

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT Richard Webber

Speed Posters - Our NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) has run a competition at Drayton School involving all budding artists to design an anti-speeding notice. The winning entry will be printed and posted all around the village. The winning design was by Rebecca Norkett and you will see her posters going up in the next few weeks. Congratulations to all the children who took part, and particularly to Rebecca.

Moans and Groans - For some time now, we have had a growing problem with 'Cars for Sale' being parked on public land around the village – particularly behind the bus stop on the green. The parking spaces are designed for those visiting the shops and pubs who often find a shortage of space for them. Please could I request that such vehicles are removed.

In the past month, three visitors to the Millennium Green have complained to me after standing in dog mess hidden in the grass of the Millennium Green. As a result I walked carefully around the central circle of the Green last week and found no less than 38 piles of dog mess of varying antiquity. The vast majority of dog walkers are very careful and considerate, but please could I ask everyone to be particularly careful to clean up after their pets and to keep an eye on them particularly when pausing to chat with others on the Green. Thank you for your help.

(Editor's note: see letter on this subject on page 5)

Jubilee Picnic - Congratulations to the few hardy souls who, despite the downpour on June 3rd, determinedly ignored the postponement notices and had their picnics on the Green anyway. Boulevard Swing have very kindly agreed to come to the postponed Picnic on July 8th. We hope you will all join us and them on the Millennium Green on that day between 12 and 3pm.

I am old enough to remember that this year we are, in point of fact, celebrating the *accession to the throne* of Her Majesty in 1952. The *coronation* was not until 1953 – so I believe we are OK to call it a Jubilee Picnic – whatever we call it, it should be a great community event. This time it will happen *whatever* the weather – so if it is pouring again, you might like to think of bringing your own gazebo!!

I can be contacted at: richard.webber77@ntlworld.com
Or 01235 534001

Jubilee Celebrations

Despite the postponement of the Jubilee Picnic on the Millennium Green, other celebrations went ahead.

On Saturday June 2nd, St. Peter's held their Jubilee Celebrations with music and light entertainment in the Church.

Shirley Thomas had the forethought to keep an eye on the weather forecast and book the Caudwell Day Centre in case the Millennium Green was too wet on Sunday June 3rd. She invited some of the disappointed picnic-ers to join her for a picnic lunch in the Day Centre, which was a very happy occasion with lots of red, white and blue



Jean Hager is pictured reciting poems by Pam Ayres at the St. Peter's Church Jubilee Celebration on Saturday June 2nd.



Young musicians entertain at the Church. From the left, Chris Ventom (keyboard), Andy Ventom (guitar), Patrick Johnson (violin), William Johnson (cello), Jenny Taylor (vocalist). Pictured below are Pervin Shahin and Shirley Thomas (holding the picture of the Queen) together with other refugees from the weather on Sunday June 3rd. (Photos by Derek Pooley)



CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Chronicle** will be the **August** issue:

Editor: **Derek Pooley, 11 Halls Close (559454).**

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September	13 August 2012	24 August 2012
October	17 September 2012	28 September 2012
November	15 October 2012	26 October 2012

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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Jean Barton, Hon Promoter

RESULTS OF THE JUNE LOTTERY

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£15	60	C. Davies, 25 Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson
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£10	2119	John Cross, 3 Eastway	Theresa Burnage
£10	639	Shirley Thomas, 46 Henley's Lane	Andrew Bax
£10	1061	Norma & Richard Thouless, 33 High Street	Alison Bone
£10	773	Gareth Davies, 6 Church Lane	Susan Brooks
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POLICE MESSAGE

Burglaries in Drayton.

The following is a Police Community Message sent out on the 8th June.

Overnight between 7th and 8th June, two properties in Drayton, were burgled, one in Sutton Wick Lane and the second in Abingdon Road. Offender(s) gained entry via rear patio doors.

Residents are advised to make sure side gates or other access points to the rear of their property are secure. Make sure any security lighting and alarms are in good working order and any sheds, garages or outbuildings are locked and tools put away.

Please be extra vigilant. If you see any suspicious looking people or vehicles in the area try to obtain vehicle details, including make, model and registration number and description of any occupants if possible. If you have any information relating to this message, please call the police on the new national single non-emergency telephone number 101 and state that you are responding to a Community message.

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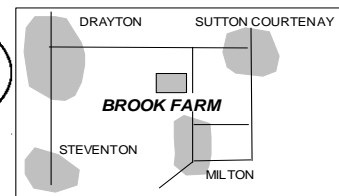
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CALENDAR FOR JULY

Tue 3rd 3.00 pm First Tuesday Connections *Church Room*

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 Conifer Drive
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 22nd to 28th High Street; Chiers Drive; Cheers Farm; Hall's Close

LETTER FROM ST PETER'S

Dear Friends,

This Summer seems to be a time of celebrations. In June we had a fun Jubilee Celebration in Church, with poems, monologues and Jazz music as well as face painting, crafts, afternoon tea and raffle. It was good to stand together to celebrate the Queen's reign. This coming month we have even more events, Messy Church on Sunday 8th July 3pm-4:30pm, Drayton Community Primary School, lots of families will be making ice-cream sundaes, decorating biscuits, making boats and mosaic pictures to name just a few activities, as well as singing a couple of songs and a short story. There is a small crèche area and the activities will be followed by tea, coffee and cake. It will be a really busy week, as on Wednesday 11th July there is a baby and toddlers picnic in the vicarage garden, 8 Gravel Lane, 10:30am onwards. All welcome, just bring a chair along and join in the fun. Finally there is the Olympic themed Holiday Club all day on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th July at All Saints Sutton Courtenay School, you need to fill in a booking form for this and send it with the money asap (deadline 19th July).

To celebrate and to give thanks for God's provision's and blessing, is an important Spiritual Discipline. In the Old Testament a significant time of celebration was named, "The Year of Jubilee," it was a time when debts were cancelled, slaves released, property returned to its original owners, and people rested from work, in order to thank God for his provision and to continue to trust him for their daily needs. Put simply, because we know he cares for us, we can cast all our care on him.

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Rebecca



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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

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

LOCAL METHODIST WORSHIP

High Street, Milton
Sunday Service: 10.30 am

Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS **Jean Hager**

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 3.00 pm to 4:30 pm and you are invited to drop in during these times. The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Our next two dates are 3rd July, and 7th August. If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.



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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

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PS. The ambulance came in four minutes!!!

Judy Henman

Dear Editor,

Once again I need to complain about the "doggy doo's" that are repeatedly being left along the path between Henley's Lane and the Millennium Green. It's not a small dog so if you have a large dog that does it's business daily along here, please have the decency to clear it up and dispose of it in one of the many bins provided and stop giving us responsible dog owners a bad name. It is not the dog's fault, you should be watching your dog!!! What is your problem?

Pat Bachrach

(Editor's note:

See the District Council Report on this subject on page 1)

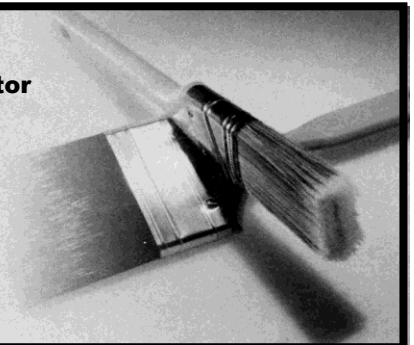
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ALL AROUND

DRAYTON ART GROUP

Eric Curtis

What a pleasant afternoon we had for our exhibition and sale with so many visitors to appreciate our artistic efforts. Thanks must go to all the helpers who set up and ran the stalls. Several paintings attracted a fair price.

The subject for our next meeting is "CLIFFS and ROCKS" which should be a challenge to one and all.

DRAYTON 1st BROWNIES

Paula Harper

Goodbye to Ellen who leaves Brownies at the end of this term.

Great fun was had by all at our Jubilee party. We made crowns, drank Coronation cocktails (non-alcoholic of course) and ate King-size hot dogs and Royal cup cakes. We played games including What's the time Mr. Wolf? And squeak piggy squeak. We have our Olympic Games evening to look forward to with wellie throwing being a particular highlight. More party fun will continue this month with our end of term disco. Our last meeting on the 4th July will conclude our summer term with Brownies resuming after the summer break on Wednesday September 12th.

Meetings are held at Drayton village Hall, on Wednesdays during school term time 6.15pm – 7.45pm. Meetings are open to all girls aged between 7 – 10 years old.

Further details are available from:-

Ruth Hudson	(Brown Owl)	Tel: 01235 205111
Esther Deabill	(Tawny Owl)	Tel: 01235 528502
Paula Harper	(Friendly Owl)	Tel: 01235 534166
Annette Mitchell	(Barn Owl)	Tel: 01235 555216

DRAYTON WIVES

Gwen Price

At our May meeting we had a very interesting talk from Karen Wiseman who told us of the many people who worked at Blenheim Palace over the years. There were large family feasts and parties as well as the everyday duties of the servants. A lot of work was made for the servants but the staff had good pay and magnificent servant dresses. Only men served at table until now. Blenheim Palace is still a busy and good place to work.

On Wednesday 25th July, instead of our usual meeting we are having a visit to Stonor Park near Henley. Please meet Ann at the park at 12.45

There will be no walk in July.

DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

Y.C.A.T. - Youth and Community Acting Together

In this issue of the Drayton Chronicle we are including a brief overview of our YCAT initiative and are also requesting feedback on your perception of issues relating to drug and alcohol misuse through completion and return of a questionnaire included as the centre page in this Chronicle. The questionnaire is based on discussions with focus groups of young people and adults.

As part of a project to provoke young people's thinking and stimulate debate on drug and alcohol misuse, young people are going to put together a leaflet to be distributed to households in the community to raise awareness of these issues. As part of that project we are seeking feedback from adults in the community to establish the general level of awareness that currently exists. This will enable a community-relevant leaflet that addresses perceptions and also factually informs people in the community about risks/dangers and professional support available. Young people will learn a lot in the process of producing the leaflet.

First a brief overview of YCAT

Our support to young people in the DAMASCUS villages is delivered through structured packages of work which we collectively refer to as YCAT. These are:

1. **Street Work (grassroots)** - trained youth workers engage with the different groups, build up a needs analysis of the community, establish core relationships with key young people and adults, are a positive presence in the community.
2. **Young Leader Training** - young people are trained to be positive role models and provide 1-2-1 support to younger people in the community.
3. **Issue-based focused work** - we use young-people led approaches to increase awareness on issues relating to drugs, underage drinking, sexual health and smoking and empower young people to resist negative peer pressure.
4. **Intergenerational events and workshops** - we have organised several of these in the villages - e.g. workshops and quiz nights, community litter picks and village events.
5. **Acti-force** - a force for positive change - two of our young youth workers run physical-activity based sessions in the villages or local gym.
6. **Weekly sessions** in village/community centres
7. **Job/study support** - in addition to individual support with agencies, we are also building a network of community support.
8. **Community school link** - our young leaders mentor both in the community and at school

Please support us by completing and returning the Questionnaire. Thank you - Rita Atkinson

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DAMASCUS Youth Project

Drugs and Alcohol Questionnaire

1. It is clear that in society today drugs and alcohol have become an issue, do you think your community has been affected and if **YES**, then how?

2. What drugs do you think are most commonly used or what drugs are you aware of? (Please circle) If you don't know please state that.

Cannabis Cocaine Amphetamines (Speed etc) Ketamine Alcohol

Please list any others you of which you are aware:

3. How available do you think drugs are now and has this changed over the years?

4. From our research, the misuse of drugs and alcohol has become more acceptable over the years, why do you think this is?

5. What worries you most about drugs and alcohol misuse in the community?

6. What could we do as a community to support those that have drug or alcohol misuse issues?

7. How much factual knowledge do you have about drugs and its effects?

8. What impact would drug or alcohol misuse have on an individual?

9. Do you know what support is available for those who have drug or alcohol misuse issues?

10. Would you attend a short workshop by a professional on drugs and alcohol to increase your awareness? (Please circle)

Yes / No

Thank you for your time.

Return of Questionnaire or request for an electronic copy

Posting boxes have been placed in Drayton Community Primary School and A. L. Vickery & Son and there are also some spare copies left there. Please post your completed questionnaire in one of these boxes.

If you would like to be emailed an electronic copy to complete, please email Gary Hibbins at gary.ycat@gmail.com or Roxy Elford at roxy.ycat@gmail.com or do ring Gary Hibbins on 07766014676.

We do appreciate your time – thank you very much.

Deadline for return 31 July 2012

DAMASCUS Youth project is also supported, locally, by Champion Recruitment; Drayton, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon Parish Councils and a Natwest Community Force grant.

MORE ALL AROUND

BOWLS CLUB

Roll Up

We start these notes by catching up with the internal competitions that have been completed; starting with the 'Rose bowl triple leagues'. The winners of the Monday league were Jack Mitchenson, Josie Carter and Iris Torrens, they will play the Wednesday winners who were Jim Bray, Eileen Long and Chris Bramwell. Both leagues went to the last matches to decide the winners. The other competition played was 'The Don Alexander pairs and triples' and going through to play the final will be Bryn Jones, June Hyde and Pat Mitchenson. They will play Tony Wright, Josie Carter, and Chris Smith. These matches will be played on finals day December 9th.

The A. G. M. was held on the 13th of June. Val Locke, chairperson, opened the meeting by thanking everyone who had helped to run the club for the last 12 months i.e. the committee, green stewards, and competition organizers. She congratulated 'The Wasps' on winning the afternoon triple league and 'The Rollers' for finishing 4th in the evening league, and added that the club will be celebrating 25 years next June and that plans were being put in place to do something special to celebrate this, details will be forthcoming.

Cyril Carter, treasurer, stated that the club's finances were sound, and there would be no increases in subs or green fees for the coming year, and that the membership was standing at 51. This was a drop of four on last years total, and although we are a large club compared with most others in the county, we should all try to get more people to join us.

The next internal competitions will be 'The Ladies' and Gents' singles, and will be played for on 24th June.

DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB John Gould

The Club's 20th Senior Championships took place on Sunday 20th May at the school. There were three separate events. The events were Singles, Doubles and also a Plate event.

The event started at 9.30 am with an entry of 14 players and we finished by 5.00 pm. The Plate event for the early losers was won by Martin Honey who defeated Andi Cudden in the final. The Doubles attempts to pair the stronger players with the weaker ones and resulted in a Final of Tony Krason & Kavan Warrender, playing Shaun Collins & Robert Hudson. Shaun & Rob won the first game 12-10, but the next three went to Kavan & Tony 11-7, 11-9, 11-5. Therefore this year our champions are Tony Krason & Kavan Warrender.

The Singles had two leagues of round robin matches, this produced four quarter finals. In the Semi-finals, Kavan Warrender won through to play Geoff Cherrill & Shaun Collins played Kevin Davies. Geoff beat Kavan in five games and Kevin beat Shaun. The Final resulted in Kevin beating Geoff in four sets. Therefore Kevin Davies is Drayton Club, John Prior Cup Singles Champion 2012. Kevin also won the title in 2010 so is now a two time Champion.

The Club AGM took place on Monday June 11th. There were a number of important issues including a change of Chairperson. Tony Krason has decided to step down but will take on the Vice Chairperson role. Our new Chairperson is Kevin Davies. Kevin has been a club member for many years and will prove to be an asset in his new role.

The meeting reviewed the past season and noted the successes that several of our teams enjoyed. Overall it was a very good time for the club. We continue to have a good relationship with the school and look forward to next season. With that in mind our teams will be selected at the Pre Season meeting on Tuesday 17th July. Anyone interested in playing should make contact with a club member before that meeting. Have a good summer.

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DRAYTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Paul Evans

Moving Forward

Drayton FC have just completed the 2011-2012 season with mixed fortunes. Although the Men's teams struggled somewhat, the future of Drayton FC, The Wasps, goes from strength to strength. The first team were relegated from Division One on goal difference (one goal to be precise), but are now looking forward to the challenge ahead in Division Two. They also reached the semi final of The North Berks Cup, eventually losing out to Berinsfield. The Reserves struggled to field a settled side, with several players moving up to the first team, and finished bottom of Division Three with only one victory to their name. They will ply their trade in Division Four next season.

We are pleased to announce our new management teams for next season. Andrew (Fudgie) Fudge, will be managing the first team, with the help of Assistants to be confirmed, whilst Gary & Ben Hibbins will be managing the reserves. Pre-season training starts on Tuesday 3rd July at 7pm. All players, old & new, are welcome to attend.

Drayton Wasps Under 11s, managed by Robbie McNeill, finished mid table in section C of The OMBL, and with a bit of luck, could have been challenging for honours, which is expected next season. The Under 12s, managed by Paul Evans, enjoyed their most successful season so far in their short history, with a runners up spot in section D. They also won the six a side plate competition at Radley at the beginning of June. Well done to both teams for all your hard work and commitment. Training takes place every Saturday morning, 9.30 to 11, at Drayton FC, and will commence on the 4th of August.

The club will be holding its AGM at Drayton FC on Tuesday 10th July at 7.30pm. As you have probably gathered from previous notices in The Chronicle, we are in serious need of some new blood in the club, especially on match days. If anyone feels they have a few hours to spare each week, please try and come along to The AGM, where you will be greeted warmly. Please, please, please give this some serious consideration, as without helpers behind the scenes, the future of Drayton FC is not guaranteed.

If anyone requires any more details, please feel free to contact Paul Evans on 01235 203108 or 07922 128266.

Come on everyone, your village football team needs you!
Thank-you

DRAYTON SCHOOL

Ana Gurl

School news

It is a wonder that so much can be packed in to one school term! This time including assessments, SATs, Ofsted inspection, Jubilee party and celebrations, Key Stage 2 production of Alice in Wonderland and lots and lots of sports, which is only fitting for our Olympic topic. And all this time the children are continuing with their day to day learning!

Sporting events:

The rain held off for the House Tri Golf Festival. The children had a fun morning of chipping and putting. Congratulations to Cockroft House who took the trophy from last Year's winners Rutherford House.

The preparations are in full swing for the South Abingdon Schools Olympic festival which is being held at Tilsley Park on 25th June. Good luck to all involved – we hope you have a fantastic day!

Some of the older children will also have the opportunity to follow a cycling proficiency course before the end of term.

On July 10th, school will start at the slightly later time of 9.30 so that we can all go and watch with excitement as the Olympic torch passes through Abingdon.

A special mention

As we approach the end of the school year it is only fitting that we send very best wishes to our year 6 children as they move on to Secondary school in September. We hope you all enjoy the move and continue to work hard and do well.

Classroom news

Robins (reception and year 1) are calling this term's topic "Ready, Steady, Go!" They certainly seem full of energy and have put really good effort into their sporting events so far – particularly the Tri-Golf house competition.

Children in Ravens (year 1 & 2) were learning about various plants and animals to be found in different habitats. They are also joining in with the Olympic topic. They particularly enjoyed the recent visit from theatre group M&M productions who put on "The Kosmic Crew"

In literacy, Red Kites (Year 3) are continuing with the Olympic theme, researching and writing reports about the first modern Olympic Games. In ICT they will be exploring different ways of making sounds and composing short tunes. For art and D&T Red Kites have been looking at the designs of past Olympic medals, then will be designing, making and painting their own 3-D effect Olympic Medals. There is a lot of sport going on too with Mr Taylor providing sports coaching on Thursday afternoons and swimming continuing on Wednesdays.

In PE, Kingfishers' (Year 4 & 5) are enjoying learning the Olympic mascot dance.

They had a fantastic day out at the living rainforest in Newbury which was very hot and humid! They had their own tour guide who told them all about the different habitats and the creatures that live there.

Eagles (year 5 & 6) celebrated the end of their SATs and all their hard work by having an "End of SATs" party which was enjoyed by all involved.

They continue with their Olympic topic, and are busy preparing for the Olympic day at Tilsley Park by making Jamaican flags and banners as they are representing Jamaica. Eagles are also putting great efforts into the Key Stage 2 upcoming production of Alice in Wonderland.

FODSA (Friends of Drayton School Association) would like to thank everyone for coming to the Summer Fete which at time of going to press was just about to happen. We hope everyone had lots of fun, and we always welcome new ideas for next year.

A big thank you to all students who took part in the sponsored walk and to those within the community who sponsored them.

Thanks also for donations to the Bags2school collection.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Williams

Report of the Drayton Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th June 2012.

Four members of the public, including the Rev Peters, attended the meeting in addition to the Parish Councillors. A question was raised concerning the recent mowing of the Millennium Green, and it was explained that the cut had been brought forward from the usual time due to the Jubilee Picnic. Only part of the Green was cut, but this was deliberate, the intention being to create a more intimate atmosphere for the picnic. As everyone will be aware, the dreadful weather over the Jubilee weekend meant that the picnic could not go ahead. All is not lost however, as the event has been re-scheduled for Sunday 8th July, 12-3pm. Arrangements (and entertainments) are the same as before; hopefully the big difference is that we will get some sun!

There should also be a tent with information about Drayton's village plan. By now, most residents should have received a flyer about this, under the heading 'Drayton 2020 – Our Chance to Plan Our Own Future'. Readers of the Chronicle will be aware that the Vale's Interim Housing Supply Policy (the IHSP) has been scrapped. However, the Vale have still not produced a Core Strategy to replace the Local Plan which expired in 2011. In the meantime, Drayton continues to be vulnerable to applications for speculative development, which could be made in respect of any of the sites already identified by the IHSP, or for that matter, new sites not yet known about. In many respects, the IHSP cut right across the spirit of the Localism Act, which is intended to devolve power down to more local levels. This emphatically does **not** mean the Parish Council on its own: on the contrary, it really does mean the participation of as many local residents as possible. No decision has yet been made as to whether we should go for a Village Plan, or a full-blown Neighbourhood Plan, as envisaged by the Act. The latter would carry more weight but does have financial implications. Anyone wishing to know more about Neighbourhood Plans could consult the CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) website, where a booklet is available which outlines how the process works. This can be downloaded free of charge. Whichever route is taken, the Localism Act offers villages like Drayton an opportunity, but it is up to us to take it. Anyone who would like to register an interest is invited to E-mail us at draytontwentytwenty@gmail.com. There will be a more formal launch of the Plan at the Village Hall over the weekend of 7th-9th September – more details nearer the date.

Some information on the recent Housing Needs Survey. 284 questionnaires were returned, 32% of those distributed. The PC understands this was considered a good response. 50% of those responding (142 people) said they would support a small affordable housing development, 27% said they 'might' support one, and 20% were opposed to the idea. 27 respondents filled in Part 2 of the form: of these, 19 wanted rented homes, while 8 went for shared ownership. The survey also contains a village profile and much other useful information which will be fed into the village plan in due course.

There was some discussion about the problem of vehicles being offered for sale on the Village Green. The Parish Council has been in touch with various agencies about this – TVP, the Highways Dept of OCC, and Trading Standards among others, to try and ascertain what the legal position is and what enforcement action might be taken. The Parish Council's view is that, aside from the issue of legality, the parking of vehicles for sale on the Green is both unsightly and selfish, since it takes up parking spaces which are there for the use of everyone. Some of the sellers also appear to be dealers, since as well as using garage forecourt type price displays, they are actually advertising finance deals. The Parish Council intends to contact HMRC in connection with this activity, and will supply details of registration numbers

etc. Drayton residents are requested not to encourage these dealers (or private sellers) by responding to them.

A number of residents have asked how they can contact members of the Parish Council. The answer is that all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk in the first instance, and he will ensure that any messages are passed on. Any resident may also ask to be added to the Clerk's E-mailing list, so that they receive prior notice of meetings and any relevant documents. The contact telephone No. for the Parish Council is 07909 176061. In addition, all Parish Council minutes are now archived on the village website: www.drayton-near-abingdon.org. The latter also carries back copies of the Drayton Chronicle and details of other events in the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 2nd July, at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Centre, Gravel Lane. As always, all are welcome.

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WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey

In November, we will be asked to go to the polls and vote for a position which has never been elected before – an elected Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner who will be responsible for choosing and implementing the policing priorities for Thames Valley Police (TVP). In preparation for this, the TVP has released a report called “Policing the Thames Valley: How We Cut Crime and Protect Our Community” which you can read on-line at <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/>. If you don't have access to the internet I can send you a copy. The report has some interesting statistics: there were 8,600 fewer victims of violent crime and 22,500 fewer victims of crime than last year; burglaries are also down by nearly 4,000, which is also very impressive. The report also lays out the current strategies and procedures of the TVP, it gives a detailed analysis of how they work with communities and neighbourhood groups and it also gives case studies of how they deal with all varieties of policing matters from personal theft to policing Royal Ascot. In short, it outlines every reason we should be proud of our local police force and gives you everything you need to make an informed decision on polling day.

As the Olympics are around the corner, here is the constituency's link: the youngest ever British Male Olympian is from Wallingford. Ken Lester, who coxed a pair in the Rome Olympics 1960, was a member of Wallingford Rowing Club and has lived in the town all his life. He's still very much involved in rowing in the town, and is the current Mayor's Consort since his wife, Ros Lester, became Mayor in May this year. Interestingly, the last Olympics in London (1948) were also held while Cllr Lester was Mayor of Wallingford - not exactly the same Cllr Lester, but members of the same distinguished local family!

Finally, I am delighted to hear that 3 more rowers from Wallingford have been selected for the Olympic Squad in 2012- Lindsey Maguire and Katie Greves are in the Women's Eight and Zac Purchase in the Men's Lightweight Double Sculls. Zac won a gold medal in Beijing. I'm sure everyone will join me in sending them our very best wishes.

I have been working with communities in Marcham and Cholsey to fight plans to withdraw school transport from some pupils at schools in Abingdon and Wallingford. I'm delighted to say that we have won the battle in Marcham. The fight in Cholsey continues!

The County Council is planning to put a large gravel pit between Cholsey and Wallingford. I am appalled at this idea, and am working closely with CAGE (Communities Against Gravel Extraction) to point out to OCC and the Independent Inspector, who will be assessing the proposal, the many reasons why this is just not the right thing to do.]

As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com.

HALL REPORT

Ann Webb

We held our hall A G M on May 21st. At the meeting we said goodbye to Mrs. Debbie Roberts, who has looked after us and kept our finances running smoothly for three years. We now have a new financial adviser: Mrs Tamsin Meredith has stepped forward and we are extremely grateful for her offer. There are two changes to the committee members, and after our usual business, we heard a report from our councillor concerning the proposed planning and its probable outcome. The finances are keeping steady with our additional help from the parish council. Bookings are improving and we hope will continue to do so. We have since learnt that our plans have been passed for our additional storage space, once we get our bank details changed we will press on with that. Since that meeting we have sadly had to say goodbye to our two cleaners, Jack has retired for health reasons followed soon after by Mildred for the same reasons. We are extremely sorry to see them go, but totally understand. We wish them both the very best and thank them for their loyalty and co-operation over the years. Cleaning any public building can be a thankless and daunting task, and these two people carried it out with total dedication over quite a few years. Thank-you from the committee and all the regular users. Our new lady, who users will probably come across at some time, is Helen from Abingdon. We hope she will be happy with us.

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Mon	2nd	7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting	Caudwell DC
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10.30 am	Pilates	
9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys / girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
6.00 - 7.30 pm	Youthzone (Except Bank Holidays)	
6.30 - 7.30pm	Table Tennis (Beginners & New players)	School
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys / girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	Caudwell DC
7.30 - 10.00 pm	Table Tennis Practice (League juniors & adults)	School
7.30 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	Caudwell DC
7.45 - 8.45 pm	Drayton Drop In (Except Bank Holidays)	
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	St Peter's
8.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	

TUESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	Caudwell Day Centre
3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	Church Room
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	School
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	School
7.00 am	Pilates - also at 8pm	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	School

WEDNESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
11.00 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	Haywards Rd
11.20 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	The Green Car Pk
2.00 pm	Whist - now each week	Caudwell Day Centre
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)	Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	Caudwell Day Centre
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	School

THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
	followed by lunch club and afternoon session	
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (First Thursday in Month)	Caudwell DC
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Lady Chapel
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group (in Term)	
11 - 11.30 am	Weight Watchers	Lounge Bar
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	School
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)	
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FRIDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	Caudwell Day Centre
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	School

SUNDAYS

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

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