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Paths to Paradise

An editor's exaggeration? Well, yes! Drayton's Millennium Green won't be on many people's list of places most like the Garden of Eden. But it is both lovely and peaceful, especially in the spring, and the energetic new Millennium Green Trust is almost through a programme of refurbishing the paths leading to and over it.



Try walking those paths this spring. Read Keith Clough's report from the Trust on page 9 and, best of all if you can, join Keith, Jane McWhirter (chair of the Trust) and other volunteers at the next working party, on Saturday 29 April, between 10.00 and 12.30.

Back to the Bridge

One of Drayton's favourite sons, Gary Hibbins, has worked with the local DAMASCUS youth project for many years, transforming the lives of many of our young men and women who were finding the transition from childhood to adulthood particularly difficult. Gary has now decided he should move on and has been appointed manager of the Abingdon Bridge, another project supporting disadvantaged (and often difficult) young people in this area, where he feels he can better deploy his recently-acquired skills in psychological counselling and therapy. Gary did manage the Abingdon Bridge some years ago (see picture) and was a great success then. They will be delighted to have him back and we wish him well from the Chronicle. DAMASCUS will miss him and their chair, Rita Atkinson, writes a farewell message on page 7. But Rita, Roxy and the others Gary leaves will move forward too and collaboration between DAMASCUS and the Bridge will doubtless strengthen.



DAMASCUS is an acronym for the five villages, Drayton, Appelford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon.

Tales of Tragedy

Another editor's exaggeration? Definitely not! Although Drayton remembers, every 5th of March, the crash of the RAF Beverley aircraft on Sutton Wick in 1957, we rarely think beyond the young men who were killed and perhaps to the dogs who died with them. The Chronicle has often reported on the anniversary, massively enhanced in recent years by the involvement of Iain Henderson and his 'Memorials Mob', who made this year's 60th anniversary extra special (pages 8 & 9). But we have never heard from someone close to one of the crash victims about its impact on their lives. Until now.



The photograph above (courtesy of Dave Lee) shows some of the family of Corporal John L A Spöel. From the left they are Wally and Sandra (John's siblings), Carina (Sandra's daughter) and Frank (Sandra's husband). Sandra, who was not even 13 when John was killed, has written movingly of its impact on her and her family on page 8. The photograph of John, aged only 22 when he died in the crash, is also from Sandra and was taken in 1956.



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

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

Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 14 April 2017**

Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Monday, 17 April 2017**

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Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
June	15 May 2017	26 May 2017
July	19 June 2017	30 June 2017
August	17 July 2017	28 July 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 publish 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 still 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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YOUR LETTERS

Deborah Highfield

Dear Editor

We would like to thank the people who have sent cards and words of sympathy for our loss of Debbie. Many will remember her working with me in the shop. Her memory will live on in her beloved westie Izzy who will love to welcome you when you visit the shop or meet us out walking.

Yours sincerely

Laurence and Doris Vickery

Phylis Scaysbrook – 29/07/1913 to 17/02/2017

Dear Editor,

We are sad to tell you of the death of Phylis Scaysbrook, mother of Tony, David and Glenys Scaysbrook, at the grand age of 103.

Phylis bought her bungalow in Steventon Road in 1934; both Tony and David were born there and it has been owned by the Scaysbrooks since it was first built until the present day. She lived in Drayton for a number of years before moving to the Crown Inn pub in Marcham, where she was landlady, and then to Banbury.

Phyllis is survived by 3 children, 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Yours sincerely

Tony, David and Hazel

Pub signs

Dear Editor,

A couple of years ago I had an interrupted conversation with a gentleman who had been taking photographs of pub signs for many years. I have an idea that he was from Drayton and hoped I could appeal through your pages for him to get in touch with me at rbosley@talktalk.net or on 01235 835591

Yours sincerely

Dick Bosley

Noisy lorries

Dear Editor

We live on Steventon Road behind a stretch of green and hedge. The traffic has been steadily getting heavier on the main road, especially in the rush hour. During the last few weeks we have been woken up between 04.00 and 06.30 am by huge lorries covered in lights. We wonder where they are coming from and why they are coming through our village.

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Yours sincerely

Judith A Henman

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The Editor reserves the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter. Every letter must bear a legible name & address

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Churchwardens Mrs Alison Bone202188
 Mrs Linda Johnson527521
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Sunday 8.00 am Holy Communion, only on the 2nd Sunday of the month
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 Thursday 9.15 am Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

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Mon. 7.45 pm Bell Ringing Practice *Bell Tower*
 Wed 10.00 am Pebbles (term time only) *Church Room*
 Fri 6.30 pm Choir Practice (1st Friday) *Church Room*

CALENDAR FOR APRIL:

Tues 4 2.30 pm First Tuesday Connections *Church Room*
 Thurs 13 7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Service *Church*
 Fri 14 10.00 am Good Friday Service *Baptist Church*
 Sun 16 8.00 am Holy Communion *Steventon Church*
 Sun 23 8.00 am Holy Communion *Steventon Church*

CHURCH REGISTER:

Baptism:

19th February George Benjamin Greenland

YOU STAY WE PRAY APRIL:

2nd to 8th: Drayton Road, Milton Road, New Cut Mill, Fisher Close, Marcham Road, Meads Close, Rippington Court, Stone Hill; 9th to 22nd: Steventon Road, Eastway, Eastway MHP; 23rd to 30th: Church Lane, Henleys Lane, Caudwell Close, Gravel Lane

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS **Jean Hager**

If you are feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company, why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. They are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 2.30 pm to 4:00. The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Our subsequent two dates are **04 April** and **02 May**. If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.



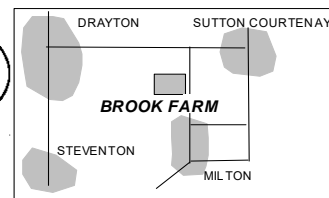
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Letter from St Peter's

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The link between the new life of Easter and spring is one that is often made by Churches. It's a helpful reminder each year of how Jesus' death on the cross (winter) is miraculously transformed into new life (spring).

We see lambs in the fields and daffodils in our gardens and as part of our Easter worship, there will be an Ecumenical Good Friday "Walk of Witness" service beginning at the Baptist Church at 10 am. We will process around the village, ending at St Peter's for warm hot cross buns in the church room.

On Easter Sunday, we have our Sung Eucharist with an Easter egg hunt beginning at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to come along and celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection giving us the gift of new life.

Linda Johnson and Alison Bone
 Churchwardens



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DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL

Tony Holmes

The Hall Committee met recently, and heard the results of the recent Energy Audit, which looked at heating, lighting, insulation, perhaps some solar panels in the future, and of course the need to examine the myriad deals and payment plans offered by the various energy suppliers.



Hopefully the easier recommendations will be implemented quite quickly, so better lagging for the hot water tanks, and more insulation above the Small Hall and the Corridor. Some of the suggestions require some more research (to check what other halls have experienced) and rather more funding, always an issue!

Regular users can always help by ensuring that all the lights are turned off when they leave, but we'll be looking at having the loo lights controlled by sensors.

The meeting also heard about a move to get the various village groups (many of which meet in Hall) to make sure their contact details are kept up to date. Many have a regular report in the Chronicle, and there are some contacts in the diaries on the back page, but there's about to be an initiative to try and get them as accurate as possible on the village website too, so could groups verify their best contact by an email to Jules Meredith, that's :- jjcmeredith@gmail.com - but if someone wants to enquire re a group that meets in Hall, and can't find the info, they can ask me (see back page).

Here's my usual plea to parents; if you have a child's party planned for the Hall, don't leave it too late to book, as we continue to be quite popular for them. We also do some Christening parties, but as they're restricted by Church dates, and our availability on Sundays, those dates tend to go a long way in advance, so don't leave those too late, we've had a couple of disappointments lately.

We have a new group starting very soon, re Down's Syndrome Support, as the South Abingdon centre is closing, which has affected several groups (the never-ending council cuts). They'll be in on Wednesday mornings, and using the whole hall for different activities. Our new Pilates class (Tues mornings) has got an encouraging attendance, but could still take a couple more, and the Seniors Yoga (Mon mornings) is also doing well, they were bursting at the seams in Small Hall recently, may soon have to be in Main Hall. Their instructor (Helen) will be producing a little apprentice soon, but is so fit she expects to be back with minimal disruption in a week or two?!

Oh, and it's the Hall's AGM soon, Monday May 15th at 7.30pm; if groups would like to send a rep, do come along. We have several groups with reps on the Committee, so if they're likely to change, or for more info, please call Ann (531418) or Sue (200350).

One more thing, we're hosting a fundraiser on April 22nd for the All Saints' Singers (SC); it's a cabaret evening with a meal, features '**Vamp Til Ready**' (a tremendously funny and mightily accomplished song-and-dance ensemble), tickets £15 inc Supper, call 01235 748997 or email christiane@talk21.com

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ALL AROUND

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Ann Webb

I begin this report with the sad news that one of our past members has sadly passed away. Linda Goodes was a very popular and active member of our WI until she and her husband moved away some years ago. She was a power force behind our village produce show and gave our quiz its title Wit and Wisdom. We were very sorry to lose her and even more saddened to hear of her passing. To put another hat on for a moment Linda was also a great supporter of the Hall in its early days, she was very involved with its running and money raising activities. She was missed when she moved away and will be greatly missed by her sons and their families.

Our March meeting was our annual meeting when we said goodbye to last year and hello to a new year. We have a new committee member but most of the rest stays the same. After the main business we attacked the puddings. What an assortment we had; banoffee pie, lime meringue pie, fresh fruit salad, eclairs, and chocolate profiteroles. This is only a taster of the selection on the table, all beautifully presented and eaten with great delight. Many thanks to all who brought these delicious treats for us to sample and we did them justice. We start our new programme next month and I am afraid I can't recall the speaker so I can't tell you but I can assure you it will be interesting. Our next meeting falls on Maundy Thursday 13th April 7.30pm in the Caudwell Centre Gravel Lane. Come and see what we do, and have a cup of tea and a chat.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

John Gould

As reported in the last edition the Club Bidmead team progressed into the semi-final of the competition. The tie was played at Abingdon Club on 15th March. Our team was represented by Matt Davies (A team), Peter Weir (C Team) & Robbie Greenfield (F Team). It was a close tie but the Drayton boys ended the night victorious and will play either Wallingford or Marlborough Club in the final at the end of this month.

In the team 'Handicap Shield' competition we entered 6 of our 7 teams. Pleasingly 5 of them have reached the last 16 stage. Since our B & F teams have been drawn to play each other we are sure to have one team in the quarter finals! We hope our A, C & E teams will also win through.

In the Didcot League our G team is certain to finish in the top two of Division 4, hopefully as champions and the D team are currently 3rd in Division 3 with a chance of sneaking into the top two at the season end. All our other teams have fared ok and will look forward to a restful summer.

Our Annual Quiz took place on February 24th. Always popular we saw another large turnout. The evening went well and helped by the teams scoring well (easy questions maybe) and therefore a tight finish. The raffle was also well supported and the club wishes to thank Jill Gimigliano for organising and running this for us. Overall, we raised funds to help the club finances and thank all those who attended to support us.



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GARD

Derek Stork

As we reported before Christmas, Thames Water has issued a draft report refining the list of options for its 2019 Five-year Water Resources Management Plan. Amongst the list of options is the massive 'Abingdon' reservoir to be sited on the land between Steventon, Hanney, Drayton and Marcham. As readers will know, GARD has long opposed this reservoir (successfully at the Public Inquiry in 2010), and continues to do so.

Over the next year Thames Water will develop their plan to select a few (perhaps 3 or 4) new water resources to put forward to the government at the beginning of 2018. The government will then put that plan out to public consultation. There is still a very strong possibility that the reservoir will be one of these new water resources proposed, alongside one or more of: more recycling of treated water, a second desalination plant in the Thames, reducing demand by tackling leakage losses and metering, and transfer of water from the River Severn. *It is GARD's view that these other sources are less costly, less damaging to the environment, less disruptive to our local communities and more robust against climate change than the reservoir.* GARD will oppose a reservoir if it becomes one of the proposed 'shortlist' and will demand a new Public Inquiry. The reservoir was opposed by 83% of the respondents to the Steventon Neighbourhood Plan, and we will seek your help in mobilising this opposition and that of other villages, who were united in opposition at the 2010 Public Inquiry.

We need as much active help as we can possibly get, although we are already supported by the Council for the Protection of Rural England and by local councillors at Parish, District and County level, the residents can be a powerful force if we all combine.

GARD will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church Hall, Steventon. You are all welcome to attend and listen to the news on the latest situation. If you cannot get along, and you have any questions or want further information, then please contact me at chair@abingdonreservoir.org.uk. I am very interested to hear from our members in the local villages.

We expect that there will be developments in April which will give an idea of Thames Water's thinking, you can see the briefing on the present situation on the GARD website at www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk. GARD will be continuing to brief local Parish Councils and our District and County councillors, all of whom are being very supportive. ➔

➔ Please get in touch if you feel you can offer either technical input or administrative/secretarial help. Please contact me (email chair@abingdonreservoir.org.uk) if you would like to help, or to join GARD (lifetime membership is only £5).

FAREWELL, GARY

Rita Atkinson

It is with sadness but also great pride that we say farewell to Gary Hibbins who has been an integral part of the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project for the past fourteen years.

Gary has a deep sense of community and has been able to assimilate and implement the ethos and belief of the DAMASCUS trustees that young people need to be empowered by positive engagement that promotes a shared sense of belonging, commonality of purpose and real ability to effect change, so that they build resilience to make a difference in their personal lives and in the communities in which they live. Gary has extremely strong interpersonal skills and can very quickly form a relationship with even the most disengaged or reticent young person, skills he has used to great effect over the years in supporting many young people to improve their life chances. The DAMASCUS model that emerged from the hours and hours of discussions, implementing, reviewing, refreshing would not have achieved the results it did in those early years had it not been for Gary's superb ability to grasp the bigger picture. It established a tradition and expectation which is embraced by all DAMASCUS staff to this day.

Gary will be starting as the part-time manager and trainee counsellor at The Abingdon Bridge from April 1st. Gary has found his niche career as an integrative psychotherapist and this is the perfect move for him.

On behalf of all the trustees and communities you have served – Thank you Gary and we wish you all the best and know that you are just down the road and our engagement will continue albeit in another context.

And Gary says

'I remember starting my journey with the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project on the DAMASCUS bus when I was just 18 years old and what a journey it has been. I have grown and developed so much, not just as a youth worker but also as a person. This is truly an amazing project that enables young people to positively contribute to their community. The trustees have supported me all the way, the sudden death of my mother, the birth of my first child, this list goes on. I can say hand on heart DAMASCUS has changed my life, just as it has changed the lives of so many young people. For the past three years I have been training as an integrative psychotherapist in London. I am now nearing the end of my training. This would not have been possible without the trustees' support and not just with time off for studies and a bursary but moral encouragement and a belief that I could finish the course.

Having grown up in Drayton I know only too well what the issues are for local young people. I have seen the project grow from three nights a week on the bus to an award-winning project the model of which is being applied by other local youth charities to their work. It's been an honour to be part of this growth and witness young people develop a sense of community and positively benefit from it. I'm excited about my future with The Abingdon Bridge – I am a DAMASCUS graduate and that will stand me in very good stead not only as I develop my role as the Manager of The Abingdon Bridge but also as I help facilitate a partnership between the two projects which can only be for the benefit for all our communities and young people.

To all you young people – thank you. It's been a pleasure being a part of your growth and development. I wish you all the best. Know Roxy and Holly are there and I am only down the road so pop in and say Hi any time"

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CRASH IMPACT

Sandra Goad

I returned home from school, nearly 13 years old, on a Tuesday in early March 1957 with some exciting news; I was going to be 'Jo' in a performance of Little Women at school. We had had a history of losses in our life, including our dad having left us a few years earlier. Now I felt there might be some fun.

But my news was never told because nothing was normal when I got home, and was never going to be normal again. The things I remember were being told not to tell our 8-year old sister, Vanessa; then her saying 'I know why Mum's crying. It's because John is dead!' I did as I was told and denied it.

Then I was given a note to take to school the next day, saying 'Sandra has not done her homework tonight because her brother died today in a plane crash.' I felt nothing, numb and not understanding why.

Years later I learned that Mum was faced with deciding whether to bring her eldest son home to be buried with just £30 from the RAF, or to leave him in Abingdon Cemetery after a military funeral, fully funded plus fares for 2 family members.



Cpl J L A Spöel, aged 22 years – my beloved brother John - disappeared from our lives, and I felt there was no trace left behind. I had a pair of gloves, his gift to me the previous Christmas, but I lost them on a train to school one day. I shed tears of fury with myself, not understanding why.

My mother was devastated by the loss of her eldest son, and her night-time sobbing wracked our council house for years. I never heard her talk about it. An isolated

memory puzzled me - a cousin had fallen from my back in a piggy-back game. Mum lost her temper with me and it was not until my 30s that she revealed that this accident had unleashed her feelings of anger and pain about the loss of John. My confidence had been crushed by her grief.

None of us talked about John's death. Mum was a single-parent, though the name had not yet been invented, and she had depended on money that John sent home. She was not entitled to anything when he died because he was her son, not husband, so there were financial repercussions which hurt her too. She worked at 3 part-time jobs to look after her 5 other children.

Nowadays I think we would have been offered counselling, but not then. In my 30s I had some counselling and I began to understand the impact of John's death on me and my family. I had not been to the funeral; I had a 'crazy' idea that he would one day come home. I talked then to my brother, Wally, who had followed John into the RAF, but as a pilot.

He shared some memories with me. One day he found himself sitting in a training session which used the Beverley crash as an example of the significance of good maintenance, and the fact that it had been established after the accident that a non-return valve should be crafted so that it could never again be inserted the wrong way round, which would cause the fuel to cut out. For the first time I wanted to know more, so I did a bit of research on the accident. I discovered that dogs had also been on board. Strangely I had a dog phobia which had resulted in my becoming agoraphobic. I wondered whether this was not coincidental. It was debilitating my life, and I had successful desensitisation treatment as well as counselling, which rid me of the psychological shackles.

Recently Wally has expressed the thought that after the accident our mother made what he considered to be a most courageous and understanding decision: she agreed only 18 months after the crash that he should join the RAF to pursue a career in aviation. She was immensely proud of him becoming an RAF pilot but he is sure it



must have taken a great inner strength for her to have her second son flying, knowing there would be risks similar to those that had taken John's life. How strong our Mother was and a great survivor. But he has added that he would replace the money John had sent home and that must have been a factor for our Mum.

For me, however, this was yet another loss - my second brother left home, and added to my fears about adult life. I was petrified when he joined the RAF and I was hugely burdened until I had counselling, and since then I have briefly piloted Wally's 4-seater plane, which was a most amazing experience.

Wally has had a relatively positive attitude to the accident, and says that other lives have been saved because of it, but I find it difficult to take this line, when these deaths of 17 men were caused by poor maintenance, and lack of supervision.

Aviation is Wally's greatest love in life and he has been instrumental in contributing to air safety. He says aviation is so much safer today because of the lessons learned from accidents such as that which took the life of our brother, which he says were fairly common-place back then. However, it is still the greatest loss of life in an RAF crash.

Me? I became a counsellor, helping people who have been bereaved and hurt and who are emotionally damaged in other ways. It brings me much satisfaction and fulfilment. So Wally & I seem both to have been motivated to help others by experiencing the sad death of our brother.

Several years ago I discovered the Memorial Mob online, who have since been responsible for marking the crash site in Sutton Wick with a memorial. Iain Henderson (in the photo) has my profound gratitude for having been instrumental in getting all of us together who have a connection with the crash. He has a compassion which I find totally uplifting. He has helped all of us connect and find a voice for the immense loss we all suffered so many years ago.



Since engaging with the memorial site and the services held there, I have learned other things that have uplifted me or that have helped me to come to terms with the tragedy. For instance, I realised this year that because my brother John was responsible for the loading of the aircraft, his decision to place the dogs in their cages at the front of the Beverley with the dog-handlers and the crew in the rear, had unwittingly created a trap for all the servicemen who were in the rear of the plane where it was impossible to escape. It has been hugely helpful to face the way John died, rather than refusing to think about it.

A most wonderfully poignant moment for me 3 years ago was meeting Kathleen James whose caravan home had been destroyed in the crash - on the day of her wedding anniversary. I think she is the same age as my brother John would have been. I discovered that over the 60 years since she has tended the 7 graves of those men in the Abingdon Cemetery, and on each anniversary she has placed a posy of daffodils and rosemary for remembrance. Daffodils have always been for me a reminder of John, and I am deeply



moved to find this connection. 5th March is the day of my brother's death, also of Kathleen's anniversary and it is also the birth date of my oldest sister's son, and of my daughter's youngest son, now aged 5. I feel we have recovered 5th March as a day of life, not just death.

Wally and I came with our families on 5th March recently and placed a wreath of poppies, daffodils and rosemary, with a cross, for remembrance, at the site of the crash to honour our beloved brother John who was snatched from our lives on 5th March 1957 – loved and still missed.



MILLENNIUM GREEN REPORT **Keith Clough**

The Green is looking good with the display of daffodils, snowdrops, primroses and other woodland flowers. The celandines by the pond are coming out and we will soon see the orchard blossoming. It is worth a visit. Regular grass cutting should start before Easter.



In the meantime, there have been two clear-up mornings (one group of volunteers is pictured above) despite the weather's attempts to thwart us. We were forced to postpone the session planned for 11th February for a week but then managed to prune/trim all the apple trees and (after nearly two years) complete the widening of the original paths! The only problem with it taking so long is that the grass has grown back at the sides of the path at the North end of the Green!

The second clear-up morning on 12th March was almost postponed but the earlier heavy rain had turned into drizzle by 10.00. We revised our plans and postponed the bonfire. Considerable progress was made on edging the path that had been widened in 2015 and some planting was done. Incidentally, I have a ladies/child's gardening glove which we found the next day.

On both occasions we had more than a dozen enthusiastic workers from around the village, I was pleased to see "new faces" on both occasions. By now we must have had help from at least 45 people (with an age span of about 75 years) and most of them have come back at least once! The next clear-up day will be Saturday 29th April. Come and join us. Useful things to bring are any or all of: a wheelbarrow, spade, rake, hoe, loppers, gloves and, of course, a mug for refreshments.

I am sorry to report the death of one of the muntjaks. Thanks to the help of Pete (from the farm) its body was rescued from an island in the pond and buried nearby. I think we are likely to lose a couple of trees from decay, which has probably been accelerated by the ivy choking them – yet more expense and another clear-up task!

Most dog walkers are very particular about clearing up after their pets but unfortunately there are a few who don't. Please be watchful of your dogs and please use the bins provided for the excrement (i.e. not the one by the pond which is for general rubbish).

The Trustees would like to remind users that apart from authorised vehicles, the only motorised vehicles allowed access to the Green are those for the disabled.

Keith Clough

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The photographs on these two pages, of the memorial event at Sutton Wick marking 60 years since the crash, of John Spöel's gravestone in Abingdon, etc. were kindly provided by Sandra Goad, Keith Clough and Dave Lee. The man in the beret is Iain Henderson, founder of the 'Memorial Mob' and the officer is Colonel Jiri Svatos, the Czech airforce attaché in London, attending because one of the crash victims was Czech Sergeant Jindrich Zarecky





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PRINTER HELPLINE SCAM

National Trading Standards is warning consumers about a new financial scam, targeting those who call printer helplines. Victims usually come across the fake 'helpline' numbers on online adverts placed high on search engines or social media. Cases seen by the Trading Standard e-Crime team have involved fraudsters behind the 'helplines' gaining remote access to people's computers – under the guise of helping them to resolve their technical problems – only for the criminals to steal personal information, including bank account details, and to infect computers with malware.



National Trading Standards is advising people to take the following steps:

- When seeking technical support for your printer, make sure you use the contact details provided by the printer manufacturer. These can be found by visiting the manufacturer's official website, listing on its product packaging and literature.
- Be suspicious of helplines asking to take remote control of your computer to fix printer problems.
- Ensure your anti-virus and online security software is kept up-to-date in order to reduce the risk of unwanted pop-ups on screen that may advertise fraudulent services.

SPOT ONLINE HOLIDAY BOOKING SCAMS

• Are prices way out of line?

Unwitting victims can be caught out by the offer of ultra-cheap airline tickets. Bear in mind that, while many online agents will claim to have the best fares, prices for a particular flight are usually in a fairly narrow price band. A quick check on Skyscanner at <https://www.skyscanner.net/> can provide a good estimate of the price. Be wary if you see much lower prices.

• Do they make too many demands?

Scammers aren't just interested in your money; they'd also like your identity. A scan of your driving licence or passport will never be requested by a genuine business unless there are specific, and good, reasons that you can verify, such as a local law insisting on identity checks.

• ABTA protection?

If a business claims to be a member of ABTA, the travel association, you can use their very simple checking system <https://abta.com/find-a-member> and also call the landline number to ensure you are dealing with that particular company.

• Is the marketing material suspect?

Extracts are often copied and pasted from genuine travel company web sites to set up scam sites. If something looks odd try a bit of copying and pasting yourself. The odd phrase may take you to a genuine holiday company.

• Is a fraudster pretending to be the real owner?

Emails to and from genuine companies can be intercepted by criminals. Ensure you're dealing with the genuine owner by insisting on a landline number (not a mobile), check that the dialling code is correct for the location and call the owner. Ask questions about the property and facilities and if you're not satisfied ask for more in-depth questions, such as things about the area that you can check-up on yourself – perhaps the name of the nearest restaurant that you can find the number for, and call.

• Demanding payment by bank transfer?

Many genuine villa owners request payment by bank transfer to keep handling costs to a minimum. Bear in mind that bank transfers are the equivalent of handing over cash, in that banks will not refund you, and double check before you click to confirm your payment.

Be particularly suspicious if the destination bank account is in an unlikely location.

• Trying to hurry you to make a booking?

Criminals want to get hold of your money as quickly as possible and may try to pressure you to pay by saying you will lose the property to someone else if you don't make an immediate commitment. Another tactic is to promise a 10 or 20% discount for fast payment. If you sense they are getting agitated you could suggest communication by post. A genuine owner is likely to agree to accept your deposit in cash through the post, despite the associated delay.

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PARISH PRECEPT

Richard Williams

Most residents by now will have received their Council Tax demand for 2017/18. Many of you will have noticed that in the breakdown of figures explaining what is paid to whom, there is a column showing the percentage change from the previous year. The amount paid to the Vale, for example, is up by 4.3%. You will also see, and possibly be alarmed by, what appears to be a whopping increase going to Drayton Parish Council. The bill says a % change of 97.2%; but in fact, Drayton PC has doubled its precept (share of the council tax) from £40,000 p.a. to £80,000 p.a (i.e. a 100% increase). The slight discrepancy is probably due to an increase in the number of households in the village.



So what is the reason for this tax hike? The first point to make is that although the percentage increase is large, it is from a fairly low base figure. At present, I believe the average figure for a Band 'D' house is around £55-60 per year to Drayton PC. Or a little over one pound per week. That has now increased to around £110-120 per year, or about two pounds a week. In other words, the increase is not much more than a pound a week for many households. For houses with a higher banding, obviously the figures are somewhat higher, but only proportionately so.

Nevertheless, an explanation is called for. Firstly, the Parish Council's Finance Committee debated at length the commitments that arise out of the implementation of the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan. Drayton 2020 is working on a number of projects to generally improve amenities within the village. Many of these were listed in the flyer recently distributed to households in the village. They include, the provision of a new state-of-the-art sports pavilion at the northern entrance to Drayton. This will service the three new football pitches (one full-size, two junior), a cricket square, and a MUGA (multi-use games area), all of which are planned for the Walnut Meadow site.

There will be three new children's playgrounds, new and upgraded footpaths on the Millennium Green and around the village, a new pre-school at Drayton Primary School, traffic calming measures along the Abingdon Road and High Street, and so on. A new village green will be established opposite Hilliat Fields. All of these projects require money, and the finance will come from several different sources. A large chunk will come from so-called 'Section 106' money, which is the compulsory contributions all developers of large sites are required to make towards education, sports and play facilities, traffic management etc. – in recognition of the fact that increases in the population make for increased demands on local services. Some of the money will come from grants, and other methods of fund-raising. Some may come from donations. And some will have to come from a loan from the Public Works Board. In order to service a substantial loan and continue to meet its other commitments, the Parish Council felt it was necessary to increase the Council's yearly income.

Secondly, many of the above projects will require ongoing maintenance – the Parish Council will be responsible for pitch maintenance, and for maintaining the new village green. It may become responsible for much more than this – see below.

Thirdly, although Oxfordshire County Council is attempting to reduce its costs by going for a single unitary council solution, abolishing the district councils, this will not solve all its financial problems. Central government is likely to continue its policies of austerity and further cuts in the grants to local government are planned. OCC has repeatedly hinted over the last couple of years that it would like to devolve some of its functions to parish councils. It promises to cut the grass on highway verges only once in the coming year, but offers to pay parishes for carrying out additional

cuts. Drayton has so far resisted all such moves because it is suspicious about 1) the amount of extra funding promised (which looks far from adequate), 2) the length of time that the promised funding will be paid and 3) the manpower and resource implications of the additional work taken on. It is entirely possible that the county could hand over responsibility to parishes for areas that were never formerly in their remit (some parishes have actually volunteered to take on minor road repairs!), and then pull the funding after two or three years, leaving the parishes to bear the burden.

All in all, the Parish Council felt it wise to prepare for the future and whatever it may bring. To that end, we believe that the increase in our precept is consistent with a responsible approach to financial management. Drayton's share of the Council Tax bill still only represents a small proportion (about 5%) of the whole, but it will enable us to secure our commitment to bringing all the Drayton 2020 projects to fruition.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Williams

Report of the meeting held on Mon 6th March 2017



The Parish Council meeting was immediately preceded by the monthly Planning Committee meeting. The first 40 minutes of this was given over to discussion of the planning application to build 57 houses on the Manor Farm site. The PC reviewed some additional minor revisions to the proposed plans, following an earlier meeting on 23rd January to consider the same application.

The Committee concluded that although the most recent changes were in the right direction (including a reduction of one house on the previous total) they still did not go far enough.

Specifically, the Committee would like to see further reductions in the number of houses, so that the ratio of green space to built space is increased. This is important in the context of the overall impact on the Conservation Area. The design of the junction of the new access road with the Abingdon Road is also an issue. Regular readers will know that this site is one of the three allocated for development in the Neighbourhood Plan, so may be wondering why the Parish Council intends to oppose the application at the Vale Planning Committee on 22nd March. The short answer is that, in principle, we **support** the CALA development on this site, but as the saying goes, the devil is in the detail. It is the detail we are attempting to get right.

There continue to be compliance issues regarding the Miller Homes site at Walnut Meadow (Barrow Road), and the builders are proving extremely difficult to communicate with. At present, we are dealing with a number of problems where the company are simply not acting in accordance with written agreements signed at the outset of the development process. The Parish Council is looking at possible legal action, but for many reasons, not least financial, we would prefer to resolve the outstanding matters by negotiation. There is no reason why this should not be possible.

An information/questionnaire flyer asking residents for their views on possible uses of the Lyford Close playground site has been distributed to approx. 280 households on the west side of the village (those living either in Lyford Close or the roads nearest to it). Only a couple of days in, several detailed responses have already been received; hopefully quite a few more people will be moved to reply.

On Sunday 5th March a memorial service took place at St Peter's Church to mark the 60th anniversary of the fatal RAF air crash at Sutton Wick. A large number of people attended the service, both local residents and visitors from afar. The church was again near to capacity, for the second time in two months (the Mott VC service being the first). Representing the RAF were a number of senior officers, including a Provost Marshal, a Czech air officer (in recognition of the Czech aircrewman killed in the crash), and several RAF dog-handlers (and their dogs). A group of cheerful leather-clad motor-bikers turned out to be members of the British Legion motor-bike club, all of them ex-military! Following the church service, the congregation proceeded to the memorial site at Sutton Wick for the wreath-laying ceremony. There will be another ceremony next year, this time to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the founding of the RAF.

To contact any member of the Parish Council, contact David Perrow via E-mail at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061, and he will ensure that any messages are passed on. Any Drayton resident may also ask to be added to the Clerk's E-mailing list, so that they receive prior notice of meetings and any relevant documents.

In addition, all Parish Council minutes are now archived on the village website: <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/> The website 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. ➡

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➡ The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Parish Assembly, held on Monday 3rd April 2017, at 7.00 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. This is the occasion when representatives of local clubs, charities and other organisations are invited along to report on their activities over the past year, and the Parish Council gives its own account of the year's events. **Please note the earlier time.** The usual Parish Council meeting will follow at 7.30pm. Do please come along and find out what's been happening in the village over the last 12 months.

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Nobody wants to pay more council tax, and District and County Councils raise taxes only after being convinced important services will suffer otherwise. Instinctively most of us want to cut taxes, allowing residents to spend more of their own money.

At the District Council, this year's increase of 4.3% council tax will be the first-time residents have been asked to increase their contribution in seven years. This increase has been required in order to maintain the league-topping recycling service and investment in new leisure facilities.



Planning Enforcement

After receiving planning permission, sites in our area are now being built and new residents moving in. There have been several reports of developers not adhering to the strict conditions imposed upon them by the council. I have been working closely with enforcement officers to make sure any deviation from the approved scheme is quickly rectified.

Please do get in touch if you are unsure whether building work near you is being carried out with the correct planning consents.

County Council Elections

May 4th is polling day for elections to Oxfordshire County Council. Make sure you exercise your right to decide who will represent Drayton in the next few years.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Richard Webber

OCC Budget

It is a sad fact that the voices that speak up to defend Adult Social Care (ASC) are fewer and quieter than those speaking up in defence of Children's Services. Compared to the army of protestors lined up outside the OCC offices on budget day 2016, this year was peace and quiet.

Yet, as so many of us are living to extreme old age, the pressure on the ASC budget is increasing fast. As a proportion of the overall council budget, ASC is already much the largest component. This is why Government decided to allow Councils to raise an additional 3% on Council Tax per year for two years. OCC, in their wisdom, have used some of that money to support the general budget - an opportunity missed - in my view. A suggestion that by borrowing £10m while interest rates are low, such that many of the potholes in our roads could be fixed quickly was defeated as 'too risky'. The administration's budget proposals were passed - albeit narrowly (31/29) and with the support of 2 of the independents.

In an otherwise calm and uneventful budget day, one piece of potentially exciting news is the likelihood that a major review of the County's property portfolio will yield many millions - something many of us have been asking for a long time.

Unitary local government

It seems that Government has effectively ruled out a Combined Authority (with Mayor), are no longer interested in a 3 Unitary solution for Oxfordshire, and that Devolution deals are not likely to be on offer. This is behind the apparent U turn by the Leaders of VWHDC and SODC, who are now in full support of the single Oxfordshire Unitary solution. The pressure is building on those still resisting to join the table for fear of missing out on the benefits. As you may imagine, I am delighted.

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WESTMINSTER

Ed Vaizey

March saw the final Spring Budget as the Chancellor, Philip Hammond, announced a few months ago that future budgets will be delivered in autumn. Within the budget there were announcements to freeze fuel duty for the seventh successive year, an increase in the national living wage to £7.50, a rise in the personal allowance to £11,500, £2 billion more for social care over the next three years, and £100 million for A&E departments to help them better manage demand ahead of the next winter.



I was especially pleased to see that the Chancellor announced an extra £270 million for Research and Development, which is an important boost to our local and national economy. The Chancellor also announced new T-level qualifications for 16 to 19-year old technical students from autumn 2019, an area of education that our constituency is leading in. £200 million was also announced to further support the roll out of broadband, along with £16 million for a national 5G Innovation Network to trial the new technology.

In other news, the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, dubbed the 'MBE for voluntary groups', is currently open for nominations. This Award is made annually, and currently there is a maximum of 200 awards per year. Any member of the public can nominate a group of volunteers for the award by completing the online form <https://qavs.direct.gov.uk/>.

Finally, congratulations to Oakman Inns and Restaurants, operators of the Old Post Office in Wallingford, as their exceptional staff policies and human resources record got them to the eighth position in the Sunday Times 100 Best Companies Awards 2017. Other winners in the competition can be found at <http://appointments.thesundaytimes.co.uk/article/best100companies/>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either I or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, or by email at dicksonce@parliament.uk or on 01235 768888. 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.

Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, <https://www.vaizey.com>. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please complete the online form at <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>.



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DRAYTON DIARY

FOR APRIL

Regular Events are listed opposite

Events are at Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise. There are many private events taking place in the Hall which are not listed. To book the Hall call Tony Holmes on 531180 or visit www.draytonvh.co.uk

Sat	1	9.00 am	Zumba Party	
Mon	3	7.00 pm	Parish Assembly	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i> followed by the Parish Council
Tues	4	9.30 am	Pilates (last until 25th)	
Sun	9	9.00 am	Dog Show (Griffon Bruxellois)	
Thurs	13	2.00 pm	U3A Arts Group – small hall	
Mon	17	9.15 am	Chronicle Lottery deadline	<i>Vickery's</i>
		5.00 pm	Chronicle copy deadline	<i>Vickery's box</i>
Sat	22	7.00 pm	Sutton Courtenay All Saints Singers	
Tues	25	9.30 am	Pilates	
Wed	26	2.00 pm	Drayton Wives	
Fri	28	7.00 pm	Oxford Drama Network AGM	

St PETER'S CHURCH DRAYTON. Easter 2017

Palm Sunday – 11th April

8am	Holy Communion
10am	Holy Communion and Passion reading



Maundy Thursday -13th April

9.15	Holy Communion
7.30	Foot/Handwashing & Holy Communion

Good Friday – 14th April

10am Ecumenical service beginning at the Baptist Church, followed by a procession around the village to St Peter's Church. Finishing with hot cross buns in the church room.

Easter Day – 16th April

10am	Family Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt.
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Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
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	<i>School</i>
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Badminton	
7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	<i>St Peter's bell tower</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 mins)	<i>The Cross</i>
2.30 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	<i>Church Room</i>
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
5.45 pm	Zumba Fitness (Kelly)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (until 10.30 pm)	<i>School</i>
8.15 pm	Clubbercise (call 07811 209242)	

WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Pebbles (Babies & Toddlers – in Term)	<i>Church Room</i>
1.45 pm	Whist Drive (until 4.00 pm)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
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)	<i>School</i>
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 (First Thursday)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
9.15 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
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)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
5.00 pm	Rainbows (call 01235 832077)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (until 10.30 pm)	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	W.I. (2nd Thursday)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing. (call 01235 531701)	

FRIDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	Friday Club (fortnightly - 202466)	<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 Sunday)	<i>School</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	<i>Baptist Church</i>
7.00 pm	Zumba Fitness (Gemma)	

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

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