

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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Visiting our TWIN TOWN,

This year it was Drayton's turn to visit Lesparre, our twin town in the Medoc region of southern France. Stephen Fearnley, who is the Chronicle's excellent advertising manager (on the far right in the group picture), describes the visit and encourages more Draytonians to join, in his article on page 6.

Sharp-eyed readers may be suspicious that, since the twinnings are clearly visiting Berger & Fils (son-s), a famous French maker of wine barrels, they may be planning to bring home more than just a few bottles of delicious Medoc before Brexit takes effect!



celebrating on our MILLENNIUM GREEN,

The Millennium Green 'Right Royal Picnic' was held too late for a full report in this Chronicle. More details and pictures next time! Meanwhile, read Keith Clough's report (p7) on the Green's animal and human users and Jane Mcwhirter's letter (p3) of thanks to everyone who helped to put the Right Royal Picnic together.



listening to our COMMUNITY CHOIR

Drayton Community Choir (p7) is still all female, but on 08 October they're joined by the Wantage Male Voice Choir. Hear the result in Drayton Hall in October (see below).



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I went upstairs to make the bed,
But then there came into my head
A thought which caused me some dismay -
I hadn't fed the dog that day.



So down I went & there I saw
The post had just come through the door.

I picked it up and quickly scanned
And straightway recognised the hand
Of much loved dear old Auntie Peg
Who wrote to say she broke her leg.

The poor old soul, I felt I'd better
Down tools now and write a letter.

I went to fetch my pad and pen
Wondering what to write, but then



From the corner of my eye
Behind a door I did espy

The largest spider I have seen,
On which I'm really none too keen.

Letter must wait, I'd dispose of the beast,
One job done I thought at least.



With beating heart and in a fluster
I went to fetch a brush and duster.

But in the hall I passed the phone
Which caused a silent inward groan ---
I'd forgotten I promised to phone my Mother,
I was so busy, oh what a bother!

The spider must wait, my promise I'd keep,
With guilt I otherwise would not sleep.

But then I remembered my dog I'd not fed,
She was patiently sleeping curled up in her bed.
So while she was calm & seeming quite fine
I'd just hang the washing up out on the line.

When that was all done I remembered again
My poor little dog, but then down came the rain!



Really frustrated, I now have to say
I cannot remember a more wasted day.

I rescued the laundry, still soggy and wet,
The phone call not made so mother upset,

Letter to Auntie Peg that I did leave,
The spider continued his huge web to weave.

So I brewed me a cuppa, the dog I next fed,
Then lay down and snoozed on my still unmade bed!

Drayton's 'Doggerelle'



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CHRONICLE INFORMATION

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

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

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Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Monday, 19 Sept 2016**

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Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
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December	14 November 2016	25 November 2016
Jan/Feb	16 January 2017	27 January 2017

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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£10	Mrs S Hudson	Trudi Buckner
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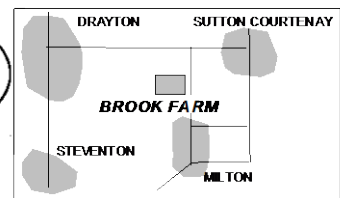


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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

On behalf of Sarah and myself I would like to thank everyone who sent cards etc. on the passing of my sister Hazel, also to thank the people from the village who attended her funeral.

Although Hazel was not a born Draytonian, having moved from London during the war, she loved the village and never ever wanted to move away. Unfortunately, she had to, spending the past six months in hospital, but she's now at peace.

I must say a special thank you to her neighbours from Lyford Close, Mick and Ann, who did so much for Hazel over the past years to make her life easier.

M Cox



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OTHER DAD'S ARMIES

We all associate Dad's Army with the Home Guard of the Second World War but this was only the last in a long line of amateur citizen soldiers brought into existence as needs dictated. These local and amateur soldiers long pre-dated the establishment of a standing army in the seventeenth century, with military obligations first imposed on citizens in the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. A new joint exhibition in Woodstock by the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust and the Buckinghamshire Military Museum Trust is devoted to the story of these local auxiliary forces



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⇒ Dear Editor

By the time this Chronicle has been distributed the Millennium Green Right Royal Picnic will have happened! Hopefully an enjoyable sunny afternoon for all!

I will do a full report in the October Chronicle but I wanted to say some early thank-you's. First for prizes given by the Wheatsheaf, the Post Office, Danes Store, Alice's Nails and Beauty and Vickerys - THANK YOU

For helping making prizes extra special - thank you to Janet Manning and Brian Eastoe, for your wonderful skills. To our judges Tom, Gwen, David and Daphne, thank you, a tough job!

Thanks for all the contributions for the Tombolas and also to the Parish Council for meeting the costs of two vital facilities! We have also had the loan of 5 giant garden games from Garden Games at Millets Farm, thanks Georgina.

Another BIG thank you to my wonderful band of helpers: Janet, Laura, Annette, Esther, Mary Ann, Oona and Therese. You were great!

Finally to all who came and supported us thank you, I hope you had a great afternoon.

Jane Mcwhirter, Chair Drayton MG



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ST PETER'S CHURCH

Priest in Charge	Rev'd Rebecca Peters.....531374
Associate Priest	Rev'd Rosie Bruce07766421773
Churchwardens	Mrs Alison Bone202188 Mrs Linda Johnson527521
Organist	Vacancy

REGULAR SERVICES

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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mon.	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	<i>Bell Tower</i>
Wed	10.00 am	Pebbles (term time only)	<i>Church Room</i>

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER:

Tues	6	2.30 pm	First Tuesday Connections	<i>Church Room</i>
Sun	18	3.30 pm	The Celebration	<i>Drayton Primary School</i>

CHURCH REGISTER:

Wedding Blessing:

14th August Roy and Karen Marshall

YOU STAY WE PRAY SEPTEMBER:

1st to 3rd: Hilliat Fields, Lyford Close, Manor Close, The Green; 4th to 10th: High Street, Chiers Drive, Cheers Farm, Halls Close; 11th to 24th: Lockway, Whitehorns Way; 25th to 30th: Corneville Road, Crabtree Lane, Lesparre Close



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Letter from Rev. Rebecca Peters

Dear Friends

I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and are feeling refreshed. September is often a time of new beginnings, transitions or new challenges. Children move school, people move jobs and areas. There are also those who retire and those who have to adapt to caring for sick relatives. Change often makes people feel anxious and stressed but change can also enable us to rely more on God and less on ourselves. As someone who always seems to have something to worry about, prayer and a relationship with God helps me to know there is someone there to turn too. A God who is more than able to carry these stresses and burdens, a God who will help me through the change and challenges of life.

One of my favourite bible verses is:-

"Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

Praying, talking and listening to God, enables me to keep a sense of peace even through difficult situations and to know that God is alongside me, whenever I need him.

I and my family will also soon be challenged by changing circumstances, as of the end of October I will no longer be priest-in-charge of St Peters, Drayton. I have accepted a new position as Minister of the Peachcroft Christian Centre Abingdon and hope to move into that area. We are sad to leave the village but know God is calling us on to this new place.

The next Celebration at Drayton School is at 3:30pm on 18th September. All are welcome. St Peters services and The Celebration will continue during the clergy vacancy. For pastoral offices and church related activities, please do contact the Churchwardens, Mrs Alison Bone 202188 and Mrs Linda Johnson 527521.

God Bless

Rebecca





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DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL

Tony Holmes

Firstly, a **HUGE THANK YOU** from the Management Committee to Richard Kerr, of 'Kcleaning', who very kindly re-attached the Hall's



guttering to the downpipes recently. Also thanks to those who pointed out the problem, stemming from a Facebook mention. And the opposite of a thank you to the parents of whichever smaller people had disconnected them (why?) in the recent past.

Perhaps it's also an opportunity to point out that neither the Hall nor our insurers are liable for injuries resulting from trespassing on the hall roof; many years ago I worked for a roofing firm, I learnt that some structures are not as robust as they might appear to the untrained eye, and anyone falling through our roof is likely to be in quite a mess when they arrive at casualty - or the morgue.

Now, at time of writing (mid-Aug) the Hall's new front doors are scheduled to be installed just before month-end. Assuming that all goes to plan, our regulars will all be getting a call about new keys, so if you haven't had one, do get in touch before you find yourself locked out!

Ladies, our bra bank is now back in action (sometimes gets hidden away as parties tend to use it as a waste-bin) so don't forget it if you have a contribution!

Our new Seniors Yoga class (Mondays 11am) has finished its sponsored set of sessions (thanks to 'Go Active Gold') but the instructor is hoping to continue them into Sept and onward. I heard that although it's 'gentle' yoga there have been much-needed benefits from the easing of assorted aches and pains, so why not try it out? N.B. If you're reading this before Aug Bank Holiday Monday, we have very few classes on Bank Hols!

One last thing, weekend dates for parties (daytime for children, or later for adults) are filling up fast for the rest of the year, so if you have something in mind, do let me know. Best to get in a bit early than not at all!

ALL AROUND

DRAYTON WIVES

Gwen Price

Our talk in July was given by a journalist and traveller, Mary Russell. She told us of her travels in Syria before all the troubles started. She went alone and cycled to various parts of the country with very little money. Very basic hostels or impromptu stays with Syrian families were her beds for the night. People were very hospitable and friendly. The roads and infrastructure were good and travel was flexible and she was able to see and go to many places. It was a land and people for which she has much affection. As she said 'it was a great country and a great people' Her talk was very much enjoyed by everyone.

Our speaker on September 28th will be Bill Rennells, broadcaster on Radio Oxford and an ex Drayton resident.

DRAYTON TWINNERS

Stephen Fearnley

This July the twinning group had another enjoyable visit to their twin town Lesparre, in the Medoc, for a long weekend. We travelled in various ways, some of us by air and others making their own way by car. Those who flew were kindly taxied by our hosts from Bordeaux airport. A few of us took the opportunity to spend extra time before and after the weekend to visit places en route.

On the first evening (Thursday) we started with a small reception at the Mairie (Town Hall) with the mayor together with twidders from both Lesparre and Drayton. After that we were taken to our hosts' homes to settle in and have a meal. On the Friday we visited a tonnellerie (barrel makers) to watch wine barrels being hand made. This is probably not something that many of us would give much thought to, but it was actually very interesting. Lunch with good wine followed and in the evening we enjoyed a jazz festival in the town.



Traditionally we have a "free" day at some stage, so on Saturday morning some of us spent time on a local beach and others wandered around the market in Lesparre. Some years ago we took our visitors to a Trafalgar themed maze near Abingdon, so it was with some delight that the French twidders treated us to a pageant re-enacting the battle at Castillon-la-Bataille in 1453. This was the last battle of the 100 years' war when the French finally threw the English out of France. An early Brexit! It was brilliant, but entailed a very late return to Lesparre.

We helped on Sunday, in grand style, to celebrate the birthday of one of the French twidders at his farm with a grand picnic with music and dancing. Then groups of us spent a quiet evening with our hosts whilst some of us watched a fireworks display.

The last full day, Monday, we were given an interesting tour of a seaside town Lacanau l'Océan, showing us some of the houses and hotels from early last century. This was followed by a picnic and a walk on the seashore. The trip finished with a dinner (pizza) dance in their large community hall.

Throughout the weekend we were "well fed up and agreeably drunk" (apologies to Hoffnung). Our hosts were extremely welcoming. Not all our group could speak French, nor could many of them speak English, but that didn't stop us from having a thoroughly good time.

Our French friends are hoping to come to Drayton next year and we would very much like to invite people from Drayton and neighbouring villages to meet them. Look for details in future issues of the Chronicle.

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COMMUNITY CHOIR

Annette Mitchell

Drayton Community Choir was founded by David Mayer, the former Head Teacher of Drayton Primary School, in April 2014. It was led by Jules Laws and started with only about 7 ladies from school and the village community.

We always welcome new members and we are now a choir of 25 ladies. We have to-date performed a couple of songs at the School Summer fete, School Summer concert, and at the Village Candle Light Carol Service in the last 2 years.

Recently we have been discovered by Wantage Male Voice Choir and they have invited us to join them in putting together a concert for a charity of our choice. This is a challenge, being nerve racking to some of us, but we have accepted.

This concert will be held at Drayton Village Hall on Saturday 8th October starting at 7.30pm (see advert on page 1). This will be our first proper concert, so please buy a ticket and support us! Tickets will be available from any choir member and at Vickery's, or contact Annette Mitchell 01235 555216 or Jules Laws 01235 206024. Geoff Caudle will also have tickets - 01235 531409.

Whilst we are always looking for new members to join us, we are also looking for an accompanist, a pianist. Please get in touch if you can help or if you would like to join us.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

Keith Clough

This 'managed meadow' is intended to cater for a wide variety of interests and suggestions from Drayton residents are always welcome - although some may not be implementable. This year there appear to be more 'users' and significantly less litter. We hope that this trend continues.

The non-human users include a variety of insects, butterflies, birds, rabbits, the occasional muntjac deer and who knows what is living in the pond. There are also a large number of dogs, most of whose owners clear up after them!

At most times of the day, there seem to be at least 2 people on the Green. Apart from the dog walkers, there are runners, joggers, those taking a short cut, some having a quiet stroll, some sitting to admire the view, others playing games or exploring the woods and sometimes a few picnickers.

As Trustees, we try to balance the demands of the various users. Most ask for regular grass cutting, some for wild areas, many need the paths to be maintained, some require seats and most want the Green to be kept tidy.

We hold regular tidying-up working parties of volunteers prepared to give an hour or two of their time. The next one is scheduled for Sunday 25th September from 10.00 to 12.30. Bring a barrow and/or some tools and a mug for refreshments. On previous sessions this year we have pruned the 40 apple trees and trimmed the lower branches of other trees to increase the grassland space. We have had two bonfires as well as further path widening and weed clearance.

There will soon be ripe apples in the orchard along with windfalls and walnuts on the ground. Please help yourselves but only take what you can consume. That way there should be plenty for everyone. The Green is also a good source for kindling or sticks to burn on your chiminea. Help yourselves from the deadwood on the ground or in the piles awaiting the next bonfire. There are also a few fallen trees which could provide logs if you have suitable tools.

The family of wild ducks which hatched their eggs in the duck house on the nearby Sutton Wick pond (in the June Chronicle) appear to have now all gone. The drake was unfortunately killed in a road accident, the mother flew off in early July, leaving the two ducklings which stayed on the pond for a few weeks and then took to flying off for up to two days at a time. The last duckling was still 'commuting' until the 2nd week of August.

We would like to thank the many 'Friends' who support the Green by giving a regular donation, joining working parties, litter picking and/or attending Committee meetings.

More volunteers will always be welcome. krc@imf.co.uk

Enjoy!

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RECORD SUMMER ROADKILL SIGHTINGS

No, this summer hasn't been an especially bad one for deer, foxes, badgers and hedgehogs! Record is a verb rather than the noun because PTES (the wildlife charity, People's Trust for Endangered Species) is again asking the public to record sightings of roadkill, since the data they get is useful in their ongoing conservation work for British mammals.

It is estimated that one million mammals are killed each year on UK roads. Although it's not pleasant to see road kill, recording sightings of dead mammals helps the charity to monitor changing mammal populations across the UK and take action if needed. One example is Hedgehog Street, a joint campaign with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, which now has thousands of 'Hedgehog Champions' committed to helping save the humble hedgehog from further decline.

PTES wants the public to record sightings of mammals on roads, dead or alive, any time between 1 July and 30 September. To record mammal sightings your car journey must be 20 miles or more. It must exclude urban areas, dual carriageways and motorways and must be completed in one day; perfect to occupy the children on summer day trips or when travelling to family holidays! Iconic British mammals that you might spot include foxes, badgers, deer and rabbits, but PTES also wants to hear about any sightings of more unusual mammals such as polecats and pine martens.

To take part, you can download the free 'Mammals on Roads' app from the App Store and Google Play. Alternatively, the survey can be completed via a printed survey pack. Call 0207 498 4533 or email mor@ptes.org to request a pack to be sent to you.

COMMUNITY ORCHARDS

PTES is also promoting local community orchards as havens for wildlife conservation via an interactive community orchard map that lists around 400 community orchard groups across the UK, to be found at: www.ptes.org/community-orchards.

Not all the orchards shown yet have links but the one nearest to us is <http://www.oxfordcityfarm.org.uk/community-orchard/>. The contact there is a lady called Sally, whose email is sally@oxfordcityfarm.org.uk or sally@jamsal.plus.com.

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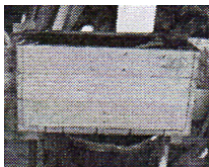
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CYBER SAFETY EVENT

Thames Valley Police are holding a cyber-safety event on Wednesday 21 September from 11am – 1pm in Didcot. It is open to anyone interested in keeping themselves, family members and businesses safe on-line and aims greatly to reduce the risk from cyber-crime and scams.

If you would like to attend please email Lisa Butler on lisa.butler@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or phone her on 01235 556611 between 8.30am and 12.30pm.



ADVANCE FEE FRAUD

People selling things on online platforms are falling victim to a new type of fraud. This involves a fraudster, posing as a buyer, sending an email to the seller (the victim), agreeing to pay the full asking price of the item. They say that they are unable to collect the item themselves and will arrange for a courier to pick it up instead.

The fraudster then sends a fake payment confirmation email, from a different email address which falsely purports to be from a payment platform. In the course of the email exchange, the seller/victim is asked to pay the courier fee in advance. Once the payment is made all contact is broken, the item is not picked up and the money paid for the 'courier' is gone.

The lessons are that you should avoid paying any advanced fee if you are a seller; should a courier be necessary to deliver the item, insist on arranging your own. Check feedback online by searching the associated phone numbers or email addresses of the seller/buyer.

NAG5 SAFETY CORNER

Bridget Haffenden

Here is an extract from the August issue of the Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter - the full version can be accessed at <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/pub-pg-nh-upds-n375?id=339238>.

'You said - we did' / Speeding

You said that speeding was a problem in our local villages so we conducted many speed checks with Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs). A member of the Sutton Courtenay Parish Council and a NAG member joined us during some of the recent speed checks. We were in Milton Road Sutton Courtenay during school run times and monitored 48 cars of which seven were over 36mph, two of these were local residents. Those speeding will have received letters about their future driving and Roads Policing has also been sent the results.

PCSO Sue Haynes has also conducted many other surveys with a SID at times between 7.30am to 2.20pm and has published the results, which do show that a small number of people are speeding at times, but not many. Because residents are concerned about speeding we also arranged Roads Policing to conduct some speed checks and they also noted only an occasional speeder.

Thames Valley Police has very few Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs) for use in the South and Vale area and hence they are in very high demand. When it is possible to obtain a SID, PCSO Haynes and colleagues carry out checks on roads where residents have complained about speeding. If you would like to accompany PCSO Sue Haynes on a SID monitoring session please do get in touch with her. The data collected from speed checks is sent to Taplow to be analysed and an assessment is then made about whether further speed checks should be carried out by a camera van. Roads Policing have only a handful of these vans for use throughout Oxfordshire, and they are therefore deployed on roads and motorways where there is the highest incidence of speeding.

We will continue carry out high-visibility speeding checks in the local villages; however, we do feel that speeding is not a major problem at this time. Anyone wishing to discuss this further please contact us using the details below.

NAG5 has requested Sutton Courtenay and Appleford Parish Councils to consider sharing the cost of purchasing a SID for use within the villages and asked for volunteers interested in setting up a community speed watch scheme to come forward.

Sutton Courtenay police office closure

Due to lack of funding Thames Valley Police is planning to close all satellite Police Offices, which includes the Sutton Courtenay office, by 2017. However, it will try to keep open those offices where the community can pay some of the costs.

TVP seek to cover only rental and running costs/service charges; equipment etc. would continue to be provided. The cost to keep the Sutton Courtenay office is in the region of £4,500 per annum. The NAG5 parish councils (Appleford, Drayton and Sutton Courtenay) have been approached to ask if they would consider sharing that cost, should they wish to support the continued presence of an office in Sutton Courtenay. Drayton Parish Council has agreed pay its share (see p11) and we await a response from Sutton Courtenay and Appleford Parish Councils.

Contacting NAG or the Police

Contact us at NAG5 by calling 01235 848694 or sending an e-mail to neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com. Contact us if you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team.

You can receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk. This allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive it.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH **Bridget Haffenden**



Have you recently moved to Drayton? Would you like to get to know your neighbours better and feel a part of the community? Have you heard about how Neighbourhood Watch can help?

Neighbourhood Watch is the largest voluntary organisation in the country and aims to bring people together, not only by uniting to fight crime but also by fostering a sense of community. Encouraging neighbours to get to know one another, to support and look out for each other - including the elderly, lonely and vulnerable - fosters care and concern for one another.

There have been Neighbourhood Watch schemes established in Drayton in the past and some are still active but, as people have moved away, some schemes have fizzled out. The Parish Council is keen to encourage Drayton residents to consider joining existing schemes or to set up new ones in the village.

By joining an existing scheme you will receive regular updates and alerts, via your Coordinator, sent by the police, Neighbourhood Watch and other agencies.

The first step for anyone who's interested in setting up a new scheme in their street is to speak to their neighbours to see if they'd like to be involved. It's not compulsory for everyone in a street to join Neighbourhood Watch, but the more who do take part the better the scheme will work. There are no hard and fast rules about the size of a scheme but the average is around 20 households. Each scheme requires a Coordinator, who acts as the key point of contact and ensures a smooth flow of communication between the police, other agencies and scheme members. This is not onerous and normally involves forwarding e-mail alerts to members, with those who don't have internet access receiving the information in printed form, or they can opt to receive them by telephone call or text message. Some schemes choose to have more than one Coordinator, or a Deputy Coordinator.

As a long-standing Neighbourhood Watch member and Coordinator I have been asked by the Parish Council to act as a contact point for anyone who would like more information about any aspect of Neighbourhood Watch. It would also be very helpful to hear from anyone who is currently a Coordinator for an existing scheme in Drayton.

Find more information by calling me on 07762 597118, emailing nhwsuttoncourtenay@outlook.com or using one of the following websites:

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PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Williams

Report of the meeting held on 01 August 2016.



At a recent Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting, it was noted that Thames Valley Police are planning to close the police office in Sutton Courtenay. Like many other organizations, TVP have suffered severe cuts to their budget, and this is just one of the possible savings they have identified. The office running costs, including rental, are approx £4500 a year. Despite its location, this office serves not only Sutton Courtenay but the villages of Drayton

and Appleford as well. The office, though very small, is equipped with a police computer and has drinks-making facilities and toilets. It is used by the area police officers, PC Keith Morton and PCSO Sue Haynes.

The point about the office is that it enables the police officers to stay on their patch while still keeping in touch with any instructions from HQ at Abingdon. If the office were to close, they would have no local base of their own, and would be obliged to travel to Abingdon whenever office facilities were required. This could mean a lot of time wasted in transit to and from the main Police Station in town. If the small office is kept open, it will enable the officers to spend more of their time productively out and about in the community. It has been suggested that the three villages might share the cost of keeping the office open, and there appears to be nothing in the Police Act that prohibits parish councils from doing this.

Sue Haynes and Bridget Haffenden attended the meeting to explain how the office works and why it is so useful. Bridget is the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Sutton Courtenay, and she spoke also about the possibility of re-launching the scheme in Drayton. Councillors were persuaded that there are good reasons to keep a local police office open and agreed in principle to providing financial support. Sutton Courtenay's Parish Council do not meet in August, but hopefully they will arrive at a similar decision in September. Drayton believes that a one year trial would be appropriate, after which the situation should be reviewed. Our contribution could be up to £2000. The possibility of providing the officers access to facilities in Drayton – perhaps in the village hall or church annexe – was also considered.

The appeal hearing for the Halls Close housing development will be held at the Vale's offices on Milton Park on Wednesday 31st August. The Parish Council and Drayton 2020 will, as before, be strongly opposing the development on the grounds that it is not a site allocated for housing in the Neighbourhood Development Plan. We are confident we have a good case – but we have to get the Planning Inspector to agree with us! No one should imagine the result is a foregone conclusion – either way.

Finally, a quick roundup of other matters. The PC approved grants to the Millennium Green Trust and Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire, and will cover the cost of grass cutting on the football club's pitch up until December. Kathryn Davies, who is a Historic Buildings Consultant and Chartered Town Planner, was commissioned by the PC to write a detailed report on the Drayton Conservation Area. Kathryn has now produced her first draft, along with photos and maps, and this will be circulated in due course. Lighting for the new footpath linking the Walnut Meadow development to Corneville Road is being explored. The Clerk presented a tree planting plan for Hilliat Fields - the cost of this scheme is estimated to be just under £50,000.

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, in the first instance. ➔



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In addition, all Parish Council minutes are now archived on the village website: <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/> The website carries current and back copies of the Drayton Chronicle, 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 5th September 2016, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.



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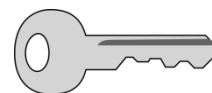
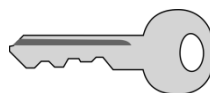
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COUNTY COUNCIL

Richard Webber

I do not wish to spoil anyone's
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The desperate need for more houses
seems to have allowed planning and
development to have gone mad. There
are unwanted applications in Milton,
in Marcham, in Shippon, in Drayton and,
of course, in Sutton Courtenay. Why 'of
course' for Sutton Courtenay? Because
that village has been worse hit by
speculative planning applications than
any other in the County.



In Sutton Courtenay and in Drayton, there is a possibility that
roads will be dug up, only to be dug up again months later. In
Marcham, there are pavements being constructed which are too
narrow to use. Yes, we need more houses but with drastic
shortages of infrastructure – roads choked, schools full, air quality
reducing, are we putting them in the right places?

Worst of all the problems, our young people find it ever harder
to afford home ownership. It is tough, even for an optimist, to stay
optimistic.

At some point, government is going to have to find a solution to
the problem of building houses that people can afford. We are told
that of a house costing £360,000, 1/3 goes to the landowner, 1/3
goes to the infrastructure (not enough, apparently) and 1/3 to the
developer (most have fixed costs and fixed margins). It seems that
it is land values that are at the heart of the problem and the whole
problem has become tied up with the problems and challenges of
agriculture.

Even the most ardent "Remainer" and supporter of the EU
would agree that the European Agricultural Policy does not work
well and is badly in need of revision. Well, out of the EU, we have
the opportunity to design something better. Small and tenant milk
farmers have been suffering for years – many have been forced out
of business. It cannot make long term economic and
environmental sense that any country should import vast quantities
of food from all round the world when it is perfectly capable of
growing its own. To maintain consistency of supply, it is
reasonable that farmers are protected from the vagaries of markets.
There is nothing inherently wrong in agricultural subsidies.

But food supply and land supply are not the same thing. I am all
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Ed Vaizey

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I am returning to the Backbenches, where I will continue to support the Government. I first took up the role as arts minister in Opposition, in November 2006, so I had almost completed a decade covering the brief. It's a job I thoroughly enjoyed, and I intend to continue to take an interest as a backbencher. Change is unsettling but also exciting, as a Minister I couldn't take part in parliamentary debates which weren't in my policy area. Now I can apply for debates that cover issues that affect my constituents locally and nationally, and question Ministers on specific areas. I can spend more time in the constituency, as I have done in recent days, hearing the concerns of scientists and businesses about Brexit. I'm delighted to have had the chance to have been a Minister, but more delighted to carry on with my main job of representing my constituency. There's another silver lining – my fabulous colleague Nicola Blackwood is now a Minister in the Department of Health – so Oxfordshire maintains its representation in government.

Like many of you I have enjoyed some time with my family over the school summer holidays and have been thoroughly impressed with the number of activities available throughout the constituency. There have been many local museums open throughout the summer which put on special events. The Vale and Downland Museum in Wantage hosted 'Free Summer Fun for Families' every Tuesday during the summer holidays, with each Tuesday based on a different theme. The Wallingford Museum held a William the Conqueror day on the 20th August, where you could see a Norman knight, help create the Museum's own Bayeux tapestry and dig in the archaeology sandpits. Didcot Railway Centre was open throughout August, with Steam Days on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays where you could ride the steam locomotives. Faringdon Folly Tower and Woodland is a beautiful place to visit, and the Tower is open on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, with children under 11 getting in free.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter by email at dicksonce@parliament.uk or by writing to me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA or phoning 020 7219 635. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. ➔

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Sun	25	9.00 am	Havanese Fun Dog Show	

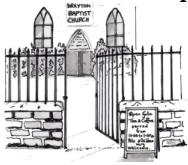
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REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

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MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
1.15 pm	Baby Sign Language Classes (call 07927 339102)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
6.00 pm	Bounce Fit (call 07791 778388)	
6.30 pm	Table Tennis - coaching and social	School
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	Caudwell DC
7.30 pm	Badminton	
7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St Peter's bell tower

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 mins)	The Cross
2.30 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	Church Room
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	School
5.45 pm	Zumba Fitness (Kelly)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (until 10.30 pm)	School
8.15 pm	Clubbercise (call 07811 209242)	

WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
10.30 am	Pebbles (Babies & Toddlers - in Term)	Church Room
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (last Wednesday)	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.00 pm	Brownies	
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (until 10.30 pm)	School
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	Caudwell Day Centre

THURSDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (First Thursday)	Caudwell Day Centre
9.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Lady Chapel
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group (in Term Time)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
2.00 pm	Wives Whist (2nd Thursday)	Caudwell Day Centre
5.00 pm	Rainbows (call 01235 832077)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (until 10.30 pm)	School
7.30 pm	W.I. (2nd Thursday)	Caudwell Day Centre
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing. (call 01235 531701)	

FRIDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

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

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