

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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Fallen Remembered

John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.



We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Editor's Notes: John McCrae was the Canadian army colonel who penned 'In Flanders Fields', perhaps the best known of WWI poems, when his young friend and former student was killed in 1915. He himself died of pneumonia in early 1918, before the war had ended. He would have been comforted that others had by then taken up the torch to finish the task and that, 100 years later, the Queen of England and Canada would walk among the poppies planted at the Tower of London, one for each soldier of all the countries of the British Commonwealth who fell in WWI.

Some 32 of the poppies Her Majesty contemplated at the Tower are for young men from Drayton! Over the next 4 years, in the month of the 100th anniversary of their deaths, the Chronicle will also remember each one, using material provided by John Roberts (see the July 2014 issue). The first soldiers from Drayton to die, Tom Burgess and Frank Bunce, were killed on 6 and 7 November 1914 respectively, at the first battle of Ypres. We remember them and the battle on page 8.

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Plan nears the Finish Line

Richard Williams

By the time this issue of the Chronicle appears, the latest consultation period for the Neighbourhood Development Plan on the Vale's website will have ended. The next step is to submit the Plan, with any late adjustments (hopefully minimal) to an Independent Examiner. The examiner's task is not to comment on the specifics of the Plan – e.g. whether he or she approves a particular policy or choice of housing site; but to state whether the NDP as a whole meets the so-called 'Basic Conditions'. The Plan must 'contribute to the achievement of sustainable development'. It must conform to the policies in the Vale's Local Plan and to national policy as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (the NPPF). It must also be compatible with European law.



Provided all these conditions are met, the NDP should pass its examination, although the examiner may ask for minor changes in the detail. If the Plan passes, **it then proceeds to referendum, which we hope will take place in February 2015.**

As this date approaches, there will be more information and publicity about the referendum. For now, it cannot be stressed too strongly that, while Drayton 2020 does not expect the residents of Drayton to agree with everything in the Neighbourhood Plan, it believes **there are compelling reasons to support the Plan nevertheless.** The fact is that development will take place in Drayton, with or without an NDP. The difference the Plan makes is that over the next 15 years of the Plan period, we have a good chance of limiting the development in our village to those sites named in the Plan. Should the Plan fail, it is almost certain that in **addition to the sites named in the Plan**, there will be speculative applications to build on other sites in and around the village.

As if to prove this point, a screening opinion has already been sought on land at the back of Halls Close, despite the fact that developer interest in this site was declared only after the draft NDP had already gone through two consultations, after several public meetings and an exhibition had already been held. Drayton 2020 has refused to meet with the developers, on the grounds that this site was brought forward too late to be considered for inclusion in this Plan. Furthermore, to agree to further consultation on this site would set a precedent, opening the doors to yet further applications – delaying the Plan indefinitely and possibly preventing it from ever being completed.

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

Editor: **David Lee, 15 Corneville Road (202699).**

Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 14 November 2014**

Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Monday, 17 Nov. 2014**

Printed copies available: **Friday, 28 November 2014**

Key dates for the subsequent three Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
Jan/Feb	19 January 2015	30 January 2015
March	16 February 2015	27 February 2015
April	16 March 2015	27 March 2015

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 that 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.

After the deadlines listed at the top of this page, only urgent items will be considered for inclusion and then only if emailed or delivered directly to the **Editor's** house by the Wednesday following the Monday deadline.

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Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter

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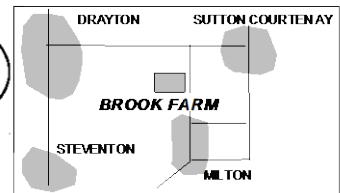


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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Through the Chronicle can I please thank all those who attended the MacMillan Coffee-and-Cake afternoon that was organised by our daughter, Georgina, on 29th September. Through their generosity the sum of £220 was raised.

Please would you all accept this as a personal thank you!

Carol and Colin Arnold.

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everybody who sponsored me to run the Great North Run, which between my nephew and myself managed to raise £787 for the Alzheimer's Society. An amazing amount!

Also, a thank you to my mum (Sheila Cook) for helping to raise so much. Thank you all again.

Jennie Cullen

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

The Chronicle Team offers a warm welcome to Chris, Joke and their daughter Josephine, who have moved to Binning Close from the Netherlands.

We also welcome Michelle and Danny Owen, their twins Ellie and Libbi and Ollie, who have moved into Steventon Road.

And finally a welcome to Lesley and Valery (her dog) who have moved into Whitehorns Way.

On the Millenium Green on 15 October, Christine West found a pair of bifocal spectacles, gold rimmed with brown earpiece coverings. If they are yours, please call her on 01235 210185.

COLOUR for CHRISTMAS!

The Drayton Chronicle is printed professionally, unlike many newspapers in our neighbour villages. We believe this makes it more attractive and avoids our having to rely on a team of volunteers and domestic-quality printing equipment, but printing costs money. To minimise the cost we print mostly in black and white, not a significant disadvantage for most of our material.

However, our regular readers will know that we do always add some colour in the December issue, to brighten up the 'Christmas' Chronicle. Ironically, we always find it hard to find enough good colour material to justify even this small amount of colour printing. So, if you have colour pictures of Drayton, preferably in winter, or of things/events which relate to Drayton that you think we can use, please send them to David Lee by 17 November 2014. Sending jpeg images by email to editor@draytonchronicle.net is the best way to do it but if you have only prints you can put them in the box at Vickery's or post them to Dave at 15 Cornville Road. He will, of course, return the prints if you wish.

Derek Pooley



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Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship - Traditional) Note: Not on 30th November
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (CW), except the 3rd Sunday, when there is a non-Eucharistic All-age Service
Thursday	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mon.	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	<i>Bell Tower</i>
Wed	10.30 am	Pebbles (term time only)	<i>Church Room</i>

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER:

Sun	2	3.00 pm	All Souls Service	<i>Church</i>
Tues	4	3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections	<i>Church Room</i>
Sun	9	10.00 am	Remembrance Service (also at 6 pm)	<i>Church</i>
Sun	16	3.00 pm	The Celebration	<i>Drayton School</i>
Sun	30	6.00 pm	Joint Damascus Service	<i>Appleford Church</i>

CHURCH REGISTER:

Baptisms:

28th	September	Poppy Audrey Noble Socks
12th	October	Layla Maria Tammy Gavaghan Austin Robert Francis Gavaghan

Funerals:

19th	September	Christopher Alan Clark
3rd	October	Paul Pitts
22nd	October	Graham George Lacey

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Letter from Rev. Rebecca Peters

Dear Friends,

November for me is always a moment of pause for reflection, before the plans for Christmas speed up a gear. This month we pause to reflect on those who gave their life in the different wars, WW1 WW2, Vietnam, Falklands etc and we remember their hope, their lives and that they died to give us a hope and a future. The Remembrance Day services are at 10am and 6pm with the Royal British Legion on Sunday 9th November, all welcome to join us as we pause and reflect.

As well as looking back to the past, we also celebrate the gift of Life at the present moment. We rejoice in each new day whatever the weather. We have something in particular to rejoice about and celebrate as on **16th November 3pm** at Drayton school, there will be a professional comedy company performing, **'I've lost my sheep'** - A terrific, two-men, **one-sheep**, fun-filled family service, lots of laughs and **puppets**. This is not to be missed. It is all free and welcome to everyone in the community, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

So no matter what you are going through, changes, difficult times or successful enjoyable times, please remember that St Peter's Church and myself are there for you, whenever you need it.

God Bless

Rebecca



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Laura Hughes

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We have a wide range of toys for the children to enjoy, from a dedicated padded baby area to larger ride-ons, trains, cars, dolls, lego, puzzles, books, kitchen... more than we can get out every week! In addition we have a craft activity most weeks and celebrate special events, and include a drink and snack for the adults and children.

The build up to Christmas is always busy and exciting, and we have already been making things to give as gifts! We are planning on making child-friendly sparklers and paper rockets to celebrate Bonfire Night and have Tiny Footprints Photography visiting towards the end of November to take photos that make ideal Christmas presents.

Come along and say hello... or if you want to know more, we have a Facebook group called Drayton Baby and Toddler Group, Abingdon 2014. It's a great place to meet other local parents and make friends.

DRAYTON PRESCHOOL

Laura Hughes

This piece has been written in the aftermath of our Pamper Evening, and what an evening that was! Over 20 stalls, 4 manicurists working non-stop, even teeth whitening was available, and it was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves. It raised over £600 for preschool and has been our most successful event so far; many, many thanks to all who contributed their time, money and energy towards it. Special thanks to Laura Billington, without her dedication the whole thing would never have happened. Thank you!

Preschool relies on fundraising to remain open and so with that in mind, we are on to the next event! Our Christmas Fayre will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd November, from 12 noon to 2pm. Lots of stalls with gifts for all the family, raffle, refreshments, and a very special visitor in his grotto. Please come along and join in the fun, or if you would like a stall for your own business please email on the address below.

We have a Facebook group called Family and Friends of Drayton Preschool – please join for updates on our events and activities.

We are currently recruiting a part-time (9 hours per week) childcare qualified staff member with SEN experience. If you are interested please email chairdraytonps@btconnect.com for a full job description and more details.



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1ST DRAYTON BROWNIES

Annette Mitchell

The Brownies had some fabulous results with their tie-dyeing! The T-shirts were finished off with some fabric pens which the Brownies used to decorate and personalise their T-shirts. They will be given the opportunity to show off their creations to their family and friends with a cat walk show at the end of term.

We had lots of arms in slings when the Brownies went home after Sarah Senior had been to teach them the basics of First Aid. A very enjoyable time they had, putting each other in the recovery position, and hopefully with some knowledge that they can use in the future.

As part of the Craft Badge the Brownies had to model a piece of clay into anything they liked and once it was set they painted it. We have some potential sculptresses in our pack; some very creative models were produced.

We have had 9 new Brownies start with us this term and they will all have taken their Promise by the time you read this. So congratulations to them all.

We like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents who help with the sessions. It is very much appreciated.

Do you have a talent or hobby that you would like to share with the Brownies? Please give us a call on one of the numbers below.

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 on and join us by using www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved or you can email us on drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk

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DRAYTON WIVES

Gwen Price

In September we had a fascinating and intriguing talk by Tony Eaton. The subject was 'The mysterious disappearance of Glenn Miller'. Recently, more facts of his death have come to light. He did not die in a plane crash on a flight to Paris, as we have always been led to believe. In 1941 the great American band leader enlisted to serve his country. While he was in Paris carrying out a mission for Eisenhower, so it is said, he came to grief and ended up in an American hospital, where he died. He was recognised for his bravery in combat. There is still intrigue and mystery surrounding his life and death. Our speaker talked for an hour and a quarter and held everyone's attention throughout.

November Dates:

Mon 10th Coffee: Margaret W, Doreen
Mon 17th Whist: Ann
Fri 21st Walk around Bampton
Wed 26th Christmas floral arrangements: Sue Russell

W.I.

Ann Webb

The speaker at our October meeting was someone we all knew, Jose Midwinter. She came to speak to us on a subject dear to her heart, the suffering caused by leprosy in Uganda. Leprosy is a disease as old as time, it is mentioned in the bible where it was feared as a plague. The first symptom is a small white patch on a finger, usually ignored through innocence or terror, until it can't be ignored any longer. The sufferer was then cast out from family and friends and sent to a colony to live with others afflicted with the disease.

Over the years various cures have been tried, but thankfully a combination of several drugs was found to be successful. Sadly, finding a cure and administering the cure are two separate issues. The treatment takes up to two years on a set pattern. Getting the sufferers to take the cure was the issue. Not because they didn't want to, but because of the lives they led and the vastness of the country they lived in. Undaunted, a lady volunteer obtained an old ambulance and converted it into a living van and mobile dispensary. She travelled, each month, across dirt roads to administer the medicine to the sufferers, when approached by pirates looking for an easy target, she would open her door and shout 'LEPROSY' and watch them run for the hills.

Next month we will be setting the final plans in place for the quiz and Gill Pett, one of our talented members, will show us how to make some ribbon decorations for Christmas. We always welcome visitors, come and have a cup of tea and see what we do. Nov 14th is Quiz night; put in a team!!!!

DRAYTON HALL

Tony Holmes

As this issue goes to print, hopefully the long-awaited kitchen revamp will finally happen, so Nov hirers should feel the benefit.



In another month or two, replacement windows, and new fire doors should also be installed.

Nov 14th sees the annual Wit & Wisdom Quiz, run by the WI for charity, so do try and raise a team if you can & enjoy the WI's famous buffet! Book with Ann on 531418.

And we still have one or two dates left in December for functions, and/or childrens' parties. One that has gone is the renowned Carols Concert (Sun Dec 7th - see the advert on the front page).

GARD

Nick Thompson

The present position

The activities of GARD continue to concentrate on holding Thames Water to account in their researches into the options for a major new water resource to supply the needs of London from 2030 onwards. The options being researched are re-use of waste water after treatment, storage of water in times of plenty (new reservoirs), transfer of water from the river Severn to the Thames, and desalination.

The short term solution, the current plan, involves greater reliance on re-use of waste water until 2030 with considerable research going on at the London sewage treatment works at Deephams. This work includes both conventional treatment and reverse osmosis, the latter being much more expensive but more reliable, with variations of these processes. Considerable time will be needed, so no outcome is expected until 2017. If successful the re-use option could be expanded as a long term solution. Desalination is a more extreme and expensive form of treatment using saline water from the Thames Estuary.

The reservoir option has not progressed since the 2009 plan was overturned by the 2010 Public Inquiry. Several sizes of reservoir are envisaged, but for over 75 million cubic metres capacity Abingdon is the most viable option. There are other suitable sites available for smaller reservoirs. GARD contends that a massive storage capacity is not needed.

The Severn to Thames transfer option is the one which GARD put forward at the Public Inquiry and it was found that Thames Water had dismissed it with minimal research. There are a range of versions of the transfer option and GARD's consultant has a detailed knowledge of the alternatives. His computer models show several of them to be much cheaper, less damaging and more effective than the other proposals. GARD is in regular contact with Thames Water, their consultants and the Environment Agency monitoring the work.

It will be 2017 before there is a clear winner but GARD is allowing no cheating!

Further updates will be provided as and when there is something new to report.

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WWI REMEMBERED

THOMAS BURGESS

John Roberts

Private Thomas William Burgess, of the 2nd battalion, the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, with the service number 7777, was the first Drayton soldier to die in WWI. He was the son of Enos and Emily Burgess and just 28 when he was killed on the 6th November 1914, in the first Battle of Ypres. He is buried in the Boulogne Eastern Cemetery (below).



FRANK BUNCE

John Roberts

Guardsman Frank Bunce, of the 1st battalion, the Grenadier Guards, with the service number 12407, was the son of George and Priscilla Bunce of 10 Crab Tree Lane, Drayton. He was 34 years old when he was killed, also in the first battle of Ypres and just one day after Tom Burgess.

His name is recorded among thousands more at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial (below).



The FIRST BATTLE of YPRES

Derek Pooley

Known to British soldiers as 'Wipers', there were several battles at or near the Belgian town of Ypres during WWI, but the first was hugely significant for the outcome of the war, perhaps as significant as the Battle of Britain in WWII.

German military strategy required a quick defeat of France, as they had achieved in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870/71, so that they could turn their whole military might eastwards to defeat Russia. This 'Schlieffen Plan' stumbled when they failed to break the French army, which was helped by the small but professional British Expeditionary Force, in the battles at the Marne and again at the Aisne. Desperate then to outflank the Allies the Germans turned north in the 'Race for the Sea' and eventually confronted the British, supported by the French, at Ypres. Despite some bungling on both sides, the thin British line ultimately held and the Chief of the German General Staff, Erich von Falkenhayn, reportedly said that, having failed to break or outflank the Allies at Ypres, military victory in the west was impossible and Germany should seek a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

He was right but she did not!

SOLDIERS of OXFORDSHIRE MUSEUM

As part of its work to mark the Centenary of the First World War, the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust Museum has re-created a WW1 Trench. Researched and



constructed by Cadets and Officers of the Oxfordshire Army Cadet force, the new walk-in exhibit is designed to give visitors a fascinating insight into trench life. Complete with a fire-step, dug out, working trench periscope and gas bell, the trench has all the features of a typical front-line trench, together with soldiers' personal effects and even a sneaky rat to add a touch of horrible history! Visitors are able to walk through and interact with the trench exhibit and it will also become a key feature of our education programme.

At the Museum on 11 November 2014, retired consultant anaesthetist and author Simon Harries will give a talk on the **crucial role played by the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in the pivotal first battle of Ypres** (opposite). Tickets are £15, which includes refreshments. Here is a summary:

'The 11th of November is remembered for the Armistice which ended the Great War but is also the anniversary of the first turning-point in the war, when on a rain-swept and foggy battlefield to the east of the Belgian town of Ypres, the Prussian Guard were stopped in their tracks by the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. The German Kaiser had hoped to crash through the British line and get to Ypres, an important base and communications centre. He brought forward fresh Guards regiments to attack out of the early-morning mist, hurling them against the hastily-dug trenches between Polygon and Nonne Bosschen Woods, defended by a scratch force assembled by the British after weeks of fighting and marching. The tenacity of the defenders forced the disorganised Prussian Guards to take refuge in the Nonne Bosschen. The 2nd Battalion of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry were then ordered forward to clear the wood, Although well-below strength and desperately tired, they fixed bayonets and without hesitation they charged through the trees catching the Germans by surprise and dispersing those they did not kill or capture. So great was the impact of the charge that the Kaiser despaired of achieving a breakthrough and halted his attack. What has become known as the First Battle of Ypres came to an end, and both sides dug in to see out the winter and to begin another phase of the war - in the trenches'.

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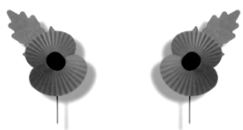
Al Costley

As I write this, British servicemen and women are again in harm's way over Iraq, for the third time in just over 20 years, fighting a particularly vicious and inhumane enemy. The equipment and technology has changed over the years, but I am very sure that the camaraderie, dedication and self-sacrifice of these outstanding young men and women would be familiar to their RAF predecessors, who first fought in the skies over Iraq in the early 1920's, almost 100 years ago.

November is the month traditionally associated with Remembrance, but for thousands of families and former service personnel, memories are a constant throughout the year, often still raw despite the passing of decades. Please do take a moment at 11am on the 11th to pause, reflect, and give thanks to all those who have laid down their lives to protect the rights and freedoms that we too often take for granted.

If you have the time please consider attending one of the several local Remembrance Services on the 9th of November, and details of these are:

Milton	10.45am
Sutton Courtenay	11am
Steventon	3pm
Drayton	6pm



There will also be a short service at Steventon War Memorial on Tuesday 11th Nov at 11am.

Your local branch is always available to support and advise, and key contact details for the Committee members are:

President: Pat Buckland, 07778 039967

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The next Branch meeting will be at 8.00pm on Monday 17th November. The venue remains at the Steventon Sports and Social Club from 7.30pm on for a pre meeting drink, before the committee meeting itself at 8.00pm. New members are always most welcome, from across the Steventon and District area.



VILLAGES in WWI - the BLESSED and CURSED

A 'Blessed' or 'Thankful' Village is one which lost no men in WWI, i.e. all those who left to serve in the armed forces returned. The term was coined by Arthur Mee in the first volume of The King's England series of guides 'Enchanted Land' written in 1936. He identified 32 villages in England and Wales to which all soldiers had returned but, in a 2010 update, researchers found there had been 52 'blessed' civil parishes in England and Wales.

Sadly, none are in Oxfordshire. The nearest to us are Stoke Hammond in Buckinghamshire and Upper Slaughter in Gloucestershire. In France, Thierville was the only village with no men lost in WWI and there were none at all in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In contrast 14 of the English and Welsh thankful villages can be considered 'doubly thankful', in that they also lost no service personnel during WWII. These include Upper Slaughter, an irony given its name!

The village of Northlew in Devon has the sad distinction of losing a greater percentage of the young men who enlisted than any other town or community in the UK. From 100 who enlisted there they lost 24, which compares with a national average (over the whole war) of 12% and only 19% of the 42 young men in Drayton who immediately volunteered to fight (see July 2014 Chronicle) and were therefore at risk for longer than most.

This year, the Northlew community has ensured that its lost young men are remembered, not only during the WWI centenary period, but for years to come. With support from Suttons Seeds, over 20 miles of verges have been planted with over 300 million Flanders poppy seeds on either side of the road to Okehampton (which happens to lie on a line which points to Flanders) and along the lane to the local railway station (which is the route the men would have taken on their way to war). This Poppy Avenue should flower between June and August, for all to see as they travel through Devon. It will be the largest poppy avenue in the world, and effectively the largest war memorial in the northern hemisphere.

Derek Pooley

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DRAYTON-LESPARRE TWINNING Michael Bell

Since we visited Lesparre in August (see the October Chronicle) this has been a quiet period in the public eye for Twinners. However, there are always things ticking away! Our next venture for your enjoyment is a musical evening with live music when Back to Back will be playing again for us. This time at Drayton Village Hall on Saturday 15th November. (see advert elsewhere in the Chronicle for details). We especially welcome anyone from Drayton or nearby villages to join us.

We are currently working with two neighbouring schools, both are excited to make French classes more meaningful to pupils by having links with children from local schools in Lesparre. A third French school is interested and naturally we hope more local children will benefit too.

To start with we are hoping for them to exchange information using a web-based platform for educational staff open to any European country. The idea is for Children and Staff to become involved, to communicate, collaborate and develop their own projects.

The ICT programs are part of Erasmus+, the EU programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport. Naturally we hope that this will develop into real friendships and to real visits between the schools.

If you would like to hear more about us please feel free to contact me (Michael Bell) on 01235 531388 or Stephen Fearnley on 01235531347.



HALLOWE'EN

Doggerelle

On the last day of October at my door there came a knock,
And though 'twas dark I opened up and got a dreadful shock:
Standing there in ghoulish garb there was a scary ghost
And right behind it in a row there stood an evil host
Of demons, fiends and phantoms all garbed in eerie white,
And goblins, vicious vampires, I nearly died of fright.

With moaning voice and cackling laugh
they chanted "Trick or treat",
My mind went blank, my heart it sank –
I'd not even got one sweet!
With lightning thought "Come in" I said
"and mind you make it quick",
I'd beat them at their own game
and I would play the trick!

Into my kitchen, in the light, these little demons trooped,
Not quite so perky now they seemed, their evil spirits drooped.
I handed out some saucepans, bowls, ingredients and spoons
And in a flash we'd conjured up some fudge and macaroons.
And now they seemed less scary and I could see quite plain
They were not spooky spirits but just kids from down the lane!



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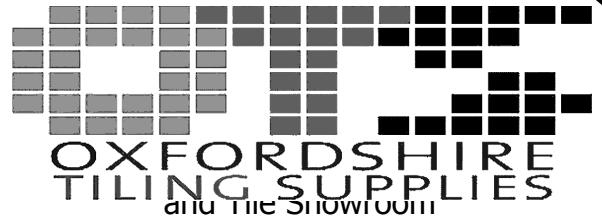
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DRAYTON 2020 (continued)

Richard Williams

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The Drayton 2020 team's conclusion is that voting for the Plan, even if you dislike elements of it, may be the only way to stop a planning free-for-all in Drayton in the years ahead.

In last month's issue, it was promised that this update would say something about the effect of new housing on traffic flows. Drayton's NDP envisages that over the plan period to 2031, up to 250 new homes may be built in the village. It appears that 150 houses on the South Abingdon site have now been given the green light, as have developments in Sutton Courtenay, Steventon and other nearby villages. This all adds up to a considerable increase in the number of cars on the local road network, which is already under severe strain at peak times.

The question is often asked, why do infrastructure improvements, such as upgrading the road network, not take place **before** new housing is built, instead of a long while after, if at all? It is a very reasonable question, but unfortunately, since developers often provide much of the funding for new roads, new schools, and other amenities, until some of the new housing has been built and sold, the money does not become available for spending on the infrastructure. In the case of major strategic projects, such as a new motorway, the bulk of the funding would be expected to come from central government, but in the UK's present straitened circumstances, money is tight, and there are many demands on whatever funding is available.

Drayton 2020 would obviously prefer that the road network be improved before we reach gridlock as a result of all the new housing. Alternatively, we would like to see fewer houses built, or at least their construction phased in over a longer period. Unfortunately, these issues are outside our control. It is the Vale planners who will determine whether or not housing sites in Drayton are granted planning permission, and in turn, the Vale have to abide by the NPPF (see above) which decrees that every local authority must maintain an ongoing 5 year land supply of 'specific deliverable sites'.

Oxfordshire County Council is responsible for the road network, but in practice, decisions such as the upgrading of the A34 will be taken at central government level, as the A34 is part of the strategic trunk road network, affecting a much wider area than Oxfordshire. Nicola Blackwood, the MP for Abingdon, who is acting as lead on the government enquiry into A34 improvements, recently had a meeting with the Chancellor, George Osborne, to discuss the problems arising from the road's present lack of capacity. Among other issues, it was pointed out that if the Science Vale area is ever to meet the government's long-term targets for expansion and provision of new jobs, then upgrading of the A34 and other essential infrastructure improvements will have to be put in place first. As most readers will know, work on the new 'hamburger' roundabout at the Milton Interchange has already started. It is understood that a full 4-way interchange onto the A34 at Lodge Hill has also been discussed, but crucially, the viability of this project will depend heavily on financial contributions from developers. ⇒

⇒ Clearly, it is only solutions on this scale that will prevent serious congestion on a daily basis. These ought to be supplemented by the provision of alternative modes of transport, e.g. more cycle paths; better public transport etc. that will reduce our dependency on the car. However, while Drayton 2020 can do very little about overall traffic flows, what it does aim to do in the NDP is to manage the movement of traffic in the village more effectively and provide a safer environment for pedestrians.

Some readers may have seen a document called Traffic in Villages, produced by Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty: http://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/assets/downloads/Dorset_AONB_Partnership/trafficinvillages-web.pdf. This is a 'toolkit' designed to address problems of rural traffic management. One of its aims is to explore different ways of inducing motorists to drive more slowly and considerately through villages. These include installing devices like chicanes or altering the road layout. Some of the solutions appear counter-intuitive, such as removing many of the signs and signals that motorists normally rely on for information. For example, by using different types of road surfaces, it can be made unclear where road ends and pavement begins, which makes drivers more cautious and they naturally tend to slow down.

Nigel Millington, one of the authors of Traffic in Villages, acts as a traffic consultant to developers and has attended several of the meetings held in Drayton regarding new housing sites. The three developers currently working in Drayton have agreed to co-operate in funding alterations to the road layout in the High Street and Abingdon Road, along the lines set out in the Dorset document, with a view to managing traffic flows through the village more safely. OCC Highways Dept have stated they support this process, although they have emphasised they have no money to contribute to the funding.

To explain these traffic management ideas to the village, a public meeting has been arranged for Friday 21st November 2014 in Drayton Village Hall (Main Hall), between 1pm and 4pm. Nigel Millington has very kindly agreed to speak, and he may be accompanied by representatives from the developers and/or builders involved with the proposed housing sites in Drayton. This is a great opportunity to come along and hear from the experts exactly what they have in mind, and what has worked in other places. We appreciate that a Friday afternoon is not helpful for people at work, but the time had to be one when Nigel and his colleagues were available. It will certainly be an interesting meeting and we hope that as many Drayton residents as possible will be able to attend.

The next Steering Group meetings are scheduled for Fri 31st October and (provisionally) Fri 14th November. The meetings are open to any Drayton residents, and are normally held on alternate Friday evenings in the Caudwell Centre in Gravel Lane at 7pm. If you wish to receive reminders of these and other Drayton 2020 meetings and events, please contact the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, via draytontwentytwenty@gmail.com, the Drayton 2020 website.

Alternatively, David can be contacted via email at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061. All the documentation relating to the NDP remains available on the Drayton village website at www.drayton-near-abingdon.org Click on the Drayton 2020 tab, then 'Consultations' on the drop-down menu.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Williams

Report of the meeting held on Mon 6th October 2014



This meeting was attended by four members of the Thames Valley Police (TVP), PC Keith Morton, PCSO Sandra Syphas and two other PCSOs, in addition to the councillors. PC Morton gave an update on the recent rape incident in Drayton. He said that TVP are still appealing for witnesses and asked that anyone with information should contact Detective Inspector Roddy on the TVP non-emergency number, 101. PCSO

Syphas agreed to speak to the owner of the Mace shop regarding car parking on the junction of Henleys Lane with Abingdon Road, and to look at enforcing parking regulations relating to parking on the pavement or too near the junction. The latter is potentially dangerous as it blocks the view of drivers emerging from Henleys Lane while at the same time making them invisible to traffic approaching along the Abingdon Road from the north.

On a similar issue, Maggie Edwards had written to the Clerk reporting on traffic issues in Church Lane. An ambulance she called for her mother was unable to access Church Lane from the High Street due to a small lorry being badly parked. Ms Edwards also noted that cars habitually park on the pavement causing pedestrians to have to walk in the road, not ideal for elderly or disabled persons, such as her mother, who uses a walker. It was accepted that this may be a difficult matter to resolve, as the road is so narrow. While cars may at times obstruct the pavement, this may be preferable to parking wholly in the road and as a result, blocking other traffic from getting past. Richard Webber undertook to investigate further.

It was reported that on 2nd October, the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Richard Williams met with Jason Lee of Wicksteed Playgrounds to discuss options for upgrading the Lockway playground. Three years ago, some of the equipment was replaced as a 'Phase 1' project. It is now proposed in 'Phase 2' to replace the slide/log climbing frame, the rocking horse and the greater part of the old wetpour rubberised surface. Plans and costings have now been received from Jason for the replacement items and these will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Unfortunately, and prior to this visit to the site, an email was received from Tamsin Meredith on 18th Sept to the effect that she had found seven piles of dog excrement inside and around the perimeter of the playground. The unpleasant task of removing this was duly undertaken by the Village Caretaker, who reported that he subsequently had to repeat the operation only a few days later. On the visit to the playground on 2nd October with Jason, it was noted that a further eight or so piles of dog excrement were scattered all around the playground.

This is a serious and totally unacceptable state of affairs. If it continues, it may be necessary to close the playground altogether as it is not safe to let toddlers play in an area where they could get smeared with dog dirt. Apart from the fact that dogs are not permitted inside the playground anyway, it seems inconceivable that any responsible adult could be allowing their dog to defecate in a play area for small children. It also seems unlikely that a dog is getting into the playground of its own accord, over (or possibly under) the fence. A fox or some other animal is a possibility. It is also reported that teenagers have been spotted sitting on the bench in the playground, late in the evening, accompanied by a dog (or dogs). We do not know who is responsible, and no one is being accused, but the practice of letting dogs into the playground has to stop. Could anyone who lives opposite or near the playground or who regularly passes by it, please keep their eyes open and report anything which might shed light on the situation. Depending on the circumstances, it might be wise not to intervene directly, but it

is suggested you contact the Parish Clerk (see below) with any relevant information.

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, in the first instance. David may be contacted via email at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061, and he will ensure that any messages are passed on. Any Drayton resident may also ask to be added to the Clerk's emailing list, so that they receive prior notice of meetings and any relevant documents. In addition, all Parish Council minutes are now archived on the village website: www.drayton-near-abingdon.org. The latter also carries the latest and 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 held on Monday 3rd November 2014, at 7.30pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Richard Webber

Once again, planning dominates everything at the moment. Warehouses, Recycling Plants, Power stations and endless housing applications. Most of it is unwelcome. I do notice a shift in public response from a position of 'We don't want housing here, thank you very much' to 'Yes, we see the need for housing, but not here – over there would be much better!'



The trouble for the planners is that everyone is pointing in different directions.

However much stress and anxiety this is causing all over the country – particularly in the South East, **I cannot praise enough the efforts of all those involved in the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan in their attempts to control and organize planning such that what happens in this village will be better planned and better looking than almost everywhere else**, and ensuring that residents will have had a major say in what happens. The NDP now hits a quieter period as it passes over the desks of higher authorities for them to accept or reject it.

From there we move to referendum in February, when we will all get a final say.

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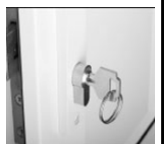


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COUNTY COUNCIL

Richard Webber

The Ryder Cup

I am well aware that many people find golf tedious and boring. I don't agree, but I am not going to try to convert them. However, no-one can have missed the news that Europe won the recent Ryder Cup. It wasn't the fact that the European team was well-led, better prepared and, man for man, just plain better, that most struck me. I don't know of any other event – sporting or artistic – which gives people the chance to gather under the European flag, to cheer on people from many European nations for their joint efforts and celebrate victory on behalf of Europe. In the team was a quirky Frenchman, a jokey Spaniard, a Scandinavian, Irishmen (leading the way in management and play – note my Irish ancestors) and English and Welsh stalwarts. All seemed delighted to be representing Europe, and the constant chanting of "Europe! Europe!" I found heartwarming – but then I would, wouldn't I!



However you may feel about the European Court of Human Rights, the financial difficulties in which the EU finds itself, the undoubted need for major reform, the fact remains that we are a nation less than 25 miles from mainland Europe, with a pro-European Scotland and Ireland and a 'wait and see' England and Wales. We can no more up-anchor and sail away to friends across the Atlantic than we can lay a minefield down the Channel. The other European nations are our neighbours, like it or not. We do not serve our own purposes in hurling abuse and making enemies of them. Some of the current rhetoric on the issue is doing just that, and our children will not thank us for it.

So, well done Europe! If you can win like that, maybe you can sort out your current problems. And you never know, maybe we will want to join in too and be part of the solution.

Anger Management

I am finding that there are so many issues which make me, and/or the people I represent, angry. It's not affecting my heart, touch wood, but attending a dozen or so meetings a week means that, when I arrive, I have to try to remember 'why' I'm angry – and it takes a moment or two to do this. I hope this isn't just a sign of old age, but more an indication of just how many contentious issues there are around at the moment. We councillors need the support of calm, reasonable, thinking people if we are to find solutions to our problems - and there are plenty out there.

If this month's contribution seems a bit off-beam and over-generalised, be assured that I am well aware of planning issues in Sutton Courtenay, Appleford, Milton, Milton Heights and especially Marcham. I am aware of outstanding issues around the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan and that traffic is an issue all over the Division. I have to be careful what I say here, as I am on the Vale Planning Committee – but I will write what I feel, when I can.

In the meantime, please help me to be patient and keep calm!

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WESTMINSTER

Ed Vaizey



I was delighted to hear that TRAIN, a great organisation which works with young people in Didcot, has been Highly Commended in the Kids Count Inspire the House Awards. I am always inspired by the hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers at Didcot TRAIN, as I am by so many of the voluntary and charitable groups across the constituency, and it is fantastic to see them being recognised in this way.

I was recently sent information about another group that relies on volunteers to do much of its good work. Healthwatch Oxfordshire, is an independent organisation that listens to your views and experiences of health and social care in Oxfordshire, and they've asked for my help in letting you know about 3 big opportunities for local people and organisations

Firstly, Healthwatch gives grants of up to £5,000 to local organisations to help you research the issues your members face trying to access health and social care services. On a smaller scale, if you want to run a local event you can apply for £500 towards the cost, so long as Healthwatch can attend and talk to your visitors about their health and social care experiences. Finally, you can volunteer with Healthwatch: more details are at www.Healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk

More widely this month I have received around 300 emails on national issues and campaigns. The largest batch was on the Bill to allow the recall of MPs. I also have many constituents concerned about assistance to the Iraqi Government against ISIL/Islamic State. I firmly believe that the UK must play its part in destroying these evil extremists. Other issues that I've been contacted about this month include the rights of pedestrians, Palestinian recognition and the matters arising from the Scottish referendum.

As always, please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, by phone on 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. ⇨

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DRAYTON DIARY

FOR NOVEMBER

Regular Events are listed opposite

All events are at Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

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Mon	3	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Caudwell Day Centre
Sat	8	5.00 pm	Private Function (also 22, 28 & 29)	
Fri	14	7.30 pm	WI Wit and Wisdom Quiz	
Sat	15	7.30 pm	Twinning 'Back to Back' Live Music	
Mon	17	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery deadline	<i>Vickery's</i>
		5.00 pm	Chronicle copy deadline	<i>Vickery's box</i>
Fri	21	12.30 pm	Drayton 2020 Traffic Workshop	
Sun	30	all day	Bowls	

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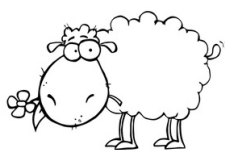
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MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
10.30 am	Pilates Class. Tel: 814299	
1.15 pm	Baby Sign Language Classes. Tel: 07927 814299	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys / girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
6.30 pm	Novice Table Tennis Coaching	School
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys/girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	Steventon Hall
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	Caudwell DC
7.30 pm	Junior and Adult Table Tennis	School
8.00 pm	Ladies Badminton (call 01865 340462 to join)	

TUESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	Caudwell Day Centre
3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	Church Room
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	School
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	School
7.00 pm	Pilates Class – also at 8.00 pm - call 814299	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	School

WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
10.30 am	Pebbles (Babies & Toddlers – in Term)	Church Room
11.00 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 15 min)	Haywards Rd
11.20 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	The Cross
11.45 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 15 min)	Lyford Close
1.15 pm	More Life: call 01865 487216	
1.45 pm	Whist – now each week	Caudwell Day Centre
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)	Steventon Hall
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Junior Table Tennis, age 9+	School
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	Caudwell Day Centre

THURSDAYS

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

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

SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (All Age Service 3rd Sunday)	St Peter's
11.15 am	Family Time	Baptist Church
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Baptist Church
7.30 pm	Zumba fitness class	

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