

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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Your District Councillor

VILLAGE COHESION

A few issues ago, I asked everyone to get behind our County Councillors and their efforts to persuade the County Education department to reconsider their position on 'Charging half the village for taking children to school'. It has become clear that all local politicians and even our MP are fighting a problem that exists right across the country.

Because it is not my District Council's problem, I have kept away from the issue up until now. However, despite their best efforts, there seems to be little or no progress, and a great injustice is about to be done in my village as a result. What is more, this injustice is about to be inflicted on us by a government of which my party is a part. This is now my issue as much as anyone else's.

We all accept that Councils must make their budgets balance and that cuts must be made. We can accept that, wherever possible, frontline education services should be protected, and that transport to school is not the main function of our education service. It may well be that this country can no longer afford to offer completely free school transport to everyone.

If that is the case, let's face it. Provided there are proper safety nets in place for those genuinely unable to afford to pay a small amount for their children to get to/from school, most fair-minded people would surely much rather pay a small amount towards the cost, than suffer a postcode lottery whereby a victimised small minority pay the whole cost, whilst others pay nothing. That is what is about to happen in Drayton and many other places.

A few people, living in the wrong end of the village are being sent 3 figure bills per child each term, whilst those living only a few yards away are paying nothing. It is particularly disappointing that the authorities responsible are trying to hide behind pre-war laws. When the legislation was put in place it was deemed reasonable for parents and children to spend 2 hours or more a day walking to and from school, and roads were deemed safe which now carry heavy, fast-moving traffic. At the very least, the laws around school transport are badly in need of revision.

Asking *all* people who can afford it to pay, say £30 a term towards transport to school would take some political bottle, but would certainly be much fairer than asking a minority to pay hundreds of pounds. The present position of both County and central government is, quite simply, the result of the need to save money. Despite the best protestations of the OCC Education department, it has little to do with safety or child health.

Whatever is wrong with Drayton, it has always seemed to me to have some cohesion. We all feel pleased to be part of something. This issue is a serious threat to that cohesion. I do hope our county, other counties and central government will get together and think again.

Richard Webber - Cllr VWHDC

(call 01235 534001 - email richard.webber77@ntlworld.com)

NB :- See Richard's item re JUBILEE celebrations on page 7.

SCHOOL BUS - Just In

An update from Karen Sharman & Jacquie Cook

We went to the **Appeal Hearing** on 9th February at County Hall Oxford, armed with strong arguments, awkward questions, a video of the route being walked on a dark December morning in the rain, and enough knowledge of the Home to School Transport policy and surrounding issues to hold our own against any onslaught.

We left the appeal feeling we had presented our case well, and had instilled enough doubt in the Appeal Panel's mind for them to seriously question the OCC decision.

We have now had communication from the Appeal Clerk about their decision:- Having considered the evidence we had produced, the Appeal Panel have agreed to an adjournment in order for **a review of the safety assessment** to take place.

This time the assessment must take into account the concerns and comments made by us at the appeal, such as visibility, the shared pedestrian/cycle usage of the path on such a narrow stretch, also the lack of lighting.

They are also seeking clarity from their legal department to look at and confirm what constitutes a 'safe' walking route. They will have to answer to the Appeal Panel and to the parents.

This outcome was not top of our list, but is acceptable, and far better than a straight no. Should the assessment prove to be 'safe' once more, we will be invited back for a meeting to hear their justifications, and we will again challenge their decisions.

So, the old saying – "we have won the battle, but not the war" would describe our position at the moment.

We feel this is a positive step, and feel a sense of achievement for getting this far. We look forward to hearing from them soon ...

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COMING CHRONICLES

The **APRIL Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday March 30th**, from **Helen Brasington (534045)**, who should be contacted by Agents requiring extra copies.

The Editor will be **David Lee (202699)**. Contributions may be e-mailed (see below, safest is to 'editor@'), or placed in the Chronicle letter box, outside Vickery's store on Drayton Green,

NO LATER than 5.15 pm on Monday, March 19th 2012.

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 March 16th, 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!)

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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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ALL AROUND

Drayton BOWLS Club

'Roll-Up'

Bowls club held their dinner-dance and presentation night on January 27th at Drayton Park golf club, with around 50 members and friends in attendance; prizes were given out to the winners of various competitions held throughout the year, and the committee are to be congratulated on putting on a fine evening.

The winter leagues' teams are all still gathering points on all fronts with The Wasps favourites to pick up the afternoon plaudits; with 4 matches to play they are well placed to repeat last year's effort and retain the title, in fact this would be the third year that they have won this league. The 3 other teams are all well placed without being close enough to make the podium, all in all it's been a fine season for the club with quite a number of new players taking part for the first time, and all have enjoyed the experience.

The first of the internal competitions got underway on January 22nd with the Wally Weightman triples, and going through to play the final on December 9th will be Pat Hoyland, Marjorie Strachan, and Lyndon Locke, who will play Maurice Bartlett, Eileen Long, and Bryn Jones.

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Gwen Price

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DATES for your DIARY in March:-

Weds 7th Walk - around Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

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Mon 19th WHIST Helen S.

Wed 18th MEETING Josie Midwinter The story continues.

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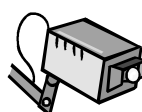
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Mon-Fri	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (CW) in Lady Chapel
Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice	Bell Tower
Weds	10.30 am	Pebbles (term time only)	Church Room

CALENDAR for MARCH

Tues 6th	3.00 pm	1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room
Sun 18th	10.00 am	Praise at Ten (Mother's Day)	

LENT LUNCHESES

A soup lunch will be served in the church room during Lent, see advert (p9) for further details. If you would like to come and join us, please contact Victoria Griffiths on (01235) 531463.

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Towards the end of Lent we shall be celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday 18th March with a 'Praise at Ten' service, **all are welcome**.

Holy week this year starts at the beginning of April, below are this year's services, at which **ALL ARE WELCOME** :-

Palm Sunday (1st):- 10am A retelling of the Easter Story especially suitable for children and adults (also traditional 8am service of Communion).

Maunday Thursday (5th):- Holy Communion and hand washing.

Good Friday (6th):- 10am Family Worship, Joint ecumenical service starts at the Green, a walk around the village ending up at St Peter's Church (including refreshments afterwards). . . .

. . . . and then at 2pm:- Meditation and prayer service and prayer stations around the church.

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(MORE) ALL AROUND

Drayton 1st Brownies

Paula Harper

Welcome to our new Brownies that have joined us this term, Eiliesh, Ella, Millie, Rebecca & Tana.

This month we have been working towards our Designer badges. We have designed a new badge for Drayton Brownies and designed t-shirts. We had a special evening for Valentine's Day with heart themed nibbles and games.

March evenings include preparation for a Fashion Show and making Funky Mother's Day Cards.

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

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DRAYTON W.I.

Brenda Malin

Our February speaker, Ben Jones (an arboriculturist), took us from Drayton to Honduras via Nuneham Courtenay Arboretum. Once in the tropical rainforest we were shown vistas from the great heights of the forest canopy.

Ben and his colleagues were scaling the massive trees and undertaking the installation of ropes and staging for scientists to carry out their studies of the flora and fauna of the forest. This is an aspect of research I'm sure most of us have never given a thought to, when watching the likes of David Attenborough perched precariously above the forest floor.

Whilst in the forest, Ben showed us photos of the B&B accommodation provided, self-assembled hammock-cum-tent slung from overhead branches. The forest being many thousands of feet above sea level, occasionally they would descend to a lower level and be house guests of a local family. This would have been an adventure in itself. As is almost always the case when people have so little, they are happy to share what little they do have.

Our next meeting is our AGM :- Thursday 8th March, Caudwell Day Centre at 7.30pm. A new committee will be elected and a whole new program drawn up.

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- 6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service, frequently with guest speakers.
(Communion every second Sunday)

Come and join us every Sunday – we look forward to seeing you.

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

(EVEN MORE) ALL AROUND

Drayton Pre-School Playgroup Debbie Bargas

We would like to welcome the new children who have joined us this term, we hope they enjoy the time they spend with us.

This term's focus is communication, language and literacy, with learning established through familiar stories. 'Going on a bear hunt', 'Someone Bigger' and 'The hungry caterpillar'.

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 or draytonpreschool@btconnect.com for a welcome pack or to arrange a visit.

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YOUR LETTERS

Grateful Thanks - Marie Curie

93 Abingdon Road

May I through the Drayton Chronicle say a **big thank you** to the residents of Abingdon Road (nos 86 - 140) who gave so generously to the Marie Curie Cancer Care house-to-house collection in January.

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Yours sincerely

Julie Brown



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In keeping with Her Majesty's dual role as Head of State and Head of the Church of England, **St Peter's Church and Drayton Parish Council** are getting together to arrange and sponsor a Village event on the Millennium Green.

With other large-scale and high-budget celebrations going on in London and even Abingdon, we are anxious that our celebration should be a rather lower key and informal event centred on getting people together for a picnic on the Green with some background entertainment for all age groups.

As far as possible, the event will not clash with larger, local and national events - but would include a commemorative ceremony.

If YOU would like to be involved in helping to plan the event, please let me know.

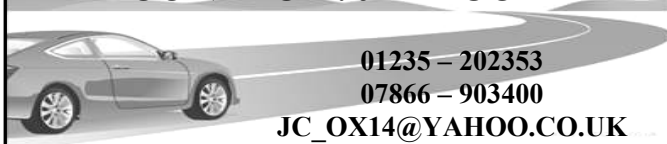
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Not many of us would think that scrap metal would have a big impact on our lives. But in recent years the theft of metal to be sold for scrap has reached epidemic proportions. Most often, it involves thieves digging up copper cables, which means disrupting telephone services and railway signals. So I was delighted when the Government announced that it will bring in new laws to help curb the problem. Scrap metal dealers who are linked to metal theft of any kind will have their licences torn up, and also anyone caught transporting stolen metal will have their vehicle registrations confiscated. The Government has also announced a £5m fund that will be used to establish a specialised metal theft task force. I hope that this will make a difference to many people's lives in the constituency and throughout Britain.

I was also pleased to hear that the Government will spend £2.17bn to fund flood defences over the next three years. We all remember the devastating impact of the floods in this constituency in 2007, and I hope that this spending will make us safer from a repeat. The Government says that 145,000 homes will be better protected by 2015.

The continuing rise in unemployment is concerning. But in this context it's worth remembering that we live in one of the most economically dynamic parts of the country. Out of 650 UK constituencies we rank 609th for unemployment with only 1,206 people seeking work. While I by no means wish to overlook the tough times these job-seekers are facing, it means that the unemployment rate locally is 2.3%, and has only risen by 50 in the past year.

I was contacted recently by a local charity that gives grants to worthy causes in the Wantage area; amounts are up to £1000, and are for individuals who are in need of items and equipment that would make an important difference to their day-to-day lives. **Applicants must live in Wantage or within 5 miles** of the town centre. **If you know of vulnerable people** in that area needing cookers, TVs, fridges etc., then please feel free to let me know and I will contact the charity.

I have also been recently contacted by Robert Stiles Almshouse, located just off Newbury Road in Wantage. Although Robert Stiles died in 1680, his legacy has lived on for over three centuries, as these almshouses still provide a home for the elderly today and **they are inviting new applications.** If you or someone you know are interested in applying then please contact them.

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YOUR LETTERS (extra)

Neighbourhood Action Group - Speeding

Dear Sir, via E-mail

Residents in Drayton may have noticed the yellow, green and blue SpeedWatch signs that have appeared at various strategic points. They have been put up as part of the OCC Community SpeedWatch scheme by members of the Neighbourhood Action Group 5 (covering Drayton, Appleford and Sutton Courtenay), supported by PC Keith Morton and PCSO Sandra Syphas.

At a recent NAG5 meeting held in Sutton Courtenay it was agreed that these signs are beginning to have some effect in Appleford where a 30mph limit had been largely ignored along a straight stretch of road through the village. It would be great if the signs in Drayton and Sutton Courtenay had a similar effect.

As recommended by OCC, the posters are taken down and the display rotated round the village periodically. In his article (see p12) Richard Webber has outlined some of the other initiatives being considered by NAG5 to raise awareness and educate about dangers of speeding.

Having witnessed a mother with a child in her vehicle tearing down Lockway at an estimated speed of 35-40 mph, it would be good if all drivers could adopt a self-imposed rule of 20mph in all built-up areas of the villages. Apart from the obvious safety aspect it keeps the noise down too.

And talking of noise – yes no one likes that ‘airport’ sound coming from the A34, but if it was refurbished between Abingdon and the Milton interchange, and a 50mph limit introduced as on the Botley bypass stretch of the A34, it would be a lot safer and quieter for all of us. One lives in hope!

Simon Murray



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PARISH COUNCIL (Feb 6th)

To begin with, a quick update on OCC's change of policy regarding charging for school transport, there was a Parents' Appeal Hearing last week in Oxford. The PC submitted a detailed written statement to the hearing in support of the parents, and was also represented in person by Daniel Scharf, our Chairman. At the time of writing, the outcome is not known, although there have been concerns that, whatever the merits of the parents' case, if those councillors making up the panel were members of the ruling party, they would be unlikely to find in favour of the parents, when this would go against the changes that OCC has made. More information should be available by the time of the next Parish Council meeting (& please see, if not already, the page 1 update).

Another ongoing controversial issue is the Vale's Interim Housing Supply Policy. Our District Councillor, Richard Webber, reported that there have been something like 150 applications by developers to build houses on a variety of Vale sites in order to fill the gap left by the supposed shortfall in housing supply. The situation is confused however, not least because one of the declared reasons for the shortfall was that large sites, eg Grove Airfield & Great Western Park at Didcot, were said to be behind schedule on house completions. Conflicting reports suggest that this may not in fact be the case. The pot is further stirred by the knowledge that other nearby authorities are experiencing similar problems, including Cherwell District Council.

For example, we have learned that Tony Baldry, the MP for Banbury, has asked Planning Ministers in central government for clarification on the situation. He writes that "because of the present economic climate, on a number of these sites (i.e. in CDC, but see below), construction work has yet to start" – this despite the fact that the necessary planning permissions have already been granted. He adds, "it is not [the local authority's] fault that house builders have not yet started building houses where planning permissions have been granted, but what it has led to is a number of developers putting forward opportunistic planning applications for not insignificant housing developments almost always in villages in the area, hoping that such... applications will be granted on appeal irrespective of the wishes of local people". Mr Baldry's comments may be found on his website, but although not made in connection with the Vale, they apply equally to it. →>>>

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St Peter's Church - Lent Lunches

A soup lunch will be served in the church room from 12 noon to 2 pm on these Wednesdays during Lent:-

29th February; 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th of March.

There will be a bowl for voluntary contributions to our Lent project (to be decided)

You are welcome to come and join us.

(If you would like to come and join us please contact Victoria Griffiths on 01235 531463)

>>> Remaining on the subject of housing, the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) has kindly agreed to put together a Housing Needs Survey for Drayton. A **questionnaire** will be distributed to all Drayton residents, probably around late March, for return by the end of April. The questions it contains are aimed at establishing whether there is a need within the village for affordable housing. Of necessity therefore, some of the information required is fairly detailed, but no more so than the recent census form, and along some of the same lines. There may well be further information about the survey included elsewhere in the Chronicle, but it is intended that the Annual Parish Meeting, which this year is on 2nd April, will be held not in the usual venue, but in the Village Hall instead. The distribution of the Survey has been timed to coincide with the meeting, and it is hoped that people will come along to hear more about the purpose of the survey, its relationship to current Vale housing policy, and the concept of neighbourhood planning, recently introduced by the Localism Act, which is very relevant to villages like Drayton.

Finally, although the recent cold spell appears to be over (fingers crossed), there are no guarantees it won't be repeated; so Drayton residents might like to know that the village now has **two** bins filled with **rock salt** (supplied by the Highways Dept) which may be used to put on pavements, driveways, or wherever is helpful to make it easier for people to get around in icy conditions. An existing bin is located in **Lyford Close**, and a second has now been placed at the entrance to **Gravel Lane**, behind the bus shelter on The Green. There are no formal arrangements to spread the salt, and it is more a case of 'help yourself, sensibly, but as required'.

The next (ordinary) Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 5th March, at 7.30pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane.

As always, all are invited to attend.

Richard Williams

Drayton School Dawn Waddup

Classroom News . . . Robins (Reception and Year 1) have continued to discover more 'rumbles and roars behind the classroom door' and indeed from around the rest of the world. They celebrated Chinese New Year with a fiery Dragon Dance, followed by a Chinese feast which gave them the opportunity to taste some Oriental cuisine.

Ravens (Years 1 and 2) have made some fantastic puppets - puppets on sticks, finger puppets, puppets on strings and hand puppets. The theme has continued into PE lessons with the children imitating the movements of puppets. Inspired by the books about The Lighthouse Keeper, models of lighthouses have been made, complete with flashing lights which make for an impressive display in the class.

Red Kites (Year 3) have had a delicious time learning all about chocolate and how it is made. Their versions of chocolate machines are on display outside their classroom. Unsurprisingly, this topic has really captured their imagination!

Sadly **Kingfishers** (Years 4 & 5) had their pirate plans scuppered when traffic problems in London brought a halt to their visit to the Golden Hinde in London. Despite spending all day on the coach and not reaching their destination, the children were **exceptionally well behaved**. The trip has been rearranged for later this month.

Back in the classroom, they have learnt about famous pirates, notably Grace O'Malley and Annie Bonney. =====>>>

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====>> Having dealt with The Jabberwocky, **Eagles** (Year 6), have travelled 'to infinity and beyond' and written explanatory texts on space. Thanks partly to funds raised by the cake sale **, the class are enjoying the benefit of reading many new books.

Fundraising

** Friends of Drayton School (FODSA) is a friendly group which organises fundraising events for the school.

Coming soon: -

24th February Bags2School - the school will receive a payment based on the total weight of bags containing unwanted clothing etc. (not bric-a-brac) collected.

9th March Cake sale, proceeds will go to Red Kites

23th March Non-uniform day

30th March Chocolate hour

Funds raised also pay for items such as a new shed for Robins class and a screen and projector for the hall. **If you can support** in anyway, please join our mailing list, email your name and 'helper' in the subject bar to fodsa@hotmail.co.uk.

Sports We are looking forward to the House Tag Rugby Competition on 30 March.

Governors

Finally, we would like to welcome Ed Darter, Rev Rebecca Peters and Cynthia Shebbeare to the governing body of the school.

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GARDENING TIME

Cornus for all seasons

Cornus, or Dogwood, can be divided into two forms: shrubby and flowering. The shrubby varieties are grown for their dramatic winter stem colours and the flowering types are grown for their colourful summer bracts and autumn colour.

Cornus was apparently called Dog Tree in the mid 1500s, then Dogwood in the early 1600s, when it was also called Hound Tree and the fruits were known as Dog or Hound Berries. It is thought that Dogwood is a corruption of 'dagwood' as the slender, hardwood stems were used to make 'dags' (daggers), and skewers.

The best dogwoods for winter colour are *Cornus alba* 'Sibirica' (red stems), *C. alba* 'Kesselringii' (almost black stems), *C. sericea* 'Flaviramea' (lime green stems) and *C. sanguinea* 'Midwinter Fire' (red, orange and yellow stems). For more summer interest, *C. alba* 'Elegantissima' provides variegated foliage. For effect, plant red or black stemmed varieties with lime green varieties. To obtain good winter colour, cut back the stems each spring to allow the production of vibrantly-coloured shoots for the ensuing winter.

Shrubby Dogwoods can tolerate any soils, including damp, but do plant in full sun so as to promote the brightest of colours.

Flowering Dogwoods are noted for their showy spring/summer bracts and beautiful autumn shades. *C. florida* 'Cherokee Chief' produces striking, dark pink bracts & 'Rubra' produces dusky pink bracts. *C. kousa* 'China Girl' produces white bracts in early summer and *C. 'Norman Hadden'*, a semi-evergreen, produces masses of bracts in shades of cream. All produce pendent strawberry/raspberry-like fruits. **All get to a height and spread of some 6 and 8 metres.**

In autumn, the green summer foliage turns into hues of red, purple, orange, bronze and gold. The flowering types prefer to be planted in dappled shade. *Cornus florida* prefers neutral to acid soil conditions whereas *Cornus kousa* is more tolerant of neutral to alkaline soils.

To prune, cut out dead wood as required and prune lower branches to create a clear trunk. Do this between late autumn and early spring whilst the tree is dormant.

Two other interesting Dogwoods are *Cornus mas* (Cornelian Cherry) and *Cornus controversa* (The Wedding Cake Tree). The former has almost year-round interest – yellow blossom late winter followed by edible, bright red fruits in late summer. Do check you have space though - it gets to a height and spread of 5 metres!

The latter has a rather unusual growing habit in that it forms an interesting tiered effect. The tree is covered in a mass of white, star-shaped flowers in early summer followed by small black berries in autumn. Both are easy trees, produce good autumn colours, are tolerant of sandy, loamy or clay conditions, alkaline, neutral or acid soil, and full sun or light shade. But *C. controversa* can reach a **height and spread of some 15 metres.** *Anne Hendry*

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NOTICES

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These will be available for everyone in Oxfordshire from late Spring 2012 as part of the national scheme, and we need to raise awareness of the benefits this could bring to patient care, in emergency situations especially, or out-of-hours, as well as informing people of the **decision each individual needs to make**.

Anyone aged 15 3/4yrs and over **will have to decide** whether they want a Summary Care Record in April 2012, and will receive a freepost mailing that enables them to **opt-out** of this **if they prefer**. We need to reach as many people as possible to make them aware of the change in health records.

There will be two records created. A summary care record (a national record), containing 3 pieces of information only (current medication, allergies and adverse reactions), this record will be viewable on a national scale, so if a patient had an accident anywhere in England the clinician treating that patient will be able to view their summary care record with the patient's consent.

The second record is a local record called the Oxfordshire care summary. This will be a summary of your health record and will only be able to be viewed locally in the Oxfordshire area.

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The NAG together with Thames Valley Police have asked us to publish the following safe driving reminders:-

1. Keep your number plates clean; 2. Check your lights are working before you set off; 3. Carry a blanket in the back of your car; 4. Remember more than half the people caught speeding in our villages come from the villages!

For those who are not part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme but who would like to be updated on problems/issues in their area - current information is now available on the Thames Valley Police website.

Richard Webber

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At this year's meeting the PC will be explaining why it would like residents to complete the **Housing Needs Survey** (20p to be given to Help for Heroes for every form returned) and how this fits into the community planning for the future development of the village.

Light refreshments will be in the capable hands of the Damascus Project.

The PC hopes there will be a **high attendance** from people interested in the future of the village. **Daniel Scharf (Chair)**

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL CONTACTS :-

Parish (Clerk) David Perrow (draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk)
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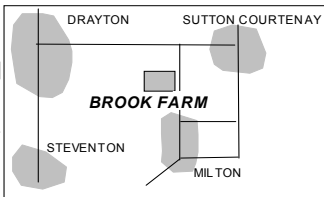
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REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

MONDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Pilates	
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)	
6.30 pm	Table Tennis (New Players)	<i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys/ girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Table Tennis (Senior practice + playing 2 hrs)	<i>School</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)	
8.30 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>
5.45 pm	Zumba Fitness	
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Pilates	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis (now every night to Fri)	<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>

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>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group (NB Term-time ONLY)	
11.00 am	Weightwatchers	<i>Lounge Bar</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing. Tel: 531701	

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>

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>
7.30 pm	Zumba Fitness	

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