

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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DRAYTON FC U-16s

We had a very pleasant presentation evening in the garden of the Red Lion (**thank you Janet and Glenn** for your kind hospitality and speech, naturally coinciding with a downpour!) alongside the men's teams.

Each member of the squad received a trophy, with special awards going to Harry Latimer (Most Improved Player), Kieron Hughes (Manager's Player), Daniel Tinson (Parents' Player), Alex Emery (Most Sporting), and Ryan Seamark (Players' Player). We held a raffle which raised £113 for the team, thanks to Vickery's Shop, Comfortmaker, Tesco and to the players' parents for their very kind prize donations and to all who purchased raffle tickets.

The squad are due a well earned 2 week rest from training, especially after their last tournament at Summertown in Oxford which they won! We entered 2 teams, both of whom beat sides from the top Oxfordshire Invitation leagues, along with teams from London and Buckinghamshire. Ironically Drayton 'A' & 'B' met in the semi-finals, a hilarious, entertaining and well fought match. Drayton 'A' went on to play Wantage in the final, we were by far the better side throughout, but as the score ended 0-0 it went to penalties where Drayton triumphed, a mass celebratory 'bundle' ensued between both Drayton teams (see picture below) in a show of sportsmanship and camaraderie which delighted onlookers.

At the time this goes to print we will have returned to training in preparation for some pre-season 'friendlies' and the next season due to start in September at Under 18s level.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE PLAYERS FOR THE COMING SEASON.
Richard Seamark



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Young people are working hard to prepare the Wonder Wall which will show you the great achievements of many young people in Drayton.

If you would like to **take part in the football**, please contact Gareth (07528 726206) or Jack (07843 156146). Thank you

Lewis McKenna (On behalf of the organizing committee
DAMASCUS Youth Project)

**Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project is supported by a 5-year grant from the Big Lottery Fund, Champion Recruitment and year-on-year support from the Parish Councils of Drayton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon.*

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COMING CHRONICLES

The **SEPTEMBER Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday, August 27th**, from **Margaret Armstrong (531122)**, who should be contacted by Agents requiring extra copies.

The Editor will be **Derek Pooley (559454)**. Contributions may be e-mailed (see below), or placed in the Chronicle letter box, outside Vickery's store on Drayton Green,

NO LATER than 5.15 pm on Monday, August 16th 2010.

After this deadline, items are given less precedence for inclusion (No guarantees!), and certainly need to reach us by the Wednesday.

STOP PRESS - ADVERTISERS should note that the deadline for ads is EARLIER, Friday Aug 13th, due to their preparation time.

NB :- **Can we politely remind** Contributors that the above **deadlines** are exactly that; there seems to be a trend (with increasing use of e-mail) of sending items later. It should perhaps be realised that the later an item is received, the less precedence it gets.

The box is checked a little before the deadline. It is a great help if items can be left a few days before the closing date. Thank you.

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

All contributions to the Chronicle are most welcome. Be sure to include the name, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number of the author. Contributions can be made :-

1. If you've Internet access, by **email** to the relevant editor (and please use a **meaningful title**, we get a lot called Chronicle!)

(next editor)	editor@draytonchronicle.net
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David Lee	david_r.lee@ntlworld.com
Tony Holmes	tony-holmes@ntlworld.com

Please remember to check that you soon get a confirmation reply. We do occasionally have emails sent that just don't arrive!

2. An email attachment, in WORD please.
3. A good, **black typescript** on white A4 paper or smaller. Or perhaps hand-written, either way, NAMES in CAPITALS please!
4. IF in any doubt, ASK the EDITOR!

THE FOLLOWING TWO MONTHS		
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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Daphne Samworth, Hon. Promoter

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ALL AROUND

Drayton 1st Brownies

Ruth Hudson

Brownies are dismissed for the summer holidays. We hope that everyone has a fantastic summer break.

Brown Owl, Tawny Owl and Friendly Owl have already started planning lots of exciting activities and challenges for the Brownies next term. **See you all back September 8th.**

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:-

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DRAYTON W.I.

Shirley Thomas

The speaker this month was Mrs. A. Lowe from Garsington who talked to us about mosaics and her involvement with the schools. She brought along a fine example of a 4' x 2' mosaic that had been done by a group of youngsters. The talk was particularly interesting to us as we hope to embark on a project to make a plaque to **celebrate Drayton's ninetieth year in the W.I.** and Mrs. Lowe was able to give us many tips!

We had two very enjoyable outings this month; one was a shared supper in the garden of a Sutton Courtenay member and last week several of us went for a walk around the village of Buscot and walked into Lechlade for supper. Both occasions made special by warm balmy evenings!


Our next meeting is a walk around the gardens of three members and a shared supper in the Day Centre.

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Pam Lacey

At our meeting in July Hugh Grainger gave a very entertaining and amusing talk on Frauds and Swindles many of which were happening years ago and are still operating today. I think it will make us all much more aware in our day to day lives than perhaps we were before.

Dates for your diary in AUGUST

Monday 9th COFFEE Margaret Long, Chiers Drive
Monday 16th WHIST Pat Hoyland
Weds 25th MEETING Bring & Share Lunch (12 for 12.30)
Village Hall; Please bring cutlery, plate, glass, cold drink & contribution to lunch. Quiche, bread, butter, coffee supplied.

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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	Mrs Val Cross	535183
Choir Director	Jo Burn	
Organist	Robert Legg	

CHURCH NOTICES

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW - Traditional).
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (CW) except 3rd Sunday, when a non-Eucharistic Praise Service is held.
Mon-Fri	8.15 am	Morning Prayer (CW) in Lady Chapel
Thursdays	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice	Bell Tower
Weds	10.30 am	Pebbles (term time only)	Church Room
Friday *	7.00 pm	Choir Practice (*Alt'ate Fridays)	Church Room

CALENDAR for JULY 31st then AUGUST

Sat	31st	10.00 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods (until 11 am)
Sun	1st	11.15 am	Sale of Fair Trade goods (until 11.45 am)
Tues	3rd	3.00 pm	1st Tuesday Connections Church Room
Sun	8th		NB There is NO 8am Service

PARISH REGISTER

Burial of Ashes July 3rd Pearl Mary Botley

Letter from St Peter's Church

Dear Friends, **Rosie's Ordination**

On Sunday June 27th a large group of us travelled to Reading Minster to support Rosie at her ordination. This was a truly uplifting service as 14 deacons were ordained. It was also very hot and we sympathised with them in their heavy robes.

Each in turn knelt before Bishop Stephen who, with their mentors, laid their hands on them as the Bishop said "Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant Rosie for the office and work of a priest in your Church". When Rosie was ordained as a deacon she was given a white stole which was worn diagonally across one shoulder. Rev. Josie Midwinter, one of her mentors, now unpinned this and placed it around her neck in the normal fashion. Later each candidate was presented with a bible by the Bishop. Following on from the ordination service we all took part in the Eucharist with the new priests assisting the Bishop and other priests throughout the Minster.

Rosie is now an ordained local minister (OLM) which means she is now a member of the ministry team which serves the Damascus Group, comprising the parishes of Drayton, Sutton Courtenay, Appleford, Milton and Steventon. However as Rosie teaches full-time she cannot take over as priest in charge at Drayton in place of Rev. Josie Midwinter who recently retired. **During the interregnum all enquiries about the church, services etc, should be directed to the Churchwardens.**

After the service the Bishop was photographed with the new priests and Colin Arnold took some lovely photos of Rosie with various church members.

Rosie celebrated her first Eucharist the next Sunday, July 4th in St Peter's. This was a very happy and emotional occasion for Rosie and the congregation, who included members of her family. The Rev Josie Midwinter was invited back to preach the sermon at this service. Rosie's father has made her a beautiful silver home communion set which Josie was able to bless. She was also able to bless a priestly stole which was presented to Rosie by the churchwardens on behalf of the congregation.

Later that same day the churchwardens travelled to Reading Minster once again for Bishop Stephen's final service before he moved to Essex. Many dignitaries were in the congregation including the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, Theresa May M.P. , numerous local mayors, as well as numerous members of the clergy and laity.

Once again the Bishop gave a thought-provoking, witty and emotional address in which he thanked his wife and family for their support during the last six years. He was then thanked for all his hard work by a number of people including the Lord Lieutenant, the Archdeacon of Berkshire and the Bishop of Oxford. Bishop John presented him with a cheque, a briefcase and a 'present from Scotland' (which happened to be liquid!). Finally Bishop Stephen returned his Bishop's crook to Bishop John and walked out into the evening sunshine with his wife Rebecca.

He will be greatly missed in the Berkshire Archdeaconry but we wish him well, and God's help, in his new role as Bishop in Essex.

Sue Harris & Val Cross



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Drayton Pre-School Playgroup Debbie Bargas

We would like to wish all the children that are leaving to go to BIG school well. We hope they continue to progress well.

What a year, and as the 2009/2010 school year has now finished we thought we would again do a Preschool report.

We have had another extremely busy year, with lots of children joining us and at times we have been very close to capacity with only a few sessions available. This has been hard work for the staff involved with varying ages of the children adding to the fun. However we have made it through successfully. The children have had lots of fun including topics such as super heros and mini beasts. We saw lots of capes and had fun looking at various insects.

Many are moving on to BIG school this September and we have new children starting. We have had a few staff changes, with a new Supervisor and others returning to Preschool. We held our AGM in June and successfully elected a whole new committee who have adopted their roles well and are full of enthusiasm for the coming year. We are still on our journey to obtain a replacement building. Although we have this year improved the old building with a lick of paint and new floor, all kindly donated.

We held a teddy bears' picnic on the last day of term, thank you to all who came and we hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Many thanks go to everyone that has helped Preschool during the last year.

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

We are now closed for the summer and reopen on Friday 3rd September. We still have sessions available for September. **If you are interested, or would like more information,** please contact Debbie on (01235) 204609 or leave a message on (01235) 536094.

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DRAYTON PLAYERS

Jean Hager

Our plans for the talent show have had to be shelved, at least for the time being, due to a severe lack of response. We are quite sure that our village and surrounding area contain a considerable and wide range of accomplishments, but it seems that an excess of modesty is proving to be a stumbling block.

We won't give up entirely on this venture, but there is obviously a need to think about the idea quite a bit more.

We do have a play in mind for presentation next February and will be meeting shortly to take these plans forward. I hope to show some positive news on this front in the near future.

Drayton TABLE-TENNIS Club John Gould

The club's Pre Season Meeting was held on Monday 12th July at the Red Lion. We wish to give a big thank you to Janet, for providing an excellent buffet. It was good to see some new faces with Jack Absolom and Harry Smart with their mothers and Andrea Burbank attending for the first time.

The club sorted our teams for the coming league season that will start in mid September. We are very pleased that we will have an 8th team. This is the biggest number of sides the club has entered in the league and **shows how well table tennis is progressing** in the village. The new team will be mainly made up of our cadet players (under 15s) and will be captained by Matthew Wicks, our Club Coach.

Most players have stayed with the club and we are pleased that Brian Hunt has decided to return to play for the F team after a season break.

We are still able to find places for more players if anyone reading this is interested. Whether experienced or new, **please give us a try.** Contact number is 01235 531328.

The treasurer presented audited accounts. The turnover was over £5,300, quite staggering for a village club! Thankfully we are managing funds well and the fees won't go up this year. However we will have to keep the fund raising going to maintain the current levels.

We also explained the new rules that require all players to become individual members of the English Table Tennis Association. In the past clubs had to register but not individuals. From this coming season all players will be given a membership number and cannot play League table tennis in England without registering. The ETTA-arranged insurance cover will only cover registered members. The Didcot League wishes players to register direct via the ETTA website. The fees charged will be deducted from our club fees to reflect this change. Hopefully the new system will work!

Hope to see you in September.

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

- 11.15 am Presently only one morning service per month, this is the Family Service, and is on the first Sunday of each month.
- 6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service, frequently with guest speakers.
(Communion every second Sunday)

Come and join us every Sunday – we look forward to seeing you.
EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

(MORE) ALL AROUND

Drayton BABY & TODDLER Group Vicky Cotterell

By the time you read this we will have finished for the summer and enjoying the sunshine (fingers crossed!).

We have had a good year enjoying lots of playing with our friends and celebrating special days with craft activities to take home. Mums and carers have also loved their tea or coffee, and ALL the children love their snacks, **provided by Joy – thanks.**

We would like to say a big thank you to all that have been helping to open up and tidy away at the end, it really does help.

Our numbers have decreased however, with lots moving up to pre-school etc, so if there is any one with a new baby, toddler or child that would like to come we would love to see you when we start back on **Thursday 2nd September in Drayton Village Hall, 9.30 - 11.30** term time only.

It's £2 for parent/carer and the first child and 20p per extra child/ren. Our group is drop-in, so you don't pay per term just when you can come, and is a great way to meet more people both for the adults and children. Contact **Vicky 07779 243290** or **Cherry 202600** if you would like **more details.**

We are looking forward to seeing both new and old friends back again soon, **Happy holidays.**

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CHRONICLE NEWS

We would like to wish **Ann Hutchins** well as she moves to Didcot. She has been the agent for Binning Close for many years and **we are grateful** for all her efforts over that time. We are pleased to welcome with appreciation **Kathy Norris** who has taken over this role.

We would like to again take this opportunity to ask if **anyone would be willing** to take on the role of **agent in Crabtree Lane** which is currently vacant. If anyone would be happy to have a go then **Gareth Davies**, the Chronicle co-ordinator, would be **pleased to hear from you.** His number is 01235 529510.

We would also like to thank Gerald Redman for temporarily taking on Lyford Close on top of his existing rounds. We would welcome **any volunteers** who might be able to take this on and so please phone Gareth if you would like to chat about this.

Gerald has, for many years, been the agent for Stone Hill Lane/Oday Hill and would welcome the opportunity to stand down from this. Once again Gareth would love to hear from anyone there who might give this a go.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

We warmly welcome Kristen and Alana, who have recently moved into Binning close.

OTHER LOCAL PLACES OF WORSHIP

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

FORTHCOMING Police 'Surgery' :-

Weds Aug 11th 6pm to 8pm, Sandra Syphus @ Police office, High St., Sutton Courtenay. And - for more information about your local neighbourhood team, contact 0845 8 505 505

FESTIVAL (Judy Henman)

Committee meets to set a date, Ideas, volunteers abound.
Baking, collecting for the fete, Transform recreation ground.
Week by week collections grow, The village cannot wait
Posters to make, banners to sew, All anticipate.
Only one more week to go, Rushing causes stress
Time appears to ebb and flow, Arrange the fancy dress.
The fair moves in on Friday night, All hands on deck help out.
Ribbons, flags and sparkling light, Small children are about.
Dawn glows pink to banish shade, Excitement in the air.
Count down for the big parade, Fun for all to share.
People hurry here and there, Praying for the sun,
Squeals of laughter fill the air, The carnival has begun.
Crowds come and join the fun, We meet new friends and play,
Racing prizes to be won, Fireworks end the day.
Workers now collapse indoors, They've made a lot of money,
It goes to help a wealthy cause, And the day was sunny!!
Dawn glows pink upon the trees, On empty field again,
Litter dances in the breeze, Echoes of laughter remain.

YOUR LETTERS

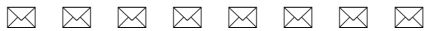
The Bateman's Trust

Dear Sir, (via email)

Over the past 3 years the Drayton Shop and Post Office has very kindly allowed the Trustees to have a collecting box on the counter for funds to be used in supporting a boarding home and providing education for children in a very needy community in Chennai, South India.

The latest box contained £33.20 bringing the total donated by customers of the shop to nearly £280. The Trustees are deeply grateful and are much indebted to the shop, for keeping the box, and all who have so kindly contributed.

Yours Sincerely Sophie Hare and the Trustees



Graffiti

Dear Editor, (via email)

Please could you pass on our thanks to whoever cleaned up the offensive graffiti on the village hall windows so speedily following a somewhat 'feisty' weekend on 14/15 July. (Ed:- reportedly members of Damascus to be thanked).

It is encouraging to know that there is a band of people in Drayton working to ensure that we all live in a pleasant community despite the occasional outbursts of vandalism.

Robert and Jackie Walker.



Grateful Thanks

Dear Sir,

Regarding the forthcoming Jazz & Swing concert at St Peter's Church, Saturday 25th Sept. (Ed :- see ad on page 1)

To try and make my ticket selling a little bit easier could those villagers who would like to attend and be sure of obtaining a ticket, please phone me on (01235) 531683, or e-mail me at Boulevardswingjazz.com and I will get tickets to you / failing that you will probably get the usual 'high pressure' sales pitch visit from me !!

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Find 'MISTY' for me?



Male cat, light grey/cream in colour, large with yellow eyes.
His name is Misty, and he has been missing since 15th July.

He is micro-chipped and he doesn't now wear a collar (though the picture has one). He is often seen on Church Lane and around the allotments (more active than the sleepy photo!).

PLEASE CALL 01235 536430 IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION. **THANK YOU.** (Sophie Evangelisti)

Wooden Spoon Recipe No. 35 (from Nov 2001)
by LOIS RENNELLS 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) sliced mushrooms, 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.

Cook the pasta, **drain** and **toss in** the mushroom and pepper mixture. **Stir in** the soured cream and **serve** immediately. **Garnish** with remaining parsley.

THE SEASONAL GARDENER

My goodness, how time flies! I've now been writing 'The Seasonal Gardener' for over a year. I know this is because I was asked a question last week which triggered a memory of an article I wrote last summer. For those of you who don't remember, I wrote about the 'Best Front Garden' judging and how it must be so hard to assess what is good and choose who would win. So, how those words came back to haunt me when I was approached to be a judge at Sutton Courtenay's produce fair in September! I was surprised, shocked, excited and scared all in one moment.

Thinking about this judging has made me realise how much we worry about what others think. How many times does someone come to your house and say 'Oh your garden's looking lovely' or some other complement and our first reaction, it seems, is to disagree! I've been round my fair share of gardens and many owners will point out all the bad bits. Because as a gardener, sometimes, you can only see the work that needs doing and not all the beautiful stuff that currently requires no attention. Even though it's my business to assess and improve people's gardens, I still love the joy of visiting a new garden and seeing it through fresh eyes - there is always something beautiful to appreciate.

Some of you will notice this afresh with your own gardens. Going away for your summer holiday leaves many gardeners in a panic about what will happen while they're away. And yet, so many times, you'll come back from a lovely time away and realise exactly how beautiful your garden is. Everything grows so fast in the one or two weeks you're away. When you come back you can really appreciate how lovely your garden is. For once, the giant thistle won't be the first thing you notice!

As well as organising someone to water, **there is a brilliant thing you can do** if you're away for 2 weeks. All your summer bedding pots, which will be looking great now, might not be if you leave them as they are. So, before you go, take off all the existing flowers whether they're finishing or not (deadhead before they're dead!). It's a tough move, I know, but when you return home you'll be treated to a fantastic show of flowers. Not only that but you shouldn't have to dead head for a while either! Win Win!

So for August, try looking at your own garden with the eyes you look at other people's with. Accept the compliments with the knowledge they are well intended. And I will swot up on my judging techniques and enjoy and appreciate the effort others have put in and try not to worry about getting it all wrong. They say a positive attitude can change the way you think. Here's hoping! If you feel you'd like to enter, the information will be in the Sutton Courtenay News or Milton Matters. They even have a 'Most Interesting Carrot' category I understand! **Happy Gardening!**

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GARD UPDATE for Aug 2010

The main sessions of the Public Inquiry ended on July 16th. The closing submissions were delayed. Those involved will make their statements August 16/17/18th at the Oxford Conference Centre.

The Inspectors conducted a very fair hearing of the evidence, and GARD with the CPRE support certainly made a strong impact. Three things are clear:- firstly that the need for the reservoir in the next 25 years has not been proved conclusively. Any modest supply shortfall up to 2035 can be met by much smaller schemes. Secondly, water transfer from the Severn and indirect effluent and waste water re-use alternatives have now been aired properly, and are demonstrably viable and economic, so they must be properly considered as future large scale options.

Thirdly, there is a wholly inadequate system in place to co-ordinate the long term planning of national water resources.

I thank all those who have given to the GARD campaign. I do not expect any news on the recommendations until September at the earliest. **Nick Thompson (Hon Chairman GARD)**



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PARISH COUNCIL (July 5th)

As attendance by Councillors was unavoidably low this month's Parish Council meeting was fairly uneventful. Our County Councillors, Marilyn and Mike Badcock reported that the County Council had yet to decide and announce what cuts would be made in the light of the new government's economic demands.

Our Vale (also Parish) Councillor, Richard Webber, said that the public enquiry into the future of Thames Water's proposed reservoir was now in progress and that the Parish Council Chairman, Daniel Scharf had attended some enquiry sessions. It will of course be some time before final decisions are made.

During the past few weeks one or two Councillors have joined with members of Drayton's youth groups and carried out two useful 'litter picks' around the village. Also our caretaker, Julian Cook, has worked on the BMX track off Lyford Close and got it into better condition so that youngsters are now enjoying using their bikes there.

Three months ago the Parish Council appointed David Perrow as its new Clerk and at a recent meeting of the Finance and Personnel committee David's probationary period was reviewed and his permanent appointment unhesitatingly ratified. Since June's council meeting David, with the help of Chair persons of the various committees and working groups, has drawn up official terms of reference for every committee, which will be very useful for future reference, especially for any new Councillors. →>>>>

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Caroline Dendy on 07714 896033



Speaking of new Councillors, **the Parish Council is once again in difficulties**. Officially Drayton is allowed eleven Councillors, although for many years we have never managed to attract that number and for the past year have had only ten. However, sadly, two of our fairly recently appointed members have found it necessary to resign, so we are back to only eight. Added to this two remaining Councillors are not well at present. With yet another away on holiday this month there were just four Councillors present for most of the recent meeting. Most of us will have heard our new Prime Minister extolling the virtues of “The Big Society” that he wants to see in the future, with communities taking on a lot more responsibility for what happens in their midst. Drayton is a good village to live in, with many people involved in its various clubs and societies, but it is obvious that as far as the Parish Council is concerned we are failing to persuade people to take part in this aspect of the “Big Society”. With the present decreased numbers a heavy burden falls on so few people. **If only we could recruit our full complement of eleven active members a lot more might be accomplished for Drayton.**

So as a Council **we would urge people to think seriously** about whether they might join the Parish Council. The best way to see and hear what goes on and to get a realistic feel for what is involved in being a Councillor is to attend several Council meetings as an observer, as it takes a while to get to grips with the various aspects of the Council's work.

Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of each month and **the next is on Monday 2nd August at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Day Centre, and we should be delighted to welcome interested Drayton residents.**

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By the time you read this we will all be enjoying our summer holidays, but here is a taste of what each class has been up to in the busy final term of the school year...

Robins (reception and year 1) have continued with their theme of travel and journeys. They had a fantastic, sunny day out at Cotswold Wildlife Park where a good time was had by everyone.

Ravens (year 1 & 2) Nature Detectives finally released their fully grown butterflies after carefully watching and recording their findings in their butterfly diaries. Their special musical event 'Caterpillar Boogie & Tadpole Rag' was very successful with children from 6 other local schools joining them and also enjoying a picnic in the school grounds.

Kingfishers (years 3 & 4) have enjoyed building models of Viking long ships, with some impressive models to be seen in their classroom. They have also been working on poetry in particular about rainforests and rainforest creatures.

Eagles (year 5 & 6) marked the end of their Victorian topic with a Victorian fete. Eagles were also proud winners of the Schools partnership athletics tournament. We wish our year 6 children all the best as they move on to various secondary schools. →>>



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====>> School news ...

The Drayton Village **Summer Fete** was a great success with lots of money being raised for the school and St Peter's church. Thanks to all those who came along on what was a wonderfully sunny summer's day. A great time was had by all! There were lots to see and do right from the opening ceremony through to the fly past by the Red Arrows. Many thanks to the FODSA team along with the Church committee for all their hard work in organising the day. They are too many to mention individually so a big **"thank you" to you all.** Also thanks to Mark Ellis of Rent-a-Tent for providing the chairs, tables and tents and setting them all up on the day.

Our summer term **sports day** was another fun Drayton School event. Although the weather threatened to be slightly showery it turned out hot and sunny in the afternoon. The key stage 1 children took part in a various sporty challenges, obstacle courses and races in the morning. Many families joined their children for a picnic lunch followed by more sporty challenges and races for key stage 2 children in the afternoon. The children were very energetic as always and there was lots of good sportsmanship on view.

The **leavers** assembly and leavers disco took place as usual – another chance to say goodbye to our oldest children as they now move on to the next stage in their school careers. Good luck to you all when you start at your new school in September!

Many thanks to Rosie Bruce for coming along to do the dedication of our memorial garden. It is a beautiful garden in a peaceful spot.

There will be lots of work going on in school over the summer which should make a pleasant change for the children returning in September. The kitchen is being completely re-fitted, there will be new PE equipment to replace the old climbing ladders and bars in the hall, and the hall is to be re-decorated.

We would like to wish staff, children and their families a happy and safe summer holiday and thank you all for your support during the last year. We look forward to another successful year when we begin the new term in September with some new teachers and teaching assistants and even a whole new class – **the Red Kites.**

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Tues	3	3.00pm	'First Tuesday' (p11)	<i>Church Room</i>
Fri	13		Chronicle Adverts DEADLINE (p2)	
Mon	16	5.15pm	CHRONICLE DEADLINE	<i>Vickery's</i>
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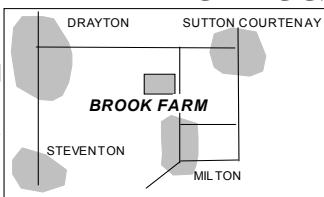
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2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys/ girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
6.30 pm	Youth Zone (to 7.30 except Bank Hols)	
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys/ girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Table Tennis (Junior coaching - 90 mins)	<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	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>
7.45 pm	Drayton Drop-In (to 8.45, except Bank Hols)	
8.00 pm	Table Tennis (Senior practice + playing 2 hrs)	<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 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	Junior Table Tennis, Age 9+ (for 1 hour)	<i>School</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	Table Tennis - League	<i>School</i>

THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Foot Clinic (1st Thurs)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
	followed by lunch club and afternoon session	
9.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group (NB Term-time ONLY)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
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7.30 pm	Table Tennis - League	<i>School</i>

FRIDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>Sch'l Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.00 pm	Whist Drive (ACHLoFriends)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.00pm	Choir Practice (alt Fridays - page 4)	<i>St Peter's</i>

SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's</i>
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Family Service 2nd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
11.15 am	Family Time (1st Sun)	<i>Baptist Church</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Service	<i>Baptist Church</i>

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