

# DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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## JENNY POOLEY AWARD

Jenny, wife of Chronicle editor Derek Pooley, was recently presented with one of the 2015 Vale Community Awards. Her nomination acknowledged her contribution to the village by listing some of her work.

*Jennifer Pooley was a member of the Drayton Parish Council for 10 years, when she was the chair of the 'rights of way' working group. During this time she:*

*i). made a significant contribution to lobbying for the cycle track from Drayton to Abingdon to be constructed, now very well used.*

*ii). significantly improved many of the village footpaths getting many kissing gates, some new bridges etc. installed or replaced.*

*iii) always ensured the Drayton footpaths were kept in good condition, which is not always the case in all parishes.*

*In earlier years she was a Chronicle agent for about 15 years and since leaving the Council she has been the 'parish footpath warden', doing some path maintenance herself as well as flagging problems to the village caretaker, though she has recently had to quit to have a hip replaced.*



Jenny receiving the award from Mike Badcock, Chairman of the Vale of White Horse District Council

## NAME THAT STREET!

The Parish Council would like to have your suggestions for new street names in Drayton.

With the new housing developments envisaged under the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council will be asked by the VWHDC in the coming months and years for suggestions for several new street names. Suggestions might reflect Drayton's history (such as 'Kiln Lane' does) or its social life (Church Lane, The Green), or refer to features in the surrounding environment (like Crabtree Lane or Greenacres). If streets are named after living people they must give their agreement, or if they are no longer alive, their families need to agree.

Please email your suggestions to David Perrow, Parish Clerk at draytonclerk@gmail.com, or write c/o 12 Loddon Close, Abingdon, OX14 3TB or tel. 07909176061, or post your suggestions on the 'Families in Drayton' Facebook page

*David Perrow, Clerk to Drayton (Abingdon) Parish Council*

## DRAYTON ON THE WEB

Many readers by now will have come across the two websites that are linked to Drayton Village – the Village website and the Chronicle website. These are useful sources of information about the village and about the Chronicle. If you have access to the web, but haven't yet visited either site then now might be the time to try, I think that you will be pleasantly surprised. Even if you have, the Village website ([www.draytonvillage.co.uk](http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk)) has recently been updated with many new pages of information and a number of photographs. For example there are links to information about the Village history, the school, the Hall and a copy of the leaflet that has often been handed out to newcomers to the village. You can also find out information linked to the Parish Council and the Drayton 2020 planning group.

The Chronicle ([www.draytonchronicle.net](http://www.draytonchronicle.net)) and the village have recently linked their sites. There is a link on both websites to an archive of previous Chronicles, each of which can be downloaded and viewed with a program called Adobe Reader.

A new feature is that we are now placing adverts on the Village website. There will be a random allocation of three adverts appearing on most of the web site pages. These are selected from regular advertisers - those advertising for a year at the moment. We are planning to add a classified section on the village website to list local regular advertisers.

People and businesses who wish to advertise in the Chronicle can find out how to do so on page 2 of any issue or on the Chronicle website where deadlines and costs are listed.

*Stephen Fearnley, Chronicle Advertising Manager*

*(Editor's note: In the October 2015 issue of the Chronicle, Jules Meredith described how he had redesigned the Village website and Stephen has been collaborating with him on the linking of the two sites and how web adverts are handled).*

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

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

Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 12 February 2016**

Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Mon., 15 February 2016**

Printed copies available: **Friday, 26 February 2016**

## Key dates for the subsequent three Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
April	14 March 2016 *	24 March 2016 *
May	18 April 2016	29 April 2016
June	16 May 2016	27 May 2016

\* **These are late changes from earlier published information.**

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

## NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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If you wish to discuss your requirements please phone **Stephen Fearnley**, the Chronicle's Advertising Manager, on 531347 or email him at [advertising@draytonchronicle.net](mailto:advertising@draytonchronicle.net).

# CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter

## RESULTS OF THE JANUARY LOTTERY

Prize	Winner	Agent
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£20	Mrs Boydell 15 Steventon Road	Judy Henman
£15	J Hughes 29 Binning Close	Cathy Norris
£10	I Norris 11 Binning Close	Cathy Norris
£10	Bennett 63 Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson
£10	Mr Viner 19 Lockway	Christine Sadler
£10	Mr & Mrs Inger Fernhill Church Lane	Susan Brooks
£10	Mrs C Bullock 37 Whitehorns Way	Myrja Boyd
£10	Mr & Mrs I Brooks 8 Church Lane	Susan Brooks
£10	Mrs Norma Thouless 33 High Street	Ali Bone

Winning tickets, from 2087 sold, were randomly drawn by a computer (similar to the Premium Bond Draw)

### Carol's contact details

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### Cycling

Research into a community project on cycling has been postponed until PCSO Sue Haynes returns to work from sick leave. We wish her a speedy recovery.

### Protect yourself from bank scammers operating in Abingdon

Thames Valley Police is urging people to be on their guard amid reports of fraudsters targeting unsuspecting victims and convincing them to hand over large sums of cash.

In the past few weeks five people in Abingdon have handed over a total of approximately £25,000 in cash after being contacted by telephone by fraudsters asking for money. The caller claimed to be either a police officer, fraud investigator or bank employee and convinced victims to withdraw cash by claiming he needed the victim to work undercover to expose fraud, or because their bank account had been compromised.

Some victims hung up and then immediately telephoned their bank to confirm the claim but were unaware that the fraudster had kept the telephone line open, meaning that though the number for the bank was dialled the call was not connected. In fact the victims were unwittingly speaking once again to the fraudster. They were then misled further by a woman falsely claiming to be a bank employee, who continued the deception.

Some victims were convinced to withdraw cash from their bank accounts and then hand it over, in a sealed envelope, to a courier who called at their door later that evening. One woman was tricked into transferring cash into another bank account. Another was persuaded to buy two Rolex watches from a jewellers and then to hand them to a courier.

These fraudsters are very plausible and target honest and upstanding members of the community. Unfortunately they target vulnerable people including the elderly. Please remain vigilant and ensure that you, your family and friends know what to do should someone attempt this fraud.

- **Your bank will never send a courier to your home.**
- **Neither your bank nor the police will ever ask for your PIN.**
- **If you want to call your bank to check the validity of a call use another telephone line.**
- **If you have handed over any details to fraudsters contact your bank immediately and cancel your cards.**
- **If you receive one of these calls end it immediately.**

If you receive one of these calls report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via the website at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>. Dial 999 in an emergency. The non-emergency police number is 101. If you don't wish to speak to the police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously and free of charge on 0800 555111.

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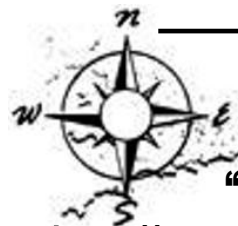
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	Mrs Linda Johnson	527521
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## REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW Traditional)
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (CW), except 2nd Sunday when there is a non-Eucharistic All Age Service.
Thurs	9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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

## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Tue 2nd	3pm	First Tuesday Connection	<i>Church Room</i>
Wed 10th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service	<i>Church</i>
Sun 21st	3.30pm	The Celebration	<i>Drayton Primary School</i>

## CHURCH REGISTER

### Funeral

26th November Frank Henry Beames

### Wedding

19th December Sophie Webber & Andrian Pawluk

## YOU STAY - WE PRAY, FEBRUARY

1st to 13th	Abingdon Road; Oday Hill; Binning Close; Haywards Road
14th to 20th	Sutton Wick Lane; Greenacres; Newman Lane; Conifer Drive
21st to 29th	Hilliat Fields; Lyford Close; Manor Close; The Green

## ST PETER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As we enter this New Year many are naturally feeling apprehensive, especially after the turbulent weather, flooding, and disturbing world events. Maybe also in our own lives we have experienced the death of loved ones or the loss of job or change in circumstances. What can we do with those anxieties and concerns that will enable us to take this year in our stride? The missionary apostle, St. Paul, gave this advice in a letter to friends: 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.' [Philippians 4:6]. Yes, he was writing to people of Christian conviction, but those wise words offer hope, and relief, even when our faith may not be quite so robust. Jesus himself gave this invitation to people from all walks of life and backgrounds: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' [Matthew 11:28].

Prayer works because God is alive, and cares deeply for this hurting world, and each of us within it. Prayer does change things – even within our own inner beings. To begin (and hopefully continue) this year by placing our anxieties and cares into the hands of God is a wise a way to start.

Whatever this New Year brings, we need not carry our anxieties on our own - hand them 'upstairs'. We can face the year with hope and with faith. We can begin the year with a new energy for new possibilities, new horizons, new beginnings. We can begin by placing our lives into Christ's hands, and welcoming him 'on board' for the journey ahead. It may not be easy, but you will have the best of all companions, and know His peace.

On Mother's Day Sunday 6th March at 10am, St Peter's church, the community are invited to join with us in celebrating the return of the medieval stone alabaster reredos (depicting the annunciation). The reredos was stolen nearly 3 years ago, due to Valerie Cross notifying the authorities the art thief was caught and many more items have also been recovered. There will be a short service of thanksgiving, with cake afterwards.

God Bless

*Rebecca*

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## LOCAL METHODIST WORSHIP

High Street, Milton

Sunday Service: 10.30 am

**Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409**

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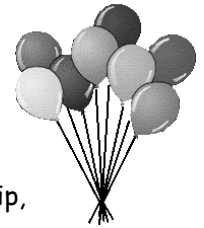
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# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## Richard Williams

Report of the Parish Council Meetings held on Mon 7th  
December 2015 and Mon 4th January 2016.

### December meeting:

Brian Eastoe presented a full scale drawing and specification for the memorial to remember the RAF personnel killed on 5th March 1957 when a Blackburn Beverley C Mk 1 heavy transport aircraft crashed in Sutton Wick. In giving their approval to the project, several councillors noted that the proposed memorial has aroused a lot of interest among residents, including their children and grandchildren (!), and that the event, though tragic, is part of Drayton's history and deserves to be remembered. It was suggested that it would be nice to include the number of RAF Police dogs that were also killed (though their names were not now known). The memorial will be located on the green opposite Sutton Wick pond, near to the postbox and bench seat, although its exact position is not yet confirmed.

The subject of purchasing MVAS (Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs) for the stretch of road between Drayton and Sutton Courtenay (the B4106) was discussed. This is a dangerous road and there have been numerous accidents along it, as well as one recent fatality. Most of the accidents (and a good many near misses) have been caused by drivers going at excessive speeds. The Parish Council acknowledges the hazards but felt that MVAS was not necessarily the solution. Although the proposal was to share costs with Sutton Courtenay PC, it appeared that the costs were potentially much greater than first appeared, and that maintenance, in particular, might be problematic. The logistics of actually moving the signs from one location to another could be difficult and there were question marks over the efficacy of the signs in any case. It was agreed to investigate further.

Grants were approved for 2016-17 to DAMASCUS, the Millennium Green Trust (for grass-cutting) and the Football Club (for general operating costs). It was noted that the Planning Committee had lodged a formal objection to the proposed development of 28 houses at the back of Halls Close. The Committee's response can be read on the Vale's website.

It was resolved to approve the appointment of Nigel Porter to the role of Drayton 2020 Plan Implementation Director on the recommendation of the interview panel (see Page 8 for details).

### January Meeting

Richard Seamark reported that the Football Club mower was broken. It was agreed that it was probably not worth repairing again, so soon after the last breakdown. Although the Parish Council is looking into the purchase of a new mower, it is also considering alternatives, such as extending the grass-cutting contract (up for renewal this spring) to cover the football field as well.

The Post Office has announced changes to be made at Drayton Post Office. The PC responded to their letter stating that the planned extension of opening hours would be welcome, but noting that any physical changes to the shop should not be to the operational or financial detriment of the shop owner or adversely affect the viability of the wider business. Councillors also asked that the fascia be refurbished at the same time (an improvement which was already being sought by Drayton2020 under the Drayton NDP); that the cheque cashing facility be retained; that the closure period for the refurbishment be minimised and the shop owner compensated for any loss of business. The Post Office was also asked about the possibility of providing a cash machine, preferably of the 'hole in the wall' type.

Grants have been sought towards the cost of the Lockway playground refurbishment; these are from WREN (Waste Recycling ENvironmental Ltd) and the Vale. Decisions should be known by the end of January. The repair to the playground surface beneath the Mizzenmast has now been carried out by Wicksteed.

The Planning Committee met on 11th January to discuss the proposed development of 8 houses at Eastway (behind the mobile home park). The Committee's formal objection to the application has now been sent to the Vale and as with the response to Halls Close, it can be read on the Vale's website.

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: note new web address at <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/>. The website also carries back copies of the Drayton Chronicle, information on the latest activities of the Drayton 2020 Implementation Committee, and details of other events in the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 1st February 2016, at 7.30pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.

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## LYFORD CLOSE PLAYGROUND



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One definite proposal has so far been received by the Parish Council. This is from a qualified builder who would like to use the site for a self-build housing project (probably 2 units).

Other suggestions put forward so far include:

- a community orchard;
- a wildlife area with seating and/or pond, possibly maintained by the school;
- a memorial garden;
- a smallholding rented out to an individual;
- a paddock rented out to an individual;

The Parish Council would like to get the opinions of local residents before proceeding, so if you wish to comment on any of the above suggestions, or add one of your own, please contact the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, via E-mail at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk. Please use 'Lyford Close' as the E-mail heading. It is also planned to deliver a questionnaire in similar format to this article to those residents living in or near to Lyford Close.



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## Drayton2020 Neighbourhood Plan Update

- **Nigel Porter** has been appointed as D2020 Implementation Director to work with developers to ensure that the community benefits (new sports facilities, new village green, playgrounds, open space etc. ) are delivered successfully. Nigel is semi-retired from Glanvilles, so has experience of working with developers, local government and builders.
- **Barrow Road** – this development now has planning permission for 73 houses and construction is about to start. The developer has decided to call the site ‘Walnut Meadow’ and the streets here will be named Chestnut Drive, Holly Lane, Willow Way, and Walnut Way.
- **South of High Street Site.** Planning permission is currently being sought by Bloor Homes for 140 houses. Revised plans were submitted to VWHDC in early January and are now available to view on their planning website at <http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/java/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P15/V2447/FUL>
- **Manor Farm.** A builder is currently negotiating to buy this site from the current owners.
- **Sports Pitches and Pavilion.** The land for the additional pitches and the new pavilion has been secured at Barrow Road/Walnut Meadow. A working group (Rob Drury-Dryden, Colin Arnold, Nigel Porter) are looking at devising a questionnaire for the village on its sports requirements, with a view to drawing up a final specification for an architect’s design, and applying for planning permission.
- **Playgrounds.** A playground design for Barrow Road/Walnut Meadow has been agreed. The existing Lockway playground is to be refurbished this Spring. The design and layout of play facilities for the proposed South of High Street site are being examined for comment back to VWHDC/Bloor Homes
- **Traffic Calming.** A 2nd Workshop to discuss the proposed traffic calming scheme is to be held on Saturday 20th February in the Drayton Village Hall, from 10am to 1pm. All are welcome to attend. The current version of the traffic calming scheme can be downloaded or read at: [http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/?page\\_id=698](http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/?page_id=698) under ‘Traffic and Transport’.
- **School and Pre-School.** A rebuild for the Pre-School is being discussed with Drayton School and OCC, together with the expansion of the School for the extra children expected from the growth of the village.
- **Tree planting.** The species and location for extra trees in the village is being explored by a working group (Tom Shebbeare, Andrew Bax, David Perrow), which is seeking expert advice on the specification for a planting scheme

*David Perrow, Clerk to Drayton (Abingdon) Parish Council*

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## FOUND ON THE MILLENNIUM GREEN

(Editor's Note: This item was received in November 2015 but the poor little mite has still not been reunited with his/her owner).



Found on the Millennium Green. Looks well loved and missed by someone. He has endured a week in the wind, rain and cold so has now had a warm bath and is awaiting his owner!

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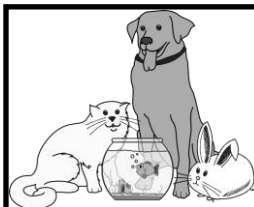
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# WESTMINSTER LETTER

## Ed Vaizey

May I wish all of my constituents a very happy new year. I hope 2016 will be a great year for you. There are, of course, many exciting events and milestones, not least the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations in June and the Rio Olympics.

The New Year is also a time when we get to celebrate those that have served our communities, industries and country. This year's New Year honours list included constituents such as Judith Hackitt, chair of the Health and Safety Executive, who has been made a Dame, and Grace Jackson who was awarded an OBE, for services to the Ebola Crisis Response in West Africa. Many congratulations to all the recipients. By the way, anyone can nominate someone for an honour. If you think there is someone who deserves one you can nominate them at <https://www.gov.uk/honours>.

It's never too late to make a new year resolution. A new local physical activities program, which may be of interest to you, has been set up. Go Active Gold will offer support for people in rural areas, age 60 and over, to live more active lifestyles. Run by Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Councils, funded by Sport England, you can have a go at many different activities including: Table Tennis, Golf, Bowls, Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, Nordic Walking and Dancing. Contact the team on 01235 540367 or [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/gold](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/gold), to find out more. (See "Go Active Gold" article on Page 11.)

My mailbag this month has been dominated by global issues such as religious freedom, the eradication of Polio, and opposition to the use of the death penalty. On the latter, the UK uses targeted diplomacy to persuade other governments to abolish the death penalty. In 2014 there were still 22 countries that executed people, while 140 countries were abolitionist in law or practice. I welcome the further efforts of the Government to see the long term trend towards abolition continue throughout this Parliament.

You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or [dicksonc@parliament.uk](mailto:dicksonc@parliament.uk). 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 my office at [badyaljb@parliament.uk](mailto:badyaljb@parliament.uk) or sign up at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).

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# COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

## Richard Webber

### The County Council Budget

By now many of you will be heartily sick of hearing about the state of the County Council's finances. Me too! Now that the full implications of Mr Osborne's Autumn Statement have become clear, it has been calculated that the £50m extra savings required in December has now become £70m. And it is the Shire Counties of England that have been singled out for special treatment. I can buy the argument that we must pay off the mess of 2008 and that it is a bigger mess than we first thought, but why we have to do this by a particular date of Mr Osborne's choosing escapes me. Further pain could be avoided by acknowledging that we need a couple more years to get the economy back to where we want it. But the government that the country voted for last May has laid down the timetable, so we are where we are.

The trouble is that the challenge of setting a budget in the current climate of austerity swamps everything the Council does. There is little time, energy or even manpower (thanks to cuts already made) to focus on anything else than how to make a shrinking sum of money cover ever increasing obligations (mostly caused by steadily increasing child and adult care costs). Such is the shortage of manpower that far too few people are engaged in trying to find new ways of saving and generating money. Almost everyone is in the business of taking on ever more work and hoping to keep their jobs. Local democracy and party politics has become almost irrelevant, as there is no money or time to do anything differently. It is, in short, a battle for survival.

The Council has a legal obligation to set a balanced budget in February. If we do not do this, we are told that we could face dire penalties collectively and even individually. It looks likely that we could rearrange things (playing a few accountancy tricks) to produce a managed budget for one more year, after that we face a mountain. So all we can look forward to is gaining a little more time to pull things around. We cannot afford to waste the little time we have. We need to engage and involve the Counties residents, the City, District and Parish Councils in imaginative ways of generating income. We are forever being told that Oxfordshire is one of the wealthiest counties in the country – there is no shortage of money. But in whose pockets is that money? The County Council must get more involved in the County's thriving economy. It should be joining the action.

The alternative is to lose our Children's Centres, lose all our subsidised Bus Services, isolate our Rural Communities, and continue to spend all our time worrying about what to cut next as more and more people fall into vulnerability.

It's pretty depressing news for the New Year.

So is there no light at the end of the tunnel? Here are a few ideas that might, at least, help to improve things in the mid term.

An Oxfordshire Unitary Council. No doughnut, no series of mini-unitaries – just one single authority saving at least £50m. All Councils (and Councillors) would have to agree to disband and have to agree to bring to an end the silo mentality of Oxfordshire politics. It will not happen overnight, but we should be talking about it now.

Sell/Rent County Hall in Oxford – a very valuable property in a key part of the City, already in the throws of development.

Warn all the people with whom we have major contracts, that either they come to the table to give us a better deal, or we break these contracts and renegotiate them with others.

Encourage District Councils (whose finances are benefiting enormously from New Homes Bonus) to take on some of the social care responsibilities currently funded by OCC.

Make all the above as public as we can so that everyone has to justify to Oxfordshire residents what they argue they could and could not do.

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# DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

## Stuart Davenport

2015 was the year of voting, wasn't it? The year that just went was general election year, and 2016 is where we can concentrate on things other than politicians and their claims (and the inevitable counter-claims). Unfortunately this doesn't look like it is going to be the case.

Part of the Conservative manifesto was a promise of a referendum on the UK's membership of the EU by the end of 2017. As you will doubtless have heard in the press, once the Prime Minister has finished his re-negotiation the referendum will be following swiftly behind.

This matters to readers of this column because the Vale of the White Horse District Council is responsible for managing voter registration, postal and proxy voting, and polling stations for elections. If the council does not have you registered, or does not know you would like a postal vote, then you may not be able to express your democratic voice.

In early autumn everybody should have received a letter from the council asking them to check the details of those living in the house. If this was not correct and you still have not let the council know, you can update your records through the web address [www.registerbyinternet.com/southandvale](http://www.registerbyinternet.com/southandvale). You will need the security code on your letter.

As the date of the EU referendum has not yet been announced, many may worry about missing the vote when it happens for reasons of work, holiday or ill-health. If you would like to register for a postal vote you can request this via this online form: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote>.


Although the EU vote has national significance, there will also be Oxfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner elections on the 5th May 2016.

So please do make sure you have the right to vote. The vote on the EU will be a defining moment for our nation and whether you agree with the European project or not, please don't lose your right to have a say.

As ever, I can be contacted on:

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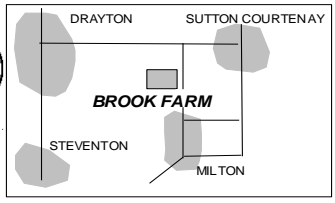
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The play is directed by Deidre Jones (well known for her BreakaLeg Productions plays at the Unicorn Theatre).

We look forward to welcoming you on one of these dates for an evening of mystery and merriment.

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Cast list in order as seen from left to right in the above picture:

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- Robert Westerby *Mike Davies*
- Claire Marshall *Mirja Boyd*
- Richard Marshall *Anthony King*
- Marian Selby *Angela George*
- Detective Superintendent Baxter *David Fardon*
- Detective Constable Goddard *Mike Lord*

## DRAYTON TWINNING Stephen Fearnley

It has been a quiet period for the twinning with little going on over Christmas. By the time you read this, Michael Bell and I will have given an illustrated talk to the Abingdon Twinning group about our visits to and hosting of twinning from Lesparre.

We have been invited to go to Lesparre this year in July and shall be there from Thursday the 21st to Tuesday 26th. The invitation is open to members of the village. We arrange our own transport, some fly, some drive and some take the opportunity to visit other parts of France. Lesparre is keen to host those learning French at school or college so do persuade your parents / teachers to join in! If previous experience is anything to go by we shall be extremely well looked after, visit places of interest (maybe including famous Chateaux?) and have a fascinating insight to normal life in France. Our Chairman notes there is a Jazz Festival on during this period.

We expect to be providing teas at Lime Close towards the end of February. This is very early in the year and few other gardens will be open but there should be an interesting selection of spring flowers. This should provide an opportunity to meet current twinning people so do ask for more information. Better still come along to help whilst getting to know even more. Please feel free to contact me on 01235 531347 or Michael Bell on 01235 531388 if you are tempted or work with us at Lime Close and/or to find out more about Drayton Twinning with Lesparre. You won't be disappointed.

## GARD

### Nick Thompson

In my last update I made it clear that the threat of the Upper Thames Reservoir being built hard against our four affected villages had not gone away. Thames Water are now well into the planning for their next five year Water Resources Management Plan which is due to be produced in 2019. A GARD representative attends the Thames Water quarterly stakeholder meetings and our consultant, Dr John Lawson FREng attends their technical meetings to represent our interests. It is becoming clear that the company has not accepted the recommendations of the Inspector following the 2010 Public Inquiry and despite her recommendation that only a much smaller reservoir was needed, (which could be in a number of alternative locations), Thames Water are still talking about the full sized one covering an area the size of Gatwick Airport and having massive earth walls rising to 30 metres high above the level of surrounding villages. The nine year construction period would cause huge disruption and the flooding risks associated with a 25 metre head of water pressure are very serious.

GARD is doing all it can to ensure that the cheaper, less expensive, less environmentally damaging and quicker to construct solutions of water transfer via the River Severn and re-use of treated waste water are eventually selected. The incentive for Thames water to choose the reservoir option is financial in that the regulator (Ofwat) rules allow the company to take greater profits for Thames Water shareholders (Australian, Chinese and Middle Eastern) at the expense of consumers if a reservoir is selected. Whilst GARD will fight to stave off the reservoir, we sincerely hope that the recently announced National Infrastructure Commission will require Ofwat to change the rules and will also support the water transfer option which would form an arm of a national water grid.

## DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB John Gould

As advised in the last Chronicle report, Drayton Table Tennis Club Annual Quiz will take place on Friday 11th March 2016 at the School. It's always an enjoyable event that raises funds for the club. We hope a few new faces will be keen to join with the regular attendees. Please ring 01235-531328 for more detail.

The Bidmead Cup that the club has won on many previous occasions is well under way and I hope the team has made it through the early round where we played Wallingford TT Club. In addition, our seven teams will be involved in the Handicap Shield competition and I'll report on their progress in future issues.

The Didcot League is over the halfway point and our Division 5 teams are both well placed to challenge for promotion. This will be welcome should they achieve the summit as our Division 4 team are fighting relegation and the teams may well swap places at the season end.

The C team are also nearer the bottom than the top of Division 2 but Lewis Waddup is doing his best to keep them safe. Having won 75% of his matches he's proven that moving up a division holds no fear for him. Thankfully the A team in Division 1, B team in Division 2 and D team in Division 3 are all happily in mid table so should consolidate over the remaining ties.

We look forward to seeing some of you at the quiz.

## DRAYTON WIVES

### Gwen Price

We have had a busy time recently. In November a full coach of Drayton Wives and their friends went to Cheltenham mainly for Christmas shopping but also to enjoy the lovely town. Next, our meeting was given a talk by three ladies from Oxford Museum, who brought various exhibits of Christmas decorations, books, toys and dolls of earlier times, some of which we remembered. We were able to handle them and reminisce, I don't think the present generation of youngsters would appreciate them! In December we had our Christmas tea party which had food and entertainment provided by the committee. The tables were decorated with Christmas trees made by the Craft group which is a very successful group producing some lovely things.

A reminder that Whist is now in the afternoon on the second week of each month. Non members are welcome.

## BOWLS CLUB

### Roll up

We start these notes by looking back to October when we held 'The Friendly Fours' competition, the winners were South Oxford Bowls club. This year it was decided to donate the proceeds to charity, and a grand sum of £564-50 was raised and this went to 'Cancer Research'. A big thank you to all who made donations to the event, and a really big thanks to Jane, Carol, and the ladies for organizing the day.

Finals day in December was another great success with just over 30 members present to witness a fine days bowling. The full list of winners from all competitions held throughout the year were as follows: 'Friendly Fours', South Oxford B; 'Rose Bowl Triple League', B. Jones, Chris Smith, M. Strachan; 'John Berry Fours League', J & P Mitchenson, A Holmes, I Toreens; 'Henry Bunce Handicap Pairs', Bryn Jones, Jack Mitchenson; 'Wally Weightman Triples', Val Locke, June Hyde, Carol Smith; 'Don Alexander Triples', Bryn Jones, June Hyde, Anne Hedges; 'Beryl James Pairs', Val Locke, Bryn Jones; 'Doreen Jones Never Won Singles', Marjorie Strachan; 'Gents Singles', Ian Norris; 'Ladies Singles', Val Locke; 'Attwood Cup', Val Locke; 'Didcot Windows Open Singles', Tony Wright. The day ended with a buffet meal, Val and ladies put on a fine spread enjoyed by all, and thanks to June for organizing what was a very good raffle.

The afternoon league, 'The Wasps' are top of their section at the half way stage with a very small lead, while the Hammers are mid table with a bit to do in the second half.

The 'Rose Bowl League' is underway and will go on till April, and the first of the Sunday competitions, 'The Wally Weightman Triple' was due to be held on 24th January.

## HALL REPORT

### Tony Holmes

Firstly, sad news re **Ann Webb** (chair of Hall C'tee) who's had a nasty fall whilst out and about, at time of writing (mid-Jan) is getting fed up waiting in the JR for an op. **We wish her well**, and hopefully by the time this issue hits village doormats she'll be back home to read it!

Drayton Players – as you'll have seen elsewhere in this issue – are back on stage early in the month, with **BusyBody**, a comedy 'whodunnit' with lots of motives. I see a press review from a previous production: - "This play will keep you on the edge of your seats whilst having you roaring with laughter trying to work out who-dunnit?". The author, Jack Popplewell, was a prolific playwright and songwriter, with several songs recorded by Bing Crosby, Gracie Fields, Anne Shelton, etc (younger readers, ask your parents!). **BusyBody** was first on the West End stage with Irene Handl in the 60s, and has been filmed in several countries. Performances are Feb 5/6th, and 12/13th, so successive Fridays and Sats, 7.30pm, tickets from Vickery's store or call 200350. The bar will be open, do try and come along to support them.

We have a **Traffic Calming 'workshop'**, all welcome to attend, on Sat Feb 20th, 10am until 1pm. Barrow Road development is just getting started at the top end of the village, with others to follow at some point, the 2020 group want to know your views.

The Leisure team at South Oxon & Vale councils are trying out **Junior Zumba sessions**, Weds Feb 24th (10.30am) initially for 6 weeks; they're intended for '**mums & kids**' and will be just £3. The mums I know tell me they're active enough already, but apparently surveys have been done and this is one activity that some of them suggested, so do call **Emma Freeman**, their 'Active Women Activator' on 01235 540444 or 07801 203550 if you'd like to give it a try.

Now, a **good cause to support**, 'Riding for the Disabled' a worthwhile local charity, are holding their annual charity **Quiz Night** at the Hall, Sat. Feb 27th at 7.30pm, max 8 in a team. Please call Kate Cook on 01865 875020 for details and to enter. I'm told they do **a lovely supper included in the price!**

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**And, sorry, a grumble.** We're now down to just one dustpan and brush, a few months ago we had **three!** It's nice to know they're a handy design, as someone has decided the missing ones would have a nice home at their place. However, rather than stealing such things (we had some cleaning products also taken), just tell us and we'll give you the money. That's less of a nuisance than having to go and replace these items! Oh, and if anyone knows who is apparently on an early spring cleaning binge, with at least one (rather battered) dustpan & brush they didn't use to own, please do get in touch. If we find the culprit(s), maybe we could come round to theirs and steal a few things, see how they like it? The Hall has a yearly battle to balance ever-increasing costs with income, and a shortfall could mean increasing hire fees; whilst replacing these things will not be a massive amount, we do have a steady stream of thefts & damage, and it all mounts up.

Speaking of costs, recent bad weather has worsened the car park potholes, so at some point we'll have a chunky bill for repairs. If anyone knows a suitable benefactor, we'd love to hear from them, ditto of course if there's some cheap tarmac looking for a home. For our users driving in, DO BEWARE the holes, especially near the entrance – there's one there I always seem to hit. Our (limited) budget will permit some repairs, but there's no point until the weather improves.

### DRAYTON W.I.

### Brenda Malin

There was no report in the last Chronicle, not because we had not been busy, but because the very interesting history of Drayton Women's Institute, compiled by Ann Webb, to celebrate the centenary of the founding of the Women's Institute could not be accommodated in the very full Christmas issue. Unfortunately Ann has had a rather nasty fall since the New Year and is at present in hospital, I am sure all of her friends and colleagues in the village will wish her a speedy recovery. Ann's article will be published at a later date.

The ninety fifth anniversary of Drayton's W.I. was celebrated, in some style in the Church room, within yards of the Methodist chapel, where the first meeting was held in 1920. We are very proud that our Institute has been going without a break for all these years.

We had our usual Christmas meeting, finding time to celebrate again with yummy food and plenty of happy chatter. Our January meeting was anything but chatty, in fact we were struck silent by 'Shelly' of Shelly Chocolates, demonstrating and making her hand made chocolates. New Year's resolutions were quickly over ridden in the interest of courtesy to our quest speaker, who was most generous with her finished work. Shelly is a very talented lady, besides being a chocolatier, she is also a violinist and a wonderfully interesting speaker.

**February 11th 7pm The Plumb Pudding Milton.** (don't forget to let Jill know your meal choice)

### DRAYTON SCHOOL

### Marc Knight

Term 2 of this academic year ended on a high note with some superb Christmas performances. Moreover, we are very pleased with the results of the parent questionnaires we sent out just before the Christmas break. The questionnaires were based around a number of statements, including: 'The school is well led and managed' and 'My child is taught well'. Analysis (very kindly carried out by Pat Athawes) revealed that on all of these statements an overwhelming majority of parents ticked 'agree' or 'strongly agree'.

Term 3 has started with a bang. Children in all of our classes are learning about extreme weather events, such as severe cold snaps and flooding. Our value for this term is responsibility. We are encouraging children to take responsibility for their learning, for the school environment and for the wider world.

As some of you will be aware, the local authority are consulting on whether our school intake (into Reception each September) will

rise to 30. This proposal is outlined in a document on our school website.

During the last week of January all of our children in Year 4 will be performing at the Pegasus theatre in Oxford. This represents the culmination of a 12 week literacy project. This is a fantastic opportunity, given that the theatre only work with 4 Oxfordshire schools each academic year.

There are a number of exciting events coming up over the next few months. These include: maths week, class assemblies, storytelling week, community week and mother's day lunch.

At present we are trying to revitalise our parent/teacher association, FODSA (Friends of Drayton school association). A strong PTA enables us to organise the numerous events, such as summer fetes, that we are planning. FODSA is also significant from a fundraising perspective. Please contact our school if you are interested in contributing. We would love to hear from you!

For further information on our school, please visit our school website: <http://www.drayton-pri.oxon.sch.uk/> or follow our Twitter account (@draytonpri)

Visits to our school are warmly welcomed - please contact our school office (01235 531316) to arrange.

### 1st DRAYTON BROWNIES Annette Mitchell

We would like to welcome Lily-Mai to our pack and hope she enjoys her time with us.

This term we are concentrating on the Artist and Traditions Badge. We started the term with patchwork pictures using different art mediums including glue and glitter, you can see the results on our board at the hall.

The Brownies are going to have a go at knitting! Hopefully they will have knitted a small scarf for a teddy bear by the end of term!

We had a Swedish theme one evening, we listened to Abba, made Lapp Marks and ate Dime bars and meatballs!

A big thank you to Mirja Boyd for her donation to Brownies.

Meetings are held at Drayton Village Hall, on Wednesdays during school term from 6pm – 7.30pm, meetings are open to all girls aged between 7 – 10 years old. You can register your interest on the girl guiding website and click on

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

Further details are available from:

Ruth Hudson (Brown Owl) on 01235 205111

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# YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

## Drayton 2020 plan - time to re-think?

We were part of the minority of Drayton residents who voted against the Drayton 2020 plan last year. There were many reasons for this but the two principal ones were:-

The infrastructure of the village cannot cope with such a dramatic (25%+) increase in population almost overnight. The roads will become gridlocked with the extra 1500+ cars on the road (they are already at critical levels at peak times) and the drainage systems just cannot cope. Not to mention school places etc.

The ethos and characteristic of the village and village life would be severely impacted with such an increase and we will end up as part of Abingdon town. Day to day life will become so challenging - just getting the kids to school will be a nightmare and unsustainable.

Unfortunately, the Drayton 2020 plan was voted in favour and we have been watching, with interest the various planning applications taking place and in particular the one for the Land at the South of High Street as it adjoins the boundary of Conifer Drive.

At the time of the referendum, the 'pro' campaign were telling us that signing up to the Drayton 2020 plan would mean no more development (beyond the agreed 3 sites) until at least 2030. Since then, we have seen planning applications made for 19 houses in Chiers Drive and now 8 houses in East Way and I am sure there will be others. It appears therefore, that the adopted plan is not actually stopping any other developments being put forward and it will be interesting to see if these or any other future applications are given consent. If they are, then I would hope DPC and the 2020 planning committee admit they got it wrong and start to support the real need of making the infrastructure capable of supporting a reasonable amount of growth BEFORE promoting any plans for development.

Ironically but thankfully, DPC have recently objected against the 140 dwelling planning application on the land south of High Street. I find this almost laughable given they are effectively voting against their own supported plans but I hope they are now starting to see the impact this and the other developments are going to cause. Amongst many reasons cited is the potential traffic issues this development will cause and at last it seems someone is listening to what we have been saying for a long time.

The traffic calming measures proposed as part of Drayton 2020 plan are frankly a joke. It is not calming and sticking plaster measures we need but proper infrastructure investment that is going to move the current and extra 1500+ cars along the road in an efficient way. If these developments happen with the traffic calming measures as currently proposed then Drayton and the other villages will simply be gridlocked at peak times with no one able to move anywhere. I have spoken to many people who have said they will simply 'sell up' if this happens and we will do the same.

I therefore urge DPC and the 2020 committee to re-think the 2020 plan and instead get behind fixing the real infrastructure issues first before pressing ahead with more realistic growth plans of 10% or less otherwise it will mean disastrous consequences for the village of Drayton and its residents.

Mr & Mrs Tamburro

## Giuseppe Fossella (Pepe)

Dear Editor

Thank you to all who attended Pepe's funeral and left contributions to Parkinsons UK. A total of £486.45 was donated and duly sent in.

Thank you once again.

Ann Fossella

Dear Editor

## Friday Club

This is a good time of the year for Beryl Dawson and myself to thank the volunteer cooks and drivers for their continued help throughout the year. Your contribution makes the Friday Club the success it is, so thank you.

Special thanks to the two Sallys, Pam and Margaret for a wonderful Christmas lunch.

On behalf of the Club members I would also like to thank the person who anonymously donated the crocheted blankets, they were very much appreciated and are already in use.

Sylvia Bond

*(Editor's note: The Friday Club is held once every two weeks in the Caudwell Day centre. It is run by volunteers Sylvia Bond and Beryl Dawson and they are supported by a team of volunteer cooks and drivers. Various activities for elderly people are organised between 11 am and 3 pm during which time a lunch is served. The number of members is limited to twelve and currently all the places are filled. There is a waiting list so if anyone is interested in a place, they should contact Sylvia on 01235 531627 for the latest situation.)*



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## DRAYTON DIARY

### DIARY FOR February

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

To book Drayton Hall call Tony Holmes on (01235) 531180 or visit the hall website :- [www.draytonvh.co.uk](http://www.draytonvh.co.uk)

Mon	1	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Fri	5	7.30pm	BusyBody (Players – Comedy Whodunnit)
Sat	6	7.30pm	BusyBody (tickets Vickerys or 200350)
Sun	7	10.30am	Private Function (child's party)
Fri	12	7.30pm	BusyBody (Players – Comedy Whodunnit)
Sat	13	7.30pm	BusyBody (tickets Vickerys or 200350)
Sun	14	2.00pm	Private Function (child's party)
Mon	15	5.00pm	<b>Chronicle Deadline</b>
Thur	18	10.00am	Private Function (Small Hall)
Sat	20	10.00am	Traffic Calming Seminar (to 1pm)
		2.00pm	Private Function (child's party)
Sun	21	9.00am	Bowls Club
Tues	23	6.00pm	Private Function (Small Hall)
Weds	24	10.30am	Junior Zumba (mums & kids, 1 of 6 weeks)
Fri	26	7.30pm	Private Function (AYF Quiz Night)
Sat	27	10.00am	Private Function (child's party)
		7.00 pm	Charity Quiz (Riding for Disabled)

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by application to David Perrow, Parish Clerk:

email [draytonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:draytonclerk@gmail.com) or

tel. 07909176061 (mobile)

**Deadline for Sealed bids (only in envelopes provided)**

**19th February 2016**

## REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

### MONDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Pilates (Call 01235 814299)	
1.15 – 2.15 pm	Baby Sign Language Classes (in Term)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys / girls, 6–8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
6.30 – 8.00pm	Damascus youth group	
7.00 – 8.00pm	Table Tennis (Coaching)	<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>
7.30 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.45 – 8.45 pm	Drayton Drop In (Except Bank Holidays)	
8.00 – 10.00pm	Table Tennis (Social play)	<i>School</i>
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>
8.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	

### TUESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	Dietician	
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.30 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 – also at 8 pm	
7.00 – 10.00pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

### WEDNESDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Life diet advice	
10.00–11.30am	Pebbles – Baby, Toddler and Carer group (in Term)	<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 Car Pk</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	
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)	
7.00 – 10.00pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>

### THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
	followed by lunch club and afternoon session	
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (First Thursday in Month)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group (in Term)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.00 – 10.00pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)	
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing. Tel: 531701	

### FRIDAYS

9.00 am	Pre-School (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	<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 Time (1st Sunday)	<i>Baptist Church</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	<i>Baptist Church</i>

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