

A FINE HERITAGE

Drayton lies on the old A34, now the B4017. Until 1974 it was part of Berkshire but the re-positioning of county boundaries then took it into Oxfordshire.

Its origins lie far back in history, with a neolithic long barrow in Sutton Wick and a reference to Drayton in the Domesday Book of 1086. On the village green stands a stone cross commemorating Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.



In the first UK census of 1801 the population of Drayton was only 484 but it has grown massively since then. In the 2011 census 2353 people were recorded as living in 958 households. The village was once famous for its walnuts - and walnut trees still grace our beautiful Millennium Green - but, like so many other villages, Drayton is no longer primarily agricultural. Its people now work in the many research laboratories and high-tech companies in the surrounding area and in the retail and service sectors. However, there are still farms and many shops and businesses flourishing in the village itself.

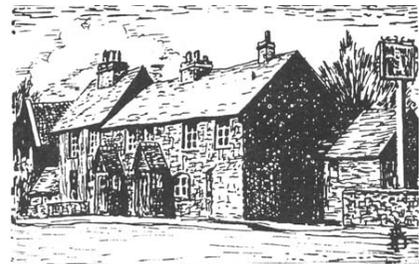
Drayton has suffered setbacks over the years but has always bounced back quickly. In 1780, the practice of throwing out hot ashes started 'The Great Fire of Drayton' which wiped out half the village and prompted a national appeal. Drayton



bricks, made of local Kimmeridge clay, dug, shaped and fired along Kiln Lane beyond the Wheatsheaf, were subsequently used to rebuild the village. In 1957 a Beverley aircraft crashed on cottages near Sutton Wick and in 1959 St Peter's church roof was badly damaged by fire. Despite the fire, a village wedding went ahead the very next day as planned, after volunteer helpers cleaned up and decorated the church with flowers and branches.



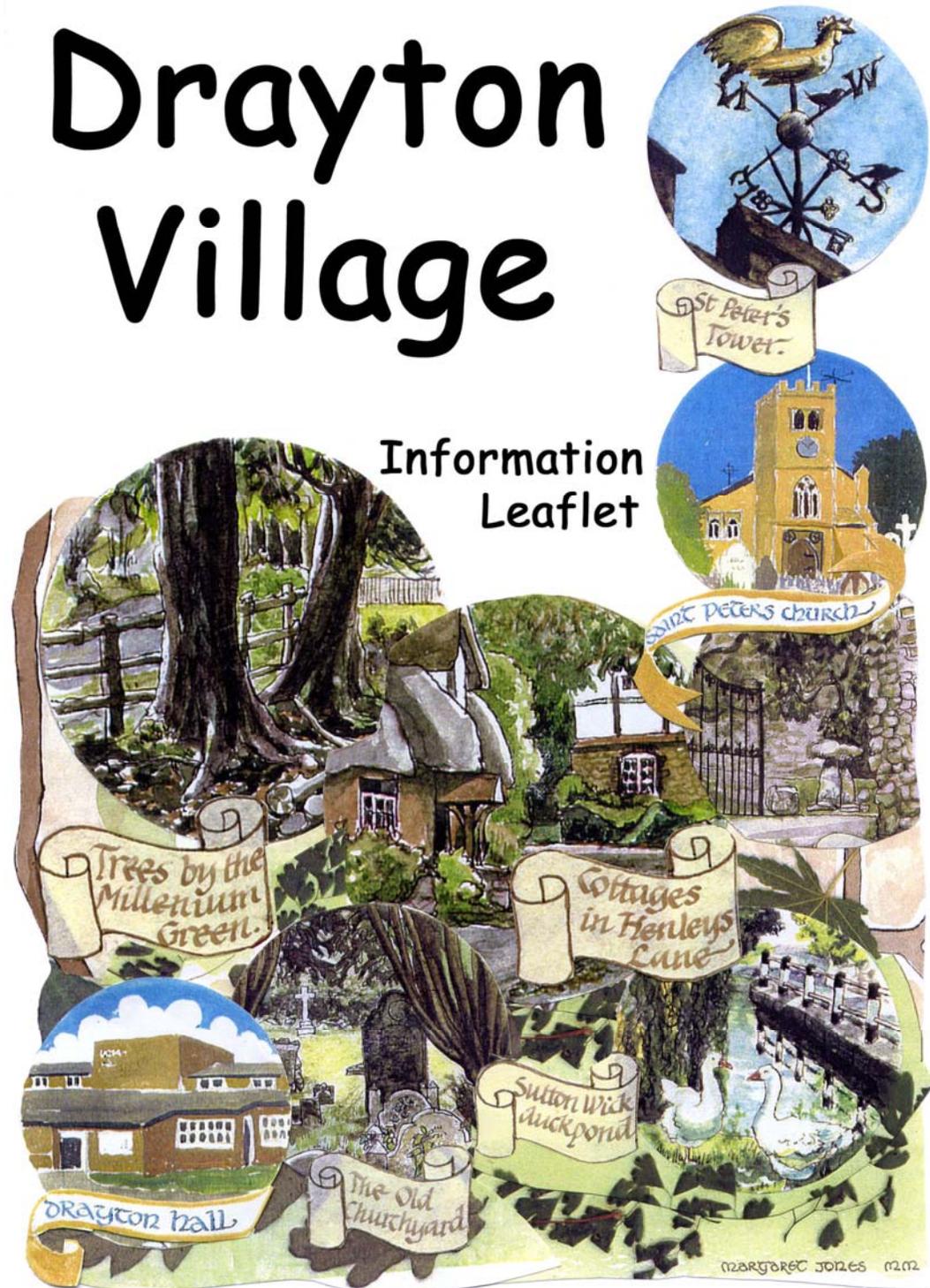
The rapid expansion of the village in the 1960s led to the building of the Drayton Hall by local builders and craftsmen with money raised by the villagers themselves. The 'Hall News' came into being in 1970 and



was reborn in 1978 as the 'Drayton Chronicle'. We think the Chronicle is one of the best village newspapers in Oxfordshire and is certainly, alongside visits to our two pubs and to the village web site, one of the best ways for newcomers to get to know what is going on in our village.

Drayton Village

Information Leaflet



Welcome to Drayton!

Dear Resident,

If you are new to our village, may I welcome you on behalf of the Parish Council. We hope that you will quickly feel at home in Drayton.

In this leaflet, you will find much of the basic information you need to make the most of all that the village and the surrounding area have to offer. More information for Drayton itself is available online at www.drayton-near-abingdon.org and for Abingdon at www.standbrook-guides.com/abingdon or www.abingdon.gov.uk/

The monthly 'Drayton Chronicle' will give you more detail for Drayton, particularly of what commercial services are offered locally and of the activities of our many clubs and societies.

We believe that we are all lucky to be part of a thriving village community like Drayton. We hope that you will agree with us and wish to play your part in its continuing success and future development.

Yours sincerely

Richard Williams

Chairman, Drayton Parish Council

Your Elected Representatives:

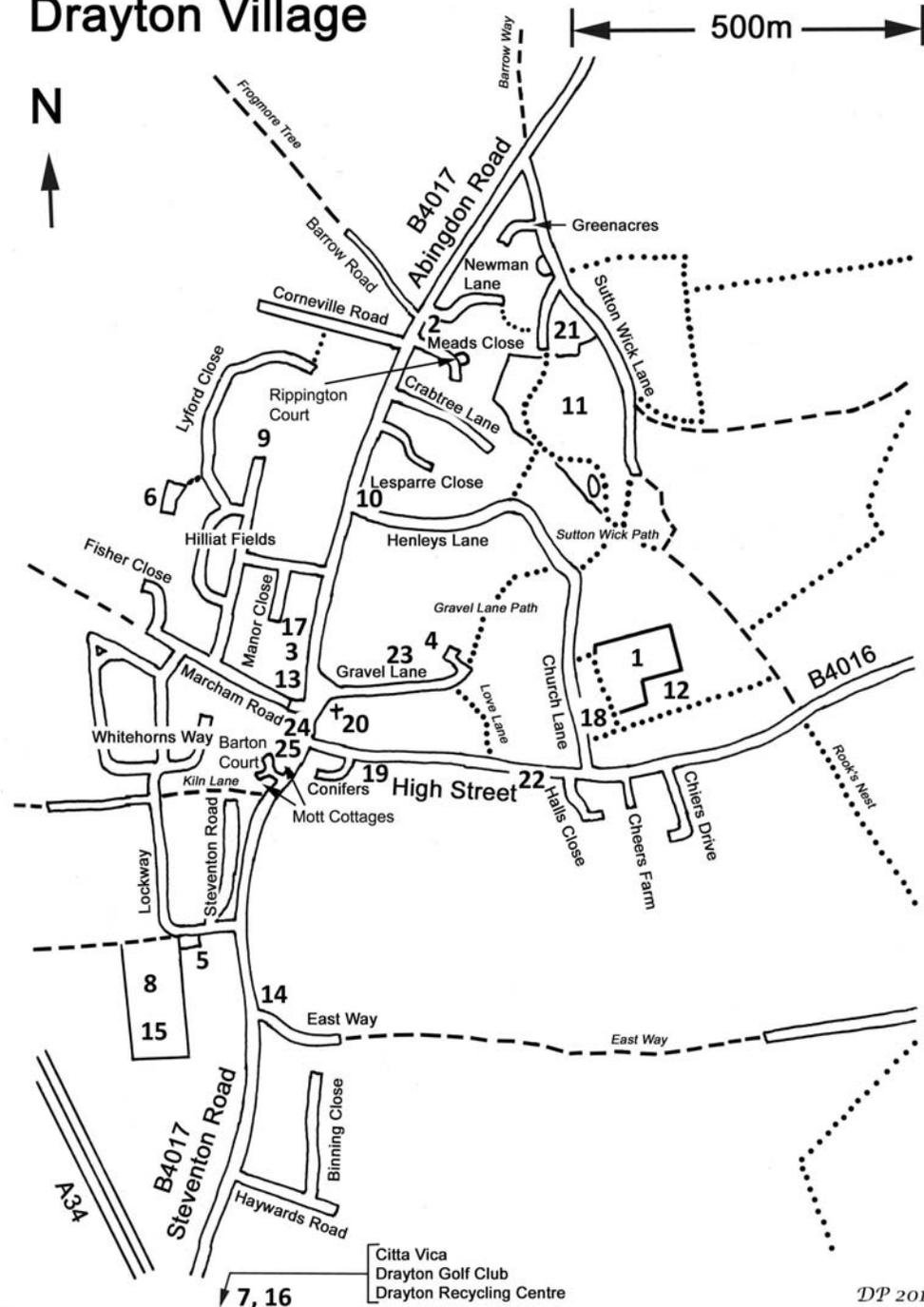
Member of Parliament - for Drayton (i.e. the Wantage constituency)
Ed Vaizey MP, House of Commons 0207 219 6350

Oxfordshire County Council www.oxfordshire.gov.uk
County Hall, New Rd, Oxford 01865 792422
Drayton County Councillor, Richard Webber 534001
The county council is responsible for education, highways, waste treatment and disposal etc.

Vale of White Horse District Council www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk
135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB 520202
Drayton District Councillor, Stuart Davenport 521078
The district council is responsible for planning, licensing, waste collection etc.

Drayton Parish Council www.drayton-near-abingdon.org
Chairman, Richard Williams 528974
Parish Clerk, David Perrow 07909 176061
The parish council is responsible for the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan, for footpaths, village recreational areas, the burial ground etc.

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GETTING AROUND

Public Transport:

Oxford Bus Company	www.oxfordbus.co.uk 01865 785400
For the time of the next bus to Abingdon and Oxford at Drayton Green	
Send the text message 69325834 to	84637
or search at	www.oxontime.com
Traveline	www.traveline.info
Stagecoach	www.stagecoachbus.com
Oxford Tube	01865 772250
National Rail	www.nationalrail.co.uk

Taxis:

Ken's taxis, 8 Crabtree Lane, Drayton	554444
Su's taxis, 76 Steventon Road, Drayton	554085
Abingdon Taxis	372120
Abingdon T Cabs, 29 Norris Close, Abingdon	522010
Abingdon Vargas, 1 Edward Street, Abingdon	559606
C.B. Taxis, Welford Gardens, Abingdon	524999
Bob's of Didcot, 60 Haydon Road, Didcot	512121
Harold's Taxis, 31 Church Street, Didcot	512345
Pryor's Cars, 3 Mereland Road, Didcot	812345

Editor's note: These are just a selection of the many taxi services offered locally

Drayton Streets and Footpaths: (see map opposite)

Roads:  Bridle Ways:  Footpaths: 

Key to Village Locations: (in alphabetical order)

Allotments	1	Alice's Nails & Beauty	2	Baptist Chapel	3
Caudwell Day Centre	4	Children's Play Area	5	Children's Play Area	6
Drayton Park Golf Club	7	Drayton Village Hall	8	Drayton School	9
Mace's General Store	10	Millennium Green	11	Parish Burial Ground	12
Post Office and Store	13	Public Telephone	14	Recreation Ground	15
Recycling Centre	16	Red Lion public house	17	St Peter's Church	18
Sitting Room	19	Stone Cross and Green	20	Sutton Wick Pond	21
Taylor's 'Forge' Garage	22	Thames Valley Saws	23	Vickery's Hardware	24
		Wheatsheaf public house	25		

USEFUL CONTACTS

Emergencies: (Police, Fire or Ambulance) 999 or 112

Police: (non-emergencies) 101

Thames Valley Police, Colwell Drive, Abingdon

Health Enquiries - 24-hour health care 111

Hospitals:

Abingdon Hospital, Marcham Rd, Abingdon 01865 904346

John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford
01865 741166

Doctors' Surgeries:

Health Centre, Marcham Rd, Abingdon 522602

Long Furlong Medical Centre, 45 Loyd Close, Abingdon 522379

Malthouse Surgery, The Charter, Abingdon 468860

Stert Street Surgery, 65 Stert Sreet, Abingdon 523126

Dentists:

Bath Street Dental Practice, 6 Bath St, Abingdon 520101

Ken Stalker Dental Practice, 96 Ock St, Abingdon 550855

Ock St. Dental Clinic, 45 Ock St, Abingdon 533777

Precinct Dental Practice, 28a Bury St, Abingdon 524595

St Helen's Dental Practice, 7 East St Helen's St, Abingdon 521129

Stert St Dental Surgery, 45 Stert St, Abingdon 522212

Abingdon Register Office (Births, Marriages and Deaths)

Royse Court, Bridge St, Abingdon 0845 129 5900

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MORE CONTACTS

Abingdon & District Citizens Advice Bureau,

Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon 03444 111444

Abingdon Library, The Charter, Abingdon 520374

Tourist Information,

Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon 522711

White Horse Leisure Centre,

Audlett Drive, Abingdon 540700

Vets:

Abivale Group, 2 Vineyard, Abingdon 524777

Brook Surgery, Station Approach, Steventon 831800

K.J.Fraser, Caldecott Road, Abingdon, 528177

Larkmead Vets, Didcot & Sutton Courtenay 814991

Churches:

Parish Church of St Peter's, Church Lane, Drayton
Priest in Charge, Rev'd Rebecca Peters 531374

Baptist Church, Abingdon Road, Drayton
Church Secretary, Mrs Jayne Henderson 522161

Methodist Church, High Street, Milton;
Drayton Contacts, Geoff and Jean Caudle 531409

Roman Catholic Church, Radley Road, Abingdon 520375

Drayton Charities:

Caudwell (Drayton) Day Centre, Barry Winter 531402

Charity of Robert Corneville and Drayton Almshouse Charity
Camilla King, Gothic House, Drayton, Abingdon, OX14 4SX

Drayton Community Trust, Andrew Bax 531512

Drayton Millennium Green Trust, Jane McWhirter 531536

Drayton Village Hall, Tony Holmes 531180

Drayton Youth Centre Charity, Graham Bird 533194

Schools:

Drayton Pre-School 536094

Drayton Primary School, Hilliat Fields, Drayton 531316

There are many state and independent primary and secondary schools in Abingdon and the surrounding area.

Pubs:

The Red Lion, 3 Abingdon Road, Drayton 531457

The Wheatsheaf, The Green, Drayton 531485

Shops and Services with premises in Drayton:

Alice's Nails and Beauty, 86c Abingdon Road 523773

Drayton Park Golf Club (golf & meals), Steventon Road 528989

Danes/Mace convenience store & newsagent,
40 Abingdon Road 554813

Drayton Post Office and store (late night opening), 9 The Green 531359

The Sitting Room (upholstery and furniture) 22 High Street 531738

W J Taylor and Sons (car maintenance) High Street 531350

Thames Valley Saw Service, 1 Gravel Lane 550088

A L Vickery and Son (hardware), 5 The Green 531497

Editor's note: There are many other 'field services', such as building, plumbing and window replacement, offered locally from within Drayton and the neighbouring villages. For details see the advertisements placed in the Chronicle month-by-month.

Clubs and Societies:

Art Club, Cicely Willis Dixon 531626

Badminton, David Hale, 202466

Bowls Club, Pam Lacey 531332

Brownies, Ruth Hudson 205111

DAMASCUS Youth Project, Ann Whitehead 848514

Dining Club, Daniel Scharf 531107

Drayton Chronicle Coordinator, Gareth Davies 529510

Drayton-Lesparre Twinning Association, Michael Bell 531388

Drayton Players, Mike Davies 821351

Drayton Wives, Rosemary Barlow 206148

First Tuesday Connections, Jean Hager 531558

Football Club, Alan Alston 531425

Pre-school Playgroup, Laura Hughes 07916 459435

Rainbows, Mary Thompson 832077

Reading Group, Oenone Grant 531229

Sequence Dancing, Brian Stimpson 531701

Table Tennis Club, John Gould 531328

Toddlers' Group, Laura Hughes 07916 459435

Women's Institute, Ann Webb 531418

Under 15s Football, Paul Evans 203108

Village Hall, Tony Holmes 531180