## DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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## **MEMORIALS FOR**

#### RINGER ROBINSON'S PLAQUE **Glyn Johnson**

Sunday 22nd May 2016 was a day of celebration for Drayton, St. Peter's Church and all those with an interest in bell-ringing. The Rt. Reverend Colin Fletcher, Bishop of Dorchester-on-Thames, unveiled a blue plaque - Drayton's first - to mark the contribution made by a former vicar of Drayton to the craft of modern bell-ringing, both in the Oxford Diocese and world-wide.



Reverend Francis The Robinson was vicar of St. Peter's Church in Drayton from 1878 to 1908 and was one of the founders - and first Master - of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. He was elected to the post in January 1881 and held the position until his death in 1910.

On becoming vicar of St. Peter's Church in 1878, he made a donation of two bells to bring St. Peter's total count

to eight - a number which is exceptional to find in a small village church. This enabled Rev. Robinson to achieve his dream of being the first clergyman to ring a 'peal' on the bells of his own church. He also conducted the first peal rung entirely by clergymen.

The day of the unveiling began with a service in St. Peter's,

presided over by the Bishop, followed by the unveiling of the plaque and a buffet lunch provided by the congregation of St. Peter's. Several of Rev Robinson's family were there to see their ancestor honoured, including granddaughter



Liz, in the picture with Bishop Colin. The ringers of St. Peter's, led by bell captain Nick Clarke, added the necessary atmosphere, including a lengthy and spectacular peal through the afternoon.

We send our grateful thanks to everyone, too many to mention individually, for making this joyous event possible.

#### Also in this issue:

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#### WELCOME, HARRY III

**Geoff Caudle** 

Chronicle readers may be interested to hear of a new arrival in the Bisby family. Harry Alexander Bisby was born on May 7th, a son for Luke and Lin

Bisby, Grandson for Mark and Isobel Bisby in Ottawa, great grandson of the late Harry and Mary Bisby and also of the late Harry and Dorothy Poulton, all four of Drayton. (Luke is now a Professor of Fire and Structures at Edinburgh University and is a co-presenter in the current 'Impossible



Engineering' series on the television channel 'Yesterday').

Editor's Note: For the Chronicle Team, the first Harry Bisby is a special hero. It was he more than any other who launched the Drayton Chronicle (the first issue - January 1978 - is available in the Chronicle archive on the village web site) and set it on the path it has pursued ever since. For the village Harry Poulton also left many lasting memorials, not least because it was his company that built Drayton's village hall and many of its houses (including ours which is the nicest we've ever lived in). We hope Harry III will be able to contribute as impressively as his great-grandfathers.

## **SPORTS FACILITIES SURVEY**

#### **David Perrow**

Drayton 2020 plans a major revamp of the sports and leisure facilities in Drayton including:

- A new sports pavilion and pitches at Barrow Road (now called Walnut Meadow)
- A refurbishment of the Drayton Hall at Lockway
- Additional facilities outside Drayton Hall (such as a possible skate park/BMX track)
- New children's' play areas at Barrow Road and South of High Street
- A new Village Green on the Manor Farm site (opposite the entrance to Hilliat Fields)
- Improved footpaths and cycle routes
- A walking/activity trail South of High Street

Some of these facilities are being provided by developers. Others have a financial contribution or land from developers, but the Drayton Community will need to raise money by grants, loans and local fundraising to pay for improved leisure facilities

A Sports Needs survey is now available for Drayton residents to complete - on behalf of Drayton Parish Council & Drayton 2020 - to help plan these additional facilities for Drayton. It takes only a few minutes to complete - you can do this as a family, household or an individual. You can complete it either online at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DraytonSports or via the link from http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/ (the village website).

Alternatively you can send a completed form as an attachment to draytonclerk@gmail.com or by post to David Perrow, Drayton Parish Clerk, c/o 12 Loddon Close, Abingdon, OX14 3TB or to any Parish Councillor or Drayton 2020 member)

If you are unable to complete the survey online and would like either an emailed copy or a printed version - or if you have any questions about this survey then please contact David Perrow, Drayton Parish Clerk, by phone on 07909176061 or by email to drayton.clerk@gmail.com.

## **CHRONICLE INFORMATION**

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

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

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October	19 September 2016	30 September 2016	

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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.

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1. The best is by email to 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!

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

- 2. If you cannot send your contribution by email, send us a good quality paper version, using fairly large, simple, black typescript, without underlining, on white paper, A4 or smaller.
- 3. Finally, we do accept hand-written items. However, in this case please write the names of people and places in capital letters. This does save a lot of mistakes.

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### YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

The collection for the Children's Society in Steventon Road, Haywards Road, Binning Close, Lockway, Whitehorns Way and Marcham Road in April raised £181.46. Many thanks to all those who kindly contributed!

Kind regards

Doreen Bourn

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

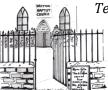
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Dear Editor

I see that EU Polling day, June 23rd, is creeping up on us almost without notice! Whatever our feelings, whichever campaign has managed to reach us with a cogent argument, or a properly researched fact (I gather there are some out there!), or if we're still on the fence and hoping for late inspiration, we should all go along to village hall and vote. There are arguments for both sides, so it may not be an easy choice for some people.

Personally, I can see a few arguments for staying in, and rather more for leaving, but I'm old enough to still resent being lied to when we joined (it was then about trade, not creating a European State, with laws made by un-elected civil servants). If it helps, I notice that a couple of months ago, our PM was willing to take us out, if we didn't get suitable concessions re benefits for migrants, but now it seems quite essential to him that we stay in – very odd – and his feelings reportedly don't extend to having a TV debate with Boris Johnson or Nigel Farage. It's famously also some 19 years since the EU was able to publish properly audited accounts, if it was a company, would it still be in business?

Yours sincerely

Tony Holmes

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Service

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#### **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

Mon. 7.45 pm Bell Ringing Practice Bell Tower
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#### **CALENDAR FOR APRIL:**

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#### **CHURCH REGISTER:**

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#### FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS Jean Hager

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#### Letter from Rev. Rebecca Peters

Dear Friends

This week a friend rang to tell me that the lump she had discovered is cancerous. She was greatly upset and shocked, not yet having the complete diagnosis and waiting to see the doctors at the hospital. When those close to us are hit with serious illness or the sudden loss of a loved one, it sends us into shock and turns



our world upside down. During these times, we wonder where God is and why God has allowed this to happen. We wonder why, if God really loves us, these things happen to us. Finally we get angry and disillusioned with God.

I don't have the answers to why God allows this to happen. However, I do know that God has experienced similar feelings, when his son was publicly humiliated and disgraced, violently tortured and crucified. I also know that his Love for us can uphold us, as we walk the difficult road of suffering. He longs to comfort us and draw us to himself, so that we might gain strength from his presence with us and gradually gain a sense of peace. In Jesus' sermon-on-the-mount he says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4) Jesus also points to a hope for the future, whereby life will be restored and renewed. Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." (John 11:25) Now is the time to start trusting and abiding in God's love for us. If you would like to take time out to discuss this with me, do get in contact.

This Sunday 12th June we will be having a Messy Church stall at the Drayton School fete 11am -2pm, hence there will be no separate Messy Church service this month. The next family event will be Sunday 17th July 3:30pm at Drayton School, Games and a bring-and-share family picnic. All are welcome.

God Bless Rebecca



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#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS**

We extend a very warm welcome to Mr. Chris Powell who has moved to Church Lane from Milton Keynes.

The **Sobell House Hospice Bereavement Service** is looking for new volunteer bereavement workers

Two 'Open Evenings' have been scheduled to help prospective volunteers find out more about the role, the Bereavement Service and the wider hospice organisation. These will take place at Sobell House in the Churchill Hospital in Oxford on Tuesday 21st June (6pm to 8pm) and Wednesday 6th July (4pm to 6pm).

The use of a telephone and car are essential requirements; and all legitimate expenses will be reimbursed

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Julian Bond, Bereavement Service Co-ordinator on 01865 225857 or Julian.Bond@ouh.nhs.uk

#### **DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Tony Holmes** 

The Hall AGM was in May; the same officers will be continuing. We're having a look at the original constitution (now 40+ years old!), as it needs a few tweaks to



bring it up to date. Back then there were more village groups, and each one sent a rep to the committee!

A previous report mentioned that we've obtained a small grant (grateful thanks to VoWHDC) to help with a couple of things, the principal item will be replacement front doors, the existing ones are failing for several reasons. This work should hopefully be done in the next couple of months, one complication will be that all regular groups and hirers will need new keys, so we'll be in touch on that. At least we'll get our keys register up to date!

Now a little mystery: Hall has a defibrillator, on the outside of the lobby. Recently it was checked, and apparently there was a small wind-up torch in the box (for night use), but it has DISAPPEARED, though we're unaware of anyone having needed to use the box for first-aid. Anyone know someone who's recently acquired a new torch? The box has an entry code, which you'd usually get after a 999 call, and that should be the only way to get into it! Any info, please call David Perrow, (Parish Council), on 07909 176061 (mobile) or draytonclerk@gmail.com

Regular users will have noticed that our car-park has developed more and larger holes during recent bad weather, and probably know to avoid them by now! We're trying to get quotes for repairs, all so far seem an incredibly high price, so if you know a benefactor who'd like to sponsor the car-park, do let us know! It's good to have a decent size car-park, compared to some halls, but right now it's not such a blessing!

Bookings of child's birthday parties are very popular at weekends, so parents, please don't leave it too late.

The 'bra bank' is back in action, now the recycling firm has been sorted out by the Breast Cancer charity it's in aid of. And our Bowls Club (various weekly sessions), and Sequence Dance club (Thursday evenings) are friendly groups who'd welcome a new member or two (see Hall diary – back page – for contact info).

There's an exhibition on Tuesday 7th June, 4pm to about 8pm, put on by the agent for the likely Manor Farm developer, so do come and check out the latest ideas. EU Polling day, June 23rd, seems to be creeping up on us almost without notice. As usual for elections, Hall is in use for polling, so our normal Main Hall Thursday groups should be aware of that day's usage. Whatever your feelings, whichever campaign has managed to reach you with a cogent argument, or a properly researched fact (I gather there are some out there!), or if you're still on the fence and hoping for late inspiration, DO come and vote.

## **ALL AROUND**

#### 1ST DRAYTON BROWNIES Annette Mitchell

Continuing our look back through the decades, we looked at hair, make-up, fashion and music in the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's. The 1950's was a roaring success, all the Brownies dressed up 1950's style, and some had already had their hair and makeup done. We learnt how to dance to 'Rock Around The Clock' and drank soda! We also had a go at making perfume.



As part of the 'Out-and-About' badge the Brownies designed posters on how to keep safe in the dark and fog. We went out and about around Drayton learning the Green Cross Code, Countryside Code and Water Safety. The Brownies are also in the middle of writing their short stories and we are really impressed at the results so far! We cannot wait to see the finished books!

Do you have a talent or hobby that you would like to share with the Brownies? Please give us a call on one of the numbers below.

Meeting 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 or you can email us on drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk

Further details are available from:

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#### **DRAYTON WIVES**

#### **Gwen Price**

Our A. G. M. in April was quite a varied one. Our able chair person, Josie Midwinter, will continue, as will the present committee. We have had a good year, with excellent speakers and have and interesting plans for the After the business side of the meeting we had a talk about The Balsam Family Project based in Didcot, which had been last year's charity. The charity supports over seventy families who are vulnerable and isolated. The Balsam family project seeks to create a sense of family for parents of young children where unconditional love and friendship can be taught and experienced. Help is given in many other ways too. A very worthwhile charity. After the talk were able to see the different kinds of craft in which the craft group have been involved. Guided mainly by Miriam Drew and Anne Hutchinson, who have shared their skills and expertise, the group have learnt how to do all sorts of things. Exhibits included pictures and models made from book folding, various methods of making greeting cards, gift bags and boxes, embroidered pictures. With the guidance of Liz Kidd, a group of enthusiastic ladies have learnt how to quilt and showed some lovely cushion covers.

#### W.I. Gillian Pett

Drayton WI welcomed Christine Farmer from Northamptonshire as our speaker this month, The title was 'The History of Masks' and Christine illustrated her very entertaining talk with many masks from her personal collection, from the beautiful to the grotesque. From China, Europe, Japan and Africa, Christine explained how they developed and their varied uses.

Next month our meeting will be, as always, at the Caudwell Day Centre on Thursday 9th June at 7.30 where a member will be teaching us card crafts.

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#### **BOWLS CLUB**

Roll up

Two more internal competitions have been completed. 'Attwood Cup' was won by Bryn Jones, and the 'Beryl James' pairs was played to the final pairs, who will compete in December; Jack Mitchenson and Sheila Weston will play Bryn Jones and Carol Smith.

The 'Wasps' lost in the final of the knock out cup, but there was more success for the club when Bryn, June and Doug won the county triples on finals day in Oxford. The last time anyone in the club achieved this feat was 21 years ago when Jean & Tony Mullins and Marion Boughton won the tournament. The Rose Bowl Monday league will be decided in the next week, and a very close finish is on the cards with shot difference likely to decide it. A couple of notes for the diary: we will be going to lunch at Burford on Friday 17th June (with transport laid on the cost will be £15), and on June 29th the club's Annual General Meeting is being held at 7.00 pm for 7.30 in the Drayton Hall.

In closing these notes, it is with great sadness that that we report the loss of one of our members, Barbara Watts. Barbara was a very keen member, taking part in most of the internal competitions, and was the winner of the Ladies single tournament 3 times, also a member of the league team. Barbara will be greatly missed in the club, and our thoughts are with Anne and her family at this sad time.

#### TABLE TENNIS John Gould

League Table Tennis has finished for another season. Our teams have had mixed fortunes but at least none finished bottom! Pride of place goes to our two Division 5 teams. The F team of captain Graham Stephenson, Cameron Fishburn, Robbie Greenfield, Thomas Smith & Will Stephenson finished as champions and the G team of Gareth Cox, Bradley Cox, James Hedditch, Miles Hutchinson & Jack McBride were runners up. This is a brilliant result for their hard work and enthusiasm.

The A team finished mid table in Division 1 and at the time of writing are through to the semi final of the Handicap Shield. The B & C teams finished just above bottom in Division 2 and the D team was 3rd in Division 3. The E team in Division 4 also finished just above the bottom. This may seem unsuccessful overall but we had many players stepping up divisions for the first time so the experience they gained by playing against better players will prove to be invaluable for next season.

I would take this opportunity to thank the school for its continued support of table tennis in the village in what is our 31st year. We now look forward to the next 31! Our AGM is to take place in June and a report on that will follow later in the summer.

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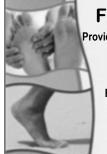


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Forge Garage is owned by Alex & Pauline & Robert & Teresa

Taylor. The late William John Taylor (known as John in Drayton) and his late wife Jean photo), moved from (see Kiddlington and purchased Forge Garage in 1964 when it was a simple cart shed and blacksmith. They rebuilt and enlarged it and in time added more buildings



behind. Many will remember them at the local pubs and clubs.

I took over the office side of it in 1978. I am Alex's wife and also sister of Teresa who is married to Robert. Alex and Robert



had worked for their father since the beginning (see photo of Robert - left - and Alex in the early days) and they took over control in 1979 (or thereabouts) when John left the business.



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Some 20 or so people have so far joined but the typical group in any month is about ten or a dozen. They meet on the third Thursday of most months but if you want to join them you should tell Daniel Scharf, the current organiser, so that he can make the necessary arrangements at the pub. Everyone is welcome; the only requirements are that you can get to the pub and pay for your food and drink, though there's probably not much point in going if you're not interested in seeking Seneca's route to happiness.

Daniel can be contacted, preferably by email, rippington@waitrose.com or by phone on 01235 531107.

⇒ Editor's Note: Very sadly, just a week after the Taylors closed their business, Jean Taylor died (on Saturday, 7th May). Jean had been living in the Bridge Home in Abingdon and her funeral service will be at St Peter's at 12.00 on Tuesday 07 June.

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#### MILLENNIUM GREEN NEWS Jane McWhirter

Thank you to the few that helped with the clear up on Saturday

14th May. Our next one is an evening from 7 to 9 on Tuesday 21st of June, the longest day of the year. Please come along and help and show you care, even if it's just for 1/2 a hour, we



really would appreciate it.

A plea to dog owners, please pick up after your dog, more people are enjoying using the Green and as everyone knows it's really nasty stepping into a dog deposit! Please keep a watch out and perhaps offer a bag if you see one is needed!

Date for your diary, Sunday 21st August. We are planning a village picnic between 3 and 6pm, please come along, bring a rug or chairs and a picnic and enjoy the afternoon. We are theming it as "a right Royal picnic" to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday. We would like children to make a crown and wear on the day. A King and Queen will be chosen for the afternoon! Also dust off those aprons, and get ready for the Great Drayton Bake Off! Please bake a cake or individual ones themed around the day, winners for juniors and adults will be chosen by our very own Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood, and then the entries will be sold on a cake stall. More details will be finalised in next months Chronicle, but we are also going to have some games, a Tombola, fun races for the children (and any competitive adults!) and a treasure hunt.

Please come along and enjoy the afternoon; all proceeds will go towards the upkeep and improvement of our Millennium Green. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on 07980 393194 or by email to chair.millenniumgreen@gmail.com

Editor's Note: Although the Sutton Wick duck house and resident its family (sadly now with only two ducklings) are not on the Millennium Green, they are very close by.



#### MAHEE TANDOORI

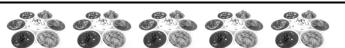
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#### HARRY PIKE REMEMBERED

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#### **NAG5 SAFETY CORNER**

#### **Bridget Haffenden**

Neighbourhood police carried out speed checks between Drayton and Sutton Courtenay during April. The results were:

Wednesday, 13 April 2016

**Brook Street, Sutton Courtenay** 

Between 3.05 and 3.35 pm, towards Drayton. 45 vehicles, with 3 exceeding 36mph (30mph limit) Between 3.40 and 4.10pm, towards Sutton Courtenay.

153 vehicles, with 7 exceeding 34mph (30mph limit).

Drayton Road, by Peep-o-Day Lane

Between 4.10 and 4.25pm, towards Drayton. 35 vehicles, with 1 exceeding 42mph (40mph limit). Between 4.25 and 4.50pm towards Sutton Courtenay. 50 vehicles, with 1 exceeding 42mph (40mph limit).

Monday 18 April 2016

Drayton Road, Sutton Courtenay, by Pumping Station

Between 7.35 and 8.05am towards Sutton Courtenay 179 vehicles with 5 exceeding 36mph (30mph limit).

Tuesday 19 April 2016

Drayton Road, on S. C. side of junction with Milton Road

Between 7.25 and 7.55 am towards Drayton.

71 vehicles, with 4 exceeding 43mph (40mph limit). Between 8.00 and 8.30am towards Sutton Courtenay.

Between 8.00 and 8.30am towards Sutton Courtenay

91 vehicles, with 8 exceeding 46 mph (40 mph limit).

Wednesday 20 April 2016

Drayton Road, on S. C. side of junction with Milton Road

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#### **GARD**

#### Nick Thompson

At the GARD AGM, Nick Thompson stood down as Hon Chairman, after 10 years, and Dr Derek Stork was elected, having been Vice Chairman for the past year, He has also been attending many of the Thames Water Forums recently. These briefing sessions were introduced as a result of the defeat of Thames Water at the 2010 Public Inquiry which called for more transparency. We continue to be supported by our Consultant, Dr John Lawson FREng, and to hold Thames Water regularly to account.

The possibility of a large reservoir between Steventon and East Hanney to supply London still looms over us. However, the long term resilience of such a huge construction project can now be challenged as it seems the Thames flow alone may simply be unable to refill it during a 3 year drought. The possible solutions for London include a supply of new water from the Severn and Wales to supplement the flow in the Thames and/or much more treatment of waste water, possibly with another desalination plant in the Thames estuary.

Variations and combinations of these options, and the costs involved, are being considered in detail but Thames Water will not come up with their favoured solution until 2018. Meanwhile we are monitoring their work closely and asking all the vital questions.



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**Al Costlev** 

The Branch is delighted to announce that the date and venue for our annual dinner and quiz night has been confirmed as the Officer's Mess, 11 EOD Regiment RLC, Vauxhall Barracks Didcot, on 23rd September 2016. Further details will be promulgated in due course, however the continued support of 11 EOD Regiment for this function is greatly appreciated.

The format for the evening will be similar to that in previous years, and the cost will be a very reasonable £27-50 per person, including a 10% donation to the Poppy Fund. This event is an excellent opportunity to relax with a group of friends in the unique atmosphere of a functioning Army Officer's Mess, and demand for tickets will be high – be sure to talk to any committee member sooner rather than later to ensure your place!

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

President: Pat Buckland, 07778 039967 Chairman: Al Costley, 07832 340468, e-mail – al\_costley@hotmail.co.uk Secretary: Paul Francis, 07799 026666,

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**Treasurer**: Rod Clewley, 01235 831206, e-mail – rod@rclewley.orangehome.co.uk

## **DRAYTON 2020 UPDATE**

#### **David Perrow**

#### Sports Pitches and Pavilion.

A 'Sports Needs' Questionnaire for people/families in the village to complete is now available (see article on page 1 in this issue) and can be accessed via the direct link https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Dr aytonSports, or via the village website http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/. It is intended to be filled in mainly online, but printed copies will be available for those who cannot complete it using a computer. Once the results are



available a report will be produced for us by the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (OPFA) to assist in designing the sports facilities at Barrow Road and elsewhere in the village. An architect has now being briefed on the Barrow Road pavilion design, and once we have the questionnaire results the design will be finalised and costed, and planning permission sought from VWHDC. Advice on the layout of the playing fields is also now being sought from contractors. A Business Case is in draft format, and advice is being sought on sources of grant funding, loans and VAT implications.

**Barrow Road/Walnut Meadow** – Work on the site continues, with housing now being constructed at a rapid rate.

**South of High Street Site**. Planning permission for 140 houses has now been granted by VWHDC. Work on site is expected to begin in late summer/early Autumn, once Bloor Homes have discharged their pre-conditions. Their archaeological survey will be published on the village website shortly.

**Manor Farm.** Drayton 2020 representatives have now had two pre-meeting with CALA Homes, who have acquired the site from the Earl of Plymouth. A public exhibition of CALA's plans is being held on 7th June in the Village Hall (see advert elsewhere I this issue) and it is understood that CALA will be applying for planning permission later in June.

Conservation Area. The Parish Council have hired a Conservation Consultant to produce a written report on the existing Drayton Conservation Area and to look at its surrounding context with a view to a possible extension to the conservation area. Her report will be available in June/July, and it is intended that it will be incorporated into the Drayton NDP and that VWHDC should be asked to adopt it as a supplementary planning document against which planning permissions can be properly assessed.

**Playgrounds**. Work on the Lockway playground refurbishment started in mid-May and should be completed by early June. An official opening will take place later in the year, but in the meantime we hope that the new facilities can be used and enjoyed through the coming summer and beyond. Thanks are due to WREN (who provided funds from the landfill grant scheme) and to VWHDC who provided a capital grant for the project.

**Pre-School.** Architects have now been approached for designs and funds are being sought from grants to fund this preparatory work. The Parish Council has agreed to support this work with a grant of up to £5,000.

⇒ The Legion Branch meetings will continue to be held on the third Monday of the month, at 7.00pm at the Sports and Social Club in Steventon. Dates for the remainder of the year are:

18th July 2016

19th September 2016

21st November 2016

16th January 2017

New members are always most welcome, from across the Steventon and District area.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **Richard Williams**

Report of the meeting held on 09 May 2016.



As this was also the Parish Council AGM, the meeting began with the election of officials for the coming year. The only change was to the Finance Committee, where Richard Wade takes over as Chair. Otherwise, the composition of the various subcommittees remains the same, and Richard Williams and Richard Wade were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the full PC.

Alison Bone reminded everyone of the Blue Plaque ceremony at St.

Peter's Church on Sunday May 22nd which will celebrate the life and achievements of the Rev F E Robinson, who was vicar of Drayton between 1878 and 1908, and a founder member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. A grant for £300 to help the Church with the cost of refreshments on the day was approved.

Richard Seamark said that the Football Club had recruited additional members interested in helping out with administration and it was hoped to get the club back on track after the summer. It was confirmed that no firm decisions have been made on how the new sports pavilion will be run, except that it will not be used only for football but will aim to support a wider range of sports appealing to different groups across the community. We are still at the early design stages of the project, and completion is probably at least a couple of seasons away.

Stuart Davenport, our District Councillor, reported that changes to the system for dealing with planning applications are being considered by the Vale. At present all applications objected to by parish councils have to be referred to the Vale's own Planning Committee. This is resulting in a massive overload of applications for the Vale Planning Committee to deal with, which means excessive work for the committee, and an inability to give the larger applications the attention they deserve. We await the outcome of the Vale's review with interest.

It was noted that the Phase 2 refurbishment of the Lockway playground was now underway, following extensive consultation with parent and toddler groups and children at Drayton School. The work should be complete by the time this issue appears. Our thanks go to the Vale and WREN for grants that contributed substantially to the costs of the project. In addition, the PC made its own grant for up to £5000 to finance architect's plans for the proposed new pre-school in the grounds of Drayton School.

A second meeting was held in the Village Hall with CALA, the developers of the Earl of Plymouth Estates' land at Manor Farm. A number of issues are yet to be resolved, including the overall number of houses planned, the final site layout, and access into the site from the Abingdon Road. It was noted that, as this site is wholly within the Drayton Conservation Area, all aspects of the eventual application will be particularly subject to scrutiny. The Parish Council is working together with English Heritage to produce a detailed description of the Area and its history, as the only documentation available up until now is sketchy in the extreme. CALA intend to exhibit their plans for the site in the Village Hall on Tues 7th June between 4 and 8pm. Anyone may attend this event.

Finally, thanks to all those who took the trouble to register online their objections to the application to build 28 houses at the back of Halls Close. At the last count, well over 100 objections had been received by the Vale. Although most of these are from Drayton residents, as a result of the PC's lobbying, quite a few are from residents in parishes all over the Vale who are also working on Neighbourhood Plans.

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In addition, all Parish Council minutes are now archived on the village website: 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 on Monday 6th June 2016, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.



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## **DISTRICT COUNCIL**

#### Stuart Davenport

#### **Brexit and Local Government:**

With the EU referendum fast approaching, public bodies, businesses and individuals are all attempting to predict the effect a vote to exit would have on their fortunes. Aside from a few exceptions councils haven't published their detailed forecasts, but various think tanks have assessed what Brexit will mean for Local Authorities.



Most assessments seem to have focused on three main issues:
1) funding 2) EU obligations on councils 3) Devolution. I offer a very brief synopsis of how these topics are linked to EU membership below.

- Funding All councils, to a greater or lesser extent, receive funding from the EU. The Government will save money from exiting the EU, and this will offer some decisions as to where the money which was previously directed towards councils will then be spent. It could simply be replaced on a like for like basis, or it may be increased, reduced or spent on different local government priorities. It would however allow these decisions to be made by democratically accountable UK politicians.
- EU Obligations on Councils A range of EU regulations need to be followed by local authorities. These regulations are diverse, but are mostly felt in the spheres of procurement, employment and economic development. An exit would see the elected UK Government being obliged to decide which regulations were to be kept, which will be removed and which will be altered. The negotiation determining the UK's exit may in extremis mean that a trade deal with the EU is dependent on continuing to adhere to the existing obligations.
- Devolution Moving of powers down from central Government to local authorities is currently a favoured policy direction in Whitehall. This policy is in its infancy and so the process is fragile. Withdrawal from the EU will require the civil service to focus on negotiating bilateral agreements with other countries, both in the EU and beyond. It may be that this change of focus sees the shelving of elected Mayors and City Deals. 

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⇒ Regardless of their opinion I hope everyone in Drayton will use the opportunity to exercise their democratic right. From 7am to 10pm on June 23rd sovereignty is back with the public – it is up to us to decide who we entrust it to in the future.

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## **COUNTY COUNCIL**

#### Richard Webber

#### **Cumulative Impact**

Oxfordshire is economically one of the most successful counties in the UK, with thriving growth - particularly in the area of IT and Science. We have very low unemployment and very little crime. The government (rightly in my view) recognizes the need to push for more housing in the UK, and this housing should mostly go where there is most employment. Oxfordshire is thus a prime target for accelerating house building.



Our problem is that Oxfordshire is also deemed to be one of the most rural counties in Southern England. In our part of Oxfordshire, we have large swathes of Oxford Green Belt and areas of outstanding natural beauty (AONBs). The amount of land which is not constrained by these areas is quite limited. Hence the growth is happening in a very uneven manner. The area around Abingdon and Didcot are being asked to take ever more housing, and our system of infrastructure (roads, schools, drainage, sewage and so on) is coming under ever more strain.

Whilst the Vale's District Local Plan is still not in place, there is a window of opportunity for landowners and developers and they are having a ball. Applications are stacking up. In my patch, Marcham is due to expand more than 40% in the next few years, and Drayton (with a Neighbourhood Plan) by 20%, but nothing beats the pressure on Sutton Courtenay – due to expand by 100% and counting. Given that the same village has to cope with an expanding Didcot, a growing Milton Park, an imminent 900sq.ft warehouse, the FCC recycling operation and Didcot B, it is hardly surprising that the village infrastructure is groaning, and the residents are increasingly depressed at the changes to their once beautiful and ancient village.

Thames Water has plans to dig up the High Street to enlarge a culvert, so that the Sewage system will cope with the 130 houses already being built - sensible planning one would have thought. However, it seems that no account has been taken of the 300+houses due to arrive if these speculative applications are granted permission (and history suggests that this is almost certain). The present system allows for this by arguing that the incremental impact of each development is just about acceptable and no account can be taken of the ones down the line.

Recognising this problem, the planning system does now pay lip service to the concept of the 'Cumulative Impact' of development. So far, cumulative impact has not been deemed to be sufficient to refuse a planning application anywhere in this area. It seems to me that, in the case of Sutton Courtenay at least, Government and Councils of all types should urgently consider allowing a 'cumulative impact' argument to be used to challenge and refuse further speculative development in that village at least or until, plans are in place to allow the delivery of infrastructure to catch up with development and one day, match it.

If there is not the will to do it in Sutton Courtenay, I fear 'cumulative impact' in planning terms has no meaning.

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## WESTMINSTER Ed Vaizev

I have been out and about in the constituency this month.

I met with Drayton Parish Council to discuss their neighbourhood plan and attended the grand opening of Millbrook Primary School's new library, with Winnie the Witch (aka the head teacher!) and the book's illustrator Korky Paul. I was also able to meet with John Marston and Rachel Warwick, heads of St. Birinus School and Didcot Girls School, to catch up on local education issues.



I also visited Harwell Campus, which is always an interesting and informative trip. I met with Element Six, the world's largest supplier of synthetic industrial diamonds, who have invested £20million in a new headquarters and created almost 200 jobs. I also discussed infrastructure and digital services with Jisc, who provide digital services for education and research establishments. My breath was taken away by Harwell's newest addition, the UK's largest Thermal Vacuum Chamber (used for testing satellites).

Oxfordshire's place at the forefront of scientific innovation could result in the 'Holy Grail' of energy production – nuclear fusion - being developed in the County. Fusion is the opposite of nuclear fission and, with no CO2 emissions, no risk of meltdown, and no radioactive waste, fusion could one day solve our energy needs. Atoms are joined together rather than split, in a process that usually only happens in the Sun and Stars. An impact study into benefits that this research brings to our county has been published, and can be read here: http://bit.ly/1TuFSPd.

Towards the end of the month, I had the wonderful opportunity to meet year 10 students from Wallingford School who were visiting Parliament for the day. The Parliament Education Service runs fantastic tours of the House of Commons and House of Lords for visiting schools, and I was able to meet with them to discuss my role as their MP. If you think your local school would benefit, let me know.

I would also like to send congratulations to local sculptor David Harber, whose company has been awarded the Queen's Award for International Trade. In March I visited David at his studio in Aston Upthorpe and saw some of his very impressive work.

This month I have received 625 items of correspondence (emails and letters) from constituents. Many of these were relating to national campaign and policy issues such as the Academies Program, the ban on bee pesticides, and the UK Steel industry.

I will be taking part in a number of debates on the EU referendum across the constituency between now and polling day on 23rd June. The first will be held at Didcot Civic Hall on Friday 27th May at 7pm. The second will be held in Faringdon on Friday 3rd June at 6pm, with the location to be confirmed. The third debate will be in Wantage at The Beacon on Friday 17th June at 7pm. These events are being organised by the respective Chambers of Commerce, so for any further information please contact them.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either I or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or by emailing dicksonce@parliament.uk or by phoning 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 complete the online form at http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP.

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### DRAYTON DIARY

#### **FOR JUNE**

#### Regular Events are listed opposite

All events are at Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise To book Drayton Hall call Tony Holmes on 531180 or visit www.draytonvh.co.uk

W.I. Committee

Wed 7.30 pm Caudwell Day Centre Mon 6  $7.00 \, \mathrm{pm}$ Parish Council 7 4.00 pm Manor Farm Exhibition - until 8.00 pm Mon 13 9.15 am Vickery's

**Chronicle Lottery deadline** 5.00 pm Chronicle copy deadline Vickery's box

Thurs 23 7.00 am EU Referendum voting - all day

Table Tennis Club AGM 7.30 pm

Sun 26 9.00 am Bowls Club (to 5.00 pm)

## MANOR FARM DEVELOPMENT -**HAVE YOUR SAY**



CALA Homes is inviting local residents to attend a community consultation event on its proposal for new homes at Manor Farm, a site allocated in the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan.

The event will take place on Tuesday 7th June 2016, from 4pm until 8pm, in the Small Hall, Drayton Village Hall, Lockway, Drayton, OX14 4LG.

For further information, visit www.cala.co.uk/manorfarmdrayton



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#### REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

#### MONDAYS

8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg 1.15 pm Baby Sign Language Classes (call 07927 339102) 2.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours) 5.45 pm Beavers (Boys/girls, 6–8 yrs, Tel. 512834) Steventon Hall Bounce Fit (call 07791 778388) 6.00 pm 6.30 pm Table Tennis- coaching and social 7.00 pm Scouts (Boys/girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834) Steventon Hall 7.15 pm Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday) Caudwell DC

7.45 pm TUESDAYS

> 8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg 1.45 pm Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm) Caudwell Day Centre

St Peter's bell tower

2.20 pm Mobile Library (fortnightly for 20 mins) 3.00 pm First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday) Church Room

3.00 pm Junior Netball (for 1 hour)

5.45 pm Zumba Fitness (Kelly)

6.00 pm Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour) School

8.15 pm Clubbercise (call 07811 209242)

**Bell Ringing Practice** 

#### WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg 10.30 am Pebbles (Babies & Toddlers - in Term) Church Room 1.45 pm Caudwell Day Centre

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) Steventon Hall

7.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)

7.30 pm Bingo Session Caudwell Day Centre

#### THURSDAYS

8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg 9.00 am Foot Clinic (First Thursday) Caudwell Day Centre 9.30 am Holy Communion St Peter's Lady Chapel

Parent & Toddler Group (in Term Time) 9.30 am

2.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)

5.00 pm Rainbows (call 01235 832077)

7.30 pm W.I. (2nd Thursday) Caudwell Day Centre

7.30 pm Sequence Dancing. (call 01235 531701)

#### **FRIDAYS**

8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg 11.00 am Friday Club (fortnightly) - 202466 Caudwell Day Centre 7.00 pm Whist Drive (ACH LoFriends) Caudwell Day Centre

**SUNDAYS** 

8.00 am Holy Communion St Peter's 10.00 am Sung Eucharist (All Age Service 2nd Sunday)St Peter's 3.00 pm Baptist Family Time (1st Sunday) School 6.00 pm **Evening Worship** Baptist Church Zumba Fitness (Gemma)

Note: If you want to make a change to or place an entry in our 'regular events' column, please email editor@draytonchronicle.net. You must include your name and phone number as well; otherwise we will take no action

#### DRAYTON VILLAGE WEB-SITE



Don't forget that you can find recent and past Chronicles, by visiting www.draytonvillage.co.uk, the village web-site.

You can also use the site to look up Parish Council minutes, contact the Parish Clerk and see details of the Drayton 2020 Neighbourhood Plan projects.

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