

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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DAMASCUS – Better News!

No, not the usual litany of bad news from the daily tragedies in Syria. The DAMASCUS Youth Project runs youth activities in five local villages:- Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon (hence ‘DAMASCUS’).

This report from Gary Hibbins :- SUMMER is coming! Our street-work team have been out and about running various different projects. They have also worked with several groups planning all the summer work - we have sports projects, community empowerment events, young leadership schemes and many other fun activities happening throughout the summer holidays.

You will also see us out and about on street corners, play parks, etc with our gazebo - pop along and say “hi”.

Our street-work team are on hand to support with any issues you may have - you might just want to come and have a chat and a drink. We would also encourage any adult to come and say hi if they see us out (it’s ok, we won’t try and sign you up to things!).

It’s always nice to meet the whole community and we know young people appreciate it when they have adult engagement.

For more details on any of the projects/events we are working with young people on, **please do contact** Ryan Tappin (07446 027858), or Gary Hibbins (07799 014676) or email us on askgazz.ycat@gmail.com

DAMASCUS sessions are scheduled to return to Drayton Hall in September, look out for more details in forthcoming Chronicles.

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A new surprisingly **sophisticated card fraud** is on the rise, where customers are duped into revealing their PIN and handing over their card to a fake courier. The scam sounds simple, but it’s deceived many who were aware of attempts to gain bank details.

In this sting, the criminals phone the customer claiming to be someone from the bank, they say that the debit or credit card needs to be collected and replaced following a fraud on their account. **The new twist** is that the caller suggests that the customer hangs up and calls the bank back to check the call is genuine. But in fact the caller stays on the line, using special phone technology and tricking the customer into thinking they are calling their bank.

In the next stage of the scam (the customer sure they are talking to their bank), the caller asks the customer to key in their PIN number, before sending a courier round to collect the card. The card is then used together with the PIN to withdraw funds.

The specialist police unit that tackles such card fraud say “If you have friends or relatives who may be vulnerable, please help them to be more aware of the potential risks - if you are the innocent victim of card fraud you will not suffer any financial loss”.

Never hand over your card. Never share your PIN: your bank will never ask you to enter your PIN into the phone. Always speak to the bank securely, make sure you can hear the dial tone and only ever call your bank on an advertised number.

The Countdown Begins

Your Drayton 2020 Questionnaire is coming, and will be delivered in early July

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COMING CHRONICLES

The **AUGUST Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday July 26th**, from **Helen Brasington (534045)**, 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, July 15th 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 July 12th, 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
Derek Pooley >>>	derek_pooley@talk21.com
David Lee >>>	david_r.lee@ntlworld.com
Tony Holmes >>>	tony-holmes@ntlworld.com

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

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

THE FOLLOWING TWO MONTHS		
Issue for	Copy for publication by Mondays (nb Agents Lottery Packs Fri before)	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Fridays:-
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Oct	16 Sept	27 Sept

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£10	S Hutchinson, 23 Binning Close	Cathy Norris
£10	Kath & Les Quaterman, 2 Eastway Pk	Teresa Burnage
£10	Mr Easthope, 138 Whitehorns Way	Mirja Boyd
£10	Mr Etwell, 17 Cornville Road	Vickery's
£10	Mr & Mrs Roberts, 14 Steventon Rd	Judy Henman
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ALL AROUND

Drayton BOWLS Club 'Roll-Up'

52 Members had a very enjoyable day out to celebrate 25 years since the bowls club started, they were taken by coach to Lechlade garden centre and then on to 'The Windmill' restaurant at Burford where they enjoyed a two course lunch before being driven home; the day out was organized by June and Jane, and our thanks go to them for a very nice day out.

With no teams in the summer league things are a little quiet, but the internal competitions are continuing and we have three results from recent tournaments, firstly the 'Rose Bowl' triple leagues are at the final stage where the Monday winners, who were Marjorie Strachan, Len Smith and Bryn Jones, will play the Wednesday winners who were Jim Bray, Ian Norris and Chris Smith. Also played was 'The Doreen Jones' never-won singles, and going through to play the final will be Ian Norris and Cyril Carter. 'The Don Alexander' triple final will be contested by Val Locke, Carol Smith and Bob Strachan, who will play Bryn Jones, Ian Norris and Pat Mitchenson - all these matches will be completed on finals day, December 15th.

The annual general meeting was held on June 26th, the details of which will be forthcoming in our next notes.

NB the club are still looking for new members and anyone thinking of joining should call in at one of our sessions, held Monday and Thursday 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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DRAYTON WIVES Gwen Price

Our expected speaker was unable to come so at the last minute Josie Midwinter stepped in and gave us a very interesting and sometimes amusing talk on her family tree. She called it 'From workhouse to grocers shop'. It was very revealing, tracing the dreadful conditions of people, including her ancestors, who had to go into the workhouse.

The final chapter of her story was her father's grocery shop near the station in Didcot where Josie was brought up.

DATES for July:-

Mon 8th	COFFEE	Liz, Ann H.
Fri 12th	WALK	in the Farnborough area
Mon 15th	WHIST	Cathy Norris
Wed 31st	MEETING	A talk, and demonstration of crafts, given by Di Chesterman

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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 All-age 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 JULY

Tues	2nd	3.00 pm	1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room
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PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms	May 19th	George Paul Malin
	June 2nd	Jessie Ania, Evie Esme, Charlie Sidney, Archie George and Henry Albert Gibbard
	June 2nd	Poppy Elizabeth Oliver

YOU STAY – WE PRAY (April)

June 30th to July 14th: Steventon Road; Eastway; Eastway MHP

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Dear Friends,

Well, by the time you read this I will have started my maternity leave. Over the last few weeks, as the bump has grown, I've had to physically slow down and ask others for help. Church life continues, there are still births, deaths and marriages, but things have to be done at a different pace. Being forced to 'slow down' is contrary to my nature, my husband is the laid-back one, I just seem to rush around spinning many different plates. But slowing down reminds me afresh that it's not about what gets done, it's not about constantly balancing job, home and family, it's about learning again to rest, to be content in God's grace, and to give the burdens and responsibilities back to God.

In the Bible the concept for rest comes from Sabbath, one day a week, when everyone would stop working, which didn't just mean swapping work jobs for home/family jobs. Jews, in Biblical times, were not allowed to cook, do house work, walk too far, even lift or carry something. But it was more than physically having to stop 'doing things', it was about being refreshed, enjoying the fruits of our labour, the created world we live in, and enjoying God. The whole point of Sabbath is joy in what God has done and enjoying time with him.

My being refreshed and your being refreshed will require different things. Whether it be solitude or coffee shops, sports or gardening, what allows you to recharge your batteries and how often do you allow yourself time to do it?

I hope to continue to see people around the village during the next year, so please do stop and chat. St Peter's Church will continue as normal during my maternity leave with a number of different priests taking services and a team of amazing lay people who continue to serve. For any church-related enquiries, like baptisms, burials, weddings, then in the first instance please contact the church wardens:- Valerie Cross (01235) 535183, or Colin Arnold (01235) 531923.

God Bless

Revd Rebecca Peters

(NB If you are interested in investigating the Christian faith, or finding out more about Jesus, then please do – in my absence - contact our associate priest or the wardens as described above).

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(MORE) ALL AROUND

Drayton 1st Brownies

Ruth Hudson

We have had a really busy term working towards the Brownie tradition badge. Activities we have done include French skipping, clapping songs, sewing Tudor rose cushions, country dancing and baking. The Brownies performed two traditional country dances at the school fair, well done to all the girls who took part, you were fantastic! Also thanks to the girls who helped run the Brownie store at this event. Another project planned and run by the brownies was an evening where they entertained parents with dancing and singing, refreshments were served and made by the Brownies doing their hostess badge. End of term party on the 10th of July is always a boisterous fun event our theme this year is Wild, Wet and Wacky lets hope the weather is kind to us.

My thanks go to Lauren, Annie, Connie, Hannah, Helen, Caroline and Holly for all the help and support they give to the Brownie sessions and Phoebe and Georgina for past help. Also thanks to the parent helpers and of course Esther Deabil (Tawny Owl) and Annette Mitchell (Barn Owl) and also I would like to thank our husbands who put up with all our Brownie events and solved our storage problems for all our Brownie gear, so David, Mark and David thank you.

I hope everyone has a super summer holiday. We are already making preparations for next year's agenda. We have four new girls joining our pack and we start back on the 11th September. Look forward to seeing everyone again.

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 Deabil (Tawny Owl) on 01235 528502

Annette Mitchell (Barn Owl) on 01235 555216

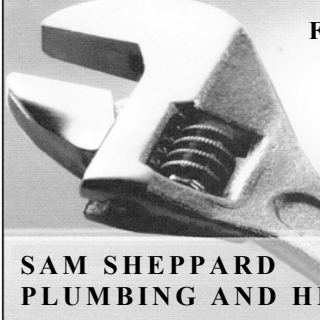
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Drayton ART GROUP

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Our well-organised Annual Exhibition and Sale was held on June 2nd. Appreciation must be given to all those kind willing helpers who set-up and ran the stalls. Several fine paintings were purchased by visitors.

An exercise whereby each member of the group copied a painting of the Dutch Master Vermeer's 'Girl with a Pearl Earring' proved most interesting, and these were shown in a row, not all exactly the same of course!

We have some intriguing subjects coming up in the next few weeks, - there are still a few vacancies in the group and beginners are very welcome. We meet in the Caudwell Day Centre, Tuesdays at 1.45pm.

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- 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

We welcome Tina and Phil to Lockway and hope that they will be happy living here.

Congratulations - from Margaret Cox - to Katie & Danny Hoyle (Whitehorns Way) on the safe arrival of my first great-grand-child 'Jasper Daniel'.

Margaret welcomes you to Sabina's for your next hair appointment

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WESTMINSTER VIEW

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

In recent weeks I have had one or two constituents e-mail me to ask why I do not discuss either national or controversial local issues in this newsletter. Since I'm writing for all my constituents, I try to stay off national topics, because I do not want to be accused of using this space to push political propaganda! Those of you who have written to me on national issues know that I respond quickly and in detail setting out my position.

I try to include local news where relevant, but I have not covered the vexed subject of planning. This is without doubt the major issue in the constituency at the moment, with many people writing to me to express their concerns about the number of developments being proposed. I have set out my views in some detail here www.wantageandgrove.org/ed-vaizey.php - this statement is now on some other parish web sites.

I am pleased that the Vale Council has appointed a new head of planning, and two new planning officers. I am also writing to the **Planning Minister** to ask him to **clarify whether housing numbers override local planning considerations**. In too many cases, it seems, the Vale is approving proposals which do not fit local planning considerations because, they claim, they need to reach their housing targets. I want to get some clarity from the Government on whether this is right or not.

Finally, related to this issue, I am delighted that the Department for Transport has allocated £5 million to help sort out the **Milton Interchange on the A34**. This junction is a significant 'pinch point' which has long needed addressing. The scheme will improve the operation and increase capacity, by providing a 'hamburger' style roundabout like those which have so improved the traffic flows around the Oxford bypass. It should enable the junction to operate effectively even with planned growth in traffic, and help all of us living and working in the area.

Although I don't comment on national issues, I do highlight every month what is in my postbag, so you have some idea of the issues of concern. This month has been dominated by proposals for a **badger cull**. The spread of bovine TB and the climate change issues that have arisen from the passage of the energy bill have produced around 300 emails and letters between them. Bovine TB is a serious disease which is spreading faster and faster. It cost the taxpayer £500 million in the last 10 years. One part of the current solution being used by the Govt is the controlled culling of badgers because it's the most immediately effective measure. (Editor's note – if readers have doubts about the "immediately effective" phrase, which is at least contentious, if not plain inaccurate, then please contact Ed Vaizey, not us!).

The Govt has also funded and developed an injectable badger vaccine but this has its limitations. It involves trapping badgers and repeating the process annually for many years. (Editor's note – some more research into why some areas of the UK apparently have plenty badgers, but little Bovine TB, and vice-versa, might be appropriate?)

On the Energy Bill, the Government is committed to decarbonising the UK's energy supplies, but this must be at the lowest overall cost for consumers because energy bills are a big concern for struggling families at the moment. Carbon saving has created a business sector that is now worth £122 billion and employs close to a million people, so being pro-business and anti-carbon is making more sense in modern politics.

If you need to get in touch with me, telephone 020 7219 6350, write to me, c/o House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or you can e-mail me on vaizeye@parliament.uk; the Website is www.vaizey.com with up to date news and surgery details (Fridays at 5.30, next are July 5th, King Alfred Drive Community Centre, Didcot, and July 19th, Wantage Civic Hall)

YOUR LETTERS

SKYDIVE for the BLIND!

Dear Sir, 12 Eastway CP

This July, my daughter and I are undertaking the challenge of a tandem skydive to raise funds for the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind.

I am partially sighted, and know the difficulties that sight impairment can bring on a daily basis. The OAB is a small, local charity that works hard to provide advice, info and support to thousands of visually impaired adults and children across Oxfordshire.

If you'd like to support us, donations and sponsor details can be left at Vickery's store on Drayton Green, with collection boxes at both the Red Lion & Wheatsheaf.

Teresa Burnage (01235 554571)



Grateful Thanks

Dear Sir, Abingdon Road

May we please say Thank You to all our family, friends and neighbours for all their support, cards and flowers.

Since my illness and especially since the burglary.

Kind Regards Geoff and Moyra Oram



Diabetic Pump - & Coffee Morning

Dear Sir, 41 Steventon Road

I'd like to say a HUGE thank-you to everyone who supported Teresa and myself on our 3 mile walk in aid of Ruby, aged 3, who needs a Diabetic pump.

We raised £550, an unbelievable amount, and a great start towards the £5,000 needed; Ruby's family have now almost £2,000 towards it.

NB **I'm also holding a coffee morning**, with raffle, bric-a-brac stall, etc, at the Caudwell Day Centre on July 13th.

Yours Helen Sainsbury

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Grateful Thanks – from Dottie

Dear Sir, Steventon (**?)

I'd like to say a BIG, BIG THANK YOU, to everyone that knows me in Drayton, for their kindness and warm feelings they have for me.

I'm out of hospital, and 'getting there' with all their help – I cannot thank you all enough!

Yours Sincerely Dottie Lister

PS Special thanks to all the young ones who get in the Red Lion – love you all.

NB** This letter came in without contact details, but we've done some detective work and added Dottie's surname, and we think she may now live in Steventon.

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Richard Webber

As a VWHDC Councillor, I am well aware of how the planning system in the UK operates. Under current conditions, it is under more pressure now than it has been for years. Planning, as many know, is a District issue, but as your County Councillor, I have already had the opportunity to view the system from another angle and to see ways in which it is, in my view, in dire need of revision.

At the recent planning meeting to consider the Milton Road (Redrow) application, I requested permission to speak on your behalf. I wanted to ask if the results of the surveys into traffic and education, produced by 'Keep Sutton Courtenay Rural', had been considered by the County Transport and Education Officers, and had KSCR seen reasons why their conclusions had been rejected. I was told that County Councillors had no right to speak at Planning Meetings except as members of the public, and, as such would be taking up some of the '3 minutes' available to the Parish Council and KSCR combined. Three minutes was so little time that the PC and KSCR Reps had to go at such a pace that it was almost impossible to follow their arguments.

As the Parish Councillor representative on a neighbouring Parish – heavily affected by extra traffic generation in Sutton Courtenay – I requested the opportunity to explain their concerns. Again I was told that I would have to use up some of the precious 3 minutes. So I tried again, in my capacity as a District Councillor for a neighbouring Ward. Same answer. If Sutton Courtenay PC, KSCR, and almost all the 20 or so village residents present were frustrated and not a little angry at the way the meeting was conducted, I certainly knew where they were coming from.

Planning is such a contentious subject at present, it is essential that the process maintains its integrity, and is seen as open, fair and as quasi-judicial as possible. It should have nothing to do with party politics and everything to do with planning law. It must allow the public the time to present sensible argument and evidence, and where such argument and evidence is rejected by statutory authorities, it is clearly explained to them why. All this particularly applies to major housing applications. If this makes planning meetings longer, so be it.

I will be working closely with the District Councillors for Sutton Courtenay and Marcham in an effort to ensure that the public is given more time, respect and rather more credit in future, and that these issues are understood by both VWHDC and OCC. As your County Councillor, I will be pressing for the same principles to be applied to county planning applications – at least there I will be allowed to open my mouth!

If you have feeling on this or any other County issue you would like me to hear, **please contact me** (if you have not already done so!) on 01235 534001 or Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com



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{Editor's note :- Credit where credit is due, Richard has only been a County Cllr for a few weeks, but **already** he's got OCC's Highways Lighting dept to repair the long busted (18 months +?) street lamp at the junction of Marcham Rd and Whitehorns Way. Although doubtless Richard would modestly say it had little to do with him, surely it can't be a coincidence?!}

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District Councillor - Challenging Times

There are pros and cons to living near Oxfordshire's second largest town. We are all aware of Abingdon's traffic problems, its new, (most say improved), but as yet, rather empty shopping precinct, its poor air quality and so on. It took me some time to realise that we, in Drayton, do not contribute to many of Abingdon's facilities (The Guildhall, the full cost of maintaining the Outdoor Swimming Pool, many of the Parks etc). The good people of Abingdon bear most of those costs - living in Abingdon would cost every Drayton homeowner roughly £70 more per year on their Council Tax.

However, most of us live in Drayton, not because it's £70pa cheaper, but because we like our semi-rural existence, our relative peace and quiet, and we enjoy living in a community small enough to allow most people to know most people. For most of us, far more important than the £70pa saving, is the need to keep Drayton's own benefits intact. Those few fields, which separate us from Abingdon, (and from Steventon, Sutton Courtenay and Milton) are very precious to us. We do not wish to become an Abingdon suburb thank you very much.

Our neighbouring villages feel the same way. In a perfect world, we would all like to remain in our comfortable, safe Oxfordshire idyll. We can countenance internal changes and improvements, but most of us would rather not have any more houses thank you. So why then are we all under so much pressure to build, build, build?

Westminster number-crunchers give us a number of reasons:-

1. That our homes now house on average 2.1 people (down from 2.9 only a few years ago).
2. People are living ever longer.
3. There has been an ever-increasing gap between the number of homes we are building and the number that are needed.
4. This has forced house prices up and up to the point where most young people who want homes cannot afford them.
5. The wealthier the area, the more acute is this problem.
6. House prices are becoming ever-more unaffordable in precisely the areas where there are more jobs.

Of course we should be building more homes in the North of England. But there are no jobs there (one reason for a high speed rail link – but that's another argument). We have a major problem for the next 20 years and we need a twenty-year solution.

We are lucky enough to live in a prosperous part of the UK, and one that has every prospect of becoming more so. Our Enterprise Zone (Milton/Harwell/Culham) will be providing employment for many people. Our problem is how do we offer them affordable homes whilst maintaining the integrity of our ancient villages, and at the same time ensure that we have the infrastructure (the roads, the schools, etc) to support us all?

Challenging times - and Drayton is right in the middle of them, in every sense (& to contact Richard on District Council matters, see the contact details in his County Council text).

PARISH COUNCIL (Richard Williams)

Report of the Parish Council AGM held on Monday May 13th, and the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday June 3rd.

As usual at the AGM, councillors were elected to the various posts they will serve in for the coming year. **Daniel Scharf** remains Chairman, and most other positions are also unchanged, with one notable exception. This was **Jennifer Pooley's last meeting as a councillor after having served the Parish Council for 10 years**, and Jenny's departure leaves a gap that will be very difficult to fill.

Jenny's main role over the last few years has been as Chair of the Rights of Way committee, which as the name suggests, has responsibility for the network of bridleways and footpaths in and around Drayton. Obviously, some aspects of footpath maintenance can be dealt with by the village caretaker, but others, such as large-scale flytipping, the repair of infrastructure, like fences, gates and stiles, or the provision of signage, may require the intervention of other authorities, usually in this case, Oxfordshire County Council. However, even establishing which department of which council (County or District) is responsible for a particular matter can sometimes be an exasperating task, so it is invaluable to have someone on the PC prepared to put in the time and effort necessary to take it on. **Jenny is a sturdy fighter on behalf of this village**, and has sorted out many seemingly intractable problems by politely but persistently badgering the relevant authorities until they had to take notice and act. **Her hard work and tenacity will be much missed on Drayton Parish Council.**

At the June meeting, one more new councillor was co-opted on to the Parish Council (following Pat Athawes last month) and so we also extend **a warm welcome to Mark Jesson**, whose interests in ecology and the environment will certainly boost the PC's knowledge base in those areas. On the subject of the environment it was noted that the grass cutting in Hilliat Fields has been very erratic this last month (although in the last few days, as of writing this, the grass contractors have been observed at work again in the area). The responsibility for cutting the grass rests with OCC, who apparently supplied a very out of date map to the contractors last year. Despite promising to remedy that mistake, OCC seem instead to have repeated it. Richard Webber undertook to investigate further. →>>

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As this month's report seems to have a predominantly ecological theme, it may be worth mentioning that a recent 'State of Nature' report refers to councils being overzealous in their maintenance of verges, or in their programme of grass cutting generally. The report suggests that some areas are best cut once a year only, preferably in late summer, as this encourages the growth of wildflowers, which in turn promotes more bird and insect life, so increasing the overall level of biodiversity. The Parish Council accepts that some people might prefer a 'neat and tidy' look, and there may be an element of negotiation as to which areas would benefit from being cut less often. Chronicle readers will have noticed that the Millennium Green has recently been cut, and the Parish Council understands that the Millennium Green Trust have arranged for there to be three cuts over the summer growth period.

To contact any members of the PC, **all enquiries** should be directed to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, in the first instance. He may be contacted (email) at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061. 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, information on Drayton 2020, and details of other events in the village.

The **next Parish Council meeting** will be on Monday July 1st, at 7.30pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, **all are welcome to attend.**

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Drayton 2020 - June Update

Following the 12th May 'Tea Party' consultation meeting at Drayton School, the Steering Group is continuing with its efforts to involve as many people as possible in the village with our Neighbourhood Development Plan. On 4th June, local businesses were invited to the Caudwell Centre to air their views, and although turnout for this session was disappointing, this may simply signify that the NDP doesn't, at this stage, present business with any especially pressing concerns. A week later, an informal meeting was held with the Headteacher of Drayton School to discuss issues such as how the school might cope with expanding numbers, in the event that more housing is built in the village. It's not just additional housing in Drayton that compels us to think about this, but we also understand that, if the projected housing development in South Abingdon goes ahead, at least some of the children from that site are expected to come to Drayton rather than attend Thameside or Caldecott Schools, which seem to be closer.

As readers of the Chronicle will be aware, the developers of the above site, although refused planning permission by the Vale, took their case to appeal. A public hearing was held last month and the Inspector is, at the time of writing, still considering his decision. Two other housing sites on the border between Milton and Sutton Courtenay are also seeking planning permission, and there are other sites in Steventon, Marcham and Kingston Bagpuize that have also been given, or look likely to be given, the green light.

Unfortunately, this was a predictable outcome arising from the Vale's lack of a 5-year land supply, which means not only that any developer can claim (correctly) that there is housing need in the Vale, but more worryingly, that this need trumps any other considerations of best or even suitable location. There are plenty of people in the Vale who acknowledge that more house-building may be necessary, but very few people in Abingdon would consider the South Abingdon site (the first field to the south of Virginia Way) to be the best place for it. The reasons for this are, I believe, fairly well known, but obviously the probable impact on the traffic on the Drayton Road is a major factor. →>>

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The point of these observations is that all these surrounding developments will have an impact on the existing road network, and that their cumulative effect is something that we in Drayton will have to take into account when assessing the eventual shape of our NDP. When people ask therefore, as they very reasonably do, how many new houses might be built in Drayton as a result of the NDP, the answer has to be that trying to work this out is a bit like trying to put together a jigsaw puzzle when all the pieces keep moving independently and of their own accord. It is a frustrating process, but hopefully the picture will become somewhat clearer as time goes on. The Steering Group certainly await the Inspector's report on South Abingdon with keen interest.

Whatever the outcome of events we cannot influence, there is more reason now than ever to persist with our NDP, as this is exactly the mechanism by which we can keep control of our own future in Drayton. To this end, consultation with the village will proceed over the summer, and the next step, as promised, is to **issue all householders in Drayton with a questionnaire** which will allow them to give their opinions on Drayton 2020's proposals in more detail than was possible on May 12th. The questionnaire will be accompanied by maps and a covering document that will explain some of the background to the NDP and the purpose behind some of the questions. We do hope for the highest possible rate of return of the questionnaire, and to facilitate this, various arrangements for distribution and collection are currently being put in place. It is in everyone's interests to complete the questionnaire, as it is the opportunity to express your own views, and of course, the more people that respond, the better the NDP will represent the views of the village as a whole.

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 – also, the agendas and minutes of all Steering Group and working sub-group meetings and many other documents, including maps, are now available on the village website:- www.drayton-near-abingdon.org

Steering Group meetings are open to any Drayton residents, and they are held on alternate Friday evenings in the Caudwell Centre in Gravel Lane at 7pm. The next scheduled meeting after publication of this Chronicle is on **Fri 12th July** – and **it would be great to see you there.**

Richard Williams

Drayton School Justine Regan

School news ... We had a very kind donation to raise money for our school and we would like to say a very big thank you to **Paul Mayhew-Archer** (co-writer of Mrs Brown's Boys) for donating the tickets and also for the signed DVDs he arranged for Mrs Brown herself - Brendan O'Carroll. But he didn't just make the donation, he also badgered his friends, family and local residents into buying the raffle tickets on the school's behalf. We can't express our gratitude enough - a total of £328 was collected on behalf of the school and it will make a huge difference. Many, many thanks.

I know some people may receive their Chronicle before the annual **summer school fete** takes place, if so the details are:-

The school Summer Fete (June 30th, 12 noon till 2.00pm) - lots of displays (country dancing/choir/maypole dancing/karate etc), stalls and a great raffle - please come and buy tickets from the school office (50p a ticket).

If you receive your Chronicle after the fete, we would like to thank everyone who helped support and joined us this year, we hope you had as much fun as we did!

Our new school mosaic has been completed - the talented Jane Dipple came to our school to help all children and staff to create a beautiful mosaic that has pride of place at the school reception entrance, if you are passing, please come and have a look.

The 5/6 year are going on a PGL adventure holiday on 17th June for a week, and there is a whole school science week planned for the week starting 24th June, based around our school grounds.

Later in the term Robins, Puffins and Ravens class are going to Bristol Zoo. They are looking forward to seeing all the animals and are hoping for nice weather so fingers crossed!

Classroom updates :- Robins Class are currently learning the story 'The underground dance', and are joining in the repeated refrains and devising actions to go with the story. In maths they have been learning about sharing, halving and doubling. This was great fun as they got to eat raisins and sweets! The whole school had a European day, Robins learnt about Greece, and enjoyed cooking, designing Greek pots, doing Greek dancing and counting in Greek!
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Puffins Class ... have had some visitors to their classroom Caterpillars! The children watched them transform into beautiful painted lady butterflies, then released them into the wild. They have also just finished learning about Egypt and have made pyramids and a wonderful classroom display of Tutankhamun and decorative Egyptian collars. During European day they learnt about Germany. The whole class enjoyed a traditional beer festival (beer was replaced with orangeade of course!).

Ravens Class

For European day Ravens found out about Italy. They listened to stories in Italian and learned to count and say a nursery rhyme in Italian, located Italy on the map and a globe and coloured the national flag, and made their own pasta - and ate it! They are continuing to keep bean diaries to monitor the growth of runner beans, having observed the first three weeks of root growth they have now planted some of the beans in a large pot and provided canes for them to climb up.

Red Kites Class

After a term spent finding out what lies beneath the sea, in Red Kites this term they will be finding out what lies beneath the ground, discovering why volcanoes and earthquakes happen where they do. They are continuing to read Michael Morpurgo books, beginning with Running Wild which is about a boy escaping an Indonesian Tsunami on the back of an elephant.

Kingfishers Class ... have produced excellent historical stories based on the destruction of Pompeii. These will be redrafted shortly, and will be put up on display. You are welcome to come and read them. As part of their RE work on Places of Worship, Kingfishers have visited St. Peter's Church in the village, and visited the new mosque in Oxford.

Eagles ... have just completed their SATS, which were highly demanding and indeed the children need to be complimented on their effort. Consequently they are now in a more relaxed state, as they get ready for their end of term assembly, and key stage two production of Archibald's War, which will be a World War Two musical delight!!!

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GARD UPDATE

The Thames Water (TW) draft Water Resources Management Plan (dWRMP14) (the next 25 years) has been published, and the consultation will now continue until 23rd July. The thrust of the plan is to make up the very significant forecast shortfall in supply by much more use of treated effluent, particularly to supply London. The process will probably involve reverse osmosis (RO) which is energy intensive but 100% safe. Currently there is fairly extensive re-use by treating effluent and discharging and mixing into the Thames before abstraction further downstream and this has caused no problems to date so RO may not be necessary!

In the plan TW say that they expect there will be a need for a major new water resource in the next plan (2020 to 2045) to meet population increase and climate change. This new resource will be one of three options: a reservoir, more re-use of waste water or transfer from the Severn to the Thames. With essential research not completed, TW cannot say which they favour, although in all recent statements by their Chief Exec it's clear he wants a large reservoir south of Abingdon. So the immediate pressure is off, but the longer term threat remains almost as great as ever.

Anyone who wishes to respond independently to the TW consultation can do so, it would help. It is only possible to attack what is in the plan or missing. The worst aspect is the pitiful level of leakage control stated in the plan for the next 5 years. Having reduced from over 900 million litres per day lost in 2006 to 665 ml now, their plan for the next 5 years is only to reduce it to 620 ml, when they should be aiming to cut at least 100 ml.

Furthermore TW do not aspire to any further leakage reductions beyond 2020! TW plan to install half a million water meters, raising the percentage of metered houses from 30% to 56%, but GARD thinks more should be done in 5 years. The consumption per person needs to be reduced to from 165 to 135 litres per day, and metering should help. The Thames Tideway Tunnel which is due to cost £4.1M and add about £70+ pa to our bills hardly gets a mention except in the business plan.

Responses to the consultation can be made A) on line via www.thameswater.co.uk/haveyoursay

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Finally, readers may know that there are several planning proposals including one for 30,000 houses on the reservoir site as well as large expanses of solar panels (despite the name, they don't need sun!). GARD would prefer productive farmland.

Nick Thompson Hon Chairman GARD

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Please knock. My TV's broken, and I missed last night's Corrie. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened over a cup of tea?

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No milk ta. Please don't leave milk at 14 either as he is dead, until further notice.

DRAYTON HALL

The committee held its AGM in May; chairwoman **Ann Webb** said that the Hall (now in its 38th year) is probably seeing more weekday activity than ever before, used by a wide variety of groups. Parties for children seem to be very popular, and there are some wedding receptions booked for the next few months, as that season gets into swing - but space in the diary for a few more. She praised the attitude of the cleaner (Helen) who battles to keep floors and other surfaces looking clean and defying their age.

Also mentioned were the occasional incidents whereby children and/or teenagers manage to get on the roof ("hello parents?") - security aspects are to be re-examined in the next week or two.

She also mentioned the **newly revamped website**, now much more likely to attract enquiries, for which many thanks to Jules Meredith (husband of treasurer Tamsin). Projects for later this year involve **new curtains** (already started by Sue & Fred Stevens - and admired by the first groups to see them), and hopefully a long-overdue **new cooker**, and perhaps also new work surfaces in the kitchen (grants for such refurbishment are being investigated).

Ann's parting remarks were that she'd served 10 years in the role, thought to be a record in the Hall's later history, and so would like to step down at some point - but was still voted back, albeit with an eye to finding a replacement before too long.

Tony Holmes has volunteered to be the new bookings secretary - thanks to Jane Pimm for her stint. Tamsin Meredith presented the accounts, duly accepted, one area of cost savings being a new 'water miser', which seems to be proving effective after a few months. Imminent expenses though, will be repairs to some of the electrics, and 'PAT' testing for electrical appliances.

A seminar has been attended, re showing **films** in village halls, a topic needing some research into viability - though several locations have had success, usually by offering a package of the film, a glass of wine, and some food. One village does children's films, for summer hols, (but swaps wine for popcorn/ice-cream!).

The new website has been entered onto a couple of sites which list village halls, (ORCC or Oxon Rural Community Council for one), and this seems to be helping gain enquiries. One factor which might help turn enquiries into bookings would be if the Hall had a dedicated **bar manager**, so any local volunteer for that would be most welcome. We can offer a bar service to things like wedding receptions, but at a cost (deters some clients), and all profits from drinks do not come to the Hall - and they'd always be welcome to defray ever-rising running costs and repairs!

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Orchids in Steventon ?!

Lesley Lovell made contact to tell us of wild orchids growing in
Steventon: they have just appeared on their own. Exciting news as
they are very fussy plants and conditions have to be just right for
them, so we are very lucky. They're very rare in Oxfordshire, the
County Council Environmental Officer is excited and wants to
know more, so they've been sent pictures of them.

Apparently many Draytonians enjoy walking there too - it's
Steventon Community Woodland (just before the bakery?).

Ophrys Apifera, (Bee orchid) is
especially rare, one of several
examples there & hopefully in
flower soon; NB you're not
allowed to pick or cut them,
just admire and photograph!



NOTICE BOARD

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 3.00 pm to 4:30 pm and you are invited to drop in during these times.

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Watch out for websites demanding a fee for the EHIC. They may look official, but scroll to the bottom and you'll find a tick box asking for cash – for a free service!!

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Cats Protection :- Wallingford Market Place, July 13th, we will be selling our usual selection of CP branded goods, bric-a-brac, books, and a tombola. From 9:30 am onwards.

Calling Parents, Cornerstone, Didcot has quite a few shows/activities for children in July, far too many to list here, so please call their box office on (01235) 515144, or see website :- www.cornerstone-arts.org.uk

Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary, Stadhampton are in the process of attempting an ambitious revamp/rebuild, so if you (or someone you know) could donate any posts & rails (for fencing), roofing felt, corrugated roofing sheets, or metal shelving, they'd just love to hear from you. OR if you could use some manure and/or straw, they'd be delighted to give it away (maybe a small donation) – BUT you collect please! See their Didcot (Broadway) shop or email info@oascharity.org.uk for more details.

National Animal Welfare Trust :- has their latest BARN SALE on July 7th, 10 am to noon, a wide range of goods for sale, & refreshments. NAWT is different from other pet rescue centres, they provide a tranquil and caring home with the feel of a sitting room the dotting owner had provided. They're just north of Great Shefford, at Trindledown Farm, Wantage Rd, on the A338 (RG17 7DQ). They're also delighted to receive donations, usual things, books, clothing, DVDs etc, but also small furniture. Call 01488 638584 to check what they can take, and the best times to visit.

Orchestra of St John's Proms at the Ashmolean, July 2nd, 7.30, Brahms & Schubert, Box Office: 0845 680 1926 or see www.osj.org.uk, or tickets in person from Blackwells.

Spirit of Destiny! : Drayton Hall, Sat July 13th, 10am to 5pm; do come and see what the future holds (they'll expect you!).

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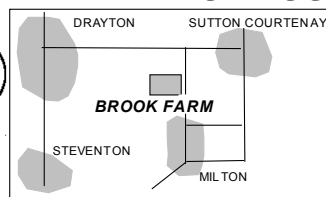
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DRAYTON DIARIES

DIARY FOR JULY

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

NB To book Drayton Hall call Tony Holmes on (01235) 531180 or visit the (improved) website :- www.draytonvh.co.uk

(June) 30	noon	FODSA Summer Fete (p11)	School
Mon 1	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (p9)	Caudwell DC
Sun 7	2.00pm	Private Function	
Fri 12	7.00pm	2020 Steering Group (p10)	Caudwell DC
Sat 13	10.00am	'Spirit of Destiny' (all day)	
	10.00am	Charity Coffee Morning (p7)	Caudwell DC
	10.00am	Sobell House Coffee Morning	Stev'ton Hall
Sun 14	9.00am	Private Function	
Mon 15	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (p2) – Ads 12th	
Sat 20	1.00pm	Private Function	
Sun 21	10.30am	Private Functions (also 3pm)	

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MONDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
10.30 am	Pilates (1 hr - call 01235 814299)	
1.15 pm	Baby sign-language classes (1 hr – 07927 339102)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys / girls, 6–8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
6.30 pm	Youth Zone (to 7.30 except Bank Hols)	
6.30 pm	Table Tennis (New Players)	School
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys / girls, 8–10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	Caudwell DC
7.30 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	Caudwell DC
7.30 pm	Table Tennis (Senior practice + playing 2 hrs)	School
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	St Peter's
8.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	

TUESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	Caudwell Day Centre
3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	Church Room
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	School
5.45 pm	Zumba Fitness	
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	School
7.00 pm	Pilates (& 8.00)	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis (now every night to Fri)	School

WEDNESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
10.30 am	Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer gp – p4)	Church Room
11.00 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	Haywards Rd
11.20 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	The Green Car Pk
1.45 pm	Whist – now each week	Caudwell Day Centre
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month)	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.15 pm	Brownies	
6.15 pm	Cubs (Boys / girls, 8–9 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Junior Table Tennis, Age 9+ (for 1 hour)	School
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	Caudwell Day Centre

THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Foot Clinic (1st Thurs)	Caudwell Day Centre
9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Lady Chapel
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)	Caudwell DC
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing (01235 531701)	

FRIDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	Sch'l Ground Bldg
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	Caudwell Day Centre
7.00 pm	Whist Drive (ACHLoFriends)	Caudwell Day Centre

SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Family Service 2nd Sunday)	St Peter's
11.15 am	Family Time (1st Sun)	Baptist Church
6.00 pm	Evening Service	Baptist Church
7.30 pm	Zumba Fitness	

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