

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Williams

Report of the Parish Council meeting held on Mon 7th August 2017.

The meeting was dominated by discussion on two topics. The first was raised by a member of the public attending, who suggested that the new sports facilities and pavilion planned for the Walnut Meadow site would be better located in the field to the rear of Lockway. He believed that this field, owned by the Earl of Plymouth Estates, was more suitable as it is closer to the current football ground and the Village Hall. The Lockway field was, for a short time in 2011, offered to the Parish Council for this purpose, as part of a deal regarding access to the original Manor Farm development of approx. 16 'executive' homes. Although planning permission for the latter was granted in 1998, the project was never progressed.

It was pointed out that when the Vale's previous Local Plan expired at the end of 2011, the Earl of Plymouth abruptly withdrew the offer of the Lockway field, as changes in government policy opened up the possibility of using the site for new housing. Although Drayton's Neighbourhood Development Plan has ruled out most of the sites bordering the A34 as being unsuitable for housing on noise grounds, the Earl of Plymouth Estates have shown no interest in renewing their offer of 2011. Besides which, the residents of Lockway declared that they were adamantly opposed to the use of this field for recreational purposes. Indeed, when the offer was first made, they attended a Parish Council meeting in numbers to make their opposition abundantly clear.

In any case, the sports facilities and pavilion at Walnut Meadow formed an integral part of the Neighbourhood Plan, and were voted for by Drayton residents in the referendum. The noise levels at the Lockway field, where the A34 is in elevated section, are extremely intrusive and would not provide a pleasant environment for players or spectators. Walnut Meadow is much quieter as the A34 at this point is further away, and in a cutting. To be clear, the Parish Council is wholly committed to the NDP, and the Drayton 2020 Implementation Committee is not looking for alternative sites for the new sports facilities.

The second discussion was on a closely linked subject, namely the financial viability of the sports pavilion. Councillor Colin West has worked hard to develop a business plan for the pavilion, which he proceeded to illustrate in a presentation, using different financial models to show how the figures might work out. It was emphasized that these models were only examples of what is possible. The presentation was informed by several visits that the Parish Clerk, Colin and other councillors have recently made to neighbouring villages to see how they operate their sports facilities. Drayton PC is confident it already has in place the necessary financial arrangements to cover the pavilion's basic running costs. What is less certain is the best way to generate additional revenue for the future, and investigation into this area is ongoing.

Some years ago, a Drayton Village leaflet was produced, containing useful information, contact phone numbers etc. for local businesses, and other organisations, activities and clubs. The leaflet is updated from time to time, and although available to consult or download on the village website, it was felt it would be a welcoming gesture to print some copies to be delivered direct to new residents, e.g. those who've recently moved into Walnut Meadow. However, as changes are being mooted to the Chronicle

(see last issue), an alternative suggestion was made that the info in the leaflet be put into the Chronicle as a pull-out supplement, not just as a one-off, but on a continuing basis. The PC is prepared to contribute to any additional funding required.

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@gmail.com or by telephone on 07909 176061, and he will pass any messages 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 4th September, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.

INTEREST RATE UP?

Not the Bank Of England interest rate, but interest in the Chronicle.

To add local interest to the Chronicle why not submit an article explaining the history and background of your Drayton club or society. A lot of Drayton clubs send in monthly reports of their meetings or match results and these are usually in the Chronicle under "All Around". They often include contact details and invite new members to join them but how about an article that describes that club, how long has it been running, how many members it has, how often does it meet, what activities it is involved in and any other interesting facts about the club including contact details and invitations to new members. Pictures of club members or events are particularly welcome. People may be inspired to join an organisation if they knew more about it. This would be a one off article and we would still keep the monthly club reports of that month's results, meetings or activities. Recently Radio Oxford had a feature called "Club of the Week" in which they interviewed members of that week's club and invited them to describe what the club was about and what their individual role was. We could have a "Club of the Month" where we could publish the details of that particular club one month, then another "Club of the Month" the following month. If there was a lot of response and we only published one a month, you might find that your club's article doesn't come up for a year or two, in which case we could up the rate and have two or more clubs of the month. This sort of article would be good publicity for your club, very important now that we have a lot of new Drayton residents.

Other interesting articles for the Chronicle could include gardening tips or advice, recipes or cooking tips. A few years ago we did have regular recipes submitted to the Chronicle and more than one gardening column. The scope for articles of local interest is not limited to those topics. Over the years we have had articles on Drayton's history or the background of various buildings but it might be useful to renew some of these, once again, they may be of interest to our new residents

A lot of information is now shared on digital media e.g. Facebook but a lot of people do not have access to computers or Facebook, in any case, it is nice to sit with a cuppa and read your "real" Chronicle.

Items of local interest can be submitted via email to: editor@draytonchronicle.net or hard copy in Vickery's box.

CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Chronicle** will be the October issue:
 Editor: **Derek Pooley, 11 Hall's Close (559454)**
 Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 15 September 2017**
 Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Mon., 18 Sept. 2017**
 Printed copies available: **Friday, 29 September 2017**
Key dates for the subsequent three Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
November	16 October 2017	27 October 2017
December	13 November 2017	24 November 2017
Jan/Feb 2018	15 January 2018	26 January 2018

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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.

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.

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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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.

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 deadlines.

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(Information supplied and researched by John Roberts)

Lieutenant John Collinson Hobson



Machine Gun Corps
1/6th Company
Killed in Action- 31st July 1917
3rd Battle of Ypres
(Passchendaele)
Age 23
Son of Thomas and Mary
Hobson of Drayton
Remembered with Honour
YPRES (Menin Gate) Panel 56



Private Henry Abraham Belcher



Royal Berkshire Regiment
2/4th Battalion
Service Number – 201862
Date of Death – 22nd August
1917
3rd Battle of Ypres –
(Passchendaele)
Age 22
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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
Friday	6.30 pm	Choir Practice (1st Friday)	Church Room

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Tue 5th	2.30pm	First Tuesday Connection	Church Room
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CHURCH REGISTER

Wedding

Saturday 22nd July Edward Swift and Anna Keogh

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DAMASCUS LETTER

From the DAMASCUS Ministry Team



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On 1st July 2017 the five ecclesiastical parishes of Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon became a single parish and this historical moment was marked with a special service of celebration on Sunday 30th July at St Blaise Church, Milton. The service was conducted by the Right Reverend Colin Fletcher, the Bishop of Dorchester and the preacher was the Venerable Judy French, Archdeacon of Dorchester. During the service the re-ordering work at St Blaise was dedicated; the Reverend Helen Kendrick installed as Rector of the DAMASCUS Parish; the Reverend Rosie Bruce licensed to the new parish; The Reverend Dr Karen Hyde welcomed as the new Assistant Curate and the ministry team re-commissioned to work in the single parish, across all five villages. This was followed by a splendid lunch prepared by the congregation of St Blaise. This is a challenging time for the church as we adapt to a new way of working but it is very exciting as we join closer together across our villages. We are committed to be a living Christian presence at the heart of our communities: nurturing faith, bringing hope and sharing love.

And to help in this endeavour it is good to be able to introduce the Reverend Dr Karen Hyde as she joins us as Assistant Curate of the DAMASCUS Parish: Karen writes, "Studying biochemistry led to a research career in molecular genetics in Oxford where I met my husband Jonathan. He works for the National Nuclear Laboratory and we live in Radley. We're blessed with four wonderful teenagers (aged 14-19) - the eldest, Oliver, is studying physics at Portsmouth University but you're more likely to see him in the bell towers as he's a ringer! The girls are all at school in Abingdon: this coming academic year Vanessa will take 'A' levels and Heather GCSE's, whilst Juliet will begin her GCSE subjects. Their passion is dance in various combinations through ballet, modern, tap and street! I enjoy walking, gardening and playing saxophone, but my love of wine evolved into a passion for teaching others through wine appreciation courses which I ran in Oxford between 2001-2012 as Wine-Matters, before being called to explore ordained ministry. I've just finished 3 years of training on the Oxford Ministry Course at Ripon College, Cuddesdon and was ordained deacon on 1 July 2017 in a wonderful service at Christ Church Cathedral - many thanks to those of you who came and supported me! I'll be working part-time with Helen during my curacy, so as another exciting chapter begins, I'm really looking forward to getting to know you, the people and Parish of DAMASCUS."

We are still working to recruit two Associate Priests (part-time) to the new parish but in the meantime, if you need the services of the church, please do not hesitate to contact one of us:

Rector: The Reverend Helen Kendrick, The Rectory, 3 Tullis Close, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 4BD, Tel: 01235 848297, e-mail: rector@damascusparish.org.uk

Assistant Curate: The Reverend Karen Hyde, Tel: 07526 985395, e-mail: curate@damascusparish.org.uk

Associate Priest: The Reverend Rosie Bruce, Tel 01235 525284

Lay Ministers: Tim Budd (527853), Jack Jarvis (831395) & Alex Landsbert (847443)

Authorised Preacher: Paul James (848129)

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Church Secretary: Mrs Jayne Henderson.....Tel. 522161

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WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey

Regarding the A34, as many of you will know, I initially brought the issue to Parliament by securing a Westminster Hall debate last October. This resulted in a commitment from the Roads Minister to commission a safety review. This was followed in November by the Chancellor confirming £50 million for the area as part of the 2015-20 Road Investment Strategy.

Highways England presented a first draft of the safety review in April this year. While statistically this proved that the A34 was no more dangerous than other roads, it did acknowledge the particular issues on the stretch by East Ilsley. It also recognised the huge economic impact caused by hold ups and collisions, given the increasing importance of the road as a major north-south transport link.

Additionally, I am pleased that last month Communities Secretary Sajid Javid pledged more than £9 million of Government funding to a major upgrade to the A34. Two new south-facing slip roads at the Lodge Hill Interchange will help end years of congestion and pave the way for up to 1,700 new homes in Abingdon. Oxfordshire MPs will now meet with Highways England in the coming weeks on completion of the safety review and I look forward to working with stakeholders to implement the results.

Last month, I also began a campaign to urge the government to retain our membership of Euratom after we leave the European Union. Euratom is a sixty year old treaty that allows the UK to trade freely with its European partners in the nuclear industry. It's vital for our local area, as hundreds of millions of pounds, and many thousands of jobs, are centred around Culham, the home of nuclear fusion research.

Since the start of the campaign, this issue has grown in prominence. I am pleased that the case for remaining in Euratom is increasingly gaining support from across parties and from prominent voices outside of Westminster too. Retaining membership will best serve the national interest – as has been unequivocally stated by representatives of the UK nuclear industry – and I hope that ministers are listening to the genuine concerns being raised.

In other news, I am pleased to hear that Oxfordshire County Council placed third in the country for tackling anti-LGBT bullying in schools in Stonewall's 'Education Equality Index 2017'. The council has developed nationally recognised strategies to tackle anti-LGBT bullying and has a huge array of online resources and guidance for schools and young people. Stonewall – Britain's foremost lesbian, gay, bi and trans equality charity – paid tribute to the progress made in our local area and I am proud that our schools are at the forefront of addressing this issue.

You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, dicksonce@parliament.uk or 01235 768 888. 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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Richard Webber

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Whether or not you live in Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay, Drayton, Marcham or Shippon, you will be aware of and affected by the number of housing developments in our area. The expansion of Didcot and Abingdon and the threat of coalescence of our villages are going to affect us all, if it has not done so already.

Most of us accept that the country needs more houses and that our part of Oxfordshire, with its high employment and thriving economy, is an obvious prime target if houses are to be close to jobs.

Unfortunately, in the keenness (some might say desperation) to get houses built, the problem of lack of infrastructure (particularly adequate roads) has been playing second fiddle. Our road system is beginning to reach capacity. Every new development has an impact on every other. There are increasing traffic jams on major roads through our villages; even the rat runs are filling up, and air quality is becoming a major problem in many areas.

It is hard to see a solution to this, without a large-scale investment in new roads. Housing developments do not, in themselves, generate enough money to pay for this, so we depend on Government money to make up the shortfall.

And Government is beginning to address this problem. In north Abingdon, a pot of £9m is to be provided to make the Lodge Hill interchange four way to allow for over 1,000 more houses. If Marcham is to take another 500 houses, Shippon another 2000, and Sutton Courtenay any more at all, even more investment is needed. OCC transport officers, who have the unenviable job of trying to make our road system work, are pointing out the problem to government and District planners with the result that we can expect many more objections to planning developments. The message is stark, but clear – “Without more infrastructure, we cannot take more houses”.

But is the solution simply building ever more roads? We know that more roads generate more traffic. Would the major investment be better spent on better bus services and cycle ways?

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Sutton Courtenay and Marcham Division

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ALL AROUND

GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development) Derek Stork

Thames Water drop-in session on reservoir plans

We would like to thank those residents who attended Thames Water's 'drop-in session' on the proposed reservoir held in Steventon Village Hall on Monday 10th July. The event was fairly well attended, and as GARD had a stall in the entrance to the Village Hall, we had the pleasure of meeting many residents from Steventon, Hanney, Drayton, Marcham and Hendred, as well as local councillors. It was noticeable the level of concern about these proposals and their damaging effect on the local environment.

It is a pity that Thames Water did not choose to field a team which contained any real experts on the key issues (flooding risk, construction nuisance and the issue of fixing Thames Water's appalling leakage rate). GARD thinks this is just a continuation of the Thames Water policy of appearing to engage with the local population, but conducting what is, in reality, merely a PR exercise.

We'd like to thank all those who attended and asked us relevant questions, and we will be passing on your concerns to Thames Water. Thanks also to those who took away leaflets about joining, and you can see more of that below.

One point we would like to make, and are very willing to explain GARD's position at greater length. It regards Thames Water's continual emphasis on the supposed 'leisure and amenity' opportunities afforded by the reservoir. Apparently, people were told at the drop-in that there would be hiking, bird-watching and sailing offered by the reservoir area. It is stating the obvious, but (would you believe it?) it actually is possible at present to walk on many miles of footpaths over the area (all of which will disappear with the reservoir) and one can actually see birds and other wildlife in the area (!). All this without spending £1.5Billion and 10 years disruption on building a reservoir! As regards the sailing, Thames were asked how the sailing amenity would be achieved when there is a plan for Thames Water to float solar panels over the reservoir (as they do with their other walled-reservoirs near Heathrow) so that they can become an electricity supplier. On being asked about how this would be achieved alongside sailing, they could only answer vaguely that the 'design concept was still to be developed' (plain English translation – they don't know). This emphasis on 'leisure and amenity' is fundamentally dishonest on the part of Thames Water.

Political opposition to the reservoir plans

Recently we have received statements of support to our opposition to the reservoir from our local councillor, Councillor Matthew Barber, and our MP, Ed Vaizey. You can get some details of these at our new Facebook pages <https://www.facebook.com/abingdonreservoir/>. You can check out our other news there and join in the debate.

Joining GARD

Part of Thames Water's game is to try and reach a selected number of consumers (most of whom will not be local – so that they can be sold a biased view of the reservoir) to try to show to OFWAT that they have 'public support' for the reservoir. *This is a numbers game, and we need to show we have large numbers of consumers on our side.* It is thus important to like our Facebook page, and above all, to join GARD if you oppose the reservoir. Our membership continues to increase, but we can never have enough, and it should be possible for all who want, to join, as the lifetime membership is only £5.

You can contact me (email gard.chair@gmail.com) or our secretary, Deborah Bennett (email gard.secretary@gmail.com) if you would like to help, or to join GARD. These are new email addresses, but our website, for further details, remains www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk

HALL REPORT

Tony Holmes

Let's start with two points for parents, firstly, bookings are starting to 'hot up' after the holiday season, so if you have 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 date has been snapped up. Secondly, we had some *boys on the roof the other day* (mid Aug as I write), three of them, younger than some nuisances we've had by their look (10 or 11 maybe?); they seemed to think it was funny, as they ran off, but part of the roof isn't as strong as it looks, and a fall from that height isn't likely to be as amusing for them or their family as they might think.

Urgent:- Many readers should get this issue just in time (thanks to the Chronicle's excellent band of agents – NB they always need more!) for a **Charity fundraiser** on Sat August 26th. Gary Hibbins, our bar manager, is running it to aid both Abingdon Bridge, and Drayton Football Club. He usually bombards Facebook for his 'dos', so any more details on there.

The **Bowls Club** will also be warming up soon for their coming match season, they're in the hall Monday & Thursday afternoons, also Weds evenings, **a friendly bunch and always happy to see new members.**

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HALL REPORT CONTINUED

Our exercise classes seem very popular, **BounceFit** on Monday evenings (6pm) and **Clubercise** on Tuesdays (8pm). We also have the somewhat gentler **Pilates** on Tuesday mornings (9.30am). If you overdo it with one of the first two, consider the latter to ease the aches & pains?!

Plus, there's a **Martial Arts class**, Thursday evenings in the Small Hall, Bujinkan (from 'Ninja' origins), see <http://www.shikidojo.com> or call Paul on 07479 824887. It's a small class, so individual attention to improve self-defence, balance and reflexes..

The **dog show season is almost here**, two coming soon, a breed called '**Havanese**' on Sunday 24th, and the '**Griffon Bruxellois**' club are in the following week, Sun Oct 1st. They're both classed as 'toy' dogs, and the shows start about 10.30am.

And - something we haven't had before, at least not for quite a while, a **HAMSTER show**, Sat Sept 30th, starting a similar time.

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.

Some other regulars will be back after summer hols, like **Brownies and Rainbows**, but would our **Monday regulars please note that on Sept 18th**, there's a special W.I. event, occupying the whole hall for the evening?

MILLENNIUM GREEN

Keith Clough

Whilst there have been several improvements to the Green during the last two years, these have, in the main, been maintenance. This month some development is planned which we hope that you will appreciate.

Whilst we have employed contractors for the larger maintenance jobs, much of the rest has been done by volunteers from the village who have come to our clear up sessions. The next one of these will be **Sunday 10th September** and another on **Saturday 7th October**. Both will be from 10.00 til 12.30. If you can spare an hour or so, please come and join us. I expect that the prime task will be hedge and tree pruning and collecting up and stacking the trimmings and the dead wood. We will also try to reduce the growths of ivy on walls and trees. The tasks are suitable for all ages and physiques!

Thanks to considerable help from the Parish Council, we hope to improve the access to the Green – especially for the less able and those with buggies – by topping up the existing paths on the Green and those leading to it and introducing some new ones on the Green. The circular path will be completed with links to each of the five entrances. The work has been made possible by using some of the "106" money from the developers of the housing estates and should be carried out in the first half of the month.

Also in September, there will be ripe apples in the orchard along with windfalls and walnuts on the ground. Please help yourselves but only take what you can consume. That way there should be plenty for everyone. The woodland areas are a good source for kindling. Help yourselves from the deadwood on the ground or in the piles awaiting the next bonfire. There may also be a few fallen trees which could provide logs.

Despite the increased use of the Green, there appears to be less litter. There are some who do not put their rubbish in the bin (nor take it home) but luckily some other Green users supplement the regular litter pickers to keep the place tidy. This makes the task of those on the litter picking rota easier. If you would like to join the rota (a two-week slot each year) please let me know and I will pass your name to Jennie Pooley.

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

As you probably noticed, the summer picnic had to be postponed because of the weather and is now being held on

Sunday 27th August at the earlier time of 12.00 to 3.00 and may have already taken place before you read this report!

TABLE TENNIS

John Gould

The Club Pre Season Meeting probably had its biggest ever attendance. We sorted our teams for the coming season – starting from middle to late September. The good turn - out meant we were able to agree who would be in which team and satisfy most members' preferences. In addition, our Coach Janet Quarry has been tasked with sorting a new Health & Safety policy to incorporate Child Protection legislation. Janet is also the Didcot league's Coaching secretary and will take this forward to the League's member clubs.

We will run seven teams in the League, one in Division 1, and two each in divisions 2, 3 & 4. Our team captains were the usual suspects and it's pleasing that they volunteered so readily! Janet will continue coaching on Mondays for both youngsters and adults and our League ties will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We hope for success in the various competitions but last season's results will be hard to follow.

Ping Pong returns to the school on Monday 4th September when coaching and social play will recommence.

1st DRAYTON BROWNIES

Annette Mitchell

The Brownies are having a Summer break and will return on Wednesday 13th September.

If your daughter attends Rainbows and you would like her to eventually join Brownies please email us with your daughter's details so that we may add her to the waiting list.

The Fairy Doors have been installed around the Millennium Green for the village to find and enjoy! Please can you not remove the doors when you see them.

Our pack will be 60 years old in November and we are planning an Afternoon Tea to celebrate this! The first challenge is for us to find past Drayton Brownie members and 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 are arranging a reunion of past members of all ages. Please can you help? Get in touch with any of the leaders listed below.

Please remember that all Girlguiding, Scout packs etc. are run by volunteers, they are not paid in any way, without these people giving their time and commitment we would not have Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts for our children to attend and enjoy. It is getting increasingly difficult to keep some of these packs going because we simply do not have enough volunteers. Please bear this in mind when you next drop your child off at his or her pack that these volunteers are not paid and are running these packs because they want to and want to give children the opportunity to experience Girlguiding and Scouting. So if you are interested in helping out, or becoming a leader do get in touch, you will be welcomed with open arms!

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

"Join Us!" at www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved or you can email us on drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk

Further details are available from:

Ruth Hudson (Brown Owl) on 01235 205111

Esther Deabill (Tawny Owl) on 01235 528502

Annette Mitchell (Barn Owl) on 01235 555216

Editor's Note: While in the late stages of compiling this issue, I found some articles buried in in the dark recesses of email world that I hadn't processed. I would like to ask all correspondents to please ensure that they get an acknowledgement for their submitted articles soon after they have sent them. We always try to acknowledge receipt of items so if you don't receive an acknowledgement, it is likely that we haven't received your submission. Thank you.

NOTICE BOARD

2017 POPPY APPEAL – URGENT!

In recent years several very long-term Poppy Collectors have retired or moved away from Drayton which has left the village rather short of Collectors. Sadly, my earlier requests for Collectors did not result in any volunteers so please seriously consider helping the Royal British Legion.

The 2017 Appeal runs from Saturday 28th September (the day before the clocks go back) until Remembrance Sunday on 12th November. If you could spare a few hours during that time, I would be very glad to hear from you. The areas where we most need collectors are Steventon Road and Abingdon Road, both of which are divided into small units which can easily be covered by an individual or a couple. We also have gaps in various areas all through the village, so please do volunteer if you possibly can.

The Royal British Legion provides life-time support for Service people **and their surviving families** with personal care for individuals. They also run all the Residential Homes – although some facilities are now actually built by organisations such as *Help For Heroes*, the day-to-day running and support is entirely carried out by the Legion, a huge responsibility and cost.

Please remember that everyone who has served in the Forces in any way, and their relations, can be helped by the Legion in a variety of ways – you just have to ask us!

Please consider volunteering for the Poppy Appeal, which is a wonderful way of receiving a smiling welcome at people's front door. Thank you.

*Diana Hasting, Poppy Appeal Organiser for Area EHD21
which includes Drayton.*

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BBC - THE REPAIR SHOP

BBC2's *The Repair Shop* are seeking damaged family and community heirlooms for their second series and objects that have special significance during Christmas time for their upcoming Christmas special. The series follows a team of skilled crafts people who restore damaged objects of sentimental value. The experts work in a beautiful barn nestled deep in the British countryside as they fix, repair and breathe new life into objects brought in by members of the public. The experts are drawn from different disciplines such as furniture repairers, metal workers, mechanics, ceramicists, clock makers, picture conservationists, and up-cyclers, restorers and fabricators of every ilk.

A ragged teddy bear given to a grandparent decades ago, a damaged sleigh that once decorated the town square, a train set a parent would like to pass on to their child Christmas morning, anything of personal sentimental value or importance to a community can be repaired and preserved for generations to come.

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Ayten Abbasli, The Repair Shop – series 2

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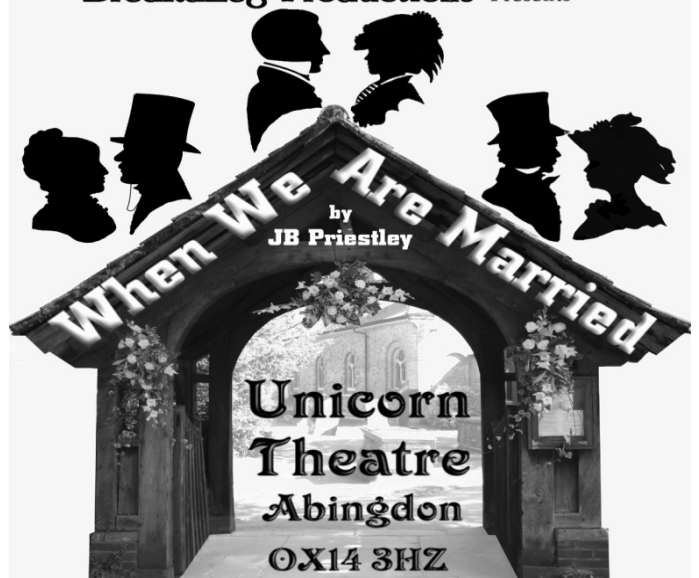
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BIKE THEFTS: We have received increased reports of bike thefts in the Abingdon area. Please consider the following crime prevention advice that may help keep your bike safe and secure:

1. Always lock your bike even if you are leaving it just for a couple of minutes!
2. Chain your bike to a non-moveable item like a bike rack
3. Use a good quality chain or D-Lock
4. Lock your bike in a well-lit area
5. Lock any quick release wheels
6. Remove any lights from your bike and take them with you
7. Have your bike postcode marked so that if it is stolen it can be identified and returned to you
8. Even lock your bike at home when it is in a shed or garage

For advice on bike marking and security, please call 101 or email your neighbourhood policing team at:

AbingdonTownNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

BURGLARY IN DRAYTON: On 15.08.17 between 00:00 – 17:00 a property in Steventon Road was burgled. Entry was gained through a patio door.

A car was stolen

If you have seen any suspicious looking people or vehicles in the area or have any information relating to these thefts, please call the Police via the 24 hour non-emergency telephone number 101. Alternatively if you have information but wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online by visiting www.crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

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Abingdon north and A34 Lodge Hill improvements

An outline planning application for up to 900 homes - including more than 330 affordable - and 50 retirement homes, a new primary school, care home and community facilities, has been approved for Abingdon north.

Commercial Estates Group received planning permission on 26th July for the land off Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive, subject to conditions. These include the delivery of, and funding for, major improvement works to the A34 at Lodge Hill.

The Government has announced funding up to £9.45 million towards works, to create two new south-facing sliproads onto the A34. Developers for Abingdon north will also need to invest over £3.3 million towards the work as part of a planning agreement. The development will also include a children's nursery, public house/restaurant, retail units, public open space, recreation area and sports pitches including a pavilion and multi-use games area.

New pay and display machines at car parks

New pay and display machines are being installed at council car parks from August. These will allow you to pay by credit or debit card as well as coins, including the new £1. Old £1 coins will continue to be accepted until they go out of circulation on 15th October. You will also still be able to pay using your mobile phone via the Connect Cashless system. When using the new machines, you will need to type in your vehicle registration on the key pad before payment is made.

Plastic bags can now be used to line food bins

You can now use plastic bags to line your food waste bins and caddies. Any thin plastic bag, such as a carrier bag, can be used except for black bin liners. You can also continue to use compostable liners, newspaper or simply put food waste into your food bin - the choice is yours!

Make sure you're registered to vote

A yellow letter is coming to your home over the next few weeks asking you to check details of who is eligible to vote at your address. It is important that you respond to this to ensure that you are registered to vote in future elections or referendums. By law, you must provide this information. Not being on the Electoral Register can also affect credit checks, so please don't delay.

Review of council tax discounts

Over the next few weeks we will be checking that everyone who currently claims a 25 per cent single person discount on their council tax is entitled to do so. This review will involve us working with credit reference agencies to check that our records are accurate and that people are only receiving the discounts they are entitled to.

We are encouraging anyone that receives this discount to check they are still entitled to it by calling 0345 302 2315.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I would like to say a BIG thank you to Keith Clough, Chris Price, and Richard Wade for placing and bedded in my bench safely on Millennium Green.

I am so pleased with it. It will give me many years, and all those who sit in it, much pleasure.

And thanks Pete for bringing it over on the tractor, even if you did think I had died, I am very much alive.

Thanks to all.

Janet Strong.

Dear Editor,

May I use the Chronicle to thank all our friends and neighbours in Drayton who have cheered me up, since my bike crash, with their get-well messages and offers of practical help. Crashing into an even older man on a mobility scooter and ending up on the road with a broken femur and lots of bruising is not something that nearly-80-year-olds like me should do and I can think of almost no reason to recommend it. If there is one, it is just how moving it is that so many people from one's family and friends – and one's village – demonstrate their care and affection at such difficult times.

Yours sincerely, Derek Pooley

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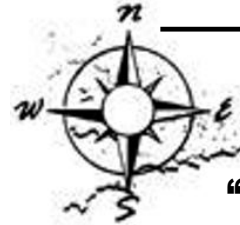
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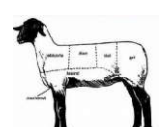
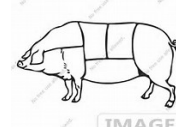
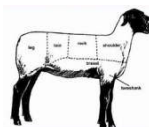


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DRAYTON DIARY

FOR SEPTEMBER

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

NB To book Drayton Hall call Tony Holmes on (01235) 531180
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Sat	2	6.00pm	Private Function	
Sun	3	9.00am	Bowls Club	
Mon	4	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
Sat	9	12.00am	Private Function (child's birthday)	
Sun	10	10.00am	Private Function ('Mess Around' party)	
		2.00pm	Private Function	
Sat	16	9.00am	Zumba Party	
Sat	16	12.30pm	NB Agents:- Chronicle Lottery Deadline	
		1.30pm	Private Function (child's birthday)	
		6.30pm	Private Function	
Sun	17	12.00am	Private Function (child's birthday)	
Mon	18	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (p2) – Ads 11th	
		6.15pm	Marcham W.I. Special Event (whole hall)	
Tues	19	5.30pm	Private Function (Firm's Quiz Night)	
		8.00pm	NB Clubbercise is NOT running this week	
Sat	23	9.00am	Private Function (wedding party, all day)	
Sun	24	9.00am	'Havanese' Dog Show	
Sat	30	9.00am	Hamster Show	
Oct	1	9.00am	'Griffon Bruxelloise' Dog Show	

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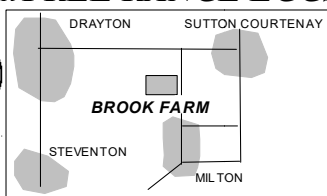
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REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

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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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