have very poor broadband, mainly in rural areas. There are some parts of the constituency that remain affected. Our aim is to get everyone to have a basic broadband service by the end of 2012, and to roll out high speed broadband over the next few years. If you have any issues with broadband do let me know.

I also cover what is known as illegal filesharing. This is a hugely controversial new law which would allow internet companies to temporarily disconnect people if it could be proved that they have been copying music or films without proper authorisation. This is something we have to act on, as every piece of music that is copied illegally takes money away from artists and creators, who provide a lot of money for the economy. We're looking to introduce the new measures next year, but no one will be cut off (and then only temporarily) without plenty of warning and a chance to change their behaviour.

Another issue that is likely to be prominent is libraries, which I also cover. Libraries are very important to local communities, but as money becomes tighter, they may suffer. I will use my position to try and ensure that we can make responsible savings so that libraries continue to provide important services for local people - not just book borrowing, but also education and access to broadband and other local and national services.

One local issue has already cropped up which affects my ministerial responsibilities directly. The local television transmitter burnt down, and cannot be replaced until September (they have to build a new one from scratch). Many people have had their TV coverage affected and are understandably looking for a speedy solution and I am looking into this. ➔

➔ I continue to focus on other local issues as normal. I met with those campaigning against the reservoir, ahead of the public enquiry. I am continuing to campaign for a new station at Grove. And I was delighted that the new Government threw out the housing targets which have led to plans for huge housing developments across the constituency. It may not affect those where planning permission has already been granted but it could lead to a rethink where no decision has yet been made.

Recent constituency engagements include a spot of metal detecting (I also cover archaeology!) and as a judge for Didcot's Got Talent, a great night for pupils aged 6-11 to show off their talents. I tried not to be too Simon Cowell-ish!

I can still be contacted at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7210 6350 vaizeye@parliament.uk

Next surgeries are 9th July: Grove, Old Mill Hall and 23rd July: Didcot, King Alfred Drive Community Centre, both at 5.30pm"

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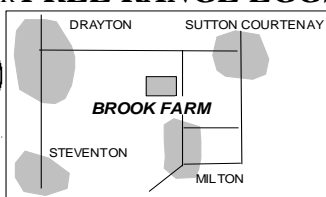
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ALL AROUND

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Pearl Stanbridge

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The next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 19th July at 8pm.

DRAYTON FOOTBALL CLUB Paul Evans

Drayton Football Club held its end of the season presentation party in The Red Lion on Saturday 5th June, and the following awards were presented:

1st team manager's player of the year: Robbie Hudson
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Reserves team manager's player of the year: Richard Underwood

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Golden Boot (top goal scorer): Billy Warner
Young Player of the Year: Joe Dixon
Most Improved Player of the year: Pat Clark
Sportsman of the year: Ian Purvis
Clubman of the year: Ian Rogers

Both teams had a bit of an up and down season, with the 1st team finishing 7th in North Berks Division One, and the reserves finishing 9th in Division Three. The 1st team also managed to reach The North Berks Charity Shield Final, where they lost out 3-4 after extra time in a thrilling match with Faringdon Town.

The Under 16's finished 3rd in The Oxfordshire FA Invitational League, which is no mean feat in their first season together, hopefully, we shall see some of these players breaking in to the men's teams next season.

Sadly, both our 1st team and reserve team managers have decided to move on to pastures new at Milton United, which means we require managers for both our men's teams. Anyone interested, please contact Alan Alston on 01235 531425, or Paul Evans on 01235 203108, or at Evans42@ntlworld.com.

Pre-season training for 2010-2011 will commence sometime in July, and the club welcomes all players, past and present, to come and join us.

DRAYTON WASPS Paul Evans

Drayton Wasps have finally completed their fixtures for the 2009-2010 season.

The Under 9's finished runners-up in The Yellow League of The Oxford Mail Boys League, and the Under 10's finished 6th in their Yellow League

Of the 23 players that played for the two teams during the season, 17 either attend Drayton CP School, or reside in Drayton, which makes us a true village side (quite a rarity in this day and age)

The club was only formed in the summer of 2007, and has made massive strides in such a short time, and it is our intention to continue in this positive mode.

Next season the under 10's will be moving up to 11-a-side, which means we urgently need 4/5 new players. We are not looking for the next Rooney or Ronaldo, just Boys or Girls who are committed, reliable, and willing to work hard for the team. We are here, primarily, to provide a recreational facility, and, hopefully, teach the children the basic skills of the game, and the emphasis is very much on involvement and enjoyment

Matches are played on Sunday mornings, the under 10's play their home games at Drayton CP School, and the under 11's play their home games at Drayton FC, Lockway. Training takes place for both age groups on Saturday mornings at Drayton FC

Anyone interested in joining our friendly club, please contact Paul Evans on 01235 203108, or at Evans42@ntlworld.com

May I take this opportunity to thank Glenn & Janet Woolley (The Red Lion), and Debbie & Jason McKenna (Drayton Construction) for their continued financial support, and Drayton CP School and Drayton FC, for the ongoing use of their facilities, without these people we would be unable to exist

Thank-you

Lastly, we are holding a sponsored walk around the village of Drayton (about 5 miles) on Sunday 4th July to raise funds for the club. Anyone interested in taking part, please get in touch

(Background note on the Wasps from Paul:

We formed Drayton Wasps Football Club in the Summer of 2007 to stop the kids of the village from having to seek their enjoyment elsewhere. We started with one age group, but then split this in to two age groups the following season. Next season we will be running an under 11's team, (11-a-side football), and an under 10's team (7-a-side football). Both teams play in The Oxford Mail Boys League. We are connected to Drayton Football Club, mainly through my involvement with the men's teams, and maybe, hopefully, in 6 or 7 years time, these kids will all be playing men's football for the village.)

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MORE ALL AROUND

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP **Vicky Cotterell**

Firstly, hello to all our friends that already come and play on a Thursday. We are glad that you have a good time. (Don't forget if you have any ideas let us know!)

We have been busy making Father's Day cards and will have enjoyed a fun day out at Beale Park on a sponsored toddle for Barnardos and toddler group.

I would like to say a big thank you to all that have been helping to open up. We have really appreciated it and of course, thanks to Joy for her great snack.

We welcome any new friends to join us on a **Thursday morning 9.30-11.30 in the village hall.**

We will be running throughout July with our last session on 29th July and starting back on 2nd September, (where I will either be REALLY fat or have baby number two with me!).

DRAYTON ART GROUP **Eric Curtis**

Once again, on the 5th June, the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane was the venue for our summer exhibition and sale. Visitors were interested in the subjects we depicted in watercolour, acrylic, pastel and oil. The delightful arrangement of the exhibits assisted the number of paintings sold. Grateful thanks must go to those who attended and also the helpers on the stalls, including Geoff Samworth for his wonderful Plant Stall and the many people who donated bric-a-brac, books, cakes, and articles for the raffle. The subject for our next meeting is seascapes. Wish me luck!

DRAYTON W.I. **Shirley Thomas**

Our speaker this month was Mr Tom Smith, a delightful elderly gentleman who spoke on Rural Life and Rural Rhymes. He took us back over the early days when farming was truly "hands on", without tractors and combines, extremely hard work and poorly paid but everyone helped each other out when times were hardest. He had a great sense of humour and read some of his delightful poems that he had written about rural life.

Earlier in the month, several of us visited the Flour Mill at Wantage where we were given a most interesting tour. We look forward to our next meeting when Mrs. Amoy Lowe is going to tell us about Mosaics.

TABLE TENNIS **John Gould**

The club's AGM was held on Monday 7th June 2010 at the Red Lion. We wish to give a big thank you to Janet, for providing an excellent buffet.

The club elected its officers for the next twelve months. As everyone stood for re election, there have been no changes. The club's finances were discussed in detail and with over £3,700 paid out for various things it was an expensive season. Running village ping pong is an expensive pastime nowadays. However, with good management and extensive fund raising we have managed to break even, so fees will remain unaltered.

Our Club Person of the year is Andy Dickinson. Not only is Andy responsible for running our team of junior players in Division 5, he also takes on the onerous responsibility as a key holder to open and lock the school. He has shown a great willingness to involve himself in the club in only his second season. He was presented with the Alan Bachrach Trophy at the meeting.

The Club is now 25 years old and we intend celebrating this achievement with a social gathering at the start of next season. Various alternatives were discussed but nothing yet agreed.

Table tennis will resume on Monday 6th September when we start preparing for the 2010-11 season. Our pre season meeting when we select our teams will be Monday 12th July at the Red Lion. Anyone interested in playing should come along to the meeting or ring Ab. 531328 for details.

Have a great summer.

BOWLS CLUB

Roll Up

We start these notes with a summary of the A.G.M., held on June 2nd. Thirty members were in attendance, and important posts were filled. President, N. Hopkins, Chairman, N. Hopkins, Secretary, Pam Lacey. The chairman paid tribute to the late Chairperson Doreen Jones for the work she had done for the club, and that we were still coming to terms with her loss. Retiring Secretary Jane Pimm congratulated 'The Rollers' and 'Wasps' for winning their respective leagues, and thanked all members of the committee for their support over the last five years, and that she would help Pam through the first year with the secretary's job. Treasurer Cyril Carter stated that the club was in a sound position financially, and that there would be no increase in fees this year, but with membership numbers dropping, there would be need to monitor this in the future, and, with this in mind it was decided that anyone who was thinking of joining could come free of charge for three times to see if they like it, without any obligation to join on a permanent basis. Sessions are Monday and Thursday afternoons 2 till 5, and Wednesday evening 7 till 10, a warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to give it a try.

The summer league is now underway and we are looking to give a good account of ourselves, but again it's disappointing that we have only managed to field one team. The latest internal competition to be completed was 'The Ladies verses Gents', 24 members taking part with the Gents again proving their superiority with a convincing win as in previous years.

The next internal competition will be 'The Wally Weightman Triples' to be held on July the 25th



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DRAYTON 1st BROWNIES

Ruth Hudson

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Brownies this year, Esther, Paula, Millie, Helen, Betsy, Annette and all the mums with the help rota.

The Brownies have been busy planning and practising dance routines, singing, playing instruments for our BIG Talent Show and Disco to be held at Drayton School on 9th July 6 – 9pm.

Another date to look forward to is the 7th July when we have our end of season BBQ with water bombs, treasure hunt and games!

All summer challenges have been completed including our Adventure 100 Badge.

We have had fun decorating mugs on our pottery evening and we held our very own "I'm a Brownie Get Me Out of Here!" event.

Hope everyone has a fantastic summer break and we look forward to seeing you all back Sept 8th.

Church parade July 18th.

Meetings 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

(Editor's note: Annette Mitchell has asked for the following to be added to this report. There is also another tribute to Ruth under the Letters section in this issue)

All the parents of the Brownies would like to say a very BIG THANK YOU to Ruth Hudson – Brown Owl for all the hard work and effort she puts into Brownies, if Ruth had not stepped into Mary's shoes, Brownies would not have continued, we have a lot to thank Ruth for. Not forgetting Esther Deabil who also runs Brownies with Ruth, a very BIG THANK YOU!

DRAYTON WIVES

Pam Lacey

At our May meeting we had a very interesting talk by John Paine, accompanied by slides, on a cruise which he had taken along the Amazon River. It was amazing to see how wide the river is, almost like an inland sea. It is 4,255 miles long and travels through seven countries and is the world's longest and deepest river. It was interesting to see the various types of houses and buildings of the people living alongside the river.

Dates for your Diary in July:

COFFEE Mon 12 Pam, Janet, Rosemary – Caudwell D.C

WHIST Mon 19 Trudi Buckner

MEETING Wed 28 Visit to British Legion Poppy Factory

PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Debbie Bargus

We have continued with the topic of looking at ourselves and thinking about the valuable skills needed in preparation for starting school. This has included practising our listening, sharing, being polite and being kind to our friends. Also developing physical skills whilst playing in the garden. The superheroes theme has also continued, with the children dressing up.

The children who will be moving on to BIG school in September will be having visits across to school. This helps familiarise them with the layout, classrooms and teachers in preparation for the move ahead.

We held our AGM on Thursday 10th June; we successfully elected a new committee to take Preschool through the next year. Many thanks to all who attended and a big thank you to all the outgoing members and a big welcome to the new members. We hope you enjoy your time helping Preschool.

We will have spaces available for September 2010. Do you have a child who is approaching 2½ yrs? 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.

Thank you to everybody for all the Tesco's and Sainsbury's vouchers you have given us, we have submitted our order to Tesco and are looking through the Sainsbury's catalogue to see what we can order. These are great ways to bring new resources into Preschool, so thanks once again. Thank you to everyone who supported the Banardos Toddle on Tuesday 22nd June, hopefully you all enjoyed yourselves as well as raising money for a good cause.

Do you know anyone locally who would be interested in doing some odd jobs for us around Preschool, it could be putting up a shelf or fixing things. Please contact Preschool for more details. Also, if anyone has experience in applying for building grants and has some spare time on their hands, we need to replace our building in the not too distant future and would really appreciate some help with this. Again, please contact Preschool if you can help.

We finish on Thursday 22nd July 2010 with a picnic.

We return to Preschool on Thursday 2nd September 2010

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DRAYTON CP SCHOOL

Ana Gurl

Classroom updates:

Robins (reception and year 1) are continuing their theme of travel and journeys and will have a travel agency role play area in their class this term. They are looking forward to an exciting day out at Cotswold Wildlife Park, hopefully they will see their newest addition – the Giraffes.

Ravens (year 1 & 2) are still being Nature Detectives and have patiently watched whilst some chrysalis in their classroom have gradually turned to butterflies. During their school trip to Hill End Environmental Centre, they will be pond-dipping and hunting for mini-beasts.

Kingfishers enjoyed their trip to the Living Rainforest in Newbury. They are making a 3D rainforest display complete with butterflies, snakes, insects and lots more creatures. Continuing the Viking topic, they are making long ships out of cereal boxes.

Eagles (year 5 & 6) are continuing their history theme of Victorians but have managed to bring the World Cup into the topic. How? you might wonder as indeed I did? Well, the children very knowledgeably informed me that without Victorians there would be no World Cup. No Victorians, no industrial revolution, no railways and therefore no teams from different areas meeting up for football matches and finally no World Cup!

School news

The sponsored walk last month was very successful with the children's efforts raising £1700 which will go towards the outside classroom and outdoor play equipment.

This is proving to be another busy term as we approach the end of the school year.

On a sporty note, the Cricket Club is now underway; sports day will take place this month as usual and year 6 children will be doing cycling proficiency.

Drayton school are hosting a cluster schools music event called "Caterpillar Boogie" for key stage 1 children from Drayton and surrounding village schools.

Secondary school teachers will be visiting with older children who are planning their move to the next school in September.

Mrs Duffy has been appointed to join the teaching staff in key stage 2 from the September term.

End of an Era – Mrs Maidment, one of our teaching assistants, will be retiring at the end of the summer term after an amazing 38 years of service to the school.

Also, 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. It is not necessary to have a connection with the school to be eligible, just an interest in having an impact on children's lives. If you would like to find out more about what the role involves, please contact Mr. Mayer at school (01235 531316).

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. A fun day for all!

YOUTH ZONE

Naomi Broomfield

Welcome to our first contribution to the Drayton Chronicle! Youth Zone is a youth club which runs on Mondays at Drayton Hall from 6.30pm till 8pm and is open to all young people in school years 6 to 10. It is £1 per week and a registration form needs to be completed on the first session attending.

Youth Zone has recently separated from the Damascus Group due to funding issues so we are starting out on our own. We are now run by a committee of volunteers who are either parents or local people keen to help out. As always, more volunteers are needed so if you can help please come along for a chat - you could volunteer for as little as once a month! A special thanks to

Catherine Webber, Sandra Syphas and Simon Murray for their continued support (also see letter to Editor). A huge thank you to Drayton Youth Charity for the donation of £300 and to the groups that withdrew to enable us to have a bigger share –

IT WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

We are now affiliated to Oxfordshire Association for Young People (OAYP) which means we can access all of their programmes and trips. On the 7th June we were joined by two leaders from OAYP who ran some team building exercises and games - this was a fun evening and something different for the attendees to participate in. On the 5th July, they are joining us again for a Circus skills session so hopefully this will be as much fun.

During the summer months the youngsters tend to prefer to be outside on the playing field so we try and organise games and matches outside. If your child attends the group, please keep reiterating that they must not wander off or go into the playground as we can't see them or be responsible for them if they do.

Ultimately the group is about the children spending time with their peer group who live in the village - my children have made some great new friends with children that are either new to the village or attended a different primary school. Hope to see you soon!

This notice is to invite you to the
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GARD

Nick Thompson

Thank you to all those who have supported the GARD campaign, and those who turned out on 15th June to support GARD and the other objectors to Thames Water's plans on the first day of the Inquiry. We are hopeful that the reservoir will be removed from the plan but it will be a tough fight with a powerful company. We have had good PR coverage and no doubt the press will keep you updated.

The Public Inquiry is now well under way and the cross-examinations will continue for about a month.

We may not know the result for several months.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

Vic Pardey's family would like to thank everyone who came to his funeral, for the cards, kind messages, support and donations to the Stroke Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Hazel Pardey

Dear Editor,

Youth Zone would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning which helped us raise an impressive £110!! A big thank you to Sandra Syphas who organised the room, cake making volunteers as well as escorting buyers to the sale! As a new group, we need every penny and this has helped us secure our future for a while longer. If you would like to join us, sessions run from 6.30pm till 8pm on Mondays at Drayton Hall and is open to young people, school years 6 to 10.

Naomi Broomfield

Dear Editor,

We would like to say a big thanks to Ruth Hudson who took over as Brown Owl of 1st Drayton Brownies last year. She took over from Mary Thompson, who had done a fantastic job for years and was going to be a hard act to follow. Our children, Millie Thompson & Olivia Turner are leaving the 1st Drayton Brownies this term after enjoying 3 years of fun, making new friends, gaining lots of new knowledge and badges of course. Ruth has done an amazing job, she puts so much time and effort into ensuring all the children have a wonderful time. Our girls are very sad to be leaving, but will be moving onto Guides. So thanks Ruth (and Mary of course), for all your time, effort and energy you gave our children.

Teresa Thompson & Adelle Turner

Dear Editor

I would like to thank the people of Drayton for buying quizzes for £1 each in aid of PACE. To date I have collected £395 and still going! The chief fundraiser for PACE is thinking of selling quizzes every three months or so, I hope that you will enjoy them. Thank you all for being so generous. Just to highlight a few, The Red Lion (Janet & Glen), those at the Post Office, Mr Sansapala at the paper shop and Margaret at the hairdressers.

I would love some of you to visit PACE. Absolute happiness radiates from all the children, who have so little, and from the staff who do so much for them and with them, with high expectations of them. The children light up and modern miracles happen. The staff, from teachers down to physiotherapists and nurses, teach them to be independent as much as possible. The whole day combines physical and mental activities.

Anyone who would like to visit PACE, please ring me and I can let you know the open days. There are walking machines, new computers that react to eye movement alone that write and speak for the children. One child, Jason, was trapped in his own body, unable to move or talk but he can use the new computers (they found that his IQ is 178!) The high number of adults, one per child, and the expensive equipment makes PACE a charity that needs a lot of money on top of the grant from Buckinghamshire County Council.

The children are mostly very disabled when they start at three years old; often Doctors have given up on them. Pace turns no one down and never gives up. One child is starting university next year! Another PACE "old boy" works in their office.

PACE means Positive Achievement in Conductive Education. The belief is that different parts of the brain can take over from the damaged parts. The children work hard and support each other in their success. Believe it or not, Natasha is a house captain this year as she moves on next year to Princes Risborough, where PACE has some classes in a special school.

As a small charity, PACE needs someone rich and famous to choose them. Do you know anyone that fits the bill?

Natasha: I haven't given you an update lately. She adores PACE and all the staff and children. Unfortunately, her body doesn't keep up with her bright spirit. She is now eleven and in

her short life, she has had a shunt to prevent spinal fluid leaking on to her brain, two kidney stone operations in Great Ormond Street (as a result of diuretics used when she was born at twenty four weeks), Peritonitis twice and a double hip operation. She has a feeding tube fitted and she has epilepsy. Since the hip operation her back has become more and more curved like a bow and her ribs have gone out sideways. She is in a lot of pain often but always smiles through and cheers us up. She needs a major operation on her back – it is life threatening. Clare and Jeremy are trying to give her the best quality of life possible until there is no choice but to have it done.

Please pray for her and them.

Judy Henman

Dear Editor,

Our daughter Sarah married Dennis Moran on Saturday 22nd May 2010 at Milton Hill House. It was a wonderful day, perfect weather in a beautiful setting. With over 100 guests plus another 70 in the evening, it was truly memorable. We would like to thank all the family and friends who attended and made Sarah & Dennis' day so special.

John & Brenda Gould

Dear Editor,

On Saturday the 15th May, I did a 26-mile walk from Hyde Park starting at midnight wearing a decorated bra along with 15,000 other women. I want to say thank you to everyone who, through sponsorship and donations, helped me raise £703.95 for breast cancer charity, Walk the walk. Thanks.

Karen Honey

Dear Editor,

The family of Pearl Mary Botley wish to thank all those who sent cards and letters of condolence on the sad occasion of Pearl's death, 25th May. Also for the donations to the Stroke Association.

Once again, we wish to thank Josie Midwinter for conducting a lovely service just as she is embarking on her well earned retirement.

Pearl was inconsolable after losing her husband Charles just seven weeks earlier. Now they are together again but will be greatly missed.

Pauline Taylor

Dear Editor

I have inherited a collection of past Drayton Chronicles that I would like to pass on to anyone that may be interested.

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Barry Winter

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Mon	5th	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
Sun	11th	Nearly New Sale	am	
Sat	17th	Private Party	Evening	
Mon	19th	5.00 pm	Chronicle copy deadline	<i>Vickery's box</i>
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MONDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys / girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
6.30 – 8.00 pm	Youthzone (Except Bank Holidays)	
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys / girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 – 8.30pm	Junior Table Tennis Coaching	<i>School</i>
7.45 – 8.45 pm	Drayton Drop In (Except Bank Holidays)	
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
8.00 – 10.00pm	Senior Table Tennis Practice	
	& Social Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>
8.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	

TUESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	<i>Church Room</i>
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
7.30 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 20 min)	<i>Haywards Rd</i>
11.20 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>The Green Car Pk</i>
2.00 pm	Whist – now each week	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month)	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.15 pm	Brownies	
6.15 pm	Cubs (Boys / girls, 8-9 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

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