

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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APPRECIATING TODAY

..... Last June we returned to the village - this time to Meads Close where we have been made most welcome and decided this will be our last move. It is lovely to be welcomed back by so many people in Drayton even though we did continue to see many of them in Abingdon



How is the winter - and our discontent - fast banished by the shoots of coming spring!

Editor's Notes: Above - My thanks to Janet and Dave Smith for their positive letter, printed in full on page 3, to Jane McWhirter and Janet Manning for the photos and my apologies to William Shakespeare for the misquotation!

Below - Fans of Drayton's Brian Thompson and the musicians who make up 'Boulevard Swing' can now listen to them on <http://www.radiocherwell.com/page/listenlive> on Sunday evenings at 22.00. Better still, come to St Peter's for their May concert, but be sure to book your tickets early - it's always a sell-out!

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IMAGINING TOMORROW



Members of the Drayton 2020 Steering Group puzzle over suggestions for making Drayton an even nicer village to live in. From the left: Chris Bone, Shirley Thomas, Kevin Arrowood, Chris Price, Richard Williams and Janet Manning.

Editor's Notes: The Drayton 2020 Steering Group, which has overall responsibility for producing our neighbourhood plan, meets on alternate Fridays at 19.00 in the Caudwell Day Centre. Its dates in March are 08 and 22 and members of the public are welcome to attend; you do not have to be a member of the Steering Group. **Read more about Drayton 2020 on pages 8 & 9.**

The Drayton 2020 team is very keen to have feedback on what they are doing, so do look at the 'Visions for Drayton' in the future which the working groups and the Steering Group have drafted - on page 8 - and **send your comments or suggestions for improvements to draytontwentytwenty@gmail.com**

DRAYTON TWINNING

The Drayton Twinning Society AGM will be on
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CHRONICLE INFORMATION

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

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

Distributor: **Helen Brasington, 1 Cheers Farm (534045),**

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Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Monday, 11 Mar 2013**

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Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
May	16 April 2013	27 April 2013
June	14 May 2013	25 May 2013
July	18 June 2013	29 June 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!

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Please head your email and label any attachments with a name distinctive to you, not just 'Chronicle'. Also, make sure the editor or advertising manager acknowledges your email within 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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£10	374	Mrs Edgington, 7 Greenacres	Keith Clough
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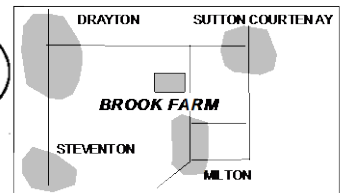


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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

We wish to say how touched and comforted we were to receive so many cards, phone calls and lovely stories after the sudden passing away of our son Ben.

Thank you,

Sue and Harry Ash, and Georgina, Benjamin's sister.

Dear Editor

Natasha came through her back operation thanks to the skill of the wonderful surgeons in the John Radcliffe Hospital children's unit. She now has 2 rods in her back and over 20 bolts in her back and hips! (She had new hips five years ago). The scoliosis in her back caused one hip to dislocate, so she still has some pain but nowhere near as much, but she does have another operation to come. She is back at school and is her usual happy self, much more comfortable in her wheel chair now that her back is straight.

Natasha will be 14 on March 3rd. She continues her schooling with PACE at Heritage House School, Chesham. PACE has secondary-age classes there and achieves miracles with mentally and physically handicapped children. They become 'enabled' and exude happiness, hope and joy in their achievements. In the inspection in 2011/2012 the school received outstanding in all areas.

Rosemarie and Alan Barlow, Derek and I are putting on a coffee morning and sale on Thursday, 11 April between 10 a.m. and noon in the Caldwell Day Centre. All proceeds to PACE so please come.

Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Judy Henman

Dear Editor

We started married life in Whitehorns Way in March 1961, where we brought up our 3 children. After attending Drayton School they went on to John Mason and have all done well in life, our youngest becoming a district nurse in Abingdon (she may have been out to some of your readers). We left Drayton in 1993, moving to North Abingdon for 10 years, then South Abingdon for another 9 where we looked after parents in their later years.

Last June we returned to the village - this time to Meads Close where we have been made most welcome and decided this will be our last move. It is lovely to be welcomed back by so many people in Drayton even though we did continue to see many of them in Abingdon especially on a Monday.

Little seems to have changed over the years apart from several small bungalows being enlarged and a few extra houses built. At first we were a little alarmed at the amount of overhanging trees, branches and other greenery along the footpaths. Thankfully most of these now seem to have been removed so walking around is so much nicer now. Villagers, keep up the good work!

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⇒ Dear Editor,

Our sympathies go to the families of Betty Richardson and Mary Burgess who sadly passed away in January. Both had been residents of Eastway Mobile Home Park, though Betty had moved to Manor Close several years ago. They will both be greatly missed by all who knew them.

Yours sincerely,

Teresa Burnage and all at Eastway Park

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Jane Pimm, who recently volunteered to take on bookings for Drayton Hall, now finds she cannot continue beyond March. Ann Webb, who is chair of the Hall Management Committee and has dealt with the bookings herself for many years badly needs someone else to share the administrative load. If you think you could do this for the village call Ann on 531418.

Derek Pooley



We send our thanks to Pauline Roberts who has been delivering Chronicles & selling lottery tickets in Lyford Close. Pauline has decided to step down as agent and our thanks go to Thom Wilson who has taken this on.

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Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Wed	10.30 am	Pebbles (term time only)	<i>Church Room</i>
Monday	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	<i>Bell Tower</i>

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Sun	3rd	3.00 pm	Messy Church
Tue	5th	3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections

CHURCH REGISTER:

Baptism:

20th January Indee-Rose May Tyler

Funerals:

28th January Mary Nancy Burgess
1st February Benjamin Ash

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There is a verse in the Bible, in the Psalms, that says 'Taste and see that the Lord is Good.' In other words we can experience for ourselves the reality of God in our lives. God is alive and active today, answering prayers, transforming lives and difficult situations. Easter is a time when we celebrate that Jesus is alive, that he has conquered all that this world could throw at him, that he died and rose again, not just for us to go to heaven some day, but so that we can know his love, his healing, his restoration, his care, his goodness, his blessings upon us and his work in our lives today. Easter isn't about just turning up to church service, but having a relationship with a living God here and now. Why not try praying, inviting God to speak to you or reading the Easter events in the Bible? Why not 'Taste and see that the Lord is Good'?

If you would like to know more about Easter, do come to some of our different church services! There is an All-Age Easter celebration 10am 31st March, where there will be a chocolate Easter Egg Hunt. Many other services can be found on our advert on page 14, on the website www.draytonchurch.org or by phoning 01235 531374.

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Karen Tinson

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To request an application form please send an email to karen.tinson1@ntlworld.com or telephone 01235 531596

PARENTPORT

Diana Hastings

ParentPort (www.parentport.org.uk) is a new website giving straightforward information on what you can do if you've seen or heard something in the media that is inappropriate for your children. It might have been a programme on TV or online, a film, an advert, a video game or something in a magazine.

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ALL AROUND

DRAYTON SCHOOL

Ana Gurl

The children have enjoyed the recent snowy weather, which allowed them just a little extra time to play out in the snow - but mostly they have been hard at work. In last month's Chronicle we outlined the topics being covered in each class and some of the exciting activities which have been taking place to enhance the children learning;

Robin's 'To Infinity and Beyond', teaching them all about space travel and planets.

Puffin's 'Destination Outer Space', a similar journey.

Ravens are still learning all about pirates.

Red Kites are investigating 'Where does our food come from?'

Kingfisher's topic is the author Michael Morpugo and

Eagles are looking at 'Charismatic Critters'

They are continuing to work on these topics and here are a few further highlights:

Kingfishers class (years 4 & 5) had a very enjoyable, but extremely cold, outing to White Horse Hill at Uffington. Due to the cold and the wind, sadly, no Adonis Blue butterflies were to be seen. These were the butterflies that covered the lion, carved out of the chalk hillside, in 'The Butterfly Lion'. They also have a visit planned to The Cotswold Wildlife Park to spend time looking at the park from a conservation point of view, again directly related to 'The Butterfly Lion'. Let's hope it's a bit warmer! Eagles Class (years 5 & 6) thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Natural History Museum in London. They invited parents ➔

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A team of children from Key Stage 2 was finally able to compete against other local schools in the Vale In2Hockey competition at Tilsley Park. This had been previously cancelled due to flooding and then freezing conditions so the children involved were very keen to finally have a go. Their efforts paid off as they did the school proud - getting into the semi-finals and being beaten there by just one goal!

DRAYTON 1ST BROWNIES

Annette Mitchell

Congratulations to Yasmine and Grace who took their Brownie Promise and who are now part of our thriving pack! But we said a sad goodbye to Jessica and Gracie who have now left and we wish them all the best for the future.

We celebrated our Thinking Day dressed up as different people from around the world and sharing different types of food from other countries. We remembered Melissa in Australia and we all wrote her letters about what we have been doing.

Of course we did not forget Mothers Day either! The Brownies designed flower arrangements, bookmarks and cards to take home.

We had a very special lady visit the Brownies who spends a lot of her time on film sets making up actors and actresses, some very famous ones too!! Jules Moore brought along some brilliant photos to share with us and also her suitcase of makeup to show the Brownies that the blood and horrible injuries they see on the film set is all made up, probably by her! So, much to the shock of some parents, a few Brownies went home with black eyes, cuts and grazes. They had a fabulous time and we would like to thank Jules for the time she spent with us.

If you have a talent or hobby you would like to share with us please get in contact we would love to hear from you!

We are an extremely busy Brownie group and at the moment we do not have any room until next year. But please put your daughters name down on our waiting list then she will get in sooner rather than later. Don't wait until they turn 7!

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.

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BOWLS CLUB

Roll up

We start these notes with really sad news, with Jean (Mullins) losing her long battle with cancer. Jean will be sorely missed; not only was she one of the top bowlers in the club, winning 'The Ladies Singles' on more than 10 occasions, representing the county on many occasions in various formats of the game, i.e. pairs, triples, fours, but most of all she would be the first to volunteer to aid any of the many functions held by the club. She will be a great loss, and our sympathies are with Tony and his family at this sad time.

On a brighter note 'The Wasps' are in a good position to retain the afternoon triple league. With 6 games to play they have a 12 point lead, but with 8 points at stake each game there is still a long way to go. 'The Rollers' are in 3rd place, still with an outside chance of getting to the top and 'The Hammers' are mid table. In the evening league 'The Dynamos' have improved their position and are now around mid table.

The first of the internal competitions got underway with 'The Wally Weightman Triples'; 4 teams made it through to finals day. The 'rose bowl triple' leagues Monday and Wednesday have both started and will run through until May. The next competition will be 'The Henry Bunce' handicap pairs this will take place on 24th February.

DRAYTON WIVES

Gwen Price

In January Josie Midwinter gave us a very interesting talk on Drayton School log books. She had done a lot of research and had the log books in good order. They went back hundreds of years including a girl's school at Lime Close. All sorts of things were included in the log books; when the child started, the names of the teachers, their absences especially at times when they were needed to help on the land. ➔

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DATES for March:

Mon 11th COFFEE: Eileen, Pam, Rosemary

Thurs 14th WALK: in the Blewbury area.

Mon 18th WHIST: Helen

Mon 27th TALK: About the Shakey Islands, in New Zealand, given by Gill Carey

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DRAYTON 2020

STEERING GROUP REPORT **Richard Williams**

The four original working groups: Look and Feel, Transport, Work and Play, and Sustainability, with the recently added Housing Working Group, have all generated a lot of ideas and produced working papers as a basis for further discussions. Each was asked to draft a 'vision statement', summarising what it was trying to achieve and these in turn led to an 'overarching' vision statement. These are:

Look & Feel	To create a cohesive and coherent look and feel to the overall plan for the village that helps integrate the residents and gives Drayton a real identity.
Transport	To make it easier for all residents of the village to travel in and around, and stop in the village more safely and easily and improve transport links to surrounding towns and villages.
Work and Play	To promote and enhance work and leisure facilities in Drayton to meet the needs of all ages of resident, thus making the village a place where more residents can fulfil their requirements for living, work and play.
Sustainability	To ensure the long-term sustainability of the village, its buildings and its environment for benefit of future generations
Housing	To ensure that any housing development meets the needs of Drayton's inhabitants, fits into the character of the village and ensures the viability and sustainability of the village

Leading to a draft overall vision:

'Drayton 2020's aim is for Drayton village to be home to a thriving working community that is strongly linked to its environment and to its neighbours. Drayton should be a place that has its own identity, in which any future development adds to the quality of life of all of Drayton's residents'.

Housing is expected to be the most contentious issue facing the village in the near future and some residents will have noticed surveying activity going on in a couple of sites, but it should be emphasised this is nothing to do with Drayton 2020. Moreover, no site, whether for housing or any other type of use, e.g. recreational, will be formally identified in the Plan without prior consultation with the village as a whole. However, the Steering Group feels that we now need to speak to landowners to see what sort of development, if any, they are likely to support. Some of them put up specific sites last year for 'screening' as part of the Vale's Interim Housing Supply Policy. These sites are still 'on the table' although the IHSP was abandoned, and the Steering Group wishes to investigate any other potential site which might be put forward for development in the foreseeable future. The main landowners in Drayton have all been contacted. ➔



➔ Although the Drayton 2020 team believes that properly planned development could bring many positive benefits to the village, there will undoubtedly be residents who are not convinced, and some who would rather not see any new development (at least not new housing) in Drayton at all.

For those who see our Neighbourhood Development Plan as unwelcome, it is worth asking what would happen if we did not have a Plan. The only thing we can be sure of is that not having an NDP would not remove the pressure to take housing. Central government is insisting that more houses be built, and rightly so; new housing starts have been woefully low under governments of all political persuasions for far too long, which is one of the reasons we have a chronic housing shortage in the UK, coupled with absurdly high house prices which push the chances of buying a house almost beyond the reach of most first-time buyers.

The Vale does not have a 5-year housing supply, which is a requirement under planning law. It also does not have a current Local Plan in place. These last two factors mean that almost any site in the Vale which is available for development, could also be vulnerable to speculative and/or predatory planning applications.

Drayton's Housing Needs Survey identified a need for some smaller properties, 1 and 2 bedroom, not to the exclusion of larger properties, but at the moment, developers' preference is often weighted in favour of 'executive' homes because these tend to be more profitable. What would seem to be needed is more balance, so that at one end of the scale, there are affordable properties for those getting onto the housing ladder; while at the other end, smaller properties are available for people whose families have grown up and left home and who are currently living in properties which are too big for them. Some of these people would like to stay in the village but downsize; yet they cannot do so because the smaller properties do not exist. We also know that family sizes are getting smaller, and more adults, whether by choice or necessity, are living on their own than ever before. This means that we have to build more houses, in effect, just to stand still. Not everyone wishes to live in large towns and cities, and although these will take the bulk of new housing, it is unrealistic to expect them to take it all. The view of the Drayton 2020 team is that it is pointless to resist all development, but that a Neighbourhood Plan will help us to resist inappropriate development and give local people - residents of Drayton - a say in what sort of housing we take and where. The housing may be necessary for its own sake, but we hope that it will bring other improvements to the village with it, and this column will say more about the other aspects of the Plan next month. ➔

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⇒ In the meantime, if you wish to be kept up to date with our progress, please contact the Parish Clerk via the Drayton 2020 website: draytontwentytwenty@gmail.com Steering Group meetings are also open to any Drayton residents, and are held on alternate Friday evenings in the Caudwell Centre in Gravel Lane at 7pm.

The next Steering Group meeting after publication of this Chronicle is on Friday 8th March – and it would be great to see you there.

2020 TRANSPORT GROUP

John Sheppard



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THE LITTLE BOOK OF BIG SCAMS Una McBreen

Fraud costs the British economy £73 billion a year and criminals use a number of sophisticated scams to try and snare victims. Thames Valley Police has recently produced a helpful booklet which aims to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of fraud.

The Little Book of Big Scams, which includes a foreword from Esther Rantzen, includes sections on identity fraud, scam mail, door-to-door scams and internet scams. As well as details of different types of frauds, there are a number of helpful hints, case studies and **10 golden rules to avoid becoming a victim.**

The booklet also gives details on where to go to get help and how to report fraud if you do become a victim.

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GARD

Nick Thompson

We are now approaching the time for production of the next Thames Water draft Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP14). It is only about eighteen months since the flawed 2009 Plan was finally amended and approved by Defra after our successful challenge at the 2010 Public Inquiry.

GARD's consultants have been monitoring the subsequent research and the preparations Thames Water are making for their next draft and there is no doubt that GARD has had considerable influence. We will not know whether the new plan will include the Upper Thames Reservoir (UTR) until early April 2013, after the draft has been approved by Thames Water and Defra. However, the available evidence seems to point to the conclusion that, for this next plan, the additional demand for water will be met without the need for a major additional resource. The Thames Water draft strategy, which has been released, and will shortly be available for public consultation, also points to this deduction. In the short term this seems to be good news, but it is also evident that Thames Water will be seeking to create or develop a major new source of water to meet demand in their 2019 plan. The resource will have to cater for the additional needs of much of the South East. It is clear that the UTR will be a strong contender.

The research needed for the Severn Thames Transfer schemes has not been completed, although it was forecast to be available to us last November. The continued absence of information seems to confirm that a major resource is not required for this next plan – otherwise Thames Water would have had to do a detailed analysis of this option. Further research on conventional treatments of reused water is still in progress and if positive would represent another viable and sustainable option.

AUTISM ALERT CARD SCHEME Paul Gregory

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Thames Valley Police is arranging for all Police Community Support Officers [PCSO] to receive training this spring, in how best they might help people on the autism spectrum with whom they come into contact.

The Autism Alert card is available free to anyone in Oxfordshire who has autism or Asperger's syndrome. For more information call **0844 381 4484**, visit **www.autismoxford.org.uk** or email **alertcard@autismoxford.org.uk**

Stop Press: We have just learned that Drayton's Karen Sharman, whose little boy, Arthur, is autistic, is taking part in the Good Friday triathlon at Radley College to raise money for OASIS (Oxfordshire Autistic Society Information & Support). You can support Karen on **http://www.justgiving.com/karen-sharman**

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PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Williams

Report of the meeting held on Monday 4th February 2013



5 members of the public attended this meeting. Ken Oliver, who works for Wiltshire County Council as a Canal Officer, spoke about the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust and explained how the trust is committed to returning the historic waterway to a navigable state. The towpath will be restored to provide wildlife habitats, cycle ways and routes for walkers, along what could eventually become a long-distance footpath connecting three counties. The restored

canal would re-establish an important link in the national waterways network, but as most Drayton residents will be aware, Thames Water's plans to build a new reservoir west of Steventon have not gone away despite their original proposals being rejected. If the reservoir ever goes ahead it will inevitably affect the restoration of the canal, as a large section of the historic canal route passes through the proposed site. To cover that possibility, the Trust has been working with the designers of the reservoir scheme to provide an alternative route for the canal. As part of Drayton's Neighbourhood Plan, the Drayton 2020 Steering Group have been looking at the existing footpaths and cycle ways around the village and considering how they might be improved or extended, and the canal project obviously links in with this.

Simon Murray asked for the Parish Council's help in getting a street light repaired. The light is located on the junction of Marcham Road and Whitehorns Way and evidently has not been functioning for some while. The junction is very dark at night and potentially dangerous for pedestrians. There appears to be a problem with the underground power supply cable, and Oxfordshire County Council is understood to be in discussion with Scottish and Southern Energy, who claim that the cable is not theirs. The Parish Council undertook to contact OCC Street Lighting for an update on the situation.

It was noted that the Parish Clerk had arranged a meeting with the surrounding parish and town councils to discuss common issues (housing, transport, the reservoir etc) relating to neighbourhood planning. This meeting took place on 11th February and was attended by councillors from Sutton Courtenay, Marcham, Steventon, and Abingdon Town Council. There was a vigorous discussion of the issues and general concern was expressed over the Vale's present lack of a Local Plan and the problems this was creating in regard to housing development. It was further noted that the proposed development of 170 houses in South Abingdon (south of Preston Road and east of the Drayton Road), though refused planning permission by the Vale, has now gone to appeal with the Secretary of State. Should the Vale's refusal be overturned by central government this would not only have a considerable impact on Abingdon and the surrounding villages: it would, in Drayton 2020's view, render the government's commitment to the localism agenda worthless. The Vale invited comments on its website regarding the original application and these will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration at the appeal. If any other Drayton residents wish to comment on this development, they may still do so until 15th March 2013, either:

- in writing, to The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/13, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN, or
- online at www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals the planning portal website:

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Although this may sound a lot of effort, it is well worthwhile as local views do carry weight, and probably contributed to the Vale's decision to refuse planning permission in the first place. The appeal will be heard at a public enquiry, the date of which has yet to be arranged.

All enquiries for the Parish Council should be sent to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, either to draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061. Any Drayton resident may also ask to be added to the Clerk's emailing 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, which also carries back copies of the Drayton Chronicle, information on Drayton 2020, and details of other events in the village.

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th March 2013, at 7.30pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Drayton. As ever, all are invited to attend.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Richard Webber

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Throughout the 1950s my family made trips from Worcestershire to Sussex to visit my grandparents. For some reason, I can remember a lot about those trips, mainly that they were long, boring and I suffered from severe car sickness. I remember making faces at the grumpy looking woman in the car that had just driven into the back of us outside the 'new' Harwell Research Station. I can remember the huge traffic jams in Abingdon. I even remember the village (Steventon) with a beautiful green. Of Drayton I can remember nothing at all. It was just one more featureless place we drove through on the way to Sussex. Even today, Drayton is a village which most people just drive through on the way to somewhere else. Its most attractive, memorable features are hidden from the passing motorist. It is a village rarely described as beautiful or memorable but it just happens to be the place where I have spent the last 38 years of my life. When we 'long term' residents are pressed, it is obvious that we have all grown to love and care for this drab little village in which we live. We would like to see it less drab and more noticeable, but above all, we would like to ensure its future for our children and grandchildren. We want the village, as far as possible, to be viable in its own right.



The modern buzz word for this is:

'Sustainability':

No village the size of ours is ever going to be fully sustainable. To achieve it, we would need our own secondary school and enough businesses within the village to employ most of the adult residents. We are always going to depend on Abingdon, Didcot, Harwell, Milton Park etc for schools, employment, power, waste disposal and so on. It is a fact, however, that if we were more sustainable, we would be less a place that people drive through and more a fully-functioning community than we are now. We have too little employment, and hence too many people driving to and from work elsewhere. We have no 'real heart' to the village, no central village green, too many under-occupied large houses and too few of the smaller houses that modern society needs.

Making the village a place where more of its residents do not just live, but work, rest, play, grow old and yes, even die, is what sustainability is about. It does not mean vast amounts of extra housing – but it does mean acknowledging that modern day Drayton is far from ideal and there is much we could do to improve it. That is why we are creating a Neighbourhood Plan.

Noticeable Drayton:

We may not be much to look at, *yet*. However, Drayton and its Neighbourhood Plan are becoming the centre of attention in the District. We are the first, and so far the only, village to undertake one. Steventon, Sutton Courtenay, Marcham, Shrivenham, Watchfield and Kingston Bagpuize are all watching our progress closely. Neighbourhood Plans are a new idea under the Localism Act. No-one knows how well they will work and exactly how much clout they will have but all those other villages have been subject to large scale planning applications in the past few months and cannot exert much influence. With its lack of five-year land supply, the Vale has found it difficult to refuse them. Kingston Bagpuize and Watchfield are due to grow out of all recognition. Where and how they grow is being decided by landowners and developers. To the enormous credit of Drayton's landowners, this village has not been subject to such large scale applications. It is not that the village is against development, those involved in the Neighbourhood Plan accept that growth in Drayton is as inevitable as in all the other villages. However, the Neighbourhood Plan team is encouraging all landowners to talk to and engage with

them. Those that choose not to do so, cannot be part of the plan. And remember that whatever our plan proposes has to be approved in a village referendum.

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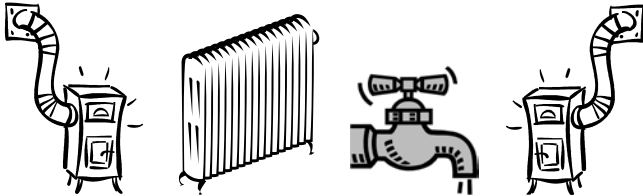
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Ed Vaizey



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There is more general information about what is involved in being a trustee at trusteesweek.blogspot.co.uk/p/becoming-trustee. It may not be as complicated or difficult as you think, so do have a look. If you are interested, you might like to look at the trustee finder service (www.trusteenet.org.uk/jobs-search) which allows people to enter areas of interest and run a postcode search so they can find opportunities in their local area. If becoming a trustee is more of a commitment than you want to make at the moment, then why not consider volunteering with one of your local charities?

With many constituents thinking about their summer holidays at the moment, I wanted to draw attention to two key changes which Parliament has recently agreed to the Air Travel Organisers' License (ATOL) scheme. The scheme is there to protect people against the risk of their travel company going bust; ensuring they can continue their holiday and return home safely if the company collapses whilst they are away; or providing refunds if they're yet to travel. The first change will widen protection and help people understand when they are protected. Holidays known by the industry as 'Flight-Plus' are now included in the scheme, as well as traditional package holidays. 'Flight-Plus' booking is one that includes a flight plus accommodation and/or car hire, so long as these separate parts of the holiday are booked with the same company and within a day of each other.

The second change agreed by Parliament saw the introduction of the ATOL certificate; offering consumers greater clarity on how their holiday is protected. Anyone who books an ATOL-protected trip will now receive an ATOL certificate from their travel company as soon as they make any payment. The certificate tells them what is protected, who is protecting it and what to do if something goes wrong. I hope that both of these changes will help constituents to feel more confident that they are properly protected.

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Mon	11	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery deadline	<i>Vickery's</i>
		5.00 pm	Chronicle copy deadline	<i>Vickery's box</i>
Fri	08	7.00 pm	2020 Steering Group	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>

St Peter's Drayton Easter 2013



PALM SUNDAY - Sunday 24th March

8am Holy Communion

10am Dramatic Reading of the Passion Story

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP – Saturday 30th March

10:30 am - 12 noon, Making Easter Gardens

MAUNDY THURSDAY-Thursday 28th March

9:30 am Holy Communion

7:30 pm Foot/hand washing and Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday 29th March

10am Ecumenical Service: Procession from the Baptist church, round the village, to St Peter's church.

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MONDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Pilates Class – also at 11.30 am	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Youthers (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>
8.30 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>
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>
1.45 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	

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>

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