

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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REJOICE for our school with David Mayer & Nigel Wallace

We're proud to report that Drayton school is celebrating an overall 'good' rating from Ofsted after its February inspection. We congratulate the school's 145 children, our staff and team of governors for their work in making it possible.

Ofsted said of our village school that:

- 'The leadership and management of teaching, including the contribution of governors, are having a positive impact on teaching and pupil's achievement.'



- 'Pupils behave well and feel safe. They are helpful and friendly and enjoy coming to school.'

- 'Teachers make learning interesting and help pupils to become enthusiastic learners by providing worthwhile activities and good resources.'

- 'Children learn quickly in the Early Years Foundation Stage. They become confident and settle into school routines well.'

- 'Pupils across the school, including disabled pupils and those who have special educational needs, achieve well in reading, writing and mathematics.'

- 'Leaders know what to do to make the school outstanding and consequently the school is improving rapidly.'

Headteacher David Mayer responded:

- 'We are delighted with the achievement! We have worked tirelessly over the last two years to make the curriculum interesting and provide high quality teaching.'

- The improvement from our previous rating of 'satisfactory' has been achieved through the commitment of pupils, teaching and support staff, governors and parents to improving all areas of school life; attainment and achievement, teaching and learning, leadership and management and behaviour!

- 'However, we are not going to be relaxing now; it is thrilling that Ofsted have recognised us but we want to be even better - we are aiming high and will strive to achieve an outstanding rating next time around.'

Editor's Note: Ofsted inspects all schools, grading them as: 1, Outstanding; 2, Good; 3, Requires Improvement; 4, Inadequate. 'A 'good' school provides for all of its pupils' needs, preparing them well for the next stage in their education.

You can read the full Ofsted report on the school website at: www.drayton-pri.oxon.sch.uk

FIGHT for our village plan with Paul Mayhew-Archer & Richard Williams

The Planning Department of the VofWH District Council organised an exhibition and public meeting on 11 March to discuss where they plan to put thousands of new homes around the Vale. Councillor Mike Murray and his planning team were eager to show how skilled they are at planning. So it's a shame their exhibition in Abingdon's Guildhall had to be laid out by the coat racks next to the toilets because they hadn't booked a room for it. And it is a shame the room they did book for the public meeting wasn't big enough to accommodate all the public who turned up. It seems that 20,000 houses are being plonked around the Vale by people who can't even plan an exhibition and a meeting properly.

Councillor Murray presented the new housing plan as 'the least worst option' so that must fill us all with delight. The council may be out of 'better' options, 'preferred' options, 'sustainable' options or even 'OK' options. but at least we're not down to 'the worst worst option'. Thank you Mike Least-Worst Murray.

And thank goodness they've really thought through their proposals. For example, Councillor Murray repeatedly referred to the problem of traffic congestion on the Drayton Road. His ingenious solution? Build 200 homes south of the High Street in Drayton and then possibly more elsewhere in the village. Presumably those new residents won't be using the Drayton Road! Presumably they'll all promise to work and shop in Didcot!

After the meeting, I went on the Vale council website to contact them about all this. On the website is a heading "How to find us", and in the case of the Vale Planning Department the answer seems to be "You won't find us in the Vale. We've moved to South Oxfordshire." That's right. The Vale Council has got itself into such a mess over housing even its own planning department doesn't want to live here.

On reflection it was probably a good idea to put the new plan exhibits next to the toilets. Not so far to carry.

Paul Mayhew-Archer

Editor's Note: Some time or other we've all been exasperated by planning authorities! Drayton's Paul Mayhew-Archer, writer of 'The Vicar of Dibley', 'Mrs Brown's Boys' and sundry other attempts to look at life with a smile, clearly has, turning the big guns of his sarcastic humour on our district planners! Whether or not they deserve it, given all the pressures on them, **we do need to make sure they know just how much we want any Drayton village development to fit snugly into OUR Neighbourhood Plan**, into which so many have put so much thought and effort.

Now please read Richard Williams' piece on page 10 ⇨

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

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Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
June	19 May 2014	30 May 2014
July	16 June 2014	27 June 2014
August	14 July 2014	25 July 2014

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

Please be sure **always to include your name**, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number. Without names we will usually not print an item at all.

However, please also note that the editor has to ensure that each Chronicle fits exactly into an even number of printed pages. The editor therefore reserves the right to place, edit, shorten or even reject contributions as required to achieve this.

A contribution or advertising request can be sent to us in one of three ways:

1. The best is by **email** to **editor@draytonchronicle.net**. Your contributions should either be embedded in your email as **plain text** or attached as a **rich-text** or **Microsoft Word** document!

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Make sure the editor or advertising manager acknowledges your email within a few days.

2. If you cannot send your contribution by email, send us a **good quality paper version**, using fairly large, **simple** black typescript, without underlining on white paper, A4 or smaller.

3. Finally, we do accept **hand-written items**. However, in this case **please write the names of people and places in capital letters**. This does save a lot of mistakes.

Paper contributions should either be placed in the Chronicle letter box (outside Vickery's shop on Drayton Green) or posted to Vickery's at 5 The Green, Drayton, Abingdon, OX14 4JA.

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Jean Barton, Hon Promoter

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£10	1847	A Webb, Windyridge, Milton Road.	Claire Soper

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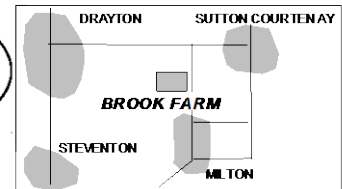
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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

Just a quick note to thank the people of Drayton for their tremendous support for the Pace centre. From June last year until now sales of quizzes and donations reached over £900. Add this to our sale last April and donations from the Red Lion, the Post Office and the MACE paper shop and the total is nearer £2000. Thank you so much! The Pace centre is amazed at your generosity! I'm sorry to keep appearing on your doorsteps.

The dog quiz results will be in Vickery's from 1 April. The next quiz is on indoor games. A super-duper tea party is in the pipeline for this summer, Thursday, 10 July at the Ritz-like Caudwell Day Centre

Yours sincerely

Judy Henman

Dear Editor

Chronicle readers may remember my taking part in the Radley Triathlon last year to raise funds for OASIS (Oxfordshire Autistic Society Information & Support) following my son, Arthur, being diagnosed with Autism. With their generosity I managed to raise around £800 in total which was fantastic. Over the last year we have decided that, from Easter, Arthur will attend Kingfisher School in Abingdon. It is a fantastic school for children with a whole range of disabilities including Autism and we are confident that Arthur will flourish there.

However, Kingfisher is badly in need of funding for a Sensory Theatre (such as the one at Fitzwaryn School in Wantage) that will benefit the pupils in so many different ways that I couldn't begin to explain to you. My husband Mark and I are therefore taking part in 'Tough Mudder' (as part of a team of 6, including another father from Kingfisher) in Henley on 26 April to raise funds for this Sensory Theatre. This is a 12 mile (very muddy) obstacle course that involves climbing, tunnelling, ice baths, electric shocks, jumping and deep water. This is a massive challenge for us that no amount of training can prepare us for but I hope will also be quite fun. This is nothing compared to the challenges that people with disabilities face on a daily basis. We are glad to take part and will be proud to raise as much as possible for this Sensory Theatre that will enhance the pupils learning experience at Kingfisher. So please, please, please take a look at our fundraising page at mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/karenandmarksharman for further information and photos, dig deep and give what you can. There will also be a collection box in The Mace Store on Abingdon Road for any change you can spare.

Thank you so much and please wish us luck!!

Karen Sharman

Dear Editor,

Here's a funny story!

About two weeks ago I was sending details of a property to an interested party via email (I'm an Estate Agent) and received a response from someone else saying that they'd inadvertently received my email, and that they were in Australia! I apologised, thanked them for letting me know, and compared both the intended address with the wrong address - only about half the letters were the same; both were yahoo addresses.

I re-sent it, checking carefully, and again my Australian 'friend' responded. We laughed about it, and of course, not one to miss an opportunity, asked if they were interested in a property in Oxfordshire. Floods vs sunshine? - no contest really!

My UK client received the details via the post, and who knows how many misdirected emails the lady in Australia received?

This story came to mind on reading the Parish Council Report in the March Chronicle - Mr Williams, receiving a 'read receipt' is no proof that your intended recipient was *actually* the one reading it! Maybe two whole paragraphs on what essentially is an administrative glitch, seems to me a little excessive?

Ellie Harris

Dear Editor

I do hope none of the drivers of these (*presumably XI*) buses read the article (*presumably in Richard Webber's County Council report in the March Chronicle*)!

Yes, some of the buses are late; too frequently late! But, what is the cause? I don't think it's caused by the drivers or even the bus company.

The new timetable with its improved, more predictable frequency offers Drayton a much better service than previously. I have more than doubled my use of the service since it was revised in spite of some lateness.

The problem with bus travel is just the same as that with car travel; namely the unpredictable nature of traffic congestion. That congestion, notoriously bad over the whole route of these buses, has been exacerbated by the flooding in Oxford and Sutton Courtney virtually from the date of introduction of the revised timetable. The bus that leaves Oxford on time, encounters stationary traffic on the A34 and/or gets delayed in Abingdon has no chance of being on time in Drayton on its way to Didcot, let alone being on time on its return journey even if the congestion has gone. With diversion due to flooding, what hope have they of being on time?

I'm not clear what is meant by poor customer care. I've not experienced or witnessed anything that could be described as such. Indeed, I believe drivers should be commended for their patience and consideration. I have experienced occasions when I have been frustrated and or impatient with the elderly lady who has got on and can't find her pass or the mother with a crying child in a buggy with standing passengers who won't move to allow her to get off. All of these sort of incidents, of course, have potential for causing delay. The drivers always seem to be amazingly calm.

Unless the politicians come up with the miracle solution I believe we will be living with the problem until the introduction of helicopter-buses.

Tony Croucher



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

For Easter Services please see advert on page 14.

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Easter Letter from Rev Rosie Bruce

Dear Friends,

After such a long wet winter, could Spring be here? Spring brings delights; more daylight in lengthening days, and at best some warmth, with brightly coloured blooms and blossoms.

Where better to be than outside, perhaps in a garden?

At Easter time, as at Christmas, there are traditions that mark out the Easter story and the meaning of Easter for Christians.

Palm crosses and donkey processions, on Palm Sunday, tell of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem where he came to celebrate the Jewish Passover supper. This is a Jewish memorial of freedom and also one of hope for the Jewish people. As a new Passover lamb on Maundy Thursday, Jesus became the symbol of freedom for Christians. Jesus opens the way to new life and freedom for us though his death on the cross. Hot cross buns on Good Friday remind us of this.

At St Peter's church children, young and old, make Easter gardens to help decorate the church and porch. There are many Bible stories set in gardens and the Easter story has some too. Mary was one of the first people to go and tend to Jesus' body. Distraught when the body is not there, she thinks Jesus is the gardener. This is an interesting way to think about Jesus, Jesus as a gardener.

Easter eggs, chicks and young lambs are symbols of Easter Day that show to us new life and that Jesus gives us a new way of living: a new creation. May the resurrection of Springtime bring peace, hope and happiness to us all.

Full details of our Easter services can be found on page 14 in this Chronicle

Please join us, everyone is welcome.

Rosie Bruce



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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

The Chronicle team welcomes Victoria and Darren Wright to Lockway, also Mr and Mrs Jacobs who have recently moved into Steventon Road. We hope that both couples will be very happy in their new homes and will enjoy living in Drayton

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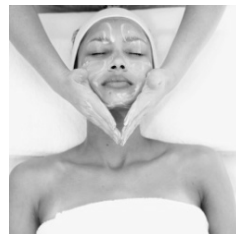
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DRAYTON PRE-SCHOOL

Laura Hughes

This month the children have been enjoying having their mums visit during session for 'Muffins with Mum', celebrating Mothers Day and giving the gifts they have made. They also developed their own theme for the term on dinosaurs, and will be visiting Oxford Natural History Museum to meet them close up!

Junk modelling is always popular and the children know all too well that one man's trash is another's treasure... and following on from the success of the Baby and Child Sale, we will be hosting an indoor car boot/table top sale at the Village Hall, on Saturday 26th April. Details are not completely finalised as yet but it is likely to be in the morning, and looks to be very popular if the response we had to the baby sale is anything to go by! Tables will be £10, if you would like to book your place please email chairdraytonps@btconnect.com and we will get the information sent to you. Perfect timing for a spring clear out, all items welcome!

We are currently recruiting for an NVQ qualified part-time Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. There is the possibility of increased or permanent hours depending upon the children's needs. If you are interested please email chairdraytonps@btconnect.com for a full job description and more details.

Our next intake will be in September 2014. If you have a child aged between 2-4 years and would like to arrange a visit, please contact Nadine on 01235 536094 or email draytonpreschool@btconnect.com. There is a baby boom at present so if you have a child approaching this age do please get in touch to go on our waiting list, places are limited.



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DRAYTON SCHOOL

Justine Regan

Everyone at Drayton Community Primary School is celebrating a GOOD rating from Ofsted after inspectors visited in February. We are delighted. We have worked really hard over the last two years making the curriculum interesting and focusing on the teaching.

The Ofsted inspection report said: "Teachers make learning interesting and help pupils to become enthusiastic learners by providing worthwhile activities and good resources.

"Pupils behave well and feel safe. They are helpful and friendly and enjoy coming to school."

Classroom updates:

Robins Class

have been busy finding out about Puff the magic dragon, they also did a musical workshop, making instruments from recycled instruments. They put on a performance, using their instruments, for the whole school, they were amazing!

Puffins Class

are exploring Africa, they have made sunset pictures, using different paint techniques and making animal silhouettes with black paper, after reading Handa's surprise, they wrote letters to Handa and are in the process of making an African hut in their classroom.

Blackbirds Class

had a really lovely day at Cotswold wildlife park and learned a lot about animals of the African savannah. They have also been exploring instruments and symbols in music.

Red Kites Class

have been looking at Teeth and how to look after them. They are also looking at how to keep themselves healthy. They all enjoyed a visit to At-Bristol and took part in real experiments, challenges and activities in the Live Lab.

Kingfishers Class

are still continuing with their WW2 topic, they visited Steam Museum in Swindon. They found out what it was like for children in WW2.

Eagles

have shifted in focus from historical robots, to robots of the future. Rather topically, they have been using the Digitext 'The Last Mission', to find out about a possible future for their planet after the 'environmental fall out' - the rise of evil robots amidst flooding and climate changes.



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Brenda Malin

Our AGM completed, and our committee secured for another year, our members enjoyed a fish and chip supper and caught up with the latest news on members who are unwell, and introduce and welcomed new members.

Our April meeting is a talk on antique jewellery by Mr Lyne. Small items of jewellery may be brought along and if a valuation desired a charge of £2.00 per item is asked. In order that everyone has a chance to have their treasure inspected, please do not empty your bank vault!

We look forward to seeing all our members back to full health at our next meeting, and taking part in our varied program for the coming year.

DRAYTON WIVES

Gwen Price

In February, to celebrate our birthday, we enjoyed a three course lunch at The Four Pillars in Abingdon. There were about fifty of us, including a few husbands, and it was a very successful event.

April diary:

- Mon 14th Coffee: Beryl, Gwen, Daphne P
- Tues 15th Walk Ducklington area.
- Mon 21st Whist: Pam
- Mon 28th Crafts
- Wed 30th A.G. M. Tea : Daphne S, Barbara W.

TWINNING SOCIETY

Stephen Fearnley

At the start of March we provided the teas for Lime Close Gardens. It was a dismal day – not quite raining all the time. Nevertheless there were several stalwarts who braved the conditions. There have been two twinning meetings since the last Chronicle – both held in members’ homes. We shall be holding our AGM on Tuesday the 29th April in the Caudwell Day Centre and invite anyone interested to come along at around 7:30. There will be tea or coffee and biscuits to tempt you! To find out more you can contact Michael Bell (01235 531388) or Stephen Fearnley (01235 531347). You can discover more about our activities on the Drayton website - just go to <http://www.drayton-near-abingdon.org/> and follow Village Information and Drayton Twinning.



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VILLAGE HALL

Tony Holmes

The March Committee meeting started with Andrew Bax (Drayton 2020 group), who kindly brought a draft set of plans for how the Hall might be upgraded in a couple of year’s time, IF the parish does indeed receive some developer funding for improved facilities in return for the expected new housing in and around the village. The plans will be an interesting starting point for more ideas, though the projected cost (up to half a million) should whet the 2020 group’s appetite for more bargaining? Oh, and do please see copies of the Vale’s latest leaflet on projected housing for the area, both in the Hall and village shops.



On a more imminent note, we expect a decision soon on a major grant application for the immediate project (kitchen, windows & fire doors), with a further one from the Vale’s Capital fund to be decided in April. **Grateful thanks** to the Corneville Trust, who granted us funding for a new larger cooker, (already in place), a new larger fridge expected soon, and upgraded electric rewiring.

On a less happy note, we experienced some of the local youth exploring the Hall roof recently, a bit of a shock to the class that was in at the time. **Parents might care to note** that the roof sub-frame is now quite old, and neither the Hall nor the Committee can be held liable for the death or injury of any trespasser who has an accident. A recent incident at an Oxford college, where a student suffered life-changing injuries after a fall from a roof, is a sad illustration of what can happen.

The meeting heard that we’ve received a surprisingly high gas bill, due it’s been discovered to a service engineer turning the thermostat up for a test, then not setting it back to the normal level. A cynic might wonder if British Gas has this as a policy; given that such service visits are quite common for the personnel involved, they might re-set things as second nature?

The recent paint job on the doors and corridors has been generally well received, and something else to please users should be the decision to **hold present hire rates** for a further 6 months, pending a review at that time.

Donations to the bra bank have sagged a little, so ladies, please, we just need a little more support to fill a further bag and benefit the 2 worthwhile charities involved. And also on support, the ladies’ Badminton group (Mondays) might still welcome a new player or two, as might the Sequence Dancers (Thursdays), who could do with some locals to augment the many who travel some distance for a night out. The Parent & Toddler group are doing a ‘nearly new’ sale on March 29th, and plan a table-top sale in another month or two. Our Pilates teacher, (Gillian Frost), is looking to start a new beginners’ class soon – recent testimonials mention almost miraculous relief from long-term problems. And one of our Zumba girls, Gemma, is doing a special family class on April 8th, (10am), so why not give that a try, always a fun session.

And to close, Naomi Broomfield of the Parish Council reported that funding has been achieved for a defibrillator, to be in a locked box on the Hall wall. Anyone calling emergency services will be given a code for the box, and the unit could just make a vital difference before a paramedic unit responds, but of course hopefully it will never be needed.

MORE ALL AROUND

BOWLS CLUB

Roll up

We start these notes by catching up with the 2 internal competitions played. First 'The Wally Weightman Triples' played in January; going through to play the final will be Doug Rich, Avril Holmes and Pam Lacey, who will play Cyril Carter, Jane Pimm and Chris Bramwell. Secondly, the winners of 'The Henry Bunce' handicap pairs played in February were Jack Mitchenson and Carol Smith. Both events were well supported which is always good and the next internal competition will be 'The Attwood Cup'. This will be a bowls drive played for on March 23rd and is one of the most popular formats of the year.

The 'Wasps' have completed their fixtures in the afternoon league, and it will be another week before they will know whether they have retained the title they have won for the last 4 years, 'Stanford Greys' are the only team able to take it from them, it looks like a tight finish. The Hammers still have 2 games to play and look like finishing mid table so all in all looks like a very good season for the club again.

In closing I would remind all members to make a note in their diaries of Wednesday June the 11th, when we are planning a lunch out at Burford. There will be a coach laid on to take us, and if it's anything like last year it will be a very good day out.

TABLE TENNIS

John Gould

Our Annual Quiz Night took place on 28th February at the school. It was a great success from the club's point of view, enabling us to raise funds that will help with future running costs. With 15 teams vying for glory it was a close run and exciting finale that saw the Drayton W.I. team winning by the closest of margins. I need to thank Jill Gimigliano for once again providing a splendid raffle, my wife Brenda, for operating our new computerised scoring system, that was provided by Alec Winton and to our Chairman Kevin Davies for ensuring the contestants were kept well watered.

Monday 10th March saw our 2014 Cadets' (under16) and Juniors' (under18) Club Championships. The finish time overran slightly due to the close nature of many games. The winners were – Cadets winner Finlay Greenfield with Peter Weir Runner up. These two also contested the Juniors Final with Peter coming out on top. In the Cadets Doubles Final, Finlay Greenfield and Lewis Waddup defeated Peter Weir & Will Stephenson. The Juniors' Doubles was won by Jack McBride & Peter Weir with Bradley Cox & Finlay Greenfield runners up.

It is good to report that we have a great crop of young players at the club. Win or lose they are always gracious to their opponents. All are extremely polite and get on very well with our adult members. They are all a real credit to their parents and we applaud them.

Finally the Club's Bidmead Cup team have reached the Semi-Finals and will have played Upton by the time you read this. Hopefully they will be in the Final and news of their progress will come in next month's jottings.

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SMARTWATER

Simon Murray

Police have reported on the large volume of lost & recovered stolen property held by them for which the owners could not be identified. They stress that there are simple means of marking property which would identify the owner to the police.

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There are a limited number of Smartwater kits available at the Abingdon police station, priced £15, heavily discounted (normal retail price £60). They can be ordered by phoning 101 & asking for the front desk. Stickers to affix to windows and doors to show that Smartwater has been used are also provided. Any items coming into police possession are scanned on arrival and if marked are linked with the owner. Neighbourhood policing teams also carry with them ultra violet lanterns which they use on stop checks, search warrants & scrap yard checks.

NAG5 has been encouraging residents to participate in this scheme. Appleford is now designated a Smartwater Zone as a large number of residents are using Smartwater. Parts of Sutton Courtenay are also designated as SmartWater zones. We are planning to support PCSO Sandra Syphas in promoting it (initially) along Steventon Road, Abingdon Road and High Street in Drayton starting in May.

TELEPHONE PREFERENCE

Tony Holmes

Lots of people get nuisance phone calls, from people selling something or bogus marketing surveys. The Telephone Preference Service exists to prevent these and generally makes a dramatic reduction in the number of such calls received.

We registered before Christmas, and I don't recall being pestered since. Register online at <http://www.tpsonline.org.uk> or, for those that don't 'do computers', you can also phone them at their Registration Line on 0845 070 0707 - 0845 numbers are usually free from a landline.

GARD AGM

Nick Thompson

The GARD AGM will be held at Stocks Lane Farm Steventon on Tuesday 22nd April 2014 at 7pm followed by a Committee Meeting. All who wish to be updated are welcome to attend,



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SUPPORT DRAYTON 2020!

Richard Williams



This is a long Drayton 2020 report, needed because of the Vale's recent announcement of huge projected increases in new house numbers for the Vale of White Horse over its Local Plan period up to 2031.

But first, our own plan! As reported last month, the closing date for responses to the 'Pre-Submission Consultation Copy' of the Drayton Neighbourhood Development Plan was Friday 21st February. The Drayton 2020 team would like to

thank everyone who took the time to send in their comments. We will carefully consider them all, and while it may not be possible to take everyone's ideas on board, they will definitely help to inform the next version. The one thing that can be said with certainty is that the task of refining our Plan just got a lot harder.

Vale of White Horse DC's Housing Delivery Update

On the same day that consultation closed on our Plan, the Vale of the White Horse published revisions to its own draft Local Plan, including a 'Housing Delivery Update'. To say that these represent a radical change from the proposals the Vale put forward only last year would be a dramatic understatement.

Planning authorities' housing targets must take account of the level of local housing need identified by an exercise known as the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (or SHMA), and the Vale have just completed such an assessment. The SHMA takes into account not just present housing need; it also has to compensate for past housing undersupply, and, more controversially, it must plan for future housing needs based on predictions of economic and employment growth. The Science Vale Oxford area, which includes the sites at Harwell, Culham, Milton Park, and Didcot A Power Station, is regarded as an internationally significant location for research and innovation, with great potential for future economic development. Based on the findings of the SHMA, the authority has determined that up to 20,560 new homes will be required across the Vale of White Horse by the year 2031. This is an **increase of 7430 homes** on the Vale's previous estimate of housing need, proposed only a year ago in 2013. What is more, of these 7430 extra homes, it is reckoned that 4000 will need to be delivered in the first 5 years after the plan is adopted, i.e. by 2019.

Local authorities all over the UK are under enormous pressure from central government to build more houses and build them quickly. Most people would agree there is a need to address the current housing shortage, but many are concerned about the consequences of housing policies that prioritise delivery above all else. Many district councils, including the Vale, have failed to meet past housing targets, in part for reasons beyond their control. Granting planning permission for a site does not guarantee that houses will be built on it. Developers will build the houses only if and when they are reasonably sure of selling them, and in recent years, the banks have been reluctant to lend, and people have struggled to obtain mortgages. There is even a suspicion that some developers want to restrict the number of houses they build as this keeps the prices high. Whatever the reasons, the large strategic housing sites in the Vale, such as Didcot's Great Western Park, have not produced the number of homes expected of them, creating a local housing deficit. This has left the Vale vulnerable to speculative housing proposals on sites which probably would not otherwise be considered suitable for large-scale development. The site in South Abingdon/Drayton Road is a case in point.

In order to 'take back control' of planning, the Vale have decided to identify additional so-called strategic sites across the region. These are smaller... ➔

➔ These are smaller than the mega-sites like Great Western Park, which tend to be built in several phases, and the hope is that they may be easier to deliver within the critical 5 year period. However, they are big enough (minimum size 200 new homes) for a manageable number of sites to be able to deliver the target figure of 4000 houses by 2019. Thus the just-published update to the Vale's Local Plan announces 21 new 'strategic' development sites across the district.

The Vale argues that this move has been forced on them by circumstances, and that it is better to have controlled growth, determined by planners, rather than uncontrolled expansion, led by developers. The problem is that the Vale's solution bears all the marks of having been put together in haste, and it is not clear that the end result can be much of an improvement on the outcome of a planning free-for-all. Many people would question whether the goal of building 4000 houses in the Vale in the next 5 years is sensible anyway, not because they are necessarily opposed to house-building as such, but because they wonder how the infrastructure will cope with such rapid growth.

Threat to Drayton's Neighbourhood Plan

Coming closer to home, it is a matter of real concern that one of the Vale's 21 new strategic sites is in Drayton, south of the High Street. The declaration that this site must now accommodate 200 houses essentially ignores the existence of Drayton's own Neighbourhood Development Plan. Drayton 2020 had already earmarked this site for housing and is in negotiations with developers to move forward there. But we had envisaged around 80-90 houses, with extensive landscaping, children's play areas, and buffer zones between the new housing and the existing Conservation Area. The entirely predictable result of the Vale's announcement is that the developers have immediately adjusted their site plans to take the higher figure. To say the least, this has not been helpful.

The Vale is well aware that we have been negotiating not on one but on three separate sites across the village – south of the High Street, plus Manor Farm and Barrow Road. They know this because they have been working alongside us in meetings with all three sets of developers. We have pointed out to the Vale that, across the three sites, we will probably be looking at a total of 170-180 new homes in Drayton anyway, not far off their figure of 200 - but that we do not want 200 on a single site. We believe that to cram in 200 houses south of the High Street would make the village and the development less attractive and the houses more difficult to sell, and that 200 houses would be more deliverable if spread over three sites than concentrated in one.

Future Traffic Problems:

Many Drayton residents will consider that an extra 200 houses (or roughly 22% growth) in a village of 900 houses is already 'pushing the envelope' beyond its limits. There are modest plans to upgrade parts of the road network, but they do not seem adequate to address the scale of the proposed population increase. It's worth remembering that, as little as 18 months ago, the Highways Dept of OCC expressed doubts as to whether more than 20 new houses in Drayton would be sustainable, given the increase in traffic they would generate when combined with the effect of new housing development in the surrounding villages.

We have clearly moved into a very different world! It is as yet unclear whether the Vale expects us not only to provide 200 houses south of the High Street, but also to develop our other two sites as well. As potentially this could equate to a figure approaching 300 houses, the implications of it would be very serious and are regarded by Drayton 2020 as being completely unacceptable. Routinely, in peak hours, the road between Drayton and Abingdon is already heavily congested. When the A34 is blocked by an accident and the B4017 is made the diversion route, all roads to north and south of the village are grid-locked. If, onto this already highly stressed road network, we add the additional traffic produced by 200 (or more) houses in Drayton, 160 in South Abingdon, possibly 50 in Steventon – not to mention the new developments in Sutton Courtenay/Milton, we are looking at an

impossible traffic situation. It cannot and will not be alleviated by a better bus service because no bus company will be able to run a reliable service in these traffic conditions (*Editor's note: see Tony Croucher's letter on page 3*).

What can be done?

Drayton 2020 hopes to reach a compromise with the Vale over their classification of South Drayton as a strategic site. It is not good enough for them to say simply that our NDP must be in general conformity with the Vale's Local Plan. We know that, but the latter did not exist when we embarked on our NDP. It is unreasonable for them, in this era of 'localism', to produce a new Vale Local Plan which does not attempt consistency with our existing neighbourhood plan. The only way we could have ensured that our Plan conformed with a continually and dramatically changing Vale Plan would be to have waited until such time (December 2014?) as the Vale's Plan is finally complete. If we had done this, Drayton would have been swamped in the meantime by speculative planning applications just like all the surrounding villages, and so any Neighbourhood Development Plan would have been too late to have any effect.

A meeting with the Vale planners on 21st March indicated that there may be room for flexibility on numbers, and we will continue to press for more balanced development across more than one site in Drayton. Negotiations are also in progress with OCC Highways Dept and traffic consultants and it is hoped to come up with an integrated scheme for the High Street and Abingdon Road which both improves traffic flow and creates a safer environment for pedestrians, with more and better crossing points.

If you wish to know more about the Vale's plans, they can be found on the VOWH website – just 'Google 'Local Plan' for to extensive documentation. A handy summary will be found at: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2014%20Local%20Plan%20leaflet.pdf

What can you personally do?

The public are invited to respond to the Vale's consultation process by Friday 4th April, but it may be that this edition of the Chronicle does not get to you in time for you to meet that deadline. Do respond anyway, by the deadline if you possibly can! The Parish Council will send a formal response of course.

In the meantime, it is business as usual for the Drayton 2020 Steering Group, which continues to meet on alternate Friday evenings in the Caudwell Centre in Gravel Lane at 7pm. All meetings are open to the public and the next scheduled meetings are on the 4th and 18th April 2014. It would be great to see you there.

If you wish to receive reminders of other Drayton 2020 meetings and events, please ask the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, via an email to draytontwentytwenty@gmail.com. Alternatively, David can be contacted by email 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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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Williams

Report of the Meeting held on Mon 3rd March 2014

This month's meeting was dominated by discussion of the Vale's updated Local Plan, and its implications for Drayton's Neighbourhood Development Plan. As this subject is covered at some length in this month's Drayton 2020 article on pages 10 and 11, it has been decided to hold over the March Parish Council report until next month.

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Derek Pooley

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There are three things you can do:

1. Call Gareth and volunteer to be the agent for your road
2. Go to Vickery's hardware store and collect a paper copy from Lawrence, who kindly keeps some for us
3. Visit the village website (drayton-near-abingdon.org) and download the pdf version. The latest Chronicle is always there by the beginning of the month and the website also has pdf versions of all issues back as far as 2004

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Webber

Houses, houses, houses:

Assuming the figures are correct, and I very much hope that the many high-powered number crunchers in this area will get involved in ensuring that they are, we look like having to take 21000 more houses between now and 2031. When I asked which sites had been rejected, I was told "none". In other words every possible site has been looked at and they cannot find any more. If anyone knows any better and there is some secret location, ripe for development, please let the planners know. There is hardly any room for manoeuvre; it looks like a fait accompli.

The real nonsense is that granting planning permission for lots of houses does not, in itself, solve anything. It simply hands all power to landowners and developers. What matters is "rate of housing delivery" and that depends on the ability of developers to build and sell their houses. At present, we are delivering around 500 houses a year in the Vale. We are hopeful that we can get that up to 700 next year. It is very doubtful that we could ever exceed 800 a year. We have never managed that before, why should we manage it now? To achieve the target being set in the latest Local Plan for consultation, we would need to achieve a build rate of 1200 a year every year until 2031. The potential backlog by 2031 is almost incomprehensible.

Drayton2020 – a calm sea in an ocean of angst:

Everyone outside Drayton is angry/worried about planning. I am well aware that some of what is proposed in our Neighbourhood Plan for consultation is not pleasing everyone, however, in Drayton there is more calm, more agreement and more clear thinking than almost anywhere else. I want to assure those that are not happy with current proposals that we are still some way from a final Plan. There is still much consultation and modification to be done. There remains plenty of opportunity to negotiate maximum benefit/compensation where the impact of housing is considered to cause harm. Everything, every piece of evidence, every conclusion and every statement will be crawled over by a Planning Inspector before it goes to referendum. If he doesn't like it, he will throw it out. If he passes it, but people are still not happy, they can vote the plan down at referendum.

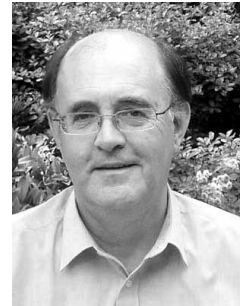
Like all those who have put hours and hours of their time into our Neighbourhood Plan, I hope and believe that this village can produce something really very special for the future, something that the overwhelming majority believe is better than what has gone before - and do it whilst the rest of the world has gone mad.

New Police Initiatives:

Neighbourhood Return. Relatives, Friends and Neighbours of dementia sufferers who 'wander off' can now ring or email an organisation which passes details to volunteer searchers in the right area. This has led to the speedy homecoming of many sufferers. www.ourturn.org.uk tel: 0116229311 prospective volunteer searchers can find further details on the website.

SmartWater. Don't be surprised if you find a police representative on your doorstep in the next few weeks offering you SmartWater, a brand of forensic marking fluid containing millions of microscopic particles that constitute an individual property identification code. The liquid is invisible to the naked eye, but glows green under UV light. It can be painted onto valuable items (e.g. laptops, MP3 players, televisions, mobile phones, cameras, antiques, jewellery, bicycles, motor bikes). Thames Valley Police have SmartWater marking kits which are suitable for homes. Each kit can mark up to 50 items and is available at a heavily discounted rate of £15 per kit (normal price £60).

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COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Webber

X1 Bus Service

The local manager for Thames Travel very kindly (and bravely) attended the last meeting of SC Parish Council. The new timetable we are assured will be up and running "very soon", and they are very hopeful that the glitches, which beset the last timetable, will have been ironed out. We were told that the section of the X1 route, which continues through Abingdon to Oxford City Centre, was programmed to satisfy a perceived need by Sutton Courtenay Residents to be able to get directly to Oxford. It was pointed out that, if the X1 service terminated at Abingdon, anyone could easily change to any of the many Oxford fast service buses. Indeed, given that all the buses concerned were run by Thames Travel, no business would be lost. We all understand that bus services need to make financial sense as far as possible, but terminating the X1 service at Abingdon would surely allow an extra service (perhaps Didcot to Abingdon via Appleford / SC East / Culham). This would please all those who feel stranded in SC East, Appleford (and Culham) by the abandonment of the old 32 Service. If you agree, please contact Thames Travel and let them know.



Grants

Good news in that the hard-pressed County Budget has managed to find some money to continue the Community Grants for next year. The sum is halved from last year, but at least organisations such as SC Primary School, transport for the elderly and the Damascus Youth Project (all of which benefitted this year) will still have somewhere to go for something next year!

Flooding

At a very useful meeting I attended last week, a representative of Thames Water suggested that the reason that many people in South Abingdon were having problems with their drainage in the recent heavy rainfall was because they were not using their WCs correctly. This took me right back to 2007, when the councils, the various agencies and the residents all became involved in a blame game as many people's homes were in the process of being flooded. Thankfully, although there is still plenty of room for further progress, the authorities are now much better at working together. The causes of flooding are rarely simple. Our ability to predict who will flood and when is still far short of perfect. When it happens, rapid, co-ordinated responses are what is needed, not blame. We can sort out who was to blame later. Telling people whose houses are about to flood that they are not using their cisterns properly is not likely to be very productive.

Editor's Note: If you are someone who is frustrated by the lateness and unreliability of buses serving Drayton you should read Tony Croucher's letter on page 3, defending the drivers and the bus company.



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WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey



As your MP, I am often asked to help communities with challenges they face. Usually, these will just affect one town or village, but there is now one issue which will affect most of the Didcot and Wantage Constituency: the electrification of the railway in Oxfordshire, and the resulting plans to close 18 railway bridges across the area. Even if you don't live near a bridge which may be closed for, we hear, up to 6 months, the chances are you

will travel through an area which will be affected.

I am very much aware of the problems that the **temporary** closure of railway bridges and subsequent traffic diversions would cause and share the concerns of so many Constituents on that score. I have been directly in touch with Network Rail about the issue for some weeks and a member of my staff attended a briefing about the matter at County Hall. I have also visited a business owner to hear about the impact on his and other local businesses, which will be dreadful. To begin to try to sort things out, I have called a meeting with Network Rail senior executives specifically about this matter. I believe Network Rail have proved to be both insensitive and incompetent so far, as sadly has been demonstrated in the very, very poor process and communications about Fulscot Bridge which is to remain closed for months to come even though it should, by now, have reopened.

I am also arranging the meet the Minister responsible, Stephen Hammond MP, to make it clear that while I support the electrification of the railway line, which will lead to cleaner, more efficient railway services, it cannot be introduced at the expense of grotesque inconvenience to my Constituents.

I have quite a large list of Constituents to whom I send occasional updates on progress in dealing with Network Rail on the general issues about electrification and particularly the impact on bridges and road closures. If you would like to be added to that list, please email me at vaizeye@parliament.uk and I will ensure you are kept up to date – but will try not to swamp you with communications.

Another issue, of course, that has affected many people across the Constituency is the recent flooding. I was very pleased that work done by communities since our last major floods in 2007 meant that things never got quite as bad as they did then. ⇨

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⇨ As the waters subside, I have been working with others both locally and nationally to try to help with the immediate recovery, but also to look to the longer term and to make sure that we take the most effective possible measures to protect against such extreme weather in the future.

My mailbag this month continues to include a diverse mix of issues, ranging from pupils taking holidays during school term time to the use of wild animals in circuses. With the Chancellor of the Exchequer set to deliver his Budget in March, I have received a particularly high number of letters and emails calling for beer duty to be frozen for this year. I am pleased that the Government decided to make a targeted reduction in beer duty and abolished the beer duty escalator at Budget 2013. I'm assured that the Chancellor is fully aware of many of the arguments made in favour of a freeze in beer duty for 2014, and is also sympathetic to the case of responsible drinkers.

As ever, please feel free to contact me on any matter either at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, or at 020 7219 6350 or by email to vaizeye@parliament.uk. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com.

DRAYTON DIARY

FOR APRIL

Regular Events are listed opposite

All events are at Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise
To book Drayton Hall call Tony Holmes on 531180
or visit www.draytonvh.co.uk

Sun	06	all day	Bowls Competitions	
Mon	07	7.00 pm	Parish Council Annual General Meeting	
Tues	08	10.00 am	Family Zumba	
Fri	11	6.00 pm	Oxford Drama Network AGM	
Sun	13	9.00 am	Dog Show - Griffon Bruxellois	
Mon	14	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery deadline	<i>Vickery's</i>
		5.00 pm	Chronicle copy deadline	<i>Vickery's box</i>
Mon	21	9.00 am	Dog Show - Elkhounds	
Sun	27	9.30 am	Stage Combat Workshop - to 4.00 pm	



St Peter's Church Easter Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY-

17th April at 7:30 pm
Holy Communion with washing of hands

GOOD FRIDAY –

18th April at 10.00 am

Joint Baptist and St Peter's service
commencing at the Baptist church and ending at St Peter's
with hot cross buns after the service

EASTER SUNDAY –

20th April
Holy Communion at 8.00 am
(said service, book of common prayer)
Sung Eucharist at 10.00 am
with an easter-egg hunt after the service



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at Abingdon Airfield (Dalton Barracks)

on Sunday 4th May.

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highlights of both modern and vintage
types, as well as a Static display of
aircraft.



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REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Pilates Class. Tel: 814299	
1.15 pm	Baby Sign Language Classes (in Term)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys / girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
6.30 pm	Novice Table Tennis Coaching	<i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys/girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Junior and Adult Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing	<i>St Peter's</i>
8.00 pm	Ladies Badminton (call 01865 340462 to join)	

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>
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Pilates Class – also at 8.00 pm - call 814299	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Pebbles (Babies & Toddlers – in Term)	<i>Church Room</i>
11.00 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 15 min)	<i>Haywards Rd</i>
11.20 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>The Cross</i>
11.45 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 15 min)	<i>Lyford Close</i>
1.15 pm	More Life: call 01865 487216	
1.45 pm	Whist – now each week	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (last Wednesday)	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.15 pm	Brownies	
6.15 pm	Cubs (Boys / girls, 8-9 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Junior Table Tennis, age 9+	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>

THURSDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (First Thursday)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group (in Term)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	W.I. (2nd Thursday)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing. Tel: 531701	

FRIDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	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 (All Age Service 3rd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
11.15 am	Family Time	<i>Baptist Church</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	<i>Baptist Church</i>
7.30 pm	Zumba fitness class	

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