

# DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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## DRAYTON VOTES YES

### A Great Community Achievement

By the time you read this everyone will know the result of the Referendum on the Drayton Neighbourhood Development Plan - yes 643, no 64 (with two spoiled papers). This conclusive result follows nearly three years of persistent, hard work by a great many people. Everyone who came to the four big consultation events, the fortnightly public meetings and who made their opinions known verbally, by letter and by email, contributed to the process. The 64% of all Drayton households who completed the extensive questionnaire provided a firm structure for the Plan which, after the many hurdles it then had to cross, won the support of 90% at the Referendum.

Everywhere, it seems, will soon be engulfed in housing. But in Drayton any significant development will be restricted to the number, type and location determined by Drayton residents. Smaller homes will predominate because Drayton residents have said that is what is needed, including homes which young people can afford to buy or rent, or to which older people can downsize. None of these developments will be like traditional housing estates because the Plan requires them to include considerable publicly-accessible open space, with footpaths and recreational facilities.

As a price for building in Drayton, we can expect significant financial contributions towards improving village amenities: a refurbished village hall and new sports fields, play areas, footpaths, cycle tracks and tree-planting are on the shopping list. How the roads are going to cope with all the new housing in Abingdon and surrounding villages remains uncertain, but Drayton has a traffic plan designed to slow it down and make our main roads safer for pedestrians.

The Referendum marks the end of one phase and the beginning of another. In order to achieve the community benefits we must manage the opportunity with care. →

→ This needs the involvement of more people with vision and determination: those who want Drayton to provide a good future for themselves and their children.

If you are one of these people, don't sit back and leave it to others, ring me on 531512 or, for the Parish Council, 07909 176061.

Getting us to this point has involved over 7000 recorded man-hours by village residents. Too many people have been involved in the steering group, working groups, research and publicity for me to list them all, but they know who they are and that their work has been greatly valued. However, two Richards and two Davids need special mention. It was Richard Williams who saw how such a Plan could benefit Drayton before most of us had heard of the prospect; he led it through the Parish Council and, with David Mercer, wrote much of the final document. Richard Webber used his influence in the Parish, District and County Councils to get the support it needed and ensure it did not get bogged down in bureaucracy.

Throughout the process we had the good fortune to have our affairs managed with meticulous attention by David Perrow, a commitment all the more remarkable because he does not even live in Drayton. Neither, now, does the other David - David Mercer, who immersed himself in the language of planners to write some 20,000 words while, at the same time, buying a house elsewhere.

People will be enjoying our rather larger but much-improved Drayton long after all the work has been forgotten.

Well done, everyone.

*Andrew Bax  
Chairman, Drayton2020*



Some village stalwarts who stayed for the Referendum count, together with the Returning Officers from the Vale of White Horse District Council

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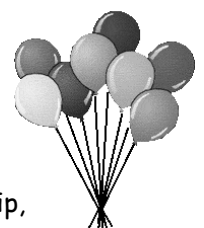
### The Celebration

New family service

Drayton Primary School

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**3-4:30pm** Games, crafts, worship,  
drama & story. Followed by cake &  
refreshments. Children must be with an adult.



# CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Chronicle** will be the **May** issue:  
 Editor: **Derek Pooley, 11 Halls Close (559454).**  
 Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 10 April 2015**  
 Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Mon., 13 April 2015**  
 Printed copies available: **Friday, 24 April 2015**

## Key dates for the subsequent three Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
June	11 May 2015	22 May 2015
July	15 June 2015	26 June 2015
August	20 July 2015	31 July 2015

Archive copies of the Chronicle are available on the Drayton website: [www.drayton-near-abingdon.org](http://www.drayton-near-abingdon.org). The current copy will be available on or near the same date that printed copies are distributed.

## NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

Contributions to and advertisements in the Chronicle are most welcome. 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.

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](mailto: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!

Requests for advertisements should be emailed not to the editor but to [advertising@draytonchronicle.net](mailto:advertising@draytonchronicle.net). Please note that advertisements eventually need to be in Word format, 9cms wide and, for a single block advert, about 4.5cms high

Please head your email and label any attachments with a name distinctive to you, not just 'Chronicle'. Also, make sure the editor or advertising manager acknowledges your email within 2 or 3 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 be either 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 deadlines.

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# CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter

## RESULTS OF THE MARCH LOTTERY

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<b>Churchwardens</b>	Mrs Alison Bone	202188
	Mrs Linda Johnson	527521
<b>Organist</b>	Vacancy	

## REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion (CW Traditional)	
	10.00 am Sung Eucharist (CW), except 3rd Sunday when there is a non-Eucharistic All Age Service.	
Thurs	9.15 am Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.	

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday	10.00 am Pebbles (Term Time only)	Church Room
Monday	7.45 pm Bell Ringing Practice	Bell Tower

## CHURCH REGISTER

### Funerals

3rd March David Painton

## CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Thur 2nd	7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service	Church
Fri 3rd	10.00am Ecumenical service	Baptist Church
Fri 3rd	2.00pm Meditation on The Cross	Church Room
Tue 7th	3.00 pm First Tuesday Connections	Church Room

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## ST PETER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

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However apathetic we might feel about politics and the whole process, good leadership makes a difference but we may only realise that it was good leadership when we look back years later. If we think politics is for other people then other people will get to decide what goes on. Voting is our chance to have a say at this election, but our role should be more than that. So my prayer is that the leaders govern with wisdom and diligence, and that we would encourage our local MP's and councillors to stand up for truth and be true representatives of the people in our communities.

St Peter's Church has recently undergone its' own vision strategy process, thinking about how best to honour God, love other people and to care for the elderly and vulnerable in our community. We want to be a caring community that is inclusive to all people. There are traditional services at the church in the morning and family services and activities every afternoon of the first Sunday of the month at Drayton School (the next one is **The Celebration family service 3rd May 3pm Drayton School**).

St Peter's Church is much more than a place for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. It is a community of people seeking God, loving each other and enjoying life together.

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Rebecca

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## REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service frequently with guest speakers. Communion every second Sunday of the month.

Please note that there is no longer an 11.15am Service. Family worship can now be enjoyed at Drayton School on the first Sunday of the month, 3.00-4.30pm.  
EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

## LOCAL METHODIST WORSHIP

High Street, Milton  
Sunday Service: 10.30 am

Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

## FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS **Jean Hager**

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. They are normally held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 3.00 pm to 4:30 pm and you are invited to drop in during these times. The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Our next two dates are 7th April, and 5th May. If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.

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## SHEDS, GARAGES AND OUTBUILDINGS BURGLED IN THE LOCAL AREA

There has been a recent spate of burglaries to sheds, garages and outbuildings in the South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse area over the last few weeks. Offences mainly occur overnight in rural locations, with offenders stealing items such as garden hand tools, high value power tools and bikes. Offenders see sheds and outbuildings as easy pickings because they can be unprotected and lack basic security measures. Please property mark items of value. This may stop it being sold on and if recovered will assist police in identifying the owners so it can be returned and could also help catch criminals.

For FREE home and garden security and crime prevention advice including details on property marking and registering your items, call 101 and ask to speak with a member of your Neighbourhood Policing Team or go to <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/home-garden-security>.

Please be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police as soon as possible on 101 or call 999 for crime in progress.

## LEAD THEFTS

Thames Valley Police is appealing for information after several incidents of lead theft across the local area.

On Wednesday 4th March at 7.25am, a man was seen removing lead lining from the roof of the Abbey Baptist Church, Checker Walk, Abingdon. When the offender was disturbed he ran away, leaving extensive damage to the roof and a pile of lead behind. While a monetary figure for the stolen lead is as yet unknown, approximately quarter of the roof has been damaged during the incident. The offender wore a pale blue hooded jumper and a scarf around his face.

Between midnight on Tuesday 3rd March and Wednesday 4th March, around 22sq ft of lead was stolen from the roof of Saint Edmunds School in Abingdon. Between 8am on Saturday 28th February and 3.20pm on Tuesday 3rd March, attempts have been made to steal the lead that surrounds the front door of the Abbey Church of St Peter and St Paul (Dorchester Abbey).

If you have any information please contact Thames Valley Police via the 101 number. If you don't want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at <http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org>. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

## FRAUDS

### Auction fraud

Online auction sites are regularly targeted by fraudsters advertising desirable items for sale which are below market value, but do not exist. Fraudsters use a variety of techniques to persuade the potential buyer that the item is genuine and that any advanced payment will be protected or reimbursed should the product be faulty or not received.

Protect yourself:

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View the item in person if possible.

If the item advertised seems too good to be true, it probably is.

If you need to report a fraud, report it to action fraud on 0300 123 2040 or using the action fraud reporting tool via the action fraud website - <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

### Fraud of the Rings

Please look out for a fraud which is being reported around the South-East of England at the moment.

Whilst driving, the victim is flagged down by a man (or men) next to a broken down vehicle. The man states that he needs money to get petrol. As payment, the man offers the victim one to

three "gold" rings and may also provide a business card suggesting links to Berlin, Germany or Glasgow, Scotland. The amount of cash taken is between £20 and £300. However, the rings are worthless and definitely not precious.

Offences are occurring on 'A' roads and slip roads at major junctions in the South of England. One victim reports seeing the same offender(s) back at the same spot (the A41 bypass near Tring, on this occasion) two days later at approximately 12:50pm. All suspects are described as male and with dark hair. The description of the "broken down" vehicle varies.

Offenders seem to target men over the age of 55.

Prevention advice:

Do not accept jewellery as payment!

## NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS.

If you go online, you will be able to open and view the latest update for your area and obtain further information about your Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-tvp-pol-area/yournh-tvp-pol-area-soxon-vowh/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n375>

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## YOUR LETTERS

I would like to say a big thankyou to all who attended my mother Pansy's funeral on Tuesday 20th January. Thank you also for all the lovely cards and letters of condolence.

I would like to thank David Hale who drove my mother to chapel and church when needed. He also visited my mother every Saturday at the home in Wantage and took her magazines, so David, thank you.

*Avril Crossman*

*Dear Editor,*

Following Alan Bourne's letter I thought I could supply some evidence to support arguments on the heating and cooling of the Earth. A Russian scientist, Milankovic, worked out a formula for this.

The discovery of the Bermuda Steppes in following years confirmed his theory. This is supported by caves in Northern Spain, where data has been extrapolated from mineral deposits, to provide a chart over 30,000 years showing an average change of 2 degrees Centigrade up and down.

The theory is that the Earth's orbit around the Sun is elliptical, it also wobbles about 22-25 degrees as it spins on its axis. So as the Earth spins around the Sun it receives a varying amount of energy i.e. when furthest from the Sun it receives very little and if its inclination is away from the Sun ice ages can result.

I hope that this helps to explain heating and cooling cycles of the Earth.

*Chris Mole*

*Dear Editor,*

### Rural Oxfordshire Action Rally

CPRE - (Campaign to Protect Rural England) Oxfordshire and ROAR - (the Rural Oxfordshire Action Rally), are petitioning Secretary of State Eric Pickles and local MPs to protect rural Oxfordshire from unsustainable development. We believe current planning rules are unfairly penalising particular villages and greenfield sites, a situation which is likely to get worse with the proposed 40% increase in housing in Oxfordshire by 2031. Whilst many would welcome more affordable housing for local people, developers are frequently bringing forward large and inappropriate developments that threaten to swamp existing communities and infrastructure. Unless we stand together, the rural nature and beautiful countryside of Oxfordshire will be at risk.

By signing our e-petition you can help us to persuade our local MPs to protect rural Oxfordshire. Please add your signature and make your voice heard!

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If you would like to come along and have any of the following - rakes, petrol trimmers, loppers, pruning saws, spades, edging tools, wheelbarrows please bring them. Please don't worry if you haven't as there will be plenty to do! Most importantly, please bring a mug so we can keep you going with a hot drink!

It would be really useful for planning if you could please let me know if you would like to come and help so that we know how many we are roughly catering for and also, if the weather is awful, (possibility on a Bank Holiday!), I can contact you. It will also give us a chance as a new committee to find out what you would like to see happen to the Green in the future.

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# NOTICE BOARD

## DOG OWNERS WARNED AS LAMBING SEASON BEGINS.



Dog owners are urged to keep their pets under control as the lambing season is about to start.

Hopefully the residents of Drayton will enjoy the sight of new born lambs in the fields around the village in the next couple of months, this is our favourite time of the year.

Recently, whilst driving up the Eastway Track to tend to my sheep, I passed a couple of ladies with 3 dogs, I stopped to check if they had 3 dogs as they only had 2 with them, the response from them was unacceptable. "Yes there's a black one, but he's running around in the field somewhere"!!!! Whilst then tending to my sheep, I watched the said dog running up and down the hedgerow of Little Smiths Farm and it then ran in to the Farm where my sheep were.

A couple of years ago we had a dog chase our sheep which resulted in a Ewe with a broken foot; we had to keep this Ewe alive with a broken foot as she had two 6 week old lambs. This Ewe was only two years old with her first set of lambs, we were put in an unnecessary position due to a dog owner's lack of responsibility.

The reasons for preventing dogs from chasing sheep especially at this time of year are:

- To reduce the risk of sheep miscarrying.
- To reduce the likelihood of harm or fatality of Ewe's or New Born Lambs.
- To reduce the potential of damage to fencing and equipment.

Dog owners should be aware that they can be prosecuted if their pets are let off their leads while in a farmer's field or enclosed space with sheep present.

Also, farmers are within their rights to shoot and kill dogs if they are deemed to be causing distress to flock.

### Facts about sheep worrying

Under the Animals Act 1971, a person acting to protect livestock may be able to kill or injure a dog that he/she reasonably believes is "worrying" without incurring any criminal or civil liability.

As a dog owner or a person for the time being in charge of a dog, you could be committing an offence if your pet worries livestock on agricultural land.

Worrying includes attacking or chasing livestock in a way that might reasonably be expected to cause injury, suffering or loss.

It is also an offence to have a dog in a field or enclosed space where there are sheep when the dog is not on a lead or under close control.

If sheep worrying is proved, it can mean the dog owner or person in charge being sued for damages to recompense that loss.

By ensuring dogs are kept under control when sheep or other livestock are present, owners can significantly reduce the chances of any of the animals involved coming to harm.

When walking with dogs in/alongside fields with livestock, keep your dog close, under effective control, and on a short lead.

Remember that our animals can be part of or our livelihood and we can't risk having them distressed, hurt or killed by dogs with irresponsible owners. So please be responsible and keep your dog under control.

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## ALL AROUND

### GARD

**Nick Thompson**

The GARD AGM will be held at Stocks Lane Farm Steventon on Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 7pm. It will be followed by a Committee Meeting.

All who wish to be updated are welcome to attend. The Hon Chairman's Report will be summarized in May Parish Newsletters.

### BOWLS CLUB

**Roll Up**

We start these notes with the very good news that 'The Wasps' retained the Oxford county afternoon triple league with two games to play. This is the 6th time the team has won this competition, and with twelve teams competing in the league, this was a fine achievement, congratulations to June and her team. Also, with one game to play, 'The Hammers' are in a good position to finish in second place, good luck to Jane and her team in the final game.

Now to the internal competitions: the Monday rose bowl league is well underway and looks like it will go down to the wire with three teams in contention, this will be completed in April. 'The Wally Weghtman' triples was played for in January and going through to play the final in December will be Val Locke, June Hyde and Carol Smith; who will play Tony Wight, Ian Norris, and Freda Bray. Thanks to Val and June, the organizers. 'The Henry Bunce' handicap pairs was played for in February, and was played to a finish on the day. The winners were Jack Mitchenson and Bryn Jones who beat, Lyndon Locke and Kathy McCann in the final. It proved once again a fine days' bowling and thanks to Jane and Josie for organizing the day. The next competition will be 'The Attwood Cup' bowls drive, this will be played for on March 22nd, when twenty four members will be in competition for the trophy. Note for the diary, we are going to Burford for lunch on Wednesday June the 17th, leaving at 11 am, with transport laid on, all members are very welcome.

### TWINNERS

**Stephen Fearnley**

The twinning group held a very convivial meeting on the 3rd March at a member's home. It was confirmed that we shall be inviting a group from Lesparre to visit us in July for a long weekend. Activities will be fairly informal and relaxed. If you feel tempted to host – or even if you would like to find out more about our activities, then our phone numbers are at the end of this item. Four of us made the trip over to Lesparre in February and met with members of their group. We were able to discuss some of the details of the visit and pass on thoughts to the meeting.

On the Sunday 12th of April we shall again be helping at Lime Close Open Garden day by providing teas during the afternoon from 2pm. If anyone would like to meet us informally then they would be very welcome to see us there.

Also please note that we shall be holding our AGM at 7pm on Thursday 16th April at Drayton Hall – either in the small hall or in the lounge bar. This is an open meeting and you are invited to join us. No wine, but there should be tea and coffee available with biscuits.

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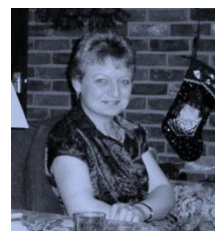


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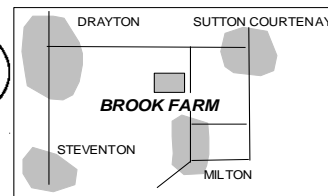
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We have a wide range of toys for the children to enjoy, from a dedicated padded baby area to larger ride-ons, trains, cars, dolls, lego, puzzles, books and kitchen, more than we can get out every week! In addition, we have a craft activity most weeks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

We have had a busy few weeks making cards for Mothers Day and we have some plans for Easter too. Please note that we are normally open during the school holidays now, older siblings are welcome too. We keep our Facebook page updated with the most current news, it is called Drayton Baby and Toddler Group, Abingdon 2014. It's a great place to meet other local parents and make friends. Or if you prefer, contact Laura on 07916 459435.

**PLEASE NOTE:** there will be no toddlers on Thursday May 7th, as the hall will be needed for the general election. We will have an outing planned instead, more details to follow!

### PRESCHOOL **Laura Hughes**

It has been a busy Spring term at preschool, and the children have been enjoying lots of outdoor activities including planting bulbs, experimenting with water play and creating their very own aliens! We had a Mothers Day celebration and will also be making things to celebrate Easter over the coming weeks.

Preschool relies on fundraising and this is all the more pressing as we need to make some significant repairs to our building. Our next event is a Quiz Night! This will be held at the Village Hall on the evening of Friday 1st May, we are still finalising the details but there will be prizes, food, drink and a special round created by the children. Please come along and join in the fun, keep your eyes open for the posters which will be appearing around the village very soon!

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

We are a committee-run preschool and our current Chairperson will be stepping down in September. If you are a parent, grandparent or future parent of a child at preschool, or simply would like to get involved in maintaining preschool provision for local children, please email chairdraytonps@btconnect.com for more details. Without a Chair, we have no preschool. Please get in touch if you can help, contact Laura on 07916 459435

### W.I. **Brenda Malin**

Our March meeting is by tradition our A.G.M. We recall the past year's activities and look forward to the coming year's programme. This was followed by a pudding supper, all home made and delicious.

This year is especially special as it is the Centenary of the founding of the Women's Institute in Britain. There are many activities arranged for all members.

A Broadcast of the National A.G.M. from the Albert Hall directly to Denman College, and in larger towns and cities, cinemas have been hired just for that day. This is to allow members who were not lucky enough to get a ticket to the venue to participate in the celebrations.

A Baton has circled England and Wales, and will be in Abingdon for a few short hours on Tuesday 14th April. It will leave the town by boat and eventually arrive in triumph at the Albert Hall for the 4th June.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month in the Caudwell Day Centre at 7.30 we welcome visitors.

**Date of next meeting April 9th**



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# EVEN MORE ALL AROUND

## 1st DRAYTON BROWNIES

Annette Mitchell

Welcome to our pack to Freya and Alanna who have started with us. We hope you enjoy your time with us!

It is amazing what sounds you can create from recycled materials from around the house! The Brownies all made music from tins, cardboard tubes, boxes etc. and really used their imagination.

We had an evening of listening to clips of music through the ages from 1920's until the present day when the Brownies brought in their favourite music for us all to listen to.

Thinking Day is a day when everyone from girlguiding dress in costumes and sample delicious foods from around the world and think about all the girls from different cultures in other countries.

A fun weekend was had by a lot of the Brownies at PGL in Liddington, very tired Brownies when they returned but they all had a fantastic time trying out various activities including quad biking, archery, climbing wall and conquering their fears of heights on the zip wire and trapeze!

We hope all mums had a lovely Mothering Sunday helped by some of the lovely cards and flowers that the Brownies made for them!

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 the girl guiding website: click on

“Join Us!” at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/get\\_involved](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved) or you can email us on [drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk](mailto:drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk)

Further details are available from:

Ruth Hudson (Brown Owl) on 01235 205111

Esther Deabill (Tawny Owl) on 01235 528502

Annette Mitchell (Barn Owl) on 01235 555216

## HALL REPORT

Tony Holmes

Thanks to all our groups and classes, for their patience while the kitchen project has been going on.

It's now finished, (apart from a dishwasher to appear in due course), and it has been generally very well appreciated. Now we need to look forward to replacing the windows, and the fire doors.

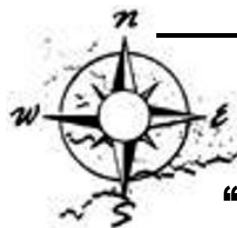
A reminder to any new readers of what happens in the hall on a regular basis. We have two Zumba classes (Sundays & Tuesdays) and Gemma (Sundays) also runs a high-intensity interval training session, some energetic souls even do both! Our very experienced Pilates teacher (Gill) runs classes on Tuesdays, for those needing help with assorted aches & pains; she has classes at other local locations, and you can mix and match sessions to suit your days & times if you like. It is the traditional, original form of Pilates – I gather some less experienced teachers have been known to make up their own moves!

Sequence dancing is on Thursday evenings, a very social evening and gets attendance from distance. We have two badminton groups, a group that plays matches on Mondays, and another on Weds afternoons who get some useful exercise. Our Bowls club has sessions on Monday & Thursday afternoons, Wednesday evenings, and league matches in the season on Tuesdays. Oh, and some Sunday tournaments too. A very social, friendly group, some gentle exercise, competition, plus tea & bikkies, what's not to like?!

On the youth front, we have a 'Baby Sign' group on Mondays, and 'Boogie beat' on Tuesdays. Brownies are on Wednesday (early evening) and we have a Rainbows group (even younger girls) starting for a summer term (more of that next time). Our youth group (Damascus) meets on Mondays, and an occasional Young Farmers group on some Thursdays. Who have I forgotten? Oops, Parent & Toddler group, Thursday mornings, see their report, and Drayton Wives, usually last Wednesday of each month, for their meetings and guest speakers.

Drayton Players are rumbling back into life again, see their report for what they're up to (& have been appealing for some new blood, whether on stage or behind the scenes). And we have a new monthly group (second Tuesdays), practising a variety of arts (sewing, etc). If you're interested in any group, see the back page for contact details. Plus of course we're regularly booked for childrens' parties, adult parties (commonly a 'significant' birthday), weddings & christenings, meetings and so on. The bar is available where needed, no extra charge.

This month we have a couple of dog shows. One of them, Easter Monday (6th) is for pedigree Elkhounds (the club running it – a show for which they come from far & wide), but ALSO has novelty classes which villagers can enter, such as :- Veteran Open, Cross Breed Dog/Bitch, Waggiest Tail, Best Mismatch Brace Dog/Bitch, Prettiest Bitch, Handsomest Dog, Fastest Biscuit Eater (!), Best Rescue Dog or Bitch, Dog/Bitch the Judge would most like to take home, & Best Fancy Dress Dog or Bitch. Plenty of scope there, they ask for entries on the day by 10.30am, but DO please ask them for details (not us at the hall please!) e.g. Jill Cowper ( 01386 830116) or Maureen Lake (01494 771040). They have a requirement not to bring bitches in season, puppies under 6 months old can enter but won't be 'placed', and of course do be prepared to clean up after your pet!!



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# WESTMINSTER LETTER

## Ed Vaizey

As the General Election looms I have been reflecting on what an honour it has been to serve the Wantage and Didcot constituency over the past ten years. One of the most fantastic aspects of my role as your MP is meeting so many dedicated volunteers and getting involved in some of the many great causes in the constituency.

I am incredibly proud to have become president of SUDEP Action, a charity based in Wantage, which is working towards the prevention of sudden unexpected death in epilepsy. This charity was set up by local resident Jane Hanna and provides information and a support network for the bereaved. Last month there was an important Parliamentary debate which called on the Government to address major issues facing people with epilepsy and resulted in a commitment from the Government and MP's to do all they could to raise awareness of the risks associated with epilepsy by "red-flagging" those at increased risk of fatality. They also pledged to try to reduce avoidable epilepsy related deaths.

Friends of OSCAR is a national charity, based in Didcot, of which I am also a recent patron. This charity helps children, and their families, when they are diagnosed with brain or spinal tumours. I recently attended the launch of a bag of essential items, such as toothpaste and overnight necessities, given to parents when they arrive at hospital often without time to pack. This is one of the many ways the charity supports families at such a traumatic time.

Another very worthy cause that I have recently become involved in is Mission Motorsport. The aim of this national charity, based near Wantage is to aid the recovery and rehabilitation of those affected by military operations, by providing opportunities through Motorsport. Not only do they provide a support network but focus on training and direct vocational skills to help those affected to get back into the workplace.

These are just a few examples of the many good causes I have encountered and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteers and helps to make this constituency such a wonderful place to live.

This month I have received letters and emails on a wide range of topics including protecting the wildlife, dementia and beer duty. However, the issue I received most correspondence on, some 100 plus emails, relates to concerns over the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). I believe the agreement does not carry the risks that some have put forward, and I am reassured that as Parliament will scrutinise the proposals and ultimately has the final veto power, a final agreement will only be reached if it is in the United Kingdom's interests.

As ever please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk.

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# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## David Perrow

Report of the Parish Council Meeting held on Mon 2nd  
March 2015

One member of the public was present in addition to the councillors. Emma Greenland, a Drayton resident, expressed an interest in the further development of the Lockway playground. Emma has set up a 'Families in Drayton' Facebook page that, at the time of writing, has 119 members. Pat Athawes, the PC's representative for Drayton Primary School, and Naomi Broomfield, the DAMASCUS Project representative, are still consulting Drayton's clubs and groups as to what type of play equipment they would like installed. Emma also reported that her family are being woken up at night by lorries thundering through the village. This complaint has been echoed by a number of other residents. The increase in traffic is thought to be linked to road works on the A34 at the Milton Interchange and the electrification of the Great Western railway line. It was noted that OCC are consulting on 'Connecting Oxfordshire', the draft local transport plan, and Daniel Scharf, the PC's Transport representative will submit a written response to the consultation, which ends on 2nd April. Richard Webber agreed to raise the traffic disturbance issue at the next Neighbourhood Action Group meeting.

The Clerk reported on the progress of the Parish Council's request to the Vale that the Drayton Conservation Area be extended to cover the area around the Sutton Wick pond, which contains a number of buildings of historical significance. This proposal is linked to the PC's research into the existing Conservation Area and its documentation by the Vale. It is a Local Planning Authority's responsibility to produce detailed descriptions of conservation areas, information which is used, amongst other purposes, to assist in making decisions on any planning applications that fall within the area. In the case of Drayton, the 'official' descriptions of our Conservation Area consist of little more than a couple of paragraphs of general observations, with scant detail about character, local building materials etc, and none at all about specific buildings. The Vale has replied that it does not have the resources to conduct the necessary detailed survey at the present time, although it is looking at ways to improve those resources.

An E-mail was received from a resident concerned about cars parking at the village green, specifically about vehicles going off the tarmac and parking partly on the grass. The resultant muddy tracks across the edge of the green obviously cause damage to the grass and look unsightly. This practice is inconsiderate and unnecessary, and the Parish Council will investigate possible ways of protecting the green. On the subject of lack of consideration, a number of residents have commented on the amount of litter to be found around the village. There is no excuse for dumping glass and plastic bottles and other assorted rubbish in hedgerows, grass verges and the like. This not only looks terrible; it is dangerous to young children and indeed to small animals as well. We do have a Village Caretaker, but collecting litter is only one of Steve's many tasks, and the sheer volume of stuff being dropped is more than any one person could cope with if they were doing the job full-time. Often the items are dumped just feet away from a half empty waste bin, which suggests that the perpetrator is either bone idle or being deliberately anti-social. This isn't a task for one person alone; it is a collective village responsibility, and the Parish Council would welcome volunteers to take part in an organised litter pick, possibly as a regular event. Let's keep our village clean, and a better place to live.

An enquiry was received, via the Village Hall, as to whether a 'refresher' course could be provided on the use of the defibrillator. It was explained that the defibrillator is designed to be used by laypersons and does not require any medical expertise to operate. The equipment comes with very clear instructions, which are spoken aloud by a pre-recorded voice. The defibrillator carries out

its own assessment of the patient and it will only deliver an electrical charge where it is appropriate and safe to do so. You cannot inadvertently harm a patient by using the equipment, which is as near to foolproof as such an item could be.

You will read elsewhere in this issue that Drayton's Neighbourhood Plan passed its referendum with a 90.8% 'Yes' vote, a convincing endorsement, which I believe reflects the nearly three years of very hard work put in by Drayton 2020 and many other Drayton residents. The first formal planning application for new housing following the referendum result will be discussed by the Planning Committee of the Parish Council on Tues 17th March in a public meeting at the Village Hall. It relates to the 'Barrow Road' site at the north end of the village. The closing date (25th March) for responding to this application will have passed by the time this issue is published, but most concerned residents have already posted their comments, which can be seen on the Vale's website under the heading of 'Planning'. Just enter the application number: P14/V2504/FUL in the search box.

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 E-mail 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 E-mailing 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](http://www.drayton-near-abingdon.org). The latter also carries back copies of the Drayton Chronicle, information on Drayton 2020, and details of other events in the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will include the Annual Parish Assembly. This is the meeting where the Parish Council reports on its work over the previous year. It will be held in the Village Hall (Main Hall) on Monday 13th April 2015, at 7.00 pm, prior to the usual Parish Council meeting which follows at 7.30pm. Please note that, due to Easter, the date is a week later than the normal first Monday in the month. All residents of Drayton are welcome to attend both meetings.

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# COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

## Richard Webber

The problem for the poor, cash-strapped County Council is that much of the infrastructure requirement and costs resulting from all the growth going in the County falls on them. Even "New Homes Bonus" (the Government's incentive to get more building going) goes 80% to District Councils and only 20% to the County. As a result, the Districts are relatively wealthy whilst the OCC budget grows a little more desperate each year. This has meant that the infrastructure which the County must provide is getting harder and harder to fund. And this is key infrastructure around Education, Transport and Social services – all high cost items.

In Education, we have a problem of how to manage increasing pressure on our schools. Tricky decisions on "when" new classrooms, more teachers or even whole new schools are needed have to be made. Contributions from developments are supposed to generate the funding for this, but get the timing wrong, then decisions are wrong, and we wind up having to bus children (even very young children) around in an effort to find school places.

In Transport, new development is supposed to fund all the new roads and road improvements we need. Our problem is that this takes no account of the fact that many of our roads are already in a poor state from past under-funding.

It all points to the desperate need for a "Grand Plan". But we have one of these (maybe not at a national level but certainly at a local level. We call it, or called it Science Vale UK. (It now seems to have become Science Vale Oxford). We applied for, and received large amounts of government money to fund infrastructure to cope with future growth from hi-tech industries. We are due to become, if all goes well, "Silicon" or "Bio-tech" Valley UK. To get there, we will require the right amount of the right type of housing to accommodate the employees of such industry – be they PhDs, technicians or support personnel. As we generate these jobs, we will need to be building the houses at the appropriate rate. What we must not do, and, in my view, we are in danger of doing, is anything which makes this "Grand Plan" harder to achieve. It makes no sense at all,

- 1 To be filling up our little available space with more Distribution centres providing far more low pay jobs than we currently need.
2. To be putting ever more stress on our infrastructure and most importantly,
3. To be clogging up our already congested transport network such that Science Vale UK industry has no room to expand.

I hope that the next government, whoever they are, accepts this message and I hope that the next District administration, whoever they are, gets a robust Science Vale Planning strategy document in place just as quickly as possible.

### Appleford Mirror

The much-needed pedestrian safety mirror at Appleford Bridge is going to make life better for all Appleford residents and Station users. I very much hope that it will also stimulate more use of the Station. Many thanks to all those at OCC who have helped to make this happen.



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# DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

## Richard Webber

### The Neighbourhood Development Plan Process – some conclusions.

It is an undeniable truth that, in the last 3 years, Drayton is the *only* large village in the whole of the District which has not been subject to speculative development – i.e. Planning applications by developers and landowners seeing the opportunity to get permission to build in places which would not normally be allowed - the opportunity given by our lack of Local Plan and a shortage of "5 year land supply".

It is also undeniable that Drayton is the only large village in the District which, for the past 3 years, has been in engaging in a "Neighbourhood Plan" – an opportunity granted under the Localism Act. This is not a co-incidence.

Many other villages are now following Drayton's example. They may find it easier and quicker. They may even find it cheaper, but they have all had to take many extra houses in places decided by developers and landowners while Drayton has not.

Now that the residents of Drayton have voted "yes" in the Referendum, the development which now happens in Drayton will be better planned, in more considered locations, and better laid out than it otherwise would have been. As a result, in my view, the village will function better, people will feel more involved, traffic will flow better, and all of us will be able to enjoy life more.

The momentous position, in which we now find ourselves, is the result of the Neighbourhood Planning process. It has been possible thanks to the hard work, over three years of many, many people together with the hard work, co-operation and engagement of our landowners and their developers and agents.

I very much hope that everyone gets the benefit they deserve. I hope that landowners, agents and developers get credit for their engagement, patience and restraint. I hope that builders get credit for the quality of the development they build. I hope that the professional planners, of VWHDC and OCC get credit for their support, encouragement and willingness to allow, for the first time, local residents to be part of the planning process. And, most of all, I hope that all of us residents, present and future, will think Drayton a much better place as a result of all the effort.

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This first fee will often be small, but once they know you're willing to pay they will ask for more and more money, with ever-changing excuses as to why they need it. Victims can end up losing tens of thousands of pounds over the course of months, or even years.

You may be surprised that anyone could fall prey to such a scam when they haven't entered any lotteries. Why would they have to pay money when they're supposed to have won millions? The sad truth is that these criminals are incredibly persuasive and prey on people who are very trusting. Even if you know you would not be defrauded in this way, please spread the message to family, friends and neighbours.

Prevention: If you haven't entered a lottery or prize draw you haven't won one.

Delete any e-mails which say you've won money or are in a position to make a fortune.

Look out for unusual behaviour in anyone you know, e.g. someone paying money via money service bureaux such as Western Union or MoneyGram, or buying Ukash vouchers.

### Never discuss your bank account with strangers

Fraudsters are targeting people by 'cold calling' them on the telephone.

They will state that they are from the Bank Fraud department, the police or other law enforcement.

They will say that fraud is being carried out on the victim's bank account and, that to prevent it, the victim should do any of the following: access their bank account online, hand over their pin numbers and bank cards to a courier/official sent to collect them, hand over money to a courier/official sent to collect it or

1. Transfer money to a 'safe' bank account that the fraudster will provide details of.
2. Victims will then be told that once the call is terminated they should check the caller's credentials by telephoning the 'fraud' number they may have on the reverse of their bank card, telephone their bank or even telephone the police to check that there is an investigation.

Don't be fooled! **Do not make any more telephone calls** as the fraudster will not have terminated the call. The phone line will remain open and you will be telephoning them back without realising. They will then continue, with your assistance, to steal your money.

Protect yourself:

- Neither a bank nor the police will ever telephone you out of the blue to ask you to transfer money into another account or to ask you to hand over any money or bank cards. It's your money!
- The bank and police will never ask for personal bank account details or pin numbers over the phone.
- If you really want to check a caller's credentials go into your bank and speak to the bank manager, or use another phone to call the bank or the police.
- If you are still unsure go to a police station.
- Never discuss your bank details with strangers who call you.

If you, or anyone you know, feel they have been a victim of fraud or internet crime please report it by calling Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or report it via the website at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>



### Traffweb

This website is designed to provide basic injury, collision, casualty and camera site information within the Thames Valley Police and Hampshire Police areas and is now available to the public. Current data covers the period from January 2011 to June 2014 with the remainder of 2014 data to be provided in the coming months. Search for the area you're interested in then, referring to the legend, click on the map for details. <http://www.tvphampshiretraffweb.co.uk>

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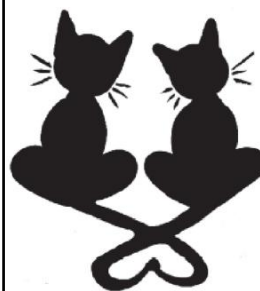
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Sat 4th	9am	Private Function
Mon 6th	9am	Dog Show – (See Hall Report)
Sun 12th	9am	Dog Show
Mon 13th	7.00pm	<b>Annual Parish Council Assembly</b>
Mon 13th	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
Mon 13th	5.00pm	<b>Chronicle Deadline (p2) – Ads 10th</b>
Thur 16th	7.30pm	Twining Meeting (Small Hall)
Sat 18th	11am	Children's party
Sun 19th	9am	Christening party
Fri 24th	7pm	Oxford Drama Network (AGM)
Sat 25th	9am	Private Function
Sun 26th	9am	Drama Workshop
Fri May 1st	7pm	Pre-School Quiz - (See Hall Report)

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## REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

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### MONDAYS

- 8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) *School Ground Bldg*
- 10.30 am Pilates (Call 01235 814299)
- 1.15 – 2.15 pm Baby Sign Language Classes (in Term)
- 2.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)
- 5.45 pm Beavers (Boys/ girls, 6–8 yrs, Tel. 512834) *Steventon Hall*
- 6.30 – 7.30pm Table Tennis (Beginners & New players) *School*
- 6.30 – 8.00pm Damascus youth group
- 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 – 10.00 pm Table Tennis Practice (League juniors & adults) *School*
- 7.30 pm Parish Council (1st Monday) *Caudwell DC*
- 7.45 – 8.45 pm Drayton Drop In (Except Bank Holidays)
- 7.45 pm Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours) *St Peter's*
- 8.30 pm Badminton (Private Group)

### TUESDAYS

- 8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) *School Ground Bldg*
- 11.00 am Dietician
- 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 – also at 8 pm
- 7.30 pm League Table Tennis *School*

### WEDNESDAYS

- 8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) *School Ground Bldg*
- 10.30 am Life diet advice
- 10.30–11.30am Pebbles – Baby, Toddler and Carer group (in Term) *Church Room*
- 11.00 am Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min) *Haywards Rd*
- 11.20 am Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min) *The Green Car Pk*
- 1.45 pm Whist – now each week *Caudwell Day Centre*
- 2.00 pm Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month)
- 2.15 pm Badminton
- 6.15 pm Brownies
- 6.15 pm Cubs (Boys/ girls, 8–9 yrs, Tel. 512834) *Steventon Hall*
- 7.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)
- 7.30 pm Bingo Session *Caudwell Day Centre*
- 7.30 pm League Table Tennis *School*

### THURSDAYS

- 8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) *School Ground Bldg* followed by lunch club and afternoon session
- 9.00 am Foot Clinic (First Thursday in Month) *Caudwell DC*
- 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 League Table Tennis *School*
- 7.30 pm Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)
- 7.30 pm Sequence Dancing. Tel: 531701

### FRIDAYS

- 8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) *School Ground Bldg*
- 11.00 am The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466 *Caudwell Day Centre*
- 7.30 pm League Table Tennis *School*

### 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 (1st Sunday) *Baptist Church*
- 6.00 pm Evening Worship *Baptist Church*

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