

# DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

**Richard Williams**

**Report of the Parish Council meeting held on Mon 8th May 2017.**

May is the month of the Parish Council AGM, and so the meeting began with the election of officials for the coming year. Richard Williams and Richard Wade continue as Chairman and Vice-Chairman; Richard Wade is now Chair of the Planning Committee, and Pat Athawes takes over as Chair of Finance. Laura Billington will Chair the Leisure & General Purposes Working Group, and Graham Webb the Rights of Way Working Group. Otherwise, the composition of the various sub-committees remains the same. Christine West has agreed to take on the post of Footpath Warden, a job previously carried out by Jenny Pooley.

Following his narrow victory in the recent County Council elections (by a margin of 34 votes!), Richard Webber (Lib Dem) explained that, although the Conservatives have the largest number of seats of any single party, they do not have an overall majority. Of the total number of 63 seats, the Conservatives gained 31, but all other parties put together took 32. This means that some kind of coalition will have to be formed in order to create a viable administration. Richard reported that negotiations were still ongoing.

Stuart Davenport, who contested the same seat, but narrowly lost out (although he remains our District Councillor), congratulated Richard on his win, and said he believed that reorganization of local government to create some form of unitary authority in Oxfordshire was still on the cards, although what happens after June is at least partly dependent on the outcome of the general election. But as there appears to be a more or less cross-party consensus on the need for change, the general election will probably be a less disruptive factor than it otherwise might have been.

A letter has been received from the solicitors of Miller Homes, giving assurances that the roads at Walnut Meadow will be built to adoptable standards, and that other planning conditions will also be met. A meeting with senior Millers executives has also been arranged for 1st June, in which these and other problems on the site will be discussed and hopefully resolved.

The housing site south of the High Street is now well under way, and the Chairman, together with Andrew Bax from Drayton 2020, attended a 'ground-breaking' publicity photo shoot. Dressing to look the part, they were supplied with the requisite hard hats, high-viz jackets, and a shiny brand-new spade apiece. Any other modelling assignments will be gratefully received and considered.

Finally, thanks to all those who took the trouble to respond, either online, or via the Chronicle box, with their suggestions for the best use of the former BMX track at the back of Lyford Close. Several dozen were received, some of them very thoughtful and detailed. All the replies have been collated, and we hope soon to compile a short report with recommendations based on people's ideas.

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, in the first instance. David may be contacted 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 also carries back copies of the Drayton Chronicle, information on the latest activities of the Drayton 2020 Implementation Committee, and details of other events in the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 5th June 2017, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.

### DRAYTON COMMUNITY TRUST - AGM

**Andrew Bax**

The Annual General Meeting of Drayton Community Trust will be held on Monday 12th June at 7.00pm in the Caudwell Day Centre and everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will review the year's work and consider possible changes to the Trust's constitution.

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 Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 16 June 2017**  
 Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Mon., 19 June 2017**  
 Printed copies available: **Friday, 30 June 2017**

### Key dates for the subsequent three Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
August	17 July 2017	28 July 2017
September	14 August 2017	25 August 2017
October	18 September 2017	29 September 2017

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## NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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1. The best is by **email** to [editor@draytonchronicle.net](mailto: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!

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

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

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

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

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Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter

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Thurs	9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

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Wednesday	10.00 am	Pebbles (Term Time only)	Church Room
Monday	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Bell Tower
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## CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Tue 6th	2.30pm	First Tuesday Connection	Church Room
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## ST PETER'S LETTER

Dear Friends

As you may remember from Rosie's letter last month, there are many festivals around this time in the Christian calendar. In April we celebrated Easter and Christ's resurrection and in May, Ascension, where he leaves his disciples and is taken up into heaven.

This month we have Pentecost followed by Trinity Sunday. Pentecost is celebrated seven weeks after Easter Sunday (June 4th) and is based on the New Testament, where it refers to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus. It was described in Acts 2:1-6 as "a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting". The Apostles were suddenly able to speak in many languages. The event took place in the upper room where Jesus had given the first communion to the disciples. We put a red cloth on the altar to symbolize the joy and fire of the Holy Spirit and often decorate the church with red flowers. In the middle ages, cathedrals and great churches had a Holy Ghost hole in the roof which symbolized the entrance of the Holy Spirit into the congregation.

Trinity Sunday takes place on the following Sunday (June 11th) and celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Thomas Becket (1118-1170) was consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury on the Sunday after Pentecost and his first act was to ordain that the day of his consecration should be held as a new festival in honour of the Holy Trinity. The altar cloth is white, quite a change from the fiery red of Pentecost. The Sundays following this one are numbered up until Advent (so Sunday June 18th is the first Sunday after Trinity).

The two Sundays are summed up in Matthew 28: vs 19 & 20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Words which we hear in many services throughout the year.

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Sue Harris



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# ALL AROUND

## GARD

Derek Stork

### Thames Water reveal their hand

A couple of weeks ago, Thames Water published their final shortlist for New Water Source options for their 2019 Five-year Water Resources Management Plan. After five months of 'consultation', Thames have either ignored, or over-ridden with dubious arguments, the majority of critical comments coming from Stakeholders like GARD. The final shortlist contains: - two Water recycling/purification and re-use plants in London; - two desalination plants to turn river water to fresh water in London; - a possible transfer of water from the River Severn to the River Thames, supported by reservoirs in the Severn-Trent water and United Utilities areas in Wales and the West Midlands; - more abstraction of water from the Lower Thames below Teddington; and finally - the massive 'Abingdon' reservoir to be sited on the land between Steventon, Hanney, Drayton and Marcham.

As readers will know, GARD has long opposed the reservoir (successfully at the Public Inquiry in 2010), and we continue to do so. Even Thames Water's own figures show that there is enough water from the sources other than the reservoir to satisfy the South-East water deficit out to at least 2080. ***This demonstrates that there is no need for the reservoir in the foreseeable future.***

Over the next nine months Thames Water will develop their designs on these options. They will then select a few (perhaps three or four) new water resources to put forward to the government in January 2018. The government will then put that plan out to public consultation. There is thus a very strong possibility that the reservoir will be one of these new water resources proposed. ***It is GARD's view that the other sources are less costly, less damaging to the environment, less disruptive to 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.

Residents can now expect a 'charm offensive' from Thames Water to try to paint an over-optimistic and sanitised view of the reservoir. This commenced at the Annual Parish Meeting in Steventon on 2nd May, where Thames gave a presentation. They stated correctly that the reservoir is still an option, but the tone of their presentation revealed their bias. They even claimed at one point that the reservoir could become a Special Site of Scientific Interest, comparing the possibilities for wildlife habitat with those at Abberton Reservoir in Essex. Unfortunately, a sharp-eyed Steventon resident who knows Abberton, pointed out the crucial problem with their argument: Abberton was formed by flooding a valley, so it is all below the surrounding land – Thames Water's planned reservoir is all ABOVE the surrounding land. The two simply cannot be compared, and it is regrettable that Thames are adopting this sort of line to try to influence local opinion. GARD will, aided by our expert consultants, be putting the true case to residents over the next few months. For the record, the proposed reservoir, at maximum size, is twice the area of Abberton, and holds six times the amount of water. If this reservoir is constructed, it will be the largest 'walled' reservoir in the world. It is a project way beyond Thames' experience.

At least three facts were established in the meeting: firstly, the water from the reservoir is more than 90% required by London (our local deficit is less than a tenth of London's by 2040); secondly Thames Water have yet to perform a conceptual design on where the flood water, which is normally accommodated in the area of the reservoir, would go if the reservoir were built; and finally there is no conceptual design yet on what the leakage from the reservoir would be. This just serves to reinforce our view that the potential problems are not being taken seriously: after all, Thames Water have a history of more than 20 years of proposing this reservoir, surely they should have checked these issues earlier?

## GARD Annual General Meeting

GARD held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church Hall. Members attending were briefed on the current situation regarding the reservoir by the Chairman, and a lively debate ensued.

The GARD Committee and Officers were elected for the coming year. Derek Stork was re-elected as Hon Chairman, and Nick Thompson as Hon Vice-chairman. Deborah Bennett was elected as the new Hon Secretary and Lesley Hotchin as the new Hon Treasurer. The other committee members are David Bowen, Glynn Davies, Sharron Jenkinson. Ian Moodey, Nick Rogers and Wren Wooster. Those committee members standing down – Lesley Lovell as Secretary and Michael Robson, a former Vice-Chairman, were thanked for their hard work and dedication over more than a decade of involvement.

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## 1st DRAYTON BROWNIES

Annette Mitchell

Start of a new term and we talked about George and the Dragon, the story behind St George and the painting on the Gothic House.

The Brownies will be taking their Sports Badge for the first part of the term. We will be looking at Sports Personalities and their achievements, learning how to play netball and rounders. Drayton School have very kindly let us use their equipment and netball court for a netball tournament on the week before half term.

We welcomed new Brownie Georgia Arrowood to our pack and hope she enjoys her time with us.

Our pack will be 60 years old in October and we need to think about how and where we are going to celebrate this! The first challenge is for us to find past Drayton Brownie members. They may be you, your mum, your auntie or your Gran! We would love to hear from them and get in touch as we may look at having a reunion of past members of all ages. Please can you help?

Get in touch with any of the leaders listed below.

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

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## W.I

Ann Webb

At our May meeting we were entertained by the granddaughter and daughter of one of our members. Her talk, which was taken from her University Dissertation was fascinating. She had never spoken to an audience before, but you would never have known. Her subject was Dutch dolls houses in the 17th century. Strictly speaking they are not 'houses' but beautifully made cabinets sectioned to represent rooms in rich peoples houses. Each room was furnished with accurate artwork, furniture, furnishings and people dressed as rich people were in silks. Servants were also depicted in their quarters, at their work. When the wealthy Dutch people obtained silks newly imported in to Holland, they displayed their wealth using these cabinet houses. At an evening gathering, the houses were 'unveiled' to be marvelled at as entertainment. They were also used to teach young ladies how to set up and maintain a house in that era. We were shown many pictures of these beautiful houses, truly cabinets of delights. Well done Chloe you were wonderful. Next month we are having our royal Birthday meal at the Kings Arms at Sandford Lock. I hope the sun shines, and we can sit by the river.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP 5

### School parking

We understand from the Neighbourhood Policing Team that fixed penalty notices were recently issued to vehicles which were illegally parked outside Sutton Courtenay School. Please be aware that parking on corners, blocking dropped curbs and parking on the yellow zig-zags outside schools puts both your own and other people's children at risk. Please park considerably and do not block residents' driveways and footpaths.

### Crime figures for South Oxfordshire and the Vale

Thames Valley Police has released crime statistics which cover the past twelve months. The latest figures show that there were 138,710 crimes reported across Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire from 1st April 2016 until 31st March 2017. This is a 7.2% increase to the previous year (2015/16) where there were 129,449 reported crimes within the same time frame. Of these, 9,895 crimes were reported in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Local Police Area (LPA), a rise of 4.0% on last year. The increase in crime reports is reflected nationally and is largely attributed to improvements in compliance with National Crime Recording Standards.

Overall crime levels in Thames Valley still remain low compared with five and ten years ago. There were 66,976 fewer crimes recorded in this timeframe compared with five years ago (205,686), and 8,357 fewer recorded offences compared with ten years ago (147,067).

Following the release of the figures, Superintendent Rory Freeman, LPA Commander for South and Vale said: “Whilst we have seen some increase in reports of crime this year, this is similar to the national trend.”

Further details can be found on the Thames Valley Police website at

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/news/general/crime-statistics-thames-valley-police-201617/>

Call the police on 101 for non-emergencies and dial 999 for emergencies.

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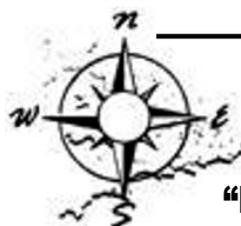
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**John Gould**

The club was saddened to learn of the death of Allan Lovelock who was a member of the club for over 20 years until ill health took its toll on him in 2014. Allan captained many of our teams over the years and was a much valued friend and colleague. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

On a brighter note our 25th Club Championships were a great success. The day long event was sometimes a challenge to fitness, but despite the hard work was enjoyed by all those competing. Our Club Singles Champion this year is Matthew Davies who defeated Rob Hudson in a 5 set thriller final. Matthew was presented with the John Prior Cup for what was his fourth win in the event – the last being 2006. Matthew also teamed up with Chris Blencowe to win the doubles final where they beat Lewis Waddup & Alec Winton to take the trophy. Chris is a 'novice' player so was chuffed to win something at the first attempt. The Plate competition for those knocked out of the main event early on saw David Hudson defeat John Gould in what was described by one wag as the 'over 60's' final!

A reminder to all members, that the club AGM will take place at the village hall on Tuesday 13th June, with a 7.30 pm start.

### DRAYTON WIVES

**Gwen Price**

The meeting in June was our A.G.M. We have had a very successful year and look forward to next year. Our chairman Josie is happy to carry on for another year as are the committee with a few new committee members. A group of us entertained members with a few very funny sketches. The craft group put on a display of some of their work which was excellent.

On 25th May the title of our talk is 'Service as a Footman'.

### MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

**Jane Mcwhirter**

The date of annual Picnic on the Green (this will be the second!) I'm afraid will need to be changed, this is due to holidays and Truck festival in Steventon the proposed weekend. As soon as a new firm date is fixed I will add to the Families in Drayton Facebook page. Apologies to all who had noted the date. With regards to the picnic, we wondered if any other clubs or societies from the village would like to join in, especially with new people moving to Drayton. Perhaps a table with a small exhibit of what you do, it may encourage others to join. Please email me if you would like more details or to discuss.

Our next clear up event is on the evening of Wednesday 14th June from 7-9pm, come and join us.

Our last morning was a great success, thanks to all who supported and a special thank you to Karen for the donation of three lovely bird boxes. They are situated in the pond area, so see if you can spot them.

Finally thanks to all our litter pickers, we do have a few people that are covering a couple of slots so if anybody would like to join the rota, please let me know. It's really not hard work, and it only covers two weeks of a year, grabbers are available!

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## HALL REPORT

Tony Holmes

**Would all Thursday users please note** that we'll be in use as a Polling Station for the General election (June 8th), but this time it'll be in the Main Hall, so Small Hall users that day will be OK.

Hall Management Committee has had its AGM, (mid-May), officers remain unchanged. There's also been an initial meeting with reps from the Parish Council & 'Community First Oxon', re looking to the future about how to run the Village Hall along with the upcoming Sports Pavilion at the estate off Barrow Road. This will require varying the Hall constitution from its original set-up in the 70s, so a deal of advice is being sought.

The Hall hopes to be reaping the benefit of some 'S106' housing funding in due course, and we should soon be revisiting the previous ideas for improvements from a couple of years ago.

We've lost one of regular classes, 'Clubbercise', as Hannah has had to move away; however that same Tuesday evening slot will soon be back, run by Gemma Pearce, who has done a Zumba class here for ages now (Sunday eves). She does various classes at quite a few halls, and her Clubbercise gets going Tues June 27th.

Our new PILATES class, on Tuesday mornings, run by the Philippa Aldridge fitness group, has had a short break but is back now, so for info and to book, it's 07702 727971

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



## NOTICE BOARD

### VOTE FOR A QUIET GARDEN

Every time you shop at a Tesco's or Tesco Express during May & June you will have the chance to help South Abingdon school-children improve their quality of life. Caldecot School's quiet garden project, designed for them by Trinity Learning, is one of Tesco's Community Matters causes. Depending on the number of votes cast, they will get £1000 - £4000 to spend on seating, plants, a water feature and outdoor mindfulness activities.

Please give them your support.

*Rosemary Perrow*

### VALE NEWS

#### Cracking down on fly-tipping

Prosecutions for fly-tipping continue as the Vale seeks to crack down on environmental crime. In the most recent successes to go through the courts, thousands of pounds worth of fines have been handed out. These include a man who dumped a bath tub, toilet and sink in Longcot and another man who advertised his illegal waste services on Facebook. If you see a fly-tip on public land in the Vale of White Horse please report it by calling 03000 610 610 or email [admin.vale@biffa.co.uk](mailto:admin.vale@biffa.co.uk).

### A34 DIVERSIONS

Tony Holmes has contacted Highways England about trucks ignoring planned diversion routes during road works on the A34 and coming through Drayton. They have replied:

"With regards to the question you raised about the legalities of trucks ignoring planned diversion routes; we have no powers of enforcement to prevent drivers from following a different route as legally it is the driver's choice on what route they take. If there are any instances of drivers behaving dangerously or illegally they will be reported to the police."



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## POLICE NOTICES

### Crime

We have had a couple of thefts from vehicles in our area recently: Overnight in Sutton Courtenay on 23rd April a Ford transit van parked on the High Street was entered and power tools where taken. (Reference number 43170117467).

Also on the same night another ford transit parked on Milton Road was entered and tools were also taken. (Reference number 43170117946).

If you know anything about these two crimes then please call us on the police non-emergency number 101 and quote the above reference numbers.

Please ensure that you don't leave any tools in your vehicle and ensure it is secure. If you would like any crime reduction advice about keeping your tools safe please contact me via the 101 number or email [susan.haynes@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:susan.haynes@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)  
**Appleford Sidings:** We have had reports of motorbikes riding around the waste site and making a lot of noise. PC Morton did stop some motorbike riders on the site on 22nd April and details were taken and words of advice were given. If the motor bikes are being ridden in an anti-social manner we will consider a Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002. A warning would be given and recorded and if the motor bike or rider is caught again then the motorbike could be seized. This is private land and not open to the public, the landowner has not given permission for anyone to enter this land and will prosecute if necessary as this is a very dangerous area.

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email [AbingdonOuterNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:AbingdonOuterNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

### Cyber Attack

Following the ransomware cyber attack on Friday 12th May which affected the NHS and is believed to have affected other organisations globally, the City of London Police's National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has issued an alert urging both individuals and businesses to follow protection advice immediately and in the coming days. Ransomware is a form of malicious software that enables cyber criminals to remotely lock down files on your computer or mobile device. Criminals will use ransomware to extort money from you before they restore access to your files. There are many ways that ransomware can infect your device, whether it be a link to a malicious website in an unsolicited email, or through a security vulnerability in software you use.

### Key Protection advice for individuals:

Install system and application updates as soon as they become available and install anti-virus software and keep it updated.

Create regular backups of your important files.

Only install apps from official app stores, such as Google's Play Store, or Apple's App Store as they offer better levels of protection than some 3rd party stores.

### Phishing/smishing

Fraudsters may exploit this high profile incident and use it as part of phishing/smishing campaigns. We urge people to be cautious if they receive any unsolicited communications from the NHS. The protect advice for that is the following:

An email address can be spoofed. Don't open attachments or click on the links within any unsolicited emails you receive, and never respond to emails that ask for your personal or financial details.

The sender's name and number in a text message can be spoofed, so even if the message appears to be from an organisation you know of, you should still exercise caution, particularly if the texts are asking you to click on a link or call a number.

Don't disclose your personal or financial details during a cold call, and remember that the police and banks will never ring you

and ask you to verify your PIN, withdraw your cash, or transfer your money to another "safe" account.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, please report it to Action Fraud at: <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>.

## EARTH TRUST EVENTS

All events take place at the Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ unless otherwise stated.

### Little Explorers

Thursday 1st June, 10am-11.30am

Sensory buggy/sling walk for babies and toddlers. £4 suggested donation per child; accompanying adult(s) free.

### Discover and Play

Friday 2nd June, 10am-12pm

Forest School fun for the under-5s. Join us for a morning of play and discovery in our woodlands. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

### Sunday Drop-in: Forest School Fun

Sunday 4th June, 10am-2pm

Explore the woods and get creative in the great outdoors. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

### Natural Dyeing

Sunday 11th June, 10am-4pm

Discover plants that can produce dye and learn how to extract and fix the colour. £40; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

### Bats of the Clumps

Friday 16th June, 7pm-8.30pm

Meet some bats and enjoy an informative talk by Dave Endacott from Oxfordshire Bat Group. £8 per adult, £4 per child; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

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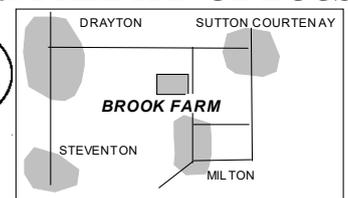
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## Intermediate Wildlife Photography

Sunday 18th June, 10am-3pm

Andrew Walmsley will cover a different aspect of photography so you can build up a more in-depth knowledge. This workshop will cover cataloguing and pressing. Book one or more as a course for a discount: first workshop £80, subsequent workshops 15% off. Booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

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Wednesday 7th June 5pm – 6pm

### What's On at SOFO in June

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# COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

## Richard Webber

No sooner have we finished one election, we are into another. "Not again!" has already gone down in the political annals of 2017. The purdah period rules (where what can be said is strictly limited during elections) mean that I will keep my comments to generalities and, for the next 3 weeks, keep my opinions to myself.

### "Spoilt papers"

How these are decided is down to the Returning Officer who makes his decisions based on whether or not the voter has made his/her intention clear. Of the dozen or so spoilt papers I saw, one artistic voter had three miserable faces in my opponents boxes and a smiley face in mine. A clear intention displayed? Not so, said the Returning Officer. And the lesson? Full marks for creativity but if you want your vote to count, better to put a cross like everyone else.

### "Catching up"

I have a sizeable to do list which has built up over the last few weeks and am starting to make some inroads into it. Please be patient, but if you have any concerns, ring or send an email and I will make sure you are on the list.

### "Thanks"

Thank you to everyone who voted for me. And to those who voted for my opponents, please be assured that I will be working for *everyone* for the next four years. Although, if I have my way, we will have gone "Unitary" well before then. At which point, we will be back for yet another election!

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Thur 8th		General Election (Main Hall)	
Sat 10th	9.00am	Private Function	
	7.00pm	Private Function (Sequence Dance)	
Sun 11th	9.00am	Betty Bloom Dance	
Sat 17th	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Chronicle Lottery Deadline</b>	
Mon 19th	5.00pm	<b>Chronicle Deadline (p2) – Ads 16th</b>	
Sat 24th	1.30pm	Private Function	
Sun 25th	9.00am	Bowls Club (morning)	
Tues 27th	8.00pm	New Clubbercise class (Gemma Pearce)	
Sun 28th	1.00pm	Private Function (Child's birthday)	

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## REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

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### MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	Seniors 'Gentle' Yoga (07712 646382)	
1.15 pm	Baby sign-language classes (1 hr – 07927 339102)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
6.00 pm	'Bounce Fit' (1hr - Sophie 07791 778388)	
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.00 pm	Table Tennis (Coaching, one hour)	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>
8.00 pm	Table Tennis (Social Play, one hour)	<i>School</i>

### TUESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.30 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	<i>Church Room</i>
5.45 pm	Zumba Fitness (Kelly)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (3 hours)	<i>School</i>
8.00 pm	'Clubbercise' (Hannah – 07811 209242)	

### WEDNESDAYS

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

### THURSDAYS

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

### FRIDAYS

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

### SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion (only 2nd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Family Service 3rd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
3.00 pm	Baptist 'Family Time' (1st Sun)	<i>Drayton School</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Service	<i>Baptist Church</i>
7.00 pm	Zumba Fitness (Gemma)	

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