

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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BEVERLEY CRASH MEMORIAL

Keith Clough

There was a ceremony on the Sutton Wick Green on Saturday 7th March to unveil a plaque recently placed there by the Veterans Charity. It remembers the people killed in the crash of a Beverley heavy transport aircraft on Sutton Wick nearly 60 years ago.



The plaque reads:

Near this location on 5th March 1957 an RAF Blackburn Beverley transport plane XH117 of the 53 Squadron crashed.

The plane developed engine problems shortly after take-off. On attempting to land again it struck cables & trees causing it to collide with nearby buildings.

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This plaque remembers all those that were lost & those that attempted to save them.



The ceremony was well attended by RAF personnel, veterans and relatives of those who died or were injured, supported by a number of the residents of Sutton Wick and Drayton.

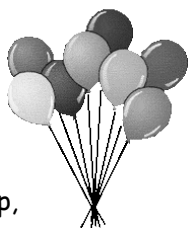
The Celebration

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DRAYTON PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Annual Drayton Parish Assembly on 13 April 2015 was the last before the current councillors retire or seek re-election on 07 May 2015. As usual, councillors reported on events and activities of the last year and gave other Drayton organisations the chance to explain what they did and their plans for the future.



In the foreground of the picture, from left to right, are Daniel Scharf, former Parish Council chair, Roxy Elford, from the Damascus youth support project, Jenny Pooley, Drayton's parish footpath warden, Jane McWhirter, the new chair of the Millennium Green Trust, Keith Clough, MGT trustee, and Marc Knight, the new headmaster of Drayton School. Extracts from reports and some more pictures are on page 12 and 13.

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Boulevard Swing

A date for your diary!



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CHRONICLE INFORMATION

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

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

Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 08 May 2015**

Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Monday, 11 May 2015**

Printed copies available: **Friday, 22 May 2015**

Key dates for the subsequent three Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
July	15 June 2015	26 June 2015
August	20 July 2015	31 July 2015
September	17 August 2015	28 August 2015

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter

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£10	Mrs V Parker, 46 Abingdon Road	J. Stevens
£10	Mrs Harper, 154 Whitehorns Way	M. Boyd
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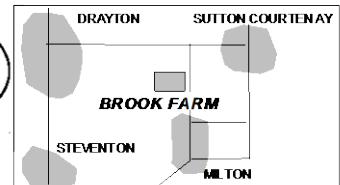


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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

We would like to say a very big thank you to all the staff & lovely children at Drayton Primary School for the numerous farewell gifts, cards & good wishes that we received on our last day at the school recently. We wish them continued success in all they do to make Drayton Primary School a special place; we will miss them all dearly.

John & Val Sheppard, lunch-time supervisors.

Dear Editor

Please ask Chronicle readers to put the evening of Friday 26th June their diaries, because Boulevard Swing will be back in Drayton Village Hall for a charity gig in aid of the British Red Cross. The format will be slightly different from previous concerts, with the audience seated at tables (with their bar drinks) to create more of a "jazz club" feel?

Tickets should be on sale at Vickery's from early May.

Brian Thompson

Dear Editor

David and I and our family would like to thank everyone who came to mum's funeral on 26 February and made donations for the Salvation Army in her memory.

Lynne Stimpson

Editor's Note: Lynne's mother, Marion Gunner, lived in Drayton for much of her life.

Dear Editor

On behalf of Pansy Smith's family, I would like to say thank you to everyone who attended her funeral on January 20th. We also wanted everyone to be aware that as a result of the collection at her funeral, the sum of £314.50 was donated to Drayton Church and also to the Steventon Darby and Joan Club in memory of Pansy

Adrian Smith (one of Pansy's grandsons)

Dear Editor,

I am researching the history of Drayton, having lived here now for 12 years with my wife who was born in the village. I am interested in the history of **the now unused water pumps** located around the village. I have seen the beautiful cast iron pumps in Sutton Wick Lane, Henleys Lane and the High Street. I know for certain that there was at least one more pump in the village but I do not know where its location was? Can anybody help me with more information about these pumps? When they were installed? How many more were there? When did they go out of use? Any information would be gratefully received.



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Dear Editor

Thank you for printing my letter about keeping dogs on leads or under close control. I would be grateful if you could emphasise it yet again, since only last week a chicken was killed by a dog running free out on a walk. The really frustrating thing is that the chicken was in its garden at least 50-60 yards off the footpath at the rear of Church Lane, Drayton. I think that dog owners should keep their dogs on leads unless they can keep them at heel or recall their dog without problem.

Dave Roberts

Editor's Note: The following is an extract from naturenet.net: Section 1 of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 makes it an offence for a dog to be 'at large', i.e. not on a lead or otherwise under close control, in a field or enclosure containing sheep. It is also an offence for dogs to attack or chase other livestock. **A landowner may shoot such a dog, if it can be proved that the action was necessary to protect livestock and that it**

was reported to the police within 48 hours. The dog's owner can also be subject to the penalties under the Act

- not being shot, of course.



Letters to the Editor are accepted on the understanding that opinions expressed are strictly those of the correspondent. The Editor reserves the right to shorten, clarify, place or reject them. Each letter must bear a legible name and address (and telephone number if possible) so that the correspondent may be contacted if necessary. The correspondent's name will be published unless the Editor is specifically requested in writing not to do so.

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CALENDAR FOR MAY:

Sun	3	3.00 pm	Celebration Service	<i>Drayton School</i>
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Letter from Rev. Rebecca Peters

Dear Friends,

What glorious weather we enjoyed during the Easter school holidays! It would appear that spring has arrived! Fresh colour all around us, and the joy of feeling warmer, I love this time of year. The Church Plant sale starts at 10am on the 9th May and our Celebration service is on 3rd May at 3pm at Drayton School. Both times to celebrate and give thanks for all that God has provided for us. At this time of year I am always on the lookout for the first swallows 'coming home', and wonder at their amazing ability to migrate all the way from Africa on such tiny wings. Their chattering call is a joy to my heart - something that goes back to my childhood, when we used to have swallows nesting in the garden. The Bible informs us that God cares for even the most common of birds. Jesus goes on to say how much more our Heavenly Father cares for us - that even the very hairs on our heads are numbered. It is a genuine source of wonder and joy that we can know such care from God himself. That whatever life throws at us, God's care is a constant. Psalm 23, the great shepherd psalm, speaks of God's goodness and unfailing love 'pursuing us' all the days of our lives! Perhaps we need to let Him catch us up! May we ponder this amazing love of God again and realise that God longs to be our personal shepherd. Let's place our hands in his, in trust and with confidence, trusting his love in Jesus, and welcoming his presence into our lives. Peace and joy, and a deep sense of 'coming home' are frequently the result.

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Rebecca



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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

We extend a warm welcome to Mr Coote who has moved into Meads Cottage, from Abingdon.

Also we welcome Sarah, Charlie and Lucy who have moved into Lock way from Milton Village.

The Chronicle team would like to say thankyou to Ellen Winter for her work as a Chronicle Agent in Cornville Road.

And we welcome as her replacement Ruth Hudson and Val Mann-Gladwin, who have offered to take over so that residents of Cornville Road will continue to receive their Chronicles.

MAURICE EDGINGTON

Tom Shebbeare

Sadly, we report the death of Maurice Edgington of Greenacres, Sutton Wick, former treasurer of the Millennium Green Trust.

Maurice was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer in 2012 but remained remarkably positive despite the prognosis. His sunny demeanour may have helped his selection for treatment funded by the Cancer Drug Fund, which his wife Angela credits with extending his life by at least two years. Maurice was one of three patients who met The Prime Minister at Oxford's Churchill Hospital in 2013 to discuss the results achieved through the Drug Fund.



DRAYTON AGMs Andrew Bax & Jane McWhirter

As usual the **Annual General Meetings of the Drayton Community Trust (DCT) and the Drayton Millennium Green Trust (MGT)** will be held sequentially on the same night, this year on **Tuesday 09 June in the Caudwell Day Centre**. Everyone is welcome! First to go (at 19.30) is usually the Community Trust followed by the Millennium Green Trust.

This year the main DCT business will be to review the Drayton 2020 project, which the DCT helped the Parish Council to carry through to successful approval by the independent examiner and by the people of Drayton in the recent referendum and must now move into the implementation phase.

The DCT AGM will also, as always, review the annual accounts of the Chronicle which is published 'under its auspices' and will this year consider a new legal constitution for the DCT, the old one having become badly out of date.

The AGM of the Millennium Green Trust will be the first since a new body of Trustees took over this spring. Come along to meet the new trustees and hear what they plan for this wonderful village asset over the next year or two!

Better still, come along to the Millennium Green itself for a 'spring clean morning' on the May Day bank holiday, 04 May 2015 when we will have a blitz on the many things that need doing once spring growth starts. Don't forget to bring a mug so that you can be plied with refreshing drinks!

DRAYTON'S WWI SACRIFICE REMEMBERED

ERNEST PRYER

Private Ernest Pryer of the 1st Battalion the Welsh Regiment, with the service number 30791, died 100 years ago on 9th May 1915, from wounds he had received during the second battle of Ypres. He was the son of Louis and Kate Pryer of Drayton and was only 20 years old when killed. He is buried in the Boulogne Eastern Cemetery in northern France

John Roberts



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DISTRICT COUNCIL & WESTMINSTER CANDIDATES

Editor's Note: On pages 8 & 9 the Chronicle has printed photographs and a couple of sentences about each person nominated to make up our new Parish Council. In contrast we just list below the names and party affiliation of the 5 candidates hoping to represent Drayton on the Vale of White Horse District Council and the 5 standing to become our MP.

This is partly because we have limited space but also because we expect that most villagers will have seen election material from or about the major parties with candidates standing (Conservative, Green, Labour, Liberal Democrat and UKIP) and will probably have election campaign material posted to them. The exception is, Gerald Day from Milton, who is standing as a ROAR candidate for the District Council. This is a local party with the aim of 'opposing the senseless concreting over of green fields surrounding our towns, villages and hamlets in the name of economic progress'. How they intend to do this is not clear but you can see ROAR material at <http://www.roartoday.co.uk/>

Candidates for Drayton's District Councillor:

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DAVENPORT Stuart	Conservative Party
DAY Gerald	Rural Oxfordshire Action Rally - ROAR
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PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Editor's Note: For the first time for several years, more than 11 people have allowed themselves to be nominated to become one of Drayton's 11 parish councillors. As a consequence, there will have to be a poll to decide which candidates should take the seats available, to be held on 07 May at the same time as the elections for Drayton's district councillor and for the Member of Parliament for the Wantage constituency.

None of those wanting to become a parish councillor has done so with political party allegiance foremost in their mind and none is likely to be able to canvas voters to any significant extent. The Chronicle has therefore asked each to provide a photograph and a couple of sentences about themselves, so that villagers can know something about the people for whom they are asked to vote. Candidates are placed in alphabetical order, with those existing councillors seeking re-election labelled as such:

COLIN ARNOLD



I have lived in Drayton for the last thirty years.

I decided to stand for election to the Parish Council this year as I feel that some fresh people with innovative ideas would be advantageous as we strive to reinvigorate our village.

PAT ATHAWES - seeking re-election

I want to be a Parish Councillor because it's important to keep up to date with latest information within the local community.

It provides an opportunity to meet, exchange ideas, know about local services, how they operate and ensure where possible, they are delivered, meeting requirements for the village.



LAURA BILLINGTON



I grew up in Drayton and moved back to the village from Bristol last year with my husband and our two young sons.

I am an active member of the Drayton Preschool committee and have recently been involved with the set-up of the 'Families in Drayton' Facebook page.

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MATTHEW LOWY

I have lived in Drayton for over a decade and know and love the village. Because of that I was eager to get involved in Drayton 2020 and the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

I would appreciate the chance to make sure via the Parish Council that the Neighbourhood Development Plan is integral in Drayton's future!



TAMSIN MEREDITH



I moved to the village with my husband and young daughter in 2010 and have since had a son.

I am treasurer for the preschool and village hall and help run Thursday's baby and toddler group at the hall.

PERVIN SHAHIN

Since becoming a member of the Drayton 2020 Steering Group, I have watched the process from its inception through to its final results and have been really impressed by what can be achieved by the votes of ordinary parishioners like you and me in voicing the wishes of the majority.

I was told by many people that I was wasting my time and that it was hopeless to try to stand up to local government, whilst trying to uphold the rights of individuals against the big hitters, but we did it. I feel that in future we can make a difference to the society we live in, and I would like to have a go at playing a part in that process.



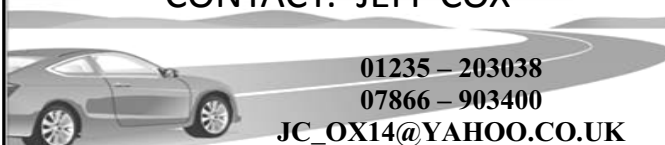
RICHARD WADE



I have lived in Drayton for over 22 years. My kids grew up here and attended Drayton School. During my time in the village I have served on both the District Council and Parish Council.

I currently work mainly from home and spend my spare time training to run Marathons.

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GRAHAM WEBB - seeking re-election

We have lived in Drayton since 2013, having previously lived in Abingdon for 35 years, and were immediately taken with the village's sense of community, its network of footpaths, and its ability to speak with one voice. I volunteered for the Parish Council, have served on Rights of Way and Finance, and would be very glad to continue to do so.



CHRISTINE WEST



Since joining the Drayton 2020 Transport working group three years ago, I have become interested in the workings of our lively village community and its future development; I am keen to help preserve and improve its quality for Drayton's residents.

I work from home and enjoy dog walking, horse riding and cycling.

COLIN WEST

Having lived in Drayton for more than 5 years, I'd now like to give something back by joining the Parish Council and helping to influence, maintain and improve our quality of village life.

Hopefully my extensive work travels and 2020 Transport Working Group experiences will prove to be useful.



RICHARD WEBBER - seeking re-election



It has been my privilege to serve as Drayton's District and County Councillor for several years and at the same time be a member of its Parish Council. I am passionate about local democracy and immensely proud that Drayton has led the way in Oxfordshire in putting in place our own Neighbourhood Development Plan, which I'm sure will make this village an even better place than now to live in.

I believe there is a real advantage having someone from the village to represent us at all three levels of local government, as I have been able to do and hope to continue doing.

RICHARD WILLIAMS - seeking re-election

I have been a member of Drayton Parish Council for 6 years now and its chair for the last 18 months of hectic work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

I am more than ever convinced of the importance of local democracy. Drayton's NDP is a real solid achievement and one the new Parish Council must build on to make Drayton a better place to live. I look forward to being involved in that process.



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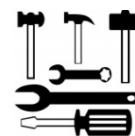
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ALL AROUND

W.I.

Brenda Malin

Judy Gibbons, from Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary, came and gave us a lively and informative talk about the Sanctuary and its work.

Opened in 1981 by John McLaren, who started by rescuing horses and donkeys, there are now over 120 donkeys, plus over 30 fostered with private families. They range in age from two years to forty five years old. Just one of the many characters, a "prima donna" named Pollyanne, regularly appears on the stage at Covent garden when there is a production of Carmen, she once stopped Pavarotti in mid flow by joining in the chorus! A lovely little fact is that all donkeys have a special friend, who help each other, especially in times of stress,

The work of the Sanctuary continues, relying solely on voluntary donations and volunteer helpers. There are plans afoot for a new veterinary wing to save distress to the donkeys and hopefully save some money on vets bills The Sanctuary is open every day except Christmas day and there is a tea room open at week-ends. It is a wonderful place to visit with children, not far to travel, free at the point of entry, but maybe a few coins are welcome on the way out!

It is surprising what places of interest are in the near district, which we may not always be aware of, and I think the majority of the ladies present at our meeting are already planning a visit.

The W.I. meets every second Thursday in the month 7.30 at the Caudwell Day Centre. All are welcome to visit, meet new or old friends, enjoy an interesting talk and have a cup of tea.



DRAYTON WIVES

Gwen Price

In March we had a very entertaining meeting. Our speaker was a very enthusiastic and amusing man, Hugh Warwick. Who would have thought a talk about hedgehogs could have been so funny? He told us many amusing anecdotes relating to hedgehogs. There was a serious side to his talk however. As we probably already know, there is a decline in the number of hedgehogs. He gave us tips for encouraging hedgehogs into our gardens. Nearly a quarter of the hedgehogs born into the world die before leaving the nest; probably half of the rest do not survive their first hibernation. The best ways of assisting hedgehogs are by helping them avoid man-made hazards and providing them with suitable places to nest, especially in winter.

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Tea : Mary, Margaret L



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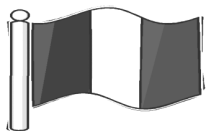
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TWINNERS



Stephen Fearnley

This was a quiet month for the Twinnings. We provided teas and cakes for the Lime Close Open garden afternoon. It was a moderately sunny but windy afternoon. We plan to be there again at the end of May. It is always a pleasant time, where, apart from serving teas, we can catch up informally with each other and talk to people from the village who might be interested in joining us.

By the time you read this we shall have held our AGM at which we shall hear details about a small group from Lesparre who are hoping to visit us in mid-July. Might you be interested in meeting any of our visitors?

Learn more about our activities from Stephen Fearnley (01235 531347) and Michael Bell (01235 531388).

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

John Gould

The club's annual Quiz Night took place on February 27th. It was a great success and raised funds for the club that will help our running costs for the next year. Congratulations to the Etwell family on winning the event and to all the others who took part. Our thanks go also to Jill Gimigliano for organising the raffle that contributed 50% of the funds raised.

It has been a season of consolidation for most of our teams after several promotions in the 2013-14 season. However the C team are currently third in Division 3 and with matches in hand can achieve a top two finish. Captained by Roy Stocker the team of veteran players is made up of Club Chairman Kevin Davies, Francis Soltane and Pete Wiblin.

In the Bidmead Cup Drayton's team of Matt Davies (A team), Lewis Waddup (D team) & Scott Muil (E team) have reached the semi final to play Grove TT Club. With home advantage we hope the side will emulate last season when our team won the cup.

The 23rd Club Senior Championships took place on Sunday 12th April. Scott Muil was victorious becoming Club Champion beating Alec Winton in the final. Scott was awarded the John Prior Cup for his win. Scott is also our Club Person of the year winning the Alan Bachrach Trophy. Scott has captained our E team and has also run our practice sessions each Monday evening from September to April so fully deserved his award.

The doubles winners were Kevin Davies & Will Stephenson who beat Bradley Cox and Matt Davies in a 5 games final. Will also won the Plate singles competition beating Lewis Waddup in the final.

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GARD UPDATE

Nick Thompson

We are now in the second year of the five year cycle of the Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) due to be completed by Thames Water in 2019. It will span the subsequent 25 years. The 2014 Plan concluded, in the short term, that the preferred solution to the growing demand for water from London is to recycle more waste water, meaning more sewage works..

Thames Water has endeavoured to be more open and there are now quarterly Stakeholder briefings and separate technical meetings for experts, including John Lawson, our consultant.

There has been no further progress reported by Thames Water on the reservoir options, except that the company plainly still considers Abingdon the best site. Having had the vast 150Mm3 Upper Thames Abingdon Reservoir (UTR) rejected in 2010, much work now needs to be done on smaller options and the company should be reviewing their previous work. It seems they have done very little so far! We locals know that several large photovoltaic solar farms have recently been constructed on the UTR footprint and these should have at least a 25 year life. Expensive to remove!

There is also more work to be done by Thames Water on the Severn to Thames transfer options. There are various possible pipeline routes as well as the use of the Cotswold Canal. These transfer options involve supplementing the flow in the Severn by using water offered last year by both Severn Trent Water and United Utilities which have great potential. Essential studies include water quality analysis and environmental implications and these should be completed by their consultant this summer. The cost of these alternatives will be of enormous importance and GARD believes that transfers are likely to be some of the least expensive options and would create an important step towards a national water grid, but there is less profit in it for Thames Water. John Lawson, on whose expertise we rely almost entirely, has studied such transfers for many years.

The UTR threat is understandably low in people's minds at present compared with concerns about all the housing development and the Network Rail projects, but the threat of the UTR has NOT gone away, indeed Thames Water are doing all they can to keep it open as a strong option. Looking ahead, I am cautiously hopeful that on cost and sustainability grounds Thames Water will find it difficult to justify proposing the UTR as the major resource option for 2019, but without GARD the construction of the huge reservoir on our doorstep would be well under way by now. The GARD Committee will keep fending it off as best we can.



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2015 PARISH ASSEMBLY

Editor's Note: As current chairman of the Parish Council, Richard Williams also chaired the Parish Assembly on 13 April 2015 and began proceedings with his own report on the last year. We print a cut-down version of Richard's report below:

'As Parish Councils run for four years, and the last Parish Council elections were in May 2011, tonight will see the last meeting of the current Parish Council. Since a competitive election must take place on 7 May, none of us now present can guarantee we will be around for the next electoral term! I therefore want to express my thanks, whilst I still can, to every councillor who has served over the past year and in particular to thank those who, for various reasons, will not seek re-election in May.



First, my thanks to Janet Manning, Laurence Zipson, and Naomi Broomfield! Janet has put in a great deal of work on the Neighbourhood Plan. She wrote the Drayton Design Guide and gave a well-received presentation on it to an English Heritage seminar at Oxford University last year. Laurence was responsible for the installation of the defibrillator at the Village Hall and has acted as Webmaster for the Drayton village website, writing up the listings and generally keeping everything up to date. Naomi nobly took on the task of chairing the Finance Committee and has acted as liaison between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee, Drayton School and various youth groups, including DAMASCUS. The efforts of all three will be much missed.

Richard Webber deserves a special mention for his ability to wear not just one hat or even two, but three separate hats as our parish councillor, district councillor and county councillor. This marks Richard out as either exceptionally hard-working, or a glutton for punishment, or both. On matters to do with our Neighbourhood Plan, Richard has been the indispensable link between Drayton residents, the Drayton 2020 Steering Group, the planners at the Vale, and the Highways and Transport departments (in particular) at County, and he has put his considerable powers of persuasion and diplomacy to work on our behalf.

I'd also like to thank Steve Sadler, our Village Caretaker, who, despite severe problems with a bad back that restricted his activities for several months, has nevertheless managed to keep the village spruce and tidy, emptying bins, clearing up litter, painting and varnishing woodwork, strimming undergrowth, maintaining the Lockway playground, and sorting out many other tasks. Also, my thanks to Chris Price, who was appointed as Deputy Clerk in an inspired move by my predecessor, Daniel Scharf. Chris has taken on many of the Parish Clerk's more routine duties in order to free up David to spend more time on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Most heartfelt thanks of all must go to David Perrow, our Parish Clerk, who pulled together all the many disparate strands of the Neighbourhood Plan as a Project Manager extraordinaire, and without whom we almost certainly would not have kept the show on track. David has been pro-active throughout, researching, recording and organising, and, as appropriate, supporting, reminding and cajoling us into delivering what was required.



David Perrow explains

The Neighbourhood Plan has dominated the year just gone, as it did the two years before that. Everyone will know about the resounding yes vote in the Referendum. Obviously we are pleased with that, but, much like the football manager who, having won a game, immediately turns to planning for the next game, we now have to get back to work. We are about to embark on the Implementation phase of the Plan, which means bringing to fruition a series of projects which we hope will collectively improve Drayton's social and recreational facilities in ways that were never possible before, due to a lack of land and resources.



Roxy Elford on DAMASCUS - the need for funds - see p 16

The Neighbourhood Plan is not just about new houses it is about making Drayton a better place to live. I know that some residents



Camilla King on the Drayton Alms Houses

would prefer to keep things the way they are. They have (entirely legitimate) concerns about the traffic that new housing will bring, and they worry that the village will change its character forever. And yet, change is also an opportunity, and nothing stays the same indefinitely. It's good sometimes to remember that every existing house in Drayton stands on land that was once an

open field, or a space created out of woodland. So, I think we have to be positive, and recognise that new housing is

much needed, and that although the bulk of it should probably be built on brownfield sites, it cannot all be.

The Drayton 2020 Steering Group is effectively wound up as it has fulfilled its terms of reference. However, we are considering forming an Implementation Group as a full committee of the new Parish Council, and setting up sub-committees to research and progress such projects as the provision of a new pavilion and changing facilities on the Barrow Road site, refurbishment of the Village Hall and Pre-School, the establishment of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), perhaps also a skate park, and so on. Exactly how a restructured Parish Council might work is a matter for future discussion and debate, but I do believe this is a good time to be involved in local democracy in Drayton and that exciting times lie ahead.



Peter Coville on Drayton's 'Access' project



Marc Knight, Drayton School's brand new headmaster, introduces himself to the Assembly while Chronicle editor Dave Lee listens intently

MORE FROM THE 2015 PARISH ASSEMBLY

Editor's Note: Richard Webber reported to the Assembly on Drayton affairs as seen from the perspective of the Vale of White Horse District Council and the Oxfordshire County Council, on both of which Richard represents Drayton:

'The VWHDC have finally managed to get their draft Local Plan to the Inspectorate. There will be a hearing in June or July followed by a report before the end of the year. The local district plan contains plenty of grim news for most of the large villages in the District, with a proposed increase of 20,500 houses between now and 2031.

While the district local plan has been in preparation, there has been a free-for-all led by developers and landowners. Sutton Courtenay is the worst affected village with a proposed 80% increase in housing, a million sq ft warehouse, expanding Milton Park, the FCC recycling and landfill - not to mention the redevelopment of the Didcot A site and the rapid expansion of Didcot itself.

Drayton, by contrast, has been a haven of peace. This is entirely due to the hard work of all those involved in the Neighbourhood Plan together with the guidance and hard work of our outstanding Clerk, David Perrow. As a result, in the next few years Drayton will have 255 extra houses - well built, well-designed, well laid out together with sports facilities, an improved Village Hall, a new Pre-school, a new heart to the village with its own green, and a state of the art road layout - safe, calming, attractive **and with a village (rather than a suburban) feel.**

Drayton will, I believe be transformed from the sort of place people forget as they drive through to an example of what local effort and Localism can achieve. By gum, Localism needs a shot in the arm and **I am proud to be part of the first large village in the Vale to deliver it.'**

The view from county level is not as good I am afraid. Whilst District Councils in which many houses have been built have seen their finances transformed, County Councils' finances have been cut to the bone. With a protected education budget and reducing income we have had to face reductions in transport to school funding, increasingly poor road maintenance and severely stretched social services. I worry at the impact any future cuts in these areas will have.

On a brighter note, thanks to financial help of OCC, the PCs of Drayton and Milton, and Milton Park itself, a new 40mph zone between Drayton and Milton has been instituted. There have been three fatalities in five years on that stretch of road. If average speeds reduce by a few miles an hour and a life is saved, that seems to me to be worth it. I encourage everyone who uses the road to drive at no more than 40mph. If you find yourself holding up a driver behind you, you are doing us all a public service.



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2020 IMPLEMENTATION

Richard Williams

The Drayton 2020 Steering Group has held what was probably its last meeting in its present form. Now that we have secured the referendum, with a 90.8% 'Yes' vote, the Steering Group's terms of reference have been fulfilled.

An Implementation Group must now be established, and much of the final steering group meeting was a discussion of how this might be organised. Drayton Parish Council is responsible in law for our Neighbourhood Plan, so that whatever structure is put in place, it must have links with the PC, but exactly how is a matter for the new Parish Council.

In early March another meeting was held of the Drayton 2020 team, with planners from the Vale, representatives of 2 out of 3 of the developers intending to build houses in Drayton, and the transport consultant, Nigel Millington. The purpose of this meeting was to consider the complicated question of Section 106 contributions – the money that developers must pay to cover the community costs of new house-building. For example, they must contribute towards any additional school places required (primary and secondary) and to the enhancement of leisure/recreational facilities, to cater for the increase in population.

Substantial chunks of this money are claimed by the County and District councils, but the local community in Drayton is also entitled to a share. In years gone by, Drayton has missed out on much of this funding because the development in the village has been too piecemeal and small scale. Consequently, Drayton is under-provided for in many areas, especially in terms of play facilities for children. Up until now, we have had one small playground for toddlers in the Lockway, and a BMX track, now disused, which isn't really suitable for the purpose. For adults, there is a single football pitch, on land which is actually part of the village green.

The two developers present have agreed a basic formula for determining how the community contributions to Drayton should be split. They have also agreed to share the costs of changes to the road layout along the Abingdon Road and High Street that aim to create a more pedestrian-friendly environment. One immediate result of the meeting was to authorise Nigel's company to carry out an initial road survey. This will report back with recommendations in the next few weeks. The third developer appears to be less far advanced in their plans, but we have had preliminary talks and hope that they will sign up to a three-way agreement with the other two companies.

The Implementation Group will be looking at several projects in the months ahead. They include: the provision of a pavilion/changing facilities for the new games pitches at Barrow Road; the refurbishment of the Village Hall; new play areas for each of the three scheduled housing sites; and possibly a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on the site of the present football pitch. The funding for these cannot come solely from Section 106 – it will almost certainly involve bidding for grants and local fundraising. Whatever the mix, there will be plenty to keep everyone occupied. Watch this space!

After the May 7th elections, once the new Parish Council is in place, the steering group will be reconstituted, with new terms of reference. If you wish to receive information about these and other Drayton 2020 meetings and events, please contact the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, via draytontwentytwenty@gmail.com. Alternatively, David can be contacted via E-mail at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061.

All the documentation relating to the NDP is available on the Vale of the White Horse website under the heading 'Neighbourhood Plans' and also on the Drayton village website at www.drayton-near-abingdon.org Click on the Drayton 2020 tab, then 'Submission Copy' on the drop-down menu.

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- Only one person in four (25%) knew how to spot the difference between a pension scam and an approach from a legitimate organisation.
- One in ten (10%) had already been targeted.
- Over three quarters (78%) of those surveyed had no concerns about falling victim to a pension scam.

New data from Cifas, the UK's fraud prevention service also reveals that people over 55 are increasingly being targeted by identity fraudsters. There was a rise of 15% of such incidents in 2014. The same data that is used to impersonate people can also be sold and used to make pensions scams ever more convincing and effective. This highlights the need for those aged over 55 to remain particularly vigilant to identity fraud.

Look for the warning signs - unsolicited approaches over the phone, via email or text message or from a caller at the door about:

- Accessing your pension before you are 55 years old.*
 - Investing the money released from your pension pot.
 - Claiming to be from the government, offering advice.
 - Providing your phone number, home address and/or personal financial information, when you are only enquiring about the products on offer.
- * Only in rare cases, such as terminal illness, can you access funds from your current pension scheme before the age of 55.

Also be wary

- Of pushy advisors or 'introducers' who offer upfront cash incentives or suggest legal loopholes.
- Of companies offering a 'loan', 'savings advance' or 'cash back' from your pension.
- If you are encouraged to speed up the transfer process, including the 'provider' using an express courier service for documents.
- If you are not informed about the possible tax consequences.
- If documentation is withheld from you, either with or without an explanation.

Guard against pension fraud:

- Use free service such as The Pensions Advisory Service by calling 0300 123 1047 or visit the website at <http://www.pensionsadvisoryservice.org.uk/>.
- Never divulge financial or personal information to a cold caller or in response to an email or text.
- Get as much information as you can about the company's background, including internet reviews. Any financial advisers should be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).
- Request a statement of how your pension will be paid when you retire, and ask who will look after your money until then.
- Gain an unbiased review from an advisor who is not associated with the proposal you have received.
- Never be rushed or harassed into agreeing to a pension transfer or an investment of the cash you have released.

Tony Neate, CEO of Get Safe Online commented: "With these changes, pension scams could become as big as Payment Protection Insurance (PPI) scams. Victims could be liable for heavy tax charges or, in the worst case scenario, they could lose their entire retirement pot and face an immensely difficult future. These types of criminals are clever, manipulative and will target their victims at a time when they are making big decisions about their future...they will try every way possible."

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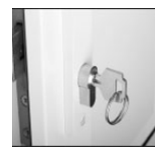
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For more online information on pension fraud visit Get Safe Online at <https://www.getsafeonline.org/>. There's also a very helpful brochure available on the Neighbourhood Watch website. To view or download please visit http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/resource_centre/document_library/get_safe_online_pension_fraud_a5_brochure/?cat_id=160

National Neighbourhood and Home Watch Week: 20-28 June 2015

Expanding on last year's popular 'fraud and cybercrime' theme, Neighbourhood and Home Watch will be working this year with Financial Fraud Action UK, which coordinates the financial service industry's fraud prevention activity.

Visit the online campaign page to keep up-to-date with all the latest information at:

http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/news_and_events/news/national_neighbourhood_home_watch_week_2015

Remember, you can contact NAG5 by calling 01235 848694 or e-mailing neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com



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DRAYTON DIARY

FOR MAY

Regular Events are listed opposite

All events are at Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

To book Drayton Hall call Tony Holmes on 531180

or visit www.draytonvh.co.uk

Fri	1	7.30 pm	Pre-school Quiz night	
Thurs	7	all day	Polling in National and Local Elections	
Mon	11	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery deadline	<i>Vickery's</i>
		5.00 pm	Chronicle copy deadline	<i>Vickery's box</i>
		7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
Fri	15	7.00 pm	Damascus Race Night	
Sat	16	1.00 pm	Inter-county Chess	
Sun	17	9.00 am	Bowls Club	

LYRA CHORAL ENSEMBLE of St Petersburg (Russia)

in concert at **All Saints' Church,
Sutton Courtenay OX14 4AE**

Saturday 6 June 2015 at 7.30pm

Tickets £15 to include a Russian-themed Supper

on sale at A.L. Vickery & Son (Drayton)

or Burgrey Stores (Sutton Courtenay)

or fred.cubbage@btinternet.com tel: 848768

or tim.budd23@gmail.com tel: 820942

(Russian-style costumes welcome, but optional!)



Abingdon Damascus RACE NIGHT URGENT SUPPORT NEEDED

The Abingdon Damascus Youth Project is holding a RACE NIGHT at Drayton Village Hall on Friday 15th May. First race 7.30. Our lottery Grant finished in November and we are in the process of going for another big grant however this takes time and we need urgent support to raise funds. You can do this by buying a horse for £10 or if you are a business you may like to sponsor a whole race for £100 (min). Please come along on the night. We need your support, all family welcome. Let's make it a community event! There will be Raffle, games, and of course the Bar.

rita.atkinson@googlemail.com or
garyhibbins@hotmail.co.uk,

or phone Gary on 07766014676 or 01235 848694

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 1st May at Drayton Village Hall

Doors open 19.30 - Quiz starts at 20.00

£6.50 per person including cheese board

Raising money for Drayton Preschool

Tickets available from Vickery's



REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Pilates Class. Tel: 814299	
1.15 pm	Baby Sign Language Classes. Tel: 07927 814299	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys/ girls, 6-8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
6.30 pm	Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys/girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	<i>St Peter's bell tower</i>

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's</i>
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (All Age Service 3rd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
11.15 am	Family Service (1st Sunday)	<i>Baptist Church</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	<i>Baptist Church</i>
7.30 pm	Zumba fitness class	

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DRAYTON VILLAGE WEB-SITE



Don't forget that you can find the latest Chronicle, and past issues back to 2004, by visiting www.drayton-near-abingdon.org, the village web-site. You can also use the site to look up Parish Council minutes, contact the Parish Clerk and see details of the Drayton 2020 Neighbourhood Development Plan project.

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