

# DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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## Drayton2020

OUR CHANCE TO PLAN OUR OWN FUTURE

### Drayton 2020 – July 2013 Update

Richard Williams

The decision of the Planning Inspector regarding the housing site in South Abingdon has now been received, and planning permission has been granted for the building of 159 houses on the field immediately to the south of Virginia Way, and east of Drayton Road. This news, though disappointing, was not unexpected, since the barrister acting for the developers is believed to have won 7 out of 8 similar cases in different parts of the country in recent months. The Inspector's report is long and detailed, but a couple of items look to be particularly relevant to Drayton. The Inspector acknowledges that the impact of this development on peak hour traffic flow along the Drayton Road towards Abingdon is potentially 'severe', and has ordered that mitigation works should be carried out either side of the double mini-roundabout at the junction of Drayton Road with Ock Street/Marcham Road. Specifically, the report says that the pedestrian crossing immediately west of the junction should be moved further west along Marcham Road. A new pedestrian crossing should be installed to the east of the junction in Ock Street.

These measures are intended to ease congestion at the mini-roundabout, but the Highways Dept of OCC and other concerned authorities like the Police, first have to be convinced that the proposed alterations will do the job. The Inspector has ruled that the development can only go ahead when the mitigation measures are actually in place. Building work is not permitted to even start before this. The implication is that if the measures are deemed insufficient, the development might be blocked. The developers will certainly challenge this part of the judgement as they are obviously keen to start work as soon as possible, but it will be interesting to see how the situation progresses.

The Inspector also remarked that this site was 'not subject to any Neighbourhood Development Plan'. This is true, since the site is located outside Drayton Parish, but it seems odd not to have mentioned the fact that Drayton does have an NDP, with a parish boundary line lying not more than a few hundred yards away. What sense does it make for central government to claim that it is devolving planning down to a genuinely local or village level, if at the same time it permits a planning free-for-all as it were 'next door', such that the adjacent area covered by the NDP is bound to be affected? The words 'free-for-all' are used advisedly, since the Vale's own refusal of planning permission for this site has been overturned, and similar things are happening to district councils up and down the country. Yes, we can agree that more houses are needed, but in present circumstances, it is speculative builders

who are deciding where the sites will be, and they are using expensive barristers to bully local authorities into giving way, in the full knowledge that the LAs cannot afford the cost of repeated appeals. These are tactics reminiscent of those used by the big supermarket companies in recent years to squash local opposition to new stores. An E-petition protesting against the current planning arrangements has been circulating, which may be of interest - see: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/49495>

For the time being, Drayton 2020 are not letting the South Abingdon development affect our own plans and we are pressing ahead with the next step in the process of public consultation. This is, as promised, a questionnaire which will shortly be delivered to every household in Drayton. It is really important that as many people as possible fill in the questionnaire, as it is your answers which will form the evidence-base for the draft NDP, which we hope to publish in October. It is also your opportunity to have your say on what Drayton of the future should look like. If you do not participate, your views cannot be taken into account. A team of helpers will be knocking on doors with the questionnaire, so that they can explain, if necessary, any aspects of it which are not clear; and the same people will call back at a later date to collect the completed form. In cases where this is not possible (householders away on holiday etc), contingency arrangements will be made available – all in the interests of maximising the return!

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](mailto:draytontwentytwenty@gmail.com). In addition, 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](http://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. We are taking a summer break but will be meeting again on Friday 23rd August and it would be great to see you there.

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

Editor: **Derek Pooley, 11 Halls Close (559454).**

Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 9 August 2013**

Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Mon., 12 August 2013**

Printed copies available: **Friday, 23 August 2013**

## Key dates for the subsequent three Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
October	16 September 2013	27 September 2013
November	14 October 2013	25 October 2013
December	18 November 2013	29 November 2013

Archive copies of the Chronicle are available on the Drayton website: [www.drayton-near-abingdon.org](http://www.drayton-near-abingdon.org). The current copy will be available on or near the same date that printed copies are distributed.

## 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.

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1. The best is by **email** to [editor@draytonchronicle.net](mailto: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 2 or 3 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 be either 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 deadlines.

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Winning tickets, from 1620 sold, were randomly drawn by a computer (similar to the Premium Bond Draw)

## CHRONICLE NEWS

Many thanks to Karen Foreman who has been delivering the Chronicle in Lockway, she is moving away from the area so will no longer be able to do this, however she is replaced by Sue Ash who has kindly volunteered to take over. Thanks also go to Mrs Winter who has volunteered to deliver in Corneville Road. Thom Wilson who delivered in Lyford Close has decided to step down so thanks go to him for all his efforts.

*Gareth Davies*  
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Councillor David Dodds, Chair of the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership said "we provide local bring banks to help residents recycle items that can't fit into their recycling boxes or bins at home. Unfortunately some people are abusing this service and leaving behind items which can't be recycled, costing us a huge amount to clear up every year. Often business waste is also tipped at the sites, which are provided for householders only."

District councils provide bulky waste collection services for large electrical items and furniture, and there are seven Household Waste Recycling Centres across the county that accept a wide range of materials for recycling and disposal. For more information on these services and waste management in Oxfordshire visit [www.oxfordshirewaste.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshirewaste.gov.uk).

If the containers at a bring bank are full or if you witness fly tipping please report it:

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	Mr Colin Arnold	531923
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## REGULAR SERVICES

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

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday	10.30 am	Pebbles (Term Time only)	<i>Church Room</i>
Monday	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	<i>Bell Tower</i>

## CHURCH REGISTER

### Baptisms

16th June	Ava Georgina McKeran
23rd June	Thomas Robert Thorpe Harrison Liam Thorpe
14th July	Theo James Hunt

### Wedding Blessing

22nd June	Rhidran and Emma Davies
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### Marriages

6th July	Samuel Peter Caudle and Laura Anne Webb Richard William Drew and Nadine Natalie Smith
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### Internment of Ashes

13th July	Eliza Richardson
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## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Tue 6th	3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections	<i>Church Room</i>
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## YOU STAY - WE PRAY, AUGUST

4th to 10th	Sutton Wick Lane; Greenacres; Newman Lane; Conifer Drive
11th to 24th	Hilliat Fields; Lyford Close; Manor Close; The Green
25th to 31st	High Street; Chiers Drive; Cheers Farm; Hall's Close

## LETTER FROM ST PETER'S

Dear Friends,

Rebecca has now gone on maternity leave and I wish her and her family well as they await the birth of their baby.

All the normal services and activities will continue to take place during her leave. However, all enquiries should be made to the churchwardens, myself or Colin Arnold, our contact details are on the lefthand side of this page.

### St Peter's and You

After a leaflet drop to every house in the village a number of people met together on Sunday 19th May.

The meeting opened with a sketch, looking ten years ahead when the church has been closed and was to be sold off. A prospective buyer "Lady Appleford" was being shown around and having the use of the church explained to her and decided that she wouldn't buy it and that it should continue to be used for the purpose it was intended. I sincerely hope that with God's help and the help of the community that the church will continue to serve the parish for many years to come.

The afternoon was productive of some offers of help and support and also some helpful suggestions. We finished with tea and cake and lots of chat.

The schools will now have broken up, with some pupils leaving the junior school and taking that big step to senior school, and some awaiting exam results, good wishes to you all.

We have been enjoying some summer weather at last and many of you will be going on holiday, whether holidaying or staying at home, enjoy and relax.

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*Val Coss  
Churchwarden*

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- 6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service frequently with guest speakers. Communion every second Sunday of the month

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Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

## FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS Jean Hager

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. They are normally 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. The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Our next two dates are 6th August, and 3rd September. If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.

### Use of St Peter's Church Rubbish Bins

The rubbish bins at the church are provided to take rubbish from the church and the churchyard. They are, however, being filled with inappropriate rubbish by person or persons unknown, leaving little or no room for church rubbish. They are not bins for dog poo either. It is not a pleasant task to try and re-sort it, neither is it always possible to do so.

The same rules apply to the church's bins as your own domestic bins ie. Black bin - non-recyclable waste, green bin - re-cyclable waste, small green bin - food waste and the brown bin - garden waste.

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Val Cross  
Churchwarden

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## Richard Webber

### District Council

Since I was first elected in October 2005, I estimate the proportion of my time spent on Planning matters has averaged about 10%. In the last 2 years, it is more like 90%. People still have Housing issues, benefits issues, car parking issues and there is still the occasional neighbourhood dispute but there are far fewer than one might expect given the economic situation. Our problems in this District seem to be more the problems of success or the prospect of success than problems associated with economic difficulties. We live in a prosperous area where most people are employed, most people feel safe, and most people live a long time. With our Enterprise Zone, our Business Park, and our international science centres, more and more people are going to want to live here and we have every prospect of becoming more prosperous as a result. With our 1960s and 1970s infrastructure, our medieval towns and our proximity to London – demanding power, waste disposal, and water – we are going to have to plan very carefully. The Vale is said to be one of the most rural districts in the South East. We have space. Some of it is knockout beautiful and must be kept that way. Some of it (Abingdon and all villages around) is already very congested, and further development makes it ever harder to maintain community integrity. Development in this part of the Vale will need to be very carefully planned if our roads and schools are going to cope.

Last month, I wrote a piece suggesting some improvements and frustrations with the way we run our local Planning meetings. I have had my knuckles politely, but firmly wrapped for doing this. It was not my intention to try to score political points – indeed, I believe I have managed to avoid that over the last 8 years. However, I am pleased to say that some of my suggestions and frustrations have been taken on board and as a result, I hope some heat will be taken out of Planning meetings – particularly over the next eighteen months until our Local Plan is in place.

The upholding of the South Abingdon Development Appeal is bound to have profound implications for us in Drayton. It should not, and must not stop us from pursuing our Neighbourhood Plan. This is our best chance to resist “planning by appeal” and to create a Drayton village which is sustainable and a place that people wish to live.

### County Council

As I write, decisions are about to be taken which will give us all more time to debate this issue and come up with a fairer, and more understandable scheme than what had been proposed. After all the effort that had been put in by Drayton residents over the “safe route to school” issue, it seemed incredible that we could be arguing the whole thing again so soon. On behalf of all Drayton parents – present and future, I would like to thank Mrs Jacqueline Cook for all her efforts on this issue. Her persistence and calm reason were noted by OCC representatives, and were certainly important in helping to get the authorities at least to pause and reflect.

As you will have noticed, we now have a new VAS (Vehicle Activated Speeding sign) in the High Street. We have a working streetlight in Marcham Road, and the Grass is cut in Hilliat Fields. As with my golf, I am sure you will allow me to dwell a little on the few bits that are successful!

After 8 years of pushing, I am delighted to say that the pavements in Whitehorns Way are due to be fully upgraded this autumn.

The area Stewardship Fund - £15K per county division has allowed me to ask the Highways department to treat all roadside weeds throughout the villages of Sutton Courtenay, Drayton, Marcham, Milton, Shippon and Dry Sandford. Where there are

village gates these too will be getting a new lick of paint. Although £15K does not go far over such a wide area, there is still money left over. Any suggestions for improvements to our highways would be gratefully received.

I am also given a Community Grant of some £10K across the division. This is for start up projects of any type – so again, if anyone has suggestions or need of help up to say £500 for a community project, please let me know. At least I can promise plenty of help with the form-filling!

Richard Webber Cllr  
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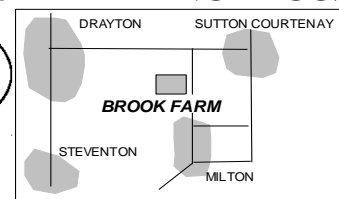
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# YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

I was sorry to hear of the passing of ex Drayton resident, Beryl Cordell. I am sure that I am not alone in remembering her as a very special dinner lady at Drayton School. She was so kind to all of the children, many times did I hear the words; "but Mrs Cordell says". You knew your children were safe and happy while she was looking after them.

A truly lovely lady, may she rest in peace.

Margaret Cox

*(Editor's note: The following letter from Tony Holmes was sent to Richard Webber but Tony is happy that it is reproduced here. Richard announced the Appeal Decision at a Hall committee meeting, hence Tony's reference to that committee.)*

Richard

Thanks for letting us (Hall Committee) know about the appeal decision.

I've just had a chance to look at the decision document, and I've posed the points below to the case officer working with the appeal Inspector. The decision document is long, and packed with worthy sounding stuff, but there are several examples of 'facts', which have been taken as evidence, which actually could be considered at least questionable, and in a couple of those cases, extremely unlikely.

You and others will doubtless be picking over the decision to find avenues to get it overturned. I found a few clues just in a quick look.

As you say, it seems ridiculous that the appeal for the South Abingdon development is being ALLOWED – despite masses of evidence that it's a horrendous location, ("the most senseless place in the county for more houses") and every local decision being to reject it.

I've now seen who ran the appeal, and the 'decision' document, but presumably they didn't look too closely at all the evidence, didn't appreciate all the issues, weren't made aware of some, and definitely (see below) have made a couple of influential assumptions that to me, are plainly irrational.

It's not long since the campaign to stop local kids being forced to walk up to Abingdon (withdrawal of school buses); that campaign was won, it was acknowledged the road is too dangerous, and that's exactly the same road this development's houses will be using (if they can ever get out onto it?!). There was NO MENTION in the decision document of this, is this an illustration that Mr J P Watson wasn't fully informed?

Did the Inspector come and sit in Abingdon's traffic mess to help them decide? I see reference to visits, but not an indication of what time. Was he aware that a boy was severely injured the other week in Abingdon when going to school?

I see there IS a rider, about 'a new pedestrian crossing' along Ock Street. That will do less than nothing to help, more evidence that the decision didn't fully take on board local issues. Abingdon's traffic is already a complete mess, and South Abingdon especially bad, with the morning rush hour in gridlock thanks to people trying to get into Abingdon, to the trading estate, and out to the A34. An extra crossing will slow cars and buses even more.

One particularly optimistic point made in the decision document is that just 41 cars will be using the Drayton road from this new estate, 30 north and 11 south each morning. Really? 41 cars from 160+ houses? Are the other homes to be occupied by pensioners or people working from home?! If there is some assumption that people will walk or cycle to work, well, maybe a few will – especially if having little choice thanks to worsening traffic and that the local buses will be even further delayed!! But rain and/or cold weather forces people into cars, no mention of that either.

According to Hallam, an average morning rush-hour queue in this area towards Ock Street last about 9 mins. Was this tested? I'm told by a rush-hour user that this is shall we say an optimistic length of delay, but in the document one questioning of this 'timing' was flushed away in the developer's favour. Added to what appears to be an unlikely estimate of vehicles coming from the development, it makes you wonder why the document is taking such a light view of this issue. You can certainly look at this evidence and take quite a different verdict.

I also see in the decision document that the need is for affordable housing, a major factor in allowing the appeal. If Hallam actually do get a final go-ahead, and end-up providing expensive housing, will Mr Watson come back and tell them to drop prices, or tear the houses down? Seems unlikely.

Oh, a further point, I see a reference to the local 'food plain'. I presume this is some reference to the need for more supermarkets, perhaps that a new one should be plonked in the development to save extra journeys to Tesco, etc?!

I believe further appeals to try and reverse this will be undertaken, BUT local opposition, whether private or council, costs money, and if councils are having a hard time with budgets, do they really want to spend valuable funds having to fight endless proposals and appeals from developers?

Yes, new houses have to go somewhere, as mentioned in the decision. But that should not be an automatic mantra to allow such appeals!

Abingdon is NOT the place; the river and A34 place extreme demands on local roads, and unless this developer is paying for a new Thames bridge, or better still, two, plus some sort of Abingdon relief road, this idea is just madness. Big chunks of Oxfordshire have wide open spaces, hence the developments going ahead or planned for Didcot, Grove, and others.

If it does eventually go ahead, it will be further clear evidence why ordinary people feel they have zero say or input into decisions that actually affect them in a major way. Despite the Govt saying, oh yes, we want to devolve more power, involve local people, etc etc, blah blah, it quite clearly hasn't got the processes in place to really take any notice.

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# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## Richard Williams

### Report of the Drayton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st July 2013

In addition to the councillors, two members of the public attended this meeting. One of them, Graham Webb, expressed a wish to join the PC and was duly co-opted as a new councillor. This brings us up to 9 councillors, the most for some time, but if anyone else would like to join us, please note that we still have two vacancies! Richard Webber, now wearing no fewer than 3 hats, as Parish Councillor, District Councillor, and newly elected County Councillor, reported the unwelcome news that the whole issue of school transport is again under review. It was hoped that this had all been resolved, but evidently across the county, routes which have been declared 'unsafe' for children to walk to school (which includes the pathway from Drayton into Abingdon), may revert back to being deemed 'safe'. Although Drayton's case was very ably put by Jacqui Cook, Karen Sharman and other concerned parents, it looks as if common sense may be overturned for no other reason than to save money. Everyone is aware that spending cuts are being forced onto local government, but it is difficult to see how this particular decision could be justified. The 3 mile limit (within which free transport is not provided) is arbitrary, and there are anomalies in the way it is applied, but Richard was not optimistic about the outcome if OCC does indeed change its policy.

A couple of unfortunate incidents involving the bridleway that runs from the B4016 to the Millennium Green (along the back of the pony paddocks and burial ground) have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. On 23rd June, some young men illegally drove along this bridleway, continued onto the narrow footpath and got their four-wheel-drive vehicle jammed in the ditch running alongside the path. In so doing, or in trying to get the car out, three sections of the railway sleepers that were originally used to reinforce the side of the path were dislodged. The men chopped down a tree and threw it onto Lime Close fence, then destroyed a sizeable section of Haywards Farm garden wall, using the stones to raise the vehicle out of the ditch. There has been considerable damage to both private and Parish Council property. Photographs of the vehicle and its number plate have been taken and both the Parish Council and the house owner have reported this criminal damage to the police.

As a matter of public information, it is illegal for any motorised vehicle, other than those of the landowner, to be driven along a bridleway. Bridleways are for the use of walkers, horse riders and cyclists. Footpaths are for walkers only. The actions of the driver of this vehicle were both irresponsible and criminal. Sadly, within a fortnight of this damage another irresponsible person dumped on the same bridleway a huge quantity of raw meat. This too was reported to the police and also to BIFFA who speedily removed what was a disgusting sight and a potential health hazard. One would hope that none of the persons involved in these acts were Drayton residents, and these appear to be isolated and unconnected incidents. However, if walkers come across any further instances of damage to paths (no matter how caused), flytipping or the like, the PC would ask that they report the incident as soon as possible to the Parish Clerk (see below), and if appropriate, to the Police as well.

*(Editor's note: see the item on fly tipping on Page 3)*

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, in the first instance. David may be contacted via E-mail at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061, and he will ensure that any messages are passed on. Any Drayton resident may also ask to be added to the Clerk's E-mailing list, so that they receive prior notice of meetings and any relevant

documents. In addition, all Parish Council minutes are now archived on the village website: [www.drayton-near-abingdon.org](http://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 5th August 2013, at 7.30pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.

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## Ed Vaizey

As I write this newsletter, the sun is finally beginning to shine and the weather is warming up. It may seem an odd time to mention the problems some of us have with keeping warm in the winter, but as some recent information from Energy UK reminded me, the spring and summer is the best time to think about taking measures to improve your home to reduce winter fuel bills. There is a helpful service, the Home Heat Helpline on 0800 33 66 99 or [www.homeheathelpline.org.uk](http://www.homeheathelpline.org.uk), where advisors can provide information about how to:

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- Fix the leaks - summer is the perfect time to install insulation in your home to ensure you are warm through the winter. Companies offer to do this work for free or at heavily subsidised rates for some customers and the Home Heat Helpline can help you find out if you might qualify.

I've also recently come across a great initiative about expanding the horizons of secondary school students. Speakers for Schools brings enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and authoritative speakers who are leaders in their respective fields into state secondary schools and colleges, free of charge. It occurs to me that we have lots of enthusiastic, knowledgeable and authoritative speakers across the Constituency, so if you are an expert in your field why not think about contacting Speakers for Schools at [www.speakers4schools.org](http://www.speakers4schools.org) and asking about joining their list of speakers?

Finally, on a local note, 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 the capacity at Milton Interchange, by providing a 'hamburger' style roundabout of the type which has 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.

This month I've had emails and letters focussing on the European Union Referendum which was debated in the House in early July. My colleagues and I want to allow the British people to decide the UK's European future with an in-out referendum by the end of 2017, and we want to turn this commitment into law so that future governments will be held to it. Like last month I have also continued to receive emails about the proposed badger culling to stop the spread of TB. As I understand it, the "Good Practice Guidelines" for the badger cull pilots agreed with Natural England set out the features to be complied within the pilots as the best basis for badgers being killed humanely under controlled shooting - and even that is still in the pilot phase.

In addition, Natural England will observe six nights of controlled shooting and carry out a series of follow up visits and telephone interviews with marksmen to check what happened on the previous night's shooting. I am assured that this information will then be reviewed by a group of independent scientific experts.

As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk). Surgery details can be found at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).



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## ALL AROUND

### DRAYTON WIVES

Gwen Price

In June, instead of a meeting, Drayton Wives and friends and husbands went to visit The Royal Hospital Chelsea. They had a very interesting and memorable visit. There were many highlights. In 1682 The Royal Hospital was founded by King Charles the second for veterans of the regular army. The building was designed by Christopher Wren. Over the years it has been extended. In 2009 a state of the art Margaret Thatcher Infirmary was opened by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Everybody that went were very impressed by everything: the chapel; the dining room and their meals; the exhibits including many medals and of course the pensioners themselves in their scarlet coats and tricorne hats. They welcomed and guided their visitors with humour and imparted much information. They receive board and lodging, clothing and medical care in return for which they act as ambassadors.

Many thanks must be given to Rosemary and Alan Barlow who with their hard work and planning, enabled people to enjoy a super visit that will be remembered and talked about for a long time to come.

#### AUGUST DIARY

Mon 12th, COFFEE: Josie, Cathy  
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Mon 19th, WHIST: Janet White  
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Since our AGM in May, when we welcomed new members, Drayton Twinning have held three meetings – mainly to finalise arrangements for the visit by our twinningers from Lesparre at the end of this month. We are expecting around 27 guests – so if you see people wandering around the village speaking French (or some trying to) during the last weekend of the month, do make them very welcome! The visit will take place over the bank holiday – which allows working members to play a more active part.

We have been enjoying the "Medocain weather", which has allowed us to explore the venues that we plan to visit. Our timetable means we should have sufficient time to enjoy each other's company as well as visit interesting local places. The itinerary includes a trip to a Stately Home, a visit to a World Heritage Site and a train journey with an interesting walk following a canal. Socially we will enjoy a BBQ and a 1980's evening before taking our guests home via Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard

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**School news:**

Our Summer Fete was such a success, we made an amazing profit and this will be put to good use to benefit our school and children. Drayton School and FODSA would like to thank the whole community for supporting us! A huge thanks to FODSA who planned the whole fete and without their hard work and dedication it would not have been possible to hold this event. Thank you to all of you who have supported us through donations, helping on the day and taking part and generally being fantastic!

Some of the committee members of FODSA will be standing down this term, they have done such a brilliant job, and we are looking for new members to fill their roles. A meeting will be held at a later date and you are welcome to attend, more details to follow.

There is a team of volunteers who come to read with children throughout the school year, the children gain so much from this and it is a pleasure to invite them into our school. We would like to say a huge thanks to them for their time and effort during this school year, it is really appreciated.

Kathy Raven who is the teacher for the Ravens Class will be retiring this term, she has worked at Drayton School for many years, and will be greatly missed by all. Good luck Kathy on your retirement.

We would like to welcome Miss Charlotte Tranham, who will be the new teacher in Red Kites class starting in September.

The whole school has been involved in a science week. This was mainly based in the school grounds and included pond dipping sessions at the school pond. Thankfully we had a week of good weather. All classes loved the pond dipping, and we talked about how lucky we are to have such fantastic school grounds where we can all spread out and be outside together. The children learned a great deal about the plants and animals in Drayton School. Kingfishers now know the names of most of the trees in the school grounds.

The children really enjoyed the Prayer Space. The event was supported by Christians Together in Drayton. Prayer Space in Schools is an organisation that enables children to explore spirituality and prayer in creative ways. Each class visited a large tent with interactive activities, such as bubble tubes and drawing in sand, which were related to ways of thinking about the world, ourselves and how Christians relate to God.

All children have been practising for Sports Day, it was a great day, and sunshine even made an appearance, which was an added bonus! During the morning the whole school were put into their house groups and all groups went around to set up stations and take part in activities, we then stopped for a well deserved break, with a snack and drink. Then the Key Stage 1 children had their fun races up until lunch time. Many parents, grandparents and friends stayed to have lunch with their children on the school field. After Lunch the Key Stage 2 children had their fun races.

It is that time of year when our Year 6 children will be leaving us and continuing an exciting journey to new schools. A Leavers Summer Ball was organized and there was a red carpet for their grand entrance, mocktails and a photographer. We wish all the children good luck in their future ventures, you will be greatly missed by us all.

Robins, Puffins and Ravens Class have just returned from a fantastic trip to Bristol Zoo! They saw gorillas, monkeys, lemurs, bats, lions and much, much more. They started the trip with a picnic which was a little bit damp, but the sun soon came out. They enjoyed exploring the zoo and finding out about all the different animals. The children would like to say a big thank you to all the adults and staff that helped on the trip.

**Robins Class** have been learning about and exploring mini beasts. Like the Puffins class, they also had some visitors to their class, Caterpillars! This caused much excitement and curiosity from the children! They watched in wonder how they turned into butterflies. Robins class are fast approaching the end of their year in Foundation Stage. The children are very excited about moving

up to Year One and are enjoying exploring the Year One learning environment during child initiated learning.

**Puffins Class** have also been preparing for their move to a new class in September. They have made zoo books after their trip to Bristol Zoo, practised for sports day and enjoyed outdoor learning in the sunshine.

**Ravens Class** they have been digging holes at the edge of the field and turning over leaves, wood and stones to see what mini-beasts can be found, they have found out information about these creatures and designed and made information cards with moving parts to show what they have learnt. Ravens also explored the local area around Drayton and recorded their journeys to school in word, picture and map form and looked into family histories.

**Red Kites Class** have been concentrating on their history topic of the Romans and written diary entries 'from' Pompeii.

**Kingfishers Class** have worked on finding out what causes earthquakes and what effects they have on buildings and people. The children have enjoyed finding information on earthquakes from a website linked to BBC Newsround.

**Eagles Class** have been busy making a design and technology 'cam' moving toy, which was based on the 12 labors of Hercules. They made a Greek myth book, and their own, unique, and probably quite friendly mythical creature. Lastly they are preparing for their Leavers Assembly on the last day of this school year. It will be an emotional assembly!!

**Everyone from Drayton School would like to "wish you all a lovely summer" and we will return with more news in September.**

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**Brenda Malin**

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Ben Jones, the son of one of our members, has the enviable job, when he is not working in the wonderful atmosphere of Harcourt Arboretum, of visiting exotic places like Japan and Ethiopia.

Our talk in June was not on the drought and famine of Ethiopia, but on the incredible luscious and fertile forests of this beautiful land. This was a real eye opener for all of us less travelled Draytonians. It is also good to know that, politics aside, like minded people who value the planet and all its bounteous natural resources, are united in their efforts to protect them.

July had all us ladies laughing and saying, "yes, I remember that". Sylvia Brown, who has spent most of her life living and working in and around Witney, was brought up on a farm and for twenty two years was a milk round lady. She brought back memories of milk tokens, the milk man/lady, the first, after hubby of course, and the doctor to know who was pregnant. Tokens would suddenly appear with the weekly money. I don't know if any of you remember OMO, or if you still use it. Apparently, on some big estates, Sylvia noticed OMO packets were displayed in windows. When she innocently mentioned this in the canteen everyone burst into laughter. Some of you may know the answer: 'OMO' = OLD MAN OUT! Who says the W.I. isn't educational.

We are having a holiday in August and will meet again on September 12th to hear all about Harvest Traditions.

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## GARD

**Nick Thompson**

Last month I provided an outline of the Thames Water proposals for the next 25 years. The public consultation closed on 23rd July 2013. The thrust of the Thames Water plan is to make up the very significant forecast shortfall in supply by much more re-use of treated effluent, provided the customers in London will accept this. It will be 100% safe but there is an inevitable "yuck" factor in the public perception of re-use.

The Thames Water proposals really only address the supply for the next 15 years and say that the next plan covering 2020 to 2045 will involve a new major resource to meet forecast population increases and climate change. This new resource will be one of three options: a reservoir, more re-use of waste water or transfers from the Severn to the Thames. These options are listed and costed in the documents provided by Thames Water and put the Abingdon reservoir back onto the agenda. GARD has responded in a detailed and robust criticism of the plan and the costs which will be put onto our website shortly: [www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk](http://www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk). Things will now go quiet until Thames Water respond to the consultation in November, but we will keep on pressing them on many unanswered questions.

We hope that defra and the Environment Agency will analyse our input and support our alternative suggestions which show that transfers from the Severn are economic and far less environmentally damaging than a reservoir.

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Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Sandra Syphas is based at Abingdon police station and covers the neighbourhoods of Drayton and Sutton Courtenay. She joined the Force in 2008.

She has been chosen as PCSO of the year for Oxfordshire and overall winner of her category after receiving nominations from

members of the public, partners, and colleagues, commending her for her great work in the area she covers, working closely with young people and schools, and dealing with issues important to residents such as parking and rural crime.

Described in nominations as being hardworking, accessible, tireless, and extremely diligent, she cycles miles every shift in all weathers to make sure all her villages are visited. Sandra has been praised for her work in setting up a police office in Sutton Courtenay so residents have a local desk where they can get help and advice, helping local schools raise awareness of both firework and road safety, and tackling traffic and parking problems and anti-social behaviour in her local areas.

Her work with young people and the elderly and vulnerable were especially noted by those who nominated her. In a number of cases, she has worked with teenagers who were causing problems for residents by making them appreciate how their behaviour affected others, and is described as being devoted to youth projects in the area, offering guidance and support. She also has close links with the VERA, the Vulnerable and Elderly Residents of Abingdon group, and is available to them even when she is not on duty.

Sandra said: "I feel extremely honoured to have been selected for this award, I am very privileged to be of service, and I am proud to represent Thames Valley Police within my community. My aim is always to do my very best, and I will continue to work hard for the people of my neighbourhood. A big thank you to all who took the trouble to nominate me."

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# BE AWARE

## Summer burglary campaign South Oxon & Vale area

Thames Valley Police would like to ask all residents living in the South Oxon & Vale area to give consideration to their home security when going out or spending time in the garden during the summer months.

With the recent hot weather, residents are advised to check their home security and not to leave doors and windows open when the house is unoccupied. Please do not leave any valuable items in view of windows as this could attract the opportunist burglar.

Residents are also advised to make sure any tools are locked away when not in use and to secure their sheds, garages and outbuildings

If you require further crime prevention advice or details on property marking valuable items, please contact a member of the Neighbourhood Policing team via the 24 hour non emergency telephone number 101. More information, can be found at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crprev/crprev-home.htm](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crprev/crprev-home.htm)

## Council Tax Scam

Residents are being warned to be on their guard against bogus officials offering council tax refunds or threatening them with fines. There have been several incidents reported recently across Oxfordshire, including South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse.

The fraudsters operate by ringing, texting or visiting residents claiming to be from the local council, valuation office or some other company which deals with changes to council tax banding. They suggest that you are either due a council tax refund, or owe more council tax and must pay it promptly to avoid a fine. They will then ask for personal information and bank details to process the refund or payment or they may ask for a fee to secure a refund or band reduction for you.

If you receive one of these calls, texts or visits, do not give out any personal information, end the call as quickly as possible and do not give any money to anyone who visits your home. The fraudsters can get aggressive and ring back if you put the phone down but this is all part of the scam to make you act as they want.

Neither South Oxfordshire nor Vale of White Horse District Council would ever call residents directly to demand bank details in this manner. Where it is believed that someone either owes or is owed money they will be invited to contact the council themselves to arrange payment. You will never have to pay a fee to have your council tax band reduced. It costs nothing to make an appeal against the band your home is in.

If there is any change to the amount you have to pay you will receive a bill through the post explaining the situation.

If you are in any doubt as to the authenticity of a call concerning your council tax account, please call 0345 302 2313 (South Oxfordshire residents) or 0345 302 2315 (Vale residents).

To report a suspected incident of the scam, residents can contact Oxfordshire County Council Trading Standards on 0845 0510845.

## Neighbourhood Policing Update from Thames Valley Police

### Appleford

There has been some use of the sidings by people with off-road motorbikes, which is not only dangerous, but is also unauthorised. We will be continuing our patrols, and if the culprits are caught they run the risk of their bikes being seized.

No crimes to report this month for Appleford.

### Drayton

On the 8th June, you may have noticed a flurry of police activity in the village, with not only police vehicles, but also the police helicopter in attendance. The officers involved were chasing a stolen vehicle, which was eventually abandoned in Church Lane,

and the occupants made off. The car thieves were all apprehended as they tried to leave the village.

Apart from this, we have had a very good month in Drayton, with nothing of note to report which is excellent news.

## Sutton Courtenay

On the 7th June, officers were called to Bradstocks Way, where a party had become out of control, with participants spilling out into the street and causing upset to several residents by making lots of noise, fighting and smashing glass. The people involved were not local, and have received the appropriate words of warning regarding their behaviour.

A party can be an enjoyable celebration, or it can be a serious nuisance to the whole neighbourhood. Please be considerate of other residents, tell your neighbours in advance and let them know what time it will finish, go outside from time to time and check the noise level and respect the 11pm watershed. It is never a good idea to let your friends know via social networking sites, as this encourages gate crashers.

Later in the month, a small amount of cash was taken from a guest room at The Abbey, when a thief gained entry through an open window.

Please remember to secure your accommodation/property when you go out, or take your valuables with you. We don't want to make life easy for burglars.

Sandra has recently completed the cycling proficiency sessions at All Saints, and is pleased to announce that all the pupils passed with flying colours – well done!

Drayton Primary started their sessions on Tuesday 25th June.

## Have Your Say Meetings

Friday 19th July between 6pm – 7pm at Costcutter, Sutton Courtenay

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email: [AbingdonOuterNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:AbingdonOuterNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) - please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)



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# POINTS OF INTEREST

## Wantage Association of Retired Persons (WARP)

Welcomes retired people over 50 from Wantage and surrounding areas.

Their popular monthly meetings are usually held at Wantage Civic Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm, which includes a topical presentation from a guest speaker followed by refreshments and a raffle. The group also organises monthly pub lunches, line dancing, outings and holidays.

Brian Wood will be presenting Rustic Copper on 7th August, and Hazel Stevenson will be talking about the History of Charlton Garden Centre on 4th September.

Guests are welcome at the door with an entrance fee of £4 per person. Go to [www.ocva.org.uk/warp](http://www.ocva.org.uk/warp) to view the full programme of upcoming events; telephone Mary 01235 764573 for more information; or just pop along to Wantage Civic Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

Forthcoming programme:

7th August - Rustic Copper, presenter Brian Wood

4th September - History of Charlton Garden Centre presenter Hazel Stevenson

2nd October - Administration of Guildford Cathedral, presenter Lt.Col. (ret'd) Jon Fleming OBE FRGS

6th November - Not So Bleak Midwinter, presenter Tim Walker

4th December - Christmas Lunch for Members at Drayton Golf Club

## HALL REPORT

Tony Holmes

### Hall Committee meeting held on Mon July 15th

News has been received that a Parish Council grant had been allocated to the Hall, towards a small building extension, which will greatly improve the storage capacity for the various regular user groups. A variety of local builders have been contacted, or soon will be, regarding tendering. The PC grant is a starting point, there are several possibilities for a much larger grant which will be needed for the project to go ahead.

A new grant application has been made, to the ORCC (Oxon Rural Community Council) regarding a kitchen refurbishment, much needed as parts of it date back to the Hall (1975). Better facilities would improve the capacity, make it more attractive for potential hirers, and perhaps allow some new events requiring more ambitious catering. Jane Pimm has been checking other hall kitchens, on her Bowls travels, so if we get a go-ahead, the initial 'wish-list' can be refined. Grateful thanks to Lynne Newin, of the ORCC, for her guidance, and extending the deadline; despite the famous recession, from the time that some traders take to supply quotes (& not all ever answer!), you'd wonder how bad it is?! The PC also acknowledge that there's an ongoing need for Hall maintenance, so we'll hopefully be liaising more closely with them in the near future.

Whilst referring to the kitchen, on a less positive point, it's been noted that things like trays, mugs, and even mops (!) do occasionally disappear. Though it's mostly quite trivial items that are affected, it's a sad comment on human nature that people feel the need to take 'souvenirs'. The Hall's finances struggle as it is to get enough 'ins' to balance the ever-mounting 'outs', without helping to subsidise anyone else's household.

Ann Webb has organised flower tubs by the front door, these have been admired, but their arrival coincided with the heatwave, so a water rota has been organised (probably temporary, given UK weather). Also improving the appearance are new curtains, which look good so far and hopefully will be finished for two August wedding receptions. If the heatwave does extend a bit, could regular users PLEASE make sure that the fire doors are properly closed if they've been opened for extra ventilation.

The bar grille needs replacing, and a reasonable estimate has been received for the work, which will be approved. The old one dates back to the Hall, so has given good service, but is starting to fall apart, and that firm no longer exists. On the topic of the bar,

for those functions that require it, we presently have to organise an outside source. This does at least give hirers that facility, BUT profits do not come to the Hall. This would be an extremely welcome source of revenue, so IF ANYONE can put themselves forward as occasional bar manager – or suggest someone – please contact us (see back page details).

The recent Crime Prevention review suggested some good ideas. More research is being done to check the best and most cost-effective methods to both try and deter intruders, and also record any that decide to ignore the warnings which should appear in due course. Advances in the internet, and mobile phone technology, now mean that images can be sent to a safe source, also a silent alarm can be triggered to the police.

The Hall has been given a small electric organ, so if any local players would like to try it out, again see back page details to make contact.

Now, a topic for the ladies:- the Committee gave the go-ahead for a charity collection point, for your old BRAS (new ones too, I suppose, if not suitable). An Abingdon charity organises them to be sent to Africa, to help local traders (bras are apparently expensive there). Funds also benefit the Breast Cancer charity here, so it's a double winner. Oh, and this usage saves them going to landfill, so an extra bonus! Regular users should look out for a PINK 'Bra Bank', which should appear soon; we need to identify the best location in the Hall (may well be in the ladies) but do start collecting, and tell your friends!

Ann also mentioned the increasing pressure on Hall storage space. The proposed extension for more storage is some way off, so can regular groups who have material stored PLEASE review what is held, and try to make more space?

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# DRAYTON DIARY

## FOR AUGUST

All events are at Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise  
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website address [www.draytonvh.org.uk](http://www.draytonvh.org.uk)

Regular Events are listed opposite

<b>Fri</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>11.00 am – 6pm</b>	<b>Private Function</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>9.00 am - 5pm</b>	<b>Bowls</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Parish Council AGM</b>	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Private Function</b>	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Chronicle Ads deadline</b>	<i>Vickery's box</i>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Chronicle copy deadline</b>	<i>Vickery's box</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>2pm – 6pm</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Private Function</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sept. 1st</b>	<b>9.00 am - 5pm</b>	<b>Bowls</b>	

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## REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

### MONDAYS

- 10.30 am Pilates (Call 01235 814299)
- 9.00 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) *School Ground Bldg*
- 1.15 – 2.15 pm Baby Sign Language Classes (in Term)
- 2.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)
- 5.45 pm Beavers (Boys / girls, 6–8 yrs, Tel. 512834) *Steventon Hall*
- 6.00 – 7.30 pm Youthzone (Except Bank Holidays)
- 6.30 – 7.30pm Table Tennis (Beginners & 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 – 10.00 pm Table Tennis Practice (League juniors & adults) *School*
- 7.30 pm Parish Council (1st Monday) *Caudwell DC*
- 7.45 – 8.45 pm Drayton Drop In (Except Bank Holidays)
- 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*
- 6.00 pm Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour) *School*
- 7.00 pm Pilates – also at 8. pm
- 7.30 pm League Table Tennis *School*

### WEDNESDAYS

- 9.00 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) *School Ground Bldg*
- 10.30–11.30am Pebbles – Baby, Toddler and Carer group (in Term) *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 Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)
- 7.30 pm Bingo Session *Caudwell Day Centre*
- 7.30 pm League Table Tennis *School*

### THURSDAYS

- 9.00 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) *School Ground Bldg* followed by lunch club and afternoon session
- 9.00 am Foot Clinic (First Thursday in Month) *Caudwell DC*
- 9.30 am Holy Communion *St Peter's Lady Chapel*
- 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 *School*
- 7.30 pm Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)
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### FRIDAYS

- 9.00 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) *School Ground Bldg*
- 11.00 am The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466 *Caudwell Day Centre*
- 7.30 pm League Table Tennis *School*

### SUNDAYS

- 8.00 am Holy Communion *St Peter's*
- 10.00 am Sung Eucharist (All Age Service 3rd Sunday) *St Peter's*
- 11.15 am Family Time (1st Sunday) *Baptist Church*
- 6.00 pm Evening Worship *Baptist Church*

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