

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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The nativity scene in St Peter's church triptych

*A Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all our
Readers
From the Chronicle Team*

CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Chronicle** will be the Jan/Feb issue:
 Editor: **Derek Pooley, 11 Hall's Close (559454)**
 Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 12 January 2018**
 Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Mon., 15 January 2018**
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Key dates for the subsequent Chronicle:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
March	12 February 2018	23 February 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!

Requests for advertisements should be emailed not to the editor but to advertising@draytonchronicle.net. Please note that advertisements eventually need to be in Word format, 9cms wide and, for a single block advert, about 4.5cms high

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

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

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

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

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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter

RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER LOTTERY

CASH		
Prize	Winner	Agent
£25	Mrs Peacey, Steventon Road	Judy Henman
£20	Mrs M Bradshaw, Lockway	Sue Ash
£15	Val Cross, Binning Close	Cathy Norris
£10	Janet Wooley, Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson
£10	Mrs Alsworth, Sutton Wick Lane	Keith Clough
£10	Mrs T Smith, Meads Close	Daniel Scharfe
£10	Mrs Tolmie, Corneville Road	Ruth Hudson/Val Mann Gladwin
£10	Mrs Pointer, Sutton Wick Lane	Keith Clough
£10	Mrs Hamilton, Sutton Wick Barn	Keith Clough
£10	Mr Maillol, Abingdon Road	Daniel Scharfe

WINE		
Prize	Winner	Agent
1st	Daniel Scharfe, Abingdon Road	Daniel Scharfe
2nd	Emma Freund, Cheirs Farm	Doreen Mason
3rd	Cindy Thornhill, Lockway	Sue Ash
4th	Graham Reeves, Corneville Road	Ruth Hudson/Val Mann Gladwin
5th	Mrs R Wright, Binning Close	Cathy Norris
6th	Denise & Harvey, Thornhill Mobile Home Park	Theresa Burnage
7th	Sarah O'Leary, Lockway	Sue Ash
8th	P Silver, Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson
9th	Mrs Lacey, Whitehorns Way	Trudi Buckner
10th	Miriam Drew, Steventon Road	Judy Henman

CHOCOLATES		
Prize	Winner	Agent
1st	Mr Law, Sutton Wick Farmhouse	Keith Clough
2nd	Mr & Mrs Robinson, Lockway	Christine Sadler
3rd	Mr Viner, Lockway	Christine Sadler
4th	Jake Humes & Kelly, Lockway	Christine Sadler
5th	Dixey & Shirley, Henleys Lane	Andrew Bax
6th	Mr Berry, Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson
7th	Mr & Mrs Malin, Church Lane	Susan Brooks
8th	Mr T Scaysbrook, Lockway	Sue Ash
9th	Mr & Mrs J Knight, Church Lane	Susan Brooks
10th	Mr C Brooks, Whitehorns Way	Trudi Buckner

Winning tickets, from 1969 sold, were randomly drawn by a computer (similar to the Premium Bond Draw)
 Deadline for Lottery packs: 12.30 on Saturday 13th January
 (To Carol Arnold, 95 Abingdon Road)

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

We would like to welcome Justin and Sophie Golding who have moved into Sutton Wick Lane, from Littlemore, with their three dogs.

You may also want to note that the wild ducks have returned to the pond in Sutton Wick Lane. Up to eight fly in during the day to join the five ducks (including some Indian Runners) and eight geese from the farm. *Keith & Jean Clough*

Welcome to Annie & Lucy O'Sullivan who have moved into Sutton Wick Lane from Caldecott Road Abingdon.

Peter, Clare, Camilla & Stanley Kirk who have moved into Newman Lane from San Mateo California.

Claire, Steve, Charlie and Imogen Cox who have moved into Whitehorns Way. *Carol Arnold*

Welcome to Mark, Louise and Molly who have moved into Corneville Road from Great Western Park. *Editor*

Editor's note: Front page colour picture of St Peter's triptych from Derek Pooley.

INVITATION FOR NEW CHRONICLE TEAM MEMBERS

The Chronicle is individually edited by three people who take it in turns, therefore the editorial duty cycle is every three months. The current editors are Derek Pooley, Tony Holmes and Dave Lee. Derek has indicated for some time that he intended to retire from Chronicle duties when he reached 80, he will then have been editing for 20 years, his 80th birthday has just passed.

Tony Holmes has been editing for longer than Derek but is still intending to carry on. Dave Lee has only been editing for twelve years but he will be 80 next year.

It is clear that we need to inject new blood into the editing team especially as plans are being discussed that will introduce a new appearance and content for the Chronicle.

SO, Now is the time to come aboard so you can be part of these exciting new developments and also see how the Chronicle is produced from the current team before they move on.

In addition to the editorial team, there is a desperate need for agents to deliver Chronicles in their local area and to sell lottery tickets.

If you want to know more about what is involved, you can enquire from any of the following without necessarily being committed.

Gareth Davies - garethj.davies@virgin.net, 529510: Derek Pooley - derek_pooley@talk21.com, 559454: Tony Holmes - tony-holmes@ntlworld.com, 531180: Dave Lee - david_r.lee@ntlworld.com, 202699: Lottery Manager - Carol Arnold - carolannarnold@sky.com, 531923: Advertising Manager - Stephen Fearnley - advertising@draytonchronicle.net, 531347

QUENTIN HAYNES 1940-2016

Simon Haynes & Janet Wait

Quentin Haynes was born in 1940 to Reg (from Abingdon) and Marjorie (from Sutton Courtenay), and lived with his younger sister Janet and brother Mick in East Way. The house, standing in the garden of Reg's sister Rose, was made of wood and had no electricity or running water. It was lit by gas and water was drawn from a well in the garden.

The children attended the school in the High Street, reached via a field of fruit trees behind Steventon Road. Quentin also sang in the choir at St Peter's Church, where the bellows for the organ were operated by an older boy who many years later was to become his foreman and friend, Frank Jones. When Peter arrived in 1950, 17 East Way became too small and the family were rehoused in Abingdon, where younger sister Mandy and brother Martyn followed in the home in which the Haynes family still live. Two weeks after accepting the move to Abingdon, notice came through that they could have taken a house in Hilliat Fields.

Work as a civil engineer took Quentin around the country before settling back in Abingdon, but he always described himself as being from Drayton.

In fact, he never forgot Drayton. In his will he generously donated £1000 to Drayton Community Trust which, after discussion with Simon, his son, will be used specifically for the proposed new Pre-School.



Quentin (on the right) with his sisters, around 1946

ANYBODY MISSING A SMALL CAT?



He's been 'lodging' in Whitehorns Way for a while, gets fed by a couple of households, but they have cats, who aren't keen on a new housemate!

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Rector	Revd Helen Kendrick	01235 848297
Associate Priest	Rev'd Rosie Bruce	07766421773
Churchwarden	Mrs Linda Johnson	01235 527521

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion on 2nd Sunday of month only
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (CW), except 3rd Sunday when there is a non-Eucharistic All Age Service.
Thurs	9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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 DECEMBER

Tues 5th	2.30pm	First Tuesday Connection	Church Room
Tues 12th	7.30pm	Licensing of Meg Heywood	Church
Sun 17th	4pm	Carol Service	Church
Sun 24th	4pm	Crib Service	Church
Mon 25th	10am	Family Eucharist with Carols	Church
Sun 31st	10am	Damascus Group Service	at All Saints

Church Sutton Courtenay – NO SERVICE AT ST PETER'S

YOU STAY - WE PRAY, DECEMBER

1st to 2nd	Hilliat Fields; Lyford Close; Manor Close; The Green.
3rd to 9th	High Street; Chiers Drive; Cheers Farm; Halls Close
10th to 23rd	Lockway; Whitehorns Way.
24th to 30th	Corneville Road; Crabtree Lane; Lesparre Close

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DAMASCUS LETTER

From the DAMASCUS Ministry Team



The DAMASCUS Parish
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Appleford
St Blaise, Milton
All Saints', Sutton
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Angels,
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Let Jesus Show!

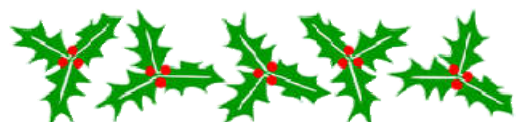
The nativity scene with all its characters was in place, as the children (representing angels), gathered around the manger. They sang: 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will among men'. Suddenly a small girl on the edge of the crowd, who couldn't see what was going on, shouted out, 'Let Jesus show!' At Christmas time, we want to let Jesus show, in our churches, communities and lives. We have an amazing message to share: 'in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord' (Luke 2:10). It was to the shepherds, apart from His parents, that Jesus was first shown. No doubt these simple shepherds would have no idea of what the names given to Jesus fully meant (ie Saviour, Messiah and Lord). All they needed to know, and all we need to know, is that God has done something unique in coming to earth as a human being. This is good news of great joy for everybody! After worshipping the child, the shepherds return to their normal routine. However, they would never be the same again! Even though their work and social standing were unchanged, they had a message to share and let Jesus show. Although we don't normally see angels, we have the same good news to share! When Christmas is over and we're back to our normal routines, how will we let Jesus show in our lives?

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.

This Christmas you might be interested in the Church of England's #GodWithUs Campaign.

'The constant refrain of Christmas, in carols and readings, is that God is with us. In whatever situation you find yourself this Christmas, God is with you – you need only turn to Him and ask to know His presence.' So says the Archbishop of Canterbury. There is lots to enjoy throughout December, as this year's campaign has three key elements: Firstly, there are three videos that tell the story of the joy of going to your local church at Christmas, which are being released throughout December on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. There is also help in finding a church near you, where you can find a Christmas service or event taking place in one of the 16,500 Church of England churches. Find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/notes/church-of-england/the-new-a-church-near-you/10155179290523143/> Finally, you can enjoy Your Christmas Journey, a series of short reflections throughout December and into early January 2018, introduced by Archbishop Justin Welby. The reflections have been written by people who are new to faith and to help us all grow in our love of God. You can receive the messages as texts, emails, on social media and also in a booklet (Church House Publishing). So, as December begins, why not sign up to join the Your Christmas Journey reflections, by texting GodWithUs to 88802.



BAPTIST CHURCH

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

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

6.00 pm Traditional form of service.
frequently with a guest speaker
Communion every 2nd Sunday

BAPTIST CAFÉ

Thursdays 11.00 to 13.00, rain or shine, in or out
tea, coffee and cake

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

LOCAL METHODIST WORSHIP

High Street, Milton

Sunday Service: 10.30 am

Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS Jean Hager

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 2.30 pm to 4:00 pm and you are invited to drop in during these times. Our next three dates will be 5th December, 2nd January and 6th February.

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CRIB SERVICE – Sunday 24th December 4pm

MIDNIGHT MASS – Sunday 24th December 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – Monday 25th December 10am

DAMASCUS PARISH SERVICE – Sunday 31st December 10am

at All Saints Sutton Courtenay –

NO SERVICE AT ST PETER'S ON DEC 31st

All Collections from the Christmas services will go to
BeFreeYoungCarers www.befreeyc.org.uk

At the back of church there will be paper stars, 'Stars for Remembrance'; if you would like to have a friend or loved one remembered at Christmas please write their names on a star and leave in the basket provided. This year these stars will be hung on the Christmas tree in Church

LOTTERY TICKETS

It is mentioned elsewhere in this Chronicle that Lawrence has a stock of spare Chronicles for anyone who needs another copy but did you know that he also keeps a supply of Lottery tickets. So if you want to increase your chance of winning, get down to Vickery's.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Williams

Report of the Parish Council meeting held on Mon 6th November 2017.

Two residents of the new Walnut Meadow development reported concerns about the safety of the road junction into the site. Visibility when emerging onto the Abingdon Road is poor, mainly due to restricted vision towards the south. Although this was partly due to a wooden fence that has now been cut back, a section of overgrown hedge continues to obscure the view. An additional problem is that, although most drivers entering the village from the north slow down as they approach the 30mph limit, a few impatient and irresponsible drivers do not, and actually attempt to overtake those keeping to the limit. One such manoeuvre took place recently right at the Walnut Meadow junction, narrowly avoiding a collision with a car turning out into the Abingdon Road.

It was explained that the Parish Council first raised these safety issues with Miller Homes and OCC over a year ago, and despite repeatedly pointing out the need to improve vision at the splay, install street lighting etc., nothing has yet been resolved. This is mainly down to a basic lack of communication between Millers and OCC. Unfortunately, communication with Millers especially, has been a continual difficulty on this site. The Parish Council have also tried to get the 30mph limit extended north by a couple of hundred yards so that the sign is located out of sight beyond the bend to the left. This would be logical as well as safer, since, at the moment, motorists tend to accelerate approaching the 50mph sign and are then immediately instructed by the road markings to 'Slow' as they approach the bend. However, the Police have objected to moving the sign, and have point blank refused to reconsider their decision. OCC have already agreed to reduce the 50mph limit between Drayton and Oday Hill to 40mph (a change which, incidentally, the Police also objected to) and the Parish hopes it may convince OCC to overrule TVP on moving the sign as well.

Derek Stork on behalf of GARD gave a short presentation on the issue of the Abingdon reservoir. Despite being seen off by a public enquiry some years ago, this proposal has not gone away, and a reservoir remains very much on Thames Water's future agenda. It is only one of several options being put forward, but the suspicion is that the others serve a largely cosmetic function, and that all along, a reservoir has been the company's favoured solution. Derek is seeking active campaign help and general/financial support. He was due to present more detailed facts and figures about Thames Water's plans at a public meeting in Drayton on 15th November at the Village Hall.

The second application to build an additional three houses at Eastway (planning permission has already been granted for eight) was thrown out by the Vale's Planning Committee. The councillors took a dim view of what they saw as a deliberate attempt by the developers to sneak in a 'major' site (ten or more properties), by splitting the application. They made their decision in the full knowledge that the developer may appeal, and that the appeal could be lost, requiring the Vale to pay costs. It is an indication of their strength of feeling on the subject and desire to send an appropriate message to the developers that they voted against regardless.

A sad piece of news is that David Perrow, our Parish Clerk for the last seven years, has decided to resign next April (2018), which is a year before this Council's period of office comes to an end in April 2019. This is primarily because David wants to reduce his commitments and have more time for his family. It is a fact that the Clerk's job has expanded enormously in recent years with the advent of the Neighbourhood Plan, and the need to implement the various projects included in it. All of the councillors know how essential David has been to keeping everything on track, and

although the village as a whole may not necessarily be aware of how hard David has worked on their behalf, those residents who have had dealings with him will be aware of his qualities. David was for four years Head of Administration and Finance at the Bodleian Library; for three years Director of Information Systems and Services at Templeton College in Oxford; and he has held a number of other posts of equivalent responsibility. He has managed budgets of up to £30 million. Drayton is extraordinarily lucky to have secured the services of someone with his background and level of experience as our Clerk, and he will be much missed. I hope to provide a more fitting tribute to David next April. In the meantime, we look for someone to replace him, which, to put it mildly, will not be easy.

Finally, a correction to my comment last month about the damage caused to some of the trees and hedges in Sutton Wick Lane bordering the Millennium Green. This work seems to have been undertaken essentially as a marketing ploy - so that the newly-built house in SWL could be advertised as 'having a view of the Millennium Green'. The PC has not changed its view of the act (i.e. it was mercenary and crass), but I should make clear that no one living in Sutton Wick Lane has any responsibility for the damage. The person who ordered the work was the developer who built the house, who does not himself live in Drayton. Apologies if, through clumsy wording, I appeared to suggest otherwise.

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 ensure that any messages are passed on. Any Drayton resident may also ask to be added to the Clerk's E-mailing list, so that they receive prior notice of meetings and any relevant documents.

In addition, all Parish Council minutes are now archived on the village website: <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/> The website also carries back copies of the Drayton Chronicle, information on the latest activities of the Drayton 2020 Implementation Committee, and details of other events in the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 4th December, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.



Parish councillor Colin Arnold in the process of mending the litter bin near the BMX track in Lyford Close.

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This is a part-time post; approx. 15 hours per week, although applicants should be flexible as to availability.

Drayton was the first 'large' village in the Vale to have its own Neighbourhood Development Plan. Due to the increased workload arising from this, you may work alongside a 'Drayton 2020' Project Manager, whose main responsibility will be the implementation of the Plan. The roles of Clerk and Project Manager are seen as separate but complementary.

The post would suit someone with previous local government experience, e.g. as a Deputy Clerk in a larger parish or town council, or someone recently retired from a full-time post as a Town Clerk, or as an administrator in a local authority.

Applicants must hold a current Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA), or be willing to obtain that qualification within 6 months of appointment.

For further details, or for an informal discussion about the post, please contact the present Parish Clerk, David Perrow, via E-mail at draytonclerk@gmail.com or by telephone on **07909 176061**.

Drayton Parish Council also has 2 vacancies for councillors right now. Anyone interested is invited to come along to a PC meeting to see what goes on (see Parish Council column for details).

All welcome, but especially residents new to the village!

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- 85g/3oz Sultanas
- 85g pack dried cherries
- 100g/4oz fresh or frozen cranberries
- 6 tbsp Brandy
- 2 tbsp dark Muscovado sugar

FOR THE ICE CREAM:

- 2 Cinnamon sticks, snapped in half
- ¼ tsp ground ginger
- ½ tsp freshly grated nutmeg
- ¼ tsp Caraway seeds
- 4 Cloves
- 600ml pot double cream
- 1 vanilla pod, split and seeds scraped out
- 3 large egg yolks
- 100g/4oz golden caster sugar
- Oil, for greasing the bowl
- 6 Ginger nut biscuits, broken into chunks
- Zest ½ Lemon and ½ Orange

FOR THE CRANBERRY SYRUP TOPPING:

- 85g/3oz Caster sugar
- 2tbsp Brandy
- 100g/4oz fresh or frozen cranberries

METHOD:

1 Mix all of the boozy fruit ingredients together in a bowl, then microwave on high for 3 mins. Stir, then leave to cool completely, ideally overnight.

2 For the ice cream, put the spices in a saucepan and gently heat for 3 mins or so, stirring once or twice, until fragrant. Tip in the cream and vanilla seeds, and bring to the boil. Meanwhile, whisk the yolks and sugar together. Whisk the hot cream into egg mix, then tip the mix into a clean pan and gently heat for 5-10 mins until it coats the back of a wooden spoon. Pour everything into a bowl or plastic container and leave to cool completely. If possible, chill it overnight as this will infuse the ice cream with a stronger Christmassy spice flavour.

3 Pass the mix through a sieve into another container, then freeze for 5hrs, stirring in the frozen edges with a fork every hour until you have a smooth, thick mix. Oil a 1.4 or 1.2 litre pudding basin and line with cling film.

4 Drain the boozy fruit in a sieve, mix the fruit with the ginger nuts and zests, then quickly stir into the ice cream. Tip into the basin, cover the surface with cling film, then freeze for at least 6 hrs.

5 For the topping, put everything into a small pan, gently heat until the sugar dissolves, then simmer for 2mins. Cool completely. To turn the pudding out, let it sit at room temperature for about 15mins, then turn onto a plate. Ease the cling film away. Spoon the cranberries and syrup over to serve.

PER SERVING: 675 kcals, protein 4g, carbs 61g, fat 45g, sat fat 24g, fibre 2g, sugar 55g, salt 0.15g.

PREPARE AHEAD:

The beauty of this dessert is that it can be made up to 1 month ahead.



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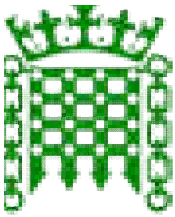
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WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey



In October, I spoke in Parliament alongside my fellow Oxfordshire MPs about the future of healthcare in the county. Wantage Hospital is currently in a state of limbo – Oxford Health announced in April 2016 that they would be closing the hospital due to concerns over legionella in the old pipe system. This decision is subject to a consultation by Oxfordshire CCG - a consultation which was previously promised in October 2016. Phase one of the consultation did not take place until January 2017, three months after the full consultation was promised. As Wantage is a community hospital it is not covered by this phase. Phase 2 of the consultation has yet to take place, and no date has been announced for when it will begin. This leaves the hospital effectively closed with no end in sight.

After an online petition was signed by almost 4,000 people it was agreed to keep the hospital's physiotherapy and maternity services open. However, Oxfordshire CCG re-tendered the hospital's physiotherapy services and the contract passed to HealthShare. The company has since had to close all physiotherapy services provided in Wantage, leaving the hospital with just limited maternity care. Whilst we all recognise the pressures on local health authorities, it is clear that the entire consultation process by Oxfordshire CCG has been completely unacceptable. We must have an open and transparent conversation about the services needed in our towns and communities and this should include full public and stakeholder engagement at every stage.

Also in October, the Communities Secretary Sajid Javid announced £2.5 million allocation funding for 9 garden towns across England. After a successful bid, I am delighted an additional £295,000 of capacity funding has been allocated to support the delivery of Didcot Garden Town in 2017/18. This additional funding is specifically for ongoing work on place-making, community engagement and the development of an arts and culture strategy. The Government recognises the important contribution the project will have on its central ambition of delivering more homes and I am pleased by the support for Didcot's ambitious community-led plans for growth.

It is also worth noting that Public Health England and NHS England have now launched their Stay Well This Winter campaign, which helps the most vulnerable people prepare for winter and avoid having to visit hospital due to common winter illnesses. If you're in one of the groups who are particularly susceptible – such as pensioners and pregnant women – or the parent of a young child, go and speak to your GP or pharmacist as soon as possible to give yourself the best chance of avoiding flu this year. More people than ever before are eligible for that free vaccination this year, including more young children and everyone who works in care homes. To check if you or your loved ones are eligible, and for other tips on staying well this winter, head to: www.nhs.uk/staywell.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, dicksonce@parliament.uk or 01235 768 888. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, <https://www.vaizey.com>. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please complete the online form at <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>.



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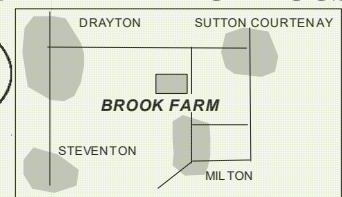
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COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Webber

Air Quality / No more talk and much more management please

For many years, concerns over Air Quality were confined to our largest cities. The Clean Air Acts of the 1950s solved (or at least reduced) the scale of the problem in those cities. As the impact of more and more cars and HGVs on our Air Quality began to be felt, concern spread way beyond the traditional centres of industrial smog. Not only does the centre of Oxford (one of the nation's smaller cities) now have a generally accepted problem of poor air quality, the problems are being felt in towns and villages all across the County. In our immediate area alone, Botley, Abingdon and Marcham have "Air Quality Management Areas" (where NOX gas levels breach European safety limits). Several other areas are likely to join them in the next few years. There is a growing awareness from Government at all levels that economic growth must take some account of Air Quality. There is plenty of talk about electric cars, even electric HGVs, clean Air Zones, better bus services and cycle lanes. There is also talk of just how many people's lives are being cut short by poor air quality.

The trouble is, it is just talk! Everyone knows something needs to be done. No-one seems quite sure how to set about it. Meanwhile, we build more and more houses, our roads become more and more congested and our health becomes more and more affected.

At this November's Full Council Meeting a motion was passed unanimously calling for urgent action. A Group of Councillors and officers from all Councils (District, City and County) is to be set up to come up with practical solutions to the County's Air Quality issues and instigate them as a matter of urgency. There will be some tough decisions to take including limits to which routes vehicles can take through the County – clean Air Zones, HGV diversions, the refusal of planning developments where air quality solutions cannot be found and an end to the argument that a little more housing won't make much difference.

Above all, it will involve an end to the years of talking about the problem and an end to the trend of different groups (including politicians) attempting to make the Air Quality Problem their own. The problem belongs to all of us – the environmentalists who truly care, the District Councils who are responsible for measuring Air Quality, the County Council which is responsible for traffic management and all levels of Government responsible for planning. *Richardwebber777@gmail.com Tel 01235 534001*

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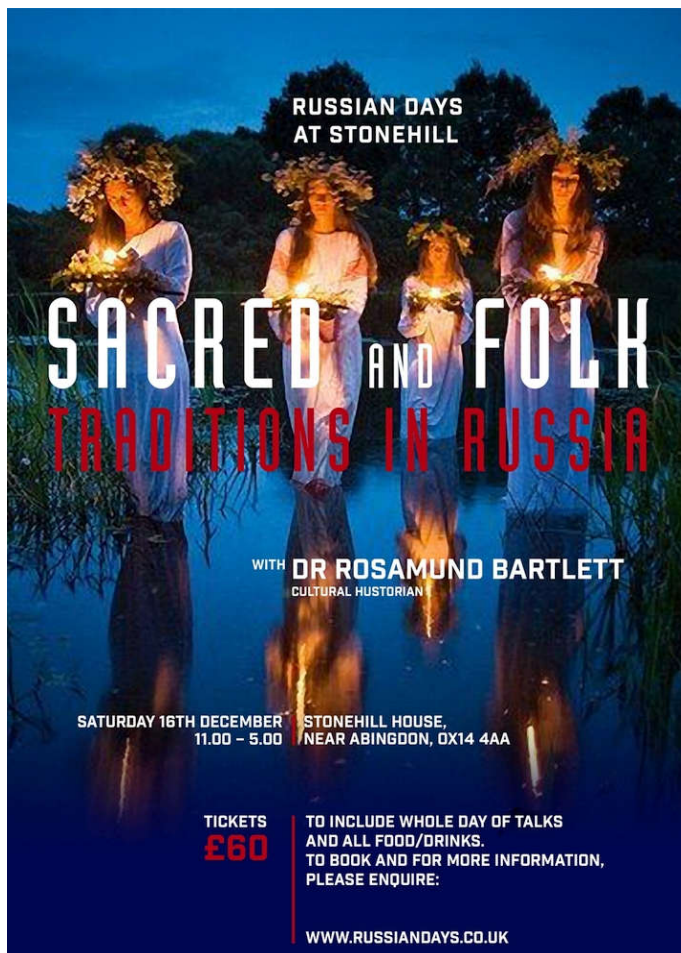
Andrew Bax

Interesting things happen in Drayton, but not everyone is aware of them. For instance, did you know about the talks on Russian history and culture hosted by Anthea Norman-Taylor in the converted barn of Stonehill House? People come from far and wide to attend. Many are already knowledgeable but some, like me, just want to learn a little; sometimes there are Russians living in the UK who have a direct connection with the topic under discussion. All are drawn by a fascination with that vast and extraordinary country.

This is the centenary year of events in St Petersburg which marked the beginning of the Russian Revolution, a common topic of talks earlier in the year. In October Sir Rodric Braithwaite, formerly UK Ambassador for Moscow presented *Armageddon and Paranoia: the Nuclear Confrontation of the 1960s*. It covered a period I remember well and his perspective from behind the scenes of power was revealing and absorbing, as well as disturbing. November's theme, too late for review in this Chronicle, was *Russophobia* by writers and broadcasters Mary Dejevsky and Mikhail Zygar, with insights which are both historical and contemporary. That's enough of politics so on 16th December Dr Rosamund Bartlett, author and historian, will speak on *Sacred and Folk Traditions of Russia from ancient times to the present day* which, on past form, promises to be intriguing and enjoyable. She is a lively speaker and her talks at Russian Days always attract a good audience.

Lunch is a particular highlight of the day and deserves a paragraph of its own. It is home-made, delicious and served in the conservatory of Stonehill House. Always, it is accompanied by animated conversation stimulated by the morning's session. There are home-made cakes and biscuits (as well as tea and coffee) on arrival and during the afternoon break, too.

Usually there are around 30 people at Russian Days and, sometimes, I am the only one from Drayton. If you hadn't heard about these talks before you are definitely missing out. For more information see www.russiandays.co.uk



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RUNNING AND ME

Jennie Cullen

I have been a runner most of my life representing my school at cross country and since then taking part in many different runs, 5 and 10 kilometres, half marathons, marathons, triathlons and assault courses.

This summer I have completed over 100 park runs. There are 5 kilometre runs held in many towns and cities across the world. There is one in Rye Meadow, Abingdon every Saturday at 9 o'clock. Free for everyone, you just have to register and turn up with your bar code.

My 100 runs are shared between Abingdon, 77 runs and South Shields, 23 runs. I run most days doing something different each day, speed work, hills, long slow runs, cross training on the bike and swimming.

One challenge this year was a pier to pier run in the Northeast. You had to run from one to the other using any route possible, through the sea, beach, cliffs, coastal path or the leas. If you went on the road you were disqualified.

Also this year I completed my 36th Great North Run, I only missed the first run in 1981. It was my slowest run ever at 2 hours 14 minutes but with good reason. It was a milestone birthday on the day of the run. I arrived at the start carrying a balloon and was interviewed by TV and radio reporters. During the run I had eight people saying it was their birthdays also. Along the route I had family and friends with birthday cakes so I had to stop three times for cake and people singing Happy Birthday. It was a great day.

The atmosphere is always really good with children wanting "high fives" and crowds offering everything from oranges, to jelly babies, biscuits and beer.

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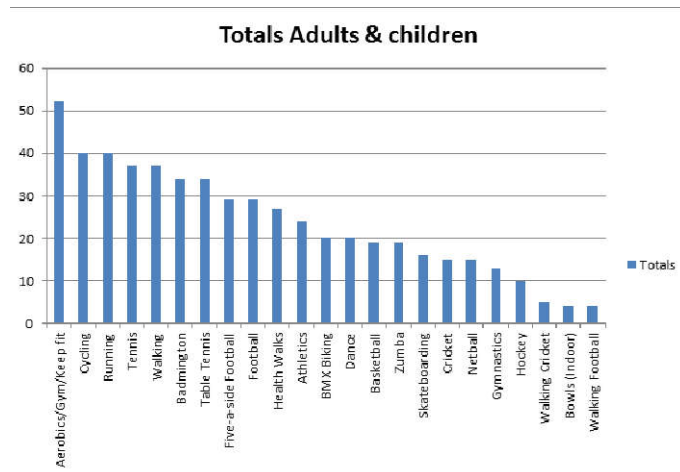
SPORTS FOR ALL

David Perrow

Thanks to all those who attended the Drayton 'Sports for All' open afternoon at Drayton School on Sunday 15th October to discuss the new sports facilities planned for Walnut Meadow. Seventy five people attended the event in all.

The PowerPoint presentation and handout are available on the village website at <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/drayton-2020/> - together with the feedback sessions and analysis of the questionnaire people filled in at the event indicating the sports/activities they are interested in playing and in helping with in the village.

The chart below shows the popularity of each sport/activity.





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BERNARD WEBB

Ann Webb

Bernard lost his fight with cancer on 22nd October. He left us as the sun came up. It was such a beautiful morning, but, for our family such a sad day that we had hoped would never come.

He was a local lad born in Hanney Road Steventon to his mum and dad Cis and Dick Webb. He was the eldest of nine children, and first grandchild of his grandparents Mr and Mrs W Curtis of Windyridge Farm, Milton Road. He spent a lot of time with gran and grandad and Aunt "Nin" and from this developed his love of all things farming. He learned to drive almost as soon as he learnt to walk. He could plough at the age of six.

The family business was coal and haulage. He always said he "held a coal bag up as soon as he was tall enough". That was to be his early years, Steventon C of E school, then on to the big school in Ock Street and his final year at the new school, Larkmead. School was endured not enjoyed, he couldn't wait to leave, although this meant being a mate not a driver until he was seventeen and could take his driving test. Once he passed, he was put straight on to Blakes of Abingdon and sent to Ful-O-Pep just outside London for loads of cattle food, bearing in mind he was seventeen and bringing back lorry loads of sacks on his own. Bernard spent his working life on the lorries delivering coal around the area and haulage of all sorts, all over the south of England.

His love of farming never left him and he helped on local farms at weekends. The yard and house at Drayton was our home for forty two years until it became impractical to have a yard. It was also where we had our five children. One of which left us very early in her life. This broke his heart. A heart attack at forty six put paid to driving the lorries so he stayed in the yard during busy times filling sacks ready for his brothers to reload and go on delivering. As coal sales fell and coal could be purchased as we needed it from the Radley wholesalers, the need for a yard receded, and in time, it was sold. When the deliveries lessened in the summer months, he went to help a farm contractor.

This led to a position being offered to him to work on Millets Farm in Garford permanently, where he worked until he retired.

His Gran had now died and his Aunt had taken over Windyridge, she had married Jobie Buckle and they ran the farm until they retired. They bought Windyridge from the council. Uncle Joby died while Bernard was in hospital after his heart attack, this left Aunty on her own. As soon as he was well enough, he started looking after her, and between us we looked after her more and more until she also died. Aunty left him her beloved farmhouse in which she had lived for seventy-two years. It needed some work to bring it up to date and that was then our home. He did some driving for our son-in-law, doing weddings and minibus work, and kept his eye on his new tenants in the paddock, a small flock of Oxford Downs sheep. Supplying tea and ice cream when needed as field work and lambing took place.

Bernard was told at the end of March that "there was a possibility he may have cancer" and after going through many unsuccessful tests, the more they looked the more they found. While awaiting the last test he suddenly took a turn for the worse and sadly five weeks later he was gone. Thus ended our fifty five years of marriage. We are all still in a state of shock and missing him greatly. He never made a fuss and never complained, just got on with life, helping where he could with me at the Hall and anywhere, and anyone who needed it.

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For Andrew Coveney, from Marcham Road, this was his first marathon. Although he is a keen tennis player, his training had been interrupted by illness, and he doubted that he would complete the course. In fact, he found that the first 20 miles went well but then his legs began to suffer badly and he lost ground as he dragged himself round the remaining six miles. A tremendous effort which deserves our congratulations.

This was Matt Duckett's second marathon. He is one of our new residents in the Walnut Meadow development and will soon have some excellent sports facilities on his doorstep. He found the wind made the marathon hard going, particularly in the second half, but he paced himself well and came in under the qualifying time for the prestigious Boston Marathon, which is his next ambition. Early the following morning your correspondent met him, already hard at it in the gym. Extraordinary.

In February the Drayton Community Trust received a £200 donation in acknowledgement of Drayton's 'patience and support' for any inconvenience caused by the Abingdon Marathon.



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ALL AROUND

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION **Paul Francis**

A useful gathering took place in early October to discuss the future of the Steventon and District Branch of the Royal British Legion. The Branch celebrates its 90th anniversary this year.

There were some 14 people present and we currently have 37 subscribing members associated with the branch. Several of the more senior members sent apologies. It was a delight to see Diana Hasting, who so ably organises the Poppy Appeal in our villages.

The Women's Section of the RBL, which meets in Steventon, only had one representative in attendance, which was a pity as we would very much like to work more closely with them.

The outcome of the gathering was that all present were determined to keep the Branch going even if it was only in evidence annually on Remembrance Sunday. Several people felt that some annual social activity was also needed and suggestions included a group visit to a village pantomime, an informal lunch and a social function at the Steventon Sports and Social Club. The Committee will consider these, and acknowledge that a critical mass of attendance will be needed for such events to succeed. There are many Legion members in the villages who are not linked to the branch and if you would consider affiliating it would be much appreciated and hopefully assist in maintaining a Branch presence in this area. Please contact Paul Francis for further details.

There is a very special event taking place from 5th to 9th August 2018 – the Great Pilgrimage to the Menin Gate at which nearly 500 RBL Branch Standards are hoping to attend. It was agreed at the meeting that our Branch should participate and that we would fund this for two representatives of the Branch – one of which must be a Standard Bearer. Despite various attempts at finding someone who is able to carry the Standard for the occasion, the role has remained officially unfilled since Richard Whittle departed some time ago.

We have very little time left to find a suitable Standard Bearer before our application to participate in the event has to be confirmed and paid for.

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DRAYTON WIVES

Rosemary Barlow

At our October meeting we were given an illuminating talk by Julie Brain of Trading Standards. It is worth noting that this is a service given free by the County but of course as Council Taxpayers we are all paying indirectly.

Part of Trading Standards job is to make the public aware of all the scams that criminals will use to extort money from members of the public who will agree to what they are offering. We were told that Banks never ring to ask for account details or pin numbers so never give them out over the phone. Be very aware of unknown so called workmen who say your roof or other outdoor structures are dangerous and in desperate need of repairs. The original verbal quotes given could result in massive bills once the work has begun.

There are even romantic scams where men mainly living abroad prey on lonely hearts and will ask for money which invariably will be sent. Trading Standards have dealt with many such cases where ladies have lost thousands of pounds and it has been impossible to retrieve the cash.

Julie was a really interesting speaker and much appreciated. Many questions were asked and all the information leaflets and stickers were taken home by members.

We will be holding our Christmas get together on Monday 11th December at the Caudwell Day Centre starting at 2.00pm.

The first meeting in 2018 will be on Wednesday 31st January at 2.00pm in Drayton Village Hall. The talk will be given by Christine Wootton on the Abingdon - Radley Railway.

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The Cup competitions start in January so we hope for more success in both the Bidmead Cup & the Handicap Shield events. The club has an excellent cup pedigree to live up to!

Monday night practice continues to be very well supported and coaching sessions are helping the players improve which in the long term will show benefit for the individuals and of course the club. Novice players soon show improvement and we are pleased that over the years many become established and very capable team members. Wishing everyone a merry Christmas

HALL REPORT

Tony Holmes

Firstly, very sad news, as **Bernard Webb** has passed away, after a short illness. Husband of Ann, (who's been a committee member and latterly chaired it for many years), Bernard played a vital role in fixing just about everything that could possibly go wrong all round the Hall – and at some point, most things did! A proper tribute appears elsewhere in this issue.

Our sincere condolences to Ann and the family, he was well-respected and will be greatly missed.

On a happier note, **congrats** to the Players, for their well-received show that had four performances in early November. Jigsaw Productions – closely linked to the Players – are doing a **PANTO** on Sunday December 10th ('Puss in Boots', afternoon and evening shows planned) and we haven't had one in the Hall for a while, so do try and come along.

There's also Geoff Caudle's **Carols Concert** on Sunday December 3rd (evening), always very popular, so don't be late!

Our **Sequence Dance** group (Thursday evenings) are on the lookout for **a new member or two**. A social evening, a spot of exercise, good company, AND they have several extra events through the year, plus some themed short dancing breaks. A couple of those 'dos' are in the Hall in December, Sat 9th, and New Year's Eve. Call Brian (01235 531701) for info.

And looking ahead to getting back in shape, after the Christmas excesses, with louder music and burning off more calories, maybe think of **'BounceFit'** (does just what it says!) on Monday evenings, and **'Clubbercise'** (Tuesday evenings); call Sophie (Bounce – 07791 778388) or Gemma (Club - via Facebook, 'Gemma Pearce Fitness').

Lastly, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our regular clubs and classes



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Ann Webb

October's subject of Blood Bikers was well received and a generous sum was collected to assist with this amazing work. Blood Bikers are volunteer motor cyclists who deliver blood and other urgent supplies to hospitals around the country.

The meeting this month was about Loan Soldiers, something none of us had heard of. Our guest was a soldier who was sent as an "on loan" soldier from the British Army to assist and train men to become soldiers all around the Middle Eastern countries and some on the African continent. He has written a book of his life which we could purchase and the proceeds and our percentage was donated to an army charity that he supported. An extremely interesting life, sometimes sad and sometimes very dangerous.

December is party time, punch, pies and parcels. Don't forget a plate of 'bring and share' supper and your parcel for Santa's Sack. December 14th, 7.30pm Caudwell Day Centre. See you there.

1st DRAYTON BROWNIES

Annette Mitchell

At our last meeting we all learned about the history of Guy Fawkes and why we have Bonfire Night, we made chocolate sparklers and enjoyed some real sparklers.

As part of our Friends to Animals badge we had a visit to Pets at Home in Abingdon, Becky was our guide and talked to us about various animals and let the Brownies have a hold and a stroke! The Brownies also got to look around the vets and how they work. A very enjoyable trip and thank you to Pets at Home for being so accommodating.

Xmas is fast approaching and we are learning some songs to sing to the parents on our last day Wednesday 6th December.

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. 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 your daughter on the waiting list, you can register her on the girl guiding website www.oxfordshiregirlguiding.org.uk/join-us/ or you can email us on 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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BOWLS CLUB

Roll Up

We are aiming to have a special celebration next year to rejoice in the fact that it will be 30 years since the club was formed. The main architect was Mr Harry Bisby who organised a series of meetings, and on the 13th of June 1988 it was decided to form a short mat bowls club, and as the saying goes the rest is history. Those who attended the meeting were asked to make a loan to raise enough money to buy a mat and all the bits to get the thing off the ground, enough money was raised and we have now got a club we can be very proud of. Of those that attended that meeting between twenty and twentyfive, were known as founder members, and we would like to congratulate Jim and Freda Bray, who are still members today, well done you two.

Around sixteen members will be going for a Christmas lunch followed by live entertainment. The cost is £18, and the date is December 6th, the event is being organised by June, and is being held at Bablock Hythe. Anyone who missed the notice and would like to join us should contact June.

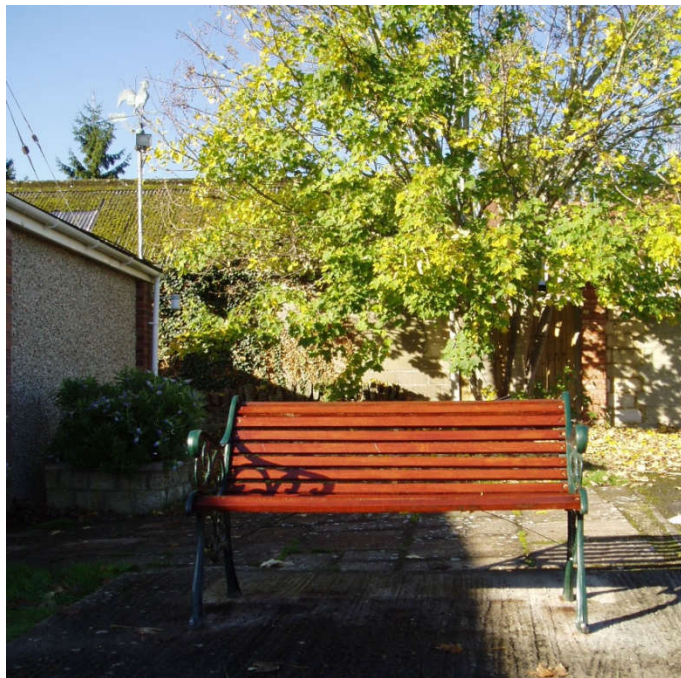
Finals day will be held on December 17th when nine finals will be completed. Winners will be in the next notes in the new year. There will be a Christmas raffle with many prizes, and the day will end with a buffet supper which is being organised by Val and her team of ladies, all members are welcome. If you're not in any of finals please come and support the day.

The winter afternoon league is well underway and both teams have made a reasonable start, both in the top half of the table, the 'John Berry' Monday league looks like it's going down to the final game (December 4th) before we get a winner, and the final internal competition 'The Didcot Windows' open singles, takes place on November 26th.

In closing we would like to wish all our members a happy Christmas and heathy new year. And keep bowling!

NEW BENCH FOR CAUDWELL DAY CENTRE

A bench has been installed outside the Caudwell Day Centre replacing the old wooden bench that had rotted and had to be removed. In a gesture of good community spirit, the bench was kindly given by Carol and Colin Arnold and refurbished and put in situ by a Good Samaritan at his cost. A very big "THANK YOU" to all three.



EARTH TRUST EVENTS

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

Wreath Making:

Friday 1st and 8th December, 1pm and 2pm each day

Make a beautiful festive wreath for your home or to give as a gift. All materials are provided but feel free to bring along any additional foliage or decorations you would like include. If children would like to take part please book on to Wreath Making for Families at 3.45pm. Price includes a hot drink and a mince pie! £20 per wreath; booking essential: book online (incurs a fee) or call 01865 407792 during office hours.

Wreath Making for Families:

Friday 1st and Friday 8th December, 3.45pm

Make a beautiful festive wreath for your home or to give as a gift. All materials are provided but feel free to bring along any additional foliage or decorations you would like include. Adult only workshops are at 1pm and 2pm. Price includes a hot drink and a mince pie each! £20 per wreath; booking essential: book online (incurs a fee) or call 01865 407792 during office hours.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP 5 (NAG5)

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Most new debit and credit cards have a wireless symbol, which indicates that the card uses Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology. This allows you to simply tap your card on a card-reader and make a payment of up to £30.

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Thames Valley Neighbourhood Watch Association (TVNHWA) is able to offer a very competitively priced solution with the Card Defender, which is a sleeve-style card holder that provides RFID blocking technology, thus protecting contactless cards from being read. A similar device was demonstrated on an edition of BBC TV's 'Rip Off Britain' earlier this year. TVNHWA recommends that everyone carrying contactless cards should have one or more Card Defenders. This also applies to Student ID and Oyster cards.

Due to popular demand - after selling over 6,000 earlier in the year - TVNHWA has new stocks available, bearing the TVNHWA logo. Prices: £1.20 for one, £5 for five and £8 for ten Card Defenders, plus postage. Prices for larger quantities available on request.

To order from the TVNHWA Secretary, Naomi Arnold, please e-mail naomi.arnold33@gmail.com, call 01753 663305 or write to 12 Freemans Close, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire SL2 4ER.

Home security

Many people will have gifts and valuables in their homes in the run-up to and during the Christmas and New Year period. Don't leave them in view of windows, front and back doors. Keep cash in a safe and secure place.

Going away over the festive period?

- Cancel newspapers and any regular deliveries.
- Tell one or more trusted neighbours that you're going away. You might consider asking them to park a car on your drive while you're away.
- Don't leave your house in darkness. Purchasing one or two inexpensive timer-plugs to turn lamps, radios and/or TVs on and off will make it look as though your house is occupied.
- Ensure all windows and doors are locked, including internal doors leading to conservatories, with the keys removed.
- Ensure tools and ladders are safely locked away in a shed or garage.
- Lock side gates and sheds with a good-quality bolt or padlock.
- Don't advertise the fact you are either going away, or are away, with photographs and posts on social media platforms.

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

Contact NAG5 by calling 01235 848694 or e-mail neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND THAMES VALLEY POLICE



Thames Valley Police work closely with Neighbourhood Watch and we would like to encourage more Drayton residents to join Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the village.

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch aims 'to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities'. Neighbourhood Watch is about making sure that no one has to feel afraid, vulnerable or isolated in the place where they live. Neighbourhood Watch develops close relationships between

households in a neighbourhood, the local police and the local authority.

The aim of Neighbourhood Watch:

The aim is to help people protect themselves and their properties, to reduce the fear of crime and improve their local environment by:

- Improved home security
- Greater vigilance
- Improved community spirit
- Improved communication with others in the neighbourhood, the police and other agencies.
- Protection of the more elderly or vulnerable in an area

What does Neighbourhood Watch involve? Neighbourhood Watch schemes are run by the members through a co-ordinator and supported by the local police and, in many areas, by the Neighbourhood Watch Association. The schemes vary in size from a few properties to an entire road or estate. The volunteer co-ordinator, who is a resident of the area, co-ordinates the scheme and liaises with the police and acts as the 'voice' for the community where they live.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



You've probably heard of it, but do you know any more than just the name?

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Neighbourhood Watch brings people together

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. For people moving into a new area it's a really easy and great way to get to know your new neighbours and settle in. For others it's an opportunity to get to know people who may have been their neighbours for a while, but they've never met or never spoken. All ages, all walks of life, Neighbourhood Watch is for everyone.

Through Neighbourhood Watch you'll get to know your neighbourhood police team including PCSO Sue Haynes.

There's no fee involved in joining Neighbourhood Watch, nor any social obligation. Just a willingness to be a good neighbour and to keep an eye out for one another, including those who are lonely, elderly and vulnerable.

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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FOR DECEMBER

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Sat	2	9.00am	(& 1pm) Private Functions (Child's b'day)	
		7.00pm	Private Function	
Sun	3	noon	Private Function (Child's b'day)	
		7.00pm	Carols Concert	
Mon	4	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Caudwell DC
Sat	9	9.00am	Private Function (all day)	
Sun	10	10.00am	'Mess Around' Party (Franchise – sold out)	
		2.30pm	(&7pm) Puss in Boots (Panto)	
Sat	16	noon	Private Function (Child's b'day)	
Sun	17	9.00am	Bowls Club (Finals Day!)	
Tues	19	10.00am	Pre-school party	
		5.00pm	Private Function	
Sat	30	1.30pm	Private Function (Child's b'day)	
Sun	31	6.00pm	Private Function	



REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

NB PLEASE – if an entry is wrong – tell one of the editors (page 2)

MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
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)	Caudwell DC
7.00 pm	Table Tennis (Coaching, one hour)	School
7.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	St Peter's
8.00 pm	Table Tennis (Social Play, one hour)	School

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
10.00 am	Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer gp)	Church Room
1.45 pm	Whist Drive (ACHLoFriends)	Caudwell Day Centre
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)	School
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	Caudwell Day Centre

THURSDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (1st Thurs)	Caudwell Day Centre
9.15 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's Lady Chapel
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)	Caudwell DC
5.00 pm	Rainbows (girls 5 to 7 years, call Mary 832077)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (3 hours)	School
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs)	Caudwell DC
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing (Brian - 01235 531701)	

FRIDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	Sch'l Ground Bldg
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	Caudwell Day Centre
7.30 pm	Whist Drive start Jan 12th then fortnightly	Caudwell DC

SUNDAYS

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

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