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The OLDER WOMAN'S CHRISTMAS (by Doggerelle)



Christmas comes but once a year,
Though that's too often now I fear.
It's not that I don't love the season,
So I will now explain my reason.
When young and zest I did not lack,
With one hand tied behind my back



I bought the presents, wrote the greetings,
Baked mince pies for various meetings,
Carols sang for many a cause,
Entertained with scarce a pause,
Invited all the family home,
Pressed them all "Oh please do come".
With house as bright as it could be,
The centre piece a glorious tree,
I'd decorate in gold and red
And do it standing on my head.



The effort now seems so much more,
What once was easy now's a chore.
It feels a mountain I must climb,
Oh what a change is wrought by time!
But I have made a cunning plan
Which I will practise if I can.



This year on Christmas day I'll try
To boil the pudding till it's dry;
The turkey I'll forget to stuff,
Of veg there will not be enough;
I'll make the gravy far too thickly
And the cake so it is sickly;
The trifle will turn out all sloppy,
Mince pie pastry will be floppy;
Of drinks and crackers there'll be none
So Christmas day won't be much fun.



The family then will say, I'd hope,
"Poor old mother, she can't cope,
So next year we'll invite her here,
She gets so stressed, the poor old dear."



But actually I really know
That pride won't ever let me go
To lengths so drastic and extreme –
It's only a nightmarish dream.
I'd never bring myself to do it,
And if I did I'd always rue it.
I've always felt I am a coper,
I won't become an old 'no hoper',
My teeth I'll grit and brace myself,
I will not sit upon the shelf.



So next year I'm entirely sure
I'll ask them all back here once more!

HEATHER MORRISON

With grateful thanks to David Perrow, and others who sent in pictures, here's a shot from the October VWHDC Community Awards Ceremony where Heather Morrison received her award for 16 years service to Drayton as a Parish Councillor.



And on a separate occasion, at the Wheatsheaf, Heather was also presented by the Parish Council with flowers and an engraved paper weight, mementos of their gratitude.

Well done Heather!!



STARS FOR REMEMBRANCE AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

We will again this year be putting up 'Stars for Remembrance' in the church.

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The stars will also be available at Vickery's shop this year as unfortunately the church still has to be locked most of the time.

Thank you Val Cross Churchwarden

Also In this Issue:

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

to ALL OUR READERS
from the members of the
CHRONICLE TEAM !!



COMING CHRONICLES

The combined JAN/FEB Chronicle will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday Jan 25th**, from **Brenda Malin (524429)**, 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, Jan 14th 2013.

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 Jan 11th, 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!)

to reach the next editor ==>	editor@draytonchronicle.net
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David Lee >>>	david_r.lee@ntlworld.com
Tony Holmes >>>	tony-holmes@ntlworld.com

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

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

THE FOLLOWING TWO MONTHS		
Issue for	Copy for publication by Mondays (nb Agents Lottery Packs Fri before)	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Fridays:-
March	11 Feb	22 Feb
April	11 March	22 March

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£10	Mr Pitts 27 Lockway	Christine Sadler

Winning tickets, from 1770 sold, were randomly drawn via computer (similar to Premium Bonds).

And our BONUS WINNERS for this CHRISTMAS Issue :-

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Martin Trendall	3 Eastway	Teresa Burnage
Mr Shebbeare	16 Sutton Wick Lane	Keith Clough
Mrs Clarke	The Driftway, S'n Wick	Keith Clough
Tim Kyle	6 Steventon Road	Judy Henman
Mrs Parkin	37 Lockway	Christine Sadler


Winners	Of TINS of BISCUITS	Agent
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Mrs M Smith	37 High Street	Michelle Ainsclough
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ALL AROUND

Drayton BOWLS Club

'Roll-Up'

The final internal competition for this year will be 'The Didcot Windows' singles, taking place on Nov 25th. The 'John Berry' leagues look like going to the final games to decide who will play in the finals day which will be held on the 9th December, with 9 finals to be played on the day; with at least 24 members taking part in the different competitions it promises to be a good day.

All teams in the league are doing well, teams in the afternoon league doing very well, with 'The Rollers' in top spot and 'The Wasps' in third place, and 'The Hammers' a close fourth. So, all looks good nearing the halfway stage, the evening team are around mid-table.

In a recent inter-club competition ('The Friendly Fours') Drayton entertained teams from Astons, Benson, and Chieveley. Teams from Drayton saw off the opposition, with Josie Carter, Freda Bray, Kathy McCann, and Bryn Jones, beating Pam Lacey, Tony Mullins, Olive Brown, and Cyril Carter in the final; the day was organized by Jane, assisted by Olive, Freda and June.

Fourteen members of the club went on a recent bowling break to the Isle of Wight. Over many years this has been a happy hunting ground for the club, lifting lots of trophies, but this year we came back empty handed, June and Bryn did well but lost in the semi-final of the pairs. There were 110 bowlers competing from all over the UK, and all enjoyed the 5 days away.

In closing I would like to wish all members old and new a **Happy Christmas and healthy New Year.**

Also, I would like to mention that the club are still looking for new members and anyone thinking of joining should call in at one of 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!

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Brenda Malin

If you have ever been tempted to purchase The Eiffel Tower or the Mona Lisa, you would have received a salutary lesson after listening to Mr Grainger at our November meeting telling us how easy it is to be taken in by confidence tricksters. I am sure no one reading this notice has ever taken out a PPI! Apparently it is not so very difficult to offload a tower or a masterpiece, it is just a matter of picking your 'client' and letting them take the bait. The beauty of these scams was that they were so outrageous that the victims, having been taken in and parted with millions of dollars or francs, as was the case, did not want to admit that they had been taken in and so kept quiet, no Facebook or Twitter in those days.

These were just two of the many frauds and swindles that Mr Grainger recounted, and in most cases there were no innocent parties, how do you explain an original that should be hanging in the Louvre when it is in your front room? The evening generated much laughter.

Friday evening, (2nd in Nov), found us in quite a different frame of mind; we were all wearing our thinking caps for our Annual Quiz, a very enjoyable evening, **thanks** to all who supported us. The **Raffle** was very well supported also, and this year's proceeds are going to our local Riding for the Disabled group.

Our December meeting is at the usual time and place, 7.30pm, Caudle Day Centre, and is a 'Jacobs Join' (bring your own plate of goodies).

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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
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 DECEMBER

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

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism	Nov 3rd	Charlie James Kogel Dylan Leonard Kogel
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YOU STAY – WE PRAY (Dec)

2nd to 8th Drayton Road; Milton Road; New Cut Mill; Fisher Close; Marcham Road; Meads Close; Rippington Court; Stone Hill ;

9th to 22nd Steventon Road; Eastway; Eastway MHP

23rd to 29th Church Lane; Henleys Lane; Caudwell Close; Gravel Lane

Letter from St Peter's Church

Dear Friends,

Yikes! Christmas is nearly upon us. I love Christmas, but each year seems busier and busier. I remember last year racing down to the post office on a Saturday at 11:50am with all my cards still needing to put stamps on, trying desperately to catch the last second class post at 12 noon. Managed it, just! With all the cards, presents, food, decorations, preparations for Christmas, it is easy to forget what we are actually celebrating.

A survey commissioned by The Children's Society in 2010 found that only 10% of adults think that it's religious meaning is the most important thing about Christmas. Only 4% of 25-34 year olds thought the religious aspect was important whilst 20% of those over 60's years feel that it is the key aspect of Christmas. 67% of all adults said spending time with family was the most important thing about Christmas.

Actually, would it really matter if Christmas cards went out in January, would it really matter if we didn't spend most of Christmas eve preparing the food for Christmas Day? What really matters to me, is spending time thanking God for all that he has already given me, in particular thanking God for the gift of his son, Jesus. Christmas is a time to celebrate the overwhelming abundant love of God, that the son of God would give up all the glory, majesty, power and abundance of heaven to become a human being on earth. The story of Jesus is simple, he sacrifices everything, his position, his power, his wealth and eventually his life, so that we might know his love for us. Hence, my response is to humble myself and to give thanks to Jesus.

All are welcome to attend our Christmas services, Carol service Sunday 16th Dec 4pm, Crib service 24th Dec 4pm, and in celebrating the birth of Jesus at Midnight mass, or on Christmas day 10am.

Christ isn't just for Christmas. If you are interested in investigating the Christian faith, asking questions, or finding out more about Jesus, then please contact Revd Rebecca on (01235) 531374, email rev.stpetersdrayton@gmail.com.

God Bless

Revd Rebecca Peters



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(MORE) ALL AROUND

Drayton 1st Brownies

Ruth Hudson

Christmas will be upon us soon! On December 5th we are hosting a Christmas party for the Brownies which will include a present from Father Christmas, this I'm sure will be a noisy occasion. Brownies will have their annual trip to the Oxford Playhouse on December 9th to see Dick Whittington, this is always a special event in the Brownies calendar. We are preparing for the **nativity play** at St. Peters Church to be held on Christmas Eve.

We supported Children in Need by making biscuits to sell.

Our thanks go to Jacqui Newman for all her time and help with the above, and also with supplying and preparing friendship bracelets that the Brownies made for Sangam day, (world Sangam day, Oct 16th), these have been sent to India to raise money to help with children's education and clothing.

On a sad note, Jordan, Della and Leah will all be leaving us and we wish them lots of luck for the future.

Finally, **thanks to all the parents** for their support they give each week, without which we would be unable to run our sessions, and thanks to Barn and Tawny Owls for their hard work,

We wish all the Brownies **Happy Christmas**, and we will return as usual to Drayton Hall on the **16th January** at 18.15 pm.

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

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DRAYTON WIVES

Gwen Price

Our November meeting was quite informal. Anne Gould showed us how to make simple lace, and Ann Hutchings demonstrated making origami leaves and flowers and different ways of using them. There were some enthusiastic members who all had a go.

Meetings for December and January, please refer to your programme.

Walks will recommence in January.

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Drayton TABLE-TENNIS Club John Gould

Hi everyone to my monthly update of all things Ping Pong. Our teams are now well into the new season and most are faring very well. The A team are 2nd in Division 1, the B team in the promotion hunt in Division 2. The E & F teams are 2nd & 3rd in Division 4 and the H & G teams 1st and 2nd in Division 5. In addition the D team in their first season in Division 3 stand happily in mid table. Sadly my own team Drayton 'C' are propping up Division 2, but at least we've now won a tie!

The Cup competition is just about to start and the A team will try to retain their grip on the Handicap Shield. I'll report in more detail next month.

As stated last month, **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. We have a number of 'newbys' this season that seem to enjoy the exercise. It would be good to see some more adult players though. Give us a try sometime!

The cost is £2.50p per session. Hope to see you one Monday soon.

The famous Drayton Table Tennis Club **annual Quiz** will take place in the New Year and full details will follow in the next issue.

BAPTIST CHURCH

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

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

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(EVEN MORE) ALL AROUND

GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development)

The main development is that the Environment Agency has now announced that the amount by which abstraction from the River Thames must be cut by 2040 is 250 Million Litres a day (Ml/d). There is only firm evidence for 26 Ml/d but the Agency say that it is 'likely' that the additional amount of abstraction reductions will be required. (These are called *sustainability reductions*). Thames Water have been told by the Agency to plan for the full amount.

This means that there will be a substantial deficit in the supply by 2040 which TW will have to make up. There are also the complications of the effects of likely population increase (more consumption), water metering (less), and individual consumption (down) etc. It is likely that their preferred solution will be a reservoir! It could, however, be a water transfer from the Severn (which GARD favours), which is cheaper, quicker to build and far less environmentally damaging. This is the point we are now at.

There are other sources of supply but realistically it is unlikely that, added together, they can produce such a large new source. However, Thames Water is currently giving priority to the construction of the Thames Tideway Tunnel to reduce London's sewage overflow problem at a cost of £3Bn or £4Bn so they will need to find the extra £1Bn for a reservoir.

GARD's consultants are closely following developments and challenging those aspects of Thames Water's assumptions which are not substantiated. The first draft of Thames Water's Water Resources Management Plan for 2014 will appear in about March 2013 by which time the company will have completed several overdue studies and will have provided us with the details.

Nick Thompson (Hon Chairman GARD)

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To celebrate Queen's Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee this year the Parish Council arranged for the Village Cross at the top of High Street to be cleaned and for a new plaque to be added to mark this year's celebration.

The new plaque is on the east side, opposite to the original one, which commemorated Queen



Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. Queen Victoria's plaque has been refurbished so that now there are matching plaques on each side of the memorial to mark each diamond jubilee.



The stonemason used stone from the Forest of Dean for the two plaques, matching the original stone of the cross. His cleaning of the cross itself has revealed a date of 1837, which may indicate that the cross was first erected then, to mark the crowning of Queen Victoria that year, in which case the Drayton cross is almost 200 years old.

David Perrow & Jenny Pooley

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

YOUR LETTERS

Time for the well-deserved feet up!!

Via email

I would like to thank Jane Pimm for accepting the post of bookings secretary (for Drayton Hall) in response to the plea in the last Chronicle.

I am extremely grateful to her, and I hope she enjoys the job as much as I have. Over the years I have met many lovely people and assisted them, where possible, with help and information when asked. Some occasions have been happy and some not so happy, but all very individual.

I wish you all the very best Jane and I am still here, if you want me.
Ann Webb

(NB From Dec 1st all Hall booking enquiries should go to:- Mrs Jane Pimm, 59 Steventon Road, Drayton, call [01235] 531597 or you can email Jane at JaneP59@ymail.com)

(& Ed's note - our own grateful thanks to Ann from the Chronicle editors for our monthly updates, take it easy now!



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Thank you also to all who sent cards and messages of sympathy, and especially to those who attended his Service of Thanksgiving.

Please continue to hold us in your prayers.

Eira Smith



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YOUR LETTERS (extra)

An Invitation – Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

The Drayton Chronicle team would like to **invite anyone** who is interested in finding out more about how the Chronicle works and to see if they would like to volunteer in any small way.

On Friday 14th December, between 6.30pm & 9.30pm, there will be a social evening with mulled wine and mince pies at the Caudwell Day Centre (Gravel Lane).

It will be possible to chat to people who are involved in the many varied cogs that make up the Chronicle wheel. **You need make no commitment, just come along** and see if it might be for you.

Kay & Gareth Davies

{Ed's note – if the said mince pies are home-made by Kay, well worth a visit just for them!!}

Drayton 2020 – Update – Richard Williams

The Steering Group and the four working groups:- Look and Feel, Transport, Sustainability, and Work & Play, have all been active over the last month. Records of their meetings are being kept, and minutes and/or meeting notes are added to the village website (under the Drayton 2020 sub-heading). Members of the public are **welcome to attend** any of the Steering Group meetings, which are held at the Caudwell Centre in Gravel Lane, although **please note** the Dec 14th meeting will be in the Village Hall.

Meetings are usually held fortnightly on Friday evenings, although 14th December will be the last in 2012. The first meeting in 2013 will be on 11th January. For practical reasons, the working groups have been held in people's houses, but anyone is welcome to join a working group at any stage by forwarding their name to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow. Contact details for David may be found at the end of this month's Parish Council report, page 9.


The Parish Council expects that in the New Year, if not before (**), it will begin to receive formal applications to build houses in Drayton. With this in mind, a draft set of criteria for dealing with planning applications has been drawn up, and developers will be expected, in line with national housing policy, to explain how they intend to make their development 'sustainable'. What this means is, that since all new house-building has an impact on, for example, the amount of traffic added to local roads, the number of extra school places needed etc., the developer should contribute towards the upgrading of local services and facilities required to support the new housing. There are various mechanisms in place by which these contributions can be secured, and Daniel Scharf is investigating these and putting together a 'viability' report. This will assess the nature and level of contributions that the village might realistically expect to obtain.

Separately, the Steering Group is working on a 'visioning' process which, as a first step, aims to produce an 'artist's impression' of how a new village centre might look. Information from all four of the working groups will feed into this project, and there is some way to go before the picture is complete, but it is hoped that by Jan/Feb 2013, we will have created a village centre plan that can be put to the wider village for consultation and further discussion. At the same time, each working group has now devised its own topic-related plan of action, based on a series of detailed objectives that it wishes to achieve. These plans are, and will remain, flexible, but we are following the advice of ORCC (Oxfordshire Rural Community Council), whose services the Parish Council has agreed to engage as project consultant, that we should proceed with a Project Plan and have at least a tentative long-term timetable in place.


Anyone who signs up to draytontwentytwenty@gmail.com will be kept in touch with developments by email, and information is continually being added to the village website. Efforts are being made to reach younger residents in various ways, through DAMASCUS, via the school, and hopefully, in the New Year, by making use of social media such as Twitter and Facebook. There is a long way to go, but we have made a constructive start and a lot of effort is being put in by our hard-working volunteers. **Thanks to one and all for your help.**

And, late news (**), one major (& swift) development has been the planning application to build 160 houses in South Abingdon, east of Drayton Road; if this development goes ahead it will have a big impact on traffic between Drayton and Abingdon, particularly at the Ock Street bridge junction. Drayton Parish Council has already **OBJECTED** to the proposed development, and you can see this response on the VWHDC website. Abingdon MP **Nicola Blackwood** arranged a public meeting about the proposal, and doubtless more news will be forthcoming in the New Year.

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PARISH COUNCIL (Nov 5th)

Four members of the public and both of Drayton's County Councillors, Mike and Marilyn Badcock, attended the meeting as well as the Parish Councillors.

The meeting heard from Gary Hibbins and his colleague Ryan, about a number of youth work initiatives that are going on as part of the DAMASCUS Youth Project. These include working with young people 'on the streets' and advising and mentoring them on issues around drugs, alcohol and other 'problem' behaviours. A parallel project is aimed at youngsters in School years 6 and 7, that is, the period of transition between primary and secondary school, which can prove a difficult time for some young people. Similar issues are covered, but acknowledging the importance of peer group pressure in this age group, or with teenagers generally, the young people are helped with 'people skills' and encouraged to become 'young leaders' who can then go on to mentor their peers and steer them away from possible trouble and into more positive directions. The Parish Council recognises the very valuable work being done by DAMASCUS, and has recently renewed its support grant to the youth group for the coming year.

Other substantial grants were requested by the Football Club for refurbishment of the club house, and by the Village Hall towards the cost of an extension which will provide more storage space. The Football Club project is not as comprehensive as originally envisaged, but will provide a much needed new female toilet and some patio doors at the side of the building, looking out onto the sports field. It was pointed out that the club house is not just used by members of the football club, but by a youth group on Monday evenings, and it is hoped that with the planned changes, it can become a much more widely used community resource. Mike Badcock said that there is an OCC fund available for projects that are demonstrably beneficial to the village, and the Football Club was therefore eligible to apply for this. The finance committee has approved the grant to the Village Hall, and will also support the Football Club's application if OCC funding is not available. →>>

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Thames Travel have now responded to complaints about the lack of capacity on the X2 bus service in the early mornings and evenings, particularly as regards children travelling to and from school in Didcot. Double-decker buses have now been provided, as was the case previously with the Oxford Bus Company. The Parish Council has been in contact with Thames Travel and has backed up the parents who complained, but clearly most credit for resolving this situation goes to the parents who raised the issue with the bus company in the first instance. As with the protest over OCC's provision of free school buses, and the issue of a 'safe' walking route to Abingdon, this shows that if the community puts its mind to it, it can get unjust or illogical decisions overturned.

As part of its celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Parish Council arranged for the Village Cross at the western end of the High Street (opposite the Wheatsheaf) to be cleaned, and for a new plaque to be added to mark Queen Elizabeth II's diamond jubilee, matching the one on the other side, re Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee in 1897. The project is described in more detail on page 6, but anyone passing by the memorial is invited to stop and take a look for themselves.

To end with, a seasonal reminder that around the village, pavements and pathways have in several places become part obstructed by adjoining hedges and trees which have overgrown. **If you as a householder are responsible for any of the latter**, it would be much appreciated if you could arrange to have the offending foliage trimmed back.

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, 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 3rd December, at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Centre, Gravel Lane. **As always, all are welcome.**

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The HOLLY & the IVY

Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) and ivy (*Hedera helix*) conjure up all that is traditional and festive. Both evergreen plants are native to most of Europe and western Asia, despite their Christmas connotations, they're very useful and versatile plants.

Holly is a fantastic health indicator of an ecosystem. It's regarded as a 'pioneer species', as it will establish itself before any other plants in an area that has been devastated by flood, fire, deforestation, etc. As a tree, holly can get to a height of some 10 metres in time and its lifespan can be 100 years or more. It's a slow-growing plant, untidy in habit whilst young but improving in appearance and habit with age. Planted in a group, it will make a good hedge although taking time to establish. Otherwise, holly can be used for topiary, clipping shrubs into a shape to suit.

Holly produces inconspicuous white flowers during the spring months and these are followed by brightly coloured berries (on female plants only) from late summer, lasting well into the autumn and early winter. The flowers are a nectar reservoir for bees and butterflies whilst the berries are an important food source for birds and small mammals. Not until the frosts have softened the fruit will the berries be eaten; prior to a cold snap, they're like little bullets! In addition to offering sustenance to our wildlife, holly is a natural guardian for mammals and birds. Thrushes, in particular but not exclusively, favour holly shrubs and trees for nesting as the prickly foliage provides protection against predators whilst deer use areas of woodland which have become dense and tangled holly warrens as a sanctuary from danger and harm.

In order to get berries on a female plant, a male plant has to be in the vicinity. If space doesn't allow in the garden, opt for the self-pollinating *Ilex aquifolium* J C van Tol (a non-prickly variety) or *I. aquifolium* Pyramidalis (spiny leaves). *Ilex* Nellie Stevens (a fast grower) also has a tendency to self-pollinate and produces berries. Otherwise, if there is room for 2 or more plants, go for both male and female plants. For reasons unexplained, breeders gave misleading names to their plants, eg Golden Queen is male but Golden King is female so check plant labels carefully. →>>

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Ivy is also a valuable plant both in terms of its ornamental value as well as its ecological benefits. People love it or hate it; its bad press stems from planting rampant varieties left to their own devices. However, it's a highly useful plant that just needs to be kept in check. **Planting it against a house wall is not** to be recommended because its aerial roots will break through the mortar but sited against ugly structures such as fences or sheds or planted to grow through trees or pergolas, it will create natural living screens (Frank Lloyd Wright supposedly said that "doctors bury their mistakes, architects cover them in ivy"). The key is not to let the plant get out of control so regular pruning is a must.

Ivy attracts wildlife like no other plant. Birds love to nest in its dense foliage so prune only after the young birds have fledged. A wide variety of insects feed on the nectar produced by the greenish-yellow flowers which appear in dainty clusters from late summer to late autumn. Bees are particularly attracted to the flowers making ivy a vital autumn food source for this endangered insect. Purple-black and orange-yellow berries follow the flowers and ripen enough for the birds to devour in late winter when the pickings are slim. Like holly, ivy will form dense clumps in woodland environments, providing shelter and refuge for a variety of birds and mammals including deer.

Hedera helix (English Ivy) is a bit more rampant than the cultivars and is used primarily in amenity landscaping projects. *Hedera hibernica* (Irish Ivy) is probably the one to avoid as it will reach an uncontrollable height of 10 metres or more. For the garden, *Hedera helix* Ivalace is a great choice for ground cover or topiary. It gets to just a metre in height and produces dark and glossy green, deeply-lobed leaves. To conceal a fence or shed, try *H. helix* Glacier which grows to around 2 metres height-wise. The leaves are grey-green, splashed with silver and cream. *H. helix* Atropurpurea is a rather lovely plant whose green leaves in summer turn to purple in winter. It will attain a height of some 3 metres.

Evergreen foliage at this time of year is rather uplifting when the rest of the garden is in its winter dormancy. Use holly and ivy to make natural decorations, hang them on front and back doors and they will last well into January.

Anne Hendry

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School news ... All the school children thoroughly enjoyed book week in November where there were lots of activities going on to encourage a real love of books and reading to develop. This culminated with a special day when all the children (and teachers!) dressed up as their favourite book characters. It seems that children and parents had put lots of effort into some fantastic costumes from Mr Strong of the Mr Men series, to Willy Wonka of Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, and the little brown mouse from the Gruffalo stories to name just a few.

On Children In Need day, they all had a crazy clothes day and raised an excellent £130 – well done all!

The whole school community will be enjoying a Christmas treat of a trip to the Watermill Theatre near Newbury to see a production of ‘The Arabian Nights’.

Robins Class (Reception - Ms Spencer)

Robins would like to thank all the recent visitors they have had in class. They have had two babies brought in to class which helped them learn about how to bath babies, what babies wear, what they eat and things that they can't do yet. They also had a visit from Firemen of the Blue Watch at Abingdon fire station during National Fire Safety Week which was enjoyed by all.

This term Robin class topic is ‘Let's Celebrate!’. They have already learnt about Bonfire night and Remembrance Day. Robins have learnt about Guy Fawkes and made fireworks to display in the classroom. They have learnt about Remembrance Day and why it is important to remember the people who have died in the wars as well as people that we know who have passed away and the different ways we remember them.

They are currently learning about the Hindu festival Diwali and have been recognising numbers on divas as well as trying Hindu dancing with sticks!

At Christmas, Robins will be learning about the nativity and look forward to putting on a production for parents and families in Church. Drayton Preschool will be coming to watch them practice.

If you would like to volunteer in Robins' class for a regular slot to **read with the children** we would love to build links with the community. Please ring the school (01235 531316) or pop in for more information, ask for Miss Spencer. →>>

Puffins Class (Year 1 - Miss Bowerman)

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

Puffins have been writing superhero speech bubbles/splats and have come up with some interesting work. They've also been looking at Bonfire Night celebrations and as part of this have created their own poems.

Puffins have been learning about shapes, and have enjoyed creating lots of different Rangoli patterns. And they're now learning lots of new songs for the Christmas performance.

Ravens (Year 2 - Mrs Raven)

Raven class walked from school to St Peter's Church to look at the war memorials both on the gate and inside church. This was just before Remembrance Day and the children drew some really lovely pictures of the memorials and of poppies.

The children had fun doing firework and bonfire dances in PE on November 5th, as well as learning about the history of Guy Fawkes. They have started learning songs for the Christmas play, along with children from Puffins.

Red Kites (Year 3 - Mr Collett)

Red Kites highlight has definitely been their school trip – a fantastic day out at the **Natural History Museum!** All the children (and staff) were excited about the prospect of such a prestigious school trip and were talking about it for weeks beforehand. They were certainly not disappointed. They saw dinosaurs (skeletons and moving, roaring, life-size models), mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and creepy-crawlies. There was a classroom set up just for them where they handled polar bear, gorilla, grey wolf and even dinosaur skulls and learned about their teeth and eating habits. The highlight of the trip was undoubtedly the blue whale hall where the children came face-to-face with the largest animal that has ever lived. It was a **fantastic trip** and all the children and staff had a **wonderful day**.

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

Kingfishers are settling well into being year 4/5, and have produced some excellent stories as part of this. These are in their literacy books, up on the wall and in the children's Big Writing Folders. The vocabulary in some of these is wonderful. Kingfishers have also been writing letters to Bear Grylls as part of their topic. I wonder if they will get any replies?! Thank you very much for help with Talk Homework, it really helps the children to think about the Friday morning writing in advance. **Please feel free to come in** and share them with your child, or if you would prefer, come in nearer the end of the Bear Grylls topic and have a look at a selection of the work the class has done. We shall send a date out for this soon.

Eagles (Year 5 & 6 - Mrs Duffy)

As part of their World War II studies, Eagles have been making models of Dunkirk rescue boats out of cardboard. In English they have been working on writing biographies using their teacher as a subject. In PE they have been doing hockey to get some practice in before some of the Eagles take part in the Vale Quicksticks and In2Hockey Competition at Tilsley Park. Good luck all!

The whole class will also have the opportunity to take part in the Abingdon Partnership Primary School's **Gym Festival** where they will be able to have a go on Olympic gymnastics equipment.

FODSA (Friends of Drayton School Association)

FODSA would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us over the past year and we look forward to lots of fun and exciting events in 2013. We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.



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WESTMINSTER VIEW

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

Over recent weeks I've also received a massive number of emails about the proposals to cull badgers in rural areas to prevent the spread of bovine tuberculosis. I understand the feelings on both sides - many people feel powerless in the face of a disease that has cost the taxpayer £500m this decade and many others feel great concern about taking such a drastic step. The Government has therefore decided to pilot the scheme next year in areas of very high concern and I will be carefully watching the results of these pilots and the local reaction to it.

(Ed's note :- one good question to ask – already stated by Govt experts – would be why some areas of the country that have badgers also have a cattle population with very low rates of TB?).

Another major campaign which has hit my mailbox this month supports the proposals to force energy companies to move customers onto the cheapest tariff suited to their circumstances. I absolutely support these proposals as I believe they will lower every family's cost of living - and help make sure everyone can afford to keep warm during the winter. In a previous newsletter, I mentioned the CAB as a source of advice, and now I'm reminded that the Independent Advice Centre in Wantage is also a very good place to go for reliable, impartial information on a wide range of issues. **Do you know of somewhere else in the constituency** where good advice is available that I can mention to readers?

Recently, the European Space Agency announced it would put its telecommunications satellite monitoring work at its base in Harwell. Now, telecoms satellite monitoring might sound pretty technical, and not something that impacts on our daily lives, but the decision is part of a wider good news story. The decision will lead to 100 jobs, and also confirms that Harwell is now one of the leading space research places in the UK, and therefore the world.

If you asked most people what a Government's policy for space should be, they might assume it was putting men on the moon or sending them to Mars. As we haven't done either in the UK, then you might also assume we are nowhere in the 21st century space race. In fact, we have one of the largest space economies in the world, worth £9 billion, and a lot of it is based in Oxfordshire.

Because space does affect our daily lives - whether it's TV reception, satellite navigation in our cars, or mobile phone signals and a host of other applications, all depend on space technology. So I was delighted when the Chancellor announced recently that he hopes to triple the size of our space economy from £9 billion today to £30 billion by 2020 - that means more jobs and more investment in Harwell and other parts of Oxfordshire.

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→>>> As we come to the end of an amazing year, I wanted to wish all your readers a Happy Christmas and New Year.

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So, **huge thanks** to everyone who will be working for others **over the Christmas season**, and a very happy and peaceful Christmas to us all.

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HARD TIMES – BUT INVENTIVE ONES?!

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Tea parties used to be a squeeze at Grove Village Hall and they could only fit three people at a time in their 1960s kitchen.

Now, the Grove Village Hall committee team have doubled their space, with a new refrigerator donated by the Women's Institute. The local Brownie Pack even bought them a toaster, and committee chairman Ron Hill, 69, said: "To be able to raise that amount of money and get the kitchen completed, when we started fundraising in January, we are chuffed."

The walls and floor were retiled, a new ceiling was put in, and the boiler in the kitchen was replaced.

Mr Hill and hall secretary Norah Lunn started making calls to raise funds in January. Within months they had managed to net a £15,000 grant from Waste Recycling Environmental Limited, £6,000 from the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and £2,000 from the Oxfordshire Community Foundation.

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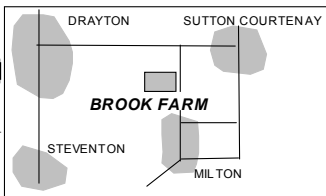


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TRAVEL HINT

Ed's note – we managed a short break in November, in Spain, meant flying from Gatwick at an unearthly hour, so we decided to stay down there the night before. This isn't a boast about being able to get away for winter sun (slightly less wet there than here! – and partly paid for with Tesco vouchers, other supermarket schemes may be available!), but hopefully a money-saving tip.

Many hotels and B&Bs around Gatwick do a car-parking deal, stay a night and leave the car for 8/15 days. We found that the Holiday Inn is extremely competitive, (has a huge car park to fill), so much so that your week's car-parking is essentially free. We caught the special hotel bus at 5am (!) and were checked-in for the flight before 5.15; the return for the car was efficiently done.

Yes, there are bus fares to pay, but still it's an exceptional deal. And their room rates have both room-only (if like us, too horribly early for breakfast), and a B&B rate. Their restaurant was very good, and the rooms were clean and tidy. And the room rate isn't that high, slightly more than some (much less than quite a few) but the whole deal is well worth a look.

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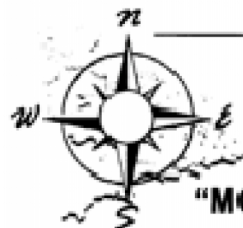
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and by application to David Perrow, Parish Clerk:
email draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or
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Deadline for Sealed bids (only in envelopes provided) is 31st January 2013

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL CONTACTS :-

Parish (Clerk) David Perrow (draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk)
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St. Peter's Church, Drayton – Christmas 2012

CAROL SERVICE – Sunday 16 December 4pm
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies will be served after the Service.

CRIB SERVICE – Monday 24 December 4pm

MIDNIGHT MASS – Monday 24 December 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – Tuesday 25 December

8am Holy Communion

10am Family Eucharist with Carols

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS – Sunday 30th

December 9:30 am (said) Holy Communion



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 20 January 2013 10am

All are welcome at every service.

LISTINGS

Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock (closed Mons) :- has the Christmas exhibition of the Oxfordshire Craft Guild running through December (ideal for that unusual present); if you can't reach Woodstock, OCG are also at the **Old Fire Station** in Oxford, from Dec 4th (also not Suns).

Cornerstone, Didcot many Dec shows, too many to list here, one highlight looked to be the Didcot Community Gospel Choir, festive favourites on Dec 8th. Website :- www.cornerstone-arts.org or call the box office on (01235) 515144.

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DIARY FOR DECEMBER

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Sat	1	Murder Mystery! (Wantage Drama)
Sun	2	7.30pm Village Carol Service
Mon	3	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting (p9) <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Fri	7	Private Function
Sat	8	(2) Private Parties
Sun	9	Bowls (all day - see p3)
Fri	14	Drayton 2020 – Steering Group (p8)
Sat	15	Sequence Dance – Xmas event
Sun	16	Drama Group Xmas performance
Mon	31	Sequence Dance – New Year's Eve party

And a reminder for January – **Chronicle deadlines** are Jan 14th for normal items, and Friday 11th for **adverts** (thank you for putting them in your diary!)

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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>
10.30 am	Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer gp – p4)	<i>Church Room</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	

IF this edition of the Chronicle hits your doormat in time (so perhaps Sat Dec 1st? – many of our volunteer agents do deliver their round very quickly) give a thought to getting into the Christmas Spirit early by visiting the Carol concert at the Hall on Sunday evening, Dec 2nd.

Also, 'team Chronicle' has got a bit depleted lately - so please do consider coming along to the mince pies and wine evening (see page 8 for details).

And once again, Merry Christmas and a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.