

# DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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## VILLAGE CARETAKER

Chris Wilmott is the new man around town (well, village) and you should see him out & about in the coming weeks, if not already.



Here he's just been fixing the new sign onto the Lockway Playground gate (& luckily Chris Price – deputy Parish Council clerk – was nearby with a camera).

## 30 Hours Free Childcare Entitlement

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## WW1 : 100 Years On

This continues our series of remembrance

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For those unaware, **Passchendaele** was an especially brutal and grim battle, with an exceptionally high loss of life on both sides.

**Tyne Cot** is a massive, and very moving memorial, just outside Zonnebeke. It's the largest cemetery for Commonwealth forces in the world. The gravestones are of about 12,000 burials, and the huge wall (pictured) lists the names of UK & New Zealand personnel missing from actions in the 'Ypres Salient'. Despite its size, listing about 35,000 names, the Tyne Cot memorial wall is only an overflow from the Menin Gate (in Ypres, or 'Ieper', the site of the 'Last Post' ceremony each evening), which was already due to be inscribed with well over 50,000 names by August 1917.

There are two very good museums at Ypres, which try to recreate some of the horrors, the **Flanders Field** museum (in the main square), and the **Hooze Crater** museum (a few miles east).

## VALE RECYCLOPEDIA



\*\* Don't forget! You can now use plastic bags to line your food waste 'caddy'. You can now use any thin plastic bag, such as carrier bags, to line them, along with compostable liners or newspaper. \*\* AND - Put your PUMPKINS to good use after Halloween! Once the trick-or-treating of Halloween is done, make sure

your pumpkins go to good use. If you can't put them to use in the kitchen or compost bin, then please recycle them with your food waste.

Simply cut them up and pop into your food waste bin or leave them out whole on your normal collection day.

NB:- All food waste goes to a local processing plant to be turned into electricity and nutrient-rich fertiliser for local farmland.

# COMING CHRONICLES

The December **Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday November 24th**.

The Editor will be **Dave Lee (202699)**. 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, Nov 13th 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 Nov 10th**, 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!)

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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		
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# CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Carol Arnold, Hon. Promoter

## RESULTS OF THE - October - LOTTERY

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Winning tickets, from 1797 sold, were randomly drawn via computer  
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**Letters to the Editor**

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

1st Drayton Brownies invites you to their...**60th Birthday Celebration!** Afternoon Tea 3-5pm, Saturday 25th November, at Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane.

#### All Past Brownies and Leaders Welcome!

Please bring along old uniform, badges and photographs from the last 60 years. **Please >> RSVP by 3rd November.**

Did you perhaps attend the first meeting on 24th October 1957? If so, **we would love to hear from you!** We do need to know numbers for catering, so if you are coming along to our celebration please contact us on any number below or email.

Back to the present day though, we'd like to welcome **Ella and Camilla**, we hope they have a very enjoyable time with us.

**Guide Dogs for the Blind** paid us a visit with one of their puppies to talk to us about their work. Some very well behaved dogs belonging to some of our Brownies came along to our meeting and met us all. Other Brownie pet owners brought along photos of their pets and told us all about them

**We had a spooky night** with bats, nasty nibbles and ghoulish games for Halloween.

Meeting 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. Due to a number of leavers this term, **we currently have spaces!** Please do get in touch as soon as possible preferably via our email below, and your daughter can start with us straight away if she is aged 7 to 10.

If your daughter is not yet old enough and you would like to put her on the waiting list, you can register via the girl guiding website [www.oxfordshiregirlguiding.org.uk/join-us/](http://www.oxfordshiregirlguiding.org.uk/join-us/) or you can email us on [drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk](mailto:drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk). If your daughter is a Rainbow and would like to join Brownies in the near future please can you put them on the waiting list by emailing to the address above.

Further details are available from:

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## Maria Grundy

It's been a busy month for FODSA starting with our AGM. It was great to meet some new members and we look forward to working with you over the following year.

We were delighted to receive many fantastic entries into our logo competition. After much deliberation, we finally chose three winners and merged their designs to make our final logo and footer for our own headed paper.

Also, this month we were pleased to be able to **subsidise a whole school trip** to see 'Awful Auntie' in Oxford's New Theatre. It was great to see the children experience the joy of the theatre as a school community, a fantastic show and lots of laughs were had.

Finally, on 13<sup>th</sup> October was our **80s Disco**. It was a brilliant night with fantastic music, outfits, dance moves and company. **Thank you** to all that came along.

The 100 club winners for September were **Emma Wilton** and **Sarah Walters** who each pocketed £14.75. **We still have numbers available**, so if you would like to join please find the information on the FODSA page of the school website. The more people in the club, the bigger the prize fund!

You can find **more information about FODSA** on our Facebook page FODSA (Friends of Drayton School Association) Abingdon. If you have any questions, comments, fundraising ideas or would like to join FODSA, please email [fodsasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fodsasecretary@gmail.com) or [fodsafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:fodsafundraising@gmail.com) (Maria/Tamsin respectively).

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**Churchwarden** Mrs Linda Johnson 527521

## 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 NOVEMBER

Sun	5th	2.30 pm	All Souls Service	
Tues	7th	2.30 pm	1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room
Sun	12th	6.00 pm	Remembrance Service	

### PARISH REGISTER

<b>Funeral</b>	Oct 6th	<b>Claire Grant</b>
	Oct 9th	<b>Jean Ann Madley</b>

### YOU STAY – WE PRAY (November)

1st to 11th Abingdon Road; Oday Hill; Binning Close; Haywards Road  
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### From the Ministry Team

**Two Minutes Silence** In the month when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the two minutes silence is a familiar act of remembrance. We can use the silence to reflect on those who have suffered in war or on what it means to work for a peaceful world. Or do we end up thinking about lunch or panic that we haven't switched our phone off?

**Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz**, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but **lack of meaning**. The two minutes silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, 'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, 'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13). In observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we remember all those who have experienced pain and conflict.

Of course, we should be serious about **silence and stillness** in the whole of our lives, not just for two minutes at an act of Remembrance. In busy lives where so much is clamouring for our attention, silence enables us to **reassess our priorities** and **rediscover true meaning** in our lives. Jesus made a habit of withdrawing to experience silence. He did this before choosing his disciples, after He heard of John's beheading, after feeding the 5000, after healing a leper, at the Transfiguration and to prepare for His death. 'The seeking out of solitary places was a regular practice for Jesus. **So it should be for us.**' (Richard Foster).

With love and prayers, Helen

**Ministry Team Announcement** – The Reverend Meg Heywood is being licensed to the DAMASCUS Parish at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 12th December** in St Peter's Church, Drayton by the Bishop of Dorchester. And, at the same time, The Reverend Helen Kendrick will be licensed as Area Dean for the Abingdon Deanery. **All are welcome** to attend the service which will be followed with refreshments.

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## (MORE) ALL AROUND

### Drayton WIVES

### Rosemary Barlow

The Abingdon Town Crier made a wonderful entrance at our September meeting. We could hear "O Yea" resounding around the village hall, and then Tony Legge appeared resplendent in his green and gold outfit complete with white tights and tricorn hat.

Tony is one of eight town criers (which includes two ladies) and he went on to tell us some of the history, and how today Abingdon is the only town in the country that has formed a Guild of Town Criers.

Roger Covington took up the first position in 1780 and was called initially 'The Bell Man' due to the heavy bell which is still carried around today. Part of his duties in that era was to remove vagrants from town and sweep berries from the Market Square.

**Next meeting** is on Wednesday 29th November at 2.00pm in the village hall. There will be a **wonderful display of jewellery** as well as a talk given by Adrian and Jane Jefferies. **Any new members and visitors** will be made very welcome.



### Town Furlong Cattery

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### Drayton Table-Tennis Club John Gould



Well the classroom is built and we are **now back playing ping pong at the school!** We were able to sort the first few fixtures and fingers crossed there will be no more problems.

Table Tennis like many sports sees its fair share of injuries. It involves a lot of quick movement that can cause leg and especially back problems. Of course wrist elbow and shoulder strains are very commonplace.

We are encouraged to 'warm up' before matches but in all honesty very few players do any sort of stretching before they play. At Drayton, it may be an age thing, but a couple of our players missed large parts of last season due to shoulder strains and 'tennis' elbow! There was also an Achilles strain, pulled back muscles and a sprained wrist – not all on the same body! The younger players seem to cope better but already we have one player with a long term shoulder problem, another with a damaged wrist (he's playing through the pain) and one with a sore leg. Each team has played 2 league matches at this point in time so only 16 to go (plus cup matches) in which to get fully limbered up!

Now we've started back at the school we should have space for **some new members** so please make contact via 01235 531328 or website <http://ddtta.org.uk/index.html> if you want to join in.

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

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**And to** :- Peter, Clare, Camilla & Stanley Kirk who have moved into Newman Lane from San Mateo California.  
**And not forgetting**:- Claire, Steve, Charlie and Imogen Cox who have moved into Whitehorns Way.



# BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

6.00 pm **Evening Service.** A traditional form of service, frequently with guest speakers.  
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**Editor's Note:-** I had this response from Ed (column to the right→>) re a recent **fly-tipping story** in the news:- I take this crime very seriously indeed. It blights the areas it occurs in, poses risks to environment and human health, and affects the livelihoods of those involved in the legitimate waste management industry.

I am therefore pleased to tell you that **new regulations** have been brought in to give the Environment Agency & local councils **more effective tools** to use in investigating and prosecuting waste crimes. These include letting them seize vehicles for a wider range of suspected offences, if they have reasonable grounds to believe one has been committed.

The Environment Agency investigates larger scale fly-tipping incidents: these are offences committed by organised gangs, those involving more than one lorry or tipper load of waste, or where hazardous waste has been dumped. Local authorities are responsible for investigating and clearing up smaller scale fly-tipping on public land.

The **maximum penalties** for fly-tipping on summary conviction are a £50,000 fine and/or twelve months' imprisonment. If a case results in conviction in a Crown Court, the maximum penalties are an unlimited fine and/or five years' imprisonment.

Naturally **I would urge anyone with information** about any waste offences to **report it** either to the local authority, or the Environment Agency as appropriate.

# WESTMINSTER VIEW



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

Last month the Herald published a small and innocuous article, with the heading 'Response due on Wantage-Didcot name change plan', but I'd like to point out that no such change has ever been considered. Didcot and Wantage are two entirely wonderful, but separate, towns with their own distinct identities, and this will most certainly continue indefinitely. What is being proposed, as the rest of the article makes clear, is merely changing the Parliamentary constituency name from 'Wantage' to 'Didcot and Wantage' as part of a UK-wide boundary review by the Boundary Commission..

I have been receiving a lot of correspondence recently on the 'EU Withdrawal Bill' (the 'Great Repeal Bill'). While I supported it at second reading, that is on the basis that it's improved upon in the committee stage. There has been much discussion around the so-called 'Henry VIII' powers that will give ministers the power to change or update EU laws without putting changes before Parliament. **On a practical level this measure is sensible**, as putting every change before Parliament would be an impossible task due to the volume of legislation. However, I feel that the proposed powers go beyond what is reasonable for the Govt to achieve its stated aims. To this end I have put my name to **three amendments**, all designed to ensure that the powers given to ministers are proportionate and strictly focused on achieving the policy objective.

Last month it was a pleasure to meet the team at **Immunocore**, in Milton Park. They're one of the UK's fastest growing life science companies and an industry leader in the research and development of cancer treatments using T-cell receptors. I am immensely proud that **our constituency homes some of the very best scientific researcher and engineers.**

As well as the brilliant organizations working collaboratively at Milton Park, we have over £1billion of world-leading research infrastructure at Harwell Campus - home to around 200 science and research organizations and 5000 of the UK's most innovative minds. Additionally, last month I also caught up with Sovereign – one of the main social housing providers in the constituency – and with OCC to discuss a range of infrastructure projects.

**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](mailto:dicksonce@parliament.uk); Either I or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. See [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com) for up to date news. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please complete the online form at:- [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com)



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## More Drayton Clubs & Groups

### Drayton BOWLS Club

### 'Roll Up'

We start these notes by rectifying an error from our last notes when we stated Ann Webb would be the **new club treasurer**, when it should have read Ann Hedges, apologies to both ladies!

There have been two internal competitions recently, ladies and gents singles competitions, and the ladies final will be between **Sheila Wilson and June Hyde**, and playing the gents final will be **Barry Davis and Bryn Jones**, these matches will be played on finals day December 17th.

The **John Berry Monday league** is well underway and will be completed by the end of November. The winter afternoon league has just started with the 'Wasps' and 'Hammers' competing in Division 1, with both teams looking to giving a good account.

In August, 30 members of the club enjoyed a **great afternoon** at Bablock Hythe, with a lovely lunch, followed by a skittles competition which was won by Barry Davis, Liz Brenton, Pat Hoyland & Pam Lacey. The day was organised by **June and Val**.

September, also at Bablock Hythe, a dozen members enjoyed a lunch and afternoon entertainment, this also turned out to be a **very nice day**, again **thanks to June** for arranging it all, we are planning to do **the same thing on December 6th** when Christmas lunch and entertainment will be on the agenda, so keep your eye out on the notice board in the club for further information.

The **'Friendly Fours'** competition is being held at the end of October when several clubs from around the area will be competing; that day is being **organised by Jane**.

The last internal competition of the year will be 'The Didcot Windows' open singles, this will be held on the 26th November.

### Drayton Rainbows

### Victoria Wright

Drayton Rainbows meet on Thursdays in term time in Drayton Hall from 5.30 - 6.30pm and welcome new girls of 5 and 6 years. (see [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) for more info).

This term we will say **"au revoir"**, **good luck and thank you** to one of our Leaders, **Georgina Arnold** who is leaving us after two and a half years so that she can give more time to her Queen's Guide Award.

We will need **a new regular helper, or two** – do get in touch if you would like to know more – **it could be you!**

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## YOUR LETTERS



### Great Feat

Dear Editor, via email


I would like to thank **Drayton Brownies**, and various members of the **village community** who kindly sponsored me for my charity cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats.

The contributions made have helped to raise **£5000 for Macmillan Cancer Support**.

Many Thanks Thomas Deabill

(Ed's Note :- And when I asked, the reply was that it took NINE - very long - days, so a real epic, and WELL DONE!)

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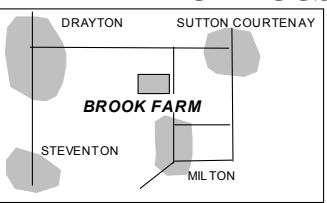


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### A Jolly Good Moan

Dear Editor Steventon Road

Thanks to Richard (Webber) for reminding us what a boon the Neighbourhood Plan has been (in the Oct Chronicle). I wonder how many of the "90% of us" who voted for it have read it all?

I tried, and almost did it, before I nodded off, but a couple of horrors within it still worry. Aside from the subsequent lack of the promised control of development, (sorry, we should have said 'facilitation' of development), the yet-to-come traffic calming proposals are a hoot. How many of us really want all road marking removed; pedestrians and cars/lorries sharing the same space; a driver's clear vision of the road ahead purposely obscured by new trees planted for that intent; optical illusions designed for the same reason or all the bus stop laybys removed?

Now I like sitting behind a bus blocking the road as much as anyone, nothing like the back of a bus for five minutes to secure traffic calm, but I can only be claimed as a vote for this because so much was hidden in 70+ obscuring pages.

How easily we ordinary, trusting people are manipulated by a few game-playing, self appointed 'nannies'? Hopefully reason, or economics, will yet prevent this act of the vanity pantomime taking the stage.

Yours Faithfully Alan Bourne

[Ed's Note:- For our newer readers, why not visit the **Drayton website**, that's <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/> then find the 'drayton-2020' link to find 'submission copy' (the Neighbourhood Plan) and 'traffic-studies' (has a very detailed **Traffic Calming Study**, discussed at a well-attended village workshop, Feb 2016).

That document has:- "new surface dressing connecting the existing bus lay-bys" & "highlighting the bus stop area" and has a picture/mock-up of a bus in a lay-by, so I'm not sure what Alan has seen to provoke his ire at the prospect of being stuck behind a bus - though if going to Abingdon in a 'rush'-hour, (such an odd term!) there's a good chance of being stuck behind many things!

Perhaps it's also appropriate to point out that any traffic measures are of course not within the remit of any Parish Council, but subject to what - in this area - Highways England and OCC can do, so whilst studies and consultations - & many meetings! - can take place, the PC only has a limited amount of influence.]

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### A Good Samaritan

Dear Editor Lyford Close

Can you please forward my thanks to the gentleman who realised I had left my hand bag behind, and thankfully passed it to my mother for safe keeping. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

Kind regards Debbie Cairney

(Ed's Note :- from the date this came in, was likely end-Sept?)

### Letters to the Editor

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. Also, we need full contact details - even if a request is made to not publish a name.



### Coffee Morning

Dear Editor High St

The recent **coffee morning** raised **£860** for **Macmillan Cancer Support**. We would like to **thank everyone** who came and gave so generously, and in particular **Miriam Drew and Ann Hutchings**, who gave the proceeds of their craft/card sales, and **Bloor Homes** for their kind donation.

Yours sincerely

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## More Letters

### Drayton FC

Dear Editor

Abingdon Road

I would like to respond to the 'Sports for All in Drayton' article which appeared in the October issue of the Chronicle.

Drayton F.C. has been partly involved with the plans for the new sports facilities planned for Walnut Meadow. Our ground is on the rec by the Village Hall and has been there for over fifty years. We have 3 men's teams using the facilities, 2 share the ground on Saturdays and we have a Sunday League team. The rec is also used by parties using the Village Hall and recently it hosted FODSA's Summer Fair. It is also used by residents as a place to walk, sit, fly kites and enjoy.

The planned new facilities could well prove to be worthwhile, however we consider that any move should only happen if it is of benefit to the club. We have in the past run 2 men's teams and 3 youth teams all using the same pitch, which we maintain with the kind support of the Parish Council. We have never had to turn away a team, (or any one else), who wished to use the ground.

Drayton F.C. is a club in the ascendancy, and at a time when many small village teams are folding we are still going strong. But as with every volunteer run club, **we are always after support**. There is a drive to bring in new sports to the village which is of course a good thing, however we feel that if anybody would like to get involved **then they please get involved now** rather than wait for the new facilities to be ready!

If you know of a football team that is looking for a new ground, or are thinking of starting up a new team such as walking football, youth sides or five a side, **please contact us**. You may want to help out on match days, setting up the pitch or filling the water bottles, or if you simply wish to come and watch a game with a drink and a cheese roll -- **do please come along**.

Richard Seamark (Drayton FC 07565 421636)



## Narrow Roads – Too Many Cars

Dear Editor

Church Lane

Whilst in total sympathy with last month's Chronicle letter (on-path parking in the village), I wonder if the correspondent has taken into account the following points (& though I relate solely to Church Lane I do understand similar problems occur in those roads mentioned in the letter).

Church Lane is (especially near the Church) very narrow and some houses don't have driveways for off-street parking. When car owners park outside their property, the lane, in parts, becomes too narrow for other vehicles to safely pass hence the need to overlap the footway.

During Church services and Church Room events, attendees park outside the Church and the same problem necessitates overlapping the footway. Even then it is often reported that parked cars have their wing mirrors or paintwork damaged.

Service vehicles (refuse vehicles in particular) could not get down Church Lane without causing damage, if it were not for on-path parking at some locations. **I have myself experienced** having to walk in the road as the **path is blocked** by parked vehicles BUT when this happens my main concern is with speeding vehicles trying to negotiate the Lane without due caution, and NOT with those considerate motorists who can see the problem and will wait for pedestrians to pass the transgressing obstacles.

Church Lane & Henleys Lane incorporate several bends and narrows that bind them together which proves difficult enough to negotiate at the best of times: walking, jogging, pram pushing, cycling or driving, but this route is increasingly used by 'rat runners' from Abingdon Road to High Street and vice-versa, at busy times – **this I suspect will become the norm** as more houses are built in our village and the roads become further congested at those peak times.

What then may the answer be:- **Would a 20mph limit help?** Maybe - it has been applied to great effect in some villages so why not in our village on the lesser roads? Would pedestrians on road or pavement then feel any safer?

**Would a gated road** twist Church and Henleys Lanes help? – one that makes each one a 'No Through Road'? Maybe – it would at least mean only those who live or have business in the lanes would drive into them. This would surely cut down on the volume of speeding traffic and allow the shared system of cars and pedestrians to be more equal.

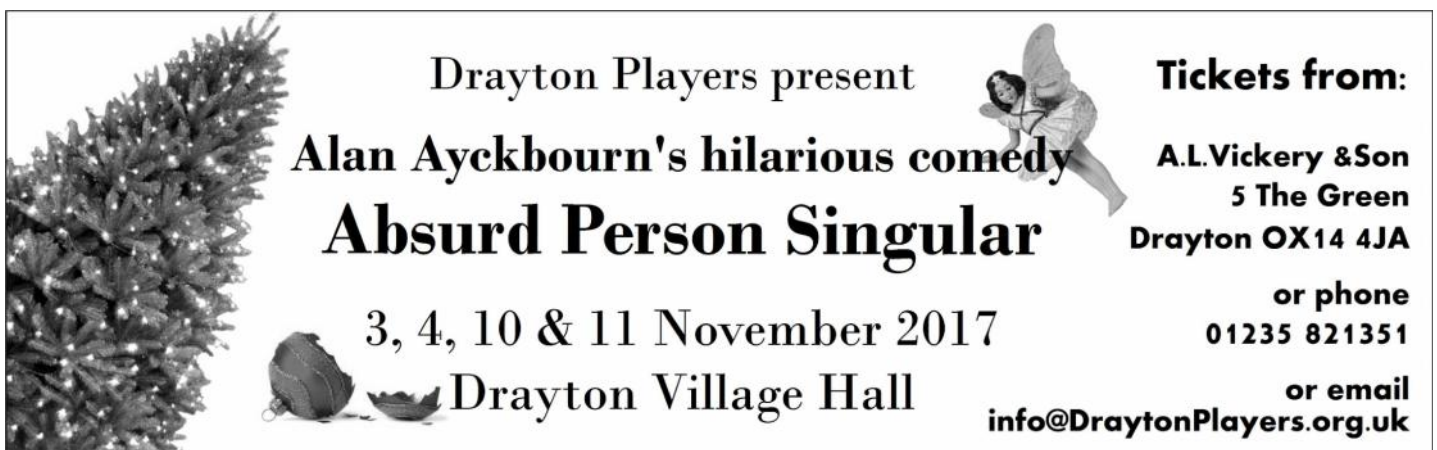
**Yellow lining possibly?** But what of those who have nowhere else to park and those wishing to attend Church or just visiting? Surely a 'No Parking' zone is out of the question. These are village lanes NOT Kensington High Street!

**The Dutch system** maybe? Roads that do not allow through traffic and only service vehicles and residents of the area allowed access and then only at a much reduced speed – why not? After all we are told it's our village and we should have a voice about the way forward.

We all have to share our village roads and I understand part of the 2020 plan details the 'road sharing' principle. For that to be achieved we need both considerate motorists and understanding pedestrians **and the help and support of local authorities** in putting together a sharing system that deters speeding or rat-running, and encourages unselfish attitudes on all sides.

Kind Regards

Bunty Knight



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The first of the district's new fleet of waste and recycling trucks are now out and about collecting your rubbish. BIFFA, our contractor, is awaiting delivery of the rest of the vehicles and we are expecting these to be on the road within the next few weeks.

The new fleet includes two different types of trucks - one larger vehicle, which will be used for recycling and household waste, and a smaller vehicle for food waste recycling.

**What does this mean for you?** At the moment, all of your waste or recycling and food waste is collected in different compartments of the same lorry. With the introduction of the new fleet, this will change - your waste or recycling (depending on which collection week it is) will be collected separately to your food waste by the different vehicles.

This means that the different types of bins may be emptied at different times of the day. However, **there will be no change to your collection day, or the way you put your bins out**.

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# Richard Webber - Oxon CC

## County Council Report

**A34** →> Carving its way through the middle of our county, separating the West from the East, packed with traffic, noisy, too narrow, accident prone, **the A34 affects the lives of all of us.** Built in the early 1970s to connect the South Coast docks with the Midlands, the concerns of Oxfordshire residents were never the highest priority for the road.

We would have the 'benefit' of access to a new high speed connection to North and South but it was never planned to be a means of relieving congestion in Oxfordshire towns and villages.

As the road has steadily filled up with more and more traffic (as roads do), the high speed 'benefit' has become a thing of the past. Under the sole control of Highways England, **Oxfordshire has had little say** in how the A34 is organized. As traffic volumes have increased, there have been more accidents, breakdowns and hold ups. Roads assigned as 'Relief roads' - only to be used for diversions in emergencies when the A34 was blocked - are now used many times a year causing long tailbacks through villages, towns, and even Oxford City. **The A34 now seems to be much more a pain than a benefit.**

The problem of noise blighting the lives of nearby residents in Steventon, Drayton and Abingdon has been partly addressed by resurfacing with high density tarmac. The trouble faced by Highways England, and necessarily picked up by Oxfordshire Highways department is that improvement works to the A34, however great or small, involve closing the road while work is done, and diverting traffic through places and on roads not designed to take it.

This is annoying enough for those on the official diversion routes as their sleep is disturbed by heavy traffic pounding past them in the early hours. OCC Highways does its best by trying to ensure that a minimum number of people are affected. But it is particularly annoying for the dozens of people in villages and towns not on the diversion routes as HGVs ignore the signs, follow their SATNAVs and plough through the main roads and high streets.

**Surely we can solve this? Apparently it is not easy.** The police say they do not have the resources to police the villages and towns all night. There is no law that says it is illegal to ignore a diversion route, and how would you enforce it? OCC is obliged to keep the roads open for all the normal traffic so can only put up notices to try to direct the diverted traffic down the right routes.

Highways England agree it is a problem all over the country but are unable to offer a solution beyond getting the work done as quickly as possible. It seems the only solution is to improve Satellite Navigation, HGVs should have SATNAV systems whereby Highways England and local Highways can feed in official diversion routes.

**The good news** is that I am told the A34 work is all but complete for the next few months at least. The not so good? With all the infrastructure work in the pipeline, many more diversion routes will be in operation for the next few years. We can only pray for plenty of patience and plenty of creative thinking.

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 Oct 2nd

The meeting was attended by two members of the public as well as the councillors. **Stuart Davenport**, Drayton's Vale councillor, gave an update on the **removal of a section** of the Millennium Green boundary hedge, along with some trees, by a neighbour - **without permission**. The Millennium Green Trust, who are responsible for the land, have erected a temporary fence to stop children and dogs running into the road. They have also spoken with their solicitors with a view to possibly taking legal action against the neighbour in question. It is not clear whether this (wholly unauthorized) work amounts to criminal damage, but without doubt it was reckless and thoroughly selfish act. Needless to say, it will take years for the hedge to regrow to its former state.

On a more positive note, and by way of complete contrast with the foregoing, properly planned work on the **paths on the Millennium Green** has now begun. The new circular route is now complete; several link stretches have been put in, and the final surface is now being added. The result is a **massive upgrade** to the path network in appearance and usefulness, and the Green as a whole has never looked better. More's the pity that an act of **sheer unwarranted vandalism** has undermined the good work done by the Millennium Green Trust, the Parish Council, and all the other volunteers that keep the Green in trim.

With the publication of the **Vale's Part 2 Local Plan**, (Ed's note - Vale Plan, only been 4 years coming!) Stuart noted that the Govt's housing targets for the area **are more likely to increase** than decrease. In particular, Oxford City's unmet housing needs will have to be provided for by the surrounding local authorities, and it has been agreed that the Vale's share of the City's shortfall will amount to 2,200 extra dwellings, i.e. in addition to the 20,560 houses already required to be built by the year 2031.

An Extra-Ordinary meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Fri Sept 29th to consider in detail the financial aspects of the business case for the proposed **Walnut Meadow Sports Facilities**. There was insufficient time for the findings to be written up and circulated to councillors before the Oct 2nd PC meeting, but this will be done, and a revised version of the case will be circulated and presented for sign-off at the November meeting. →

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→ Councillors and the Parish Clerk recently met with the Vale planners, and with Stuart Davenport, to discuss the most recent planning application to **build 3 new houses on the site of No 19 Eastway**. This is in addition to the 8 houses on an adjoining site which have already been granted planning permission.

The Parish Council shares the concerns of neighbouring residents and others in the village, and believes that the way both applications have been handled - by the Vale, in relation to the planning aspects, and by OCC, in relation to road access - has been **profoundly unsatisfactory**.

The PC **objected to both applications** and its comments can be seen on the Vale's website. The second application is to be heard on 25th October, so at the time of writing, the outcome remains to be seen, although the Vale officers' recommendation is to grant planning permission. It is the PC's intention to write a separate article specifically about this application in the next issue of the Chronicle. Right now, it looks as if, whatever we do, the development will be given the green light, but hopefully, the article will address some of the criticisms raised by residents and explain why we are where we are.

**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](mailto: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.

All **Parish Council minutes** are now **archived** on the village website: <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/> which also has a link to 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 Nov 6th, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. **As ever, all are welcome to attend.**

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## Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG5 Safety Corner)

### Suspicious activity and anti-social behaviour

Police advice to the public is to call 101 if they see anyone behaving suspiciously. Reporting suspicious behaviour ensures that the neighbourhood police team are kept updated about activity in specific areas.

Thames Valley Police will not tolerate anti-social behaviour at any time of the year. To report anti-social behaviour, call 101, the **24-hour TVP non-emergency number**. If you feel threatened, if it's an emergency, or if a crime is in progress, call 999.

**Home security** The neighbourhood police team offer **FREE home security surveys**. They take about 30 minutes with info & advice about the best locks, lighting and plants for your house and garden. Please call 101 and request a survey, or you can email via [AbingdonOuterNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:AbingdonOuterNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

**A house in darkness** is usually a sure sign that there's no-one at home. Consider purchasing a timer plug-in device that can turn lamps on and off to make it look as if the house is occupied while you're out at work, out in the evening or away on holiday?

**Don't leave** anything of value, such as laptops, tablets, mobile phones or cash visible through windows or front doors.

**Never leave keys in locks**. Thieves always look for the quickest exit, which isn't necessarily the way they entered a property.

Insurance companies often regard **conservatories** as insecure. Therefore, any internal doors to and from conservatories should always be locked, and the key removed, before you leave the house and before you go to bed.

**Lock tools, ladders, garden equipment** etc away. If left out, or not locked away, they may actually aid a break-in.

**Keep side gates, garages and sheds locked** with a good quality lock or padlock, AND **Don't advertise** the fact that you're going, or away, on holiday with photographs and posts on social media (as with well-known footballer John Terry!).

### Vehicle security

There has been a spate of thefts of **expensive cars**. If car keys are left near the front door it won't take long for them to be found and stolen. AND – **anything** left in a car is an invitation to thieves.

### Halloween

Police will be carrying out patrols on **Halloween** to ensure that people who are trick-or-treating are doing so in a friendly way, and not causing a nuisance. If you feel **unsafe**, don't open your door if you're unsure about who is there. Use a spyhole or look out of a window to see who it is. Use a door chain if you decide to open your door. Have a neighbour or good friend's telephone number handy, just in case you need to phone them.

If you're part of Neighbourhood Watch and don't have internet access ask your Coordinator to download and print a **'no trick or treat'** poster for you to display on your door.

**The top 10 deterrents for home thieves**, according to a recent 'Neighbourhood Watch News' are:- 1. CCTV camera 2. Sound of a barking dog (neighbours not so keen?!) 3. Strong heavy doors 4. TV that's turned on 5. Locked Upvc windows 6. Cars parked on driveway 7. Overlooked property 8. Surrounding fences 9. Gates outside of the property 10. Motion activated security lights.

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### Yet Another Scam Doing the Rounds?!



Yes, a new one every week it seems. I (editor) met this one myself, a few weeks ago. A call **apparently** from **Phones Ltd**, talking about good deals on mobile phones. But 'apparently' is the key word, the scammers are

in Pakistan (or similar) and are just trying to get your account details. I twigged what was going on – their accent & poor English helped, but DO BEWARE such a call.

**Phones Ltd is a LEGIT British firm**, and their website warns of this scam – **they do NOT do business this way**, (so **no 'cold calling'**), they merely respond to calls/emails for advice **from us**, and hope to get fees from firms after they put customers in contact with a good deal. The crooks use 'call masking' to make it look like you're being called from a real UK number, but it won't be the actual one for this firm. Their website is [www.phonesltd.co.uk](http://www.phonesltd.co.uk) or email [info@phonesltd.co.uk](mailto:info@phonesltd.co.uk) (or call them on 01473 231323).

NB:- Use the Telephone Preference Service to block 'cold calls' from UK firms, [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk) or 0345 070 0707.

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>.

**Contact NAG5** :- [neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com) or call 01235 848694; **To contact the police call either 101 (for non-emergencies) or 999 (for emergencies).**

## More Local News

### Drayton Millennium Green Trust

Firstly we are glad to announce the Mad Hatters Tea Party, made a profit of just under £500. We'll be buying some bulbs to be planted in the Autumn with some of the proceeds, and getting together to plan for next year early in the new year. If you have **any suggestions or ideas** for us please feel free to email me. **Thanks again to the Parish Council** for their help with those vital facilities and to all who came and the many fabulous helpers!

Our **final clear-up morning** for 2017 is planned for Sunday Nov 19th from a slightly later time of 11.00 to 1.00pm, to allow for those weekend lie-ins. As this is the last event this year and the attendance on the last couple of dates has been very low, we really are **hoping for a good turnout**. It really is fun, especially when there are a few to share the jobs between. If you use the Green regularly, go on, PLEASE give us an hour or so of your time with a bit of hands-on help, it really would be appreciated.

Any users will have noticed the **fabulous path upgrade** that is soon to be finished. Thanks to our neighbours for putting up with any disturbance during this time, though I do think the contractors have tried to keep them to a minimum. They have also commented how nice it's been to have **positive comments** from visitors while they work! Another big **thank you to the Parish Council**, it is something that we were working towards, but it just wouldn't have been possible in the near future. To show a couple of happy users here's a photo of **Mollie and Amelie**, Mollie can now ride her bike right round the Green, with only her daddy running along behind to shout encouragement! Two very happy girls!

*Jane McWhirter*

(Chair DMGTrust)

[chair.draytonmillenniumgreen@gmail.com](mailto:chair.draytonmillenniumgreen@gmail.com)



### What does Neighbourhood Watch involve?

Neighbourhood Watch schemes are run by the members through a **co-ordinator** and supported by the local police; by encouraging and enabling people to get to know their neighbours Neighbourhood Watch not only helps to prevent crime but it fosters a sense of a caring local community. There are **very few active Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Drayton** and **we'd love to hear from you** if you'd like some general information or are interested in joining.

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### DRAYTON SPORTS FOR ALL MEETING

Over 75 people attended the Drayton 'Sports for All' seminar on Sun Oct 15th (Drayton School) to discuss the new sports facilities planned for Walnut Meadow. A full report is available on the village website at <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/drayton-2020/> and will also be given in the next issue of the Drayton Chronicle.



Tom Shebbeare gave an overview of the project, and guided people into relevant interest groups, and the cakes provided by both Tom & Jane McWhirter were much appreciated! Thanks to the Parish Council for the arrangements and other refreshments.

### Doggie 'Doos' – and sadly some Don'ts?!

Dog mess is **still** being left around the village – **please clear up after your dog** and take the mess home or put it into a designated dog bin or VoWHDC litter bin. Bagging the dog mess and dropping the bag in a hedge is **still an offence** – and when the hedge is clipped/strimmed the contents can splatter all over volunteers or workpeople who are cutting back vegetation.



If you **witness** anyone leaving dog mess **and can identify** them, they can be prosecuted and fined. In the last quarter VoWHDC have issued several dog fouling fixed penalty notices. All were witnessed by locals who provided VoWHDC with a statement. If you wish to make such a report please contact Gary Marcham, (Environment Warden):- [gary.marcham@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:gary.marcham@southandvale.gov.uk)



David Perrow (Clerk to Parish Council)

## NOTICE BOARD

### FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 2.30pm to 4:00pm (NB **NEW start time!**) and you are invited to drop in during these times.

The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Our next dates are **Nov 7th & Dec 5th**.

If you need transport or further information please give me (**Jean Hager**) a call on 531558.

#### **YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL CONTACTS :-**

**Parish (Clerk)** David Perrow (draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk  
OR phone 07909 176 061);

**District (VofWH)** Stuart Davenport (01235 521078)  
& **Oxfordshire County** richardwebber777@gmail.com

### DRAYTON HALL NEWS

Not much space this month, but I'd better emphasise our **forthcoming shows**, the Players have a **very funny play**, (see ad on page 9), several well-known local faces treading the boards, two Fridays & Sats in early November.

That's soon followed by **Wantage Stage Musical Company**, doing their latest show '**Number 1 Hits Concert**' (60 years of Number Ones) Sat Nov 18th, £9 (£7 concessions) tickets at Vickery's, should be a **fun night out**, and you can check out their website [www.wsmc-music.co.uk](http://www.wsmc-music.co.uk) which says the show features the likes of Bill Haley, The Monkees, Queen & Abba, through to Katy Perry, Lady Gaga, etc (& you'd hope Beatles & Stones too!)

And Mums & Dads, Hall also has a **PANTO** this year, **Puss In Boots**, via the well-known local Jigsaw company, note the date, **Dec 10th**, afternoon & evening shows, their ad is on page 3.

BUT – also mums & dads, Sarah from 'Mess Around' tells me her very popular monthly parties (Sunday mornings) are sold out in Nov AND December now, so look out for next year!

Oh, and my usual plea at this time, to our various regular groups & classes, if you put the heating on, PLEASE turn it off as you go, & we've NOT yet got clever lights that turn themselves OFF!!

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### **St. Peter's Church**

All Souls' Service, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 3pm

**A time to remember loved ones who are no longer with us and light a candle in remembrance of them.**

If you would like a loved one's name to be read out at this service, there is a sheet on the welcome desk in Church to add their details (or contact Linda Johnson, email [lindajcw@gmail.com](mailto:lindajcw@gmail.com) )

### **OTHER LOCAL PLACES OF WORSHIP**

**Methodist Chapel** High Street, Milton,  
Sunday Service: 10.30 am  
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### LISTINGS

**Sobell House Christmas Fayre** – has gifts for all ages, and a terrific cause, Sat/Sun Nov 25th/26th, Radley College as usual.

**Arts Society Abingdon** – monthly lecture is Weds Nov 15th, 10.30am & 2pm, Trinity Church, re 'Auguste Rodin – the first modern Sculptor?' Non-members welcome, £6 (inc tea/coffee).

**Christmas Fayre** – and **Fun Dog Show** – Sun Nov 19th, 11am to 2pm, National Animal Welfare Trust, Trindledown Farm, Great Shefford RG17 7DQ – call 01488 638584 for more info.

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**GARD** :- Chairman Dr Derek Stork has a **seminar**, village hall, Weds Nov 15th, 7.45 (after Brownies), re the still-going Reservoir project, **latest news & info**, so **DO bring your questions**.

### **FOSTER CARERS NEEDED**

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**THIS MONTH** there's a **Fostering Information event:- Speak directly** to our (Oxon CC) recruitment team, social workers and experienced foster carers. It's **Weds November 15th** from 6.30 - 8pm in **Nash Court, Oxford OX4 2RU** (just off the Eastern By-pass, the Cowley junction, other side from Tesco).

**You just might make a big difference to someone's life?**

# DRAYTON DIARIES

## DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

NB To book Drayton Hall call Tony Holmes on (01235) 531180 or visit the website :- [www.draytonvh.co.uk](http://www.draytonvh.co.uk)

Fri	3	7.30pm	Players Show (& 4/10/11th > Advert p9)
Sun	5	1.00pm	Private Function (Child's b'day)
Mon	6	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Sat	11	12.30pm	Chronicle Lottery Deadline
Sun	12	2.00pm	Private Function (Child's b'day)
Mon	13	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (p2) – Ads 12th
Weds	15	7.45pm	GARD seminar / Q&A (p15) <i>Small Hall</i>
Fri	17	5.00pm	Private Function
Sat	18	7.30pm	Number 1 Hits Show! (see page 15)
Sun	19	10.00am	Mess Around Party
Sat	25	10.00am	Dog Show (boxers)
		7.00pm	CRAFT evening (Preschool fundraiser)
Sun	26	9.00am	Bowls Club

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## REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

NB PLEASE – if an entry is wrong – DO tell an editor (page 2)

### MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	Seniors 'Gentle' Yoga (Helen 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 Alexandra Merson 07788 248925)	
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 Vicky 07801 447720)	
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)	
7.45 pm	ShikiDojo Martial Arts (check Paul on 07479 824887)	

### 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>
6.00 pm	Evening Service	<i>Baptist Church</i>

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