

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

Two very contrasting images for you, an unusual view of Abingdon on a glorious morning (very unusual, no traffic!!), and very different conditions a while back from a Drayton back window! Thanks to Gabriel Enache (the drone shot), & Colin West for the rainbow. And grateful thanks to other readers who submitted pictures, not enough space this time, but do PLEASE keep them coming!



Editor Tony Holmes

www.draytonchronicle.net

March 2018 (Vol 41 no 2)

PLEASE NOTE :- April issue deadlines are **EARLY** (due to Easter) Articles March 12th, Lottery 10th, Ads 9th!

COMING CHRONICLES

The April **Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday March 23rd**.

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, March 12th.

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

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NB :- **Can we politely remind** Contributors that the above **deadlines** are exactly that; It should perhaps be realised that **the later an item is received, the less precedence it gets.**

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

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

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

2. An email attachment, in WORD please (NOT a PDF file!).
3. A good, **black typescript** on white A4 paper or smaller.
4. Hand-written? Preferably not, if more than about a para. This is 2018, should be a way to type it and send it?!
4. IF in any doubt, ASK the EDITOR!

THE FOLLOWING Chronicle		
Issue for	Copy Deadlines :- to Editor (& Agents Lottery Packs the Fri before these)	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Fridays:-
May	Mon April 16	April 27

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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Carol Arnold, Hon. Promoter

RESULTS OF THE - February - LOTTERY

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Local Groups & Clubs

1st Drayton Brownies Annette Mitchell

We would like to welcome Sofia and Lorna to our pack and hope they enjoy their time with us. Carrying on with our Brownie Traditions Badge, we had a go at weaving with making a loom and using wool.



We celebrated Chinese New Year with making a Chinese Dragon puppet and tasting prawn crackers. We also tasted pancakes with a topping of our choice!

After half-term, we shall be researching the history of Brownies, when they started, who by, and the changing uniform.

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. You can register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/ or you can email us on drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk.

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GOOD FRIDAY – Friday 30th March

10am Ecumenical Service: procession from the Baptist church, round the village, to St Peter's church.

Followed by hot cross buns in Church room.

2pm - 3pm Meditation on the Cross,
Church room.

EASTER DAY – Sunday 1st April

10am Holy Communion

FODSA NEWS

Maria Grundy

We'd like to let you know about a couple of great events we have coming up. Remember to put the dates in your diaries!

FODSA QUIZ NIGHT

Come along and test your knowledge at our quiz night on Sat April 21st! Tickets are £10 per person, and include quiz entry, cheeseboard and a drink. Buy them from the school office, Class Reps, Vickery's or by emailing Tam, fodsafundraising@gmail.com. Max 6 players to a team.

DRAYTON VILLAGE FETE AND FESTIVAL

We are in the planning stages of this year's Village Fete and Festival, which will be held on June 9th, 2pm - 9pm, on the football field and in the village hall. The afternoon will be a traditional village fête with all the usual stalls, games, bouncy castles and magic shows, then live music from local bands starting at 5pm. We want this be a real community event for the whole village, with as many people enjoying the day as possible.

There is a group of us organising the event but if you can help out on the day, in anyway, please let us know. From manning the 'hook a duck' or 'whack a rat' for half an hour to litter picking, serving Pimms, or being in charge of the 'welly wanging'!!

Also, if you are a local trader, crafter or part of a community group and fancy running your own stall on the day we would love to have you there. Thank you!

Laura Billington, Maria Grundy and the FODSA team xx

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 or fodsafundraising@gmail.com (Maria/Tamsin respectively).

AND >>> our 100 club winners for January were **F. Sadler (#44)** and **N. Broome (#41)** who each pocketed £22. **We still have numbers available**, so if you would like to join please find the information on the FODSA page of the school website, or email Tamsin as above. The more people in the club, the bigger the prize fund!

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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CHURCH NOTICES

REGULAR SERVICES

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

[Please see separate advert for Easter services \(page 3\)](#)

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 MARCH

Tues	6th	2.30 pm	1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room
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PARISH REGISTER

Funeral Feb 8th Michael John Frederick North

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Letter from St Peter's

It has now just been over a couple of months since I moved to St Peter's. **We have felt very welcomed** into the community here – both the church and by members of the village. **Thank you.**

Moving house has been one of the main features of my life. My father was in the Army and we were posted all over Britain and Germany. I followed suit and also joined the Army after school with the hopes of travelling the world...only to be moved around a 50 miles radius of London!

After leaving the army I did a degree in Environmental Science in that famous seat of learning – Luton College. It was in Luton that I met David, my husband, who was a teacher. We led the church youth group together and the rest as they say is history. In the following years I followed him around the country as a vicar's wife, and full-time mum to four children.

The most adventurous journey of my life is the one that has brought me here to Drayton: discovering Jesus' love for me. It first began at school in the RE classes when I was attracted to the excitement in the Bible stories. Later on, when I was in the Army I was given a book which revolutionised my idea of God: He was both intimate and wanting to be involved in everything I do, yet was awesome and won't settle for second best in my life. It was while in Luton that I discovered that Christianity was true, and that God loved me, and I knew that there was a deeper purpose to life. Like many things in life that are worthwhile, following Jesus has been both costly and joyful. My call to the priesthood is **a call to share the love and purpose that God has for all of us.**

One of my favourite bible stories also involves a journey. Two people are walking back home, after a weekend in the city. They are devastated, their best friend had just been killed. As they talk about this, a stranger joins them. He asks them what's the matter and they tell him, and he walks with them all the way back to their home. They invite him in to share a meal. It is only when they set the table, prepared the food and sat down to eat that they realised – it's Him! It's their friend! It's Jesus! He then promptly disappears!

I like this story as **it shows that Jesus walks with us in dark times** and is always willing to listen to us without judging. Not only this, but it shows Jesus also has a sense of humour!

May you find God alongside you in the journeys of your life, supporting you in the dark times as well as being there in the celebration and fun.

Meg Heywood (Associate Priest)

Local Groups & Clubs

Drayton W.I.

Ann Webb

Firstly I will bring you up to date with December and January meetings. December, (our Christmas party), we had our usual mix of fun and food. We played a fun game or two before we attacked a table full of amazing dishes of food, and as usual, no two plates of fare were the same. We ended the evening with the Santa sack, and left wishing everyone a happy Christmas.

January was a 'chocolate' theme - well attended as you can imagine! We passed around plates of chocolate with many different and unusual flavours. Can you have too much chocolate?! We watched enthralled as chocolate appeared from moulds, it was quite fascinating.

February was a totally different topic, re 'Finding a companion through internet sites'. This was again interesting and funny, but also entertaining at times, setting boundaries and being cautious was imperative, but also there were some humorous moments.

March is the end of our year, also of course the start of a new one! We review the ending year and elect or re-elect our new officers for the next year. When all this is done, we then try a marvellous assortment of 'puddings'. As at Christmas, the selection is amazing and no two are the same.

Join us in the Day Centre, Gravel Lane, Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm -- see you there.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

A VERY WARM WELCOME to :- Kevin and Daisy Hickman (and their dog, Bonnie), who have recently moved into Sutton Wick Lane from Clifton Hampden

And an extremely belated welcome (sorry – editors do make mistakes!) to Tony, Emma and Eva, who have moved (some time before Christmas!) from Northampton to Binning Close.

& Congratulations to:- Anna & Darren Draper (Binning Close), on the birth of their baby daughter Sophia.



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The Festival begins on Saturday March 10th, and continues from Tuesday 13th to Sunday 18th inclusive.

If you are interested in becoming an ATOM Volunteer please sign up via our website address www.atomfestival.org.uk where you can input dates, times and preferred tasks.

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')

After over 80 hours of debate and over 500 amendments and new clauses, the European Union Withdrawal Bill is now through the House of Commons and has passed the first stage in the House of Lords. I submitted an amendment to the bill requiring Ministers to publish a plan on our future relationship with Euratom, the European Nuclear Energy authority. I was very pleased that my amendment had the most signatures of all amendments submitted and that as a result the government have agreed to publish a plan with quarterly updates.

Earlier this month I attended a meeting in Parliament on rail in Oxfordshire. It was a useful gathering of all the key stakeholders – Great Western, Chiltern, Network Rail, local councils and MPs.

First, the **good news**. We have a fantastic station in Didcot which provides excellent links to London, Swindon and Oxford. Didcot Parkway has gone from strength to strength in the last few years: a revamp, completed in 2014, made the station safer, and a bigger taxi rank, bus stop and cycle rack were just some of the improvements. Work shows no sign of slowing down, with an enclosed cycle rack in the works and the construction of a new multi-storey car park. Electrification of the line from London has now almost reached Didcot, cutting journey times on the fastest trains to 39 minutes. Great Western Railway's new, electric Intercity Express trains are being rolled out and will increase capacity by over 24% (648 vs 522 seats), something that any commuter to London will tell you is sorely needed. The driver training programme for the new trains has also been accelerated.

There is more to do though. It has been a long-standing ambition of mine to open a **station near Wantage**. There has been progress on this front recently. I have linked with other MPs to propose an East-West line which could include new stations in Wantage, Corsham and Royal Wootton Bassett. This would be an extension to the planned link between Cambridge & Oxford, and would help link Bristol, Swindon and Oxford. There are obstacles to be overcome in developing this proposal. The line between Didcot and Oxford particularly is almost at full capacity and we will need to think carefully about how to progress this. It will still take many years, not least as we will have to build extra track.

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; 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 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

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More Local Groups & Clubs

Drayton Reading Group Liz Branson



When I moved to Drayton, my neighbour invited me to come along to a meeting of the Drayton Reading Group. I accepted the invitation and as a result have met a **friendly, lively group of people** with different reading tastes but a **shared love of discussing books**. Everyone has a say in what we read, and recent choices have ranged

widely, from Winston Graham's *Ross Poldark*, to a psychological thriller by Debbie Howells, and Costa prize winner Sebastian Barry's *Days without End*.

If you like reading, the group is a good way to meet people as well as broaden your reading habits. Our **monthly meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30** and we take turns to host and provide drinks and simple snacks.

The group is run very informally and after the half-yearly planning meeting, a list of books and venues along with the names and contact details of members is emailed to members of the group so that there is time to get hold of books and even read them! We are a small group but would like to **welcome anyone in Drayton** who thinks they would enjoy a convivial evening discussing books and the issues arising from them.

If you are interested, please email me on bransonliz@gmail.com for further information.

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 for more info).

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Drayton Players
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Mike Davies

(from the latest [Oxfordshire Drama Network newsletter](#)):-

It is with great sadness that I have to inform our members that **Deidre Jones**, our Chairman, passed away recently after a short illness. Deidre had been on the ODN committee for over 10 years and our Chairman since 2011.

In her youth Deidre was a professional dancer, appearing on the West-End stage and around the country. When she moved to Oxfordshire, she started to use her dancing skills again by choreographing shows for local schools, and then for **Drayton Players**, and directed plays and musicals for them. She also choreographed several musicals for Abingdon Operatic Society, and for Dorchester Amateur Dramatic Society.

In 2007 she created her own drama group, BreakaLeg Productions, directing two plays a year and many drama festival entries, winning several awards for them.

She will be sorely missed in the local amateur dramatic community.

(Ed's note:- A further tribute is on page 8; I had many dealings with Deidre, in my other role doing bookings for Drayton Village Hall, trying to arrange suitable rehearsals & performance dates for their plays, so I'd add my condolences to her family & friends).

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YOUR LETTERS

Deidre Jones

Dear Editor, Whitehorns Way

It is with the greatest sadness that I have to announce the death of Deidre Jones, who was a member for some years of Drayton Players before going on to set up her own company (BreakaLeg).

Despite running that group, and her involvement with Oxford Drama Network, she still found time to continue helping and supporting us whenever possible. She is a great loss to the local drama scene in general, and to her many friends in particular, who will miss her presence, and her sociable and sparkling personality.

Kind Regards Jean Hager



Letters to the Editor

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Bernard Webb

Dear Editor Milton Road

We would like to **thank everyone** who came to Bernard's funeral and donated so generously to Helen House. The sum of £631.75 was collected and has gone to help children with life-limiting conditions like our great nephew and many more like him. Little Jack is such a happy little boy.

Thank you all from myself, Richard, Stephen, Alison and Catherine, and all his grandchildren, **it was greatly appreciated.**

Yours Faithfully Ann Webb

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More Letters

Colin & Peggy -- 65th!!

Dear Editor

via email

On January 10th this year, Colin and Peggy Perry (1 Lockway), celebrated their **65th Wedding Anniversary**. Both of them were very pleased to receive a congratulations card from The Queen.

They have lived in Drayton since 1963 when they moved into Lockway with their three young daughters, Linda, Angela and Allyson. **Congratulations Colin and Peggy**, lots of love and best wishes from all your family, friends and neighbours.

Linda Bettles (daughter) & Sally Dixon (friend & neighbour)



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CHRONICLE NEWS

Firstly, a **BELATED WELCOME** to Nicolette Howell Brook, who replaced Keith Middleton in October 2017 as the Drayton Community Trust and Drayton Chronicle Treasurer.

A **BIG thank you to Keith**, who served for many years as the Treasurer and looks forward to retirement and travel.



<< Nicolette is an IT Consultant, lives with her husband and two children in Sutton Wick. She enjoys being active (Ed:- thought that was a given with mums?!), travelling & volunteering.

She's not trying to look in disguise, this pic was taken in foreign climes with much brighter sunlight!

NEW EDITOR -- STILL SEARCHING!!

As mentioned in recent Chronicles, **Derek Pooley**, who's given distinguished service as one of our (presently 3) editors for many years (20!!), is retiring, to devote more time to family and travel.

We therefore really do need a new editor: Dave Lee and I are both at the, er, 'maturer' end of the spectrum, and though we're responding to the challenge of doing a brighter, more colourful Chronicle, a nice influx of younger blood would be good to take things forward? And, perhaps **a female** for a different viewpoint?!

A recruit (or two?!) would need to be competent in IT, but we produce pages in Word (a trusty, widespread word-processor), then convert to PDF format to send the issue to the printer. Nothing too frightening to today's gadget-conscious population?!

Unclaimed Lottery Prizes?

If you are a lottery prize winner and have not cashed your cheque within six months of receiving your payment, please contact Carol Arnold (01235 531923) and request a replacement cheque or, alternatively, if you wish to donate the funds to the charity, please return your cheque to Carol.

Lottery Tickets / Agents

Speaking of Lottery, it's an important fund-raiser for the Chronicle. Several new agents have recently joined (thanks to them, and I think Andrew Bax's persuasive powers!), but **we could always do with one or two more**. Speak to Carol or Gareth (529510) if YOU can help. AND – if you happen to miss your Agent – or live in one of the parts of roads still not covered – PLEASE NOTE that tickets can be bought at Vickery's (where you can also check out his mighty supply of household goods, handyman aids, and/or get a key cut, not to mention getting friendly with Izzy, see if she's learned any new tricks!).

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VALE NEWS



CALLING council tax payers -
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for VoWHDC, which means changes

for **some** council tax and business rate payers, as part of extra
security measures. The council has been given a **new sort code**
which is 20-01-25, its bank account number **remains the same**.

The new sort code will affect people who pay their council tax
or business rates by bank transfer or standing order. Those people
are **requested to update their payment details ASAP!**

This change **doesn't affect the majority of council tax payers**,
(the 81 per cent who pay by direct debit), as the new sort code will
be amended as part of the direct debit service.

The new bank details and information on how to pay will be
enclosed with council tax bills being issued in March.

Contact the Council Tax Section by calling 0345 302 2315.

FLY TIPPING

Waste removal - how to stay legal.

If you pay someone to remove rubbish from your property and it's
then fly-tipped, YOU could be prosecuted. By law **you must** make
sure they are legitimate. A recent case (a chap was tracked down
after dumping rubbish in Peep O'day Lane, that's between
Drayton & Abingdon), saw fines and costs of £3,000 imposed.

Here's how to stay legal: 1) check they are a registered waste
carrier, visit www.environment.data.gov.uk/public-register or you
can call 03708 506 506; 2) get a written receipt/transfer note
showing their contact details, a description of your waste, and
details of where they are taking it; 3) note down the make, colour
and reg number of the vehicle that's taking your waste away.

And remember, if their quote seems too cheap then it probably
is! Make sure you get another quote, otherwise your rubbish could
be fly-tipped and you'll end up in trouble!

RECYCLING

- this county does well, but we COULD DO
better! A recent survey said 16 to 34 yr-olds are the LEAST likely
to recycle, so let's TRY HARDER?! Here's one tip:- of kitchen
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Walnut Meadow Sports Pavilion

This year it is planned to start **raising the rest of the funds** for the sports facilities at Walnut Meadow. Subject to Miller Homes finishing the site and handing over the sports field land by summer 2018, it is planned to put in the field drainage and seed the grass this year so that the pitches are playable by Autumn 2020.

This means that **the money for the sports pavilion and multi-use sports area (MUGA) needs to be raised this year** so that building can be started in 2019, for completion in 2020.

The Pavilion is expected to cost around £800,000, plus £300,000 for the external works (including the car park); the MUGA up to £280,000, with an extra £35,000 for an optional exercise trail. The pitches (including seeding, drainage and equipment) are estimated at £360,000.

The financing for this total (**£1.775k*** excludes VAT which can be reclaimed by the Parish Council) is planned to come from three main sources:-

S106 Developers' Finance (paid as houses are built over next 3 years) - **£975k**

Public Works Loan Board Loan (see below) - **£500k** (reducing to £210k as S106 monies are received)

Grants from sports bodies, charities and local authorities - **£500k**
Funds already raised: **£90k**

The full Business Case was approved by the Parish Council in November 2017 and can be found on the village website at <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/drayton-2020/> →>>



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Public Works Loan Board / UK Debt Management Office Loan >> In order for the project to start on time and to be viable Drayton Parish Council will need to take out a low interest public loan from the government's Treasury DMO/Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) and for this it needs the **public support** of the ratepayers in the village.

The loan will initially be a £500k loan over 25 years. The current rate of interest is about 3% meaning that the repayments over a 25 year period will cost £28,000 per year – a total cost of approx. £700k (£500k loan repayment and £200k interest).

The £28k p.a. capital and interest repayment will be paid for by the parish precept which is **already paid by each household** in the village. There will be **no need to further increase** the precept (which for 2018-19 is £85k for the village, or on average around £85 p.a. - £1.63 per week - per house) – but for the next few years about a third of the precept will need to be devoted to paying for the building of the Walnut Meadow sports facilities for the village. Subject to the rest of the funds being raised for the project the contribution from the precept will decrease, as it is intended to repay as much as the loan off as early as possible.

The **Annual Parish Assembly** to be held on Monday **April 9th** at 7pm will have this item on its Agenda. **Please come along** to discuss the **public loan** and the **sports facilities financing**.

If you wish to **comment on this proposal**, ahead, or even after the April meeting you can **email** the Parish Clerk (David Perrow) at draytonclerk@gmail.com; **write to the Parish Council**, c/o Drayton Parish Clerk, 12 Loddon Close, Abingdon, OX14 3TB; **attend** any Parish Council meeting (usually held the **first Monday** of each month at 7.30pm in the **Caudwell Day Centre** but note the exceptions **April 9th & May 14th** due to bank holidays); or comment on the 'Families in Drayton' Facebook page.

Parish Council Richard Williams

Report of the Parish Council meeting held on Mon Feb 5th

Due to continuing road works along the Abingdon Road, the problem of **drivers rat-running** along Henleys Lane and Church Lane remains. Once again, a parishioner expressed concerns about the sheer quantity of two-way traffic using this route during peak periods. He feared the possibility of an accident, particularly on the blind bend connecting the two roads. Although the main problem is obviously caused by motorists not resident in either road hurrying to get to and from work, it does not help the situation when some of the residents have their own vehicles parked on the road. In some cases, this may be unavoidable, but **residents are asked** that, if at all possible, they park their cars off-road. This would also make life easier and safer for pedestrians.

As promised, a group of councillors met on Feb 12th to discuss possible ways to tackle this issue. These included:- making the route one-way only; blocking off access altogether at one end; and/or the use of additional speed humps in Church Lane. All the options have drawbacks and there is no perfect solution. However, those options considered most feasible will be worked up into a flyer which will be **distributed to all residents in Henleys Lane and Church Lane, and some in Abingdon Rd and High Street**. The recipients will be **invited to respond** with comments or offer alternative ideas. Needless to say, whatever scheme emerges from this process will still have to meet with the approval of the highway authorities.

Considerable debate took place regarding the recent meeting with **residents of the Walnut Meadow development**, the subject of which was the many problems they have been experiencing with construction work on the site which is sub-standard or incomplete. The meeting took place at the Village Hall, Jan 31st, and was attended by 5 parish councillors, our District and County councillors, and approx. 40 residents from the new development. It was agreed that the residents should draw up a list of grievances and present them to Millers (the developer) in a formal letter, demanding a clear timetable and deadlines as to when the outstanding works will be completed. The Parish Council will do likewise, in relation to those parts of the site that will become its responsibility in the future. The letters will be sent to the Chief Executive of Millers, based in Edinburgh, with copies to Ed Vaizey, our local MP. →>>>



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→ Derek Stork from GARD spoke about the imminent publication of Thames Water's new long-term **Water Management Plan**. This has now been published, and it confirms that an Abingdon reservoir is still on the agenda, albeit it has been postponed to a time frame of 2035 – 2045. GARD believe this shift is something of a tactical retreat only, the significant fact being that the reservoir project has not been shelved, despite being rejected at a full public enquiry only a few years ago. Derek has written an update for the Chronicle in this issue, and readers are referred to this for more detail.

I should add that Huw Thomas from Thames Water has agreed to speak at the March PC meeting (see below) – although Huw has been invited specifically to talk about **TW's plans to increase sewage and drainage capacity in Drayton** in order to cope with all the new housing development.

A reminder that there are still two vacancies for councillors on the PC. Anyone interested is invited to attend the next meeting (see below) to see what goes on.

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the **Parish Clerk, David Perrow**; he may be contacted via E-mail at draytonclerk@gmail.com or by telephone on 07909 176061, and he will ensure that any messages are passed on. Any Drayton resident may also ask to be added to the Clerk's E-mailing list, so that they receive prior notice of meetings and any relevant documents.

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 March 5th, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. **As ever, all are welcome to attend.**

ARE YOU IN THE DARK ? If your streetlight isn't working, or wastes resources by being on in the daytime, then **PLEASE** report it on the County Council hotline (free) 0800 317802 - help them with the post number, or nearest house.

Neighbourhood Action Group

Assistance for vulnerable missing people – Herbert Protocol

A new tool to help find missing people with dementia was launched last month in partnership with search and rescue teams across the Thames Valley. The Herbert Protocol is a form to **record key information about a person with dementia**. This should be completed by carers or family members in case they go missing. Memory problems are one of a number of symptoms that people with dementia may experience, which can lead to feelings of confusion, fear and vulnerability and consequently can result in a person going missing.

Adopting the Herbert Protocol will help to ensure that the police and partner agencies, including the volunteer search and rescue teams, **have the best possible information** should someone with dementia go missing and a search needs to be conducted to find them. It will help avoid any unnecessary delays as the right information is immediately available. The form may include if the person is on medication, favourite places they like to visit or key people they know.

For more information and to download the form please visit <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/about-us/publications-and-documents/herbert-protocol/>

If you don't have access to the internet please contact your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator and ask them to print out the paperwork for you. If you're not a member of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme please call 07762 597118 for more assistance.

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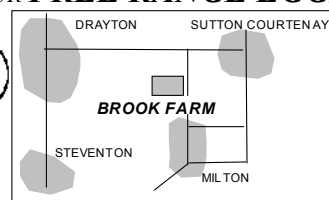


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Method Lightly butter and flour a 900ml to 1.2 litre (1½ to 2 pints) pudding basin. Put all the ingredients into a food processor and blitz until smooth. If necessary add a few drops of milk to give a soft consistency.



Sit the flavour of your choice (see below) in the base of the basin and spoon the sponge mixture on top. Cover with Clingfilm and pierce it with a knife.

In a 500-watt m'wave, cook on high for 4½ to 5 minutes, or until a skewer

pushed into the centre comes out clean. For every 100 watts above this, take about 15 seconds off the cooking time (i.e:- 3½ to 4 minutes in a 1000 watt microwave). Now simply turn out and enjoy! (Ed's Note:- from decades of experience as a test-taster, custard or a spot of ice-cream may even enhance it!).

Flavours Spoon 2 to 3 tablespoons of golden syrup, jam, fruit curd, stewed apples or rhubarb into the base of the basin.

If you are making a **golden syrup, lemon curd or marmalade** pudding, add 1 or 2 tablespoons of the flavouring to the pudding mix itself for extra taste.

Add some finely grated lemon or orange zest to the mix itself.

For a rich chocolate pudding, replace 25g (1oz) of the flour with cocoa powder and stir 100 to 225g (4 to 8oz) of grated plain chocolate into the mix. *(Carol Arnold)*

If YOU have a favourite recipe, please do share it, e-mail it to editor@draytonchronicle.net (with a picture if possible)

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The Steventon & District Branch is very pleased to report that we now have a volunteer Standard Bearer, Neil Jeskins, who with one other member of the Branch (acting as Wreath layer) will be representing our villages for the Legion's Great Pilgrimage to the Menin Gate (Ypres, in August), joining some 500 other Standards. Neil served 26 years in the RAF and so is well used to the drill.

At the Branch AGM the Committee elected me as Chairman for the coming year and the other officers remain as before. We are grateful to them all for their time.

We have recruited several new members recently which is encouraging, and we hope more will come forward. Previous Armed Forces membership is not mandatory and all are welcome to join us for the occasional function and Remembrance Sunday.

In order to involve more people, including ladies of course, we are planning to hold a Curry Lunch on Sunday June 17th in Steventon Village Hall, open to all whether members or not. This also happens to be Father's Day, so do put it in the diary. The cost will be about £11 per head for the food and there will be a bar.

Further details will be given in the next edition of the village newsletters after which applications will be most welcome.

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The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Our next dates are **March 6th & April 3rd**.

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

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL CONTACTS :-

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& **Oxfordshire County** richardwebber777@gmail.com

DRAYTON HALL NEWS

GARD :- Chairman Dr Derek Stork has a **seminar**, village hall, Weds Feb 28th, 7.45 for 8pm (after Brownies), re the **latest news** & info on Thames Water/reservoir, so **DO bring your questions**.

Any readers still working off an extra ounce or three from Christmas? **BounceFit** (Mon 6pm) & **Clubercise** (Tues 8pm) are our two most energetic groups, and for those wanting a slightly gentler movement across the floor, the **Sequence Dance Group** are looking for new members (see ad in the middle pages). For those with aches & pains, and able to attend a morning session, the **Seniors Yoga** class is Mondays at 11am, and **Pilates** (for core strength & agility!) is Tuesdays at 9.30am.

For something rather different, we DO have a **Martial Arts** class, run by Paul Marshall, who's 4th Dan, Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu, and no I don't know what that means either (!) but (I'm told) think 'Ninja Creed'. 16-y-olds and upwards, it's usually Thursdays 7.30. More info / contact details at www.shikidojo.com

Our **regulars** should have received a note asking re thoughts for Hall improvements, please respond asap if not already!

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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Pets At Home (Abingdon, Fairacres) – are hosting a 3-day fundraiser for Cats Protection, Friday March 2nd to Sunday 4th.  A variety of things going on, inc 2 new "Simon's Cat" pin badges for sale.

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Thur	1	7.30pm	Private Function (Small Hall meeting)
Sat	3	10.00am	Spring Clean! (page15) @Millennium Green
Sat	3	10.00am	Private Function
Sun	4	1.00pm	Private Function (Child's party)
Mon	5	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting Caudwell DC
Thur	8	2.00pm	'U3A' Crafts Group (Mthly – Small Hall)
Sat	10	12.30pm	Chronicle Lottery Deadline
Sat	10	7.00pm	Private Function
Mon	12	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (see P2 – Ads 9th)
Sat	17	10.00am	Dog Show (Terriers)
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REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

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MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
11.00 am	Seniors 'Gentle' Yoga (Helen 07712 646382)	
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
9.30 am	Pilates (via Alexandra Merson 07788 248925)	
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	Caudwell Day Centre
2.30 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	Church Room
6.30 pm	Yoga (with Olga – 07880 256107)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (three hours)	School
8.00 pm	Clubbercise (run by Gemma Pearce, see her F'book)	

WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	School Ground Bldg
10.00 am	Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer gp – p4)	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 (three 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
5.30 pm	Rainbows (girls 5 to 7 years, call Vicky 07801 447720)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (three hours)	School
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs)	Caudwell DC
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing (Brian - 01235 531701)	
7.45 pm	ShikiDojo Martial Arts (check w Paul - 07479 824887)	

FRIDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	Sch'l Ground Bldg
11.00 am	DiddiDance (Tatiana for info – 07922 668740)	
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	Caudwell Day Centre

SUNDAYS

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

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