DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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REFURBISHED PLAYGROUND OPENED

The refurbished playground in Whitehorns Way was officially opened on 27th June.

The ceremony was attended by Mike Badcock, Chairman of the Vale of White Horse District Council. Richard Williams, Chairman of The Parish Council, made the opening speech.

The refurbishment was funded by the Parish Council and by grants from the Drayton Community Trust, VWHDC and from WREN (Landfill Trust).

The parents at the school, pre-school and toddler group, and others, via the Families in Drayton Facebook page, were consulted on the design and choice of equipment by Laura Billington, Tamsin Meredith and Pat Athawes. Laura and Tamsin are parents of young children and Pat is a school governor. All three are Drayton Parish Councillors and along with Richard Williams form the Council's Leisure and General Purposes Committee, chaired by Pat. The L&GP consulted four playground suppliers before choosing the final design.



Gethin Meredith, Tegan Meredith and Henry Billington cut the tape overseen by Mike Badcock



Tamsin Meredith, Laura Billington and helpers set out the refreshments

A RIGHT ROYAL PICNIC Jane McWhirter

The Millennium Green Trust invites you to join us for "a Right Royal Picnic" on Sunday 21st August from 3 - 6 pm.

Come along for the afternoon, bring a picnic and a blanket or a chair and hopefully enjoy a sunny afternoon on the Millennium Green. We will be selling a small selection of cold drinks, an ice cream van will be visiting and we will have some games, tombolas and a treasure hunt running throughout the afternoon.

In addition (subject to minor changes!):

At 3 pm - we would ask you to bring along a cake or individual cakes to be entered into The Great Drayton Bake Off. They will be judged in a very light hearted way by our own Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood and then sold on the cake stall for people to enjoy with their picnic. A small prize for best adult and under 12. No soggy bottoms please!

3.30 - we would love children to wear a crown they had created at home to go along with the theme of the afternoon. A Prince and Princess of Drayton will be chosen for the afternoon and will have a throne to sit on for the afternoon and a suitably regal prize.

4.30 - old fashioned races, egg and spoon, dressing up race and could children bring along a hobby horse if you have one at home - Royal Ascot on the Green. Medals for all!

5.00 - talk at the pond by Rod D'Ayala, Rod helps look after the pond for us and will give a talk about what makes our pond great and what lives and grows there.

Any profit from the event will be put towards additional seating on the Green.

Please note parking is limited so if possible please walk or be dropped off. Could dog owners please be extra vigilant on the run up to this event so we can avoid any messy problems!

The morning before, Saturday 20th August, we are planning a clear up morning as there will be plenty to do to get ready for the picnic. This will be at the usual time of 10.00 to 12.30. Even if you can't make it on Sunday we would really appreciate some help to tidy up the morning before. As usual please bring along a mug and some gardening tools.

Please pass the word around and let people know about this event, let's make it a memorable one! Any questions please contact me at chair.millenniumgreen@gmail.com or Janet Woolley at janetwoolley53@hotmail.co.uk



VALE OF WHITE HORSE LOCAL PLAN

The latest public consultation on the Vale of White Horse Local Plan will take place between the 20th July and 14th September 2016.

All documents (including response forms) can be viewed on the Vale website at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/localplan.

They are also available for inspection at the Vale office 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm), and at public libraries in Abingdon-on-Thames, Wantage, Faringdon, Grove, Botley, Kennington, and Didcot.

If you have any questions please call us on 01235 422600, or e-mail planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Chronicle** will be the **September** issue: Editor: **Derek Pooley, 11 Hall's Close (559454)**

Deadline for advertisements: 17.00 on Friday, 12 August 2016 Deadline for other contributions: 17.00 on Mon., 15 August 2016 Printed copies available: Friday, 26 August 2016

Key dates for the subsequent three Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
October	19 September 2016	30 September 2016
November	17 October 2016	28 October 2016
December	14 November 2016	25 November 2016

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

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter

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£10	Berry 77 Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson	
£10	Mrs M Neal The Willows Binning Close	Cathy Norris	
£10	Barry and Eve Sharp 25 Steventon Road	Tamsin Meredith	
£10	Mr Laws Sutton Wick Farmhouse	Keith Clough	
£10	Mr Alan Woodley 24 High Street	Ali Bone	
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CHRONICLE MATTERS

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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

A warm welcome to Mr. David Burgin and Holly Smith who have moved into Church Lane from Abingdon.

Sue Brooks (Area Agent 10)

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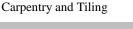
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Private Albert Charles Buck



Border Regiment
1st Battalion/2nd Battalion
Service Number – 8132
Killed in Action 1st July 1916
Age 28
Arthur lived in Steventon Road
Husband of Martha Alice Buck
Buried in Hawthorn Ridge Cemetry
No.2, Auchonvillers



Private Sam Danby



Royal Berkshire Regiment
6th Battalion
Service Number – 16068
Died of wounds 2nd July 1916
Age 33
Son of Samuel and Jane Danby of High
Street
Buried in Heilly Station Cemetry 1B 30



Sergeant Frederick Didcock



Royal Berkshire Regiment
1/4th Battalion
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ST PETER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Hopefully we will all be enjoying good warm holiday weather as you read this letter. As you might know St Peters Church Drayton is part of a larger group of Churches called the DAMASCUS (Drayton, Appleford, Milton And Sutton Courtenay United with Steventon) group. Each church has been its' own parish and functioned independently with their own Parochial Church Councils (governing body) but joining together for monthly services. However, the decision has been taken across each of the parishes to change this operating structure, by joining even more closely together, all five churches becoming one parish. This will mean that there will be one PCC made up of members from all the churches. It will also mean Revd Helen Kendrick (from Sutton Courtenay) will be the full-time licensed incumbent (person in charge) of the parish and I will become an associate priest to the DAMASCUS parish.

The Churchwardens, PCCs and Clergy will be involved in the drawing up of the scheme so that we can ensure it works for all of us. We believe that forming a Single Parish is the best option for serving our communities and pastoral reorganisation of our parishes. This is an exciting opportunity which, we believe, will enable more effective ministry to our rapidly growing communities and help ensure the ongoing financial viability of our churches and ensure better clergy provision across all the parishes. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to talk to your clergy or churchwardens.

Also, a huge thank you to the villagers who have taken responsibility to wind the church clock and who have now retired from duty due to the installation of an electric clockwinding mechanism.

Hope that you all have a lovely Summer! God Bless

Rebecca

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REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service frequently with guest speakers.

Please note that there is no longer an 11.15am Service. Family worship can now be enjoyed at Drayton School on the first Sunday of the month, 3.00-4.30pm.

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

LOCAL METHODIST WORSHIP

High Street, Milton Sunday Service: 10.30 am

Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS Jean Hager

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 2.30 pm to 4:00 pm and you are invited to drop in during these times. Our next two dates will be 2nd August and 6th September. If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.

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Register before you book

Individuals

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Groups

- call 01865 323201 to register and we'll create an account for you
- there is a one off registration fee of £3 and we will send you a membership card

- we will provide a quote for the trip(s)
- you can pay by invoice after you travel.

How to book?

Once you've registered, book a trip by calling 01865 323201 (9am – 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9am-4pm on Friday).

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Indicative costs

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PAUL MAYHEW ARCHER **HONOURED**



congratulates Chronicle Drayton resident, Paul Mayhew Archer, who was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Oxford Brookes University.

Paul is probably best known for his television writing for shows such as "The Vicar of Dibley" and "Mrs Brown's Boys" but his comedy work for radio and television extends much further than those two shows.

His credits as a radio producer include "Weekending" (starring a then little known actor called David Jason), "I'm Sorry I haven't a Clue" and "Old Harry's Game", Andy Hamilton's sitcom set in

His credits as a television script writer include "Spitting Image", "Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps" and "Miranda". He also co-wrote a charming television play, "Roald Dahl's Esio Trot", ("tortoise" spelt backwards), starring Dustin Hoffman and Judi Dench which has been shown during recent Christmases.

At the beginning of his career, Paul tried to break into comedy by taking some shows to the Edinburgh Fringe but the breakthrough didn't come so he trained as a teacher and taught at John Mason School for three years before getting a job at the

Five years ago he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and now spends a lot of time fundraising and giving speeches about the importance of laughing.

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WESTMINSTER LETTER Ed Vaizey

(Editor's note: this item was received after the recent change of Prime Minister and subsequent Cabinet changes that has meant that Ed vaizey is no longer the Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries.)

This last month has seen the UK make one of its biggest decisions for a generation. I campaigned for remain, and my constituency voted for it. While I appreciate the strength of feeling from many of my constituents, and the outcome may not be what we wanted, the decision has been made. We put this decision to the British people, and had the outcome been 52% remain and 48% leave, we would have expected the decision to be respected.

Therefore I cannot support a second referendum because we disagree with the outcome. Nor can I promise to vote against Brexit in Parliament as I cannot know what the Bill before us would contain. However, those who have emailed or contacted me following this momentous decision have not wasted their time, as it gives me the support I need to press for the best deal possible in our future negotiations with the EU.

My first priority is to protect the jobs and economy in this part of Oxfordshire, many of which depend so heavily on the EU. Our relationship with the EU is currently unchanged, and will remain so until an agreement over Article 50 is reached and put into effect. There will be no immediate change to European citizens currently living in the UK, nor for British citizens living in the EU. All applicable EU rules and funds in the research, innovation, and education fields remain in place.

While we wait for the selection of a new Prime Minister, the life of an MP continues. I recently met with representatives from East Challow, Cholsey & Watchfield Parish Councils at the Scottish and Southern Electric Parliamentary Reception for the Launch of their Resilient Communities Fund. These three Parish Councils received funding for a variety of projects from the fund, such as public defibrillator, portable generators and pumps for emergencies, and equipment to combat flooding. The next round of funding from this scheme is now open for applications, and more information can be found at http://bit.ly/29GAON4.

The Big Lottery Fund is also calling on local groups to apply for funding to hold events or activities that will bring people together and celebrate what makes their local community special. This funding could be used to celebrate something in the community's local history, a local hero, to mark something of national importance such as Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday, or just to get to know their neighbours better. Applications can be found at http://bit.ly/29ujude.

As the Minister responsible for digital infrastructure, I am always looking for schemes that can help rural communities such as ours eliminate their not-spots. Vodafone have unveiled a program to give indoor mobile coverage to 100 rural community hubs, from pubs to village halls and community run shops. Further information can be found here: http://bit.ly/29A741w.



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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT Richard Williams

Report of the Parish Council meeting held on Mon 4th July 2016.

Six members of the public attended the meeting, in addition to the councillors. Richard Seamark and Alan Alston reported that Julian Cook has been cutting the football pitch (funded by the club). It has been agreed that the Parish Council will fund further cuts up until Christmas. It will also consider paying retrospectively for several cuts already carried out during the summer, but asked first to receive an up to date copy of the club accounts.

Criticism of the lack of grass cutting more generally in the village continues. It was stated wrongly last month that OCC will only be able to cut grass verges twice a year from now on: in fact the situation is worse than that, and due to extreme pressure on the County's budget, the PC understands that cutting will be once a year only. The one spot of good news is that OCC's teams should be out and about doing that cut fairly soon. As many residents will have noticed, some of the footpaths and bridleways around Drayton are also now getting overgrown (this is another County responsibility). To ease the problem somewhat, the PC has authorized the Deputy Clerk to do some strimming along the worst affected routes. Chris's time is limited, and the job is too large for one person to keep on top of (or indeed two, as Steve Sadler, the Village caretaker does some of this work as well), but hopefully we can keep some paths open that would otherwise be completely inaccessible.

Daniel Scharf complained that the new housing site at Barrow Road (Walnut Meadow) is too visible from the north, coming from Abingdon, and said that to mitigate the effects, screening should be introduced. He was also concerned that the rules for Conservation areas should be properly enforced in relation to the proposed CALA Homes development at Manor Farm. It was explained that it was hoped to hold a joint meeting at which members of the Implementation Committee, the developers, and the Vale planners would all be present, in order to discuss a number of unresolved issues.

Alison Bone and Linda Johnson, Churchwardens at St Peter's Church, reported that they are in the process of applying for approval from the diocese, who need to agree a faculty for the laying of the Victoria Cross paving stone under the lych gate.

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The 100th anniversary of the action in which Edward John Mott won his VC, will be on 27th January 2017, and it has been suggested to hold the ceremony and church service on Sunday 22nd January. The paving stone itself may be laid later in the spring when the weather improves.

The Lockway playground was 'officially' opened on Monday 27th June. About 50 parents and children attended and Councillor Mike Badcock, Chairman of the Vale Council, gave a short speech. The Vale and WREN (the environmental charity) both contributed substantial grants towards the cost of the refurbishment. A report with pictures can be seen on Page 1. It may be worth reminding residents here that dogs are not allowed inside the playground (for reasons which should be obvious), and a new sign has been placed more prominently on the main entrance gate, to that effect. In addition, the playground is intended for children aged 11 and under. It is not meant, or designed, for teenagers, and although smaller children may be accompanied by adults, can I also point out (sorry for all the 'don't's) that the equipment is not designed to be used by adults. It is our aim to provide facilities on the new housing sites which will be suitable for older children and teenagers, but these are still in the planning

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow. David may be contacted via E-mail at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061.

Parish Council minutes are now archived on the village website: http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/. The website also carries back copies of the Drayton Chronicle, information on the latest activities of the Drayton 2020 Implementation Committee, and details of other events in the village.

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





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COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT Richard Webber

Now is not the time to discuss the recent national events and how they may/may not effect local politics. Until things have settled down a bit, the short answer is that no-one knows what the impact will be. If my inbox is anything to go by, there has been plenty else to focus the mind.

Top of the list is grass cutting. In February, OCC was compelled by law to produce a balanced budget. Faced with escalating adult and child social care costs and austerity cuts from central government, very difficult choices had to be made. The problem with making further cuts to social services is that there is an extreme risk that by making further cuts, more people would fall into vulnerability in the next year or two - putting further pressure on future budgets. For this reason, I and an overwhelming majority of County Councillors of all political persuasions voted to look elsewhere to make the cuts that would allow the Council to produce a balanced budget. Reducing the number of grass cuts to one per year was one of the options agreed and this was announced in late February. Where, I believe, OCC went wrong was in starting the cutting too late. With this and an unusually good early spell of weather for grass growing, we now find ourselves with far too many grass verges heavily overgrown. The single annual cut has begun and I understand that all areas will be cut in the next few weeks. Some money has been set aside to deal with those areas deemed to be unsafe and I have relayed all concerns around road safety to the Highways team. We have to be aware that diversion from routine cutting will delay that cutting and I am leaving the safety experts to judge what the priority should be.

I do not like this situation and have already been pressing for cutting to begin earlier next year. Whilst I defend OCC's decision to reduce grass cutting rather than cutting social care further, I, and others, have been working hard on trying to make sure that this situation does not exist for ever. That is the reason that gaining the savings made through going for Unitary Government in Oxfordshire is so important to me and why I have been pushing this so hard. I am hopeful that, by next month, I will be able to report real progress on the idea.

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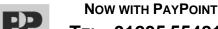
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- Sports Pitches and Pavilion. The Sports Needs questionnaire launched in June/July is now being analysed and a report by the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association will be available in the late summer. Following the display of the conceptual design and floor plan for the Sports Pavilion at the School Fete, on the village website and Facebook, architects are now to be approached to tender for a detailed design and costing for the building.
- Barrow Road/Walnut Meadow Nigel Porter, our D2020 Implementation Director, is working with Miller Homes on a number of practical issues including the location of the electricity sub-station, a particularly noisy generator near existing housing, and the positioning of the fencing between new and existing houses.
- Re-surfacing of the Drayton Road (Oday Hill to Sutton Wick). OCC have now agreed to postpone this re-surfacing until at least September. Cllr Richard Webber has been in discussion with Oxfordshire County Council to point out that the Drayton gateway part of this road will be subject to change in the next few months as the 30mph limit is moved and the Miller Homes related work on that stretch of road is carried out. This stretch of road within the village boundary is also part of intended traffic calming scheme for the north of the village. Discussions are now being sought between the Parish Council, Miller Homes and OCC to agree a timetable and scope for the work.
- South of High Street Site. Planning permission for 140 houses has now been granted by VWHDC. Work on site is expected to begin in late summer/early Autumn, once Bloor Homes have discharged their planning pre-conditions.
- Manor Farm. CALA Homes are in discussion with VWHDC about their planning application for the site, following their public exhibition. The lodging of a formal planning application is expected soon.
- Drayton School. OCC have now applied for planning permission to expand the school in preparation for the additional children who will be resident in the village when the new housing is completed.
- Shops. Discussions are taking place with the shop owner, Drayton2020 and CALA Homes to see what may be done to improve the road safety and parking at the corner of Henleys Lane
- Tree Planting. The first of the additional tree planting schemes in the village has now been designed and costed. This will be exhibited and consulted on after the School holidays. In the meantime discussions will take place with OCC, on whose highways land the planting will take place, and approaches will be made to possible funding sources.

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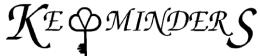
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DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB John Gould

Well, the 2015-16 Didcot League season has finished. Our success was in Division 5 where our two teams finished 1st & 2nd. On the downside, the C team in Div 2 and the E team in Div 4 finished 2nd bottom so face the possibility of relegation. All will be decided at a meeting in August. Sadly the A team lost their Handicap Shield semi final partly due to the event overrunning several weeks due to other ties not being played. The team didn't play for almost a month before losing out.

The club AGM saw the usual suspects being reappointed. No bad thing as the club officers all do their jobs extremely well. We have presented all the remaining club trophies for another season. The recipients being Robbie Greenfield & Peter Weir who shared the Geoff Hoyland Shield as our junior 'best players'. Both had a league percentage of 83%. Graham Stephenson won the senior 'best player' cup also with 83%. Janet Quarry our club coach was awarded the Alan Bachrach cup as our club person of the season.

Our pre-season meeting where we select our teams for next season will be on Monday 8th August. We hope to run seven teams again next season.

Finally thanks to the school for continuing to let us hire the hall for what will be our 31st season. We will start back on 5th September for coaching and practice.

1st DRAYTON BROWNIES Annette Mitchell

In our last couple of weeks we made Peg Dollies and an absolutely fantastic collage of the Queen's Crown from scraps of material. If you are in the village hall please take a look at it in the small hall, it is very impressive!

The Brownies were a credit to their parents when we took them to The Roald Dahl Museum in Great Missenden. We had a lovely day cramming lots of activities in, the day just flew by!

We finally finished the term performing dances from the decades to the parents and reading extracts from the lovely little stories that the Brownies had written to earn their Writers Badge.

All the Brownies were presented with the badges they had earned from the term and we said a sad goodbye to Rosie, Alanna and Sienna.

Thank you to all the parents for their help and support. Please remember that Brownies are run by volunteers and we would like to thank the leaders and the youth leaders for their hard work, time and commitment without them we would not have a Brownie pack!

Enjoy the summer holidays and we will return on Wednesday 14th September.

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

"Join Us!" at www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved or you can email us on drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk

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Allan Costley

Steventon and District Branch

Details are now available for this years Annual Branch Dinner at the Officer's Mess, Vauxhall Barrack, Didcot on 23rd September 2016. This event was a roaring success last year, and we would very much like to build on this going forward – it's a cracking night and is open to all. Any questions on this event should be addressed to the Branch Chairman, Al Costley, see details below.

The evening will see a series of events, including our annual general knowledge quiz, a three course carvery supper, and a short wreath laying ceremony at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Memorial in the Barracks.

We are very fortunate to have such excellent support for the Legion from 11 (EOD) Regiment RLC, a particularly heavily committed unit which is constantly operational. It would be great to make this year's dinner one to remember, and we would very much like to see Legion friends and supporters, both old and new.

There will also be an Aunt Sally competition at the Steventon Sports and Social Club on 29th August, following on from the annual Family Fun Day. All members welcome.

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

President: Pat Buckland, 07778 039967 Chairman: Al Costley, 07832 340468,

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The next Branch meeting will be at 7.00pm on Monday 19th September 2016 at the Sports and Social Club in Steventon. New members are always most welcome, from across the Steventon and District area.

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SCHOOL REPORT

Marc Knight

You might think that Primary schools tend to 'wind down' during the summer months. That's certainly not the case at Drayton! Sports day, end of year performances, end of year reports and several school trips are in the diary for the last few weeks of term. Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Middleton, who is retiring after giving an incredible 24 years service to the school. It is extraordinary that in this day and age a teacher should serve one school community with such loyalty and dedication for so many years. We will miss her terribly. Similarly, Mrs Caudle, who currently manages our office will be moving on. In the past she has provided excellent support as a teaching assistant and will be greatly missed. Finally, Mrs Jordan has decided to take a well earned break from the profession. We wish her well with whichever field she chooses to enter. In September we welcome back Mrs Hodder from maternity leave, and Mrs Durman joins us as a new teacher.

As many of you will know, our school is expanding. For the first time we welcome 30 children into our reception class this September. To accommodate demand for places the local authority are funding the construction of a new classroom which will be ready for September 2017. More and more families are choosing us as their first choice, as evidenced by the successful parent tours which are regularly taking place. We are happy to show you what our school is about - please contact our office (831316) to arrange a tour.

You may have heard in the news that a new national curriculum was introduced in September 2014. Our current Y6 (11 year olds) cohort were among the first children nationally to sit tests relating to the new curriculum. Expectations have risen, with children expected to know more at an earlier stage of their school lives. Despite this, I am pleased to tell you that our children achieved results that are favourable to other primary schools both locally and nationally. These results are testament to their hard work, but also to the dedication and commitment of all our staff.

Happy holidays!

HALL REPORT Tony Holmes

Firstly let me clarify something, re a small incident we had recently. Parents, if you have a small child who needs an urgent loo visit (we're aware the playground is more popular since its revamp) then please DO ASK whoever is in the hall before marching in. Our regular groups, and ad-hoc classes, pay for the hall and are responsible for it, they are usually OK with an emergency for a little one, (seen it often before), but the hall is not a public toilet. There have been occasional incidents with older children sneaking in to 'muck about', and we have enough trouble paying bills without getting extra damage or breakages, or taps left on, etc.

Users of our new Seniors Yoga class (Mondays 11am) tell me that although it's 'gentle' yoga they have had much-needed benefits from the easing of assorted aches and pains, so why not try it out? Call Annalie on 07766 991487.

If you like more energetic classes, we have Zumba on Sundays (not August, back for start of Sept, Gemma needs a holiday!), and Tuesdays (with Kelly), Bounce-Fit (Sophie) on Monday eves and Clubbercise (Hannah) on Tuesdays. We also have a league (ladies) badminton group on Mondays, and a social badminton group on Wednesday afternoons.

Now, I sometimes mention our Bowls club in this column, they've teamed up with the Go Active Gold team (Vale & South Oxon Council) to offer Bowls 'taster' sessions, which will be on Tuesday afternoons, 2pm, August 2nd/9th. It's the same Annalie who organised the Yoga sessions, (see above), so give her a call, or drop in to their normal club sessions, Monday and Thursday afternoons, also Wednesday evenings. It's a nice mix of skill and

tactics, they have league matches if you want, social trips, oh, and plenty tea and cake!

We've had a small purse handed in, found in the Hall; it has a small amount of money in it. If you can describe the purse to me (Tony, 531180), then we can return it.

W.I. Ann Webb

The July meeting was full of laughter and fun. We held an impromptu Beetle Drive. It was great fun. The prize was a beautiful cup and saucer from the Queen's celebration party in the Mall, inscribed to mark the event and boxed. It was won by Theresa Prince. Guess who won the booby? Good job I like Mars bars isnt it? The coffee morning held in July raised over £40 towards the Denman renovation fund. We meet again in September when we will be making a ribbon star to hang on your Christmas tree. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you all again in September.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Queen's Birthday Tea Party

A big "Thank You" to Janet Strong and the team from the Baptist church for laying on a very enjoyable tea party to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

What a shame the Parish Council didn't think her Majesty's 90th birthday was worth celebrating and lead the way, on such an important day in our Nation's history.

Shirley Thomas



Pictured at the Tea Party From left to right, Janet Strong who organized the event, Susan Armstrong, David Hale, Pauline Evans and Margaret Armstrong.

Dear Editor.

Sam and Edge, Lucie and Lee, Jamie and Zoe and the grandchildren, Jessie, Evie, Georgia, Louis, Charlie, Archie, Henry, Albie and Isabella, would like to welcome their Mum (and Granny), Anne Brown, back to the village. We hope she is very happy in her new home.

Lucie Kogel.

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone who helped at our coffee morning yesterday (25th June). Thankyou to the Drayton Wives who brought cakes, helped on the stalls and ran a tight ship in the kitchen making tea and coffee!

We raised over £320 for Abingdon Community Hospital League of Friends which will enable us to purchase much needed equipment for patients and staff.

A special thankyou to Sheila Cook (she knows why) and to all those who contributed in some way to make this possible. Much appreciated.

Teresa Burnage

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the couple who came to our aid when my wheelchair hit a pothole and I was thrown onto the road. We didn't get a chance to say thankyou at the time. If you are reading this, please accept this as a personal acknowledgement and to know that we are very grateful to you.

Ethel and Mary Wright

Dear Editor,

Cars & Insurance

Here's a couple of (hopefully) handy hints, first re cars. I'd been using Forge Garage for many years, so it was quite a shock when the Taylors decided to stop trading. My car almost immediately decided it needed some attention (typical!), so I started checking for an alternative; I had heard enough poor reports of some Abingdon firms to be wary of using them. I then had a glowing reference for the garage in Grove, and recently had a successful couple of repairs at what I'm told is a better price than many. They are Grove Car Sales, on 01235 763534. Sure, Grove is 15 minutes by car, but a garage you can trust is worth a bit of effort!

Second, re insurance. Several years ago, we researched and obtained better insurance for the village hall, cover at least as good, and distinctly cheaper. The brokers have pointed out that they can do most types of insurance, small businesses and traders, charities, household (inc 'non-standard' & 'high net worth'), etc (but not cars!). Why not check them out, just in case they can find, as they did for the hall, suitable cover at a better price?

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Tony Holmes

Dear Editor,

My grandson Samuel Pearce has dyed his hair purple as a gesture to raise money for a Cancer charity. He is 15 and works in Masons on Saturday morning, he attends U.T.C in Didcot. If you feel able he would appreciate any donation however small either to him or his dad, Dave Pearce or his mum Cath Pearce, who also works in Masons. He has collected well over £100 already in a week. His page is 'Sam Pearce's Just Giving Page'. Thanks.

Ann Webb



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YOUR LETTERS CONTINUED

Dear Editor.

I would like to thank everyone for buying my quizzes in aid of the PACE Centre. Our village with the help of Steventon village raised, wait for it, just over £1000 for PACE. This is for the two quizzes, "Cars" and "Ironmongery". They are ongoing until September for "Cars" and February 2017 for "Ironmongery".

I can rest now and thank you ALL so much.

The grand total for all the quizzes, sales, parties, concerts, raffles, golf tournaments etc is now £23,255.

We have so many people to thank for this but especially Rosemary Barlow and Drayton Wives who have been so supportive.

Natasha, now seventeen still rings us for one hour every day and over the phone we play "I Spy", sing nursery rhymes, count, add and take away numbers, count as I walk up the stairs and make music on the metal ladder in the garage.

She loves her new electric chair, she can turn on the spot and drives carefully choosing the way on footpaths. The chair is very heavy and we have all had our toes run over!

She has been very chesty this year and has had several convulsions but she loves school.

She is funny, jokes and is loving and concerned about us.

Thank you again. God bless.

Judy and Derek Henman

Dear Editor,

PACE

Judy and Derek Henman have been key supporters in many ways for PACE over the past ten years. With fundraising through quizzes in the local area, tea parties, collection pots. Whatever ideas they have, they go above and beyond to make it possible, resulting in some fantastic results.

This letter is to send a huge thank you to both Judy and Derek for their support of PACE, having once had their granddaughter Natasha, whom is now seventeen, attend Pace, giving her a more independent future, they joined the PACE community and continue to sing praise for PACE and believe in the work we are producing with children with motor disorders. We would love for them to receive a special mention in their local area as they would be considered as valuable role models to the next generation of fundraising, community spirit and involvement.

The support from our volunteers and local community allows PACE to achieve some fantastic things. Without volunteers like Judy and Derek raising £23,000 over the past ten years, PACE would not be where it is today, we are so grateful. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details below.

Leah Lewis, Community Fundraiser, Leah.lewis@thepacecentre.org, 01296 616974.



Judy, Derek and Natasha enjoy a joke

NOTICE BOARD

The Earth Trust is organising outdoor activities during August:

Sling Walk

Monday 1st August, 10am-11.30am

Wildlife Wednesday at Mowbray Fields

Wednesday 3rd August, 2pm-4pm

Clumps Club

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th August, 9am-5pm

Pond Dipping

Sunday 7th August, 10am-2pm

Woodland Adventure

Wednesday 10th August, 10am-12pm

Discover and Play

Friday 12th August, 10am-12pm

Meteor Shower Walk

Friday 12th August, 9pm-11pm

Sling Walk

Monday 15th August, 10am-11.30am

Wildlife Wednesday at Wallingford Castle Meadows

Wednesday 17th August, 2pm-4pm

Woodland Adventure

Wednesday 24th August, 10am-12pm

Family Bushcraft

Friday 26th August, 10am-4pm

Details from: Lucy Benyon, Office No.: 01865 407792

lucy.benyon@earthtrust.org.uk, www.earthtrust.org.uk

Police Warnings and Alerts

Between 2pm on Sunday (3/7) and 9.45am on Monday (4/7) offender(s) stole a trailer with a ride on lawnmower on top from a driveway in Milton Road, Sutton Courtenay. If you have seen any suspicious looking people or vehicles in the area or have any information relating to this message please call the Police via the 24 hour non-emergency telephone number 101.

Individuals are exposed to travel booking frauds. When paying upfront for a family holiday or simply booking a flight, payments are transferred only to discover that the holiday / airline ticket does not exist and was sold to you by a bogus travel company.

Whenever possible, pay for your holiday by credit card and remember to look for the 'https' and locked padlock icon in the address bar before entering your payment details.

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If you have been affected by this, or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk



A Heron anticipates breakfast at the Sutton Wick Pond Photo by Roger Lucas

DRAYTON DIARY

DIARY FOR AUGUST

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated To book Drayton Hall call Tony Holmes on (01235) 531180 or visit the

hall website:- www.draytonvh.co.uk

Mon 1st 11am Seniors' (gentle) yoga (Mons to 22nd)

12.30 Private function (child's party) Sat 6th

Sat 13th 5pm Private function (party)

Sun 14th 2pm Private function (child's party)

Fri 19th Hall floor revamp (whole weekend)

Sat 27th 5pm Private function (party)

Tues 30th 11.30am Drayton Wives (not usual Weds)

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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) School Ground Bldg Baby sign-language classes (1 hr – 07927 339102) 1.15 pm

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)

Caudwell DC 7.00 pm Table Tennis (Coaching, one hour) School

7.30 pm Badminton (Private Group)

7.45 pm Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours) St Peter's

8.00 pm Table Tennis (Social Play, one hour) School

TUESDAYS

8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg

1.45 pm Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm) Caudwell Day Centre

2.20 pm Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)

2.30 pm First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday) Church Room

5.45 pm Zumba Fitness (Kelly)

7.00 pm League Table Tennis (three hours) School

8.00 pm 'Clubbercise' (Hannah – 07811 209242)

WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg 10.00 am Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer gp - p4) Church Room

 $2.00 \, \text{pm}$ Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month)

2.15 pm Badminton

6.00 pm **Brownies**

7.00 pm League Table Tennis (three hours) School

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

7.30 pm Bingo Session Caudwell Day Centre

THURSDAYS

8.45 am Pre-School Playgroup (in Term) School Ground Bldg 9.00 am Foot Clinic (1st Thurs) Caudwell Day Centre

9.15 am Holy Communion St Peter's Lady Chapel

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) Caudwell DC

5.00 pm Rainbows (girls 5 to 7 years, call Mary 832077)

7.00 pm League Table Tennis (three hours) School

7.30 pm Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs) Caudwell DC 7.30 pm Sequence Dancing (Brian - 01235 531701)

FRIDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

8.00 am Holy Communion St Peter's 10.00 am Sung Eucharist (Family Service 2nd Sunday) St Peter's 3.00 pm Baptist 'Family Time' (1st Sun) Drayton School 6.00 pm **Evening Service** Baptist Church

7.00 pm Zumba Fitness (Gemma)

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