

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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Drayton Millennium Green Trust

... Invites YOU to join us for a **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** on the Millennium Green on Sunday 30th July from 3-6 pm. Please come along and support us, bring along a picnic and enjoy a sunny* afternoon.

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There will be a selection of cold drinks including the excellent Pimms and again some old fashioned races with an Alice in Wonderland theme. Tombolas and a Treasure Hunt will also be back.

I will keep updating the **Families in Drayton Facebook Group** as more things are organized.

If you are a **local club or society** and would like to let the Village know what you do, **come along and have a table**, just let me know by email if you are interested.

Jane McWhirter (chair.millenniumgreen@gmail.com)

PS. **Thank you** to all that turned out for our June clear up evening, we were very lucky with the weather and it was great to have some new faces join us.

Our NEXT clear-up session is scheduled for Sat July 22nd, usual time, 10am to noon.



And here's a pic of the helpers at the last session, enjoying a well-earned cuppa.

Village Caretaker

Steve Sadler has had to resign after 6 hard-working years, so there is now a vacancy for that post. PLEASE DO SEE the main advert, on page 9.

DRAYTON VILLAGE FETE

15 July 1pm – 4pm

Drayton Village Hall and Field



School Performances – Circus Skills Workshop
Community Choir – Bouncy Castle – Face Painting
Archery – Penalty Shootout – Tombola – Bungee run
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Hot Dogs – Ice Creams – Pimms Tent

MANOR FARM

Consultation on Layout and Use of New Green Space

Now that the VoWHDC are about to approve CALA's planning permission for 56 houses at Manor Farm, the Parish Council is undertaking a consultation on the Green area which will be the new open space at the heart of the village.

During July this will be publicised on internal noticeboards in the Village Hall, Caudwell Day Centre, and throughout the village; also on the village website and the Families in Drayton Facebook page, and will be emailed to the D2020 email list.

A copy will be published in the next Drayton Chronicle.

If you wish to comment you can do so by phone (07909 176061) or by email to draytonclerk@gmail.com, or write to Drayton Parish Clerk c/o 12 Loddon Close, Abingdon, OX14 3TB, or comment via the village website, or on the Families in Drayton Facebook page.

Kier Highways, on behalf of Highways England, will be resurfacing a section of the **A34 southbound carriageway** from Abingdon to Drayton, to ensure the carriageway remains in a safe and serviceable condition. It's a lower noise material, thinner than conventional Hot Rolled Asphalt and has qualities which reduces noise levels.

The resurfacing works are currently scheduled to take place on the following dates:- Thurs 6 July to Sat 8 July, (3 consecutive nights), & Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 July (two nights), all works will be carried out overnight between 9pm and 6am.

We will need to fully close the A34 southbound carriageway from the Hinksey Hill junction to the A4185 Milton Interchange. During these closures a clearly signed diversion will be in place from the Botley Interchange, along the A420, A338 to Wantage, then east along the A417 back to the A34.

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COMING CHRONICLES

The **August Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday July 28th**.

The Editor will be **Derek Pooley (559454)**. Contributions may be e-mailed (see below, safest is to 'editor@'), or placed in the Chronicle letter box, outside Vickery's store on Drayton Green,

NO LATER than 5.15 pm on Monday, July 17th 2017.

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

STOP PRESS - ADVERTISERS should note that the deadline for ads is **EARLIER, Friday July 14th**, due to their preparation time.

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

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

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

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

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

THE FOLLOWING Chronicles		
Issue for	Copy Deadlines :- to Editor by (& Agents Lottery Packs the Fri before these)	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Fridays:-
Sept	Mon Aug 14	Aug 25
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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Carol Arnold, Hon. Promoter

RESULTS OF THE - June - LOTTERY

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

ALL AROUND

1st Drayton Brownies Annette Mitchell

The Brownies have been taking their Wildlife Explorer badge, we started with a walk to the bottom of Oday Hill to the nature reserve to look out for wildlife. We recorded what we found with some sketches. We made an insect house, a pooter to help look at insects and a bird feeder. The Brownies then recorded what birds visited their gardens and insects they found.

We have also made and decorated some Fairy Doors! These are now in and around the Millennium Green for the village to find and enjoy!

We did install a Fairy Door on Friday June 2nd in the half term as an experiment, but someone removed it within just a day of us installing it! Please can you not remove the doors when you see them. The Brownies have put a lot of time and effort into them for the enjoyment of the village!

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

As a treat for end of term, all the Brownies went to a Pizza making party at Pizza Express!

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 & leaders.** 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 - 7.30, meetings are open to all girls aged between 7-10 years old. **Further details** from:-

Ruth Hudson (Brown Owl) on 01235 205111;

Esther Deabill (Tawny Owl – 528502),

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

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FODSA NEWS

Maria Grundy

It has been a fantastic year for FODSA (Friends of Drayton School Association) and we would like to express a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in raising funds for Drayton School.

EVENTS

We have had many fun events this year. In school, the children have enjoyed taking part in our Christmas Hour with Christmas themed stalls and a visit from Santa, an Easter Hour with Easter stalls, crafts and an Easter Hunt and some yummy cake sales.

We also held two popular events at the village Hall and were delighted to see so many Drayton residents there - A Pamper and Shopping Night in partnership with Drayton Pre-School, with beauty treatments and gifts stalls and, last month, we all donned our dancing shoes for a barn dance with music from '16 Strings and a Dead Goat'. We have had many requests for an 80s disco, so dig out your neon clothes!

Our next event – **DRAYTON VILLAGE FETE** – will be held on **Saturday 15th July 1-4pm** and we look forward to seeing you all there for refreshments, games, performances, free circus workshop with giant bubbles and the first Drayton Dog Show! (Ed's note:- Hall hosts 4 or 5 dog shows per year?; but I guess this one is only for local Rovers?!)

Also, a **big thank you** to all who have used Easy Fundraising when doing their online shopping, that's via the following link:- <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fodsadrayton>

RESOURCES

This year we have been pleased to supply the school with £1500 for 6 Ipad Minis with cases, £700 for a performance in school from a travelling theatre company, £2500 towards a new whole school reading scheme, £200 towards playground equipment and we provide each class with £50 to spend every term. Some examples of how this money has been spent include: Workshops at Warwick Castle and @Bristol, class CD player, kite material, topic books, and resources for Robins' Garden.

We also have subsidised £10 per head for an exciting whole school trip to Bournemouth where the children will visit the aquarium, enjoy a lunch of fish and chips and have fun making sandcastles and paddling in the sea.

COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Tamsin Meredith Vice Chairperson: Kate Foster

Treasurer: Michelle Hayter Secretary: Maria Grundy

Other Committee: Laura Billington, Emma Wilton, Nina Ramskill, Lisa Ricketts and Jodie Luckett

We are a friendly bunch and are looking for new members, so please contact Maria on fodsasecretary@gmail.com or Tamsin on fodsafundraising@gmail.com -- Also check out our Facebook Page: **FODSA (Friends of Drayton School Association) Abingdon 2016**

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CHURCH NOTICES

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (2nd Sunday only)
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (CW) except 3rd Sunday, when a non-Eucharistic All-age Service is held
Thursday	9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice	Bell Tower
Weds	10.00 am	Pebbles (term time only)	Church Room
Fri	6.30 pm	Choir Practice (1st Friday)	Church Room

CALENDAR for JULY

Tues 4th 2.30 pm 1st Tuesday Connections Church Room

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms June 4th **George Thomas Madoc Evans**

Funeral May 19th **Ronald Michael Glead**
June 9th **Gladys Mabel Haines**

Wedding June 17th **Jonathan Stone & Samantha Scaysbrook**

YOU STAY – WE PRAY (July)

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Drayton WIVES

Lisa Lammiman

Our speaker on the 31st May was Ian Scott-Hunter, who gave an interesting talk on the 'Memoirs of a Royal Footman'; Ian worked for the Queen for eight years as a Senior Royal Footman, in which time he was taught to lay table for large state banquets with a myriad of cutlery, glasses and plates, all in the right order!

He was even taught how to jump out of a moving carriage so that the Royal Family could alight as soon as the carriage stops. Part of his duties included working at Royal Ascot attending special visitors by laying out all their changes of clothes and that was just the men!!

Ian did mention that the Queen has been known to don the marigolds and help with the washing up at barbeques held at Deeside. His most memorable moment was walking next to the gold coach at the Silver Jubilee.

A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and an informative look into the lives of the Royal family.

Our next meeting will be held on 26th July and will be a talk by Mary Russell, a journalist.

PS:- Just too late for this issue, the last week in June we'll have our annual outing, this time we're off to Worcester, which should be very enjoyable.

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Drayton Table-Tennis Club John Gould

The Club AGM saw the usual suspects re-elected to their positions of influence and power! Various matters were dealt with at the meeting especially the club finances and the need to meet with an increase in the hire cost of the school hall. We've been tenants at the school for 32 years and with a good strong relationship with their management we are sure it will continue for many more.

We agreed the date for our pre-season meeting when we select our teams for next season. With an influx of new members we are sure **to field at least 7 teams again in the Didcot League.**

The Didcot League AGM was held on June 9th and our club attended in large numbers to receive their well earned trophies at the Presentations held on the same evening. Susie Hughes (the Deputy Chairman of Table Tennis England) was the Guest of Honour and presented the awards. Especially good to see **Will Stephenson receive the Dave Hawkins Cup** awarded to the outstanding young player in the Didcot League. Will has been a Drayton club member for a number of years and fully deserved the award.

Finally our Club person of the year award of the Alan Bachrach trophy went to **Steve Osborne**. Steve refurbished the lighting at the school last summer and maintained the lights during the season. He's a regular attendee at club nights and plays in the A team, so a much deserved award.

Ping Pong returns to the school on Monday September 4th.

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REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

Please note there is no longer an 11.15am Service.

Family worship can now be enjoyed at Drayton School (**Third Sunday** of the month, 3.30pm)

6.00 pm **Evening Service.** A traditional form of service, frequently with guest speakers. (Communion every second Sunday)

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WESTMINSTER VIEW

Ed Vaizey's column (Wantage & Didcot MP; presently on the Commons Speaker's Advisory Panel on the Arts, he's also a patron of 'Kids in Museums')

Editor's note:- after the momentous Election result, Ed's column should be back next month. But – if you need help with any pressing issues, contact Ed's team, who will get back to you as soon as possible and do what they can to assist.

If you need to get in touch with me, telephone 01235 768888, write, c/o House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or you can e-mail me (quickest) on dicksonce@parliament.uk; the Website is www.vaizey.com with up to date news and surgery details (these are on Fridays, 5.30pm to 7pm, & need no appt).

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GARD Report -- July

Thames Water to hold drop-in session on reservoir plans

As previously reported in the last newsletters, Thames Water's plan for New Water Source options for their 2019 Five-year Water Resources Management Plan includes, amongst others, a revival of their defeated 2010 plan for the massive 'Abingdon' reservoir to be sited on the land between Steventon, Hanney, Drayton and Marcham.

Following this realisation there has been considerable adverse comment in local papers, TV and radio, and well-received anti-reservoir GARD presentations at Steventon Parish Council public participation, at Hanney Parish Council's Annual Meeting and, most recently (12th June), at an open meeting in Hanney War Memorial Hall. Thames Water have realised that they have a problem convincing the local population of the need for a reservoir and to try to 'sell' their line that the reservoir would not be an imposition and a danger to our local area.

Consequently TW have announced that they will be holding a 'drop-in session' in **Steventon Village Hall on Monday 10th July from around 2pm to around 8pm** (exact times will be confirmed). Local residents from Steventon and the other villages are advised to see for themselves and air their concerns with Thames Water staff. At this time it is not known if this event will be repeated at any of the other villages.

We remind our readers that 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.

Also, we remind readers that Thames Water's leakage record is the worst of all large Water Companies, and they lose one-quarter of all their water supplied via leakage. Only recently, they have been fined £8.5M by the water regulator, OFWAT, for missing their own leakage target – so they are not at all improving. This must change to enable them to supply water securely in the future, but it will only do so by public pressure. If Thames cut their leakage rate to that of Anglian Water, it would save an amount of water per year equal to the output of the proposed Abingdon Reservoir! →>>>



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GARD's next activities in opposing the reservoir plans

As Thames Water continues to develop the designs of their water source options, GARD will continue its opposition.

GARD members and our expert consultant will meet the Environment Agency in the next two months. Two meetings are planned where we will explain our alternative for supplying the water for Oxfordshire's relatively modest predicted water deficit up to 2040 and beyond, and will press our concerns that the Environment Agency are not being critical enough of Thames Water's overall plan.

GARD believes that 'indirect water re-use' schemes, returning treated water to the Thames above Farmoor and water transfers from the Severn to the Thames will supply enough for our local water zone. We also believe that London's predicted water shortages (**more than 15 times larger than Oxfordshire's**) can also be supplied by indirect re-use and Severn to Thames water transfer, and by an additional means, not available in Oxfordshire, that of desalination of Thames Estuary water.

GARD will also meet OFWAT at the end of July. **OFWAT are important** as they have to be convinced that Thames Water's plans represent best value for customers.

GARD have asked to see the data behind the costings which Thames Water claim for the various water supply options in their plan. We are not convinced that Thames have fully and fairly costed the reservoir against the competing options of water transfer, water re-use and desalination.

The reservoir is a whopping £1.5Billion estimated cost by Thames, and we are concerned that they are skewing the costs of the other alternatives to try to make their overall costs appear comparable.

GARD have asked Thames Water to reveal their costs, but Thames are hiding behind commercial confidentiality and refuse to reveal even limited data. OFWAT have not viewed this very kindly, and we are hoping for more support from them to try and expose any flaws in Thames's costings.

Joining GARD

Our membership continues to increase, and we are recruiting members from the new housing developments. It appears that no-one buying a house on the new developments in this area has been informed of the possibility of a 9-year duration, £1.5Billion construction project taking place (in the case of Steventon, East Hanney and the south part of Drayton) just over their garden fence!

You can contact me (email chair@abingdonreservoir.org.uk) if you would like to help, or to join GARD (lifetime membership is only £5).

Derek Stork,
(Hon Chairman, Group Against Reservoir Development)

YOUR LETTERS

A Good Samaritan

Dear Editor, Eastway Park

I'd like to say a huge, huge THANK YOU to the lovely lady that helped me yesterday (Tues May 23rd) about 3pm, on the X2 bus from Boundary House to Drayton.

I had just had eye surgery, and she could see that I was in pain & distressed. Yet she went out of her way to comfort me and tell me where we were on the route.


She got off at the Green, and told the driver I needed the next stop. I didn't get her name, but I really appreciate her thoughtfulness – a little kindness goes a long way!

Once again, thank you so much for your good deed!

Kind Regards Teresa Burnage



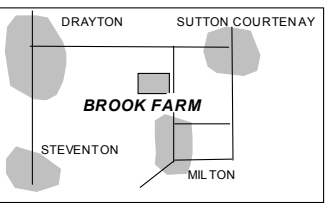
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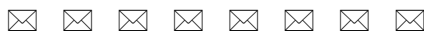
LOST and FOUND

Dear Editor Abingdon Road

On the evening of Thursday 1st June I found some money on the pavement on the Abingdon Road.

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Many thanks Annette Mitchell



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The Children's Society

Dear Editor 70 Steventon Road

This year's collection for the Children's Society raised £185.95. **Many thanks** to all the kind residents of Steventon Road, Binning Close, Haywards Road, East Way, Lockway, Whitehorns Way and Marcham Road who so generously contributed.

Yours sincerely Doreen Bourne

(Ed's Note, This letter was accidentally omitted from the June edition, so apologies to Doreen)

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More LOST and FOUND!

Dear Editor Sutton Wick Lane

We would like to thank the person (unknown) who found a bunch of keys (on a yellow key-ring), and left them on the window sill of a house in Sutton Wick Lane (near the end of May).

They belonged to us.

Once again a very big thank you.

Kind Regards Daphne and Geoff Samworth

More Letters

Art Group

Dear Editor via email

A big "thank you" to the Drayton Art Group for all your great efforts on Saturday June 3rd, putting the show together.

It takes a lot of preparation but it is very rewarding to see such interest being shown, especially to our 'picture gallery'.

We would also like to thank all those who came along to make the day a success.

Let's keep painting!!

Kind Regards C. Willis-Dixon

AGENTS PLEASE

THIS is another appeal for Chronicle Agents, who do a wonderful job with the Chronicle Lottery, which helps with our funding and ensures that householders don't have to pay for each issue.

However, we desperately need to get some more people on to the team. We always have a few gaps in our Drayton coverage, and there's a few more houses coming along!

The rounds are divided so as to be quite small, so shouldn't cost too much in terms of time, or shoes!

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Steventon Bridge

Dear Editor Steventon Parish Council

More than 4 years ago now, Network Rail first presented their plan to demolish the road bridge in Steventon, Oxfordshire as part of the the electrification of the Great Western line. It subsequently emerged that, although Network Rail's own contractor Atkins had written a report stating that the track could be lowered to avoid demolition, **this option had not been explored.**

Historic England (ex English Heritage) therefore commissioned Belgian electrification experts TUC Rail to report on possible alternatives for Steventon bridge and a number of other bridges on the western mainline. The report proposed several measures which are common practice in European countries with more experience of electrification, and which would negate the need to demolish this historic bridge and close (**for a year**) a road which plays a key role in the strategic road network. Network Rail failed to respond to the points raised in this report, instead hiring TUC Rail to oversee some other challenging parts of the western mainline, clearly validating TUC's expertise but preventing them from supporting us further.

Another year passed, during which Network Rail failed to communicate at all, and indeed ignored repeated enquiries from all levels of local government. Historic England, as a key consultee to the planning process for listed buildings, remained of the view that, until Network Rail supplied overwhelming evidence to justify the need to demolish the bridge, they would reject any application. Network Rail came back to the table suddenly with a back-of-an-envelope proposal to close an adjacent level crossing, dividing our community in two, the need for which was also negated by the recommendations of the TUC report; thankfully under intense popular pressure this application was withdrawn.

Unfortunately, our MP Ed Vaizey, has appeared neither interested in discussing the details of the project, nor aware of the huge disruption that this needless demolition will cause to a vast number of his constituents. We have been grateful for the support of our district councillor (and leader of VoWHDC) Matt Barber, who has acknowledged that the B4017 "is an important part of the strategic road network", as well as being the principal diversion route when the A34 is closed (which is often!), and has assured us that the VoWHDC will support Historic England's view on the listed building consent.

The application was finally submitted by Network Rail in May, along with a flimsy and nebulous technical justification from their consultants. We intend to rebut this application in the strongest possible terms, and hold this opaque, publicly-funded yet privately-operated organisation to a suitably high standard of evidence before they are permitted to embark on this poorly thought-out plan to destroy a historic listed structure and cause turmoil in the daily lives of thousands. Despite the clear and dangerous precedent this would set, regrettably we expect Network Rail to apply political pressure to the planning process, rather than properly explore any alternative, cheaper, better solution.

A new number to call when the lights go out

A new national phone line has been launched to make it easier to report power cuts in your area and get help and advice.

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County Council Report

With all the national political turmoil going on at present, it is difficult for any of us to focus on local issues. However, since I cannot think of anything that I could write which would make things better or worse nationally, I will confine myself to local issues only.

A34 Noise

Since 2005, when I first became involved in local politics, I have been asked many times what is the thing I want most for Drayton. My answer has always been the same. It is the resurfacing of the A34 with 'quiet' tarmac. Wherever you live in the village, the noise of A34 traffic has an impact. To the north of the village, the A34 lies in a gully which greatly reduces the traffic volume. However, unless the wind is blowing due west (which is a rarity), there is not a single Drayton property which is unaffected by the A34 noise from the south. Here, the road is raised as it goes over Steventon Road. Villagers in southern Drayton have had to put up with the noise since the A34 was built in the seventies. As the traffic has increased over recent years, their lives have become increasingly blighted.

'Quiet' tarmac is expensive and National Highways have, until now, been unwilling to resurface the road. It has now been announced that the resurfacing will be completed in the next few months. There will be night time disruption and closure for a few months while the work is being done –but it will be well worth it.

The reduced noise from 'quiet' tarmac is the result of the extra compaction of the surface and the consequent reduction in friction between tyre and road. I suspect that tyres last longer as a result. It is likely that we would all get more miles to the gallon if all tarmac was 'quiet'.

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The same applies to advertising signs of any sort placed on telegraph poles or official road signs. Too many road signs act as a distraction and reduce the impact of official road signs.

Please could I ask all those wishing to advertise their homes for sale, to follow the law on where they may be placed.

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



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Parish Council Richard Williams

Report of the Parish Council meeting held on Mon June 5th.

The meeting began with a presentation by Huw Thomas from Thames Water that lasted about 40 minutes, with questions. Huw explained that in Oxfordshire, and probably across most of the south-east, population growth is beginning to outstrip water supply. Obviously, the development of new housing is a main contributing factor, but there are others, the fact that we tend to use more water per household than we used to, and climate change. The weather seems in recent years to have become more variable and unpredictable – more extreme in many ways - but in global terms there seems little doubt that temperatures are gradually increasing and drought is becoming more common.

Huw spoke of the various options that were open to Thames Water to address the water supply issue, and it will come as no surprise to most readers that the proposed reservoir between Steventon and the Hanneys is still on the agenda. Several other solutions are also being considered, but councillors' questions naturally focused mainly on the reservoir. The issue of upgrading the sewerage system in Drayton to cope with all the new housing was also raised, and Huw promised to come back to the PC in September with more detail on how Thames Water plans to do this.

A piece of good news that should improve the lives of all of us in Drayton a little bit is that the A34 between Hinksey Hill and the Milton Interchange is to be re-surfaced with the new quieter tarmac. This does significantly reduce the amount of road noise generated, as anyone who has driven on it will have noticed. →

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→ On 12th June, the Planning Committee of the PC met to discuss the Blue Cedar application to build 21 houses at the back of Halls Close. To be clear, this development already has planning permission, but this was the first formal application. The development will certainly go ahead, but the meeting was to discuss the details of access, site layout, drainage, and so on. It was felt that many of these aspects were not yet satisfactory or acceptable and so the Committee has objected to the application in its present form. Its detailed response can be found on the Vale's website.

Grants were made in the previous month to DAMASCUS - £3500; to the Abingdon & District Citizens' Advice Bureau (which has supplied advice to a number of residents of Drayton) - £1000; and to the Stonehill Community Garden - £250. The PC is also paying the Football Club for cutting the grass on its pitch on a month by month basis.

Steve Sadler, our Village Caretaker, has unfortunately had to resign. Steve has had a number of health issues in recent years, and he has also now moved away from the village, which has made it difficult for him to continue. There is much more to the job than just picking up litter, and Steve has, amongst other tasks, cleared footpaths, painted railings, varnished benches, cleaned bus shelters, and done a whole lot more in his efforts to keep the village neat and tidy over the last 6 years. Thanks Steve, the PC really appreciates your hard work. **There is now a vacancy for a new caretaker**, and I believe there is a job advert elsewhere in this issue.

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow; he may be contacted via E-mail at draytonclerk@gmail.com 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 July 3rd, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. **As ever, all are welcome to attend.**

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- 1) Never disclose security details such as your PIN or full password - legitimate businesses will never ask you to do this.
- 2) Don't assume a phone call, e-mail or caller at your door is genuine - **people are not always who they say they are.**
- 3) Don't be rushed - a bank or genuine organisation won't mind waiting while you stop and think.
- 4) Listen to your instincts - if something feels wrong then it's usually right to pause and question it. There's an old saying, still valid, "if it looks too good to be true" (& you know the last bit!).
- 5) Stay in control - have the confidence to question and/or refuse unusual requests for information.

The Little Book of Cyber Scams

Thames Valley Police has worked with the Metropolitan Police to produce The Little Book of Cyber Scams. This forty-page booklet covers a wide range of cyber and cyber-enabled threats including malware and ransomware and social engineering attacks ie:- where cyber-crime is made possible by someone gathering data deceitfully, either in person, over the phone or by e-mail - and lots more.

While some of the information is aimed at businesses, **the advice is relevant to everyone.** Following the successful Little Book of Big Scams, which is now in its third edition, The Little Book of Cyber Scams can be viewed, and downloaded, on the Thames Valley Police web site, (unfortunately a big name!) at <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/about-us/publications-and-documents/little-book-cyber-scams/>

If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by a fraud or any other scam please **report it to Action Fraud** by calling 0300 123 2040 or visit the website at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>.

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Protect yourself: When making a large purchase such as a new car or machinery, always meet the seller face to face first and ask to see the goods before transferring any money.

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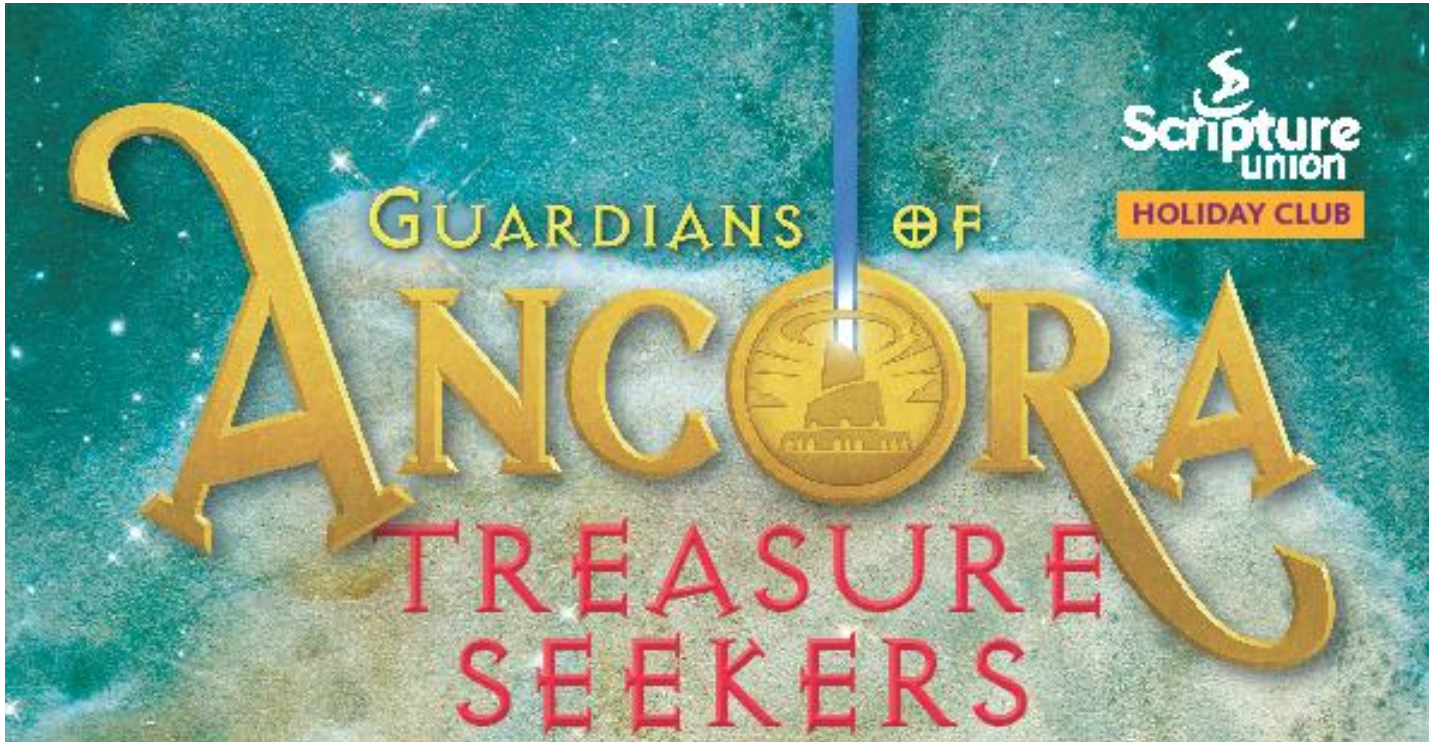
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District (VofWH) & Oxfordshire County Stuart Davenport (01235 521078)
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DRAYTON HALL NEWS

Our **Seniors (Gentle!) Yoga group** (Monday mornings 11am) is back! Helen has produced a little junior teacher, but she's back in action in record time, I guess it's a testimony to the powers of yoga. Let her fix your aches and pains too – you can do the sessions seated if it's easier. Email: helenpullyoga@gmail.com or call her on 07712 646382

Our new **PILATES** class, Tuesday mornings, run by the Philippa Aldridge fitness group, has had a short break but is back in (new teacher), 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!).

Oh. And we have a Martial Art class now, Thursday evenings, (7.30) it's called BUJINKAN (= Ninja creed); call Paul for more info 07479 824887

Much later in the year (Sept 30th), we have a Hamster show, so if you like those little guys, maybe come and check them out.

Oh, and a further reminder to parents, Hall is very popular for child's parties, so don't leave it too late!

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. Any villager who has some good ideas to improve the hall, this is your time to step forward?!

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Sun	9	9.00am	Private Function (Messy Play)	
		1.30pm	Private Function	
Sat	15	12.30pm	Chronicle Lottery Deadline	
		1.00pm	VILLAGE FETE (see ad page 1)	
Sun	16	9.00am	Bowls Club	
Mon	17	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (p2) – Ads 12th	
Fri	21	1.00pm	Private Function	
Sun	30	2.00pm	Private Function (Child's b'day)	

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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>
9.00 am	Pilates (via Philippa Aldridge Fitness)	
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>
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (three hours)	<i>School</i>
8.00 pm	Clubbercise (run by Gemma Pearce)	

WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.00 am	Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer gp – p4)	<i>Church Room</i>
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 (three hours)	<i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>

THURSDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (1st Thurs)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
9.15 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>
5.30 pm	Rainbows (girls 5 to 7 years, call Mary 832077)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (three hours)	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing (Brian - 01235 531701)	

FRIDAYS

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

SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Family Service 3rd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
3.30 pm	Baptist 'Family Time' (3rd Sun)	<i>Drayton School</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Service	<i>Baptist Church</i>

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