

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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A New Village Green!

.. and a **new pedestrian crossing** of the Abingdon Road are on the cards, as part of the **new** Manor Farm development. Parish and County Councils want your feedback, the PC on the new village green and the County Council on the pedestrian crossing.

The Drayton Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) saw one of the benefits of the Manor Farm development as providing a new village green at the heart of the village - to replace the now fragmented green at the Abingdon Road end of Gravel Lane.

Since the new green is at the heart of the Drayton conservation area, the PC feels it should have a rustic feel and not be formal in its appearance. However, the shape which the developers eventually proposed and the planning authority has approved is not what was expected, so that **new** ideas about the final design and uses for the green are now needed. You can see the shape of the planned new green and how to make your comments on page 12.

The Manor Farm development also requires **new** road access on to Abingdon Road near Hilliat Fields and the county council is proposing to install a zebra crossing on a



raised junction table (i.e. a traffic-calming feature) between Hilliat Fields and the new road.

In this case you should send any objections to the proposal, explaining on what grounds you are objecting, and any other comments you have, to the Traffic Regulation Team (ref. CM/12.6.192) County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND

David Perrow



Move over, Robin Hood!

A **new** generation is coming!

FODSA fete - page 8.

A New-Look Chronicle?

The recent AGM of the Drayton Community Trust, under whose 'auspices' the Drayton Chronicle is published and the village web site is hosted, discussed whether the Chronicle was doing enough to recognise the impact of **new** technology, such as social media and much-easier colour printing. What do you think? **It's you, our readers, who really matter, not those of us who are members of the Trust.**

Please write to tell us if you have any ideas for how we might do things differently, or perhaps just that you like things as they are. The best way is to email editor@draytonchronicle.net but you can also put letters on paper into the Chronicle box at Vickery's.

For example, would you like the Chronicle much more if we always printed some or all of it in colour every month? We do always print some of the 'Christmas' issue in colour but not many others because the cost of colour printing is more and using colour was traditionally difficult for the editor. But new technology has reduced the cost differential and allows editors to assemble in

colour just as easily as in black and white. If you'd like to compare the same material in colour and black and white, just look at this issue in its black and white paper form and then in (slightly exaggerated) colour on the Drayton village website. The link is www.draytonvillage.co.uk/drayton-chronicle

Derek Pooley



Drayton Deputies at work!

Keith Clough, deputy chair of the Millennium Green Trust, with Chris Price, deputy Parish Clerk, and Richard Wade, deputy Parish Council chairman, installing a new seat on the Millennium Green.

The seat has been given to the village by Janet Strong - see page 3

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

Editor: **David Lee, 15 Corneville Road (202699).**

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Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
October	18 September 2017	29 September 2017
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December	13 November 2017	24 November 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!

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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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Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter

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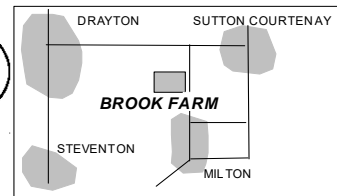


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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

On behalf of the residents of the village, the Trustees of the Drayton Millennium Green would like to thank Janet Strong for her generous gift of an additional bench which has now been installed, near the Henleys Lane entrance, by a combined team from our committee and the Parish Council. We would also like to thank Pete, from Webb's Farm, for his time and tractor, needed to move the bench across the field from Sutton Wick Lane.

Yours sincerely

Keith Clough

Dear Editor,

I noted in the July 2017 Drayton Chronicle that supposedly the 'First' Drayton dog show would take place at the village/FODSA fete on 14 July, with the editor's comments that there had been many previous dog shows held at the village hall.

Whilst I would not wish to detract from the joys of the latest Fete and dog show and all the work undertaken in support of it, it's all in fun, may I remind readers that our first Drayton dog show at a village fete/community day was in fact in July 2008, as detailed in the July and August 2008 Chronicles. (We are pictured, my Golden Retriever Sebastian who won 3rd place for waggiest tail: God rest his soul, 2002-2014).

Yours sincerely

Thom Wilson

Dear Editor.

It was very interesting to read the letter from Steventon Parish Council in last month's Chronicle, about Ed Vaizey's apparent lack of interest in the closing of Steventon railway bridge for a long period. We at W J Taylor & Sons (the closed garage) have had the same treatment on something else. He has totally ignored all our emails, not even having the courtesy to acknowledge them.

We have been writing to him about the VWHDC's failure to take action against breaches of planning conditions on work carried out to property next to 2 High Street Steventon, which we have owned for over 35 years. This is what Richard Webber has been campaigning about in his election campaigns.

The VWHDC have lied to us and hidden facts for over ten years, about a Building Control Notice that should have been served in 2005 but was left until it was too late for anyone to do anything about it (see note below). This is why the property we own at 2 High Street, Steventon is an eyesore and we can do nothing with it. Having to deal with this on top of trying to run the garage became too much. This was one of the main reasons we decided to close the garage apart from Rob and myself coming to retirement age.

It appears that Ed Vaizey is not interested in helping any of his constituents and only promoting causes that suit him. It is disgraceful conduct by someone who should be helping his constituents. Ed Vaizey, all the VWHDC councillors and (I expect) a few others are all sticking together to cover up and hide these mistakes and lies. No one will listen except Stuart Davenport, who is from Drayton but this problem is not on his councillor patch. The Chairman of the VWHDC, Mike Badcock, who used to be a customer of ours, tells me that everyone in the Council have just blanked him when he has tried to discuss this matter with them.

Yours sincerely

Alex Taylor

Editor's Note: We do not have space to print the long letter to Alex Taylor from the VWHDC Senior Enforcement Officer (Planning), admitting that Vale officers should have taken action to enforce the conditions on the restaurant ventilation outlet installation which they themselves had set. They failed to do so for such a long time that apparently the law forbids them from acting now. A real mess which triggered our losing a marvellous Drayton business.

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 Fri 6.30 pm Choir Practice (1st Friday) *Church Room*

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST:

Tues 1st 2.30 pm First Tuesday Connections *Church Room*

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Memorial Service:

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DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL

Tony Holmes

The Hall Committee meeting was visited by the Parish Council (David Perrow & Colin West) to outline some



of the research they've undertaken about a likely revised constitution for the Hall, to facilitate the Sports Pavilion and pitches planned for the estate at the north end of the village.

They also had some thoughts about possible changes to the Hall, as a result of some of the other ones they've seen on their travels. We now need to really start evaluating priorities for future improvements.

Now, a plea to ALL our regular users, PLEASE try to turn ALL the lights out when you leave, and . . . how should I put this . . . also try to leave the facilities as you'd expect to find them?!

And another regular reminder, to parents, if you've a child's party in mind, don't leave it too late to ask about that date, we've had a couple of disappointments lately, when their preferred date had already been snapped up.

A further call to parents on a more serious issue, we've had a couple of bouts of damage to guttering recently; this usually means teens using the hall to climb on. If one of yours falls and ends up in the JR with a fractured skull, please don't expect the Hall's insurance to be paying out for vandalism. And if we do happen to find out who's caused any damage, do expect a substantial invoice, the Hall struggles to pay its bills as it is.

Back to more usual topics, the Sequence Dance group will be regrouping after the holiday season, so consider them for some gentle exercise and a social evening, Thursdays, call Brian on 531701.

And the Seniors Yoga (Mondays 11am) is doing well since Helen came back, up to a dozen in the group now, it's partially seated so give it a whirl (or at least a balance and a stretch!) for those niggly aches & pains (07712 646382).

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CHRONICLE TREASURER

Derek Pooley



The Chronicle's treasurer for many years, Keith Middleton, has decided he must shed this responsibility to concentrate on others. We are very grateful to Keith for counting the pennies and keeping our books straight for the last 8 years and wish him well for his year as President of the Oxford North Rotary Club.

The treasurer's job is behind-the-scenes but crucial if the Chronicle is to continue to thrive and retain its independence, depending as it does only on the support of Drayton villagers for its survival. It's the villagers who buy the services we advertise (if you did not use them the advertisers would soon abandon us) and those who buy the lottery tickets that Carol Arnold and our wonderful agents sell who effectively sustain and 'own' the Chronicle.

If you have reasonable skill with figures and would like to help keep the Chronicle solvent as part of our team of volunteers please talk to Keith (on 01235 525792) or to our team coordinator, Gareth Davies (on 01235 529510) or email one of the editors at editor@draytonchronicle.net.

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ALL AROUND

BOWLS CLUB Roll up

We start these notes by catching up with recent internal competitions that have been completed. First, 'The Rose Bowl' triple league was won by Iris Torrens, Tony Mullins & Bryn Jones. In the 'Doreen Jones never-won singles', going through to play the final will be Cyril Carter and Jane Pimm. The final of the 'Don Alexander two-wood triple' will be between June Hyde, Josie Carter & Ian Norris, who will play Tony Wright, Pat Hoyland & Pam Lacey. The 'Beryl James triples' final will be between Libby Weston, Lyndon Locke & Bryn Jones, who will play Gillis Tate, Josie Carter and Jack Mitchenson.

The AGM was held recently and was well attended. Chairperson Val opened the meeting by thanking her committee and helpers for all their hard work and congratulated the 'Wasps' on winning the afternoon league for the 7th year running. Treasurer Cyril Carter stated that the club was sound financially and that there would be no need for increases in subs or green fees. Cyril also made it clear before the meeting that he would be retiring as treasurer after 12 years in the position. Val thanked him for all his hard over the years; there was a proposal from the floor that he should be offered life membership of the club, this offer he accepted. Ann Webb will take on the responsibilities of being treasurer and the meeting wished her well in her new job.

The annual lunch at Burford had to be cancelled due to the company ceasing trading, the lunch has been rearranged by June at short notice, and 32 members will be going now to the Merry Miller at Cothill on the 27th July.

W.I. Ann Webb

At our July meeting we were entertained by an associate of our president, Gill. Her subject: Pam Ayres, her life, as told in her biography, punctuated by her poems about life as she saw it. But as you probably know Pam was a Berkshire lass born and bred and her Berkshire accent was very pronounced, whereas our guest was Cheshire-born which lent a new twist to the poems. It was very enjoyable, and brought this half year to a memorable close. Our last coffee session this half year is at Peachcroft on 28th July at 10.30am. We meet again on September 14th at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Day Centre, when we will be hopefully trying our skills at Mosaic tile making, with Marcella from 'Pottering About'.

I hope you all have a very successful summer and that we will meet again then.

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1ST DRAYTON RAINBOWS Georgina Arnold

This term we have been working on our ‘Up, Up, Up and Away’ badge. We have been around the world and completed challenges. The rainbows designed their own hot-air balloons, made windmills and have decorated biscuits to look like hot-air balloons. We also had a very special visit from a real hot-air balloon and all the girls got to go up close and see it. It was a great evening and the girls were awarded their badges in front of the balloon.



We are going to Frankie and Bennies for our end of term treat. We are starting back on the 14th September and we do have spaces!

Meetings are held every Thursday during school term time from 5:30pm to 6:30pm and is open for girls aged between 5-7.

If you would like further information please contact Victoria Wright (Peacock) - 07801447720
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AIDY DARLING heads for 100 Dan Knowles

Aidy Darling celebrates her 100th birthday on August 19th this year. She is a long-term resident of Sutton Wick, having moved here from Suffolk to be closer to her daughter Janet and son-in-law David (Sutton Courtenay). Aidy (nee Rachel Middleton Lancaster Paul) is grandmother to Annabelle and Dan, and great-grandmother to Rowena, Charlie and Sasha.

Aidy was born in Suffolk, one of the Paul shipping family. As a young woman after leaving school she travelled and stayed with good friends in Germany but had to leave in 1937. She met her husband Brian (also from Suffolk) and they were married shortly after the war broke out after a whirlwind romance. Brian was working in the colonial office and continued to work in London throughout the war, whilst Aidy made their home in Berkshire. Janet was born soon after,



followed by Nigel, and in 1946 the family jumped on board ship and moved to Kenya, where Brian took up office as Colonial Secretary. The family have many happy memories of their lives there, and Dan was happy to visit the site of their house in 2017 – unfortunately the termites had had their way and the original house no longer existed.

Brian then was called to take Holy Orders and the family moved back to Eyke in Suffolk where Brian took over the parish where his father and grandfather before him had been rectors. Aidy was a stalwart of the community, readying the garden for the annual fete, and playing the part of the Rector’s wife with great style.

She became Diocesan President of the Mothers’ Union, and was appointed Lay Canon of Bury St Edmund’s cathedral. She did a lot of work with USAF Bentwaters and the English-Speaking Union.

Annabelle and Dan’s oldest memories are of wonderful Easter and Christmas celebrations, and of cutting the crusts of endless tomato and cucumber sandwiches ready for church and family celebrations. A happy family life.

Aidy moved here after Brian passed away, and has lived in Stone Barn, Sutton Wick, since 1987. She made a new life in Oxfordshire and became an accomplished artist; she had three solo exhibitions of her work. Now less mobile than she was, she is no longer able to attend church – but still enjoys visitors very much.

She is much loved and admired by us all we hope she will enjoy her 100th birthday with 4 generations of the family around her.



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FODSA/VILLAGE FETE

Maria Grundy

Friends of Drayton Primary School (FODSA) would like to thank everyone who came along to support us at the Drayton Village Fete. It was wonderful to see so many families from the school and village come together to have fun and raise funds for Drayton Community Primary School.

We were treated to many amazing performances starting with a show from our four-legged friends competing in the waggiest tail,



best trick and best fancy-dress costume categories. A big thank you to Mrs Joan Robertson for undertaking the difficult task of judging the winners. Best in show was awarded to Floyd.

A big WELL DONE to the children's team for their victories against both the mums and dads teams in the tug of war competition, to the Drayton School Pupils and Community Choir who sang a beautiful rendition of 'Count on Me', and the school's street-dance club for their amazing performance. Also thank you to Ashnah for wowing us with your American tribal belly dancing.

We were kept entertained with an impressive variety of stalls. The more energetic of us practised taking penalties against the dads in goal, hit targets with bows and arrows, shot cans using a Nerf gun, knocked coconuts off their perch and tried to get further than our friends on the bungee run.

The giant bubbles and plate spinning skills shown by many of you were very impressive and Dino the Dinosaur from Abingdon Rugby Club and the Stormtrooper were delighted to meet so many of you on the day!

The refreshment stalls were a real treat. Whether you fancied Pimms or coffee, hot food or cake, all tastes were catered for. The children even enjoyed mocktails served in palm tree bottles!

Other popular stalls included the bouncy castle, teacups ride, lucky dip, sweet cups, face painting and the hammer hit. And congratulations to those of you who were lucky enough to guess the correct name of the teddy, get a 5 or 0 on the tombola or win one of the amazing raffle prizes!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this fete a success including local businesses and parents who donated prizes, the parents, school staff, family and friends who were kind enough to help run stalls, the amazing performers, Gary Hibbins for doing such a great job as compere, Andy Brooks for sourcing fantastic raffle prizes, businesses who advertised in our programs and of course everyone who came along and enjoyed the event. We especially would like to thank Drayton Parish Council and VOWH Council for their grants and Miller and Bloor Homes for their sponsorship.

The money raised is still being counted, but the total will be announced soon on our Facebook page: FODSA (Friends of Drayton School Association) Abingdon.

We look forward to seeing you all again at the fete next year!

HEATWAVE

Doggerelle

I really do not like this heat,
It makes one sweat, face, hands and feet.
Itchy eyes and runny nose
Are made much worse for those
Whom pollen causes them to sneeze
And gasp for breath because they wheeze.

The flowers wilt, the grass is brown,
I'd like to see some rain come down.
I cannot sit out in the sun
For getting burnt is not much fun.
It's way too hot at night in bed
And sleepless nights I always dread.

No energy for jobs galore
But being idle's such a bore!
There's just one benefit I see,
A plus that really pleases me ---
The heatwave gets my washing dry
In scarce the twinkling of an eye.

But this I know when winter's come
And hands and feet and ears are numb,
When rain pours down and skies are grey
And there's no sun day after day,
Then with nostalgia I will yearn
For the heatwave to return!



The men lost today so what about tomorrow?



Editor's Note: If you would like to support Drayton's children regularly through FODSA do read the form opposite →

FODSA Drayton Village 100+ Club Starting September 2017

Welcome to the new FODSA 100+ club. A great way to raise funds for our school and have a flutter at the same time.

How does it work?

£1 per month will buy you a lottery number - each month the numbers are entered into a draw for the chance to win cash prizes. Half of the money generated will go into the prize fund and the other half will go to FODSA (Friends of Drayton School Association).

On the last Friday of the month two numbers are drawn at school or Vickery's and the prize fund will be divided equally between the first two tickets selected.

Details of the winning numbers and the names of the winners will be published in the Heads up and on the FODSA Abingdon Facebook page and in the Drayton Chronicle.

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2. Return the slip below to school for the attention of FODSA 100+ Club and we will confirm receipt and your numbers by email.

Any questions please contact Tamsin Meredith (FODSA 100+ Club Organiser) fodsafundraising@gmail.com.

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I..... (your name) attach cheque for full year / have instructed my bank to pay £..... Each month starting on(month) to join the FODSA 100+Club, please email details of my numbers (and winnings) to.....(email)

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PARCEL DELIVERY PROBLEMS Citizens Advice

A survey of over 2,000 online shoppers carried out in December 2016 revealed:

- 38% of people have had a parcel arrive late - including more than one in ten (16%) who paid for premium delivery service.
- More than 1 in 10 have received damaged items.
- More than 1 in 5 had a parcel go missing
- 28% had a parcel left in an unsecure location.
- 28% were at home but had a note through the door saying the parcel couldn't be delivered.

Your parcel doesn't arrive when you expected it to!

What can you do?

Standard delivery: The retailer is responsible for getting orders delivered to you, not the parcel company. If you didn't agree a specific delivery date, it should arrive within 30 days of when you ordered it. You can cancel the order and get a full refund if it doesn't arrive after 30 days.

Premium delivery: You can claim a refund for some of the cost of delivery. Legally, retailers only need to refund the cost of the cheapest delivery option - so if you paid for a premium 'next day' or 'named day' service, you may not get all your money back.

Your parcel is damaged!

What then?

Contact the parcel firm to arrange a re-delivery, or alternatively if you don't want it any more you can cancel the order and get a refund if it's been less than 14 days since you bought it. Although legally you're not entitled to compensation in this situation it's worth complaining to the delivery firm and retailer - they will value your feedback and may offer you something as a goodwill gesture.

Your parcel was left in an unsecure location!

What to do?

If you get a note saying your parcel has been left in a certain location but it isn't there, the retailer should replace it or give you your money back. If you receive the item but aren't happy with where it was left, complain to both the retailer and delivery firm. Although not legally obliged, they may offer you some sort of compensation as a goodwill gesture.

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Bridget Haffenden

We are fortunate to live in an area with low crime, but that doesn't mean crime doesn't occur, including thefts and burglaries. An increase of shed and garage break-ins has recently been reported to the police. Opportunist thieves identify sheds and garages as easy pickings because security is often basic or non-existent. They frequently contain items that can be sold on, or tools that can be used to force entry into a home.



Shed and garage security advice:

- Keep your shed or garage in good condition.
- Use a closed-shackle padlock on doors.
- Bolt any fittings through the door and conceal any screws. It's easy to unscrew the ironmongery, steal contents and, on some occasions, to replace the screws to make it look as if a shed has not been tampered with.
- Shed owners can make it harder for a would-be thief by using tamper-proof screws, or coach bolts, together with a good-quality pad bar or hasp and staple and close-shackled padlock.
- Bond any window glass with mastic to prevent easy removal. Fit grilles or mesh to the windows to slow down any thief.
- Lock away all equipment and tools when not in use.
- Consider installing a shed or garage alarm.
- Use an ultraviolet pen or forensic marking such as Selecta DNA, Smart-water or engravers to make all property - such as lawnmowers, bikes and tools - with your post code.
- Install security lighting as a deterrent and use plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points.
- If building a shed, locate it where it is most visible to you and your neighbours.
- Ensure ladders are locked to a secure fixture in the shed or garage, so that they can't be used to reach top floor windows.
- Chain together large items, such as bikes, to make it much more difficult for a thief to carry the item away.
- Fit a wire cage inside a shed where more expensive items can be locked away.
- Thieves don't want to spend any more time than necessary so make it harder for them to get their hands on your property.

Home security:

- Keep ground floor and accessible windows shut and locked in rooms you're not using.
- Lock up properly before going to bed (insurance companies often won't pay out if a burglary has been aided by an insecure door or window).
- Don't leave accessible windows and doors open if you're out in the garden.
- Keep wallets, credit cards, house and car keys and other valuables out of sight.
- When carrying out repairs or DIY jobs don't leave tools, ladders and power tools out. Keep them safely locked away.

Holidays:

- Tell a trusted neighbour, or neighbours, that you're going away.
- Use timer switches to turn lamps and radios on and off to make it look as if there's someone at home.
- Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries.
- Don't leave your curtains closed during the day. If you want them closed overnight ask someone you trust to close them each evening and open again each morning →

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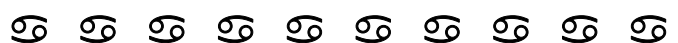
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David Perrow

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- email draytonclerk@gmail.com
- discuss the issue on the 'Families in Drayton' Facebook page, i.e. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/343572055845823/>
- speak to any Parish Councillor – see list on notice boards or on the village website www.draytonvillage.co.uk



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PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Williams

Report of the meeting held on Mon 3rd July 2017



In recent weeks, many Drayton residents have been experiencing delays in their bin collections, often by a full day, and in some cases, two days. Our Vale councillor, Stuart Davenport, explained that this is due to an increasing number of breakdowns of the bin lorries, which are reaching the end of their operational life. The fleet is due to be replaced by new lorries in the autumn, and hopefully the

collections will then get back to the correct day.

It was anticipated that after the general election, progress would be made towards the integration of Oxfordshire's district councils into a single unitary authority. However, it won't have escaped anyone's notice that the election result did not turn out quite as expected, and it appears there have been significant objections to the unitary proposals from some of the newly elected local MPs. This is not to say that changes will not occur, but for the moment at least, they seem to have been put on hold.

Daniel Scharf reported back from a recent meeting of the Transport Users committee at OCC. He informed the PC of a new service known as the Comet Bus, which is a minibus bookable in advance by those without access to suitable public transport, or who have mobility issues, such as wheelchair users. The bus is available between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday. The service is not free but is reasonably priced. Further details are available from OCC's website: just google the words 'Oxfordshire Comet'.

Daniel also reported on proposals by central government to create an Oxford-Cambridge 'Expressway' – a new trunk road route which would partly use existing roads – including an upgraded stretch of the A34 between Chieveley and Oxford - but might include a new link road connecting the A34 from a point south of Oxford to the A421 south of Bedford. The new road would cut across the M40 and skirt to the north of Aylesbury. There are several alternative routes and a parallel plan to recreate the old 'Varsity' railway line between Oxford and Cambridge. But, as Daniel pointed out, if a new road is given the go ahead, it could well undermine the case for the railway. The timescale for either project is unlikely to be anytime soon, but if readers are interested, further information on this topic is also available online.

The Parish Clerk and several councillors visited a number of nearby Village Halls and Sports pavilions to see how they function and support themselves. This is to help inform our own business plan for the sports pavilion at Walnut Meadow, but also to consider the best way forward for our intended eventual refurbishment of Drayton Hall.

The PC donated £350 to the Friends of Drayton School Association (FODSA) to cover the costs of refreshments at the school fete on 15th July. This was a very successful day and, for those who enjoy such events, let me remind you that the Mad Hatters' Tea Party will be held on the Millennium Green on Sunday 30th July, 3-6pm (see posters around the village - and with luck, some readers may receive their August Chronicle before that date). On Sat 22nd July, there will be a working party of councillors out clearing the footpath between Henleys Lane and Gravel Lane, and the same morning, another party will be hard at work clearing up and maintaining the Millennium Green. This should have the Green in tip-top condition for the Party the following weekend.

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. ➡



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➡ In addition, all Parish Council minutes are now archived on the village website: <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/> The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 7th August, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Stuart Davenport

Bin Collection

Bin day in Drayton remains Wednesday. This is despite the erratic collections we have experienced in recent weeks. This disruption is being caused by breakdowns in an aging fleet of bin lorries. The council has ordered a whole new fleet of vehicles which should arrive in the autumn.

Until this point I apologise on behalf of the council for the uncertainty, but advise that you continue to place bins out for collection on the allocated day, i.e. Wednesday.

Grants available for Community Projects

The District Council will be offering two grant schemes starting next month with £175,000 available to support the local community. Drayton has in recent years succeeded in securing valuable funding from these funding pots.

The Capital Grants scheme and New Homes Bonus community grant scheme opens on 20 August and will run until 15 October for people to apply.

Workshops to give guidance on the grants and help people to apply for them will be offered 4-6pm on 8 August in Abingdon, 10 August in Faringdon and 15 August in Wantage.

Individual or groups interested in applying for funding can book a place on an advice session by calling the district council on 01235 422644 or by emailing grants@southandvale.gov.uk.

As always, I can be contacted on 01235521078 or by email to stuart.davenport@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.



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Ed Vaizey

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Congratulations to Layla Moran, the new MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, whom I look forward to working with on county issues. She replaces my friend the brilliant Nicola Blackwood – a great Parliamentarian, a tireless campaigner, a tremendous minister - her presence will be missed both in Oxfordshire and Westminster.

Following the recent tragedy at Grenfell Tower, I convened a group of Oxfordshire MPs to meet with Simon Furlong, Oxfordshire's Chief Fire Officer. I appreciate that many of you will be concerned about this issue. Oxfordshire has five tower blocks, all of which have been inspected by the Fire and Rescue Service, which has also issued safety advice at <http://bit.ly/2u6NyCT>.

With regards to the proposed closure of Steventon Bridge, I have met with Network Rail numerous times to discuss the potential disruption this will cause. I have examined, with them, in great detail the alternative options - such as lowering the track to allow the power lines to pass under the existing bridge or building a new bridge parallel to the existing one. At present, Network Rail believe there is no realistic alternative to replacing the bridge.

If the bridge does close, I would want to see disruption kept to a minimum, and the closure to be as short as possible. To this end, I have met English Heritage, Virgin Media, BT, Thames Water and Scottish and Southern, all with a view to ensuring that utilities providers are ready to go if the bridge is closed (restoring utilities is often one of the reasons these projects take so long). I have of course worked closely with the County Council, who own the bridge and are responsible for the Highways.

The next great challenge will be the reservoir. I look forward to working with GARD on this, as I did successfully some years ago, when we secured a public enquiry which threw the proposal out.

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, 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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Mon	7	7.30 pm	Parish Council	Caudwell Day Centre
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7.00 pm	Table Tennis - coaching and social	School
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	Caudwell DC
7.30 pm	Badminton	
7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St Peter's bell tower

TUESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
9.00 am	Pilates	
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	Caudwell Day Centre
2.30 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	Church Room
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (until 10.30 pm)	School
8.15 pm	Clubbercise (call 07811 209242)	

WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
10.30 am	Pebbles (Babies & Toddlers – in Term)	Church Room
1.45 pm	Whist Drive (until 4.00 pm)	Caudwell Day Centre
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (last Wednesday)	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.00 pm	Brownies	
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (until 10.30 pm)	School
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	Caudwell Day Centre

THURSDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (First Thursday)	Caudwell Day Centre
9.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Lady Chapel
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group (in Term Time)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
2.00 pm	Wives Whist (2nd Thursday)	Caudwell Day Centre
5.00 pm	Rainbows (call 01235 832077)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (until 10.30 pm)	School
7.30 pm	W.I. (2nd Thursday)	Caudwell Day Centre
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing. (call 01235 531701)	
7.30 pm	Bujinkan Martial Arts (Small Hall / 07479 824887)	

FRIDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
11.00 am	Friday Club (fortnightly - 202466)	Caudwell Day Centre

SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Family Service 2nd Sunday)	St Peter's
3.00 pm	Baptist Family Time (3rd Sunday)	School
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	Baptist Church

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