

# DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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## CATALOGUE CHRISTMAS

by Doggerelle

In late July a catalogue came, 'twas posted through my door,  
 Advertising fancy objects and Christmas gifts galore.  
 Glancing through its pages I came to this decision --  
 I'd buy from it for Christmas and with flare and great precision  
 Choose carefully each object to suit each person's taste  
 Whilst sitting in my arm-chair, and so no time I'd waste.

For toddler Mike a monkey, pull its string, it climbs a pole,  
 For discerning old Aunt Agnes a fine Art Deco bowl.  
 For elegant Isobella a scarf of shining silk  
 And for Uncle Ted some slippers or something of that ilk.  
 For fashion conscious Bella a jewelled bright blue bangle  
 While a tie adorned with fish for brother Ted who likes to angle.

For gourmet George expensive chocs to please his appetite  
 And whisky for my Uncle Wilf – let's hope he stays upright!  
 Note cards for fussy Auntie Flo, showing dress throughout the  
 ages,

And a book for learned Leonard with near one thousand pages.  
 For sweet Aunt Jane a calendar depicting cutest kittens  
 And for Emily who feels the cold some warm and furry mittens.

### Volunteer hero and heroine:

Congratulations to Jean Hager and Andrew Bax, on having their massive contributions to Drayton life over many years recognised by Vale Volunteer Awards at the recent ceremony in Wantage. ➔



➔ It's November as I write this and Christmas time is near,  
 And all my shopping is complete, there is no need to fear  
 The shove and push in crowded shops, the hassle and the noise,  
 As anxious shoppers search for gifts and buy expensive toys.  
 All my cards are written and the parcel packing done,  
 December now approaches, I'll have time to have some fun –  
 With carols, mince pies, pantomimes, mulled wine to hit the spot:  
 Do I regret no shopping spree? I certainly do not!



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➔ And our apologies for not including them in our November issue; these official photographs of the presentations by the Leader of the Vale Council, Councillor Mike Badcock, weren't available until after the November Chronicle went to press.

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# DRAYTON 2020 UPDATE

Richard Williams

## The Drayton 2020 Questionnaire

The returns of Drayton's neighbourhood plan questionnaire were quite exceptional. Of 960 copies distributed, 612 completed surveys were returned, with a total of 1190 respondents taking part. Our response rate of 64% is more than double the average for such surveys. Our grateful thanks to all the volunteers who delivered the forms, talked to people, answered their questions and then went back again, often several times, to make sure the responses were collected. And thanks to all the Drayton residents who took time to complete the questionnaire and for their many additional comments. Some of the comments were positive, others more critical, but the purpose was to get as wide a range of people's opinions as possible. The comments can be seen in full on the village website: under 'Resources, Policy and Evidence'.

The main analysis was done by Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, and they found overwhelming support for the concept of a new village green and community centre – 89%. People said that the types of houses most needed in Drayton were affordable housing (20%), 2-bedroom (17%) and 3-bedroom (16%) homes but when asked what type of housing they might choose if they were to move within Drayton in the next 5 years, the highest number of people (33%) said a 4 bedroom house. These data may appear contradictory, but they do make sense. ➔

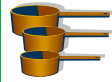


Tom Shebbeare, Brenda Malin, Purvin Shahin and Shirley Thomas are all happily distracted from studying the detailed survey results.

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➔ For someone already living in Drayton in a 2 or 3 bedroom house, the majority of the existing stock, there would presumably not be much point in moving to another house of the same size in the same village. The main reason for moving within Drayton would be either to upsize - or downsize.

There was support from 20% of respondents for alternative types of housing. Of these, just over half expressed an interest in self-build; 30% in shared ownership schemes, and 18% in co-housing. What we do not know is how many of these people simply thought that these different types of housing were a good idea and how many wanted to participate in such schemes. We are therefore inviting anyone interested in taking part to get in touch with Drayton 2020, via the Parish Clerk, so that we can put them in touch with each other (see advert on page 11). There was widespread support for more energy efficient homes, perhaps not surprising in this era of rocketing energy prices. Also 68% supported the notion that every new-built home should be required to make some form of financial contribution towards village amenities, whether this is done through existing mechanisms, or central government's proposed Community Infrastructure Levy.

Inevitably, many wish that the village could stay as it is. They see any new housing as a threat, but the census returns tell us that in the last 10 or 12 years, some 80 new houses have been built in Drayton and the impact has not substantially changed the character of the village. The Steering Group hopes that new development will open up new horizons provide some of the additional facilities that previous development has failed to deliver.

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**Editors Note:** The sites considered for new housing are shown below and at the bottom of page 15, together with the 2020 evaluation of their merits. Green marks are better than amber, which are better than red. They are ordered roughly by decreasing overall attractiveness, from left to right across both pages!

### Manor Farm

Preserve historical character of the village	GREEN
Low impact on traffic flow	AMBER
Minimum impact on rural landscapes	GREEN
Low impact on neighbours and green space	GREEN
Easy pedestrian access to amenities	GREEN
Subject to low traffic noise	GREEN

### North of Barrow Road

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Minimum impact on rural landscapes	GREEN
Low impact on neighbours and green space	AMBER
Easy pedestrian access to amenities	GREEN
Subject to low traffic noise	AMBER

### South of High Street

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Minimum impact on rural landscapes	AMBER
Low impact on neighbours and green space	AMBER
Easy pedestrian access to amenities	GREEN
Subject to low traffic noise	GREEN

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# CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Chronicle** will be the **Jan/Feb** issue:

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

Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 17 January 2014**

Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Monday, 20 January**

Printed copies available: **Friday, 31 January 2014**

## Key dates for the subsequent two Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
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# CHRONICLE LOTTERY

**Jean Barton, Hon Promoter**

## RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER LOTTERY:

### CASH

Prize	Ticket	Winner	Agent
£25	1697	Mrs Chapman, 146 Whitehorns W.	Mirja Boyd
£20	2029	June Greenaway, 15 Eastway Park	Teresa Burnage
£15	106	Carol Arnold, 95 Abingdon Road	Julie Brown
£10	981	Mrs Bott, 55 The High Stret	Michelle Ainscough
£10	1346	S Woodley, 25 Binning Close	Cathy Norris
£10	1626	Mr and Mrs Tyler, 35 Lockway	Christine Sadler
£10	1085	Clair Wargui, 3 High Street	Ali Bone
£10	244	Mrs Law, 29 Corneville	Ellen Winter
£10	1787	Mr & Mrs Lacey, 15 Whitehorns Way	Trudi Buckner
£10	1603	Mr Pitts, 27 Lockway	Christine Sadler

### BOTTLES OF WINE

Prize	Ticket	Winner	Agent
1st	254	David Hudson, 21 Corneville	Ellen Winter
2nd	1837	A Webb, Windyridge	Clare Soper
3rd	1974	Ivor Berry, 7 Eastway Park	Teresa Burnage
4th	1729	Mrs C Yates, 10 Whitehorns Way	Pat Percival
5th	1380	R Berry, 28 Binnig Cose	Cathy Norris
6th	282	Mrs Winter, 1 Corneville	Ellen Winter
7th	1703	Mrs Brandon, 59 Whitehorns Way	Mirja Boyd
8th	851	Joanna Selby, Brambles, Church Lane	Susan Brooks
9th	1016	Sue Summers, 83 High Street	Michelle Ainscough
10th	1898	K Burrows, 129 Drayton Road	Clare Soper

### BOXES OF BISCUITS

Prize	Ticket	Winner	Agent
1st	444	Mrs Stanbridge, 29 Sutton Wick Lane	Keith Clough
2nd	827	Hilary Webb, 30 Church Lane	Susan Brooks
3rd	1390	S Hutchinson, 23 Binning Close	Cathy Norris
4th	1557	Mr and Mrs Robinson, 3 Lockway	Christine Sadler
5th	1208	D. Drew, 17 Steventon Road	Judy Henman
6th	553	Mrs Adams, 36 Sutton Wick Lane	Keith Clough
7th	249	Mrs Turner, 27 Corneville	Ellen Winter
8th	1580	Mr Mace, 15 Lockway	Christine Sadler
9th	1988	Reg & Lynn Jones, 11 Eastway	Teresa Burnage
10th	786	Kay Davies, 6 Church Lane	Susan Brooks

Drawn from the 1795 tickets sold  
We no longer issue counterfoils with lottery tickets  
Instead, the winning numbers are generated randomly using a  
computer, as for Premium Bonds and the National Lottery

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 Mon. 7.45 pm Bell Ringing Practice *Bell Tower*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

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## LETTER FROM REV. ROSIE BRUCE

Dear Friends,

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During December there will be the special, traditional services at St Peter's (see advert on page 16). Especially important to Drayton is the remembering of loved ones missed at this particular time. Anyone can do this by writing on a star, which will later become part of the decorations in church.

At the carol service, crib service, Midnight Mass and Christmas morning service, everyone is welcome to come and share in the retelling of the Christmas story. There will also be a Christingle service on 19th January to raise money for the Children's Society. Do look out for the special collecting boxes and help support the work of this charity.



The deeper meaning of Christmas can easily be forgotten or swallowed up by the busyness of the season. It can be a fun time and it can also be a meaningful one too. The Christmas

story shows us something about God, giving, loving generously and sharing. These are things that can make living more worthwhile if we do them as well.

In A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, the young nephew of Scrooge tells him, "But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round...as a good time: a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time...And therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say; God bless it!"

And God bless you,

*Rosie*

## 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 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 three dates are 03 December, starting at the earlier time of 1.45 pm, 07 January and 04 February 2014. If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.



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## YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

At St Peter's Harvest Festival the groceries that were given were  
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received. This made us very aware of how important these gifts  
were to enable the food bank to help people in need.

St Peter's would like to continue giving and would like, through  
the Chronicle to ask the people of the village if they would also  
like to contribute. A list of groceries needed can be seen at  
Vickery's, the church notice board or on St Peter's website.

We also, at this time of the year give hats, scarves, gloves, socks  
and underwear (male) to Luther Street for the homeless.

If anyone would like to donate any of the above to these causes  
the church will be open on Wednesdays, the 4th, 11th and 18th of  
December from 10 am to 12 noon and on Saturdays the 7th, 14th  
and 21st December from 10 am to 11 am.

Thank you

*Val Cross, Churchwarden, St Peter's Church*

Dear Editor

I would like to thank Katie Mansfield of Hilliat Fields for all the  
help she's given me in recent years, sometimes at the drop of a hat,  
with my Chronicle round; also to wish her and her husband  
Samuel all the best for their new venture in Newbury. They have  
taken over the 'Brebis' (French for ewe) French restaurant in the  
Kennet Centre in Newbury (16 Bartholomew Street) and would  
love Drayton people to visit.

*Judy Henman*

**Editor's Note:** Since opening in November, Brebis has only  
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## ALL AROUND

### W.I.

**Brenda Malin**

November's meeting was a hands-on evening, making cards and Christmas stars for the tree. The stars and cards were very beautiful. We had two new visitors, who I hope will come again, and from the fun and laughter throughout the evening I am sure they will.

Our Annual Quiz on Friday was, as usual, a call on the **little grey cells**, which worked better for some than others, but was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Our thanks to Tony Holmes-question setter, Geoff Caudle-question master, and Daphne and Geoff Samworth for keeping score, not to mention all the ladies and Bernard Webb, who set up the hall in the afternoon and prepared the tasty ploughman's supper.

Our December meeting, Thursday 12th, is at the usual time 7.30pm at the Caudwell Day Centre, A Jacobs Join (bring a plate of food) - Weight Watchers have the night off - enjoy!

### DRAYTON WIVES

**Gwen Price**

In October we had a very fascinating talk with slides given by Terry Mason, the husband of one of our members. In his youth from 1961 to 1963 he spent three years working for the Air Ministry, doing research with five other men, in Antarctica. The islands where he was were called Orkney and Shetland. The terrain was flat and the weather cold and windy. Very important to them were the sixteen dogs. They were on observation watch every three hours. He saw some lovely wild life including different species of whales, seals, penguins and flying fish. It was a wonderful experience for him but he was glad to get home to his future wife.

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## BOWLS CLUB

**Bryn Jones**

The 'friendly fours' competition was a great success, with teams from Drayton, Oxford and Didcot competing and the outcome a win for Drayton, the winning team being Olive Brown, Carol Smith, Graham Lacey and Eileen Long. All those participating spoke highly of how they enjoyed the day, and hope they will be invited back again next year. Thanks to Jane and her many helpers.

The afternoon league is well underway now, with both Drayton teams well placed. The 'Wasps' are in second place and the 'Hammers' in third spot after 7 matches, but the top six teams are only separated by a few points so it's looking like anyone of the six who can put a few good results together could win it. There is a long way to go as we reach the halfway mark.

Just a reminder to all those who have made it to any of the finals; they will take place on December 15th starting at 9-30 am. We are hoping for a good day and hope many members will be there to enjoy the day.

In closing I would like to wish all our members, old and new, a happy Christmas and more importantly a healthy new year.

## HALL NEWS

**Tony Holmes**



Bookings are holding up quite well, the Hall seems very popular for children's parties, and several dog club groups are now using us for meetings, and the occasional show, it helps that we're nice and central for memberships scattered round the country.

November saw a stage play for the first time in a while, with the Abingdon based BreakaLeg team doing 'The Nightingales'. Thanks to Deidre Jones and Mike Davies for their expertise in putting the production together, and the players for their performances. PLUS our own Fred Stevens, for helping get the stage lighting ready, and certainly Ann Webb, for her sterling efforts repairing a number of the stage curtains! There'll be a show in the first half of 2014, (Wantage players), and Drayton's players may have reformed for a show at some point, perhaps merging with another group.

I must also mention our **Country Music night** on December 7th, two live acts plus a buffet and some mulled wine to start the festive season. Tony Collins (one of the acts) plays a mean fiddle, and 'Clear Cut' is a father & son duo well known on the country-music circuit, so do support us if you can, tickets very kindly sold by Vickery's. We are hoping for a big crowd, so advance warning for those nearby, there may be a little overflow parking that night. At the end of February, we have a folk music night booked (that's electric folk) so do look out for that ad next time.

I think I mentioned last time, that we now have two weight-loss or dietician groups, one each on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings. Staying with that theme, one of our Zumba girls, (Gemma), is doing some trial sessions of something a bit different:- Jan 12th, 19th and 26th (Suns) she's also doing half-hour workouts of 'H.I.I.T', that's High Intensity Interval Training (no dance steps, just calorie and fat burning!) see the advert on page 10. She tells me these classes are from top gyms, and studies have shown that the body continues burning body fat for 48 hours after such classes! She's also got a new 'Calorie Burn' afternoon (Sun Feb 1st), so all those planning some real Christmas excess do book up now, details in a separate ad in this issue.

This issue should just be in time for Geoff Caudle's Carols Concert (Dec 1st), always very popular. Other Hall news is that Gary Hibbins has worked hard to get an eager group of volunteers, and so the Damascus youth group has restarted on Monday evenings, 6.30 to 8. Also our updated website ([www.draytonvh.co.uk](http://www.draytonvh.co.uk) - thanks to Jules Meredith) now has a nice diary to check as well as how to book.

"Well done ladies", the Bra Bank has filled up a second bag, it's a worthwhile charity helping breast cancer research and the poor in Africa, so thanks for your support (!) and keep them coming! (NB If you can bring them in a bag, it makes life a bit easier).

Two of our main user groups have got big functions soon, the Sequence Dance club has a Christmas party on the 14th, followed by Bowls club's Finals day on the 15th. Good luck with those!

In the New Year, we should have a few chats with the 2020 group & Parish Council about long-term usage for the Hall. Those who've been following the 2020 group's mighty efforts re the village survey & plan may have seen mention of a new Hall, more central. Any such Hall will be smaller, for certain groups, perhaps with a cafe/luncheon club too. The present Hall will still be needed for sports and other functions (certainly anything needing a stage) but we'll hopefully be discussing possible revamps. I've been asking our regular groups for suggestions about possible changes, but if any of them hasn't yet made contact, or indeed if any villager has suggestions for future use, please let me know ( 531180 or [tony-holmes@ntlworld.com](mailto:tony-holmes@ntlworld.com)).

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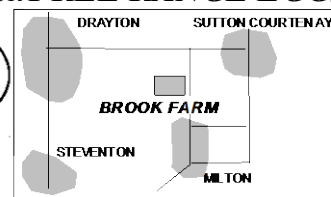


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Lauren Brown

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We return on Wednesday 15th January 2014, have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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. You can register your interest and the Girl Guiding website and Join Us! Or you can email us on [drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk](mailto:drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk).

Further details available from:

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### DRAYTON PRESCHOOL

Laura Hughes

By the time this reaches you, we will have had our Christmas Fayre and hope to have seen lots of you there making it a big success! Santa and his elves hope all the children will have a lot of fun. The run up to Christmas is always busy with gift making and parties, and the children will be enjoying their party in a few weeks. They have been making cards and decorations which family always love.

We also learned about fireworks and safety in November, and made our very own chocolate sparklers by dipping one end of chocolate fingers into hot water and rolling them in sugar sprinkles. A big hit with everyone!

Our next intake will be in January 2014. If you have a child aged between 2 and 4 years and would like to arrange a visit or put their name on our waiting list, please contact Nadine on 01235 536094 or email [draytonpreschool@btconnect.com](mailto:draytonpreschool@btconnect.com). Preschool has a website <http://www.draytonpreschool.co.uk> which has lots of useful information, and we also have a Facebook page which is regularly updated so please visit and 'like' us for the latest news.



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**School news:**

We have a fantastic new website! Please do take a look: [www.drayton-pri.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.drayton-pri.oxon.sch.uk)

School organised a Halloween disco for the children, the younger children had their disco first, followed by a disco for the older children. They all dressed up and looked fantastic, staff helped to decorate the hall and the children were served a hot dog. They had a lot of fun.

The children of Drayton School raised money for Children in Need, for a donation, they came into school in their pyjamas and dressing gowns, and also lots of onesies! It was strange seeing them running around at lunchtime in their night attire, but they really enjoyed it, many thanks to all that donated.

We are having a school open afternoon, where parents can come into the school and join their children in their classes and do some fun activities together and see what happens during the school day.

Some of the Red Kites class will be singing at the Drayton Carol Concert on the 1st December.

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL THE READERS OF THE DRAYTON CHRONICLE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

**Classroom updates ...**

**Robins Class**

Robins had a visit from the Fire Service, the fire engine drove into school and there were lots of excited children. The Fire Fighters talked to the children about keeping safe and showed them around the fire engine, and demonstrated the sirens.

The children have been exploring the changes in weather and had an opportunity to try puddle painting, they added powder paint to the puddles, they explored mixing colours and made some beautiful prints by putting paper onto the top of the puddle.

**Puffins Class**

Puffins have made their own Bonfire display in the classroom to celebrate Bonfire night. They collected wood from the wild area and piled it up in the classroom and added paper flames, they also made a night sky and designed fireworks to go on the display using different mediums.

Children made various Rangoli patterns whilst learning about Diwali (the festival of lights). The whole class made a pattern using coloured rice, with their own patterns to put on display.

It is that time of year again, where they are preparing for their Christmas play, lots of learning of songs are going on at the moment.

**Blackbirds Class**

Blackbirds have finished the novel 'Fantastic Mr Fox' amidst much cheering and pretend toasts to Mr Fox from them all. The children have really enjoyed this book and are now looking forward to having 'George's Marvellous Medicine' read to them as their class story. Beware all grannies! They gathered wood and leaves and lit a small fire in the wild area on a very damp day recently, as the children are learning to write instructions. Their first set of instructions was 'How to Light a Fire' - they all had very smoky clothes to prove it. They have also made firework pictures. These are up on the wall, as always you are very welcome to come and have a look at them. They look sparkly and explosive!

Mrs Middleton and the children are pleased to welcome Mrs Hodder who will be teaching for the first half of the week.

**Red Kites Class**

Red Kites topic this term is "Help, we're afraid of the toy box!" Over half term Red Kites left out a toy box with toys in. When they came back the toys must have come alive and fled from the toy box as they were all over the school. Each toy held a secret message. Red kites used a map of their school to find the toys and unscramble the message that read 'Please help us we are afraid of the toy box!' They will be thinking about what the toy box could have done and how they can help. The children are completing their own 'thought bubble' posters. They are also designing and making their own terrifying toy boxes, along with writing diary

extracts from tortured toys to writing instructions on what to do if you happen to come across a terrifying toy box!

**Kingfishers Class**

Kingfishers have been learning a little about entrepreneur-ism. They have raised money to buy a tropical fish tank. (Just under £130.00) And will hopefully soon be getting fish to go in it. They are continuing on with their theme of Running Wild following the tracks of a young boy who is caught out in Indonesia when the tsunami happens. Allowing us to learn about the physical geography alongside the culture and economic facts of Indonesia.

**Eagles**

Some of the children in Eagles have been putting themselves forward to be a member of the School Council, they prepared speeches and presented them during an assembly on why we should vote for them, they were so brave (I know I could not do it!) and came across as really confident. They also had to do other tasks and the whole school voted on who they would like to have on their School Council.

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# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Williams

## Report of the Meeting held on Monday 4th November 2013

The meeting was attended by three members of the public, in addition to the councillors. Tony Holmes, the Bookings Secretary for the Village Hall, spoke about the grant of £3000 that the Parish Council has already agreed in respect of a new extension to the hall to provide extra storage facilities. Tony asked if the grant could be re-assigned to a project which the Hall Committee now regard as a higher priority; that is, the upgrading of the kitchen and the provision of new windows in the main body of the hall. The present kitchen equipment is very limited, and not much different from when it was first installed nearly forty years ago. It is felt that the Hall could attract more bookings of all kinds if the catering facilities were modernised and made more user-friendly.

The existing windows in the main hall are in poor condition and single-glazed, so offer little insulation. Their replacement with new double-glazed units would cut down on future heating bills, which are becoming an increasing expense. Councillors approved this change and agreed to defer the original extension project, which is still intended to go ahead, though not in this financial year. In view of plans for a new community centre on the Manor Farm site, and some uncertainty about how this will impact on the existing Village Hall, it was also suggested that before any major structural alterations are carried out on the latter, it would be sensible to engage an architect, who can look at every aspect of the hall's functions and come up with an overall plan for refurbishment. Laurence Zipson now has commitments that clash with the Village Hall Management Committee meetings and Naomi Broomfield's offer to take on this role was accepted.

The question of providing a defibrillator in the village was discussed, but the consensus was that Drayton is fortunate in being very well served by paramedics: several councillors reported experiences where they have had to call on this service, and a paramedic has appeared within minutes, in one case while the caller was still on the phone! It was argued that it would be hard to find a suitable location for a defibrillator that would be secure but also accessible at any time of day or night, and from any part of the village. In any case, by the time the device had been collected (and how might an elderly person, for example, manage this at 3 am on a frosty night in January?) a paramedic would likely be in attendance anyway. It was resolved not to pursue the matter.

The possibility of putting on some kind of commemorative event next year to mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War was considered. Some residents of the village may be aware that a young man called Edward John Mott, who was born in Drayton, fought at Gallipoli in 1915 as a Corporal in the army's Border Regiment, and was awarded the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest military decoration for gallantry. As part of the Government's plans for 2014, any community that was home to a holder of the VC will be entitled to a commemorative paving stone, inscribed with the recipient's details. The PC is looking at suitable sites where the stone could be put. Incidentally, Mott Cottages – the new houses just south of the Wheatsheaf, are named after the young man in question, and his full story was told in the November 2003 issue of the Chronicle, which will be made available in its archive section on the village website.

To contact any member of the Parish Council messages 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](mailto:draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk) or by telephone on 07909 176061. 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 2nd December 2013, at 7.30pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.



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## GARD UPDATE

**Nick Thompson**

Since the Public Inquiry ruled that the massive reservoir proposed by Thames Water was inappropriate, GARD has continued to put strong pressure on Thames Water, challenging anything which we see as wrongly attempting to further the prospect of resurrecting the reservoir.

The present five-year water-planning process indicates a small shortfall in supply for our area (Swindon and West Oxfordshire) and an increasingly large shortfall for London. GARD does not dispute this, and Thames Water plan to meet the greater demand by the treatment of more effluent and waste water, ➔

## DRAYTON 2020 UPDATE part 3 Richard Williams

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Although it was not an issue when 2020 started, the proposal for an international airport on Drayton's doorstep has certainly added an unexpected element in local planning! The Drayton 2020 team do not know what the eventual outcome of the government's deliberations on airport capacity in south-east England will be but we are confident that there are more practical and affordable solutions available to the government, and that the costs of any London Oxford Airport (LOX) would be unaffordable – in both financial and political terms. If anyone would like to know more about the arguments against LOX, Drayton Parish Council did make a detailed response to the Airports Commission. This document is available to read on the village website: go to the Parish Council tab, then look under Planning Committee.

Finally, Drayton 2020 would like to express their thanks to all those who made the effort to come along on either day, or to our previous consultation events – the 'Curry' launch last September, and the Sunday 'Tea Party' event in May. Truly, it is your interest and support that are at the heart of our Neighbourhood Development Plan, and we could not do it without you.

Steering Group meetings are open to all Drayton residents, and are held on alternate Friday evenings in the Caudwell Centre in Gravel Lane at 7pm. The next scheduled meeting is on Fri 13th December, which will be the last in 2013. Do come!

For reminders of other Drayton 2020 meetings and events, please contact the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, via Drayton 2020: drayton2020@gmail.com. David can also be contacted at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061. In addition, the 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

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➔ as well as cutting their pipe leakage, compulsory water meters and a campaign to reduce personal consumption. There seems to have been little objection from the public despite the "yuck" factor of using recycled effluent.

Unfortunately, the forecasts for the longer term 2020 to 2040 show a very large shortfall for London due to population increases and possible climate change. Thames Water plans to meet this by one of three options: more re-use, a reservoir or large scale transfers of water from the river Severn. It is the last of these which GARD sees as the cheapest and most appropriate and we are putting strong pressure on the company to expedite the work, be transparent with the results and impartial in their assessments of the relative costs. We are particularly concerned that to date they have ignored offers from both United Utilities and Severn Trent Water to supply Thames Water from their resources. We are keeping the Regulators Ofwat and the Environment informed.

We will therefore be keeping up the pressure although the next plan is five years away. GARD updates will be less frequent, but anyone who wishes to know more is welcome to contact me.

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## DISTRICT COUNCIL

### Richard Webber

We are told that there is an overwhelming majority of the world's scientists who now believe that Global Warming is happening, that much of it is down to the activities of mankind, and that we should be doing all we can to prevent it. Yet there remain some scientists and many others who believe that, even if there is some Global Warming, it is perfectly natural, it has happened before many times, and that it is a complete waste of money to try to affect it.

For me it is a simple issue; an issue of risk analysis. I am with the majority and think we need to be addressing the problem. Doing so now will, in the long run, save us a fortune. If I am wrong, and we do what I am suggesting, we will have wasted money, maybe lots of it. But if the Climate Change deniers are wrong, and we do nothing, we will have wasted more than money, we will have wasted the planet. I would rather explain to my great grandchildren that I wasted their money than have to explain to them that, by saving money now, we left them with no future.

And while I am into things environmental, I would like to conduct a brief personal Christmas consultation. All Millennium Green visitors will know our Willow Tree. I have wanted to have a large mature tree in my garden all my life and at last I have got one. I am told that if we want to install solar panels on our South-facing roof, the shade from the willow tree will reduce their efficiency by about 50%. The rest of the family think the tree is way too big for the garden (which it is), it makes the garden dark, its leaves are a nightmare to sweep up every year, and its roots are disturbing the patio. So I have an environmental nightmare on my hands. Should I defy everyone and indulge my love of beautiful mature trees or should I bite the bullet and save some money, save some energy, save the patio and keep the family happy by cutting the tree down? Any suggestions for solutions to this dilemma would be much appreciated.

And I am not the only one with the dilemma. The government's seemingly desperate drive for more housing (resulting in the decision of a Planning Inspector to give permission for 160 houses in South Abingdon) gives the Transport authorities a real dilemma in judging their approach to the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan. It is likely that the plan would allow housing in Drayton. The people of Drayton will have decided where – not developers, district planners and inspectors. This is Localism which the Government invented with an Act of Parliament. So which should take precedence – the wishes of the developer/inspector or the wishes of the locals. The real irony is that it is Localism which is likely to deliver housing first – if only because there will be so much less contention, argument and protest.

The Neighbourhood Plan is now gathering almost unstoppable momentum. The first draft is being looked at by Parish Council, soon to be followed by District Council. Drayton now looks like being the first place in the Vale to produce such a plan. That is going to produce a lot of outside interest. If you would rather not be in the spotlight, you might be well advised to stay indoors for the next few months!

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# COUNTY COUNCIL

Richard Webber



Shortage of money is once again the headline this month. OCC's lack of money is going to mean that we all need to be very clever with how we operate and plan the County services. Everyone agrees that of all transport issues, road safety should always be near the top of the priority list. The sad statistics around the Milton Road out of Drayton (3 fatalities in the last 5 years), and the need for a 40mph limit on this stretch of road (at present it is

unrestricted) has made us all think hard. I am very pleased to say that Drayton PC, Milton PC and Milton Park are all expressing an interest in contributing to the cost of this. County Councillors (for this year at least) have a small pot – some of which can be used. The result is that the fighting fund is all but in place. I hope to have good news in the early new year. In the meantime, please drive carefully, and slowly.

Social Services, particularly Youth services are very likely to be cut back in the budget round. This is particularly relevant to our own Damascus Youth service. I am hoping that the local Parish Councils and the District Council will feel like gathering round to ensure the long term survival of this outstanding organisation. I cannot remember a time when our young people seem happier and more engaged with the rest of us. (We old ones could still do more in trying to engage with young people. Smiling and saying hello is a good start.)

The model of the Damascus Youth Project is admired all across the wider area and I shall be working with OCC and VWHDC to ensure the proper funding of Damascus and trying to find ways of expanding its influence. I am hoping that there could be substantial economy of scale savings to the public purse.

There is still some money left in the Community grants pot. If you have a local community project run by a committee and need some help, please contact me. Or if you have any issues or problems with County issues; Roads, Education, Social Services etc, I can always be contacted at

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# WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey

On 7th December this year Small Business Saturday will be coming to the UK. It is one day of the year when, across the country, people are encouraged to do their shopping exclusively in small businesses. Businesses supporting the day provide special offers to help encourage the public to shop small.

The initiative has been a great success in the United States, where it was pioneered by American Express and was quickly taken up across the country by Federal and State authorities, big businesses and many other organisations. President Obama famously took part in 2012, visiting his local bookshop 'One More Page.'

This is not a Government led effort; many businesses, organisations and local authorities are backing it. But the Prime Minister and Government are fully behind the event and are working with American Express and other partners to help ensure it gives the biggest possible boost to small business.

We have some fantastic small businesses across the Constituency, and this is just the right time of year to be out shopping, so why not join in?

The largest chunk of correspondence from my constituents recently has been about the lobbying bill. It had been suggested that the Bill could stop charities, local organisations and campaigners from expressing opinions on some policy and political issues. However, as I have said in all my replies, the Government has gone to great lengths to make it as clear as possible that only third-party groups that campaign for the electoral success of a particular political party or candidate will be affected by this Bill. Any organisation campaigning solely on policy issues will not be included in these changes. Despite this, I am pleased that Ministers have listened to the concerns raised by charities and have undertaken to see if it could be made even clearer in the Bill and amendments have now been tabled to do just that.

As the festive season approaches, may I wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous new year. ➔



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## DRAYTON 2020 - part 2

Richard Williams

⇒ continued from page 2: On transport, the most favoured traffic calming measures in the village were 20 mph speed limits, reinforced by speed cameras, but it was also plain that, along the High Street in particular, people are concerned about large HGVs and would like a weight limit through the village. Transport is difficult because the police and Highways Dept of OCC cannot look at individual villages in isolation but as part of the integrated road network of the Vale and South Oxfordshire. What happens in Drayton doesn't just affect Drayton: it has a knock-on effect on the surrounding villages and all traffic passing through. The increasing volume of traffic is obviously of concern, and this may be reflected in the 50% of respondents who favoured new cycle paths and the 46% who would like to see a more frequent bus service. Only 4% were interested in car pools or car-sharing.

On recreation facilities the most popular options were a circular parish footpath (17%), a nature reserve (16%) and additional play areas for children (13%). The Steering Group hopes we can improve existing footpaths and at least two new footpaths are part of the housing development sites we are discussing, to help improve connections between different parts of a footpath network which is already one of Drayton best assets. We would hope that both new sports pitches and new play areas can also be created

### Friday 18th October – the 'Chilli' evening.

This was the third public consultation meeting held by Drayton 2020. It was in the Village Hall, where Donald Bruce provided food for approx 90 people, in the shape of two steaming cauldrons of chilli con carne (or a vegetarian option) with pita bread and nachos. This was another delicious catering effort and, whatever else might be said about Drayton 2020, no one who has attended any of the meetings could say they have been left hungry. Thanks also to John and Jayne Henderson who organised the bar and thoughtfully included, among the bar stocks, a small barrel of the Abingdon Loose Cannon brewery's best bitter – this being the kind of localism that beer aficionados really appreciate.



Gwyn and Margaret Jones, Vesna Brock and many, many others listen intently!

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Thanks also to David Perrow who organised and supervised the many display panels around the hall. One section was devoted to the excellent posters, courtesy of John Minns, of the various sites that have been put forward for housing development, with their evaluation against a number of important criteria – see the panels below and on page 2. Other displays covered a statistical breakdown of the responses to the village questionnaire; the historical development of Drayton, with maps; design and building codes, the latter based on the Vale's Residential Design Guide.

The formal hosts for the evening were Tom Shebbeare and Andrew Bax, members of the Drayton 2020 Steering Group. They outlined the history of Drayton's Neighbourhood Plan, the reasons why a plan was adopted in the first place, and what has happened since our launch night just over a year ago in September 2012. They outlined the negotiations which have so far taken place with developers, to date on three separate sites (at the foot of page 2). They explained why some sites had been progressed and not others; whilst the door has not been closed to other sites not yet identified, priority will be given to those that came forward during the period of public consultation.

It was evident that many people were concerned about the overall numbers of houses that might be built in Drayton. If all the developments under consideration were to go ahead, (and 'if' is the key word at this stage), they would amount to between 100 and 150 houses, which is a lot. However, the Plan period takes us up to the year 2029 and much will depend on whether the South Abingdon development proceeds as planned. If it does, the Highways Dept could decide that the road network cannot take so many houses in Drayton, bearing in mind that new housing is also being built in surrounding villages like Sutton Courtenay and Marcham. A further complication is that the Vale's Local Plan is not complete, so we have no official target number to work to, and with pressure from central government to increase house building across the country, all numbers have to be regarded as provisional.

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### Long Meadow

Preserve historical character of the village	GREEN
Low impact on traffic flow	AMBER
Minimum impact on rural landscapes	GREEN
Low impact on neighbours and green space	GREEN
Easy pedestrian access to amenities	AMBER
Subject to low traffic noise	AMBER

### West of Lockway

Preserve historical character of the village	GREEN
Low impact on traffic flow	AMBER
Minimum impact on rural landscapes	GREEN
Low impact on neighbours and green space	AMBER
Easy pedestrian access to amenities	GREEN
Subject to low traffic noise	RED

### West of Steventon Road

Preserve historical character of the village	GREEN
Low impact on traffic flow	RED
Minimum impact on rural landscapes	GREEN
Low impact on neighbours and green space	GREEN
Easy pedestrian access to amenities	AMBER
Subject to low traffic noise	RED

### Adjacent to the Burial Ground

Preserve historical character of the village	RED
Low impact on traffic flow	RED
Minimum impact on rural landscapes	RED
Low impact on neighbours and green space	AMBER
Easy pedestrian access to amenities	GREEN
Subject to low traffic noise	GREEN

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# DRAYTON DIARY

## FOR DECEMBER

All events are at Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise  
(To book Drayton Hall call Tony Holmes on 531180)

Regular Events are not listed this month but were in November

Sun	1	7.30 pm	Candlelight Carol Service
Mon	2	7.30 pm	Parish Council <i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
Sat	7	8.00 pm	Country Music Show (tickets at Vickery's)
Sat	14	all day	Sequence Dance Christmas Function
Sun	15	all day	Bowls Club Finals Day

And in **JANUARY:**

Mon	20	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery deadline	<i>Vickery's</i>
		5.15 pm	Chronicle copy deadline	<i>Vickery's box</i>



## St. Peter's Church Christmas 2013

**CAROL SERVICE** – Sunday 15 December 4pm  
Mulled Wine & Mince Pies  
will be served after the Service

### CRIB SERVICE

Tuesday 24 December 4pm

### MIDNIGHT MASS

Tuesday 24 December 11.30pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY** – Wednesday 25 December  
8am Holy Communion  
10am Eucharist with Carols



**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**  
Sunday 29 December  
9am (said) Holy Communion

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**  
Sunday 19 January 2014 10am



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## Messy Church

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Primary School

**Sunday 8th December  
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## STARS FOR REMEMBRANCE AT ST PETER'S CHURCH



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



The stars will be at the back of the church, on the welcomer's  
table, so if you would like to have a friend or loved one  
remembered at Christmas please write their names on a star and  
leave in the basket provided.

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

Thank you Val Cross Churchwarden

# LITTLE-SEEN DRAYTON TREASURES

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