

# DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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## Parish Council – Heather Morrison

The PC has just lost the services of Heather Morrison who started on the council in 1996 and has continued despite leaving the village while her children attended Drayton School.

By serving 16 years(!) Heather provided the continuity which is needed to keep track of matters which span the election of 4-year terms. **She also set an extraordinary example** of giving time and energy during a period when the PC has been short-handed.

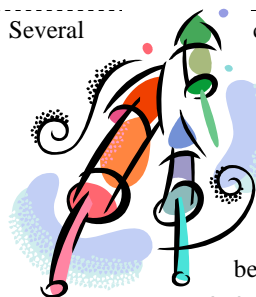
For the last ten years Heather was both vice-chairman and chair of planning. Not only has she coordinated the comments made on hundreds of planning applications but has also been closely involved in the extremely complex issue of the housing development in the centre of the village (at Manor Farm where the barn conversions have been completed but the 20 houses and access arrangements have not started).

With Heather leaving, the PC (now with 4 vacancies) has on average become even older and more male dominated, which might give certain sections of the village food for thought.

*Daniel Scharf*

**Please also see** the Parish Council report on page 9, which contains further praise for Heather and her marathon stint serving the village so well.

Several



comments have been received about **fireworks being fired off after midnight**, a couple of instances in the first part of August. Accordingly (& with Nov 5th not so very far away), here's a brief note from Thames Valley Police of what the law is on this topic (& has been for a few years).

It is **against the law** to:- a) set off or throw fireworks in the street or other public place, and b) set off fireworks between **11.00 pm & 7.00 am** – except during certain celebrations (\*\*see below).

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# COMING CHRONICLES

The **OCTOBER Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday Sept 28th**, from **Shirley Thomas (531626)**, 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, Sept 17th 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 Sept 14th, 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!)

<b>to reach the next editor =&gt;</b>	<b>editor@draytonchronicle.net</b>
Derek Pooley >>>	derek_pooley@talk21.com
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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£10	R Etheridge, 3 Corneville Road	Gerald Redman
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## ALL AROUND

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With no teams in the summer league, and no internal competitions during July and August, it's been a quiet spell in the club, but things are about to take off with the winter afternoon and evening leagues getting underway at the end of September.

The last internal competitions to be played were in June, they were the ladies and gents singles; the results were:- Barbara Watts will play either Val Locke or Jan Cook in the ladies final, and Fred Long and Bryn Jones will compete for the gents trophy. These matches will take place on **finals day, December 9th**.

The next internal competition will be 'The Atwood Cup' bowls drive which is taking place on **September 2nd**, and will be organized by Josie and June, this will be followed by 'The John Berry' fours leagues, Mondays and Wednesdays, these will run from the end of August through until the end of November.

In closing these notes, I would like to mention that **the club are still looking for new members** and anyone thinking of joining should call in at one our sessions which are held Mondays and Thursdays, afternoons 2 to 5, and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 10. A warm welcome awaits you and it will cost you nothing, you may just enjoy it, **as have Len and Derek** who joined recently, and we wish them a long and happy stay.

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The visit started off in the small but beautiful chapel, then continued into the interior of the house which had a warren of rooms, passages and medieval features. Other attractions were beautiful stained glass, 'old master' drawings, bronzes and ceramics. We finished the day with tea and cakes. It was a very successful visit (as reported by Beryl Dawson).

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**Letters to the Editor / Chronicle Items** Please note that, although we welcome submissions on a variety of topics, the Editors reserve the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter or supplied text.

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

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## 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	8.30 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 SEPTEMBER

Tues 4th	3.00 pm	1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room
Sat 15th	10.00 am	Coffee Morning (to 12 noon)	Church Room

### PARISH REGISTER

**Funerals** July 26th Andrew John Walker

**Baptism** July 28th Isabella Ruby Nichols-Horton

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## Letter from St Peter's Church

Dear Friends,

Well, the Olympics will be over by the time you read this letter. But hopefully some of the more memorable moments will stick with us.

For me the opening ceremony was quite unforgettable. The history of England and the ingenuity of the industrial revolution, the persistence, drive, and sense of humour that so characterises British Culture.

Who we are is very closely linked to our past and what we have come through. Similarly, what we think about God affects our spiritual relationship and who we are as people. Many people have an incomplete view of God, many think that he is distant, a strict authoritarian, and yet others don't even think that a God exists.

What happens is that people often make God in their own image, who they think God should be, or they rebel from an image of who they think God is. God is so much more than we can think of, or imagine. Above all, God is close to us, loves us, and wants to be part of our lives today. He is there to bless us, to comfort us, to guide us and to help us, as well as to challenge us and change us.

If you want to know more about who this God is, why not contact Rebecca (01235 531374) and find out with others who this God really is?

One of the main priorities of St Peter's is to be a welcoming community to all Drayton residents. As such we are starting Coffee mornings and there are more dates for Messy Church and Harvest.

### Coffee Mornings at St Peter's

We are intending to hold monthly coffee mornings at St Peter's and if they prove popular they will become a regular feature. They will be social occasions to come along for coffee or tea and cake and a chat. The first one will be on **15<sup>th</sup> September** from 10am to 12 noon. There will be a small charge, £1.50 for the refreshments, and subject to availability, there may also be some homemade goods for sale.

The coffee mornings will at first be held on a Saturday, but if you feel they would be better held on a weekday, then do please talk to us about it (*Val Cross*).

### Celebrate Harvest at St Peter's

30<sup>th</sup> September 10am, Family celebration service. All welcome!

### Messy Church at Drayton School

3 - 4:30pm Crafts start at 3pm

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, Theme: Travel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, Theme: Christmas.

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*Revd Rebecca Peters*



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## (MORE) ALL AROUND

**DRAYTON W.I.**

**Brenda Malin**

Instead of an evening meeting in August, a river trip from Abingdon to Oxford was enjoyed. It was a lovely warm sunny day and time at leisure to enjoy the wonderful variety of wild flowers and wildlife along the river banks, nearing the City there was the usual fascination of observing the boating fraternity, as we passed through the locks, before arriving in the timeless Christchurch Meadows. Once in Oxford there was time at leisure before returning home on the bus, not quite so picturesque but for now it is free to our more mature members.

Our September meeting is on Thursday 13th, at the usual time and place, 7.30pm Caudwell Day Centre. This will be a craft evening, a chance to try our hands at some new crafts or enjoy one that we have tried and tested. With our hands employed 'crafting', there will be time to catch up on all the news and relive some of the memorable moments from this Olympic Summer!

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**And a warm welcome** to David & Julia Mercer & family who have moved into Church Lane from Sutton Courtenay.

Plus, (belated) **congratulations** to Victoria & Daniel Malin (also Church Lane) on the birth of their son George, born on 10th May weighing 10lb. 13 oz, a little brother for Abbey.

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Please contact:- Jean Hager (531558), Sally Dixon (531547), Ros Blogg (535589) or Margaret Watts (527145).

# YOUR LETTERS

Andrew Walker

Via email

Dear Editor,

Through your pages we would like to convey our most sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbours for the cards and expressions of such kindness during the illness, and following the death, of our dear son Andrew.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of those who sent cards, letters, flowers, cakes and even meals, as well holding us in their prayers. We count ourselves fortunate to live in such a caring village as Drayton.

Jackie and Robert Walker



## Coffee Mornings at St Peter's Church

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
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## Inspired by the Olympics - 1

Via email (copy of email feedback)

Dear Ollie (Ollie Toogood, of 'England Athletics'),

This (nationwide Athletics Community Day promotion) was a great idea and we really enjoyed it. It felt amazing to continue the legacy of the games. I was very proud of my runners and all the new people who came along and made both event great fun. I'm very pleased to be part of this wonderful athletics family.

I held two Athletics Community Days, Weds Aug 15th was in Drayton and Tues 14th in Sutton Courtenay; I only had 4 days to advertise, so the numbers were limited to 8 and 10. We had 5 new people attend, two of whom would like to return to the weekly running club, 3 are currently too young but inspired. We had 3 children and one (regular) lady who is 5 months pregnant running with us; the atmosphere was fun, relaxed and (for me) memorable.

After our warm-up lap we did our first 2 events, 'beat Bolt'. On a 100m track we tried to run as far as we could in the same time as Usain Bolt ran 100m. I had measured out the track so that people could see how far they could get. Medals were awarded for the furthest runner. The second event was Bolt's favourite 200m. Participants had two attempts at this. Most of us, despite being runners, couldn't reach the 100m line, let alone the 200m!

The third and final event was for us to see how hard it would be to run 5km in the time that the winning male and female Olympic competitor did it. We had teams of either 4 or 5 and ran only 100m each in relay. Even with fresh legs each 100m our best time was 17.5 minutes, a full 2 minutes slower than the winning ladies, who took only a little over 15 minutes. Mo Farah did the whole thing himself in a little over 13 minutes. Although we ran only in small chunks, we excused ourselves on the basis that he wasn't carrying a baby and had 22 years on our youngest runner. It really brought home how amazing these athletes are to run so fast for so long.

"I enjoyed the 5,000m best, it was brilliant and I want to do it again tomorrow" (Joshua, age 9). "My favourite part was winning the Mandeville cuddly mascot" (Heather, age 7).

"I think I'm going to be sick" (Barry, didn't feel right to ask an adult his age!). Followed later by, "what type of thing do you normally do at the running club? I'm available Tuesdays".

Thanks to Ollie and England Athletics for this great idea. Please let me know what you have lined up next. We want to be part of it.

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## YOUR LETTERS (extra)

### Inspired by the Olympics - 2

Via email

Dear Editor,

My name is Lil Roe and I work on the Active Women Project in the Vale. Sport England identified that 7 out of 10 women would like to take part in more activity, however due to certain reasons they have been unable to. Therefore the 'Active Women' project has been created to offer these opportunities.

We have the following activities running in and around your area and I would like to alert people to them :-

**Back to Netball:** Whether you have never played, or haven't played since school, come and join us for a fun social netball session.

**10 week courses:-** Starting Weds 12th Sept 6 - 7pm at Wootton Community Centre (£2), and starting Sunday 23rd Sept 7 - 8pm at the White Horse Leisure & Tennis Centre (£4).

Please use the contact info for any further details that you need.

Kind regards Lil Roe

(Active Women Co-ordinator, Leisure Team, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils; call us on 01491 823 135 or 07801 203539, see websites [www.southoxon.gov.uk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk) or [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk))



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Just a brief notice for all households to keep an eye out for our furry friends. Due to the heavy rain (Ed's note :- as the Chronicle goes to the printer, we're having the hottest few days of the year, but this letter was penned in one of the earlier wet spells – several to choose from!), rats are leaving any flooded sewers to look for other accommodation.

We have noticed and are dealing with an infestation in our garden. They are taking poison bait from under a shed and in a hedge (they use the hedges as runs to move around unseen). They had tunneled under a greenhouse and hidden the soil! So they are good at concealing their presence...

Best wishes,

Lisa Gardiner

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Proposal for an additional Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) storage facility at the RSRL Harwell site. We are holding a follow-up public exhibition to allow local residents to view the proposal for an additional ILW store.

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**Ed's note:-** Sadly the public information exhibition in this advert clashes on Sept 7th with the village 'Neighbourhood Plan' launch. However the exhibition opens at 3pm, so those who'd like to attend both do have a small 'window of opportunity'.

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## WESTMINSTER VIEW

Ed Vaizey's column (Wantage & Didcot MP, also he's Minister of Culture, Communications and Creative Industries)

This month I've received many emails on a great variety of subjects, especially House of Lords reform and the Government's inquiry into banking. I've also continued to receive emails about the consultation on redefining marriage and I've received about 100 on many other issues, including regional NHS pay, Trident, dog on guide dog attacks and the Finance Bill. But no issue has compared with Air Passenger Duty, over 180 emails and letters.

Following successful campaigns in Drayton and Marcham to have school transport reinstated, I met pupils and teachers from Cholsey and Wallingford Schools to see for myself the road that some children will have to walk to school if free school buses are withdrawn as threatened. Having walked the route, it cannot be described as safe, cars speed past, the footpath is incredibly narrow, and just one moment of inattention and there could be a serious accident. The County Council has to look at this again, and I will continue to press for them to reverse this decision too.

I recently had a very educational day in the constituency, when I visited both Stockham Primary School in Wantage, and Ladygrove Primary School in Didcot. Both are assessed as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, and both are fantastic examples of just how good education can be with the right leadership. The children I met at both schools were bright, confident and very keen to tell me about their favourite lessons. At Stockham School, I was also privileged to meet Tamsin England, who uses communication aids provided with the help of the ACE Centre in Oxford, which helps many people with a variety of disabilities to communicate using the latest technology. It was threatened with closure, but funding has been allocated, saving the Centre so Tamsin can really benefit from the same educational opportunities as her friends in class. All in all, it was great to see how the latest technology can be used to such good effect.

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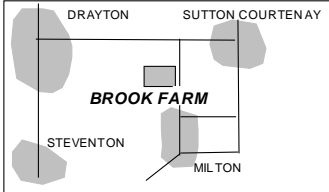
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→>> Technology in the constituency is also in the news at Harwell, where the science and innovation campus has been selected to host the new centre for satellite innovation. It will be the new Satellite Applications Catapult, one of seven new technology & innovation centres to be established by the UK's innovation agency The Technology Strategy Board. The success of the cutting edge technology in the constituency is most important.

From 10<sup>th</sup> July this year, OCC has devolved its Big Society budget to individual councillors. The changes mean that all county councillors in Oxfordshire have a £10,000 councillor community budget for 2012/13 to support the projects that matter most to their local communities. This scheme reflects the idea that Councillors are best placed to meet the needs of their local communities. The scheme has been designed to be as flexible as possible so do contact your local County Councillor if you have ideas about how the money can best be used in your area.

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## PARISH COUNCIL (August 6th)

Several members of the public and County Councillor Mike Badcock attended the meeting in addition to the Parish Councillors. Daniel Scharf informed everyone that Heather Morrison, the Vice-Chairman of the PC, and Chair of its Planning Committee, had finally decided to resign after 16 years of dedicated service, which she has had to juggle with family commitments and a very demanding and responsible job.

**Heather will be much missed on the Council** and the PC hopes to show its appreciation more formally in the near future. Mike Badcock also commended Heather for her long contribution to the PC's work and stated that she exemplified all the best qualities one would hope to find in a Parish Councillor.

Heather is a hard act to follow; nevertheless posts have to be filled, and so Daniel Scharf (Chairman) also becomes Chair of Planning, Laurence Zipson now joins the Planning Committee, and Richard Williams takes over from Heather as Vice-Chair.

**There are now four vacancies on the PC, so the usual invitation goes out – please come and join us**, at what could be, with the Neighbourhood Plan, an exciting time for Drayton over the next couple of years.

Cyril Carter, who lives in Steventon Road, near the council waste disposal facility, reported that in summers past, it had been his habit to carry some of his garden waste on foot to the tip, since it seemed pointless to drive such a short distance. Recently however, he had been informed by a worker at the facility that this practice was no longer permitted, and in fact a sign stating 'No Pedestrians' has been posted at the entrance to the tip. Mr Carter wondered why it had been necessary to introduce such a measure.

From the ensuing discussion it would appear that the main reason is that some motorists were deliberately parking in Steventon Road, outside the tip, in an effort to avoid the queues that build up at weekends and other busy times. This caused obstructions on the main road, and if an increasing number of drivers continued to carry their rubbish onto the site, walking on the same access roads as vehicles entering and leaving the tip, clearly at some point there could be an accident, possibly serious. Mr Carter accepted this explanation, although it would seem that genuine pedestrians, such as himself, have been penalised by the actions of a few irresponsible motorists abusing the system. →>>>

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>>> A complaint was made by one of the neighbours of a proposed housing development off Chiers Drive, which would replace an existing large house with three smaller dwellings. There were concerns about design and access, with particular reference to the anticipated increase in the number of cars using a narrow access road.

Members of the Parish Council's Planning Committee confirmed that they had seen and commented on the application. It was noted that some of the statements made by the developers appeared to be misleading, and the committee shared some of the residents' reservations about the development. However, having some awareness of the criteria applied by Vale planners, the PC felt that the objections made would not necessarily be considered by them as sufficient grounds to refuse the development.

Antonia Seymour was critical of some of the information in the July Chronicle concerning the proposed Neighbourhood Plan. She believed that elements of it were tendentious, and gave the impression that some decisions, for example, as to housing sites, had already been made. It was explained that this is not the case, and that indeed it would be pointless to proceed on that basis, since the Plan can only be adopted if it secures approval of a majority of Drayton residents, as expressed in a referendum. Comments and captions on the pull-out village map, or elsewhere in the Chronicle, should be understood as being illustrative only, and intended to spark debate on a project which it is hoped will involve as many willing volunteers as possible.

This will be the last issue of the Chronicle before the official launch of the Neighbourhood Plan, and therefore, in addition to any other information that may be included this month about that event, I should again remind everyone that the launch evening is **Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall at 7pm**, and that there will be further follow-up activities over the Saturday and Sunday for those who wish to be involved, in however extensive or modest a way, in helping to shape the future of Drayton village!

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, in the first instance. David may be contacted by telephone on 07909 176061, or via E-mail at [draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk), and he will ensure that any messages are passed on.

Any Drayton 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. In addition, all Parish Council minutes are now archived on the village website: [www.drayton-near-abingdon.org](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> September (i.e. prior to the launch of the Neighbourhood Plan), at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Centre, Gravel Lane. **As always, all are welcome.**

## GARDENING TIME

**Living Architecture** :- Ask anyone to name an ornamental grass and the response is usually 'Pampas Grass', now despised by many as these magnificent grasses were allowed to grow to immense and uncontrollable proportions. Smaller varieties of the beautiful Cortaderia are now available though and hopefully they will find favour again as eye-catching specimen plants. However, there are other smaller, ornamental grasses on offer which are suitable for most gardens whether planted in borders or tubs.

These under-rated plants have superb architectural qualities, provide a touch of the exotic and are relatively low maintenance. They are truly desirable additions to gardens, offering spectacular displays through the year, are trouble-free and fantastic to soften hard landscaping. The taller varieties are wonderful for sensory environments, giving movement and sound as the breeze moves the leaves. Shorter grasses are suitable for containers or the fronts of borders. Grasses can be used as ground cover plants, as focal points in the garden, in soil erosion control projects, naturalistic garden designs and modern planting schemes. The foliage not only provides interest for the best part of the year but the airy flower plumes create colour and contrast from summer to winter.

There are 2 types of grasses to choose from: cool season and warm season. Cool season grasses show signs of life in early spring and can often retain their foliage throughout the winter provided there isn't an arctic blast of freezing air. Drought conditions can force the grasses into dormancy resulting in unattractive brown foliage. However, the plants will perk up with the help of water. The majority of cool season grasses are clump-forming, meaning they will need to be divided every few years. Varieties to look for include Deschampsia, Festuca & Sesleria.

The warm season grasses throw up small green shoots in spring but they do not retain their green foliage during the winter. The leaves and feathery flower spikes turn to shades of cream, bronze, gold and chestnut as autumn progresses to winter, providing colour and vertical form in the dormant garden. The fluffy seed heads provide food for visiting birds and the dense, crisp foliage provides cover for small mammals. As with cool season grasses, most are clump-forming and will need to be split over time. Warm season grasses include Miscanthus, Panicum and Pennisetum.

When selecting grasses, choose the right one for the location. Warm season grasses tend to be taller, plant accordingly, either as specimens or in drifts, combining heights and textures for a more natural effect. Grasses will create greater impact if they catch the morning or evening sunlight, also combine well with summer and autumn-flowering herbaceous plants like Cephalaria, Crocosmia, Echinacea, Helenium, Kniphofia, Leucanthemum and Verbena as well as shrubs such as Aucuba and Elaeagnus.

Once established, most ornamental grasses require very little attention except for a spring clean and division as needed. New plants should be watered thoroughly and frequently throughout the first growing season. By the following year, the roots should be well established thus reducing the need for irrigation unless drought conditions prevail.

In early spring, cut the dried stems back. Small clumps are easy to prune with shears and secateurs but larger clumps may require the use of a handsaw. Divide the clumps every few years in order to ensure the health of the plant. If the outer part of the plant shows signs of growth but not the inner, then it's time to divide. The centre of the plant will comprise dead foliage and roots. Dig out the plant in its entirety, remove all dead matter, then divide the clump into new plants. Replant and water well during the first season, giving the plant a good start with a handful of bone meal, or similar food, in the planting hole. **Anne Hendry**

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Community groups can also benefit from the new festival grant scheme that offers grants of up to £1,000 towards local festivals or events to be held in the district. This scheme will remain open until the £10,000 budget has been allocated. Cllr Matthew Barber, leader of VofWHDC, said: "We are looking to support projects at the heart of their communities to help keep the Vale thriving as a great place to live. Ongoing projects can improve or expand their services with the capital grants, but I am also excited about helping local events and festivals which really lend our towns and villages a distinctive character."

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I'll list a few examples :- Walk the **Abingdon Boundary** of 1556 (meet Market Place 11am Sun 9th) that's about 3 miles.

Go behind the scenes at **Abingdon's Guildhall**, Sat 8th, 10.30 to 4pm, and/or the same day, check out your **Family History** at the library (10.30 to 1.30pm) where the Berkshire Family History Society will be in attendance. Clashing somewhat with those two, yes, Sat 8th again, and 10.30 to 1pm, is the chance to see the **Chapel at Abingdon School**, where **new stained glass windows** are on public view for the very first time. →>>>>

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John Roberts has finished his project researching the names on the Drayton Memorial. A copy has been left with Val Cross to be put in the Church, and another copy now resides with Austin in the Wheatsheaf.

That one has more information on the names and on Drayton. If you'd like to check out that info, now you know where to look!

If you'd like to offer some feedback, or raise a query, then contact John via email :- [jeanandjohn1@ntlworld.com](mailto:jeanandjohn1@ntlworld.com)

**RECYCLING ADVICE :-** A Wide Variety of Materials can now be recycled. Yes, your green bin is fine for the usual smaller items, but Drayton Recycling Centre (or the others round Oxon) can take many other things. Check out the excellent County Council website [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk) both for comprehensive details of exactly what they can take and where, and for any revised household bin collection dates (due to the Aug Bank holiday) for which you can link through to the Vale website.

**AND** do bear in mind that until Sept 30th, the centres are all open LATE on Thursdays (until 8pm).

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## Michael Evans

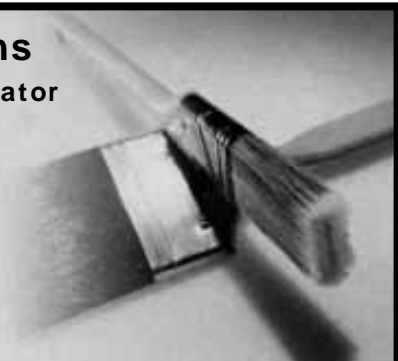
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OR phone 07909 176 061)

District (VofWH) Richard Webber (534001);

& Oxfordshire County Mike & Marilyn Badcock (201810).

## LISTINGS

Always popular! :- May be too late for tickets by now, but there's a concert on Oct 6th at 19.30, featuring the very popular **Boulevard Swing** (advert page 5) in Abingdon Guildhall to raise money for the Abingdon Hospital League of Friends. Tickets on sale (well, hopefully!) at Vickery's shop.

Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock (closed Mons) :- has new exhibitions starting Sept 15th, until mid-Oct, one is 'JASSO' (that's the Jewellery & Silver society of Oxford) with some wonderful, unusual & expertly crafted items, many for sale (for that special Christmas present?); the other one is on Wildlife Photography, with breathtaking images captured around the southern counties.

Earth Trust Little Wittenham, 7 to 10pm, Fri Sept 7th, Moth Night, an opportunity to get really close to moths and see how beautiful British moths can be. Learn the basics of identification and more about these light loving creatures that we see every day. Adults £5, Children £2. Call 01865 409406.

Old Time Music Hall Presented by 'JIGSAW' (who've recently appeared at the Cornerstone in Didcot) who want to take you down memory lane, and that's at Steventon Village Hall, Sept 15th, 7.30pm; tickets £6 from Steventon Post Office, or call 079191 76696 / 01235 767509.

And, speaking of the Cornerstone they have a terrific lineup of shows for September, far too many to list here, but there's comedy, a wide variety of music (swing band, folk, classical etc), lectures, a spot of Shakespeare, and much more. Check out their website :- [www.cornerstone-arts.org](http://www.cornerstone-arts.org) or call the box office on (01235) 515144. Maybe the star attraction is Andi Osho, a very funny (but somewhat rude!) young lady, she's there Fri 28th.

Oh, and you can join a flamenco class too (where would you get the castanets?). At the very least, do sign-up for their email newsletter, to get advance notice of their listings.

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# DRAYTON DIARIES

## DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

To book Drayton Hall call Ann Webb on (01235) 531418

Sat	1	Private Booking
Sun	2	Bowls (all day)
Mon	3	7.30pm <b>Parish Council Meeting</b> (p9) <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Fri	7	7.00pm Drayton 2020 (see p1)
Sat	8	Follow-up to Drayton 2020 (& 9th)
Fri	14	<b>Chronicle Ads Deadline</b> (see p2)
Sat	15	9.30am Drama Groups (see p1)
Sun	16	Griffon Club Committee
Mon	17	5.15pm <b>CHRONICLE DEADLINE</b> <i>Vickery's</i>
Fri	21	Barn Dance Group
Sat	22	Private Function
Fri	28	Private Function
Sat	29	Private Function
Sun	30	Private Booking

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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 (& 11.30)	
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 (& 8.00)	
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)	
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	

**Ed's Note** :- IF you notice one of the diary entries is wrong, please let us know – contact details for the next editor are always on page 2.

PLUS There wasn't space for the usual contents list on the front page, so a quick reminder, if you just might fancy playing Bowls, that club has some vacancies (page 3), a new (hopefully regular) Coffee morning starts this month (p4), any girls (gents!?) for netball (p7), and yes, once again, do PLEASE consider a role on the Parish Council (p9) or at least check what's involved? And do get that ticket! (p1)

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