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## DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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#### 'NAG5' Safety Update

Action Fraud Is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and financially motivated cyber-crime. Run by the City of London Police, working alongside the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau, this specialist team uses information from all reported fraud and cyber-crime cases to create alerts about new types of crime, or those which are increasing in severity.

Action Fraud is now working with the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network's Neighbourhood Alerts team in order to increase the distribution of fraud prevention alerts. Over the next few months these alerts will include information about the following common fraud and cyber-crimes:

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NAG5 can be contacted by calling 01235 848694, or please email <a href="mailto:neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com">neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com</a>

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## **REFERENDUM** Thursday 12 March 7.00am - 10.00pm Drayton Hall



## **COMING CHRONICLES**

The APRIL Chronicle will be available for distribution to Area Agents on Friday March 27th.

The Editor will be **David Lee (202699).** Contributions may be e-mailed (see below, safest is to 'editor@'), or placed in the Chronicle letter box, outside Vickery's store on Drayton Green,

NO LATER than 5.15 pm on Monday, March 16th 2015.

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

**STOP PRESS** - **ADVERTISERS should note** that the deadline for ads is <u>EARLIER</u>, <u>Friday March 13th</u>, due to their preparation time.

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

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

#### **NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS**

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

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

to reach the next editor ==>	editor@draytonchronicle.net
Derek Pooley >>>	derek_pooley@talk21.com
David Lee >>>	david_r.lee@ntlworld.com
Tony Holmes >>>	tony-holmes@ntlworld.com

<u>Please remember to check</u> that you soon get a confirmation reply. We do occasionally have emails sent that just don't arrive!

- 2. An email attachment, in WORD please.
- 3. A good, **black typescript** on white A4 paper or smaller. Or perhaps hand-written, either way, NAMES in CAPITALS please!
  - 4. IF in any doubt, ASK the EDITOR!

THE FOLLOWING TWO MONTHS		
Issue for	Copy for publication by Mondays (nb Agents Lottery Packs Fri before)	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Fridays:-
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£10	Mrs H Sainsbury 41 Steventon Road	Janet Dale
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£10	Martin Trendall 3 Eastway	Teresa Burnage
£10	Mr Johnston 49 Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson
£10	S Woodley 25 Binning Close	Cathy Norris
£10	Elizabeth Morgan 6 Eastway	Teresa Burnage

Winning tickets, from 1748 sold, were randomly drawn via computer (similar to Premium Bonds). Eastway did well, as did Mr Johnston (benefits of buying more than one ticket!); Could YOU be an agent? - even if you just deliver some Chronicles, that would help.

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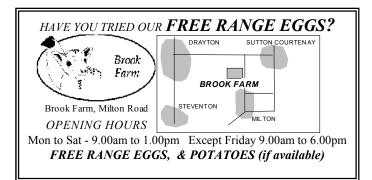
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#### **ALL AROUND**

#### **Drayton Players**

#### Jean Hager

Good news at last, Drayton Players are back in business again. Happily we are able to give some positive news of the Players being back and ready to roll. We have a nucleus of enthusiastic members, eager to take part, an experienced Director, who is new to us, waiting in the wings and others waiting to tread the boards.

We are now looking for a suitable comedy which would most appeal to our audiences. We would also welcome some new talent in the Group to help us get off the ground. During the past few years many new families have settled in the village and we would very much like to hear from anyone (all ages welcome) who would consider joining us in what is a really interesting and fun-filled leisure pastime.

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There will be further details shortly so Watch This Space.

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Christmas nativity plays were a favourite time of year for her. She recounted all the funny episodes that occurred in nativity plays. We all enjoyed her stories.

#### **DATES for March**:-

Mon 9th Coffee: Daphne S, Margaret L

Fri 13th Thame walk Mon 16th Crafts Mon 16th Whist: Pat P

Weds 25th Meeting, given by Hugh Warwick

:- The life of hedgehogs (tea Ellen, Pat H)

#### ST PETER'S CHURCH HOME-VISITING GROUP

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Please contact:- Jean Hager (531558), Sally Dixon (531547), Ros Blogg (535589) or Margaret Watts (527145).

NB PLEASE DO SEE pages 11 & 13 for further references to the Drayton 2020 project, and more on the upcoming referendum.

#### **Drop-in Event**

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#### **CHURCH NOTICES**

#### **REGULAR SERVICES**

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Thursday 9.15 am Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel

#### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday 7.45 pm Bellringing Practice Bell Tower Weds 10.00 am Pebbles (term time only) Church Room

#### CALENDAR for MARCH

Tues 3rd 3.00 pm 1st Tuesday Connections Church Room

DO please see the separate notice in this issue for the list of Easter services, and 'Messy Church'.

#### PARISH REGISTER

Baptism Nov 30th Maia Rose Allinson

(NB This is a correction from the last issue, when Maia's name was inadvertently given as 'Marie' – not sure where the glitch crept in, but apologies to the family).

#### YOU STAY - WE PRAY (March)

1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Hilliat Fields; Lyford Close; Manor Close; The Green 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> High Street; Chiers Drive; Cheers Farm; Halls Close 15<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Lockway; Whitehorns Way

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#### <u>Letter from St Peter's – Thoughts for Lent</u>

Dear Friends,

What a joy to have the days gradually lengthening! We are now in the season of Lent, traditionally a time of reflection and penance in preparation for Holy Week and Easter, many people these days struggle to know what to do with this 'season'.

May I suggest the following:-

- a. Take time out to reassess things in your life: priorities, pressures, commitments, and the place of God and faith in the mix of life for you.
- b. Each day to find time to be quiet, even if it's for only a few minutes. Calm your thoughts, breathe deeply, and ask God to meet you in the stillness. Try reading a Psalm, or part of a Psalm, from the Bible (e.g. Psalms 19 and 23). Pray.
- c. Try to make time to do something special for someone else each week A meal? Visiting? An act of kindness?
- d. Try going without something you really like for Lent and giving the money saved to charity. There are lots of possibilities.

Most importantly it is a time to reflect upon our relationship with God. How would you describe your relationship with Him? With Jesus Christ? Distant? He invites you to draw near.

Occasional? He invites you to know His presence everyday.

Close? He invites you to come even closer.

If you would like help with the adventure of faith, then please ask and don't let the opportunity slip by. May Lent this year be a special 'season' for you, and may there be great fun on the adventure, even joy! Happy exploration!

God Bless Rebecca



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## (MORE) ALL AROUND

#### **Drayton MILLENNIUM GREEN Jane McWhirter**

A new team of volunteers have met and set up to take over and take forward the upkeep and maintenance of our <u>Millennium Green</u>. A very big thank you to the previous committee headed by Nick Hamilton for all their hard work since the very start, and from seeing this project from its beginning to the wonderful space we all have to enjoy in the heart of Drayton.

As a group we are initially looking to ensure that we can arrange regular grass cutting, maintenance on the existing trees and also look to get the existing path back to its original state and perhaps extend this path around the perimeter of the meadow. We will be working closely with, and look forward to input from the Parish Council, Drayton 2020, the Church and School.

<u>If you are interested in helping</u> there are two ways to consider. Come and join us on the committee, I am a great believer in "many hands make light work!", please **contact me** if you would like more information.

Secondly, you could become a **Friend of the Green**, by making a small contribution on either a monthly or annual basis to help with the upkeep and future improvement of the Green.

If this interests you, then please do contact Victoria Griffiths (victoria@griffinpc.co.uk). The Green is a registered charity so any payments could also benefit from Gift Aid. *Jane McWhirter* 

(Drayton Millennium Green Committee; to contact, email to :-chair.millenniumgreen@gmail.com)

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#### Drayton TABLE-TENNIS Club John Gould

As reported in a previous issue, 4 of our 7 teams entered this season's Handicap Shield competition. This is for all teams throughout the Didcot League, offering the chance to play teams from divisions other than their own. It's a challenge for the top players to recover from substantial points deficits and lesser players to test themselves against the more competent.

I am able to report that 3 of our teams have reached the last 8, these being the C, E & G teams. We hope they can go all the way as did last season's C team (different players from this season's team), who won the event.

The Bidmead Cup is also a handicapped tournament for the clubs. Each team is made up of players from different teams and in different divisions. This is a good mix of abilities and Drayton is in a group with RAL and Moreton Clubs. Again Drayton was last season's winners so we hope we'll emulate the victory again.

Monday night practice continues from 6.30pm each week. We have a number of 'non league playing' social members who enjoy their weekly ping pong. **Anyone over 9 is welcome** to join in and play. It's £2.50p per session – good value as you can stay up to 10 pm. There is no upper age limit and our adults and children all mix well. There will be regular coaching sessions throughout the season. So if you wish to find out more, please ring 01235 531328.

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#### WESTMINSTER VIEW

Ed Vaizey's column (Wantage & Didcot MP, also he's Minister of State for Culture, & the Digital Economy)

A subject which I know is close to the hearts of many of my constituents is **Community Pubs**. Since the Localism act brought in the right to bid, people across the country have nominated around 600 pubs which have then been listed as Assets of Community Value. These are assets – land and buildings –that are important to the community and have traditionally been so used.

Once submitted if the asset comes up for sale a special window is opened to give the community the chance to buy the asset before it goes on the open market. Pubs have proved to be the most listed type of asset! By the end of March the Government is planning to bring forward more legislation so that in future when a pub is listed as such an Asset, a planning application will be needed for a change of use or demolition. Hopefully this will lead to 1000's more of our most valuable pubs becoming Assets of Community Value and retain them at the heart of our communities.

Screening films is another fantastic way to get communities and people from all walks of life together. A new project has been designed by the British Film Institute (National Lottery funded) to support groups launching and running their own Community Cinema. It aims to bring the cinema experience to more people across the UK. This project includes advice on how to actually start up a cinema, funding, licencing, etc, details can be found at <a href="https://www.neighbourhoodcinema.org.uk">www.neighbourhoodcinema.org.uk</a> it is well worth checking if this is an idea which interests you, your friends and neighbours.

My mailbag this month has been dominated by the issue of **mitochondrial donation**, widely reported in the press under the headline "three-parent babies". As you may know, the House of Commons voted to approve a new scientific technique that will help prevent mothers from passing on serious mitochondrial diseases to their children. Whilst I am very aware of the concerns that a number of constituents have raised with me, I think it is very important to note that thorough, scientific reviews have found no evidence that these techniques are at all unsafe.

The scientific community has been clear in its support for the introduction of these regulations. Estimates show that 1 in 6,500 children born in the UK each year suffer from a serious mitochondrial DNA disorder. Parliament's intention in approving these regulations is to ensure that mothers who carry damaged mitochondria can have children with the confidence that they will be born without the devastating and often deadly conditions that can be caused by serious mitochondrial disease. The approval of these regulations will be life-changing for those families who are affected by mitochondrial disease.

If you need to get in touch with me, telephone 020 7219 6350, write, c/o House of Commons, London SW1A OAA, or you can e-mail me (quickest) on vaizeye@parliament.uk; the Website is <a href="www.vaizey.com">www.vaizey.com</a> with up to date news and surgery details (these are on Fridays, 5.30pm to 7pm, & need no appt).

(Editor's note – the submitted text states that "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". Odd then that my comment on the previous issue's epistle – it urged people to vote in the May election, as their opinion is vital – has been ignored after several weeks. I'd merely observed that the public's widely reported apathy with MPs wouldn't have been helped locally by the granting on appeal of the proposed South Abingdon development, overturning all local planning decisions. Somewhat against the 'Big Society' concept, and our Prime Minister's promise of "local decisions by local people"? I should add that I am not for or against any particular party, after many years of evidence I have a basic distrust of the motives of most politicians).

### **MARY LYON**

On Christmas Day, Mary Lyon enjoyed a glass of sherry followed by the traditional lunch. Afterwards she and her great friend and carer, Miriam, watched the Queen on television and then Mary settled herself into her reclining armchair for a nap. She didn't wake up.

Such a quiet passing is typical of someone whose long life in Drayton was so quiet that few other residents, apart from her neighbours in <u>Crabtree Lane</u>, knew her. But to the rest of the world she was a famous geneticist. The **Mary Lyon Centre** in Harwell is named after her and a theory she developed which provides insights into the genetic bases of disease is often referred to as 'Lyonisation'; last year the UK Genetics Society created the Mary Lyon medal in her honour.

Mary Lyon was born on 15 May 1925 in Norwich. In 1943 she became an undergraduate at Girton College, Cambridge but, at the time, women were still not official members of the university so she was granted a 'titular' degree.

On completing a PhD in genetics she joined a research group studying the genetic hazards of radiation. In 1954 she moved to the Medical Research Council Radiobiological Research Unit at Harwell and became its director in 1962. Her work in biomedical science won her many international awards, including membership of the Royal Society and of the US National Academy of Sciences.

Although she officially retired in 1990, she continued to do academic work at the Unit and was attending scientific lectures there right up to 2012. Those who worked with her at Harwell described her as "a fantastic mentor and friend" and "one of the great scientists of the 20th century".

During her last few years she suffered from Parkinson's Disease and very poor eyesight. She was, however, always grateful for the tranquillity of her garden and the friendly, helpful attention of her neighbours.

(grateful thanks to Andrew Bax, who collated the above)



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#### YOUR LETTERS

#### Warming? - Not So Hot!

Dear Sir,

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I should like to offer some balance to a recent spate of articles and letters that support, and therefore sustain, the current hysteria around so called "man made global warming". The whole concept, propagandised by a vocal minority, is without scientific basis but, by working on the well tried principle that if something is repeated loudly and often enough it will come to be accepted as true, this group has won the ear of millions and almost every government body worldwide.

When I was very young, perhaps six years old, I remember that I thought that the wind was caused by the waving about of the trees.

A fact, proved by many sets of data though little publicised, is that the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere (that hated "greenhouse" gas that is the essential to our life on earth!) goes up when the temperature goes up. This is exactly as one would expect due to the operation of established laws of physics (Henry's Law) and the vast amount of carbon dioxide dissolved in the oceans. However, the "experts" constantly tell us, although they must know it isn't true, that it is the increased level of carbon dioxide that causes global warming.

Just like my trees and the wind it is exactly the other way round! My idea was down to infant ignorance – what is their excuse?

I would not be allowed enough space in this magazine to document the cases of reckless speculation, error, mis-information and downright fraud which have been used to get us to where we are, this by people and institutions we should be able to trust, some respected seats of learning and august scientific bodies.

All I can do is wonder that when our country is supposedly deep in debt we are wasting millions, (billions?), on this dreadful rubbish and a futile attempt to reverse the progress of 150 years and recreate the medieval world "for the sake of our grandchildren"!

In Drayton we have personally witnessed the destruction of a perfectly functional and efficient power station. Green dogma, subsidies and taxes have greatly contributed to the increased cost of fuel and food, thus adding to the poverty of people both in this country and the developing world.

I have tried in face-to-face and written argument to engage with the local "warmists", including our newly local eco-activist with his "educational"(?) charity but with little success.

To be honestly and accurately informed, I suggest reading some good "climate change denying" literature, I can recommend a couple of books; "Watermelons" by James Delingpole and "The Mad, Mad, Mad World of Climatism" by Steve Goreham.

No doubt if this letter is published (complete and unedited) there will be a response of the usual Ad Hominem kind. Don't let that dissuade you. The truth is almost invariably with the minority.

Yours Faithfully, Alan Bourne

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#### **QUACK!**

Dear Editor.

Sutton Wick

The popular Duck House on the Sutton Wick pond has had a makeover thanks to the skills of Martin Brandon of Whitehorns Way. The House was originally installed in 2009 to mark the expenses scandal in which Tory MP Sir Peter Viggers claimed £1,654 to cover the costs of the 'essential' item.

In his day job Martin heads the Wood and Timber team at Fred Knight's famed Builders Merchants in Abingdon.

Tom Shebbeare



#### Letters to the Editor

We welcome articles and letters on a variety of subjects. However, the Editors reserve the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter or text. If something is rejected, or held over to the next issue (this for space reasons) then the sender will usually be suitably advised.

#### **MORE LETTERS**

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(via email)

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#### **PANSY SMITH**

We are sorry to report that Pansy Roberta Smith (nee Carter) died on 7th January 2015, just 5 days short of her 100th birthday. Pansy was born in Steventon where she lived until July 1932 when she married Henry Smith, a local builder. They lived for a while in Harwell before eventually moving to a bungalow in Steventon Road, Drayton, built by Henry.

Pansy and Henry had 5 children namely Iris, Avril, Douglas, Mavis and Anthony (Keith). In addition, Pansy's family grew to 13 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 13 great great grandchildren.

In addition to raising a large family, Pansy was very active in Church matters having served on the Parochial Church Council and also worked as a housekeeper for 6 different vicars over 40 years, after initially just filling in for a friend who had been ill!

At the age of 95 Pansy moved to St Katharine's Nursing Home in Wantage, where she continued to take part in activities that were suitable for her, especially any singing or musical entertainment.

Pansy's funeral and Thanksgiving Service for Pansy's full life was taken by the Reverends Rebecca Peters, Josie Midwinter and Dorothy Derrick at Drayton Church on January 20th; it was very well attended by many relations, friends and representatives from St Katharine's.

## Pansy Roberta Smith

12th January 1915 - 7th January 2015



(Grateful thanks to one of Pansy's grandsons, Adrian Smith, of Gloucester, who supplied the above text. We can supply his contact details, if anyone perhaps wishes to contact him with any further recollections of Pansy's life)

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#### **Richard Webber**

#### **Drayton District & County Council Report**

A friend who has friends, who are some of the most highly qualified 'Planning' academics in the country, suggested that I really should do some more reading on the subject. In an effort to show willing, I have been burying my head in books on the 'Utopian Movement' (from the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century begun by Cadbury and others in an effort to plan for the future). New Cities (eg Welwyn and Letchworth Garden Cities) where people could live and work in pleasant, healthy environments in well built homes, in easy reach of shops, services and open countryside.

Arguably, but for WW1 – Britain would now have many more of them. The economic downturn of the twenties and ever since, the increasing focus on economic growth as the driving force behind planning has allowed Britain to slip well behind much of Europe in developing those ideas. The experts argue that this explains much of why we are where we are today:- speculative planning. over-rapid development, an over-dominant South East, climate change and growing divisions in society. What I have learned so far is:- Britain lacks a GRAND PLAN. How we'd like the whole country to look and function at the end of the century, with guidelines on size, on population distribution, on how the country is to be connected, of a better sharing of resources and so on.

As part of the Grand Plan, a number of Regional Plans taking into account and protecting the enormous variety of landscape in the British Isles. The Regional plans would set the framework for the Local Plans (which at present play far too little heed to one another) and the Local Plans would set the framework for >>>

Neighbourhood Plans, where people are directly involved in the planning process, & where local knowledge from people who live and work there is used to ensure that Neighbourhoods function properly as they develop.

There should be nothing threatening about Planning. It should be seen as an opportunity to make things better for the future, should involve all of us and be filled full of ambition.

The Drayton Neighbourhood Plan is certainly not the whole answer. We need the help of optimistic, courageous, far-sighted national politicians to give us that (Ed's Note :- Jolly good luck with THAT!). But the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan is surely a small and maybe significant step in the right direction.

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#### **County Report (cost savings)**

Two ideas are being seriously considered in an effort to wrestle the County's finances back into the black. The first is the suggestion that an Oxfordshire Unitary Council (one Council responsible for everything) would certainly save some money. How much money is arguable. There is evidence that Oxfordshire is probably too big to deliver all services. There is also the issue that the commissioned report into just how much money might be saved, itself cost the hard-up county some £40K. The idea has gone down like a lead balloon with all the District Councils who argue that their own, relatively healthy financial positions, would be jeopardized by such a move. It would surely have been more sensible to consult the Districts before commissioning the report.

The second idea is to remove the post of Chief Executive from the County Payroll. It seems it is more than an idea as the CEO has already announced that she will be going in May. The Council is being told that her role will be taken over by the Leader of the Council – this has not been agreed by the Council as yet and will be the background to a very stormy Council Budget meeting. The potential savings are considerable. The issue is whether it is right, appropriate or sensible to hand over the running of a near £1billion turnover organization to a politician.

Richard Webber (OCC & VWHDC)

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## Drayton 2020 - Latest Update

As most readers will know by now, the **referendum** for Drayton's Neighbourhood Plan is to be held on Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March. Although the subject was covered in great detail in last month's 'Referendum Special', I make no apology for one more reminder, taking advantage of the fact that this March issue of the Chronicle should be delivered in the days immediately leading up to the event! Poll Cards have already been sent out, if you have not yet received yours, you should contact the Vale as soon as possible.

The polling station is Drayton Village Hall, and the hours of polling are 7am to 10pm, so that everyone, whatever their work pattern, should have plenty of opportunity to cast their vote. The question on the ballot paper will be "Do you want the Vale of the White Horse District Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Drayton to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?" A straightforward 'Yes' or 'No' answer is required.

I feel it is important to restate a number of key points and to explain both what our Neighbourhood Development Plan has achieved so far, and the huge amount of work still to be done. Thanks to it, Drayton residents have had a serious input into planning the village development that will take place over the next 16 years (up to 2031). During the many discussions we have had with developers and the Vale planners in the last two and a half years, the greatest time has, understandably, been spent on the subject of housing. However, we have also secured for the village play and recreational facilities that Drayton has lacked for decades, and would not have been able to obtain without some development taking place.

On the three main sites identified as suitable for housing in the Plan, Manor Farm offers the prospect of a new village green which will 'open up' in every sense a new centre for Drayton. The South of High Street site offers cycle path and footpath connections between the High Street and Eastway, and a circular 'green' walk with several play areas around the perimeter of the new housing. Barrow Road offers two, perhaps three football pitches, a possible cricket pitch and a children's play area. While all new housing developments are required to provide some play facilities, proportionate to the increased demand they generate, there is no doubt that through negotiation, we have obtained more land and a much better deal, more closely tailored to the aspirations of the community, than we ever would have achieved without working together to realise our Plan. There is also no question that the developers' original plans and layouts have undergone significant modification and improvement, thanks to the input of Drayton 2020's various working groups and the comments of residents.

The Drayton 2020 Steering Group obviously hopes that the referendum will prove to be a **ringing endorsement** of the Plan (more of which later), but if it is, we do not simply declare the project a success and sit back to enjoy the achievement. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our next move is into new territory – what might be called the 'implementation' phase of the Plan. If the initial 'Plan-building' phase was hard work, this next phase promises to be every bit as tough, and no one should underestimate the challenges that lie ahead. We do believe that our developers will deliver the benefits promised in the Plan - for the very good reason that there **is** a Plan and this is what they have signed up to. But the devil is in the detail, e.g. we will get the land for our football pitches, but they will require laying out and proper preparation, suitable drainage arrangements, ongoing maintenance, decent changing facilities and so on.

Developers have many monetary obligations to meet—they will have to make substantial 'Section 106' contributions to the Vale and OCC towards the costs of education, public transport, and a host of other areas. The cake has to be split many ways.

We will get some developer money towards the cost of **Drayton's new facilities**, but some will have to be sought through grants, and we will have to do some fund-raising. There is nothing new in this. The present Drayton Village Hall was built in the mid 1970s, largely funded by monies raised locally by the village. We are going to have to put in similar efforts. The completed Plan is thus a marker along the route: it is by no means the end point.

I should conclude by repeating (acknowledged in the last issue) that the Plan will not please everyone; probably no Plan could. If you are a householder whose view will be directly affected by the building of new houses, you will probably have a different response to the Plan from that of the householder who isn't so affected, although of course all residents will be affected in some way by new homes, if only by increased traffic. <a href="BUT">BUT</a>, please note:

No Neighbourhood Development Plan can be used as a means to block housing development. The Localism Act of 2011, which introduced NDPs, specifically forbids this.

**Development was therefore heading Drayton's way no matter what.** At the very heart of the NPPF (the National Planning Policy Framework) there is a presumption in favour of 'sustainable development'. We can debate the definition of 'sustainable', but as the South Abingdon site shows, if the District lacks a 5-year land supply, the debate is frankly academic: the development is likely to be approved regardless. **The pressure to build more housing in the area will not diminish**, regardless of who is in power after the May general election

Drayton 2020 has tried to ensure that the sites identified for housing in our Plan are the 'best' both for existing residents **and** for the new residents moving in. Unavoidably, there is some conflict between these objectives. But Drayton 2020 felt that, for example, the noisiest sites closest to the A34 might be suitable for other types of development, but not for housing.

Through extensive public consultation, the holding of many public meetings, and by offering the opportunity to participate in its various working groups, Drayton 2020 has attempted to facilitate a <u>democratic process</u>. However, 'democracy' does not mean that everyone gets exactly what they want. Nor can it mean that exactly the same weight is assigned to every opinion. Therefore, many, if not most, of the policies in the Plan represent a compromise between what is desirable and what is achievable.

Finally, it was explained last month that the referendum will be won if the Plan is supported by 50% + 1 of the votes cast, i.e. if only 3 votes are received and 2 of these are 'Yes', the Plan passes. Clearly, if this really was the full extent of the vote, it might be a technical 'win', but it would carry no moral weight whatever. It would also be subject to immediate challenge. Developers would simply argue - the turnout is so low, the vote has no validity at all. In such circumstances, who could say they were wrong?

I predict with reasonable confidence we will get more than 3 votes on 12<sup>th</sup> March, but the point still applies! **The higher the turnout, the greater the credibility of the result, positive or negative.** Drayton's questionnaire in the summer of 2013 achieved a nearly unprecedented 64% return, greatly boosted by the tenacity of the distributors getting householders to fill in the forms. We do not expect to get a 64% turnout on 12<sup>th</sup> March, but let's show the Vale that Drayton residents care about their village, and aim for the highest turnout in any Neighbourhood Plan referendum so far. So please, please: **Vote in Drayton's referendum on 12th March. Vote 'Yes' or vote 'No'. But VOTE!!** 

No dates have yet been decided for Steering Group meetings in March. If held, the meetings will be open to any Drayton residents, and they normally take place on Friday evenings in the Caudwell Centre in Gravel Lane at 7pm. If you wish to receive information about these and other Drayton 2020 meetings and events, please contact the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, see page 13 for details.

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A very warm welcome to Mr & Mrs Turgay & Pelin Ozan, their sons Cankut (Jonny) 11, toddler Atlas (19 months) and Grandma Gonul Soygurbuz. They have moved to Church Lane from North Carolina, USA but are originally from Turkey.

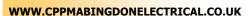
Also a belated welcome to Kyle & Denise Coble and their young son Theo who moved into Sutton Wick Lane at the end of November (together with Coco their cat). They have come from Littlemore, and we hope that they will all enjoy their new life in the village.

And sadly news of a forthcoming departure this came in as the issue was about to be sent to the printer, but we've heard that PCSO Sandra Syphas is soon to transfer to the Eynsham area (where she actually lives). Sandra will be GREATLY MISSED - she's won 2 awards for her services in Drayton - and we wish her all the very best in helping Eynsham's residents as much as she has done for people in this village.

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#### PARISH COUNCIL

This report covers the most recent meeting on Mon Feb 2nd, & brief accounts of the Dec & Jan meetings.

At the December meeting, David Russell from Gilbourne's Farm expressed his concern about the planning application to construct a new farmyard complex (grain storage barns) on land opposite his property. Mr Russell's and other residents' comments on this application, may be found on the Vale of the White Horse website, along with those of the Parish Council's Planning Committee. See application No. P14/V2540/FUL.

Paul Manthorpe spoke regarding a planning application to convert a maintenance building to a dwelling at his business premises in Milton Road. It was explained that the building currently in use as family accommodation was only a temporary structure. Two councillors visited the premises, and at the Feb meeting, Paul confirmed that the temporary accommodation would be removed once the new house was in place.

Roxy Elford reported on the successful work being undertaken by the DAMASCUS Project with local youth, and Richard Seamark informed the meeting of plans for a community garden at Stonehill House and a possible open day and launch exhibition.

In January, Daniel Scharf queried whether the proposed housing at Barrow Road met the sustainability criteria laid down in national planning guidelines. He noted that the developers had 'jumped the gun' in submitting a planning application before the Neighbourhood Plan referendum had been held. It was explained that the Vale Planning Dept has been requested to defer consideration of this application until after the referendum, and the Vale have extended the comment deadline to March 25<sup>th</sup>.

As we go to press, it's been decided that the Planning Committee of the Parish Council will meet specifically to discuss this application (Mon March 16th, 7.30, Caudwell DC), and any **Drayton resident may attend the meeting**. Sustainability will be one of the issues under consideration, although it should be noted that in the documentation accompanying the Plan, particularly in the 100 page Sustainability Appraisal, all of the potential housing sites in Drayton were assessed for access to local amenities, distance to bus stops, Drayton School, and the like.  $\rightarrow >>$ 



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→>> The **Barrow Road developers** have kindly agreed to display the **present planning application plans** in Drayton Hall on Tuesday 17th March, 3.30 to 7pm. It's a 'drop-in' meeting (see the advert on page 3) and **ANYONE can visit** to see plans, ask questions etc.

It is acknowledged that any new homes are likely to increase the number of cars on local roads. The December meeting featured a report back on the Traffic Calming workshop held in Drayton Hall in November. The presentation given by traffic expert Nigel Millington is still available on the village website (see below for details), click on the 'Drayton 2020' tab. Two councillors will have attended a cycle paths focus group/workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb and it is hoped that future plans for Drayton will include not just ways to 'calm' the flow of road traffic through the village, but offer practical alternatives to the car for short and medium length journeys.

On a related subject, and following several representations from residents, the problem of parking causing **obstruction in Henleys Lane/Church Lane** was discussed. The narrowness of the road was reckoned to make many of the suggested solutions, such as a one way system, road barriers, yellow lines or other road markings, impractical. It was felt that the most effective way of making the route safer for pedestrians might be to extend the road humps, which appear to work in Henleys Lane, into Church Lane. This would slow down traffic along the narrowest stretch. The PC will continue to investigate the possibilities with the Police and the Highways Dept of OCC.

To contact any members of the PC, all enquiries should be directed to the **Parish Clerk, David Perrow**. David may be contacted via email at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk, or by phone on 07909 176061, and he will ensure that any messages are passed on. Any Drayton resident may also ask to be added to the emailing list, to receive prior notice of meetings and any relevant documents. In addition, all PC minutes are now archived on the village website: <a href="www.drayton-near-abingdon.org">www.drayton-near-abingdon.org</a> which also carries back copies of the Drayton Chronicle, Drayton 2020 info, and details of other events in the village.

The <u>next Parish Council meeting</u> will be held on Monday March 2nd, at 7.30pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend. *Richard Williams* 

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#### DRAYTON HALL NEWS

At last, the kitchen work, which seems to have been going on forever (!) is just about complete, the tiling was finished the other day. Several appliances remain to be wired in, should be all finished by the start of March. They include a second (smaller) cooker, as no need to fire up the main one for just a few items.

The **Bowls club** tell me they've space for a few new members, a friendly bunch and it's an easy game to get the hang of; the **Sequence Dance group** (Thurs eves) are also on the lookout for a little new blood, so do consider that for a spot of gentle exercise and a good social evening (a number of their group travel a fair distance, so it must be good!).

The **Zumba** sessions are going well (Sundays & Tuesdays), but our **Pilates** instructor (also Tuesday evenings) has a few spaces left to fill. She does several other sessions at local halls, and has an arrangement whereby **attendees can mix & match** at any of her locations to suit (good for shiftworkers, perhaps).

Would our **regular groups PLEASE NOTE** that we have new insurance cover, and they request that **any accident** be recorded in the accident book (kept in the kitchen, as is the first-aid kit).

It's been mentioned that the **defibrillator** unit (on the outside wall) is an excellent idea (though hopefully it won't need to be used!). However, it's a while since it was installed, so possibly residents may like a refresher course on how it works (or perhaps they missed the original sessions). We'll be trying to fix something up, details probably in the April issue.

We have a new group, once a month on the morning of the 2nd Tuesday; they're a social group, meet in the Small Hall to do a wide variety of crafts, and may have a couple of spaces for extra members. If you'd be interested in joining in, let me know (see back page for contact details) and I'll put you in touch.

Oh, ladies, one more thing, our Bra Bank (you remember, for 2 excellent charities), just needs a little more support.



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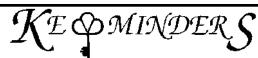
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If you would like to join our group (mainly based in West Oxon), or volunteer for even one event a year, please contact: Heather Shute at <a href="mainto:oxon.supportgrp@medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk">oxon.supportgrp@medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk</a> or on 01993 831909. Also, if you would like a speaker to come to your local group, please contact us.

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## **DRAYTON DIARIES**

#### DIARY FOR MARCH

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

NB To book Drayton Hall call Tony Holmes on (01235) 531180 or visit the (improved) website :- www.draytonvh.co.uk

noon Private Function (child's party) Sun

Mon 2 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting (p13) Caudwell DC

Weds 4 2.00pm Private meeting (Small Hall) 9.00am Sat Private Function (all day)

Thur 12 7.00am REFERENDUM (page 11) to 10pm

Sat 14 8.00am Private Function

Mon 16 5.00pm Chronicle Deadline (p2) - Ads 13th

Tues 17 3.30pm DROP-IN exhibition (see p3)

21 1.00pm Private Function (child's party) Sat

Sun 22 9.00am Bowls Club (to 5pm)

27 Private Function (weekend) Fri 2.00pm

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#### REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

NB <u>PLEASE</u> – if an entry is wrong – tell one of the editors (page 2)

#### MONDAYS

8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg

10.30 am Pilates (1 hr - call 01235 814299)

1.15 pm Baby sign-language classes (1 hr - 07927 339102)

2.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)

6.30 pm Table Tennis (New Players) School

7.15 pm Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday) Caudwell DC

7.30 pm Table Tennis (Senior practice + playing 2 hrs) School St Peter's

7.45 pm Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)

8.30 pm Badminton (Private Group)

#### TUESDAYS

8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg

9.45 am 'Boogie Beat' (Pre-school music & movement)

1.45 pm Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm) Caudwell Day Centre

First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday) Church Room 3.00 pm

5.45 pm Zumba Fitness

7.00 pm Pilates (1 hr - call 01235 814299)

7.30 pm League Table Tennis (now every night to Fri)

#### WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg

10.00 am Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer gp - p4) Church Room

11.00 am Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min) Haywards Rd

11.20 am The Green

Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min) 11.45 am Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min) Lyford Close

More-Life (Lifestyle, check dts/times 01865 487216) 1.15 pm

1.45 pm Whist – now each week Caudwell Day Centre

2.00 pm Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month)

2.15 pm Badminton

Brownies 6.15 pm

7.00 pm Junior Table Tennis, Age 9+ (for 1 hour) School

7.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)

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 (1st Thurs) Caudwell Day Centre

9.30 am **Holy Communion** St Peter's Lady Chapel 9.30 am Parent & Toddler Group (NB Term-time ONLY)

2.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)

7.30 pm Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs) Caudwell DC

7.30 pm Sequence Dancing (01235 531701)

#### **FRIDAYS**

8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) Sch'l Ground Bldg

The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466 CaudwellDay Centre 11.00 am Whist Drive (ACHLoFriends) Caudwell Day Centre

7.00 pm

**SUNDAYS** 

8.00 am

Holy Communion St Peter's 10.00 am

Sung Eucharist (Family Service 2nd Sunday) St Peter's 11.15 am Family Time (1st Sun) Baptist Church

6.00 pm **Evening Service** Baptist Church

Zumba Fitness 7.00 pm

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