

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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Ed Vaizey Picks the Winners!

Despite some terrible weather about 30 people came to the Hall to meet our MP, Ed Vaizey, and to witness him draw the **winning numbers** from the Drayton2020 survey. **Those numbers are 008, 182 and 881.** If you have any of these tickets ring 531512 and **£50 is yours.** Mr Vaizey was very impressed by the questionnaire and by the high number of Drayton households that had completed it.

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council commented on the survey "The response in Drayton has far exceeded that of other communities that the ORCC has been working with. It shows a fantastic level of community engagement and a testament to the hard work and enthusiasm of all those involved".

We received further encouragement in an unsolicited email from the planning officers of the Vale of White Horse District Council:- "It is great to see so much energy and commitment that embraces change and sees it as an opportunity to improve the village. This positive approach combined with the work you are doing with developers puts you in a strong position".

Drayton2020 is holding a special event in the Hall on Friday Oct 18th (bar and free chilli - see advert on page 9), with displays all day on Saturday Oct 19th to present the outcome of the survey.

This event brings us to the conclusion of the year-long consultative phase of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, and its outcome will form the basis for the Plan itself. We have more hurdles to cross but we are well on course to offer it for ratification by the village in a referendum to be held with national elections, probably next May. If it attracts more than 50 per cent of the vote the Plan becomes part of the framework for determining future planning decisions in Drayton.

Andrew Bax



The pics show (above) Ed Vaizey enjoying the moment as he picked out his dry-cleaning receipt, and (below) some of the brave souls who'd ventured out to greet Ed, then trying not to look too disappointed when he'd selected the wrong tickets!



IN THIS ISSUE Could you maybe help a child with their reading? (p11); Any old uniforms in the loft? (p14); No, the airport idea is highly unlikely (p13); Sharpen up for that Quiz! (p3 & 8); DIY SOS – builders, decorators, etc? (p4); Letters galore (p8 & 9); A New Hall & Sports Field (perhaps) (p14); oh, and ADVERTISERS, do be aware that after being held for many years, ads prices are finally to be increased (only a little) next year – more info next time.



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NO LATER than 5.15 pm on Monday, October 14th 2013.

After this deadline, items are given less precedence for inclusion (No guarantees!), and certainly need to reach us by the Wednesday.

STOP PRESS - ADVERTISERS should note that the deadline for ads is **EARLIER, Friday Oct 11th**, due to their preparation time.

NB :- **Can we politely remind** Contributors that the above **deadlines** are exactly that; there seems to be a trend (with increasing use of e-mail) of sending items later. It should perhaps be realised that **the later an item is received, the less precedence it gets.**

The box is checked a little before the deadline. **It is a great help** if items can be left a few days before the closing date. **Thank you.**

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

All contributions to the Chronicle are most welcome. Be sure to include the name, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number of the author. Contributions can be made :-

1. If you've Internet access, by **email** to the relevant editor (and please use a **meaningful title**, we get a lot called Chronicle!)

to reach the next editor ==>	editor@draytonchronicle.net
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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ALL AROUND

Drayton W.I. Brenda Malin

After a break during August it was good to be back amongst friends again and cheer up the prospect of the coming winter.

Harvest was the very topical subject this month and many known and unknown facts were discussed. Unsurprisingly many traditions hark back to pagan times, including the planting of poppies around the edge of the wheat fields to ward off evil.

On Monday October 21st Drayton W.I. are **hosts** to the group meeting in the Village Hall.

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Mon 14th: Coffee:- Barbara, Pat, & Jackie

Mon 21st: Whist:- Pat Percival

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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

NB Please see front-page advert re **All Souls Service Nov 3rd**

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice	Bell Tower
Weds	10.30 am	Pebbles (term time only)	Church Room

CALENDAR for OCTOBER

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

Baptisms	Aug 25th	Dawson Robert Michael Brown
Wedding		Andrew Stephen Juniper Watts and Rebecca Kay Heptinstall

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When I was first asked to become a churchwarden I must admit I had no idea what was involved. At the time the church was going through what is known as an interregnum, this is just a posh word meaning that we were between vicars. During this period the day to day running of the church becomes the responsibility of the churchwardens and the parochial church council (PCC). Some of these things are quite small and straight forward others are much larger and more complicated.

The theft of part of the Reredos from the Lady Chapel has led to the church undertaking a complete detailed survey of the security of the church building, this has led us to conclusion that the best way to protect the Church and its contents is by the installation of a CCTV system. Easy you might think! But oh no the procedure that we have to go through to get permission to install this in a grade 2star listed church starts with a 40+ page form which has to be filled in and submitted along with detailed plans, and supporting documents from several other agencies including English Heritage, the historic Churches Trust and the District Council. The whole process has taken almost a year to complete. However we hope that we are now in the final stages of this which will mean that soon the church will once again be able to be open for the public to access during the daytime.

Now with Rebecca being on maternity leave we are almost back in the same position as when I became a churchwarden, however thanks to the hard work of all of the team we are managing to keep things ticking over. We are always ready to welcome anyone who wants to come to church be it regularly, or for special services. When all is said and done it is YOUR church! We are also always keen to hear your thoughts on what could be done to make it more user friendly. There is already a plan to reposition some of the pews to create an open space at the back of the church, we hope to be able to do this work ourselves to keep the cost to a manageable level. To enable us to complete this, we will need the advice and hopefully **the assistance of any kind-hearted builders, carpenters and electricians that might be reading this** and feel that they would like to help with a community project, a sort of DIY SOS but without the theatrical interference of Nick Knowles and his team of celebrity builders.

There has been a Church in Drayton for hundreds of years, but like all old institutions there comes a time when things have to change to keep pace with the needs of the modern world. To some these changes are a frightening prospect, but with care we can bring our church into the 21st century and be able to respect those who want to continue with the traditional way that the church operates, as well as opening our minds and attitudes to those who want something more upbeat and vibrant. In essence **it's your church and you can influence the way it operates** and what it offers to everyone who calls Drayton their home.

CH - - CH What's Missing? **UR!**

St Peter's Church Drayton is ready and waiting to welcome you at any of our services. Thursdays 09:30 and Sundays at 08:00am and 10:00am, pay us a visit, it's free, friendly and fulfilling.

Colin Arnold (Churchwarden)

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

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Drayton 1st Brownies

Ruth Hudson

Welcome back to all the Brownies, it was great to hear about the wonderful summer holidays and days out they had been lucky enough to enjoy. We also would like to say a big welcome to the six new Brownies and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Our first meeting back was a very busy one with pebble pets being painted and large fat-balls made for the birds to enjoy, a very messy but enjoyable evening. The theme this term is Animals with lots of exiting activities planned including bringing your pets to Brownies! We are all looking forward to our next meeting which will be visiting the Falconry centre at Millets Farm, I am sure it will be a very exciting and informative event.

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

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Drayton PLAYERS

Jean Hager

A short update to say that we are in consultation with one of the drama groups in Abingdon with a view to producing a combined presentation, and hope to have something positive to report soon.

In the meantime, Abingdon's BreakALeg company will soon be bringing their recent very successful presentation of 'The Nightingales' from the Unicorn Theatre to Drayton Hall, for ONE performance only, on November 2nd.

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- 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

A warm welcome to Liz, Aki, Aliyah, Zia, Zayn and Sofia who have moved into Abingdon Road from Didcot.

And also to Maggie who has moved into Binning Close.

Congratulations to Vicky and Marc on the birth of Tom a baby brother for Isabella born July 28th; welcome to Lockway.

A warm welcome to the High Street for Cliff and Victoria Hartley who have moved to our lovely Drayton all the way from Abingdon.

(To all our friends and Sara's clients – ‘Tranquil Beauty’ - who are not on Facebook), we are very pleased to announce that Sara and Ashleigh have had their twin girls, 7 weeks early, on Sept 4th, named Summer and Lola, weighing in at about 4lb each (good weight for 33 week old twins). As I write the twins are still in hospital and doing very well. We now have 8 grandchildren, 6 of whom have had to use the Special Care Baby Unit at the JR, the earliest being 30 weeks, so we are very grateful to all of the medical staff who do such a fantastic job helping the survival of these babies and supporting the families.

Tony and Barbara Warwick (Busy and grateful grandparents)

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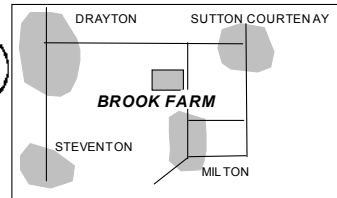
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WESTMINSTER VIEW

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

When the Govt introduced Police & Crime Commissioners, one clear aim was to increase public accountability. While we have a low crime rate in the constituency compared with many other parts of the UK, I know that local residents do have concerns about many police issues, so the opportunity to make sure that those in charge of the police is very important indeed.

I am very pleased, therefore, to be able to publicise an event on Oct 14th. Anthony Stansfield, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, will be holding a **public meeting in Didcot, open to any to attend** (Didcot Civic Hall, 7pm).

It's an opportunity for him and the local police commander, (Supt Andy Boyd), to meet residents and deliver presentations about the role of the PCC and local policing in South Oxfordshire. Residents will be able to ask questions and feed back any concerns you may have about policing and crime. Please do go along if you can, both to hear about what is happening with policing locally and to put your own views to Mr Stansfield and his colleagues (Ed:- if you DO go, remember to ask about his expenses 'issue'!).

If the subject of crime is one that gets your blood pressure up, you might like to hear about some stats I recently saw. High blood pressure is one of the leading causes of a variety of illnesses, and it does not have any obvious symptoms but 1 in 3 UK people suffer from it. It's easily picked up with a quick check, which most GP surgeries will carry out on an ad-hoc basis. Why not get your blood pressure checked next time you see your GP, or make an appointment to do so if you may not be at the surgery for a while? It takes very, very little time but might save your life ...

Since Parliament has returned from the summer recess I've been getting your emails and letters thick and fast, on Syria, bovine TB and the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Bill.

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 is Oct 18th, Wantage Civic Hall)

PANSY SMITH (98)

{From Mavis James, now living in Pershore, Worcs, who is Pansy Smith's daughter}

Dear Editor

I'm sure many of your readers will remember my mum, **Pansy Smith**, who lived in Steventon Road, Drayton until a few years ago when she moved to St Katharine's House in Wantage.

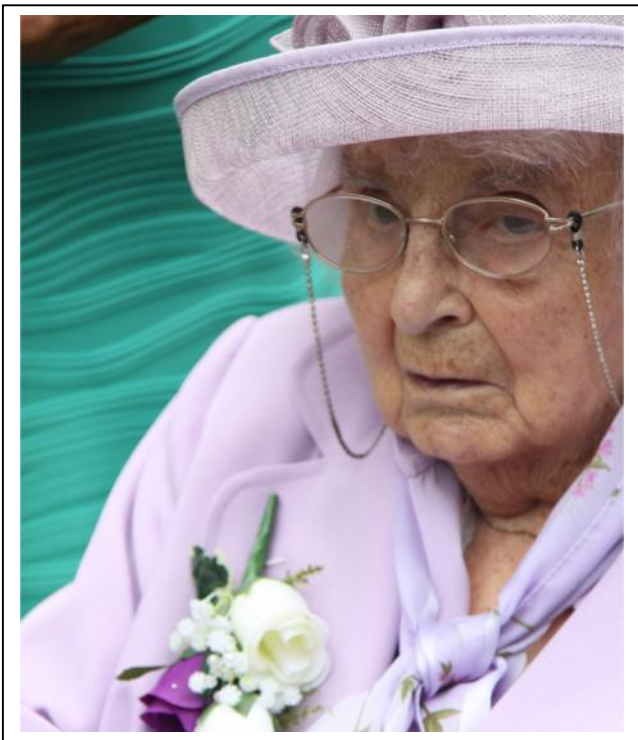
I wondered if you would publish the following, with the photograph; Pansy still receives her copy of the Drayton Chronicle each month and I know it would please her greatly if she saw herself in print. She is now approaching 99 years of age. Pansy lived in Drayton from 1934 until 2010 when she moved to St Katharine's House.

(dictated by Pansy) On 17th August I attended a wedding, travelling in a Mobility Taxi from the Care Home in Wantage.

It was the wedding of my great-grandson James Shipman, who married Jennifer Cross in St Lawrence Church, Hungerford. James is the son of my grand-daughter Deborah (James).

I wonder how many great-grandchildren have their great-grandmother attend their Wedding? I had a lovely day. The picture is of me in my Wedding outfit.

(Ed's note :- sadly the Chronicle is printed in b & w - costs preclude colour - but in this case it's a definite shame as the original photo shows Pansy in a really nice lilac outfit).



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He was born and grew up in Drayton (many will know him from the church choir), moved to Babbacombe in 1986, served as a golf coach at the Palace Hotel (Torquay), until having an accident.

He was then a long-serving kit man to Brixham Rugby Club, where he was very highly thought of. He was also a brilliant artist and had two exhibitions, raising money for MacMillan nurses and Torbay hospital. Kieth was cremated on August 21st at Torbay crematorium, well attended with rugby friends who with his partner Sandie and children Matt and Rebecca gave him a lovely send-off. His sister Avril, her husband and daughter Sara also attended.

Afterwards there was a final get-together at the rugby club to say our goodbyes, **he will be missed by all**.

Avril Crossman (his sister)

[Ed's notes:- a) Avril assures me that the spelling of his name is correct, albeit some will think it unusual, and b) purely by coincidence these items have arrived together, the obituary would have been just too late for our Sept issue, where it would have been more timely]

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YOUR LETTERS

GREEN-FINGERED THIEF!

Dear Sir, 37 Lyford Close

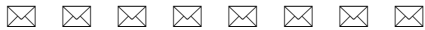
Could the person who stole my potted bay tree have the courtesy to return it?

It isn't the cost, but the sentimental value, as it was the last present my husband bought me shortly before he died.

And, since then, one of my hanging baskets has also gone. I had hoped that guilt may have made the thief return them.

Mrs P Thomas

(Ed's note :- if you know anyone who recently acquired one or both of this type of plant, is it possible they didn't travel all the way to a garden centre to get it?)



Stray (?) Cat - very friendly

Dear Sir, Drayton Road, SC

Has anyone lost a 'TORTOISESHELL' Cat? (The correct term may be 'tri-colour' tortie).

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Kind Regards B. Thompson



Drayton's Awesome Seven

Dear Sir, 20 Steventon Road

Drayton's 'Awesome Seven' (Taylor, Della, Sam, Gracie, Laurie, Jordan & Morgan), with the help of Sheila Cook, did a wonderful job of presenting & showcasing Drayton 'Past & Present' in our community newspaper.

Well done, we loved it!

Judy & Derek Henman



Millennium Green

Dear Sir, (via email)

GRATEFUL THANKS to all the people who have recently offered to take a turn on the litter picking rota.

Any problems, please contact Gwen on 531205.

Thanking You Gwen Price



Can You Read This OK?

Dear Sir, (via email)

A pair of glasses have been found in the burial ground; they have gold coloured frames and bronze tinted lenses.

I have them safe, and can be contacted on 01235 531923.

Colin Arnold



DAMASCUS

Dear Sir, (via email)

This letter is to invite readers to the AGM of the DAMASCUS Youth Project, which is scheduled for Tuesday October 8th at Sutton Courtenay Village Hall (7.30pm).

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Thanking You Rita Atkinson



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Let's Build a Great Network

Dear Sir,

7 Greenacres

In Nov 2011 I was quite ill, which over the next 3 months turned out to be chronic bladder retention, kidneys failing, arrhythmia, and a probable enlarged prostate with a PSA of 223 (0.1 is ok!).

I was admitted to the Churchill in April 2012 and after being catheterised, which gave me an immediate improvement, I had a bone scan. I had to find out why but was eventually told that with a PSA of 223 I would probably have prostate cancer, hence the need for the scan. On leaving hospital a few days later, still with catheter for bladder draining, I had a prostate biopsy which confirmed advanced prostate cancer that had spread to my bones. However I was feeling rather well at the time.

Anyway I started immediately on hormone therapy by way of a single tablet daily and an implant that would last for 3 months at a time. Progress on this was excellent; my PSA was down to 4.5!

In June 2012 I had an operation called a TURP, which I won't explain now but it cured the bladder retention and other problems.

By November I had the heart problem corrected with something called a Cardioversion (electric shock under general anesthetic).

All in all I was doing rather well, doing everything I did before, a little muscle ache here and there but put that down to age (66).

Last month my PSA had risen again to about 31 but this is not unusual. I had a choice of Chemotherapy or a new treatment with a drug called Abiraterone. I decided on the Abiraterone, which seems good so far. No side effects to speak of. Daily tablets. Back to doing really well.

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I receive excellent treatment at the Churchill and now here is the point. I've always seen life in a positive way and strongly believe that a positive attitude is a great help when facing cancer.

My experience moved me to start a social network for men (&/or their family) who have prostate cancer or prostate problems or who may think they could be at risk. I would like to ask them to join the network. **It's free**, there is no advertising, it is not a business but a place to share experiences and stories, not just about cancer but life in general. A German company provided me with the network technology, free, and it is easy to join and use. I can give e-mail tutorials to potential new members who may have a difficulty in setting up their membership/pages.

Here's the site:- www.prostate-amigo.mixxt.com have a look round. There are only a few members so far so it's not as complicated as Facebook!! Let's make it a really big, useful network.

Best regards

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Richard Webber

County Council Report With a team many times larger than the District Council, and a budget of nearly £1 billion, it is understandable that decisions and actions take much longer to reach at County than at District. There is some good news for Drayton over pavement maintenance and weed clearance in the coming months, but we all (me included) will need to be patient.

There is a small pot of money available for community schemes. I've already had some interest, but would welcome more, so that I can co-ordinate applications. **Any community activity needing support or start-up help to the tune of £100 - £500** may be eligible. Please let me know if you are interested (by end-Oct).

Home to School Transport

It seems that this issue is not going to go away. OCC spends some £17m every year on School Transport. It needs to save over £100m across its budget and most areas are protected. I suspect that we will end up with schools themselves taking responsibility for the funding of school transport – starting with Academies. There is a gradual move towards making schools responsible for their own budgets and taking away the responsibilities of County Councils for Education provision. The changeover period will be painful and contentious, but OCC, in common with all County Councils has got some tough decisions to make in the next year or two. Drayton has been heavily involved in the debate over the past eighteen months and I am keen that we should stay involved.

Spare a thought

The County Division of 'Sutton Courtenay & Marcham' – in the middle of which sits Drayton (you may well ask how Drayton got left out of the name!) seems a very large and disconnected area with each village having its own, quite separate problems. Some of the problems are similar simply because all 3 of the larger villages are of similar size. There are many other shared problems, however, and all the villages including Appleford, Milton and Shippon have an interest in sharing their experiences and their ideas. Abingdon's problems are our problems, too. Increasingly, Didcot's problems are becoming ours. All are under threat of speculative planning applications. Sutton Courtenay is under special pressure from the expansion of Milton Park, a potential 1m square foot warehouse, the steadily increasing activity at the FCC waste recycling site, not to mention the demolition of Didcot A.

All these have implications for housing and transport in all the villages. It must be in all our interests for the villages and their Parish Councils to get together to share experiences, problems and solutions. I wonder if we all live too much in our own bubbles at present. We would surely have much more clout together.

If you have feeling on this or any other County or District issue you would like me to hear, **please contact me** on 01235 534001 or Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com

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District Councillor

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Speaking of awards, there are a number of other nominations of Drayton people for this year's VWHDC Chairman's Community Awards. Over the past 5 years some 14 people have already received such rewards. It seems that Drayton is able to supply an almost endless stream of people of all ages, who are ready to give their time and energy for the good of village community life. More on this next time.

Drayton continues to hit the headlines with its Neighbourhood Plan. We do not know yet what it will contain, but the sheer numbers of respondents will make the results highly significant. **Well done** to all those who responded and in particular to those who collected and distributed the questionnaires. **Make sure** you come to the event on Friday/Saturday Oct 18th/19th to find out and contribute to what is going on.

(for contact details, please see County report)

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Drayton School Justine Regan

School news ... The Red Kites, Kingfishers and Eagles attended the annual TRYathlon event, which was held at the White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre in Abingdon. This event was organised by the charity Active Nation. The children participated in multisports, aqua zumba, dodgeball, tennis, martial arts, bootcamp, dryside rookies, roller skating and boxercise!

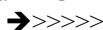
We are very lucky to have 20 new Toshiba laptops, that are stored in a portable station, and can be transported to each class as and when needed.

The whole school celebrated the birthday of Roald Dahl by having a day of Roald Dahl inspired learning in class, all children and staff all dressed up as a character from one of his books. We concluded with a whole school assembly at the end of the day. It was a fantastic effort by everybody.

Kingfishers class (years 4 & 5) are looking for **volunteers** to come into school and **help support children with their reading**. The children benefit so much from this experience, and if you feel that you could give some of your time to help, then we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact the school office or pop into school.

Ravens have a new name, they are now **Blackbirds**. This was reached by having a class discussion which all the children joined in with.

FODSA are hoping to hold an AGM soon to arrange a new committee.



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Robins Class ... This term the Robins have been focusing on getting to know each other and settling into their new class and school. Their class topic this term is 'All about me!' and they have been learning all about their friends & families, learning about their bodies and how they have changed since they were babies, also thinking about different feelings and celebrating their class bear Barnaby's birthday.

Puffins Class ... The class topic this term is 'The land of make believe'. They have transformed themselves into Puffins, they all made a puffin body collage and photographs of their heads were attached, and a beak added! They have also been reading The Gruffalo and have been busy transforming their role play house into a forest. They have explored the wild area in our school grounds and recorded what they found onto their own maps. They have been sharing the Roald Dahl book, George's Marvellous Medicine, and have had a go at making their own potions.

Blackbirds Class ... The year two topic is Fantastic Mr Fox. The children have enjoyed getting to know what the three farmers in the story are like, and have worked out adjectives for each of them. In Literacy, the children have also started work on connectives, so that they can learn how to extend sentences. The art work on the three farmers and Mr Fox is wonderful and is up in the classroom. For the next couple of weeks the children will be learning how to mix colours using powder paint. As always, you are welcome to come and see what is going on in the classroom.

Red Kites Class ... are exploring the world of myths and legends. Already they have made a class story book which is available to read in their book corner! They have started looking at the Legend of King Arthur and how he became king. In the second week back they found a large stone/boulder in the middle of their carpet with a sword which had been forced into the top. Many children tried to pull the sword from the stone - but none succeeded. Until a young man named Hamish was asked to try. With ease, Hamish pulled the sword from the stone and was named the king of the classroom! They also found out what the inscription said on the sword - 'He who pulleth out this sword shall be named King of all England.'

Kingfishers Class ... is a large class of 32 children who are in years 4 and 5. They have two fantastic teaching assistants: Mrs Lester and Mrs Nicholls and they are looking forward to a very exciting year. To start their autumn topic, Kingfishers have made a wonderful range of three-dimensional fish, which can be seen in class and around school. They are now raising money to buy pet fish for the classroom. Running alongside their entrepreneurial exploits, the children are learning all about the life cycles of fish and other animals, creating new explanation texts about how and why they need to care for their fish! They are also enjoying the challenges of Mathematics; an interactive maths programme which encourages and improves number bonds, multiplication skills, plus many other necessary life skills.

Eagles ... have been Marooned! Using the character of Michael from Kensuke's Kingdom as their starting point, they debated whether or not to sail around the world, worked out that they could afford it if they 'only' went for a year, but despite detailed planning, things have gone wrong. How will they survive or keep warm? What will they eat? As the weather becomes more autumnal, they'll be designing shelters by investigating different aspects of structures, working out where they are in the world and how they might be rescued. They will be keeping diaries, writing letters for bottles, retelling their stories to journalists and producing a radio programme about their experiences. In addition they'll be learning about the exciting but sometimes gruesome history of global exploration, other characters (real or fictionalised) who have travelled, been marooned and survived (or not), and use some of their scientific investigation skills to act as ship's botanist and make their new homes work for them.

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One member of the public was present, David Mercer. As David was the author of the scoping report for Drayton 2020 (available on the village website) and is also the co-ordinator of the team currently working on the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, he was interested in the £18.2 billion 'London Oxford' (or 'LOX') airport which has been proposed on the same site where a reservoir and 'garden city' have previously been suggested. As part of the airport site would actually be within Drayton Parish, it is a moot point whether consideration of the proposal should at least receive a mention in the NDP. It is understood that the Airports Commission has been tasked by the Government to come up with some initial recommendations on UK airport capacity by the end of this year, and to that end it is seeking responses from any interested parties by Sept 27th. The Parish Council will be making a formal written submission to the Commission by that date, which, naturally, will vigorously oppose the airport project.

As this issue has evidently caused concern among some Drayton residents, as well it might since we would be directly under the flight path of 4 runways (!), it is worth pointing out that the airport proposal is not new, but is actually the revival of a scheme first brought forward ten years ago. A Government White Paper published in 2003, 'The Future of Air Transport' gave only a single paragraph to the LOX proposal, noting that it relied on the presumption of radical and hugely expensive improvements being made to the site's road and rail connections. It commented that there were 'significant doubts about the feasibility and capacity of the promoters' proposals in this regard'.

Due to the sensitivity of any proposals to expand airport capacity in a densely populated country like the UK, we find ourselves in 2013 not much further forward than in 2003. Government and business seem united in their belief that future economic growth depends on us expanding our airport capacity, which can only be achieved by building new runways. However, the debate is as divided as ever about where that expansion should take place, but research for the PC's response to the Commission shows that LOX has so far not even featured on the list of possible sites. Moreover, and bearing in mind the state of the UK economy in recent years, it's apparent that development of new airports on 'greenfield' sites (eg the so-called 'Boris Island' in the Thames estuary) would be vastly more expensive and therefore risky than expanding existing sites like Heathrow or Gatwick. This is not to say that LOX could never happen, but it's not a favoured option by anyone currently speaking for the aviation industry or the government. →>>

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Other matters were dealt with at the meeting, but they will be held over until next month's report. In view of Drayton's understandable interest in the subject, it was felt important to say something about the airport proposal. Obviously the PC does not have a crystal ball to see into the future, but we can at least keep an eye on the LOX project, and report back to Drayton residents with any information that comes to our notice.

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, in the first instance, via e-mail at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by phone 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 emailing list, so that they receive prior notice of meetings and any relevant documents. In addition, all PC minutes are now archived on the village website: www.drayton-near-abingdon.org - it 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 Oct 7th, at 7.30pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are **welcome to attend**.

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Drayton 2020 - latest update

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Meetings have been held with the County Council with regard to transport and education issues, to ascertain how OCC would respond to proposals on these matters made in the Neighbourhood Development Plan. As the District Council is the planning authority, Drayton 2020 is working with both the Vale and OCC to produce an integrated road safety strategy which would address the demands made by the planned housing developments. An outline framework has been drawn up for the draft NDP and work on this will be proceeding throughout the rest of September and October. The completed Draft will be published in November.

In the meantime, the Steering Group continues to meet fortnightly, and the next meeting after publication of this Chronicle will be on **Fri 4th October** at the Caudwell Centre in Gravel Lane at 7pm. All Steering Group meetings are open to any Drayton resident, and it would be great to see you there.

Please note that a Steering Group meeting will **not** be held on Fri 18th October, because this date has been earmarked for our next public consultation meeting, in the Village Hall that evening, see ad on page 9. Maps and plans will be on display as part of the Friday evening presentation, but they will continue to be displayed the following day, Sat 19th, between 10am and 4pm. Members of Drayton 2020 will staff the exhibition to answer questions.

Agendas and minutes of all Steering Group and working sub-group meetings and many other documents relating to Drayton 2020, including maps, are now available on the village website: www.drayton-near-abingdon.org *Richard Williams*



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Inevitably our area will attract other proposals but GARD's mission is to block a massive reservoir over the whole site to serve London. At present all the indications are that Thames Water is short of funds, is under scrutiny by Ofwat for trying to raise its charges to pay for its debt repayments, and to fund the proposed Thames Tideway Tunnel costing upwards of £4 billion to prevent sewage flowing into the Thames during heavy rain. All TW customers would have to pay for this. Our interest, however is in water supply for London. All GARD's evidence shows that transfer of water from the Severn and Wales to top up existing reservoirs, when needed, via pipeline (or canal) provides a cheaper, more flexible, quicker, more sustainable and far less damaging solution. Understandably there are a lot of engineering studies to be undertaken to refine the work and routes, but the water quality and ecological studies are presently proving favourable but incomplete, GARD is prodding hard at Thames Water who appear to be making haste very slowly!

Nick Thompson Hon Chairman GARD

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for our next training courses**

Oxfordshire Advocacy is an independent, confidential free service supporting adults in Oxfordshire to get their voice heard and their wishes taken into account.

Volunteer advocates work with people needing support to: challenge decisions, uphold rights, attend meetings, make a complaint.

If interested, our next training courses are:

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DRAYTON HALL NEWS

As well as the new weight-loss classes, there's a steady stream of new bookings for childrens' parties, and the stage will get a good workout on Nov 2nd with the 'Coward-esque' play 'The Nightingales'. In December there's a country music show, so look out for that, and we've looked at the possibility of getting a (pre-owned) skittles alley (or 2) to put on a few skittles nights, but that's a bit down the line.

We just heard that one grant for the kitchen revamp has been awarded (by OCC) but that's only about 25% of the funds needed, so several more applications need to be made to other sources.

A couple of our user groups could do with a **few new members**, the Sequence Dancers have members from all over the county, so it must be a good night, call Brian on 531701; also the Monday night Badminton group would welcome a player or two, of a reasonable standard as the ladies tell me they play matches in the Oxfordshire & District League (so one other night in the week they must play away). Call Kathy on (01865) 340462 for details.

LATE NEWS (web version only!) BBC Radio Oxford will be broadcasting from the Hall on Fri Oct 18th from 1pm (p1 & 9).

LISTINGS

National Needlework Archive, Greenham (not Mons):- has the magnificent Quaker Tapestries until Oct 10th, then a spinners, dyers and weavers exhibition from Oct 19th to 31st; they also have the 'Country Wife' (textile mural) - made for the Great Exhibition, formerly at the WI's Denman College, and being conserved in a long-term project. On Oct 10th is a special one-day needlework course, when you can learn the 'Quaker' stitch and bring home the sampler that you've started on that day. Greenham is through Newbury, check details on 01635 38740.

Radley and the Railway is an exhibition at Radley Village Hall, Nov 2nd/3rd (free) www.radleyhistoryclub.org.uk

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is October - There is no end to ways you could support the Against Breast Cancer Charity, from holding a cake sale to taking part in a sponsored silence, dying your hair pink, or running 10k . . . and there will be something for everyone to enjoy at the annual Abingdon Splash of Pink Day on Saturday 26th October when the Market Square is turned pink to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Join the celebrations between 10am - 4pm. For more info, see website www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk

Abingdon Bookworms Reading Group :- Abingdon Library, Weds Oct 23rd, 6pm to 7.

Orchestra of St John's Proms at the Ashmolean, Oct 3rd, 7.30, Britten, Purcell & Handel, Box Office: 0845 680 1926 or see www.osj.org.uk, or tickets in person from Blackwells.

Advance Notice - Drayton Hall : as well as the drama production (front-page ad) DO look out for upcoming ads for a Country Music night (2 live acts), Sat Dec 7th.

Oxfordshire Craft Guild : selling exhibitions from Nov 16th to Jan 5th at the Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock, and the Old Fire Station at Gloucester Green through December. High quality handcrafted items, unique gifts for the festive season.

DRAYTON DIARIES

DIARY FOR OCTOBER

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

Sun	6	8.00am	Dog Show (Griffon Bruxellois) all day
Mon	7	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (p13) <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Sat	12	10.00am	Private function
Sun	13	2.00pm	Private function
Mon	14	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (p2) – Ads 11th
Fri	18	7.00pm	Chilli night for 2020 (p9) . . . (& on Sat)
Sat	19	9.00am	. . . 2020 displays etc – to 5pm (p9)
Sun	20	9.00am	Bowls Club (all day)
Sat	26	9.00am	Private Function (to 1pm)

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MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
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)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
6.30 pm	Youth Zone (to 7.30 except Bank Hols)	
6.30 pm	Table Tennis (New Players)	<i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys / girls, 8–10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Table Tennis (Senior practice + playing 2 hrs)	<i>School</i>
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>
8.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

8.45 am	Foot Clinic (1st Thurs)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
9.00 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group (NB Term-time ONLY)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing (01235 531701)	

FRIDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

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