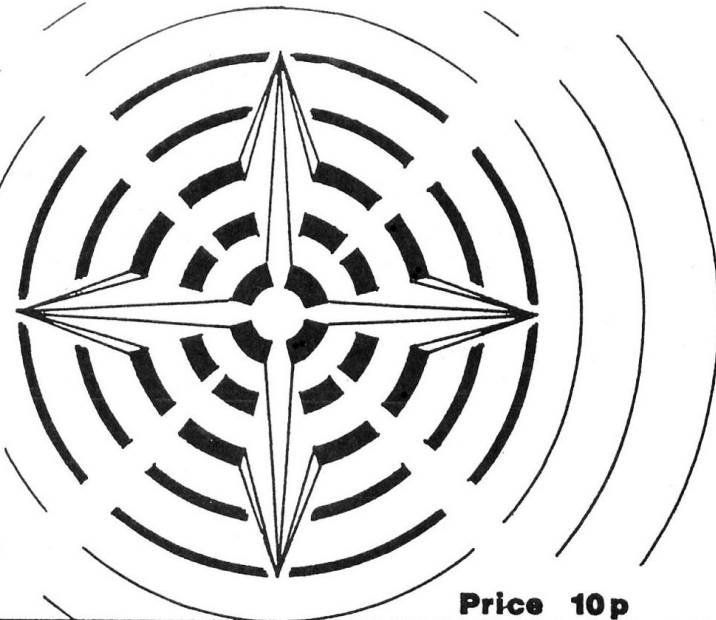


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JANUARY AMENITIES SOCIETY

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## Introducing....

this FIRST issue of the CHRONICLE by the  
DRAYTON AMENITIES SOCIETY

Although this event may prove to be significant in the community life-style of the village, the occasion hardly lends itself to putting down a foundation stone, unveiling a plaque or crashing a bottle of champers ( which we can't afford anyhow ). What better therefore to mark the occasion than to start, as we intend to continue, by publishing this open letter received from the Chairman of the Drayton Parish Council.....

The opening of the Drayton Hall in 1975, with the splendid facilities it offers, gave a new impetus to existing village organisations and saw the formation of many new ones. With this extra interest it has become clear that an enlarged village news media, to replace the Hall News, is necessary to give details of all the sporting and social activities together with local news and views. I am delighted that the Drayton Amenities Society has undertaken to produce this monthly Drayton Chronicle and wish success to the editors, contributors and all who will help with its production and distribution.

A great deal of effort and work has already gone into this new venture and to be successful your support for the Amenities Society's Lotteries is needed because profits from these will be used to partly off-set the Chronicle's production costs. There will be many good cash prizes to be won during the months ahead.

May I take this opportunity to also wish you all a prosperous and lucky New Year.

Norman W. Stimpson  
Chairman, Drayton Parish Council.

The role of the Chronicle is to inform everyone in the village about what goes on, so that they have the opportunity of participating if they care to, and also to stimulate a corporate spirit whereby everyone can feel that they belong and are part of the Drayton Community. The content of this 1st. Issue is intended to reflect this role and illustrate the pattern for future Issues. The Production Team has worked hard to see the project materialise, however, the Chronicle will only prove to be a success if it fulfils the needs of the village. This it can only do if YOU let us know what you want to read about. Situated outside Mr. Vickery's hardware shop, on the Green, is a CHRONICLE LETTER BOX into which you are invited to place your suggestions, comments and criticisms.... so do write to us. The total effort to produce the Chronicle has been analysed into component tasks, with each of which three persons should be associated.... this way no one is tied to the task and the duty-cycle can be very light. The present team is given below and where there are "Vacancies", we would desperately appeal for volunteers to come in as soon as possible. This Foundation Issue gives an idea of the quality of the Chronicle which we would like to maintain and improve, so if you would like to be part of the Production Team, then let us know

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Written contributions for FEBRUARY ISSUE of the CHRONICLE should be placed in the Chronicle Letter Box not later than 1st February, but preferably as soon as possible after 15th January.

## WHO'S "WHO" ?

Drayton's top mystery of 1977 has been solved by the man who started the mystery..... Mr. WHO, the Drayton Doodler dropped cartoons about Drayton life and events through the letter boxes of the organisers.... and very welcome they were too.... raffled or auctioned the cartoons raised considerable cash for the funds. That's what the artist, Mr.D.R.Stephens - STEVE to us - wanted. Now he has revealed his identity because he wants to cut down his output and concentrate on a set of illustrated books about his life.

STEVE, who works in the printing department of Oxford City Council, has produced 160 cartoons since his first ones about the Drayton Silver Jubilee celebrations. At the time, he was experimenting with a new technique introducing crayon shading to his pencil drawings and the cartoons have flowed - and flowed. In addition he's produced a set of drawings of Drayton street-scenes. STEVE and his wife live in Sutton Wick Lane and have been there for just over a year since moving from Didcot. We hav'n't, its pleasing to say, heard the last of STEVE, or Mr. WHO. He's going to carry on by contributing his cartoons and drawings to the Chronicle and we are pleased to include this one which he has done specially for this Foundation Issue of the Chronicle.

Perhaps the worst-kept secret in recent weeks is that Drayton got through the first round of the BBC Radio Oxford inter-village Quiz. Our team beat Littlemore with most of the honours going to the ladies in the team, Jean Hagar and Mira Henderson. Perhaps our men, Geoff Caudle and Bill Rennells were saving themselves for the second round against Enstone at the village hall there on January 16th. You can hear the first round battle between Drayton and Littlemore on Radio Oxford at 10.30 on the morning of Sunday, February 19th.



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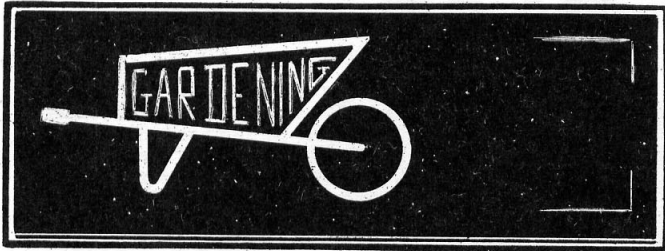
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FROM WASH HOUSE TO PAT  
**MAISONETTE** by MARTIN

As you pass along Milton Road, the Mill House still looks like a comfortable, big house in a rambling garden; but inside you'll find it contains three self-contained units.

The conversion has been a fascinating enterprise, almost a way of life, and it's quite difficult to believe that the work is now finished.

The first spring, summer, autumn and winter was the period of 'planning consent' and after an initial rejection on a technical point, the draughtsman/designer disappeared to Norway without trace. A building firm in Drayton prepared new drawings but the project was still at square one when, in the December, all the pipes froze and every drop of water had to be carried for the next six weeks!

It was no small relief to receive planning consent and take ACTION -- drains, trenches and huge mounds appeared, the JCB accidentally took a swing at the apple trees, a damp-course was put in, roof repairs and re-wiring began. The work force were great. The tea routine got well-established and everyone seemed to take a genuine interest in me, my animals, my children and the project.

Maybe I should have had an architect but I reckoned that a good builder, working from his own drawings would work something out that I couldn't easily visualize from flat one-dimensional drawings. In the end the results have exceeded my most optimistic expectations.

My unit is a shambles upstairs, through lack of time to decorate it, but my kitchen is a dream, my only real personal extravagance. The smaller unit at the back is converted from the old wash-house, apple loft and coal-cellar; its living-room still retains the old chimney and "copper". The bedroom is the apple-loft complete with new staircase to replace the old loft-ladder. The larger unit is more like a house with living-room and kitchen downstairs and bedrooms upstairs.

All in all, a nice place to live, I think.

A gardening column will be a regular feature of the Chronicle. It should have a strong local flavour and suggestions, hints or observations on gardening topics are invited. For example, you may have found that certain plants or varieties do well in this area, or that particular diseases and pests are troublesome and this sort of experience would be well worth passing on.

JANUARY can be a difficult month with the weather often too cold or wet for out-door work. Nevertheless, it's a good time to roughly dig over neglected land to get the frost at the roots of weeds. There is usually plenty of tidying-up to do, but don't be too thorough as last season's growth may provide useful protection for some of the more delicate plants. High winds have been a problem this year and newly planted trees and shrubs may need to be firmed-in again. Raspberry canes should be tied to their supports and tips cut back to the top wire. Pruning of apple and pear trees should be completed by the end of the month and, if roses are lightly pruned they will get less buffeting in the winter gales.

Birds have begun to feast on the red and white currant buds so these will need to be netted or strung with black cotton if they are to fruit this year. In the vegetable patch some varieties of broad bean can be sown now, but they will benefit from any cloche protection that you can provide. Elsewhere in the garden the wall-flowers may have become rather leggy. Pinch out their tops and this will encourage them to fill out and become bushy. January is an ideal month to renovate the inside of a greenhouse in readiness for the busy period of seed raising, which is fast approaching. This is also the month for taking cuttings of indoor chrysanthemums.

Many gardeners will now be ordering seeds so why not experiment with a few different vegetables this year?. CHICORY is a splendid winter salad plant and is very easily grown. I don't bother with the bullet-shaped variety but grow Sugar Loaf (Suttons) which resembles a large Cos lettuce and has a crisp, delicious flavoured heart that is self-blanching. The plant keeps well in a cool place if wrapped in newspaper and suffers from few ailments during growth. CELERIAC produces scrunchy 'bulbs' which are good for cooking or to eat raw when thinly sliced; it also needs no blanching. KOHL RABI is an easy vegetable, grown for the 'bulb' which is eaten when young and tastes like the stalk of a cabbage although to me its far better than a turnip with which it is often compared. The leaves can also be eaten, as can those of the GOLDEN BEETROOT which tastes like spinach but don't cook-down so much. Two varieties of small tomato are worth considering; GARDENER'S DELIGHT (Thompson & Morgan) does well out of doors and has a wonderful flavour, and TINY TIM (Suttons) thrives well on window sills and out doors. It produces fruit about the size of large cherries and these have a distinctive flavour and enhance the appearance of many dishes. Children should enjoy growing them!

**DIETING HINTS**



Make a New Year's resolution to cut-down the amount of food you eat, and watch this space for monthly helpful hints. Try to eat less at each meal, every day. This is much better for weight loss and health than a cycle of fasting and feasting!

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# CHURCH PAGE

## St. PETER'S CHURCH



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Services on Sundays at 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, at 10.00 a.m. The Parish Communion (Series 2) and at 6.00 p.m. Evensong. At the 10 o'clock service, a psalm, following the sermon at approx. 10.25, gives an opportunity for parents with infants to enter and all are welcome to meet each other when a cup of tea is served after the service. At 11.15 a.m. there is a Joint Sunday School for St. Peter's and the Baptist Churches, at the Baptist Church.

Services Midweek at 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion on Thursdays and Saint's Days as announced.

Choir Practices Friday, 6.45 p.m. for boys and girls 7.15 p.m. for full choir. Choirmaster Mr. W. Dewe. Churchwardens Messrs J.C. Newman and H.V.W. Smith. Parochial Church Committee Secretary Mrs. I. Miles Treasurer Mr. S. Simmonds.

### A NOTE FROM THE VICAR

I wish every success to this first number of the Drayton Chronicle, and hope it will be even more successful in the future; in the first issue many contributors must be feeling their way. I appreciate that some people are going to miss "Church News", the ecumenical magazine for Abingdon and District, but it was not really an effective means of communication within Drayton as there were too many members of the Church who were not taking it. The Chronicle provides this means of communication with every house in the village and, I hope, with a number of people outside the village whose interests are in Drayton Happenings. I hope we shall also include items of interest from neighbouring villages because this is what former readers of "Church News" will miss. I can begin now with a welcome to the new Vicar of Sutton Courtenay, Christopher Ckarke, who tells me he is keen on the work of Christian Aid and will help our joint efforts for this and other works in which we have shared. The key note of January is Christian Unity and this year's United Service for our group of Villages is at Steventon, 6.00 p.m. Sunday 15th January, when there will be an opportunity to hear an Englishman who is a priest in the Greek Orthodox Church, the Rev. Dr. Kalistos Ware. It is hoped that all members of St. Peter's choir will take part; also we shall have a coach for those without transport to leave the Green at about 5.40 p.m. I should be very pleased to hear from any readers who would like me to call on them, or who would like to come to see me. I am always grateful, too, to be told of anyone who is sick; please don't assume that somebody else will have told me.

With best wishes to you all for 1978,

*Eric Wood.*

P.S. My family and I will be AT HOME on Shrove Tuesday, 7th February, 7.30 to 9.00 p.m. when all are welcome for sherry and soft drinks.

### News Items.

Anthony King has been co-opted to the vacancy on the Deanery Synod, which next meets on 10th February at Abingdon School.

The tap on the north wall of the Church has been moved, to overcome a problem of damp in the Vestry, to the north wall of the shed.

A bed of Josephine Bruce (dark red) roses, given in memory of Harry Mattey, has been planted by the bench against the south wall of the Chancel. These will enhance the churchyard and give particular pleasure to those who stop for a rest on the seat.

A fire extinguisher, valued at £25, has been taken from the Church. Can anyone help find it, because this is a matter of great concern. Please contact the Vicar if you have any information.

Every parish must prepare a new Electoral Roll in February/March 1978 and those whose names are on the present roll will be contacted. Terry Mason is the Church Electoral Roll officer.

During 1977, the Church has supported, out of pledged giving of members, the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (U.S.P.G) and a particular nurse of U.S.P.G. in an Indian hospital Sister Lillian Tooke; the Melanesian Mission in the S. Pacific; the Church of England Children's Society Nursery at Cold Ash; the National Deaf Children's Society; the Earl Haig Fund; the Diocesan Clergy Stipends Fund (in lieu of Easter Offering); St. Luke's Nursing Home for Clergy and families; the Berkshire Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund.

The following items are from the Church registers : 4th December - baptism - Tracey Joanne McIntyre; 10th Dec. - weddings - David James Kinsman Pain and Lesley Jane Hanks, David William John Nobes and June Ann Sloane; 10th Dec. - cremation - Douglas Weaver, aged 55 and 12th Dec - burial - Arthur Payne.

### Opportunities for the Elderly

Perhaps it would not qualify for the Guinness Book of Records, but it is a record for the Vicar to have two passengers, both over 90, in his car. They were Mrs. Buxcey and Mrs. Hitchman who were going to the C. of E. House Communion at the Baptist Church in November. One way in which the two churches in Drayton are cooperating is that the Baptists make their Church available for a shortened Communion Service for elderly people on a Wednesday morning each month. This is a "House Communion" and a similar one is held each month on a Tuesday at the Grange, thus providing an alternative day of the week. Mrs. Hitchman says "At 90, we may not have many more opportunities, so we do not want to miss one of coming to this beautiful sacred Service, which is a blessed privilege 'for here in faith adored we find thy presence near'".

### MOTHER'S UNION - St. Peter's Church

The Mother's Union is a world-wide society whose purpose is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life. Membership is open to all who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and declare their support for the objects of the Society. The St. Peter's Branch has more than 20 members, ranging in age from 20's to 90's, and holds a meeting on the 1st Wednesday in the month at the Grange at 2.00 p.m. to hear speakers on a variety of subjects and hold discussions. Other meetings are for doing practical things for the Church and charity, for prayers and Corporate Communion and for choral work. Representatives attend Deanery, Diocesan and Central meetings, so that, although most of our attention is focussed locally, we can reach out to people in very different circumstances and environments.

We welcome anyone who cares to join in any of our activities and we should like to know of any help, within our capacity, that we could give. At the meeting on 1st Feb., there will be a Mother's Union Diocesan speaker and on the following Saturday, 4th Feb., a Jumble Sale will be held in the Labour Club to raise funds to support our work in Drayton and further afield.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Services on Sundays at 11.15 a.m. Sunday School and at 6.00 p.m. Evening Service.

Services Midweek on Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. Women's Fellowship and 7.00 p.m. Bible Study.

As the New Year dawns, we look forward to meeting and working with two new student pastors, Mr. David Nash and Mr. Stephen Jackson. We shall surely miss the two out-going pastors, Anthony Thacker and Alan Thompson, and wish them every success as they continue their studies at Regents Park College. We thank God for their ministry over the past year. Once again, we owe a debt of gratitude to all those who supported our Christmas Bazaar last November. We raised £260 which is about £22 up on last year's total. Parents and friends supported us as usual, not only by coming to the Bazaar, but by knitting and sewing and helping in many other ways. Thank you everyone.



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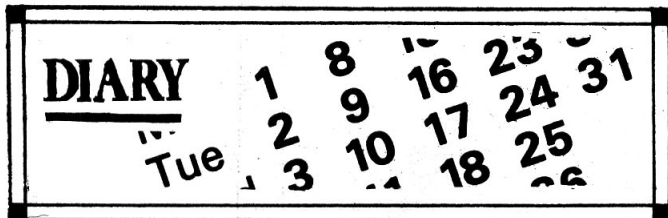
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**JANUARY.**

- 15. 6.0 p.m. United Service at Steventon.  
Preacher: Rev Dr Kalistos Ware  
No Evensong in Drayton.  
7.30p.m. Badminton Club Match
- 16. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
6.30p.m. Girl Guides  
7.45p.m. Ladies' Keep Fit  
8.00p.m. Hall Committee Meeting
- 17. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
2.00p.m. Badminton  
2.30p.m. Infant Welfare Clinic  
6.00p.m. Brownies  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
8.00p.m. Square Dancing
- 18 - 25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- 18. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
10.30a.m. Mother & Toddler Group Coffee Shop  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
8.00p.m. Wine Circle Meeting
- 19. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
6.00p.m. Children's Badminton  
7.30p.m. Badminton Club Match
- 20. 7.30p.m. PTA Bingo, at the School.  
Doors open at 7.00p.m.  
8.00p.m. J Curtis & Sons Ltd staff dinner
- 21. Baptist Church Children's Party  
Drayton Country Club Dance.
- 22. 6.00p.m. St Peter's Church Evensong (no sermon)  
St Helen's Church, Abingdon, United  
Service. Preacher: Rt Rev Cuthbert  
Bardsley, former Bishop of Coventry
- 23. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
11.00a.m. Fison's meeting for farmers  
6.30p.m. Girl Guides  
7.30p.m. Parish Council (F. and E.) meeting  
7.45p.m. Ladies' Keep Fit
- 24. 9.15a.m. Playgroup 7.30p.m. Badminton  
2.00p.m. Badminton 8.00p.m. Square Dancing  
6.00p.m. Brownies
- 25. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
10.30a.m. Mother & Toddler Group Coffee Shop  
10.30a.m. House Communion at Baptist Church  
Conversion of St. Paul  
5.30p.m. Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
7.30p.m. Youth Club
- 26. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
6.00p.m. Children's Badminton  
7.00p.m. Badminton Club Match
- 27. Pig Improvement Co. staff dance
- 28. Southern Sixty Seven Racing Club  
Annual Trophy Presentation & Dance
- 29. 2.00p.m. S. Sixty Seven Racing Club AGM.
- 30. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
6.30p.m. Girl Guides  
7.45p.m. Ladies' Keep Fit  
8.00p.m. Square Dancing
- 31. 9.15p.m. Playgroup  
10.00a.m. House Communion at The Grange  
2.00p.m. Badminton  
6.00p.m. Brownies  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
7.45p.m. Drayton Wives Meeting

**FEBRUARY**

- 1. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
10.30a.m. Mother & Toddler Group Coffee Shop  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
7.30p.m. Youth Club
- 2. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
9.30a.m. Holy Communion at St Peter's Church. Candlemas.  
6.00p.m. Children's Badminton  
7.30p.m. Badminton Club Match  
7.30p.m. Holy Communion at St Peter's Church. Candlemas Ceremonies  
8.00p.m. W.I. Committee Meeting
- 4. Wedding.
- 6. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
6.30p.m. Girl Guides  
7.30p.m. Parish Council Meeting  
7.45p.m. Ladies Keep Fit
- 7. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
2.00p.m. Badminton  
6.00p.m. Brownies  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
7.30p.m. 'At Home' at The Vicarage  
until 9.00 p.m.  
8.00p.m. Square Dancing
- 8. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
10.30a.m. Mother & Toddler Group Coffee Shop  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
7.30p.m. Youth Club  
7.30p.m. Parish Communion St Peter's Church  
Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent.
- 9. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
6.00p.m. Children's Badminton  
7.30p.m. Badminton Club Match  
7.30p.m. WI Meeting. 'The WI looks ahead'  
Speaker: Mrs. Judith Milton
- 10. Morlands Brewery Staff Party
- 11. 2.30p.m. Drayton Players Jumble Sale  
8.00p.m. Badminton Club Dance
- 13. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
6.30p.m. Girl Guides  
7.45p.m. Ladies' Keep Fit  
8.00p.m. Square Dancing
- 14. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
2.00p.m. Badminton  
6.00p.m. Brownies  
7.30p.m. Badminton

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- 15. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
10.30a.m. Mother & Toddler Group Coffee Shop  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
8.00p.m. Wine Circle Meeting
- 16. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
6.00p.m. Children's Badminton  
7.30p.m. Badminton Club Match
- 17. 7.45p.m. Alfred the Great Masonic Lodge  
Supper Dance
- 18. Drayton Country Club Dance
- 19. 7.30p.m. Badminton Club Match
- 20. 7.45p.m. Ladies' Keep Fit
- 21. 2.00p.m. Badminton  
2.30p.m. Infant Welfare Clinic  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
8.00p.m. Square Dancing
- 22. 7.30p.m. Badminton  
7.30p.m. Youth Club
- 23. 7.30p.m. WI Area Meeting
- 24. 7.00p.m. PTA Beetle Drive at School.  
N. Berks Referees Assn. Dinner
- 25. Drayton Wives Birthday Party
- 27. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
6.30p.m. Girl Guides  
7.45p.m. Ladies' Keep Fit  
8.00p.m. Square Dancing
- 28. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
2.00p.m. Badminton  
6.00p.m. Brownies  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
7.45p.m. Drayton Wives Meeting

**MARCH**

- 1. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
10.30a.m. Mother & Toddler Group Coffee Shop  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
7.30p.m. Youth Club
- 2. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
8.00p.m. WI Committee Meeting  
8.00p.m. Drayton Players Rehearsal
- 3. 7.00p.m. Abingdon Ladies Circle Old Time  
Music Hall
- 4. 8.00p.m. Drayton Football Club Dance
- 6. 9.15p.m. Playgroup  
6.30p.m. Girl Guides  
7.30p.m. Parish Council Meeting  
7.45p.m. Ladies Keep Fit
- 7. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
2.00p.m. Badminton  
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10.30a.m. Mother & Toddler Group Coffee Shop  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
7.30p.m. Youth Club
- 9. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
7.30p.m. WI Meeting, Speaker: Mrs. J Fletcher
- 10. 8.00p.m. Abingdon Soul Club Disco.
- 11. Hall Committee Cheese & Wine Party
- 13. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
6.30p.m. Girl Guides  
7.45p.m. Ladies' Keep Fit  
8.00p.m. Square Dancing
- 14. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
2.00p.m. Badminton  
6.00p.m. Brownies  
7.30p.m. Badminton
- 15. 9.15a.m. Playgroup  
10.30a.m. Mother & Toddler Group Coffee Shop  
7.30p.m. Badminton  
8.00p.m. Wine Circle Meeting.

**Meal OF THE MONTH**

CHICKEN WITH MUSHROOM & CREAM SAUCE.

- |                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| 5 lb. chicken         | 2 cloves garlic, crushed                                 |
| 1 tsp. salt           | 4 fluid oz. white wine                                   |
| 1 tsp black pepper    | 10 " double cream  |
| 1/4 tsp grated nutmeg | 1/4 tsp. cornflour mixed<br>to paste with 3 tbsp. water. |

Sauce.

- 1 1/2 oz butter, 4 slices straky bacon, diced, e  
1 lb mushrooms, halved. h

Rub chicken with salt and pepper and roast. Melt butter and cook the bacon until crisp (about 5 mins) Add mushrooms and garlic and cook for a further 3 mins. Add wine to the pan and bring to the boil, stirring constantly. Remove pan from the heat and stir in nutmeg, cream and cornflour paste. Simmer the sauce for 4 mins until thick; do not allow it to boil. Spoon the sauce around the chicken and serve at once.

( Serves 6 )

Hazelnut Meringues and Bramble Sauce.

- |                         |               |                       |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 4 egg whites            | <u>Sauce.</u> | 1 1/2 lb apples       |
| 8 oz caster sugar       |               | 1 1/2 lb blackberries |
| 2 oz hazelnuts, ground. |               | 2 oz sugar            |
|                         |               | 1/4 pt Double cream   |
|                         |               | 1/4 pt Single cream   |

Whip egg whites until stiff. Sprinkle half the sugar over the egg whites and whip again until stiff. Fold in remaining sugar and ground hazelnuts. Pipe mixture on to a greased baking tray in small domes; dry in cool oven. Cook apples and blackberries with sugar and 2 tablespoons of water. Puree in a blender or sieve to get rid of seeds, and allow to cool. Whip the creams together until floppy and fold through the puree.

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# ALL AROUND

## Parish Council

**JUBILEE FUND.** Seventeen people, representing the Parish Council and local organisations, attended a meeting on 17th October to discuss the allocation of the Jubilee Feast money. The Balance Sheet showed a profit of £272 and it was decided that some of it should be used to buy up to 10 trees for planting in the village, to provide a further public seat, in addition to one "in stock", and two public notice boards. The meeting gratefully received offers of trees from Mr. and Mrs. Judd and Mr. and Mrs. Murray.

**AMENITY IMPROVEMENTS.** New trees, kindly donated by Mr. R. Binning, have now been planted on the Stone Cross Green. Their planting earned a photograph in the local press. New Bridle Road signs have been put up on Eastway, on both sides of Milton Road, at the Bridleway running north-west opposite Sutton Wick Lane and at the Bridle Road running west over the by-pass from Lockway. Several more signs will be placed in the near future. The Parish Council is now undertaking grass-cutting in the village on a systematic basis, and thanks are due to Parish Councillors Mr. D. Bushnell, Mr. M. Head and Mr. K. Stevens who have carried out the amenity works and to Mr. R. Fidler who provided the stakes for the new trees.

**SALTING OF ROADS.** The County Council have notified the Parish Council of their precautionary salting routes. Locally the A.34 trunk road and the 'old' A.34, south of the new by-pass bridge to Chilton are given priority together with the A.415 through Abingdon. However the County state clearly:- "The salting of roads should NEVER BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED. It is the duty of all drivers to drive according to the time of year and conditions that prevail." So YOU remain primarily responsible for your own safety.

## The School

Children do not usually pursue their learning and interests at school for material reward but it is gratifying when, occasionally, their efforts are recognised by adults other than their teachers or parents. Mrs. Watson's children had been studying the various aspects of water and this had included a visit to the Farmoor reservoir and Sandford sewage works. When all their work was completed, the children wanted to say "Thank you" for the visits, so they made a book with samples of their writing and pictures and sent it to the Manager of the Vale Division of the Thames Water Authority. Mr Grey, impressed with their work, visited the children in school, presenting them with two books on the River Thames and cans of Coco-Cola. A project the children will remember, no doubt!

Many people in the village are already aware that the children are collecting newspaper for re-cycling. This gives the children an awareness of how waste can be avoided and also helps School funds. At the moment, we are among the best collectors in the Oxfordshire schools --- quite an achievement for a village school!. To reward these efforts, the paper company presented the School with a paper-recycling kit so that the process involved can be more readily understood. Our children will always be pleased to collect from you if you are not already one of our customers.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE COMING YEAR

by Darren Locke

Love is being helpful, Think of all the people  
Love is being kind, Homeless and forlorn,  
Love is being thoughtful Think of the starving children  
for the deaf and blind. Not long been born.

Love for your parents, Think of all the helpless men  
Love for your 'Gran,' Who fought in all the wars  
And Lord help us be like Think of them once,  
the brotherhood of Man. Think of them twice  
And pray for them evermore.

## Football Club

Drayton Football Club has been doing something of a Nottingham Forest - leaping away at the head of the Premier Division of the North Berks League. Before Christmas they were 4 points ahead!

It didn't just happen that way. Drayton went into the 1970s somewhat in the dumps, relegated to Division 2 and without a reserve side. But the spirit that won Drayton the North Berks Cup a couple of decades ago, plus a great deal of application and hard work, have put them back at the top of the shop. The club has strength in depth, too. Their reserve side occupies a high position in Division 4.

By the time you read these notes, Drayton will, weather permitting, have played the most attractive game they've staged so far on the Lockway Recreation Ground. It was a 2nd round Reading Senior Cup game against Chipping Norton who've been riding high at the top of the Premier Division of the Hellenic League. Something like Oxford City facing a home game with Bolton Wanderers.

It's not only on the field that Drayton are going ahead. A new social club has recently been started in the pavilion. It's open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, and Sunday lunchtime. Prospective members will be made very welcome and the sub. is 50pence per person per season. Just submit your name to any member of the committee. Their names are, Stan Ferris (Chairman), Jim Annells (Secretary), Barry Davis (Treasurer), Meldwyn James (Manager), Phil Selby J. Absalom, L. Allen, Dave Smith, G. Lester, and Pete Selby.

On now to the club's under 13's team which plays in the North Berks Boys Competitions on Sunday afternoons; Kick off at 2.30. The squad of 16 players is Tim Absalom, Marcus Ferris, Andrew Smith, Mark Winstone, Craig Selby, Tim Richardson, Neil Smith, Dale Norcliffe, Luke Hagar, Norman Berry, Michael Needham, Graham Ahier, David Lewis, Mathew Spring, Nick Wilkinson and Adrian Bolton. Of their first 8 league games, they won 5 and lost 3. As the Chronicle went to press their leading goal-scorer was Michael Needham with 16.

The boy's manager Dave Smith and secretary Barry Davis want to thank the boys who turn up every week and also the stalwart backroom folks who come every week in sunshine or rain to make tea, put up the posts or transport the team to away matches.

## Badminton Club

One sport that has blossomed, along with the new hall, is Badminton, and the Chairman of the two-year-old club, Brian Hillier, tells us that since it was formed the standard of play has risen considerably.

But that does not mean it's a club for badminton tigers only. Brian says it's a game that can be played by almost anybody and they welcome anyone in the village who is interested.

There are club evenings at Drayton Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings or, for those who cannot make the evenings, there are also Tuesday afternoon sessions.

The club plays both league and friendly matches - but you mustn't run away with the idea that the league matches are not friendly too! In fact, the league is the Friendly League and consists of six teams who meet together to try to improve playing standards. For these matches they put out their strongest available teams. The club lost its first 3 Friendly League games, but won 4 of its first 5 games outside the League.

LOTTERY COUNTERFOILS, with appropriate cash, SHOULD BE RETURNED TO CHRONICLE LETTER BOX NOT LATER THAN 27th January 1978.



## ALL AROUND (cont'd)

### Women's Royal Voluntary Service



The Drayton Branch of the W.R.V.S. has a membership of 40 and operates the following services, on a voluntary basis:-

- a Club for the Elderly that meets every Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Day Centre, Caudwell Close (at the bottom of Gravel Lane).
- a Foot Clinic, held at the Day Centre every month.
- Meals-on-wheels every Tuesday and Thursday to homes of Old Age Pensioners in need, on the recommendation of a doctor, social-worker, home help etc.
- Clothing and Furniture Store of second-hand gifts that can be provided in emergency cases and on the recommendation of a social-worker.
- Trolley Shop for two Old People's Homes at Wallingford every Friday.
- Refreshments, on a rota, at the Oxford Crown Court and also for the Army Cadets annual training exercise on the Downs. The Branch is available for providing refreshments at the scene of any emergency at any time.
- Assistance with the Welfare Clinic which is held on the third Tuesday of every month at 2 p.m. in the Drayton Hall.

Any Old Age Pensioner needing help, in case of sickness, should telephone Drayton 225 or 619.

### Youth Club

After lots of hard work and rehearsals, the Youth Club put on performances of their pantomime 'Snow White and the Eight Dwarves' at Drayton Hall on December 13th and 14th. The first night was free for Senior Citizens and on the second night a packed audience certainly had a good fifteen pence worth of entertainment. The pantomime was written by Mrs. Margaret Jones of Sutton Wick and produced by Mrs. Muriel Carter. The costumes were designed and made by Mrs. Linda Goodes -- and here you might have recognised your old curtains! About £35 was made for Club funds.

### Keep-Fit

Keep fit is held in Drayton Hall every Monday (except Bank Holidays). Cost 30p. Anyone is welcome to come whenever they can, although more benefit is derived from regular attendance. Those who wish to, can have their weights recorded weekly as an incentive. Emphasis is on graceful and supple bodies, rather than strength and stamina. The exercises are done to music and are not too difficult, and no-one is expected to do more than they can comfortably manage. Most exercises are graded in the amount of effort required and can be achieved slowly over a few weeks.

Relaxation, correct breathing and posture are practised, and those who come regularly should feel much more supple, co-ordinated and vital than before.

Above all keeping fit should be enjoyable and fun, rather than hard work. Why not try and join us from 7.45 p.m. to 9.0 p.m.?



### Pre-School Playgroup

Twenty-four 3 - 5 year olds all busy and absorbed with a multitude of different activities is the scene at Drayton Hall four mornings a week during the school term. With four adults helping they paint and glue, play in water and sand, with clay and pastry, listen to stories, dress up, do puzzles, build up bricks etc. They learn to play with other children and to trust new adults. To experiment with allsorts of things, to express themselves in all sorts of ways, to listen to stories with other children, to work out things and to do things for themselves.

A happy introduction to playgroup is most important and if children can settle gradually and happily into the playgroup, they will have confidence when they go into the world of "big school". Parents should be as much a part of the playgroup as the children and it is important for the children that the parents should take an active interest. Most children are ready for playgroup around their third birthday. Drayton's playgroup supervisor is Margaret Huband and anyone wanting information about the playgroup can contact her at 97, Abingdom Road. Tel. Dray. 377.

### Women's Institute

Drayton W.I. celebrated its 57th birthday on December 3rd with a dinner at Drayton Hall followed by an Old Time Music Hall.

The December meeting was held at the Day Centre, Caudwell Close with Mrs. A. Webb presiding. The meeting was followed by an enjoyable evening of Christmas Readings and Carols with a supporting Drayton Youth Orchestra conducted by Mrs. M. Henderson. The competition for a Christmas Table Decoration was won by Mrs. M. Bisby. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Painton, Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Stevens. 'Slides of the Village and Jubilee' by Mr. W. Buckingham was the subject of the January meeting which was held at the Day Centre. Refreshments were served at The Grange by kind invitation of Mrs. M.D. Caudwell.

In February Mrs. Judith Milton will be the speaker and her subject will be 'The W.I. looks ahead'. The competition is a wooden-spoon doll.

### Brownies

The Brownies meet on Tuesday evenings in Drayton Hall at 6 p.m. for a very busy, not always quiet, but happy 1½ hours. In December we made decorations for Christmas and the Brownies were kept busy rehearsing for their part in the Drayton Players production of Aladdin.

In January we are having 4 weeks of Instruction and Demonstration of First Aid, and each Brownie will have the opportunity of gaining her First Aid Interest Badge. In February we are planning a trip to the Commonwealth Institute in London. Brownies aims are to learn, work and play and have consideration for other people. Girls need to be seven years old to join, but there is a WAITING LIST, so if your daughter would like to be a BROWNIE, do put her name on our list; don't wait until she is 7 or she may not get in.

Brownie Guiders are:-  
Mavis James, 9 Lockway. Connie Harrington  
Brenda Malin, 34 High St. 5 Whitehorns Way  
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## ALL AROUND (cont'd)

### Conservative Association

It seems a long time since Drayton's Jubilee Feast, when the Conservative Association held a balloon race and set a time limit of the end of June for the close of the competition.

After a few days, tattered remnants of balloons with their labels attached, started arriving back from St. Albans, Stanstead Airport, Bury St. Edmunds, Diss, Norwich and finally the coast at Great Yarmouth. From the look of the shredded remains of some of the balloons, they appear to have burst at a considerable height.

The end of the month arrived and the winner was the one from Great Yarmouth with the runners-up from nearby Thurne and Wroxham - and a raspberry for the one from Abingdon! Throughout the summer a few more letters arrived, but in September came the biggest surprise of all; a balloon and label returned from Bullaren, in Sweden, 200 km. north of Gottenberg - a trip of between 800 and 900 miles!

After much head scratching and reference to textbooks, a letter of thanks in Swedish was sent off to the finder together with a souvenir programme and a Jubilee crown. We are now hoping we don't get a balloon returned from say Russia or we will be appealing for help from local linguists.

### Sutton Courtenay Camera Club

As in the previous year, the 1977 colour-slide competition was a great success so we are again giving prizes for the best slides at our Annual Camera Club Show on March 14th 1978, in the Village Hall, Sutton Courtenay. The competition rules are very simple. It is open to anyone who is not a member of a Camera Club, there is no age limit and no entrance fee. It can be on any subject. All slides (up to 3 per person can be submitted) MUST have the owner's name and address clearly marked on them. The best slides will be screened on 14th March and prizes given to the owners of winning entries, who will also get a year's free membership to the Club. So, get out those slide boxes now and pick out your best three slides. Closing date for entries is 12th Feb. 78. Hand in entries to 16 Williat Fields or 42 Abingdon Rd. or the Post Office, Sutton Courtenay. Whilst every care will be taken, no responsibility can be accepted for loss or damage to the slides entered.



## Drayton Country Club

Drayton Country Club had a very successful 1977 and the committee would like to wish all members a Happy New Year. New memberships start this month and anyone interested in becoming a member should contact Davina Chapman, 56 Abingdon Road. There will be dances once a month during 1978, on a Saturday instead of a Friday as before. The first one will be on January 21st and will feature Colin Christian & Culpepper County, a group which was very popular last year.

## Letters

TO



Dear Sir,

May I, as a member of the Drayton Darby and Joan Club, use the Drayton Chronicle to express my gratitude to all the members of the Drayton Youth Club who entertained us so regally on Tuesday Dec. 13. An immense amount of effort must have been put into this event. I am sure that all members of the D & J Club enjoyed the pantomime and the refreshments at the end of the performance were most acceptable,

Yours sincerely W.H. Budgen, 12, Crabtree Lane.

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Dear Sir,

My wife and I moved to Drayton during May 1977 and as you can imagine this was quite an upheaval for a couple in their 70's. Nevertheless, we joined the Darby and Joan Club and were made to feel truly welcome by everyone. We would like to express our thanks to all members of the W.R.V.S. who work so hard each week throughout the year, thereby giving so much pleasure to all the Club members. They have arranged some really enjoyable outings, including the lunch at the Brentford Tailor, Christmas shopping in Abingdon and the most delightful Christmas dinner on Dec. 14, which they made such a huge success.

Thankyou members of the W.R.V.S. for making us feel so very much at home in Drayton,

Yours sincerely C. Hill, 4a, Manor Close.

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

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The Rennells family would like to say THANK YOU for all the help, kindness and concern shown when Jane fell off her pony at the entrance to Hilliat Fields in December last.

We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs Boddington and Mrs Franklin, of the High Street, in their recent bereavements.

The preparation of this 1st Issue of the Chronicle would not have been possible without the untiring effort of Mary Bisby in typing the texts for the "camera" copy. This onerous task was undertaken quite voluntarily and on the understanding that it was a "one-off-only", hence we need someone to answer the small-ad in the wanted column.

Many of us who know Joy Williams will be pleased to hear that she is making a very speedy recovery from her recent car accident at the top of Heley's Lane.

The following are the Parish Communion Rotas at St. Peter's Church :-

	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Tea after Service</u>
Jan 15	R. James	P. Smith, D. Dewe, E. Calcutt
- 22		E. Simmonds, J. Mullins
		C. Teal
- 29	P. Wood	I. Baron, H. Baron, M. James
Feb 5	I. McGregor	B. McGregor, E. Priestnall
		J. Challis
Ash Wed	R. Priestnall	
Feb 12	A. Webb	J. Young, D. Reed, B. Biddle
		C. Harrington
- 19	M. Sadler-Hall	As January 15

Congratulations to our RADIO OXFORD Inter-Village Quiz team, Bill Rennells, Jean Hager, Mira Henderson and Geoff Caudle, who successfully won their 1st Round heat against a team from Littlemore. Good Luck to you all in the next round against Enstone, and let's hope that you will have plenty of Draytonians to support you on the night.

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The Agents have two other parts to play, in that they will, or should, have contacted you to seek your support for the Foundation Draw. Important as this is for the financial well-being of the Chronicle, their other role is more vital to the Chronicle's aims. This is to supply the production team with 'neighbourly news' of their areas. Readers can help by contacting their Area Agent with news items that they would like to see published in the "Neighbourhood News" columns. Or, of course, anyone can write down the news item and put it in the Chronicle letter-box, envelope marked "Neighbourhood News", please

Here is a list of agents so far. There are areas where there is no agent and volunteers to cover these would be most welcome. Also it would be nice if there were two agents per area so that the work could be shared or done alternately.

There's no pay for the job, so the motivation must be that of being a good neighbour.

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Abingdon Rd (Odd Nos 77-119).....	Mr. P. Leach
Corneville Rd	VACANCY
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Sutton Wick (All Nos) .....	Mr. V. Pardey
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Abingdon Rd (Even Nos 40-84).....	Mrs. J. Williams
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Church Lane .....	Mr. R. Barnes
High St. (E. end from Church L)...	Mrs. M. Munnoch
High St. (W. end " " ..	Miss S. Caudle
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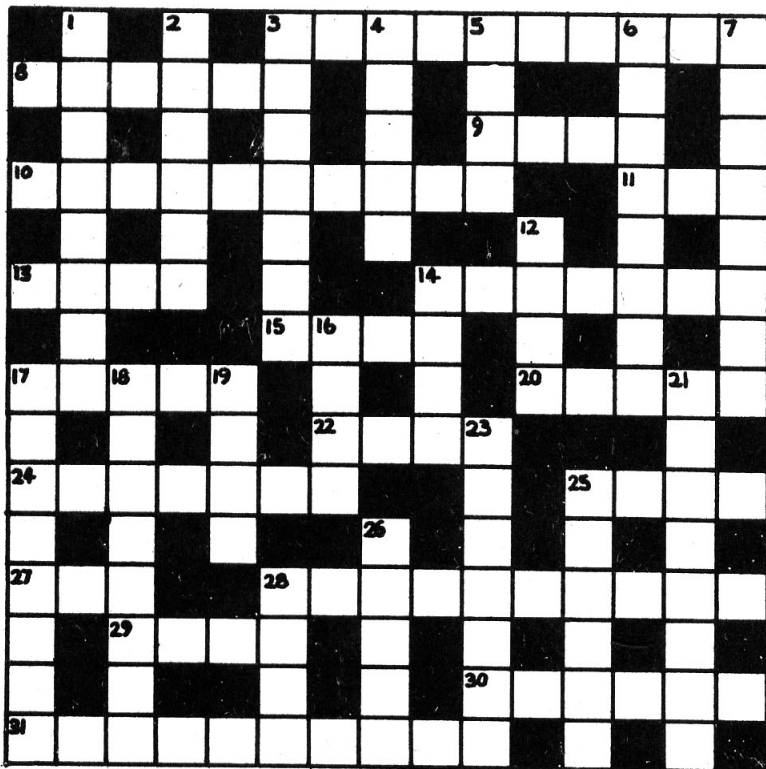
FROM

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Well now ! Here's the solution to the first crossword ..... no doubt you all found the three local clues for 1 across, 2 down and 21 across ..... so now, have a go at Number 2 .... it's a little more difficult, and there's no hints this time. £1 prize for first correct solution opened on Monday 30th January 78. Put solutions in envelope, with name and address, marked "Xword" and place in Chronicle letter-box at Mr. Vickery's shop.



- 29. Further decoration I found in Italy (4).
- 30. Did Handel eternally score out ?  
No, internally (6).
- 31. Remissness fills squares (10).

**DOWN**

- 1. A blade right for the Monk's garb (8).
- 2. Jolly good fellows, 'twas said (6).
- 3. Passing pleasantly (7).
- 4. A single tear to make one cross (5).
- 5. Of YORK (4).
- 6. Dig it again to save (8).
- 7. There's a light on this mess (8).
- 12. Ample arms produce a suit (4).
- 14. DCCL fish (4).
- 16. Change the way for ardour (4).
- 17. Patronage, now, promises on (8).
- 18. Bogey Man, with the kitty ? (5 - 3).
- 19. Record is contained withal (4).
- 21. Former regions take out (8).
- 23. Do expel a myth, with a bang ! (7).
- 25. "Mrs. Harris ... Leave the ----- on the chimney-piece" Dickens (6).
- 26. Aware of the point. Understood ? (5).
- 28. Not a good shot at the game (4).

**ACROSS**

- 3 - 27. Here was Roy with a Hen, nearby (10 - 3).
- 8. The speed of the burn ? (6).
- 9. An Order it leaves out (4).
- 10. He takes a chance ! (10).
- 11. The outside of the prime part (3).
- 13. The majority of the State is of sorrow (4).
- 14. The neck on the Spanish Commander (7).
- 15. Clothes in mesh (4).
- 17. Artist comes back to the sea with a weapon (7).
- 20. The Greek, no longer ill, still hurts (5).
- 22. Trojan Nexus brings the Queen (4).
- 24. Bede had one issue. A hart ? (7).
- 25. Play to the Orient for contention (4).
- 27. ( See 3 across ).
- 28. The student parent newt became a mollusc (10).

( continued across )



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