

# DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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## HOLIDAYS

The Chronicle team wishes all our readers very happy holidays! If you have yet to decide what to do this year you might like to read Doggerelle's poem below:

One warm sunny day in April I pondered  
Where shall I holiday this year I wondered?  
Then later that day I met in the town  
An elderly friend called Violet Brown  
And asked her if she had yet made a plan  
To relax by the coast in her new caravan.  
"Oh no" she replied, "That's not for me,  
Just sitting and staring at sand and the sea;  
The world is awaiting for us to explore  
Germany, Italy, Spain and much more".

Later that week to my young niece I spoke  
And she's going off with her handsome new bloke.  
"Are you planning adventures and looking for thrills,  
Rock climbing, surfing, scaling mountains and hills?"  
"Oh no" she replied, "that's not for us,  
Too energetic and far too much fuss;  
We'll lie on the beach every day in the sun,  
Go clubbing by night and having some fun.  
We'll wine and we'll dine, eat more than we should,  
Sun-bathing and lazing will do us both good."

There are some folk I know who just don't go away,  
A calm life they prefer so at home they will stay.  
"Don't you yearn for a change?" one day I enquired,  
"By holiday brochures aren't you inspired?"  
"Oh no" they replied, "that's not for us,  
We'll go out for odd days and travel by bus.  
We might go to the park and have a short walk  
And meet with some friends for a coffee and talk,  
We may go to a film, to the pub to be fed,  
But come home each night to our own comfy bed."

So what you may ask am I going to do,  
Eastbourne or Paris or perhaps Timbuku?  
Trekking and climbing I've done in the past,  
Snorkelled in oceans, crossed deserts so vast;  
Glaciers I've visited, cities exotic,  
Iceland and Greenland and climates more tropic.  
Oh no, not for me any more sad to say,  
Adventures of that kind have now had their day.  
Now long river cruises have greater appeal,  
They're tranquil, relaxing and oh so genteel!

So next? ..... the elegant Elbe!

Or try local entertainment ↓ more options on page 16 ⇨

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and the Hall stage from 8.30pm.

## ARE HERE AGAIN!

If, on the other hand, you've already had this year's holiday or have booked one, how about planning for next year?

Here are some of the Drayton-Lesparre twinneders showing our French friends the glories of Oxford. Next year Lesparre is the host, eager to show off their lovely countryside, superb food and fine wines - and new twinneders are always welcomed. Fluent French is helpful but apparently not essential - see page 10!



But do beware of obstacles:

Nothing can beat walking in England's green and pleasant land on a beautiful day! But it is best to give a wide berth to some of the obstacles you may encounter, rather than trying to move or climb over them. This one for example!



And, of course, you can always rely on Highways Departments to make travel more trying:

The Drayton Road from Abingdon, between the Mill Road and Ock Street junctions, will be closed for resurfacing for about 6 nights from 31 July, from 8.00 pm to 6.00 am each night. This means that drivers coming south to Drayton later in the evening will have to come via the A34 to the Milton interchange and then Steventon Hill (the route recommended by the Oxford County Council engineers) or via Culham and Sutton Courtenay. Driving into Abingdon late will also have to be done via the A34 or presumably, for family cars, via Preston Road and the bridge over the Ock to West St Helen's Street. Happy motoring!

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# CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Chronicle** will be the **September** issue:  
 Editor: **Tony Holmes, 53 Whitehorns Way (531180).**

Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 14 August 2015**  
 Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Monday, 17 Aug 2015**  
 Printed copies available: **Friday, 28 August 2015**

### Key dates for the subsequent three Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
October	14 September 2015	25 September 2015
November	19 October 2015	30 October 2015
December	16 November 2015	27 November 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:

1. The best is by **email** to [editor@draytonchronicle.net](mailto:editor@draytonchronicle.net). Your contributions should either be embedded in your email as **plain text** or attached as a **rich-text** or **Microsoft Word** document!

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

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.

## ADVERTISING RATES

### Charge for a Single Block Advert (about 9cms x 4.5cms)

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# CHRONICLE LOTTERY

**Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter**

### RESULTS OF THE JULY LOTTERY

Prize	Winner	Agent
£25	Mr Law, Sutton Wick Farmhouse	Keith Clough
£20	S Curran, 57 Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson
£15	D Ellaway, 58 Steventon Road	Tamsin Meredith
£10	Mrs Gray, 18c Sutton Wick Lane	Keith Clough
£10	Mrs Webster, 6 Newman Lane	Keith Clough
£10	Mr & Mrs Davies, 6 Church Lane	Susan Brooks
£10	Mr T Scaysbrook, 10 Lockway	Sue Ash
£10	Mrs K King, 45 Steventon Road	Janet Dale
£10	Mrs Sellers, 33 Lockway	Christine Sadler
£10	Fraser & Jen Wood, 14 High Sreet	Liz Bronson

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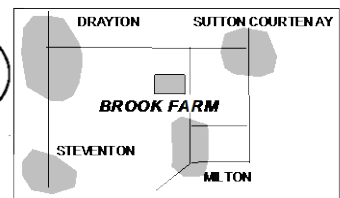


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# PAYING for PRINTING

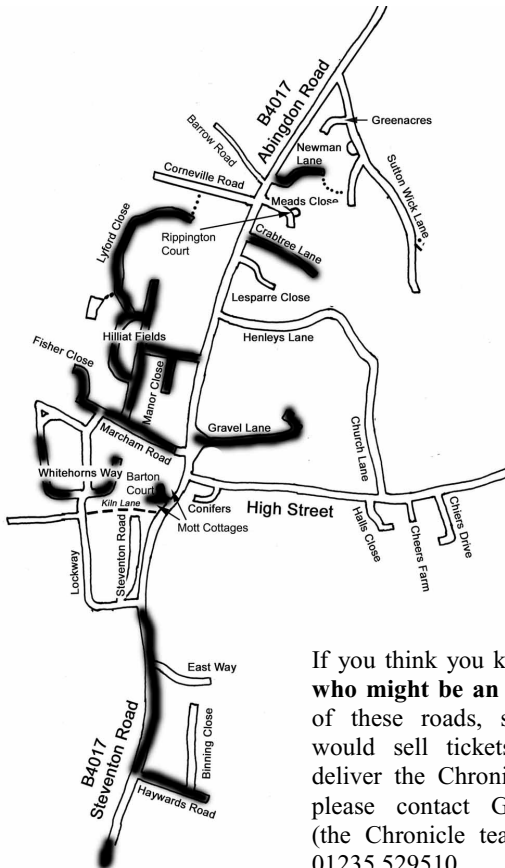
## Ticket-selling agents are key

By far the largest cost incurred in producing the Chronicle is for printing the paper copies. Despite seeking competitive bids from printers using the latest technology these are still considerable. Sometime in the far future we may be able to abandon printing altogether and rely instead on the electronic copy placed on the village web-site, but that time is still far off. Too many readers don't have computers, and even those of us who do have them find a paper copy very convenient to read and for reference.

The charges we insist that all advertisers pay do cover the costs of printing their adverts and more, paying for some (but not all) of the material from village clubs and societies and from our elected representatives, for which we do not charge. The residual cost of printing that other material is covered by selling lottery tickets but their sales have fallen quite a lot over the last few years.

We're fairly sure that this is NOT because readers are unwilling to buy tickets to help keep the Chronicle going, though a few are, but because we can't find enough 'agents' who are **able and willing to sell lottery tickets as well as deliver the paper copies**.

The marked streets on this village map show where agents currently don't sell tickets - or where we have no agent at all.



If you think you know **someone who might be an agent** for one of these roads, someone who would sell tickets as well as deliver the Chronicles, can you please contact Gareth Davies (the Chronicle team leader) on 01235 529510.

If you yourself are thinking about **whether you could be a Chronicle agent** why don't you read Keith Clough's article (opposite), about being one, and then call Gareth? You will see that Keith, like many others in our agent team, enjoys doing it.

If you're an **existing agent who doesn't feel able to sell tickets now**, perhaps you would tell Gareth what, if anything, would persuade you to sell tickets as well. Would it help if we simplified the task some more and found some way of persuading more people to pay for several months at a time, or even a year? (Giving a discount on the ticket price is illegal unfortunately).

Finally, if you're one of the leaders of an organisation which uses the Chronicle to inform members and villagers about your activities, perhaps you could help us recruit more ticket-selling agents, so that we can continue to offer you the free service!

## THE JOYS OF BEING AN AGENT Keith Clough

### I enjoy being a *Drayton Chronicle* Agent.

It is a good way of keeping in touch with one's neighbours and meeting and welcoming new residents. It does not need to be too time consuming, if you apply a systematic approach to the task and get your customers organised, too!

I am now in my second stint of being an Agent. I first volunteered in the 1980s and although my 'Area' has remained the same (albeit with some additional houses and a few barn conversions), three different agent-organisations have been tried. My experiences may be of interest to other agents or to those thinking of volunteering for the task.

When I and my co-Agent decided to give up, a new Agent was found. Luckily he was a good organiser. He:

- persuaded people to subscribe for either 5 or 10 tickets each month, i.e. to pay £1 or £2.
- encouraged subscribers to pay for two or more months at a time.

Since I took on the task for the second time, two further factors have made my task simpler:

- there are no longer any counterfoils to fill in
- a number of subscribers now pay for 5 (or even 10) months at a time.

I have to keep accurate records because the subscribers cannot remember whether they are in credit or not and tend to offer me money whenever they see me – in the street, on the Millennium Green and even in Tesco and Waitrose!

My round is probably one of the Chronicle's largest. I deliver 60 *Chronicles* to 57 houses. Only 4 have opted not to participate in the lottery but 8 take 10 tickets each month. I usually go round 3 times. After the first round (when I deliver the *Chronicle* and prepaid tickets and attempt to sell ticket to those who are not in credit), I usually have fewer than 10 call-backs to make. Sometimes, I just leave the tickets and collect the contribution the following month.

The downside of the simpler procedure is that I speak to my subscribers less often – and I find meeting my neighbours the most rewarding part of the job. Perhaps they prefer to talk to me less frequently but I like to think that they want to pay for several months to save me work!



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

## REGULAR SERVICES

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

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mon.	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	<i>Bell Tower</i>
Wed	10.00 am	Pebbles (term time only)	<i>Church Room</i>

## CALENDAR FOR AUGUST:

Sun	2	4.00 pm	Village Picnic	<i>Drayton School</i>
Tues	4	3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections	<i>Church Room</i>

## CHURCH REGISTER:

### Baptisms:

23rd	June	Oliver Gerard Iley
19th	July	Jamie Mark Broad and Stevie Jae Broad

### Funeral:

23rd	June	Victor Frederick Butler
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### Memorial Service:

16th	July	Mary Butler
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## YOU STAY WE PRAY AUGUST:

2nd to 15th: Abingdon Road, Oday Hill, Binnings Close, Haywards Road; 16th to 22nd: Sutton Wick Lane, Greenacres, Newman Lane, Conifer Drive; 23rd to 31st: Hilliat Fields, Lyford Close, Manor Close, The Green



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## Letter from Rev. Rebecca Peters

Dear Friends,

When we first moved to the village, we were delighted at the many different characters, people of different backgrounds and the way people enjoyed life in different ways. Coming from London we were used to rich diversity and were blessed there with a community that embraced difference. On the 16th July many people came to say farewell to Mary Butler at her memorial service in Church, a character of the village and on 12th July we said farewell to Revd Colin Patching vicar of St Michaels and All Angels Steventon as he retires. Although sad occasions, it has been good to see people turn out to support their own, members of this community.

Drayton is a lovely community and a supportive village and I would like to encourage this. Far too often I have to deal with family feuds, and see how very small differences between people result in hard words, antagonism and hurt that lasts years.

We are all human and know how easy disagreements can escalate, however as a Christian I believe that we are called to love and respect each other, and to care for our neighbours and the people we don't like just as much as the people we like. Jesus' invitation to come and follow him was to the people that society had ostracized as much as to the respectable people in the villages.

Jesus loved all people. So we are called to do the same.  
God Bless



Rebecca

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## DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL

**Tony Holmes**

The recent  
committee meeting  
could see no issues  
with a proposed  
extension to the  
playground, so the  
Parish Council will  
doubtless proceed



with that in due course.

Wi-Fi has been installed, to benefit hirers. We've also  
investigated a more modern PA system, and a hearing or induction  
loop that works, more news on those in due course.

We are looking at the next phase of the hall revamp, (windows  
and fire doors), so hopefully some progress on those in the next  
couple of months.

Bowls club are looking for a little new blood, several sessions a  
week (see back page diary) and a very friendly crowd. Also our  
Pilates class has a couple of spaces, (Tuesday evenings), very  
beneficial for those niggly aches and pains; oh, and you can mix &  
match her classes with other local venues (Harwell & Didcot) if  
those times suit.

Don't miss DFEST, family fun day on August 8th, and quite an  
unusual booking on Aug 23rd (Sunday, 10am to late afternoon) a  
big dispersal sale of a collector's large stock of cacti and  
'succulents', so if you like those types of indoor plants, do come  
and have a look, hopefully grab a bargain?!

Bookings are proceeding well, a dozen or so already for 2016,  
just received the first one for 2017 (!!), and parents - if you're  
thinking about our popular slots for a child's party, don't leave it  
too late to ask, a couple of recent potential hirers have discovered  
that someone has nabbed their date already!

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

We offer a warm welcome to Drayton to Mr & Mrs Bruce-Reid  
and their children Scott and Nathalie who have moved into the  
High Street from London.

Welcome also to Ian Scott & Shirley Webb and family who  
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We hope that they will all be happy in their new homes and  
enjoy village life.

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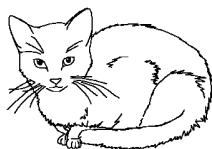
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## ALL AROUND

### DRAYTON ART GROUP

Eric Curtis

Despite the inclement weather a quite successful afternoon was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks must go to all those who helped to make such a success of the show. The cake stall was outstanding together with stalls for plants, books, bric-a-brac and raffle. Many commendations were received for the quality of our paintings. Thanks also to all our visitors for their appreciation of our efforts.

### DRAYTON DINERS

Ellen Lessner

The completion of the second meal at the Wheatsheaf was an important occasion as a demonstration that Drayton Diners is not a flash in pan. More people would be welcome to join us on the third Thursday of the month to help us eat Geraldine's very generous portions of vegetables. For further information email [rippington@waitrose.com](mailto:rippington@waitrose.com).

### BOWLS CLUB

Roll up

We start these notes with a review of the AGM held on the 1st July. Val (chairperson) opened the meeting with a big thank you to the committee, green stewards, competitions organisers all of whom make the club the success it is. It was with great sadness that we lost 3 very valuable members, Neville Ferris, Graham Lacey, Maurice Bartlett during the year. Treasurer Cyril Carter said we had been down on green fees but that the club was in a healthy position financially and and subs and greens fees would remain the same for the coming year, membership was standing at 52. Pam Lacey (secretary) congratulated the 'Wasps' on winning the county afternoon league for the 6th year running with the 'Hammers' in 4th place.

The club will be entering two teams in the afternoon league again, the latest internal competition 'The Don Alexander' triples was held recently, and the final in December will be between Jack Mitchenson. Pat Hoyland. Avril Holmes who will play Bryn Jones, Anne Hedges, June Hyde.

35 Members recently had a very enjoyable day at Burford for lunch which was organised by Jane and June. Our next trip is on August 17th and we have a skittles day with lunch, details can be found on club notice board.

In closing these notes we send best wishes to Barbara (Watts) who as we write is in hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back bowling very soon. ➔



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⇒ W.I.

**Brenda Malin**

In June nearly all our members were able to attend our successful and happy coffee morning in the lovely sunshine. Our July meeting had a distinctly Asian flavour. Our speaker brought with her a selection of beautiful saris and several of the members were robed, and swanned around feeling very elegant. The evening was such a success, Kush, our lovely Indian speaker, has been booked for our April meeting when we will be having a "Bollywood Evening".

There will be no meeting in August, but there is a visit to the Donkey Sanctuary, following our April meeting, with Judy Gibbons from the Sanctuary. Our September meeting will be a celebration of the ONE HUNDRED years of the Women's Institute and our homage to all the amazing ladies who have gone before us and kept the flag flying for women. It is just possible that tea/bubbly and cake may be involved!!!

**DATES FOR DIARY:**

August 13th Afternoon visit, Donkey Sanctuary  
September 10th Centenary Celebration, Caudwell Day Centre

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

**Al Costley**

Only a short update this month, with a couple of reminders. First, the Legion will be supporting the VE and VJ Day Commemoration and Celebration at St Michael's Church, Steventon, on Sunday 16th August, at 10:00am.

Second, as noted in previous updates, this year's annual Dinner sees us returning to sample the hospitality of the Officers' Mess at 11 (EOD) Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps, in Vauxhall Barracks, Didcot. There will be a private bar area, three course carvery dinner and quiz night, all for the very reasonable price of £25 per head. Tickets will be physically available from mid August, however places are likely to be limited and the sooner that they are reserved the better – it will be an excellent night. Please note that due to security requirements tickets must be pre-purchased at least 10 days prior to the event on the 18th of September.

As ever, your local branch is always available to support and advise, and key contact details for the Committee members are:

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⇒The next Branch meeting will be at 7.00pm on Monday 17th August 2015 at the Sports and Social Club in Steventon. New members are always most welcome, from across the Steventon and District area.

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## YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

I would like to thank everyone who attended Vaughn's (my husband) funeral back in April and for their kind donations. The total sum of £545.11 has been sent to Diabetes UK.

Thanks & kind Regards, *Anna Bartlett*

### Sheila Lailey: 20th July 1935 - 29th June 2015

Dear Editor.

My thanks to those friends and neighbours who sent cards and came to my mother's (Sheila Lailey's) funeral. May I also pass on the thanks of my father Fred and brother Derrick. Everyone's support was much appreciated.

Yours sincerely *Nita Bird*

Dear Editor,

May I use the Chronicle to tell Draytonians that my mum, Jean, who has lived with me here in Drayton for the last 3 years, recently passed away. There will be a memorial service on Sunday 20 September at the Baptist Chapel at 3.00 pm to which all are invited.

Yours sincerely *Jayne Henderson*

Dear Editor

Many people in the village will know that The Old Vicarage at 11 High Street is the venue of some very interesting workshops discussing a number of the more difficult issues of the day (The relevance of Orwell to today is/was the subject on 1&2 August).

ACCESS, the organisation running the show, is keen to have more people in the village enjoying the surroundings and you are invited to "Time for Tea" on Wednesday afternoons in September at about 4.00pm. You could bring a cake but people are welcome to visit for tea and chat (and there is room to escape from summer showers).

Regards *Daniel Scharf*

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## CARING TODAY

### MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST Jane Mcwhirter

Our second clear-up morning in June unfortunately managed to be a very wet and soggy one. However, a dozen of us continued to clear the path, chop back overgrown ivy and plant hundreds of bulbs. The bulbs were kindly donated by Emma at Notcutts and will hopefully provide some colour next spring. An awful lot of tea and cake were consumed and although it was miserable we managed a great amount of work, thanks to all who braved it! The grass has been cut again and it was lovely to see so many children running around and enjoying the area a few weeks ago. The walnut trees have been attended to this week and look very smart and healthy and have what looks to be a bumper crop coming along.

We will be arranging another working morning probably in late summer/ early autumn, so please if you can help come along, it's great to see what can be achieved in a morning and it's very social, full details will appear in the Chronicle once a date is set. [Chair.millenniumgreen@gmail.com](mailto:Chair.millenniumgreen@gmail.com)

### VILLAGE LITTER PICK David Perrow

The DAMASCUS Youth Project young people, who meet at the Village Hall for their weekly youth club, led the village litter pick on Monday 13th July. Over half the village was covered in the hour the group was out, and several bags of litter and recyclables were collected. Many thanks to Biffa who provided the equipment required, and who collected the litter afterwards.

The photo shows some adult helpers from the Parish Council. From the left: David Perrow, Tamsin Meredith, Laura Billington, Chris Price and Colin West.



The next Community Litter Pick will be on Monday 12th October, from 6.30 – 7.30pm, starting from the Drayton Village Hall, Lockway, again led by the DAMASCUS Youth Group. All are welcome to help – just turn up. This is intended to be a quarterly community event, to keep the village extra tidy, and as a help to Steve Sadler, the Village Caretaker, who picks up the litter around the village each week as part of his regular duties.



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# PLANNING TOMORROW

## DRAYTON NDP IS MADE

David Perrow

The Drayton Neighbourhood Development Plan has now been 'made' by VWHDC, i.e. it is now formally part of the plan of the legally-constituted planning authority for our area, the VWHDC.

Their minutes note that:

Council considered the recommendations of Councillor Mike Murray, Cabinet member for planning policy, made on 7 July 2015 to make the Drayton and Great Coxwell neighbourhood plans part of the Development Plan for Vale of White Horse.

(The Council) RESOLVED: to

1. make the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for Vale of White Horse;
2. make the Great Coxwell Neighbourhood Plan part of the Development Plan for Vale of White Horse.

## DRAYTON 2020 UPDATE

Richard Williams

As explained in the May issue of the Chronicle, an Implementation Committee has now been formed to continue the work of the NDP Steering Group, post-referendum. The committee aims to move forward on various community projects which formed part of the NDP – Drayton's Neighbourhood Development Plan. Not everything can be accomplished at once, and there is sufficient work ahead to keep us occupied for a long time to come. However, early priorities must include the proposed new sports pavilion and sports facilities at the Barrow Rd site; playground facilities at all three housing sites in the NDP, plus the existing play area at Lockway; and a replacement home for the pre-school, whose present terrapin classroom is inadequate and in poor condition, with a leaking roof. Also on the agenda are a major refurbishment of the Village Hall, the new Village Green at the Manor Farm site, tree planting, generally enhancing our open spaces and adding to biodiversity, upgrading of the main footpath network around the village, and increasing the number of allotments.

To maintain continuity with the work of the NDP Steering Group, as well as momentum, four out of the seven voting members of the new committee have been involved with Drayton 2020 since its inception, although there are three new members (2 of them new parish councillors) who have not. Even so, many more people contributed to the NDP than just the Steering Group – up to around 30 residents, who participated in one or other of the 5 working groups (Housing, Sustainability, Transport, Look and Feel, Work and Play) set up to report back to the Steering Group. We hope to open out the implementation process in a similar way by setting up a number of project groups. Anyone at all who has an interest in one of the NDP projects, but especially anyone who has relevant background experience or qualifications, is invited to get in touch with the committee, initially by contacting the Parish Clerk (details below). The Implementation Committee itself has deliberately been kept small in terms of voting members (seven) as its role is primarily one of organisation and co-ordination, a task which becomes more difficult if numbers expand. However, there is no reason why additional non-voting members should not be appointed if they have a specific skill that would enable them to assist or advise the committee (accountants and architects particularly welcome!).

Mainly though, we are looking for people to participate in (or lead) project groups which will research and come up with proposals for advancing the projects in the NDP. These groups (or sub-committees) will then report back to the main committee at its meetings. The latter are likely to be on a Friday evening, 7-9pm (same as the Steering Group), but monthly rather than fortnightly. The groups will arrange their own meetings and agendas in between times. Although 'qualifications' have been mentioned, and are always useful, the most important factors we are looking for, by far, are an interest in the life of Drayton's village community, and a degree of spare capacity that allows you enough

time to get involved. No one person should find themselves doing anything too arduous, but there is certainly work to be done.

If you are interested in being part of a project group, or would simply like to find out more, please contact the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, either via E-mail at [draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk) or by telephone on 07909 176061.

## SOUTH-OF-HIGH-STREET DEVELOPMENT

Did you miss the public exhibition on Friday 10 July, of the new housing proposed for land to the south of the High Street; see picture below? **The plans anticipate 140 new homes, almost 50 of which would be 'affordable'.**



<http://www.drayton-near-abingdon.org/drayton2020/resources> has the details and if you wish to make any comments or give feedback please do so direct to Savills to:

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## MORE ALL AROUND

### TWINNERS

**Stephen Fearnley**

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Saturday morning saw us walking around Wittenham clumps and then, after a Pooh Sticks competition at Days Lock, over to Dorchester for lunch in the garden of the Fleur-De-Lys Inn and time to visit the Abbey before strolling back. In the evening we had a pub supper in Abingdon where we met up with some of the Abingdon Twinnings and their guests who were attending an English Language course for the week. On Sunday we had a most interesting guided tour of some of Oxford where the locals learned interesting facts too! This included visiting the Divinity School and New College (under the great Holm Oak scenes of Mad-Eye Moody turning Malfoy into a ferret were filmed for Harry Potter)

The afternoon was free for shopping in Oxford and then, during our last evening, we had a badminton match, won by a joint England/French team, at a member's house followed by an excellent barbecue. On Monday they had to leave but, before that we arranged a quick tour of "old" Abingdon; including the Long Gallery, the Lower Hall and the Unicorn Theatre – thanks to Jenny Berrill and the Guildhall and Roysse room thanks to Heather Brown. Lesparre has promised to invite us to visit them next year, we don't know exactly when. The invitation is extended to other residents who would like to join the twinning fraternity.

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

### GARD

**Nick Thompson**

Many local people have been under the impression that the threat of the massive Thames Water reservoir on our doorstep (The Upper Thames Reservoir proposal) had disappeared following the success of GARD and others in 2010 Public Inquiry.

There was therefore some surprise expressed by those who visited the Parish Council Tent at the Steventon Church Fete when they saw that, on the Vale of the White Horse map of possible building development options, the whole of the proposed reservoir site remains reserved for the possible reservoir. Added to this there was a leading article in the "New Civil Engineer" on water shortages written by the editor which stated "I know for a fact that Thames Water will be soon be ramping up its case for building a major new reservoir in Abingdon, Oxfordshire." He goes on to say more encouragingly "But is there another option? Long distance water transfer tunnels have been mooted before. Do we need to look at that again?"

GARD is certainly pressing Thames Water hard to follow up comprehensively the water transfer Severn to Thames alternatives, supported by offers of additional water from either Severn Trent or United Utilities. The necessary research on water quality and ecology is being done, albeit slowly, and GARD remains hopeful that this less expensive, less damaging, and sensible option will win in the end. No decision is likely until 2018, meanwhile GARD is represented at all the important Thames Water technical meetings.

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Ensure your anti-virus software is up to date. This will help reduce the chance that a virus is downloaded. Anti-virus software is constantly being updated and may not stop all viruses, particularly if they are new or have been adapted.

If you have opened an attachment or followed a link which you believe to be suspicious you should run your anti-virus and/or take your machine to a reputable company to have it cleaned.

In cases where files have been encrypted it can be very difficult to retrieve them, and in most cases they will be lost. Files should always be backed up on a separate device or using cloud storage to ensure they are not lost. Please remember that if a device is connected to an infected machine those files could also be encrypted with the virus, so ensure they are kept separate.

If you believe you have been a victim of fraud you can report it at [http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report\\_fraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud). or call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

## Rules for Cyclists:

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 by visiting <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 traffic 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 RVL R regs 13, 18 & 24**

Cyclists who, understandably enough, have safety concerns about using the road at Sutton and Culham Bridges, or who have concerns about getting through the lights, could dismount and walk on the footpath with their bicycles.

Contact NAG5 by calling 01235 848694 or e-mail [neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com)



## DOG POO AT THE SCHOOL GATE David Perrow

Believe it or not, the photo shows the piles of dog muck being deposited on a regular basis at the back of Drayton Community Primary School – just where the children come out and the parents wait for them. Apart from being a mess, dog muck is a danger to children in particular because of the diseases it harbours.

This is one dog, and one irresponsible dog owner. If it is you, please pick up your dog's mess, preferably walk the dog elsewhere, and do not let it stop near the school or anywhere where children may play.

If it is not you and you see anyone allowing their dog to foul the footpaths or grass areas in the village, they can be reported to [gary.marcham@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:gary.marcham@southandvale.gov.uk) and can be fined if they can be identified.

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# PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Williams

## Report of the Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2015.



The July meeting was attended by five members of the public as well as the councillors. Although one of the five was only a few weeks old, he showed that it's never too early to get involved in the democratic process! Peter Coville reminded the PC about the educational charity ACCESS he has helped to set up in Drayton. ACCESS stands for 'Abingdon Centre for a Caring, Enlightened and Sustainable Society' and

Peter has organized a number of events (roughly one a month) framed around important topical subjects, such as the future of the NHS, the economy, housing, and so on. The format could best be described as part seminar, part debate, with plenty of opportunity for group discussion. Several of the speakers so far have been nationally known authorities in their field, so that Peter's initiative, and success in luring them to a relatively small place like Drayton, is doubly commendable, and, I believe, well worth supporting. Tickets are free (though donations are welcome) and available online. Details of how to book, times and venue, are usually posted in local shops and various noticeboards in Drayton. The title of the next event is 'Orwell Today': a discussion about the life and writings of George Orwell, with talks spread over 2 days, the weekend of 1st/2nd August. There's also a visit to Orwell's grave, which is 2 miles up the road in Sutton Courtenay.

Richard Seamark enquired whether the PC would fund, or contribute towards, the cost of a new lawnmower for the football club. No commitment was made to a specific sum, but it was felt that, as a number of other local activities and organizations are supported by grants from the PC, there was no reason in principle why similar support should not be given to Drayton FC. The football club has certainly been helped out financially by the PC in the past, but usually on an ad hoc basis, as and when requested by the club committee. The PC said it would consider a lawnmower grant, but undertook also to look at alternative ways of assisting the club, possibly on a more regular basis.

Whilst on this subject, it is worth pointing out that the range of grants made by the PC in recent years is quite large, the only stipulation being that the organization must offer a proven benefit to Drayton residents in some way. For example, DAMASCUS, which is a youth project serving Drayton and its neighbouring villages, is supported by grants from a number of sources, including from the parish councils of each of those villages, but Drayton PC alone contributes £3000 each year to DAMASCUS. The Village Hall is another regular recipient of large sums to cover refurbishment projects of one kind or another. Smaller grants have been made to bodies such as the Air Ambulance, Abingdon Citizens Advice Bureau (often used by Drayton residents) and many others. To apply for a grant is fairly straightforward. It involves filling out a simple form with some essential details about the purpose and scope of the organization involved. If you represent a suitable organization or project, please feel encouraged to apply, as in the last year or so, the number of applications received seems to have dropped off. Incidentally, a village litter pick was carried out on July 13th by youngsters from the DAMASCUS project, assisted by some of the parish councillors (!) This event, hopefully to be repeated at regular intervals in the future, is described elsewhere in the issue.

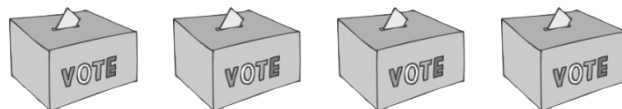
It was agreed that a couple of new notice boards should be installed in Drayton, one at Sutton Wick, close to the post box and pond, and one south of the A34 bridge, alongside the bus stop on the west side of Steventon Road. Modern communications and the Internet notwithstanding, there still seems to be something rather reassuring about an actual physical notice board which helps to

make people feel part of a community. The northern and southern extremities of the village have hitherto been somewhat neglected in this respect, so in a small way we have now attempted to make them feel more 'included'.

The Vale planning meeting on June 10th in Wantage was discussed and it was noted that the Barrow Rd housing site from Drayton's Neighbourhood Plan had been approved by the Vale Planning Committee. One of the Parish Councillors and Daniel Scharf pointed out however that the Vale's decision has not yet been formally ratified, and the Vale website acknowledges this. Daniel Scharf again registered a number of objections that he continued to make to this site (he had previously spoken at the Wantage meeting) and informed the PC that he had written to the Vale challenging their decision on the planning application. Richard Williams added that Drayton Parish Council's own 8 page response to the Barrow Rd planning application could still be read, also on the Vale's website, and that it addressed many of the points raised by Daniel, although obviously not to his satisfaction.

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, in the first instance. David may be contacted via E-mail at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061, and he will ensure that any messages are passed on. Any Drayton resident may also ask to be added to the Clerk's E-mailing list, so that they receive prior notice of meetings and any relevant documents. In addition, all Parish Council minutes are now archived on the village website (see above). The latter also carries back copies of the Drayton Chronicle, the latest information on Drayton 2020, and details of other events in the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 3rd August 2015, at 7.30pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.



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# DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Stuart Davenport

The Vale of the White Horse District Council has a legal obligation to cooperate with neighbouring councils to ensure that regional housing targets are met. In practice, a consequence of this requirement is that this area may need to accept additional housing because neighbouring councils claim they cannot accommodate more housing units.



Oxford City Council's inability to meet projected housing needs has resulted in mounting pressure for this district to take even more housing, over and above the large housing target already being tackled by the Vale.

At the last full meeting of the council I supported a successful motion which called on Oxford City Council to review its own Local Plan to ensure that it maximises the use of land within their City boundaries. This should happen before looking to rural districts to take the strain.

The motion recognised the need to cooperate with other Councils and set out the way in which it intends to tackle what is known as Oxford's 'unmet need', including proper public consultation on the options available.

Here in the Drayton, as with the wider Vale, we have faced the tough reality of future housing needs with realism and determination.

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## COUNTY COUNCIL

**Richard Webber**

This is an appeal to all residents for understanding of the very difficult position in which County Officers (not to mention Councillors!) find themselves.

The age of austerity has not been even handed with local government. Cuts in government grants have hit all councils, but the New Homes Bonus (the grant awarded to councils for every house they allow to be built) has been split 80% to Districts and only 20% to Counties. Unfortunately, the bulk of the expensive infrastructure that the new houses need (roads, schools and social services) fall on the County Council budget. This imbalance has led to increasingly wealthy District Councils and increasingly cash-strapped County Councils.

Few of us involved in local government thought that the only decisions we would be making were "What should we cut next to balance the books?". Local government officers have to face often angry and frustrated residents with the only answer they can give – "I'm sorry, we would love to do x and y, but we have no budget for it".

Adjusting the New Homes Bonus split (to say 50:50) would allow the County to save many services – roads, buses, children's centres and so on – services which are at the moment under threat. It would not involve asking government for more money – the money is already there. At the Council meeting on Tuesday 14th July, I proposed a motion calling on Central Government to take another look at the way New Homes Bonus is apportioned between Councils. I am delighted to say that it was past unanimously, gaining full support even from those councillors who were also District Councillors. No-one wants Districts to be under the same strain as Counties, but until the split is more fairly apportioned, we will be in danger of having superb Leisure Centres with gold-plated taps (District responsibilities) which no-one can get to through the potholes and lack of bus services (County responsibilities). We all now need to persuade our MPs to take the message to Westminster before we lose any more vital services in the next budget round.

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# WESTMINSTER

Ed Vaizey



Despite recent tragic events in Tunisia and economic uncertainty in the Eurozone, many of us are thinking of traveling overseas for some guaranteed summer sunshine.

If you are planning a family holiday abroad this summer please do double check that your passports and EHC cards are up to date. The government has tightened up border controls and strengthened child protection. This is of

course welcome, but it does mean that it is no longer possible to renew a child's passport at the last minute using the "same day appointment" system.

Please also remember that the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is **not** a replacement for full travel insurance. It can be used in state-run hospitals in cases where immediate treatment is necessary across the EU. Do make sure you check out the details of the country you are visiting as it can be advisable to have a comprehensive plan as well. You do not need to pay for an EHIC card and information is available online at <https://www.ehic.org.uk> or by calling 0300 3301350.

I am also very pleased that overseas roaming charges – which make it expensive to use a mobile phone when abroad – will be abolished in two years' time in Europe. This welcome change will be preceded by a 14-month interim period in which companies can still add surcharges but at a reduced rate. It is estimated that roaming in the EU will be 75% cheaper during the interim period.

This month's postbag has been dominated by insecticides and bees, and in particular calls for restrictions on neonicotinoids. Bees and other pollinators play a vital role in the security of our food supply and the quality of our natural environment. In this constituency, Rows Honey based in Wallingford is one of the largest producers of honey for our tables, and recently sponsored an important event on bee-keeping hosted by the BBC presenter Martha Kearney. I am pleased the Government has done considerable work over the last few years to understand and protect them, most recently through the National Pollinator Strategy. I have been assured that my Ministerial colleagues are keeping evidence on neonicotinoids under close, open-minded scrutiny and will restrict their usage if the evidence shows the need to do so.

As ever, please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, at [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk) or on 020 7219 6350. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please do email me at [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk) or sign up at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).

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# DRAYTON DIARY

## FOR AUGUST

### Regular Events are listed opposite

All events are at Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise  
To book Drayton Hall call Tony Holmes on 531180  
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Sat	8	2.00 pm	DFEST Family Fun Day - until late
Mon	3	7.30 pm	Parish Council <i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
Mon	17	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery deadline <i>Vickery's</i>
		5.00 pm	Chronicle copy deadline <i>Vickery's box</i>
Tues	18	9.30 am	Boogie Beat SPECIALS
Sun	23	11.00 am	Cacti & Succulents sale

## The Celebration

Drayton Primary School

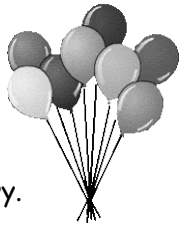
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## REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

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)	
5.00 pm	Rainbows (call Mary on 832077)	
7.30 pm	W.I. (2nd Thursday)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
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### 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>

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