

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

60th Wedding Anniversary

Many, many congratulations to **Sylvia and Brian Stimpson** of Whitehorns Way, Drayton (pictured right →) who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 28th May (though if your agent delivers your Chronicle swiftly, it may yet be a day or two away, as we've gone to print early this time).

Their marriage certificate is actually dated 25th May 1955, which always raises the question how much of the communion wine had the vicar consumed that day!

The couple – Brian from Culham and Sylvia from Marcham - first met at a dance in Marcham village in 1950 when they were both still only 15 years old. Their love of dancing has continued throughout their lives and they have been involved in the Drayton Sequence Dance Club for many years.

They became engaged in 1952 when Brian proposed on the bus back home following a trip to Reading. Their engagement lasted over three years as Brian was conscripted into the Army for two year's National Service and then opted to stay on to play football in the Joint Services tournament in Germany – much to Sylvia's dismay.

Brian eventually returned and they were married at All Saints' Church in Marcham where Sylvia was escorted down the aisle by her beloved eldest brother, Norman, and was attended by five bridesmaids and a pageboy.

Having spent the first few years of their married lives in Abingdon and then Appleford, the couple moved to Drayton in 1962 bringing with them their 18 month old daughter, Lorraine. Two years later they were blessed with a son, Duncan (reputedly named after Duncan Edwards the Manchester United footballer!). Both children grew up in Drayton and attended primary school here.

Sylvia and Brian are proud grandparents to three granddaughters (Stephanie, Rhianna and Laura), and a grandson – Daniel – but have no great-grandchildren yet.

Their children and grandchildren are grateful for the example set by them in their love, support and guidance.

We wish them many more years to make wonderful memories, from :- Lorraine, Duncan, Mark, Sharon, Stephanie, Rhianna, Daniel and Laura.



CHRONICLE NEWS

We are very grateful to **Tamsin Meredith**, who has gamely volunteered to become an agent for part of Steventon Road. Can anyone else spare a little time each month, even just delivering some Chronicles (a 'round' is about 20 houses on average) would be a big help.

And COUNCIL NEWS

I used the term 'gamely' in the above para re Tamsin; that's because she's one of the new intake on the Parish Council that we elected on May 7th along with a District Councillor - and that rather tiresome national thing that dragged on for months!

For the first time in many years there had to be an election for the Parish Council, as there were twelve candidates, and just eleven places. Congratulations too for the other 10 that were elected :- Richard Webber, Laura Billington, Richard Wade, Colin Arnold, Christine West, Graham Webb, Richard Williams, Patricia Athawes, Colin West, & Matthew Lowy, but commiserations to Pervin Shahin. Finding out what had happened was made more difficult as the Vale initially put up the wrong results on their website!

For the first time that I can recall there was an evening queue to vote at Drayton Hall, apparently caused by the Vale's decision to only have one reception desk for people to get their voting papers – rather odd as for many years there were two desks operating, with obviously more speed in dealing with voters.

Re the District Council, long-standing councillor Richard Webber apparently suffered from the national backlash against the LibDems, incoming Stuart Davenport writes his first column inside this issue.



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COMING CHRONICLES

The **JULY Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday June 26th**.

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

NO LATER than 5.15 pm on Monday, June 15th 2015.

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

STOP PRESS - ADVERTISERS should note that the deadline for ads is **EARLIER, Friday June 12th**, due to their preparation time.

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

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

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

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David Lee >>>	david_r.lee@ntlworld.com
Tony Holmes >>>	tony-holmes@ntlworld.com

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

2. An email attachment, in WORD please (NOT a PDF file!).
3. A good, **black typescript** on white A4 paper or smaller. Or perhaps hand-written, either way, NAMES in CAPITALS please!
4. IF in any doubt, ASK the EDITOR!

THE FOLLOWING TWO MONTHS		
Issue for	Copy for publication by Mondays (nb Agents Lottery Packs Fri before)	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Fridays:-
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Winning tickets, from 1877 sold, were randomly drawn via computer (similar to Premium Bonds). Keith & Claire's customers did very well, but IT IS a random draw! Could YOU be an agent? - even if you just deliver some Chronicles, that would help.

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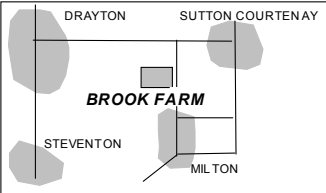
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ALL AROUND

Drayton Players

Jean Hager

Good news at last, Drayton Players are back in business again. We shall be performing a hilarious Comedy-Who-Dunnit play in October called Busybody.

READ THROUGH :- Tuesday 2nd June, in the Lounge at Drayton Village Hall, at 7.30pm. Anyone interested may attend.

AUDITIONS :- Thurs 18th June, in the Lounge at Drayton Village Hall, from 7.30pm. Rehearsals will start the week after that. Cast needed are 4 men & 4 women of office working age (in theory)!

During the past few years many new families have settled in the village and we would very much like to hear from anyone (all ages welcome) who would consider joining us in what is a really interesting and fun-filled leisure pastime.

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Gwen Price

Our April meeting was the AGM. We have a group of nearly 60 members and a strong committee ably run by our chairman Josie Midwinter. After the business side of the meeting, we then had the chance to admire the many different kinds of craft that the craft group had produced. Photo albums and accounts of happenings we have enjoyed over the years were on show to take us down Memory Lane.

On 22nd April, a group of us visited the museum (Abingdon County Hall – now the museum - has dominated the Market Place, in the heart of Abingdon, since the late 17th century).

Our talk was in the 'Mousehole' which many of us remembered from a long time ago, and it has now been very well restored. The informative talk was given by the curator. We then had the chance to go into the rest of the museum to see some of the the artefacts and displays she had told us about. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful building which has activities to suit all ages, with different themes and topics which are regularly changed. Not many places are free these days but this jewel in the crown is.

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	Mrs Linda Johnson	527521
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CHURCH NOTICES

REGULAR SERVICES

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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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

CALENDAR for JUNE

Tues	2nd	3.00 pm	1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room
Sun	7th	3.00 pm	Celebration Service	
Sun	14th	Noon	Bring & Share Lunch	Church Room

NB Do please see the 'Summer Holiday Club' notice (for primary school age children) in Rebecca's text in the next column ➔

PARISH REGISTER

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Letter from St Peter's

Dear Friends,

We live through seasons of change, when you read this there will be a new government, a new district council and parish council. Each political person will champion new policies and promise change for the better. Sometimes change is also a time of consolidation and moving on.

The church is also changing, old ways of doing services are no longer wanted or understood, but new ways of exploring faith, enjoying God and discovering him are flourishing. So the church is consolidating and changing the structure of parishes. The churches of the DAMASCUS Group, Drayton, Appleford, Milton And Sutton Courtenay United with Steventon, are going to be working even closer together, as **Reverend Colin Patching** (vicar of Steventon, St Michaels and All Angels church), will be retiring and it is unlikely that he will be replaced.

Many of you will know Father Colin, as he is a wonderful character and will be greatly missed by those who know him. Everyone is welcome to attend his **farewell leaving service** on Sunday 12th July 10:30am at St Michaels and All Angels church, Steventon. It will be a chance to celebrate all the good things that have happened during Colin's time with us.

On the theme of giving thanks and celebrating, The Celebration service will be Sunday 7th June 3pm at Drayton Primary School and Summer Messy Church on Sunday 5th July 3pm onwards. There is also a **Summer Holiday Club** for primary school age children, on Tues 21st and Wed 22nd July at Sutton Courtenay Primary School, applications will be available soon from school office and myself.

All welcome, God Bless

Rebecca



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(MORE) ALL AROUND

Drayton MILLENNIUM GREEN Jane McWhirter

Our 'Clear up Day' on May 4th was a huge success. At least 35 people came to help, ranging in ages from under 10s to over 80s!

The weather was kind and we managed to create a new path by the pond, clear the sundial area, hundreds of Snowdrop bulbs were kindly donated and planted and we have widened about 1/3 of the existing path. It was a really enjoyable morning with all mucking in with a well earned break for a drink and cake to keep everyone going.

A really big thank you to all who came, your efforts were greatly appreciated and it was a great show of community spirit.

The path has proved to be slow but rewarding work, so we are looking to continue on Saturday 13th June from 10.00 am to around 12.30.

Please come and join us, if this sounds a little strenuous, there will be other jobs we can find. Please bring along edgers, spades, rakes and the odd wheelbarrow along with a cup most importantly!

Thank you once again

Jane McWhirter

(Drayton Millennium Green Committee; to contact, email to :- chair.millenniumgreen@gmail.com or tel 01235 531536)

{NB Editor's note :- several people kindly sent snaps of the workforce beavering away, see below and later on page 13!}



(We are assured no workers were harmed – see the shears! - in the making of this picture! >>>)



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Drayton TABLE-TENNIS Club John Gould

Well the ping pong season is over for another year! I'm pleased to report that Drayton's Bidmead Cup team successfully negotiated the semi-final and met Abingdon Club in the Final. Great news that our team of Matthew Davies, Lewis Waddup & Scott Muil won the tie by a large margin and so for the 4th year running we are DDTTA Bidmead Cup Winners.

Other good news is that our C team in Division 3 finished Runners up! In addition none of our other 6 teams finished at the bottom of their leagues so all in it has been a good season.

Our Cadet and Junior Championships have also taken place. Lewis Waddup is our Cadet Champion beating Cameron Fishburn in the final. For the juniors, the doubles pairing of Thomas Smith & Lewis Waddup defeated Bradley Cox & Finlay Greenfield in a close final that went to 5 games.

The club Junior Champion is Peter Weir. Peter has retained the trophy he won last year. Peter defeated Will Stephenson in another close fought final.

Well done to all the youngsters that entered the tournament. The junior and cadets section continues to thrive. This will be enhanced next season as Janet Quarry has qualified as a UK Level 1 Coach and will be coaching regularly at the club.

The AGM is on Tuesday 9th June at the School. All members are encouraged to attend.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Secretary:- Mrs Jayne Henderson..... 522161

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

Please note:-

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WESTMINSTER VIEW

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted to re-elect me MP for the Wantage and Didcot constituency in the recent General Election. I cannot tell you how thrilled and honoured I feel to have been returned with an increased majority, and I will do everything in my power to repay the faith you have shown in me. It goes without saying that I will work for everyone who lives in the constituency regardless of how they voted.

The main issues I came across while out canvassing and at the many hustings I attended relate to concerns over housing developments. It is inevitable that we will get additional houses, I have always been very honest about this, but it is crucial that we get the relevant infrastructure to support development. I will try to ensure that this is delivered in full and on schedule by the council and developers. Other related issues that I shall be looking into are the provision of local Primary School places and concerns over GP services.

I am also delighted to have been given the opportunity to resume my Ministerial roles at the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, and at the Department of Business Innovation and Skills. These are portfolios I particularly enjoy and aspects such as the roll out of broadband expansion are extremely important to many of my constituents, particularly those who live in the villages.

Congratulations are also due to all the newly elected District, Town and Parish Councillors – I look forward to working with those in the Wantage and Didcot constituency. My thanks also to all the Councillors who either chose not to stand again or were unsuccessful at these elections, for the work they have done for their communities over the past years. It is much appreciated.

Please do contact me if you have any pressing issues that you'd like help with. Either myself or one of my fantastic team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist.

If you need to get in touch with me, telephone 020 7219 6350, write, c/o House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or you can e-mail me (quickest) on vaizeye@parliament.uk; the Website is www.vaizey.com with up to date news and surgery details (these are on Fridays, 5.30pm to 7pm, & need no appt).

I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please sign up at www.vaizey.com or email me at badyaljb@parliament.uk.

Hopefully some villagers have already spotted our **new PCSO SUE HAYNES** out & about, if not, here she is!



(Even More) ALL AROUND

Drayton Pre-School Laura Hughes

It has been a busy month for the preschool committee! Our Quiz Night at the village hall saw 77 minds boggling (** see pic below) over a fine selection of questions and a very special round where the children described things in their own unique style.

Our thanks to quizmaster Andrew Gould, all those who donated items for the magnificent cheeseboards and everyone who dug deep on the night to **raise over £700 for preschool**.

Also many thanks to the Drayton Youth Centre Charity for a grant towards a new storytime floor rug. It is much appreciated.

With June just around the corner, our thoughts at preschool have turned to Fathers Day and we will be holding a celebration and making things for all the men in the children's lives. It also signals the start of our older children visiting their new schools for September and looking to the future for our own new intake! **We take children from the age of two-and-a-half** (two if eligible for NEF funding) and **places for September are filling up fast**.

If you would like to visit preschool please contact us on 536094 or email draytonpreschool@btconnect.com. Application forms and more details are available at <http://www.draytonpreschool.co.uk/>. Younger children can be placed on our waiting list.

We have a Facebook group called Family and Friends of Drayton Preschool – please join for updates on our events and activities. Up next will be a **stall at Abingdon's Fun in the Park** (NB it's in Abbey Meadows) on June 6th – **come and say hello!**

(And here are some of the boggled minds at the Hall – not a furrowed brow in sight!)



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Drayton Baby & Toddlers Laura Hughes

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

We are thrilled to have received a grant from the Drayton Youth Centre Charity, to be used towards the purchase of a wheeled trolley for our floor mats and equipment. This will not only make setting up and tidying away much easier, it will prolong the life of the mats and allow us to spend more on snack and craft items for the children. Many, many thanks to all at DYCC!

Please note we will be OPEN during the school half term holiday, Thursday 28th May, 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.

MISSED OUT ON YOUR CHRONICLE?

If by any chance your Area Agent is unable to deliver your Chronicle one month you can collect a copy from Vickery's shop in the week after normal delivery time. Lawrence has very kindly agreed to keep a small stock for us each month.

JUNE EVENTS at the Earth Trust

Summer Birds at Thrupp Lake; Sun 7th June, 10am-12pm

Join the Earth Trust and local expert Ben Carpenter for a morning stroll around beautiful Thrupp Lake, near Abingdon. Learn all about the summer migrating birds and their habitats. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: admin@earthtrust.org.uk or 01865 407792.

Heritage Skills Taster Session: Grassland Plants, Tues 30th June, 7pm-9pm (Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ)

A guided walk to discover the traditional uses of the wild plants growing in the Earth Trust's meadows and hedgerows. No need to book but please arrive at the stated start time. This is a free taster session as part of our Stepping into our Natural Heritage. More info: volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk or 01865 409413.

YOUR LETTERS

Children's Society – Grateful Thanks

Dear Sir, 70 Steventon Road

The April collection for the Children's Society raised £167.94; many thanks to the people of Binning Close, Haywards Road, Lockway, Steventon Road and Whitehorns Way, who very kindly contributed.

Yours Faithfully, Doreen Bourne

DRAYTON ART GROUP EXHIBITION



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Dear Sir, via email

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We play on the Steventon village green and are lucky to have the great facilities of the Sports and Social Club. This enables us to have a great place for friends and family and members of the community to come and watch and have a drink (or two) while the players run around after a small ball under the baking sun!

Steventon CC have been very successful in recent years gaining promotion in the league in both of the last two seasons. We want to continue this success and **welcome new players of all abilities** if you are interested please phone Mike Day on 07929 043733 or email: mike@diemgrowth.com

Regards, Mike Day

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Letters to the Editor

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

Boulevard Swing A date for your diary!



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David Painton

Dear Editor, High Street

Mrs Angela Painton, Paul and Rachel would like to thank all David's family members and friends who sent cards and attended his funeral. Their kind words meant a lot to us.

The collection held in his memory totalled £504.48p and will be sent to Dementia U.K.

Thanking you, Mrs A Painton, Paul and Rachel.

(David was formerly of Henleys Lane, and recently moved to the High Street)



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MORE LETTERS

DRAYTON DINERS

Dear Sir, (via email)

Did you know that 'companionship' means 'sharing food'? We are proposing a **new village society** to meet at the Wheatsheaf on the Third Thursday of every month at 7.00pm.

Our hosts have agreed, on condition that we pre-order (ie at least 48hrs notice), that we may have a starter and main course (desserts and drinks to be ordered and paid for separately) for £12.50. We may move places between courses.

We hope to occupy the twenty places available and membership might have to be limited accordingly. Members have to be Drayton residents (or former residents) with an email contact. Guests would be welcome, subject to space being available.

I hope that this will be an attractive way to meet other people in the village and keep up with friends in a companionable way.

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Kind Regards, Daniel Scharf



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St Peters Church Youth Group

On Friday 10th April St Peters Church youth group held a charity quiz night at the school. The event was funded by the grant which the group received from **Drayton Youth Charities** last year.

The challenge was to double the initial money. They did this easily by making a profit of £316.00 which was divided equally between two local charities, **Leah's Wish & Blue Sky Thinking**.

The Youth Group **would like to thank all those who came to the event and also those who donated raffle prizes.**



From left to right :- Hannah Deabill, Patrick Johnson, Andrew Hall, Georgina Arnold and Caroline Hudson.

Richard Webber

Oxon County Council Report

After a hectic 2 months with Elections, things are now getting back to normal with Annual Meetings and briefings. Please forgive a brief report this month.

I am pleased to announce that I have been elected **Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group** on the County Council. This will give me better access to all that the Council does, which I hope will be to the benefit of everyone.

If you have feelings on any County or Parish issues you would like me to hear, **please contact me** on 01235 534001 or Richard.webber77@ntlworld.com

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District Council Report

As the **new District Councillor for the village**, I would like to thank everyone who voted in the recent election, whether for me or any of my opponents. I am here to represent all residents of the village, regardless of their political leanings, and I promise to work hard as I fulfil my duties.

The landscape of local government is constantly changing and so it is difficult to predict what challenges will confront us over the next few years. However, we do know that housing development and local government finances are likely to be areas of lively debate.

As a planning authority the Vale of the White Horse has a great deal of influence on the future of our historic village. Although planning policy can often seem to be an impenetrable tangle of jargon and acronyms, in Drayton we have a more straightforward sense of where we going. The Neighbourhood Plan, developed by Drayton2020, has given the village a very clear and realistic vision for the change the village can expect over the next few years. I will diligently champion this document's importance when planning applications are considered by the planning department.

The avenues that local councils will receive funding are changing. Rather than block grants from the centre, local authorities are now receiving a greater proportion of their income from business rates and payments based on new home building. Regardless of the source of funding it would seem to be a moral duty for those spending public money to always be mindful to make sure it is not wasted. Over the coming years it will be vital for elected members to ensure that the council constantly looks for efficiencies so that services can be delivered effectively and affordably.

I hope to provide the village with a proactive, visible and accessible service. If you would like to contact me then please do not hesitate to do so. My telephone number is 01235521078 and my e-mail is Stuart.Davenport@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

(<← Editor's note:- and that's Stuart in the left-hand column)

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Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG5 Safety Corner)

New PCSO

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Cyclists

NAG5 and the police have been contacted again about cyclists who continue to cross Sutton (usually known as Culham) Bridge at speed on the footpath. It is an offence to cycle on a footpath. If cyclists do not wish to cycle across the bridge on the road, or are concerned about getting across before the lights change, they should dismount and walk on the footpath with their bicycle. The following extracts are taken from the Highway Code, Rules for Cyclists (59 to 82). Full details can be found in printed copies of the Highway Code or online at <https://www.gov.uk/rules-for-cyclists-59-to-82>.

You MUST NOT cycle on a pavement.

{Laws HA 1835 sect 72 & R(S)A 1984, sect 129}

You MUST obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals.

{Laws RTA 1988 sect 36 & TSRGD reg 10(1)}

You MUST NOT cross the stop line when the lights are red.

Some junctions have an advanced stop line to enable you to wait and position yourself ahead of other traffic {see Rule 178}.

{Laws RTA 1988 sect 36 & TSRGD regs 10 & 36(1)}

At night your cycle **MUST** have white front and red rear lights lit. It **MUST** also be fitted with a red rear reflector (and amber pedal reflectors, if manufactured after 1/10/85). White front reflectors and spoke reflectors will also help you to be seen. Flashing lights are permitted but it is recommended that cyclists who are riding in areas without street lighting use a steady front lamp. {Law RVLR regs 13, 18 & 24}

The neighbourhood police team will be carrying out random checks on cyclists at Culham Bridge over the next few weeks.

HERE'S another shot of the volunteers working on the Millennium Green (page 5) and **remember their June 13th date** for a further bash at the pathways (it's a Sat morning) →>



Fraudulent online car sales

Action Fraud and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) have been made aware that online auction websites are being used by fraudsters to advertise vehicles for sale which do not exist.

The fraudster advertises on an auction website and gets their victim to agree to purchase a vehicle, making sure that all correspondence is via e-mail. The victim then receives e-mails which claim to be from genuine payment merchants or auction websites, which state that the money they have paid for the vehicle will be held in an 'escrow account'.

The e-mail indicates the money will be released to the seller once the person has confirmed that they're happy with the purchase. The e-mail says that this will provide the person with 'buyer protection'. In reality these **e-mails are fraudulent**.



They don't come from the named companies, and the bank accounts are controlled by fraudsters.

Protect yourself:- Always stay within the terms and conditions of the auction website.

Remember that PayPal do not include vehicles under their buyer protection.

Meet the seller 'face-to-face' and view the vehicle before parting with any money.

Be wary of e-mails that purport to be from genuine companies, and check the 'domain' name of the e-mail address for any inconsistencies.

Check feedback online by searching any associated phone numbers or e-mail addresses of the seller.

Contact NAG5 by calling 01235 848694 or e-mail neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com

And this one has another volunteer plainly overjoyed to have a proper expanse of overgrown grass to attack!



Harwell Campus Open Days - July

SCIENCE UP CLOSE

This July, the Harwell campus, including STFC's Rutherford Appleton Laboratory and partners, will be opening its doors to the public and schools.

This unique event will enable visitors to access all areas and learn about the UK's involvement in space explorations, exciting experiments with powerful X-rays and neutrons, supercomputing and much more.

We'll be running live link-ups with our partners at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, Geneva, exploring the Vulcan laser – a laser so intense that it is similar to taking all of the sunlight shining on the Earth and focussing it onto a pin head, seeing the world in infra-red and lots more.

Organisations across the campus are taking part in the open days, which will see 1,500 schoolchildren and 10,000 members of the public visit the site in Oxfordshire, which contains some of the UK's largest and most advanced scientific facilities.

This is an unprecedented opportunity to see behind the scenes of cutting-edge science and discovery at the UK's largest science campus. A diverse range of facilities will be open, allowing you to plan your own visit and really explore the site. Whether you're fascinated by lasers, space, medical research, or particle physics, there's something for all the family.

More detailed programmes of events can be found on the For Schools and For Public pages linked-to via the website.



For Schools

On **Wednesday 8 July 2015**, the Harwell Campus will be welcoming schools to the site, allowing unprecedented access to some of the UK's largest science and engineering facilities. This is a unique opportunity to expose students to the excitement of cutting-edge science, inspiring them to pursue STEM subjects. Events start at 9.30 and throughout the day.

For Public

On **Saturday 11 July 2015**, the Harwell campus, including STFC's Rutherford Appleton Laboratory and partners, will be inviting the public to visit and explore our amazing science and technology. This unique event will enable visitors to access all areas and learn about the UK's involvement in space explorations, exciting experiments with powerful X-rays and neutrons, supercomputing and much more.

Did you know that some of the world's best scientists and engineers work right on your doorstep? And for the first time in a decade they will be opening their doors for the **Harwell Open Day**, Oxfordshire's most exciting family science event, on **Saturday 11th July**. Visitors will be welcomed to the Harwell campus, where scientists and engineers work around the clock on cutting-edge research projects that are changing life in the 21st century. Don't miss this unique opportunity to get inside the laboratories and experimental areas **to see the science up close**.

Entry to the campus, the research facilities and all activities are completely free of charge, **for more details please do see the website**:- <http://harwellcampus.com/open-days/>

There will also be many activities on offer for children and adults alike, including:- Extracting DNA from strawberries, Rocket building and launching, Finding out how X-rays help us learn about dinosaurs, Witnessing an exploding mini volcano, Programming mini robots to navigate around a map.

Information for Visitors

There is no cost for the Open Days – all talks, activities and tours are free, but to help us with planning **we do ask that you register**. More detailed information about Harwell open day events will be published on the website as it becomes available.

If you have any questions, please email visital@stfc.ac.uk or phone 01235 445959 (24 hour answerphone) and leave a message.

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK

In celebration of the fantastic contribution volunteers make and as part of National Volunteers' Week you are invited to the **South and Vale Volunteer Recruitment Fair**.

South Oxon & Vale District Councils, Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire Voluntary and Community Action (OCVA) are **inviting people who want to volunteer** to meet the organisations that are looking for volunteers. **Tues June 2nd, Orchard Centre, Didcot, OX11 7LL, from 10am to 4pm.**

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

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If you need transport or further information please give me (Jean Hager) a call on 531558.

DRAYTON HALL NEWS

Bookings seem to be hotting up for summer weekends, so don't leave it too late for your child's party. We should again have the Briard (dog) club camping for a weekend in July, but before that devotees of the very popular BOULEVARD SWING should note, if they missed the earlier ad (p8), that tickets are at Vickery's for their June date in aid of the Red Cross.

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

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

Our **Pilates** instructor (Tuesday evenings) has a few spaces left to fill (any aches & pains need sorting?). She does several other sessions at local halls, and **attendees can mix & match** at any of her locations to suit (good for shift-workers, perhaps?).

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

Oh, and **any budding actors** (Helen Mirren & Timothy Spall both started somewhere!) DO SEE that the Players are looking for new talent, auditions in June (see page 3).

The kitchen revamp has generally been very well received, especially by caterers at a couple of functions. We hope in the near future to move onto the second phase of improvements, new fire doors and replacement windows.

It's also been suggested that the hall's audio-visual aids could do with an upgrade, and we've had both an initial quote, and a kind offer of advice which we hope to shortly take advantage of.

Parents, please note that a new group has started at the hall, 'RAINBOWS' (essentially junior Brownies); they've already had a couple of sessions (Thursdays, 5pm to 6.15) so anyone with girls aged 5 to 7 who may be interested, please contact Mary Thompson (832077). They've had sessions in Steventon for a while, but there's great demand in Drayton hence a new group.

And, parents, ON A MORE SERIOUS NOTE, we've just had 2 instances of youngsters on the hall roof. This may seem to be youthful exuberance, and not that serious, BUT the roof is 40 years old, and could be less secure than it appears.

We don't want to find someone lying in a pool of blood just outside the hall – or possibly inside, if the roof gives way – so do check if those involved are yours and try to warn them of the dangers?

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

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL CONTACTS :-

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LISTINGS

Old-time Music Hall Yes, a chance to dress up, cowboys & girls, or Edwardian ladies & gentry, (so American & British style old-time), the show is by Kennington Amateur Dramatics, at the village centre, June 26th/27th (Friday & Sat) evenings, with Sat & Sun (27/28th) matinees too. Call Box-office on 01865 739025.

Auto-Immunity (when our bodies turn on us) A FREE talk, helping people understand how many illnesses such as Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus and autoimmune Thyroid disease develop, and possible treatments in the future. Thurs 11th June, Refreshments from 6pm for 6:30 start; at Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Lecture Theatre Level 1, Windmill Rd, Oxford OX3 7LD more details:- www.oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk

<< The Hall recently hosted an inter-county Chess match, Warwickshire v Surrey (needed a neutral venue, it was like an FA Cup semi-final) here's a shot of some of the combatants agonising over their next move:-



DRAYTON DIARIES

DIARY FOR JUNE

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Sat	6 11.45am	Private Function (to 5pm)	
Mon	15 5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (p2) – Ads 12th	
Thur	18 7.30pm	Players' Auditions (Lounge – p3)	
Sat	20 12.30pm	Private Function (to 5pm)	
Sun	21 9.00am	Bowls Club (to 5pm)	
Fri	26 10.00am	Private Function (company fun-day)	
Fri	26 7.30pm	Boulevard Swing (charity gig, ad p8)	
Sat	27 10.00am	Private Function (all day)	

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REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

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MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Pilates (depends on numbers - call 01235 814299)	
1.15 pm	Baby sign-language classes (1 hr – 07927 339102)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
6.30 pm	Table Tennis (New Players – returns Sept)	<i>School</i>
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Table Tennis (Senior practice, returns Sept)	<i>School</i>
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>
8.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	

TUESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
9.45 am	'Boogie Beat' (Pre-school music & movement)	
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>
5.45 pm	Zumba Fitness	
7.00 pm	Pilates (1 hr - call 01235 814299)	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis (returns Sept)	<i>School</i>

WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.00 am	Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer gp – p4)	<i>Church Room</i>
11.00 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>Haywards Rd</i>
11.20 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>The Green</i>
11.45 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>Lyford Close</i>
1.45 pm	Whist – now each week	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month)	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.15 pm	Brownies	
7.00 pm	Junior Table Tennis, Age 9+ (returns Sept)	<i>School</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 (1st Thurs)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group (NB Term-time ONLY)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.00 pm	Rainbows (girls 5 to 7 years, call Mary 832077)	
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing (01235 531701)	

FRIDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>Sch'l Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	The 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 (Family Service 2nd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
11.15 am	Family Time (1st Sun)	<i>Baptist Church</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Service	<i>Baptist Church</i>
7.00 pm	Zumba Fitness	

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