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PLAN AREA CONSULTATION

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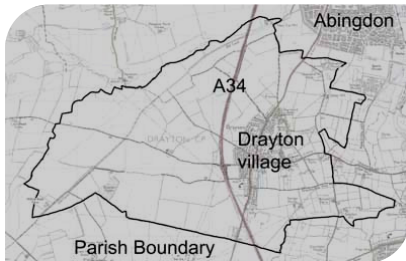
Drayton Parish Council has submitted a request to develop a neighbourhood plan in Drayton. A neighbourhood plan is a way that the parish council and the community it represents can play a key role in shaping the way Drayton develops and grows in the future. It is a new tool created by government to help empower local communities in the planning process.

The first formal stage of the neighbourhood planning procedure, once an application has been submitted to undertake one, is that the local planning authority, here the Vale of White Horse District Council, must carry out a consultation to see if the neighbourhood planning area that the parish council want to use for the neighbourhood plan is appropriate. The area that the parish council has submitted follows the parish boundary for Drayton.

We are therefore conducting a six week consultation, seeking views on whether or not the area chosen for the Neighbourhood Plan for Drayton is suitable. You can obtain further information by visiting www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans.

The consultation runs from 17 October – 28 November 2012. Anyone with comments on the proposal can send them through to planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Editor's Note: The existing Parish Boundary, chosen by the Parish Council to define the area covered by the neighbourhood plan, is the dark, convoluted line on the map above.



DRAYTON 2020 UPDATE

Richard Williams

Following the successful launch at the Village Hall Curry night in September, Drayton 2020 is now properly up and running with a Steering Group of 8 volunteers. The Group includes 2 members of the Parish Council and 2 members of the Drayton Community Trust (a local body which was responsible for the creation of the Millennium Green, and is also a registered charity). Those who were able to attend the launch evening will recall that, amongst other activities, four tables were set up on the village hall floor, each displaying a large map of the village, and each representing one of four main themes:

Look and Feel (covering all aspects of the appearance of the village)

Transport (traffic management, bus routes, cycle routes etc)

Work and Play (employment opportunities and recreation facilities)

Sustainability (Including the additional resources that new development might need, e.g. more school places, and how to make the village more self sufficient and less just another suburb of Abingdon).

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Take your last look!

Will Didcot A (the large boiler house, the tall chimney and the six big cooling towers) really vanish in the next few years? Can we sustain our electricity supplies without coal-fired stations like it? See Ed Vaizey's contribution on page 13. Photograph, taken from Drayton, courtesy of Geoff Caudle - in a hot-air balloon.



ST PETER'S CHURCH ALL SOULS SERVICE Sunday 4th November at 3pm

A time to remember loved ones who are no longer with us and light a candle in remembrance of them.

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

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

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Jan/Feb	14 January 2013	25 January 2013
March	11 February 2013	22 February 2013
April	18 March 2013	29 March 2013

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 to achieve this.

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!

Requests for advertisements should not be emailed to the editor but to **advertising@draytonchronicle.net**. Please note that they eventually need to be in Word format, 9cms wide and, for a single block advert, about 4.5cms high

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 a few 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 either be 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 Monday deadline.

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Jean Barton, Hon Promoter

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£20	1933	Brian Dore, 15 Lyford Close	Pauline Roberts
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£10	1318	H Sainsbury, 41 Steventon Road	Janet Dale
£10	272	Gerald Redman, 43 High Street	Gerald Redman
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£10	1972	Paul Manthorpe, c/o Windy Ridge	Clair Soper
£10	107	E. Harris, 97 Abingdon Rd	Julie Brown
£10	2279	Mrs Hutchings, c/o Vickery's	Lawrence Vickery

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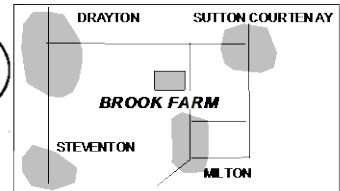


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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

I'm still looking for someone to help with Village Hall bookings with a view to taking the job on. It is very worthwhile and rewarding but I have now developed arthritis in both knees and life is getting more difficult at the moment.

So help would be greatly appreciated.

Ann Webb

Dear Editor

One of our Brownies found a small backpack in the recreation ground on a Wednesday night a couple of weeks ago, with a rather adorable elephant (toy) in it!

If one of your readers' children has lost these and would like to contact me on 01235 555216 they can be reunited!

Annette Mitchell

Dear Editor,

May I thank the generous people of Drayton for buying quizzes and giving donations to PACE of £262.00 Also £21.00 was collected by the paper shop.

Thank you everybody, for your wonderful support.

Judy and Derek Henman

Dear Editor

I would like, through The Drayton Chronicle, to thank everyone who came and supported me on Saturday 29th September at my house for the 'Macmillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee Morning'. Thanks to all those people who visited to either enjoy a cuppa, cake and a natter, or simply donated money. I raised a total of £150.10, which I am sure you will agree is a fantastic sum of money.

So thanks again to you all.

Yours sincerely

Annette Mitchell

Dear Editor

I am the local fundraising development manager for the NSPCC. The NSPCC are currently supporting over 2000 children a year in Oxfordshire. I am looking to interest local people in forming new NSPCC Support Groups to help with promoting NSPCC messages at a local level and raising much needed funds to continue providing NSPCC services in Oxfordshire.

For more information about the NSPCC or to discuss opportunities for local support groups in your area, contact Amanda Howard, Fundraising Development Manager via email at amanda.howard@nspcc.org.uk or calling 01608 678967

Many thanks

Amanda Howard
another letter ➔

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This shared-ownership scheme was developed in partnership with Marcham Parish Council and Vale of White Horse District Council, with the aim of providing affordable housing to enable local people to remain in the area where their roots lie. If anyone in Drayton is interested they should contact me on 01462 742099 or email liz.fitzsimmons@ruralhousing.org.uk, asking for an application pack **which must be returned by Wednesday 7th November 2012.**

Liz Fitzsimmons

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REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion (Common Worship - Traditional)
 10.00 am Sung Eucharist (CW), except 3rd Sunday when there is a non-Eucharistic Praise Service
 Thurs 9.30 am Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Wed 10.30 am Pebbles (term time only) *Church Room*
 Monday 7.45 pm Bell Ringing Practice *Bell Tower*

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sun 4th 3.00 pm All Souls Service*
 Sun 11th 10.00 am & 6.00 pm RBL Remembrance Services
 Sat 17th 10.00 am Christmas Fair

* If you are unable to get into church to add the names of those whom you wish to be remembered, there is a list at Vickery's

No First Tuesday Connections this month

YOU STAY - WE PRAY: NOVEMBER

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LETTER FROM REV. REBECCA PETERS

Dear Friends,

On the news I heard that David Cameron is going to fund trips for secondary school children to see the World War cemetery in France. He said that he wanted people to remember the sacrifice and cost of life of so many people in this country for freedom.



Remembering those we have lost and loved is really important even though it can be really difficult. The way we remember them often leads us to living life differently, some focus very much on the past to the detriment of living in the present. Others glorify the person so much they become a saint and those rose-tinted glasses make their loss even more difficult to bear. Others try to bury the sense of pain and loss, not wanting to deal with the situation. However, there is a way of remembering the person with a sense of thanksgiving; a thankfulness for all that was, a coming to terms with the present situation and a way of looking forward to live our lives in a positive way.

Remembrance is key to the Christian faith. Each time we share communion we are remembering the death of Jesus and are giving thanks that he loved us so much that he died for us. Knowing that we are secure in the love of Christ, means that no matter what we may face, we have reason to give thanks and have a secure foundation on which to continue living our lives. So however you may be feeling at this time know that the love of Christ is there for you, all you need to do is ask him for his help.

St Peter's has a memorial service Sunday 3pm 4th November, if you would like the name of a loved one to be remembered then please do pop into Vickery's store and put their name on the list, or email rev.stpetersdrayton@gmail.com. During the service we read out the names and remember our loved ones by lighting a candle.

Our Remembrance Day Services, on 11th November, are 10am and 6pm (with the Royal British Legion), all welcome.

God Bless,

Rebecca



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REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

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6.00 pm Evening Service. Traditional format.

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME



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. The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

We usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 3.00 pm to 4:30 pm but the next three dates are 30 October (instead of a November meeting), 4th December and 8th January (since the first Tuesday is New Year's Day). If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Paul Francis

Whether or not you follow the news avidly, it cannot escape your attention that British servicemen and women are still very much in action in many theatres of war across the world. The need for your support continues, and increases, and this is best channelled through organisations such as the Royal British Legion. The Legion provides assistance not just for those service personnel who are injured but also to their families.

Remembrance Sunday

We will remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month once again this year and I would ask you to take time out to reflect on the tragedy of warfare and to be thankful that because of them we can live freely. Two minutes once a year is not a lot to give up – particularly when so many have given their lives for us.

Membership

If you are not already a member, I would encourage you to join the Royal British Legion now and show your support for our armed forces. Joining is easy – just contact me (see below) and I will get the membership details to you.

Annual Branch Dinner

We are holding the annual branch dinner this year at The Fox, Steventon. This is taking place on Friday 23rd November (7.30p.m. for 8.00p.m.) The cost of the meal will be £20 per person and judging by last year's experience there it will be a superb and enjoyable event. Full details, and tickets, can be obtained from Pat Bucklan (tel. 07778 039967), myself (Email: francisoxo@aol.com or tel: 01235 848215), or any Committee member.

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ALL AROUND

DRAYTON SCHOOL

Ana Gurl

All the school children enjoyed yet another excellent visit from travelling theatre group M&M productions. This time they put on 'Beauty and the Beast'. Our Year 6 children learnt a lot of useful information about resuscitation and first aid during an IMPS (Injury Minimization Programme for Schools) visit to Abingdon Hospital Minor Injuries Unit.

- **Robins Class (Reception) with Ms Spencer**

Robins Class topic is 'All about me!' The children are learning all about themselves and each other. They are learning about babies and what they need to grow, and thinking about things they can do now that they couldn't do when they were babies.

- **Puffins Class (Year 1) with Miss Bowerman**

Puffins are continuing with their topic which is 'Is it a bird? Is it a plane?... No it's Superpuffin!

- **Ravens (Year 2) with Mrs Raven**

The Ravens topic is Huff & Puff - They have now decorated their three giant cardboard houses and are making a collage wall display. They have been thinking about homes, what would be silly and sensible building materials for a house, and looking at our own homes and thinking about how modern ones compare to Victorian ones.

- **Red Kites (Year 3) Mr Collett**

So far children in Red Kites this term have become experts on a range of predatory animals. Adorning the walls in the classroom are their information posters about: Jaguars, Lions, Tigers, Killer Whales, King Cobras and Grey Wolves. They have also spent time looking at these animals' range of teeth and how they are similar and different to humans. They are very excited about the trip to the London Natural History Museum where they hope to see the skeletons and teeth of these animals up close!

- **Kingfishers (Year 4 & 5) Mrs Middleton and Mrs Kent**

Kingfishers topic is still the adventurer Bear Grylls and as part of this they have enjoyed orienteering. The last one was against the clock and was hard. It was a star exercise, where the children ran from a central point to a series of markers. On the back of each marker was a letter. The children collected each letter and then unscrambled them to make the word 'survivor'. In science the children have carried out an investigation to see which pair could keep hot water warmest for longest. The three winning pairs had used lots of layers of different materials to keep their water warm. This then lead on to thinking about how this could help Bear Grylls stay warm on some of his very cold expeditions.

- **Eagles (Year 5 & 6) Mrs Duffy**

Eagles are currently studying World War Two and are busy showing off their creativity with some fantastic displays of air raid shelters, war poetry, postcards and propaganda posters.

As the oldest class in school, Eagles are developing their position as role models of good behaviour, consideration and as independent thinkers.

- **FODSA (Friends of Drayton School Association)**

FODSA organise fundraising events throughout the year the proceeds from which benefit all our children. We are always open to new ideas!

Cake Sale - will be on Friday 16th November – proceeds go to our youngest children in Robins class.

Race Night – will be on Friday 30th November in Drayton School Hall. First race at 7.30pm. Anyone who would like to sponsor a race or buy a horse please e-mail fodsa@hotmail.co.uk First come first served!

Our Christmas Fayre - will be on Saturday 8th December between 1-3pm. Come and join us for some festive fun where there will be lots of stalls, games, tombola and maybe a special visitor!

YOUTH ZONE

Naomi Broomfield

Unfortunately we have had no new volunteers to help with the running of the group and therefore, unless some have come forward following the plea to parents of year 6 at Drayton School, our last session will have to be the 19th November. This is a real shame as the new year-6 pupils seem to be enjoying their time in the group. A huge thanks to Gina Edge who is almost running the group single handed and to the young leaders from Damascus who offer fantastic peer support. Obviously, to keep the young people and the volunteers safe we need to have more adult volunteers so if you can help please, please contact either Gina on 07778223563 or Naomi on 532248 for more information.

Youth Zone currently runs every other Monday 6pm till 7.30pm at Drayton Village Hall; £1 per week, first week free. Registration required on joining.

DRAYTON 1ST BROWNIES **Annette Mitchell**

Congratulations to Amy, Neve, Lottie, Frankie and Halah who all took their Brownie Promise and who are now part of our thriving pack!

Also we would like to say thank you to Rebecca, Charlotte, Neve and Gracie for finding time on a Saturday afternoon to serve teas and biscuits to the people visiting The Abingdon Resource Centre exhibition of The Down Memory Lane Project.

We have been very busy out and about on the Millennium Green for our Seasons Badge, we did not let the rain spoil our adventure picking apples and blackberries for making baked apples to take home. We also planted Cowslips that were kindly donated to Gwen Price and we even found time to do some bark rubbing!

On October 16th it will be World Sangam Day; this is in aid of a Girl Guiding Centre in India. We will be dressing up Indian style, tasting some Indian food and making Friendship bracelets to send to India to sell and raise funds to keep the centre open.

We ended the term with making pretend fireworks and getting our pumpkins ready for a visit to Brown Owls house for Camp Fire and Sparklers! Finally we said a sad farewell to Friendly Owl who has left to spend more time with her family, we wish her well and thank her for the time she gave us at Brownies.

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

Further details are available from:

Ruth Hudson (Brown Owl) on 01235 205111

Esther Deabill (Tawny Owl) on 01235 528502

Annette Mitchell (Barn Owl) on 01235 555216



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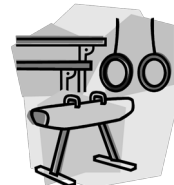
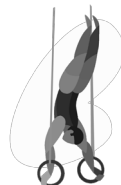
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Gwen Price

Our speaker was one of our members, Pam Bowker, whose subject was Protecting Homes from flood. She worked for many years at Hydraulics Research, Wallingford and saw many changes. Flood threats are increasing. We were shown some very revealing pictures about different kinds and causes of flooding. We were shown diagrams of the many various ways certain kinds of barriers can act as protection. Some were more efficient than others. This kind of work is ongoing. It was a very interesting and relevant talk especially as it was pouring with rain when we went home.

Dates for November

Mon 5th local walk near Chilton Garden Centre 10.30
Mon 12th COFFEE; Irma, Pauline, Margaret Watts, Betty
Mon 19th WHIST: Joyce
Wed 28th MEETING: Bee Keeping
Tea Margaret Long

W.I.

Brenda Malin

Our October meeting was fascinating. Andrew from Philosophy Hair Salon, Abingdon, entertained and enlightened us with the history of hair from the Egyptians to the Greeks and on the 'dos and don'ts' of hair care: how often do we wash our hair brushes, do we blow dry our just washed hair? He has attended to the flowing manes of royalty. His interesting and quirky chatter interspersed with humour also included reference to his work with children at the Douglas and Helen House Hospice; here silk lined wigs can give confidence and comfort to young sufferers. A little demonstration with state of the art rollers concluded his talk, a very interesting and thought provoking evening.

Our November meeting will be on Thursday 8th. The talk is entitled 'Frauds and Swindles', I don't think it is about the 'Utilities'. Do come along and you may well be pleasantly surprised by the W.I. and our interesting speakers.

If you cannot make Thursday 8th November do not forget to book your table for our Quiz on the next evening, Friday 9th November 7pm for 7.30pm Drayton Hall tables of four £5.00 per head including a ploughman's supper. See advert elsewhere. If you cannot find three others to join you come along anyway, you will be welcome to join one of the tables. To book a table ring Sylvia Bond on 01235 531627.



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All 4 teams in the winter league have made a reasonable start to the new season. Each team will be playing 20 matches this campaign, and they are all picking up points, with 'The Wasps' defending the afternoon triple league title they won last year. The latest internal competition was "The Attwood Cup", competed for in September, and the winner was Ian Norris, with Chris Bramwell second and Josie Carter third. Congratulations to Ian, also thanks to Josie and June who organized the day which was well supported. Also completed was "The Doreen Jones" never-won singles, and contesting the final on finals day December 9th, will be Fred Long and Chris Brawell, well done Fred and Chris. The 'John Berry Fours' league is underway, with 5 teams competing on Mondays and the same number on Wednesdays; these will run until the of November.

Plans are well advanced to celebrate 25 years of the formation of the club, a date for all members to make in their diary is the 19th of June next year. More details in future notes.

TABLE TENNIS

John Gould

My regular readers will be aware that the Didcot Ping Pong League is up and running again. At the time of penning this drivel I haven't yet put bat to ball due to a holiday, but by the time you settle down to read this the season will be several weeks old. I can report that all teams are doing well, except that is for the 'C' team who, in my absence, has secured a draw and a defeat so far. Not so much a loss but more a thrashing at 1-9 but it was against the promotion favourites. Good time to be away for me don't you think?

However, using my contacts within the game (his Dad) we've secured the services of Rob Hudson to our ranks, so I'm confident of some improved results. The Club has three 100% performers of those who have played in two ties, the aforementioned David Hudson for the B team in Division 2, Luke Hunt - E team in Division 4 and Keith Jepson - H team in 5.

You notice I refer to 'ties'. These are not draws so by way of explanation I hope you follow this thread. Teams play League 'Ties'. Each tie is made up of 10 'Matches' consisting of 9 singles and 1 doubles. Each match is best of 5 'Games'. There; simple isn't it? Oh and yes each team has 3 players with two of them playing the doubles. Also each game is first to 11 points unless 10 - 10 is reached, when a player must then get two points clear to win the game. Serves change every two points until the 10-10 situation when they are alternated. All is now clear I trust?

Now I've whetted your appetite for the game I hope anyone still reading will consider giving table tennis a try. Social table tennis is available to all men, women & children (over 9) at the school every Monday. From 6.30pm each Monday under 16 'beginners and improvers' attend a coaching session and from 7.30 pm onwards adults and juniors mix to play 'social' table tennis.

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NOVEMBER GARDEN

Anne Hendry

November is the month of bonfires and fireworks with explosions of colour lighting up the night skies. For those of us who prefer our colour explosions without the bang, *Pyracantha* and *Cotoneaster* fit the bill. They're bright and beautiful plants, bursting into flower in spring with a profusion of tiny pink and white flowers, followed by an abundance of shiny berries in autumn.

The plants at first glance look similar and are in fact distantly related. *Pyracantha* is commonly known as Firethorn for obvious reasons. It's viciously prickly but this adds to the plant's versatility. It's thorny habit makes it an ideal intruder deterrent for unwanted visitors (animals and humans alike) to the garden. Plant close together and within a couple of years the plants will be almost completely impenetrable. *Cotoneaster* is the gentler sister of *Pyracantha*. It's thornless and therefore sometimes chosen over *Pyracantha* by those who want the beauty without the bite.

They're also ideal plants for a wildlife garden, providing dense cover for roosting and nesting birds, nectar for bees mid-summer when the pickings are slim and ample fruit for birds, particularly blackbirds and thrushes, in autumn. *Pyracantha* berries are not poisonous as commonly thought and despite being bitter in taste, they can be made into jellies. The magnificent fiery orange and ruby red berries are set on a backdrop of dark, evergreen, glossy foliage that can brighten up the gloomiest November day.

Pyracantha 'Navajo' and *Pyracantha* 'Orange Charmer' are good choices for the garden. 'Orange Charmer' is an evergreen, bushy, arching shrub producing white flowers from April and large spherical orange fruits in autumn. 'Navajo' sports vibrant orange-red berries nestled against shiny green leaves and can be resistant to fireblight.

Cotoneaster horizontalis has superb colour late in the year with deep red berries and glossy green foliage. The herringbone-patterned stems develop into a decorative weave across the ground or on a wall according to how it is trained. It works well in the shade but the delicate pink flowers and jewel-like red berries really thrive in full sun.

Both plants can be grown as hedges, as groundcover plants or against walls and fences to provide natural screening. They look equally good as freestanding shrubs when space in the garden permits. They're easy to grow in sun or partial shade and are not too fussy about soil, often growing in dry and shady positions. They're fully hardy and tolerate most weather conditions although they're not appreciative of cold, easterly winds. They require little pruning, but if they do grow out of their space, just cut them back hard without fear of damaging the plant.



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DRAYTON 2020

Richard Williams

October 2012 Update – continued from front page

⇒ and less just another suburb of Abingdon).

Drayton residents were invited to write their comments on these four themes on post-it stickers, which they then attached to the relevant map. These comments have been collected and recorded, and will be taken into account by four Working Groups, which have been set up to consider the four themes and come up with ideas to be incorporated in Drayton's Neighbourhood Plan.

Each working group has on it two members of the steering group, one of whom will act as the convener of the working group. Hopefully this overlapping arrangement will ensure that everyone's efforts are effectively co-ordinated. The four conveners, who all signed up at the launch evening, are Janet Manning - Look and Feel; Christine West -Transport; Oenone Grant - Work and Play; and Diane Dunsdon – Sustainability.

At present, the four working groups are small. We would like to expand them, and make them as representative of the village as possible. In particular we would welcome volunteers from the west (A34) side of the village and from younger age groups. If you would like to join one of the Working Groups, or have any views you wish to pass on to them, then please email draytontwentytwenty@gmail.com with your contact details (including telephone number) and the convener will be in touch to let you know where and when that group is meeting.

Missing in the account so far is the subject of housing –where does it feature in all this? To answer, it was felt that housing was so important, and so much at the heart of any Neighbourhood Plan, that everyone would have an interest in it, and that therefore all four groups would consider housing in addition to their core topic. All the topics are in any case interconnected in many ways. As the Steering Group as a whole will make housing a priority, it is hoped that, via the working groups, anyone who is interested can have an input on housing, but that the Steering Group can provide the impetus to get this aspect of the Plan in place as soon as possible.

To those that question why we should be thinking about building houses in Drayton at all, this is not the place to discuss the merits, or otherwise, of house-building, but it would be foolish to ignore the messages coming from central government. David Cameron very recently asserted - just last week in the speech to his party conference - that everyone knows this country has a chronic housing shortage, but no one wants a solution that might affect them, or involve building in their back yard. His words, and the pronouncements of other ministers along similar lines, indicate that this government is resolved to press ahead with housing development and is prepared to override local authorities if it believes that they are dragging their feet on granting planning permission for new homes. The point is, that development probably will come to Drayton, and fairly soon. We can either let it happen, possibly in a place that none of us approve of, or we can aim to have some control over it, and look to gain some positives out of it, instead of assuming that all development must be negative. This is only the beginning of the discussion in Drayton, of course, but it is the reality of where we are now, and the situation that Drayton 2020 seeks to address.

Meetings of the Steering Group are held fortnightly on Friday nights at 7pm in the Caudwell Centre, at the far end of Gravel Lane. These are public meetings, which anyone may attend, so if you would like to come along to listen or give your views, you would be very welcome. The next meeting dates are: Friday 2nd November, Friday 16th November, and Friday 30th November.

In the interests of keeping the village up to date with what is happening with Drayton 2020, this column will now be a monthly feature in the Chronicle. It is intended soon to upload Steering Group minutes and other information to the village website. The minutes will also be posted on the village notice boards – on the Village Green bus stop; outside the Mace shop, and in St. Peter's

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PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Williams

Report meeting held on Monday 1st October 2012.



Six members of the public attended the meeting as well as the Parish Councillors. Fay Nugent outlined some of the problems that schoolchildren travelling to and from Didcot have experienced since the X2 bus service was taken over from the Oxford Bus Company by Thames Travel. Whilst OBC put on double-decker buses in the early morning and evening to accommodate rush-hour passengers, Thames Travel have substituted single-deckers. The lack of space means that schoolchildren and others getting on the bus in Drayton and Steventon cannot get a seat and have to stand all the way to Didcot. Although this was the predictable outcome of the new policy, Thames Travel appear not to have the vehicle capacity to put things right: the company do run double-decker buses, but say they have none to spare for this route. The circumstances are particularly irritating for those families who have paid for season tickets for their children in advance.

Fay said that Oxfordshire County Council operates a school coach and minibus service, which could be an alternative, except that it costs twice the price of the X2. In addition, the OCC service leaves immediately after school, which rules out the children attending any after-school clubs, whereas Thames Travel has services leaving at 4pm and 4.15pm. Several parents have written to the management of Thames Travel, as has the Parish Council, and Mr Hammond, the MD of Thames Travel, has undertaken to review the provision of services. It is hoped to arrange a meeting with him in the near future, and the meeting noted that the Oxford Mail and the Abingdon Herald have also been taking an interest in the issue.

Two parishioners enquired what was happening with Drayton 2020 and were critical of the lack of communication with those who signed up to the website. It was apparent that, among some residents, the perception exists that unlimited housing development is to be foisted on the village, against its wishes, and without proper consultation. It was explained that this perception is incorrect, that no decisions on number or location of houses have yet been made, and that every effort has been and will be made, not just to consult with Drayton residents, but so far as possible to get them involved in the decision-making. However, it was acknowledged that on the launch night on Sept 7th, this message had not been put across as clearly as it might have been, and that some misunderstanding has been the result, as demonstrated, for example, by the letter on the subject printed in last month's Chronicle.

It is accepted that communication updates have been lacking so far, but this is mainly because the Drayton 2020 steering group needed to do the groundwork and get some structures in place before we could actually make progress on the Neighbourhood Plan. At the time of writing this, everyone who registered with the website should have received at least a preliminary update on where we are and what we are doing. As a further means of stepping up communication, a separate column devoted solely to Drayton 2020 (the first, it is hoped, of a regular feature) will be found elsewhere in this issue. Although the background to Drayton 2020 has been covered before in the Chronicle, this first column will again set out why the Parish Council feels a Neighbourhood Plan is necessary, and what it hopes to achieve.

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 via E-mail at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061, 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. 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 5th November, at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Centre, Gravel Lane. As always, all are welcome.

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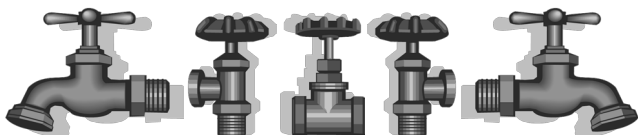
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Ed Vaizey



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Over the summer, the government introduced new rules on the disclosure of interests and other standards for local councillors. These set out a much more straightforward regime which will be clearer and easier to follow, making sure councillors are open and above board about what needs to be declared, but are not tied up in bureaucracy in the process. You can get more details from the South and Vale Democratic Services Manager, telephone 01491 823049 or email democratic.services@southandvale.gov.uk. I know lots of people think about becoming parish councillors, but are put off because they think they have to disclose their financial details and those of their family. The rules have now been simplified, so do take a look if you are thinking of serving in some way. There will be elections for some councils next May, and there is always a need for local people to represent their communities. Do talk to a current councillor to find out what is involved – it may not be as bad as you think!

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10.30 am	Pilates Class – also at 11.30 am	
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 (except Bank Holidays)	
6.30 pm	Novice Table Tennis Coaching	<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	Junior and Adult Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.45 pm	Drayton Drop In (except Bank Holidays)	
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing	<i>St Peter's</i>
8.00 pm	Senior and Social Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
8.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	

TUESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	<i>Church Room</i>
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
5.45 pm	Zumba Class	
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Pilates Class – also at 8.30 pm	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

WEDNESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 15 min)	<i>Haywards Rd</i>
11.20 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>The Cross</i>
11.45 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 15 min)	<i>Lyford Close</i>
12.00 am	OWLS Group	
2.00 pm	Whist – now each week	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (last Wednesday)	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.15 pm	Brownies	
6.15 pm	Cubs (Boys/ girls, 8–9 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
10.30 am	Creation Station	

SATURDAYS

9.30 am	Drama Workshop for youngsters – also 10.30 am	
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SUNDAYS

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

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