

# DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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## School Summer Fete

Sunday 12th June saw the 2016 **Drayton C.P. School summer fête**, with a 'Kings & Queens' theme to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Being nearly Midsummer's Day, it seemed a safe day to pick for a good chance of nice weather, but the British summer had other plans, with almost non-stop rain forecast. A bit of last-minute re-arranging was needed first thing, to bring stalls inside or borrow emergency gazebos, but by 11am everything was ready and the gates were opened to the community. Despite the rain (which still hadn't stopped), there was a good turnout from the village and beyond, and a lot of fantastic volunteers worked together to raise a record-breaking total of **£2,473.84!** The FODSA committee are planning a meeting later this school term to discuss possible uses for the money raised.

But it wasn't all about raising money (though that was a nice bonus). The fête opened with a **fancy dress parade** around the school field, led by Mr Knight and ending in the school hall with a judging of the best 'regal' costume in each age category (**special thanks** to **Yo2Go** for donating the prize of a free healthy milkshake to each of the winners).

Winners were:-

**Age 0-4:** Felicity Grundy & Sam Billington

**Age 5-8:** Ruth Peters & Oliver Wilton

**Age 9+:** Sienna Steptoe & Amber Foster

The hall was also the 'main stage' for some wonderful singing by the school and Drayton Community choirs, an Irish dancing demonstration and a gymnastics display.

Throughout the day there was also a free circus skills workshop where young and old tried – and mostly failed – to master unicycles, mini bikes, diablos and juggling.

Village groups were well-represented with the Millennium Green committee 'naming the puppy', Drayton2020 with their sports questionnaire, Messy Church doing Crown Crafts and Drayton Pre-school (who raised £70) selling toys & games.

Traditional family fun & games could be found at stalls including the coconut shy, squirt-a-duck, lucky dip, tombola, lollipop pick, and many more. The day ended with a very generously-supported raffle (over a third of the proceeds came from the raffle). Plus of course, a fête wouldn't be a fête without some delicious food and (soft) drinks in the form of a BBQ, and fabulous cream teas with homemade scones on sale in the hall.

**Thanks to everyone** who came and made the day such a success, and here's to next year – and maybe some sun!

Friends Of Drayton School Association (FODSA)

(& there follows some pictures of the day :-)



These are 2 of the day's 'Knights & Princesses'



Sienna Steptoe winning her fancy dress prize



And THIS is 'squirt the duck'!!

# COMING CHRONICLES

The **August Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Fri July 29th**.

The Editor will be **Dave Lee (202699)**. Contributions may be e-mailed (see below, safest is to 'editor@'), or placed in the Chronicle letter box, outside Vickery's store on Drayton Green,

**NO LATER than 5.15 pm on Monday, July 18th 2016.**

**After this deadline**, items are given less precedence for inclusion (No guarantees!), and certainly need to reach us by the **Wednesday**.

**STOP PRESS - ADVERTISERS should note** that the deadline for ads is **EARLIER, Friday July 15th**, due to their preparation time.

NB :- **Can we politely remind** Contributors that the above **deadlines** are exactly that; there seems to be a trend (with increasing use of e-mail) of sending items later. It should perhaps be realised that **the later an item is received, the less precedence it gets.**

The box is checked a little before the deadline. **It is a great help** if items can be left a few days before the closing date. **Thank you.**

## NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

All contributions to the Chronicle are most welcome. Be sure to include the name, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number of the author. Contributions can be made :-

1. If you've Internet access, by **email** to the relevant editor (and please use a **meaningful title**, we get a lot called Chronicle!)

to reach the next editor ==>	<b>editor@draytonchronicle.net</b>
Derek Pooley >>>	derek_pooley@talk21.com
David Lee >>>	david_r.lee@ntlworld.com
Tony Holmes >>>	tony-holmes@ntlworld.com

**Please remember to check** that you soon get a confirmation reply. We do occasionally have emails sent that just don't arrive!

2. An email attachment, in **WORD** please (NOT a PDF file!).
3. A good, **black typescript** on white A4 paper or smaller. Or perhaps hand-written, either way, **NAMES** in **CAPITALS** please!
4. IF in any doubt, **ASK** the **EDITOR!**

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## ALL AROUND

### 1st Drayton Brownies Annette Mitchell

Welcome to Ruby and Nathalie who are joining our Brownie Pack, we hope they enjoy their time with us.

We finally finished looking back through the decades, we looked at hair, make-up and fashion in the 1970s, 80s, 90s and the 'noughties'. This included music from Saturday Night Fever, Michael Jackson and Madonna.

Fathers were not forgotten as the Brownies made wallpaper bags and cards for Father's Day.

We celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday with a tea party and all the Brownies contributed party food and dressed in their finest party clothes.

The Brownies had a giggle at The Mummy game with toilet roll and lots of wrapping!

Meetings are held at Drayton Village Hall, on Wednesdays during school term from 6pm - 7.30, meetings are open to all girls aged between 7-10 years old.

Further details are available from:-

**Ruth Hudson** (Brown Owl) on 01235 205111;

**Esther Deabill** (Tawny Owl - 528502),

& **Annette Mitchell** (Barn Owl - 555216).

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## DRAYTON WIVES

## Gwen Price

Our meeting in May was given by Beryl Maile, who painted many pictures in a short time. She used a sponge to do the background and then added the smaller details. She did landscapes, seascapes, animals and flowers. We could then choose a picture to take home.

The next meeting in July is titled:- 'Going Solo in Syria', to be given by journalist Mary Russell (Ed's note:- her topic is from her travels there before the present troubles, but she has written a number of books, inc 'The Blessings of a Good Thick Skirt', also documentaries and plays largely broadcast by RTE and the BBC, so she looks a very interesting guest).

A reminder that Whist is now held on the second Thursday of the month, in the afternoon at the Day Centre, (at 2pm), and new members are very welcome.

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## DRAYTON PreSchool

## Laura Hughes

We would like to thank everyone who came along to our **Quiz Night** in May, all our helpers and parents who donated prizes and food for the cheese boards. It was a fantastic night which raised **over £1000**.

Fundraising is essential to keep our committee-run setting open and providing early years education for local children, and we are very grateful that this will continue to be the case for the next school year.

There are still limited places available at preschool for September 2016. If you have a 2- or 3-year-old and would like to visit preschool, or put your child's name on the waiting list, please contact Nadine by email ([draytonpreschool@btconnect.com](mailto:draytonpreschool@btconnect.com)) or call on 01235 536094.

### Letters to the Editor

The Editor reserves the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter. Each letter must bear a legible name & address, and Tel. No in case any text needs verification.



# ST PETER'S CHURCH

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## CHURCH NOTICES

### REGULAR SERVICES

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

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice	Bell Tower
Weds	10.00 am	Pebbles (term time only)	Church Room

### CALENDAR for JULY

Tues	5th	2.30 pm	1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room
Weds	13th	10.30 am	Pebbles Picnic	Church Room
Sun	17th	3.30 pm	Village Family Picnic	Drayton School

### PARISH REGISTER

<b>Baptisms</b>	May 29th	Nathan Joshua Lake
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Dear Friends, A few weeks ago, I received this email about being Friends with God, written by Billy Graham in his book "Our God of Comfort and Hope".

*There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24). Think of it: the infinite, all-powerful, holy God of the universe wants to be your friend! This is a staggering truth. He wants you to know Him personally and to discover what it means to walk with Him every day. He wants you to know He is with you, and He wants to have communication with you through His Word and through prayer. He wants to comfort you when you are upset or anxious and to encourage you when you are dejected or depressed. He wants to guide you when you face difficult decisions, and He even wants to correct you when you are about to do something foolish or wrong.*

*Human friends may fail us, but God never will.*

*He wants to be our friend and for us to be His friends as well. Once you understand this, your life will never be the same.*

Most people think Christianity is about attending a church like attending a social group, or following loads of laws. If church was simply about this then I wouldn't be a Christian today. Church should be a bunch of friends that support us, knowing God more and experiencing God more in our lives, and learning to live life to the max. **If you are interested in finding out more** about God and issues of faith, then please do phone (531374), or you can email me ([rev.stpetersdrayton@gmail.com](mailto:rev.stpetersdrayton@gmail.com)), and we can explore these issues together.

If you would like just a fun social, **for families young and young at heart**, there will be games and activities at Drayton School, **July 17th** (3:30pm) followed by a bring and share picnic.

God Bless

*Rebecca*

### MISSED OUT ON YOUR CHRONICLE?

If by any chance your Area Agent is unable to deliver your Chronicle one month you can collect a copy from Vickery's shop in the week after normal delivery time. Lawrence has very kindly agreed to keep a small stock for us each month.

## (MORE) ALL AROUND

### Baby & Toddler Group Laura Hughes

Toddlers runs from 9.30am – 11.30am most Thursdays, we hope to run during the school summer holidays this year so please find us on Facebook (details below) to check what's happening each week. Sessions cost £2 per family, payable on the day.

We have a wide range of toys, including a dedicated padded baby area, ride-ons, cars, dolls, kitchen, Lego, books and puzzles and now a roller coaster!

Recently we have made crowns to celebrate the Queens birthday and also Father's Day cards, we try to have a craft most weeks that is appealing to children across the age range.

Please join us on Facebook at **Drayton Baby and Toddler Group, Abingdon 2016**. We keep the group updated with our latest news and activities. All are very welcome!

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## DRAYTON W.I.

Ann Webb

At our June meeting we were shown how to make a card, which was stamped in our choice of colours and designs and then folded in a certain way to produce a beautiful '3D' effect when opened.

It was an evening requiring a great deal of patience by our tutor Mrs Val Cross, one of our members, trying to show us the intricate folds required to produce this masterpiece, but the smiles of admiration at the end were well worth it - Thank you Val.

We are holding a **coffee morning** at a member's house on Saturday 9th July at 10am, with the proceeds of the bring and buy going to Denman College Restoration fund, so do **please attend and spend.**

Our July meeting is going to be a surprise, we are finalising arrangements for a speaker, so wait and see! Our meetings are 7.30pm at the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, (monthly, 2nd Thursdays), please come and see what we do.

All of our members send good wishes to **Mrs Angela Painton** who is at the time of writing in hospital recovering from an illness.

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### Drayton PLAYERS

Jean Hager

Following the great reception we received on our recent return to the boards with the hilarious and highly successful "BusyBody", we have felt encouraged to look at the possibility of staging another production. However, to achieve this, we do need some fresh blood to join what is at present just a small nucleus of enthusiasts; we'd love to welcome like-minded people into our group.

In recent years the population of this village has grown and changed a great deal, and we're sure there are talented folk out there who could help us continue a really interesting and fun-filled hobby.

There are many facets to our group, not just on-stage members. We need people interested in stage lighting, electrics, costume, scenery construction, painting, stage management, not to forget anyone interested in trying out the director's hat! Our chairman Mike Davies can be contacted either on 01235 821351 or by email [info@DraytonPlayers.org.uk](mailto:info@DraytonPlayers.org.uk) and would be pleased to have a chat with you.

# BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Secretary:- Mrs Jayne Henderson..... 522161

## REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

**Please note:-** there is no longer an 11.15am Service.  
**Family worship** can now be enjoyed at Drayton School (first Sunday of the month, 3 - 4.30pm)  
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## WESTMINSTER VIEW

Ed Vaizey's column (Wantage & Didcot MP, also he's Minister of State for Culture, & the Digital Economy)

I was delighted to see that a local charity, based at Long Wittenham, The Earth Trust, has been given The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. It is thanks to volunteers like this that many of us have access to large areas of open space, which they use freely and widely, such as Wittenham Clumps, Thrupp Lake, and the Castle Meadows in Wallingford. The work done by the Earth Trust Volunteers is undoubtedly deserving of this award.

**Young people looking for volunteering opportunities** over the summer months might be interested in the programs run through the National Citizen Service. This is a program for 16 and 17 year olds, and runs for three weeks in the summer, followed by a 30 hour community action project.

The scheme brings together young people from different backgrounds and helps them to develop greater confidence, resilience, self-awareness, responsibility and skills for work and life. Over 200,000 people across the UK have already taken part in NCS. Further information on the 2016 programme can be found at:- <http://bit.ly/28nEaty>

I recently met some amazing young people undertaking apprenticeships at Oxford Instruments; **apprenticeships** are an **increasingly popular choice for school leavers** and more information on the current apprenticeship drive can be found here:- <http://bit.ly/1PiTEmU>

I frequently get contacted by constituents who are experiencing problems on the roads. Highways England have informed me that they are updating their route strategies which will inform projects for the period 2020-2025. This is one of the key steps of research required to help provide information on the use and performance of roads and shape future investment priorities. An online mapping tool has been launched that allows the public to inform them about the performance, impact, and challenges the road network faces. Further information and the mapping tool can be found here:- <http://bit.ly/1RYiN6a>

**Please do contact me** if you have any pressing issues that you'd like help with. Either myself or one of my fantastic team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist.

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I also send out occasional general interest emails about local 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>.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Report of the Parish Council Meeting, Monday June 6th

One member of the public attended the meeting, in addition to the councillors. Richard Seamark reported that the footpath across the field to the east of the village (and north of the High St) is nearly obscured by crops; also, the bridleway on the east side of Milton Rd (entrance to Milton Garden Machinery) has a number of cars parked alongside it. The Deputy Clerk agreed to investigate.

Financial assistance to the Football Club was approved to help with the cost of cutting the grass on the football pitch, but rather than attempting another costly repair of the Club's mower, it was felt that the task should be taken on by a contractor.

The wider issue of grass verge cutting in the village has produced a number of complaints from residents. Some have been made directly to the PC; others aired vociferously on social media, where it is apparent that Drayton is not the only village affected. The fact is that the areas the Parish Council is responsible for are being regularly cut, either once or twice a month. All other areas are the responsibility of the Highways Dept. of OCC, and the County have stated that, due to their maintenance budget being slashed, they will now cut grass verges only twice a year. At some road junctions, where high grass would dangerously obstruct the view, they will cut more often.

The reductions in central government's grants to local councils are so severe that OCC is looking to devolve some of its functions down to parish councils. The PC may be willing to take on certain tasks, but clearly there are implications for our own budget, and we will not commit to further expenditure without a guarantee of additional funding to support it. As one more example of the effects of budget cuts, OCC have confirmed that the mobile library service will cease to operate in September.

(Ed'd note :- re such cuts, we presume that IF the 'unitary' plan – see Richard Webber's piece on page 10 – goes ahead to make the needed savings and efficiencies, such services can actually be reinstated, and not lost forever?).

The Lockway playground refurbishment is now complete, and seems to have been a success, judging by the amount of use it is now getting from the local children. There will have been (by the time of this issue), an 'official' opening ceremony on Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June, at 3.30pm. →

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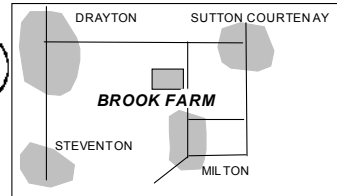
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→ The PC has written to the Vale, OCC, Abingdon Town Council, and Taylor Wimpey, expressing its concern about the new road junction and cycle path past the new Morland Gardens (South Abingdon) development. In particular, we are disappointed that a proper cycle path and footpath has not been built. Far from encouraging cyclists to use dedicated cycle paths, the arrangement here will more likely convince them they are better off staying on the main road. This is hardly consistent with OCC policy, which despite all the financial constraints elsewhere, is committed to improving and upgrading the provision for cyclists.

To contact any members of the PC, all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow. David may be contacted via email at [draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk), or by phone on 07909 176061, and he'll ensure that any messages are passed on. Any Drayton resident may also ask to be added to the emailing list, to receive prior notice of meetings and any relevant documents. In addition, all PC minutes are now archived on the (new) village website: <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/> (also has back copies of the Drayton Chronicle), info re Drayton 2020 Implementation Committee, and details of other village events.

**The next Parish Council meeting** will be on Monday 4th July 2016, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.

*Richard Williams* (Drayton PC – chair / and Drayton 2020)



# YOUR LETTERS

## Well Done Annie!!

Dear Editor, via email

We would like to send **congratulations** to our daughter Annie Soper for recently completing her 'Gold' Duke of Edinburgh Award, which she will be presented with, at Kensington Palace, at a future date.

Annie was a pupil at Drayton School and is currently completing her final year at Abingdon Sixth Form Consortium.

**We are so proud of her amazing achievement.**

Many Thanks Claire, Brian and Toby Soper



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## Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Editor Steventon Road

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all the people in Drayton who so kindly sent cards and gifts following the death of our son, Michael.

We were surrounded by love, prayers, care and support which we much appreciated. We count ourselves fortunate once again to be living in Drayton with its wonderful inhabitants.

Sincerely, Robert and Jackie Walker.



**Letters to the Editor**  
 We welcome articles and letters on a variety of subjects. However, the Editors reserve the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter or text. If something is rejected, or held over to the next issue (this for space reasons) then the sender will usually be suitably advised.

## From:- Thames Valley Police

(A short message for our communities in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, sent on behalf of Local Police Area Commander Superintendent Rory Freeman)

Over the last six months there have been **several tragic events** in South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse and I wanted to take a moment to reflect on these.

We are one community, and I, my officers, my staff, and indeed the entire Force, have also been impacted by these tragedies, as our communities have been.

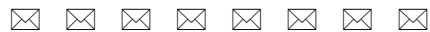
Although the past months have been challenging, I have been deeply impressed by the strength and resilience shown by the communities in the face of these tragedies.

**Thank you;** without your help, your bravery and your support we wouldn't be able to do our jobs.

It is our priority to disrupt and deal with the organised and violent crime that we have unfortunately seen recently, and which isn't reflective of our community.

I would like to reassure you that we will continue to work tirelessly to protect our communities from harm, to prevent crime and bring offenders to justice.

Yours, Superintendent Rory Freeman



## CHRONICLE NEWS

We have someone who has taken on the Agent round formally covered by Jenny Stevens but only on a temporary basis, we really do need someone to step up and take it on permanently, in fact we could do with several new agents as we have people doing as many as three rounds, and some areas are not covered at all!!

We all value our Chronicle but without some new blood we wonder how long it can continue to be delivered as it is currently. It really is a great way to meet your neighbours. We will also have more houses in the village over the next few years and this will present an even bigger challenge in terms of distribution.

If anyone feels that they could spare between 30 and 90 minutes a month then please contact Gareth on [garethj.davies@virgin.net](mailto:garethj.davies@virgin.net) or Carol Arnold on [carolannarnold@sky.com](mailto:carolannarnold@sky.com)

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING Newsletter

{from Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Sue Haynes}

**Drayton Post Office** - a man has been sentenced to two years and ten months imprisonment for burglary and driving offences. Stuart Healey, aged 35, of Botley Road, Oxford, pleaded guilty to one count of burglary, one count of driving a motor vehicle while above the alcohol limit, one count of driving a motor vehicle dangerously and one count of assaulting a constable in the execution of duty. At around 3am on 5 May 2015, Healey used a car to drive into the front of Drayton Post Office.

**School visit** - On 25 May we visited the reception class at Drayton School and spoke to them about what the police do and showed them around our police van. They were very excited and enjoyed looking at all our equipment, including our riot shields.

### Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999.



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(oh, and Practice Nights in Drayton are Mondays at 7:45pm).

### NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

**A warm welcome** to Robert Corderoy and Hannah Clifton who have moved into Binning Close from Didcot.

And also a **very warm welcome** to John Lynch, his fiancée Amy McKnight and daughters Poppy and Daisy who have recently moved into Sutton Wick Lane from Kennington and hope that they will be very happy in their new home (perhaps a good omen was winning one of our Lottery prizes soon after arriving!).



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### Neighbourhood Plans

CFO (Community First Oxon) report that they've been commissioned by five new Neighbourhood Plan groups to assist them as they develop NPs. Appleton, East & West Hanney, Steventon and East Hagbourne all recently held very-well attended launch events, where residents discussed the key issues in their community and how a NP might be able to address them. Which looks like the Drayton 2020 group were well ahead of the game when developing ours?! Oh, and the Vale Council recently announced that their local plan is edging closer (the lack of one some 3 years ago was remarked upon by the Govt Inspector when granting the South Abingdon estate now being built).



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## Richard Webber - Oxon CC

### Beware the man with forked tongue.

The trouble with experts is they do not always agree. Even those employed to give independent, dispassionate advice to the decision-makers often give conflicting advice. There is a similar danger that the two firms, paid to advise us all on Unitary Government in Oxfordshire, may also wind up giving us conflicting advice. The problem is compounded if the 'experts' appear to have been 'got at' by people seeking only the advice they wish to receive. This devalues the perceived integrity of independent advisors and, as with the EU Referendum, it leaves the decision-makers (in that case you and me) in a state of confusion as to whom to believe.

By the time you read this, the Referendum will most likely be done and dusted, but the one question I have been asked time and again over the last few weeks is "How can I believe what the experts say?". Leaving aside the question of whether you and I are capable of making a decision requiring a detailed understanding of economics, the best answer I can give is – find the experts you trust most, and question their possible motives for giving the advice they are giving. At the same time look at the advice being given by those with least to gain or lose from any outcome.

It is interesting therefore, that Vladimir Putin, Marie le Penne and Donald Trump all think we should vote to leave the EU. That advice, together with what I hear from most young people makes my decision as to which way to vote on June 23rd much easier!

(Ed's note:- in fact Mr Trump has thought both In, and Out, would be good – he didn't understand the question when first put, and probably doesn't fully comprehend the EU now. Though the question will have been decided by the time this issue hits doormats, you can also quite easily find people with questionable expertise recommending 'In', let's see, Tony Blair & Gordon Brown who combined to wreck the country's economy – Blair still thinks the Euro would be good! – and other people who tried to bankrupt the country (the ERM fiasco) like Sir John Major and Lord Michael Heseltine, all favour 'Remain'. As Richard says, choose your 'expert' carefully!). →



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→ The same issue arises over Unitary argument. We are depending on Price Waterhouse Cooper, (employed by the District Councils to advise them) and Grant Thornton, (ditto for County Council), to give us genuinely dispassionate, independent advice on which way we should go. When asked by GT what I wished from *their* report, I was very clear that whatever they had to say, it must be **independent advice** based on their independent analysis.

In my view the integrity of the whole process will be blown away if any Council is perceived to have tried to pre-judge or sway the consultants. I expect GT's analysis to be scrutinized for independence and I will be doing my best to ensure that the PWC analysis is subjected to the same scrutiny.

If you have feelings on any County issues you would like me to hear, **please contact me** on [richardwebber777@gmail.com](mailto:richardwebber777@gmail.com) or 01235 534001. **Richard Webber** (Cllr OCC)



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## **Drayton Sports Survey**

Under the Drayton2020 Neighbourhood Plan a major revamp of the sports and leisure facilities in Drayton is being planned including:- A new sports pavilion and sports pitches at Barrow Road - now called Walnut Meadow; A refurbishment of the Drayton Hall at Lockway; Additional facilities outside Drayton Hall (such as a 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 paths, and 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.

Drayton Parish Council & Drayton2020 have drawn up a **survey** to help plan the additional facilities for Drayton, and we would like **as many people as possible to complete it**. The more responses we receive, the more accurate a picture we will be able to form of what activities Drayton residents want (or don't want) to see in the village. Even if you do not personally participate in sports, or have no interest in them, you may have a view on what should be provided and how it should be funded. There are also questions on what activities other than sports (e.g. amateur dramatics) you would like to see provided. **Please do have a look at the survey**. It takes only a few minutes to complete.

You can submit the form as an individual, or as a household (up to 6 people), online ([www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DraytonSports](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DraytonSports)), or by email to [draytonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:draytonclerk@gmail.com) (send completed form as an attachment), or on paper (return to David Perrow, Parish Clerk. c/o 12 Loddon Close, Abingdon, OX14 3TB or to any Parish Councillor or Drayton2020 member). Some paper copies are in the village hall if needed.

If you have any questions about this survey then please contact: David Perrow, Drayton Parish Clerk, (Tel: 07909 176061) or by email:- [drayton.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:drayton.clerk@gmail.com)

### **MOBILE LIBRARY LOCATION & TIMES HAVE CHANGED!**

**Drayton** (Tuesdays):- This service is CLOSING (in Sept) but for now will still appear at :- The Green 2:20 to 2:40 July 12/26, August 9/23, with the final visit Sept 6th. OCC say they "will work with service users to find alternative ways for them to continue accessing library services in the future through our network of 43 library buildings; our online library services; and our Home Library Service".

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## CALA Homes - Manor Farm

CALA Homes is preparing a planning application for a development of up to 58 new homes, including a mix of properties to meet local demand.

On June 7th, they held a public consultation event in the village hall, giving everyone a chance to have their say and help shape the design of the proposed development before plans are submitted to the Vale of White Horse District Council.

This article is a subset of the display banners and info in the presentation, for anyone who couldn't get there on the night.

The Manor Farm site is located in the heart of the village, bounded by Abingdon Road, Henleys Lane and Gravel Lane and lies within the Drayton Conservation Area.

The site is allocated in the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan for new housing and the creation of a new village green. Despite being bordered on all four sides by housing, the site is a small agricultural holding with a farmhouse and associated outbuildings adjoining a small area of pasture. The 3.9 hectares of land is now seldom used for agriculture, except for occasional grazing by livestock

Representatives from CALA were present of course, but they welcome feedback; you can see more details at their website, which is [www.cala.co.uk/manorfarmdrayton](http://www.cala.co.uk/manorfarmdrayton), or contact the Parish Council, see page 7 in this issue for details.

The proposal is for up to 58 high quality new homes on the site. The development will provide a range of house types to accommodate all buyers, including:

- 1 bedroom apartments
- 2 & 3 bedroom semi-detached and detached homes
- 4 bedroom detached homes.

A number of community benefits will be delivered as part of the application. These include:

- An attractive, vibrant village green to act as a focal point at the heart of the village – a key component of the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan
- Delivery of affordable housing, in a mix described above, offering residents a genuine opportunity to gain access to the housing market
- Contributions to local community services and facilities including roads and transport, schools and other educational establishments, recreational facilities and medical services.

The proposed homes are traditionally designed and provide a wide range of bungalows, short terraces, semi-detached and detached homes with generous private gardens and plentiful off-street parking, centred around a large village green for all to use and enjoy. The internal roads are designed in an attractive range of cul-de-sacs to help encourage low vehicle speeds, with clear routes for pedestrians and cyclists.

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A key aim of the plan is to create a new **village green** on this site, which has been long recognised as an important, yet inaccessible, green space. Providing a large, landscaped public open space in the heart of the village will ensure that the development at Manor Farm achieves this aim. The landscape strategy includes:

- 1.49 hectares of open space 'gifted' to the village to form an accessible village green
- Retaining key trees with further new tree planting; to reflect the oaks flanking the main village roads and lime trees on the existing green
- New tree planting will be coordinated with that planned for Hilliat Fields to create a tree-lined approach to the village green from the west
- Planting, paving and boundary materials chosen help integrate the development with the surrounding village landscape and Conservation Area.

Access to the site will be via a new priority junction with Abingdon Road, approximately 50m south of Henleys Lane.

An additional pedestrian and cycle link is proposed on Abingdon Road, opposite Hilliat Fields, which will connect to the main access road within the site. The remainder of the internal roads within the site are proposed to be shared surface streets, providing safe access for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.

CALA Homes will ensure the village green is accessible to all members of the public to enjoy, by creating a permeable pedestrian environment. A network of footpaths will link the site with the village green, and further footpath links are proposed to Gravel Lane to the east and south, and Henleys Lane to the north.

The proposed development of up to 58 dwellings will generate around 30 two-way vehicle trips during weekday morning and evening peak hours, equating to an average of one vehicle trip every two minutes.

The site is also one of three developments within Drayton that will provide financial contributions towards the Drayton Traffic and Street Design Strategy, which seeks to improve the village environment and access for pedestrians and cyclists, has been promoted in the Neighbourhood Plan and has the support of OCC.



## CALA Homes - Manor Farm

This continues from the CALA Homes piece on page 12, with an attempt to show the outline view of the proposal. You should be able to make out the new houses curving round the back of Caudwell Close, with Henleys Lane above them and Abingdon Road to the west. It also has a suggested view of the junction with Abingdon Road, viewed from Hilliat Field.

The website does contain assurances about the attention being given to ecology, drainage, etc, more details thereon.



## Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG5 Safety Corner)

### SPEED INDICATING DEVICE (SID)

Police carried out speed checks along Drayton and Milton Roads, Sutton Courtenay, in April. (The data collected was provided in the June Safety Corner piece). The view of Thames Valley Police (TVP) is that regular speed checks – perhaps once per week – would be one of the most effective deterrents to speeding. It has been suggested that Appleford, Drayton and Sutton Courtenay Parish Councils consider the joint purchase of a SID, with local volunteers being trained to use it.

This could be done by setting up a Community Speedwatch scheme, which would provide residents, who are concerned about speeding at a particular village location, and at particular times, the opportunity to accompany a police officer or PCSO to gain an informed view through the sight of real-time data.

### **How does a Community Speedwatch scheme work?**

Watches can only operate in areas up to a 40 mph speed limit. Community volunteers work alongside TVP officers to identify vehicles which break the speed limit. Registration numbers are then entered onto a police database, which produces a letter informing the registered owner that their vehicle has been noted to have exceeded the speed limit. If the same registration number is logged in another Watch anywhere within TVP area the owner will receive another letter advising them that if caught a third time the information will be passed to Roads Policing, who may take further action.

### **Speed detection operations**

Locations are suggested by the community. A neighbourhood Police Officer or PCSO will then risk-assess the location. Volunteers must be aged 18 and over and may have to undergo training. The costs of a 'SID' are in the region of £1,500 to £2,000 and this would be shared by the three parish councils if they all agreed. You can find more detailed info on Community Speedwatch on the TVP website at :-

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/rdsafe/rdsafe-roadpol/rdsafe-roadpol-speedenforcement/rdsafe-roadpol-speedenforcement-speedwatch.htm>

If you are interested in volunteering for Community Speedwatch please get in touch with NAG5, using the info below, giving your name and contact details.

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### SUTTON COURTENAY POLICE OFFICE CLOSURE

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TVP would seek to only cover rental and running costs/service charges. Equipment etc would continue to be provided. The cost for the Sutton Courtenay office is in the region of £4,500 per annum. The NAG5 parish councils (Appleford, Drayton and Sutton Courtenay) are being approached to ask if they would consider sharing that cost, should they wish to support the continued presence of an office in Sutton Courtenay.



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The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Our next dates are July 5th & August 2nd.

If you need **transport or further information** please give me (Jean Hager) a call on 531558.

#### YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL CONTACTS :-

Parish (Clerk) David Perrow (draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk  
OR phone 07909 176 061);

District (VofWH) Stuart Davenport (01235 521078)  
& Oxfordshire County richardwebber777@gmail.com

### DRAYTON HALL NEWS

**Would all users please note** that a new front door is coming soon, which sounds good but sadly means all the existing keys will need to be changed. More info nearer the time.

A new group has just started, **Seniors (Gentle!) Yoga**, Mondays at 11am for an hour (£5), first reports were very good, to give it a try please book in via Annalie Thomasson on 07766 991487.

And we've now had a better quote to get some car-park repairs, so hopefully it'll start looking flatter soon!

The last weekend in July we have a **Briard dog show**. It's quite a rare breed, the members come from all round the country (we're quite central) and for a couple of evenings there will be a few caravans, motorhomes or even a tent or two on site.

The **Bowls club** tell me they've space for a few new members, a friendly bunch and it's an easy game to get the hang of; the **Sequence Dance group** (Thurs eves) are also on the lookout for a little new blood, so do consider that for a spot of gentle exercise and a **good social evening** (a number of their group travel a fair distance, so it must be good!).

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**Donkey Show & Fun Dog Show** Sun July 3rd, 10am to 5pm (dog show from 2pm), the Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell (so between Didcot & Wallingford), Tel:- 01491 833938 Email: [mail@donkeyrescue.org.uk](mailto:mail@donkeyrescue.org.uk) Perfect place for children to visit (be prepared to stroke a lot of donkeys!). There's also a flea market & collector's fair, lots of stalls.

### OTHER LOCAL PLACES OF WORSHIP

**Methodist Chapel** High Street, Milton,  
Sunday Service: 10.30 am  
Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

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# DRAYTON DIARIES

## DIARY FOR JULY

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

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

Sat	2	5.00pm	Private Function	
Sun	3	10.00am	Private Function (Child's b'day)	
		2.00pm	-- ditto --	
Mon	4	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
Weds	6	7.30pm	WI Committee	
Sat	9	11.00am	Private Function	
Sun	17	11.00am	Private Function	
Mon	18	5.00pm	<b>Chronicle Deadline (p2) – Ads 15th</b>	
Sat	23	4.00pm	Private Function	
		5.00pm	Evening function	
Sat	30	11.00am	Briard Dog Show (see Hall report)	



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## REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

**NB PLEASE** – if an entry is wrong – tell one of the editors (page 2)

### MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
1.15 pm	Baby sign-language classes (1 hr – 07927 339102)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
6.00 pm	'Bounce Fit' (1hr - Sophie 07791 778388)	
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.00 pm	Table Tennis (Coaching, one hour)	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>
8.00 pm	Table Tennis (Social Play, one hour)	<i>School</i>

### TUESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.20 pm	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>The Green</i>
2.30 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	<i>Church Room</i>
5.45 pm	Zumba Fitness (Kelly)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (three hours)	<i>School</i>
8.00 pm	'Clubbercise' (Hannah – 07811 209242)	

### WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.00 am	Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer gp – p4)	<i>Church Room</i>
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month)	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.15 pm	Brownies	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (three hours)	<i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>

### THURSDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (1st Thurs)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group (NB Term-time ONLY)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
2.00 pm	Wives' Whist (Mthly – 2nd Thurs)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
5.00 pm	Rainbows (girls 5 to 7 years, call Mary 832077)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (three hours)	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing (Brian - 01235 531701)	

### FRIDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>Sch'l Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.00 pm	Whist Drive (ACHLoFriends)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>

### SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's</i>
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Family Service 2nd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
3.00 pm	Baptist 'Family Time' (1st Sun)	<i>Drayton School</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Service	<i>Baptist Church</i>
7.00 pm	Zumba Fitness (Gemma)	

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