

DRAYTON CHRONICLE

Drayton Fete & Festival
Saturday 9th June

Drayton Village Hall & Field
Fete from 2pm
Live music and hog roast 5pm – 9pm

A day of fun raising money
for Drayton School & local
community groups



Bouncy Castles
Magic Shows
Drayton Bake Off
Balloon Modelling
Traditional Games
5 a Side Competition
Giant Scrap Modelling
Morris Dancers
Tug of War
Local craft stalls

Live music from 5pm
BMW
White Trash Freaks
Beard of Destiny
JAE
Katie & Sam

Afternoon BBQ
Tea & Cakes
Mocktails
Ice Creams
Evening Hog Roast
Bar

Don't forget your
picnic blanket and
deckchairs!



Editor Tony Holmes

www.draytonchronicle.net

JUNE 2018 (Vol 41 no 5)

COMING CHRONICLES

The **July Chronicle** will be available for distribution to Area Agents on **Friday June 29th**.

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, June 18th.

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

STOP PRESS - ADVERTISERS should note that the deadline for ads is **EARLIER, Friday June 15th**, due to their preparation time.

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
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:-
August	Mon July 16	July 27

ADVERTISING RATES

For Block Advert (about 1/12th page)

--- Number of Monthly Inserts ---

Advertiser Category	1	3	6	12
Drayton Resident	£6.00	£16.00	£31.00	£60.00
Non-Drayton Resident	£7.00	£19.00	£37.00	£72.00

Half-size block adverts, normally for one or two inserts, are charged at half the above rates.

All requests must be accompanied by cash or a cheque made payable to 'Drayton Chronicle'.

They may be placed in the Chronicle Letter Box, outside Vickery's Hardware Store, Drayton Green, in shopping hours, OR send your requirements :- advertising@draytonchronicle.net

DISCLAIMER This Journal is published in all good faith and every care is taken in its compilation. The organisers of the DRAYTON CHRONICLE, and its Agents, therefore accept no responsibility for OPINIONS EXPRESSED, nor for the validity of any ADVERTISEMENT, nor for any EFFECTS ARISING WHATSOEVER from the publication.

CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Carol Arnold, Hon. Promoter

RESULTS of the - MAY - LOTTERY

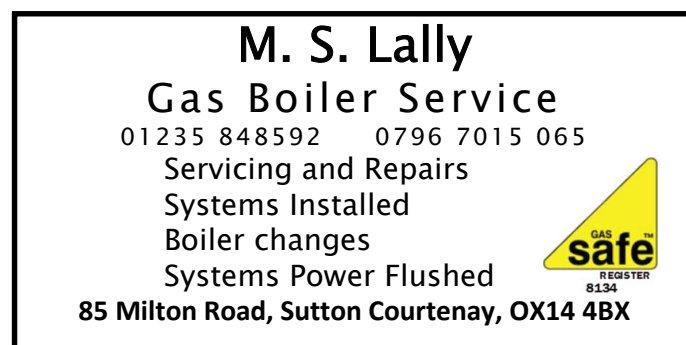
Prize	Winner	Agent
£25	Helen James High Street	Liz Branson
£20	Paul Burgess Newman Lane	Therese Webster
£15	M Hallewell Binning Close	Cathy Norris
£10	Suzy Willis Henleys Lane	Andrew Bax
£10	Mrs Eato Sutton Wick Lane	Keith Clough
£10	Oenone Grant Manor Farm Barn	Isla Smith
£10	Elsie Weaver Eastway Home Park	Teresa Burnage
£10	Mrs J Paine Steventon Road	Judy Henman
£10	Ayres Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson
£10	M Ainsclough High Street	Doreen Mason

Winning tickets, from 2027 sold, were randomly drawn via computer
Could YOU perhaps be an Agent – we always need more!

NB If you happen to miss your agent, **tickets are available** from Vickery's (spare Chronicles too)



Mirra Spice
Sunday Meal Deal
(12pm – 2pm AND 5:30 TO 9:45pm)
Inclusive
Mix Starter (4 different types)
Any Main Course (cost £8.95 or less)
Sides and Any Rice or Any Naan Bread
only £9.95
Please phone or see website for takeaway (-10%)
Tel: 01235 821335
6 High Street, Steventon OX13 6RS www.miraspice.co.uk



M. S. Lally
Gas Boiler Service
01235 848592 0796 7015 065
Servicing and Repairs
Systems Installed
Boiler changes
Systems Power Flushed
85 Milton Road, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4BX
GAS safe REGISTER 8134

DRAYTON WASTE RECYCLING :- DO BEAR IN MIND that the centre opens **LATE** on **THURSDAYS** until **September**; **AVOID** those weekend Queues, pop round up until **EIGHT pm**. All Other days (inc Suns) it's 8am to 5pm
(is that a handy tip)

Local Groups & Clubs

1st Drayton Brownies Annette Mitchell



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. **Further details** from:-

Ruth Hudson (Brown Owl) on 01235 205111
Esther Deabill (Tawny Owl) on 01235 528502
Annette Mitchell (Barn Owl) on 01235 555216

THE WHEATSHEAF



Austin & Geraldine
welcome you: to enjoy

Traditional **Home Cooked** Food,
 Fine Wines and Beers
 In Friendly Comfortable Surroundings.

Take away Fish & Chips:
 served Mon - Sat until 8pm

Delicious Home Cooked Roast Lunch:
 Sunday 12- 3.30 pm
 Senior Citizens Lunchtime Menu
 and 6.00 to 7.00 evenings
 Tuesday to Friday £6.95 including sweet

Bookings :- call Gel or Austin (01235 531485)
Drayton (on the village green)

Do you need help with your French?

One to one lesson with a Native French speaker to help students with:

- homework
- exams
- focusing on reading, pronunciation
- conversational French
- or simply improving your French

Please contact Cathy on 07554 442772

HALLS GARAGE

Established 60 years – Servicing and repairs

- MOT's
- Batteries
- Diagnostic Facilities
- Vehicle Collection Service
- All Makes and Models

(Milton Park, Drayton, Steventon, Culham, Appleford, Sutton Courtenay)

The High Street, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, OX14 4AW
 Tel: 01235 848236 • Mobile 07767165072
mothallsgarage@gmail.com
 Open 06:30 to 18:00 Mon-Fri

FODSA NEWS

Maria Grundy

Thanks to everyone who came along to the quiz night. We raised an **amazing £917!** Our hosts, **Katie Mansfield and Mr Brabin** were amazing and congratulations go out to our winning team (pictured below). We hope you enjoyed your hamper of goodies!

Don't forget the **Drayton Fete and Festival** is fast approaching. Book the 9th June in your diaries!

Congratulations to our 100+ club winners, **Jules Laws** and **Mirja Boyd**, who each collected £23. Tickets are still available!

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 this was Katie, showing her stamina & baffling the audience with a Kazoo in the round called "I'll name that tune in 97"!

COMPETENT SINGER? CAN YOU HELP?

The Alzheimer's Society runs two local Singing for the Brain groups for people affected by dementia, Grove & Risinghurst. The groups are based on the principles of music therapy and singing and offer people with dementia and their carers a wonderful opportunity to socialise and have fun in a safe, non-judgemental and supported environment.

They urgently need three new volunteers to support these groups, two in Risinghurst and one in Grove. Could one of them be YOU?

For more info, PLEASE email jane.penton@alzheimers.org.uk or phone her on 01296 331 722.

ST PETER'S CHURCH

(part of the DAMASCUS Parish)

Rector	Revd Helen Kendrick	848297
Associate Priest	Revd Rosie Bruce	07707 087131
Associate Priest	Revd Meg Heywood	537100
Pro-warden	Mrs Linda Johnson	527521
Pro-warden	Mrs Val Cross	535183

CHURCH NOTICES

REGULAR SERVICES

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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Monday	7.45 pm	Bellringing Practice	Bell Tower
Weds	10.00 am	Pebbles (term time only)	Church Room
Fri	6.30 pm	Choir Practice (1st Friday)	Church Room

CALENDAR for JUNE

Tues	5th	2.30 pm	1st Tuesday Connections	Church Room
------	-----	---------	-------------------------	-------------

PARISH REGISTER

Funeral	March 23rd	Elaine Madley
Baptism	May 6th	Imogen Hope Cox
Wedding	April 20th	Michael Learoyd & Georgia Bolton

YOU STAY – WE PRAY (June)

1st to 9th	Hilliat Fields; Lyford Close; Manor Close; The Green
10th to 16th	High Street; Chiers Drive; Cheers Farm; Halls Close
17th to 30th	Lockway; Whitehorns Way

PROFESSIONAL GARDEN SERVICES

Stephen R. Matthews

16 Frilsham Street, Sutton Courtenay
Oxfordshire OX14 4AZ

Tel: 01235 848163

Mobile: 07796 532356

All kinds of work undertaken, including:

- garden clearance and restoration
- fruit tree, shrub and rose pruning
- hedge cutting, rockeries, turfing
- fencing and landscaping.



Hazel Lee

Painter & Decorators

07866 509683

hazel.lee78@hotmail.co.uk

A. GIBBARD

HIGH QUALITY INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR
PAINTING AND DECORATING

TEL: 01235 528342 MOBILE 07759 842388

78 STEVENTON ROAD, DRAYTON

Meryl computer tutor

- **fix problems** with your computer, email, printer, internet etc
- **learn** to use technology in the best way for you, at your own pace
- **set up** your computer, tablet or whatever to suit your needs
- delivered in plain English with a smile!

07794 656607

Email: info@computertutorabingdon.co.uk

Website: www.computertutorabingdon.co.uk



Letter from St Peter's (the Ministry Team)

The former Liverpool Manager Bill Shankly famously said, "Some people believe football is a matter of life and death, I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that!"

This month sees the start of the World Cup, a truly global event watched by billions on TV – even those of us who wouldn't call ourselves football fans. And this competition illustrates some key points about the Christian life. As Paul writes: 'But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 3:13,14).

A prize to be won: The dream of every player in the competition is to be able to hold up the World Cup themselves. For us the prize is the eternal life, God's gift of relationship with him for now and eternity through Jesus. But there's an important difference between football and the Christian faith. To win the World Cup you have to be good enough, while Christ's love for us is undeserved and is not dependent on how well we've done.

Training to be undertaken: If a team is going to win the World Cup, they have to train hard beforehand. Our training, as Christians, starts the moment we accept the gift of God's life. On a daily basis, we train ourselves to say no to the wrong things in our lives. As we build up our *godly muscles* we are better able to choose to do what is right in God's eyes. To enable us to do all this we need to engage in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, studying the Bible and being part of a church and small group.

How is your training going?

With love and prayers, Helen

(The Reverend Helen Kendrick, Rector of the DAMASCUS Parish)

Sharman Roofing

GRP fibreglass flat-roofing specialist

tiling, slating, leadwork, guttering and fascias,
new builds, re-roofs, extensions,
maintenance & sheds

all work considered, call Mark on

07979 791075

msharmanroofing@gmail.com

Local Groups & Clubs

Drayton WIVES

Liz Branson

The Chronicle always includes an entry about our monthly meetings and we are always ready to welcome new members to the club. Apart from the monthly talks, there are several other activities including an annual coach trip, a craft group and the walking group. We walk a few miles in the countryside or sometimes visit a village, a town or Oxford, depending on the season, but always exploring something which has interested a member of the group and who wants to share their experience with others. The walk may include a look around an interesting church, a glorious view or simply a pleasant stroll leading to a good pub for lunch - an important feature of the walks! While most of the regular walkers are club members and by definition female, husbands sometimes accompany their wives and guests (of either sex!) would be very welcome to join us in the future.

On a glorious May morning, fourteen of us met at Oday Hill to visit Stonehill Community Garden, which is open to the public on Wednesdays and is to be found down Stonehill Lane at the corner where the road bends sharply to the right. It was established at the end of 2015 due to the generosity of the owner of the land who wanted to offer something to benefit the local community. We were met by the gardener Richard Seemark, who toured the garden with us talking enthusiastically about its development. He identified three main aims for the garden: to encourage everyone, especially children, to come and see how fruit and vegetables are grown, to provide an opportunity for all ages and abilities to enjoy the garden and each other's company, and finally to be a sustainable source of organically grown local produce.

Fruit and vegetables in season are available as well as honey from the hives in the garden. The garden was busy during our visit with volunteers of all ages from 3 to much, much older, working on staking, constructing a polytunnel, weeding, planting out seedlings and feeding the chickens.

Rachel Hammond, the Project Co-ordinator, maintains a Stonehill Community Garden Facebook page which has photos of the garden in action and gives news about forthcoming events, including Rachel's courses on edible horticulture which are delivered at Stonehill. If you have a peep, you may see a photo of our visit to the 'forest garden'. After enjoying a quick cup of coffee, produced by water boiled on the rocket stove, we walked across the fields into Abingdon for our pub lunch after another very enjoyable outing. (bransonliz@gmail.com)



**Town Furlong
Cattery**
Kingston Road, Frilford
01865 391864
www.townfurlong.co.uk

Drayton Table-Tennis Club John Gould



For any potential new members, (we play at the school), please make contact via 01235 531328, or see the website <http://ddtta.org.uk/index.html> for info.

We have qualified coaching, and you'll be made very welcome.

I'm sorry to report that our Bidmead team lost their semi final versus Wallingford by a mere 2 points! Having won the competition in 4 of the last 5 seasons I suppose it has to be another club's turn. Better news in the Handicap Shield where Drayton A reached the final to play another Division 1 team namely Letcombe A, last season's runners up. Unfortunately they were defeated in a very close final so have to be content with a runner up medal!

The league season is now over. The C team managed to avoid the bottom two places in Division 2 after a nail biting last few matches. The B team were runners up in the same Division so will play in Division 1 next season.

Our cadet and junior championships saw Lewis Waddup become our Junior Champion, retaining his title in his final year as a junior. The cadets Champion is Robbie Greenfield who also retained the trophy. Robbie also finished as our leading junior in the league and so is awarded the Geoff Hoyland Shield.

The junior doubles saw Lewis team up with Daniel Gifford to take the trophy, beating Ben Cattell & Max Waddup in the final. The cadet doubles winners were Daniel Gifford & Robbie Greenfield who defeated Ollie Pritchard & Max Waddup.

The club's top senior player is Rob Hudson (a member of the aforementioned B team), who finished on 90%, winning 46 of his 51 matches.

I shall report on the Club Senior Championships in the next issue. And HERE are those winners and runners-up >>>>



Red Lion Accommodation

All rooms are en
suite

For more information
Ring Glenn or Janet on
01235 531457 or visit
www.theredliondrayton.co.uk

BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Secretary:- Mrs Jayne Henderson 522161



REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

6.00 pm **Evening Service.** A traditional form of service, frequently with guest speakers.
(Communion every second Sunday)

HOT NEWS - BAPTIST CAFÉ with tea, coffee and cake
Thursdays 11.00 to 13.00, rain or shine, in or out

Come & Join Us EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

EVERLAST

Roofing & Building Services

New Roofs • All Flat Roofs • Tiling & Slating • Demossing Chimney
Repairs & Pointing • Facias & Guttering • All Repairs • 24/7 Call Out

No job too small

Drayton Based Company

01235 532273 • 07553 911258

Manor Close, Drayton, Abingdon, OX14 4JD

griffin interiors

...soft furnishing solutions...

Interiors and soft furnishings workroom located in Appleford making quality handmade curtains, pelmets, blinds, cushions, alterations.

Headboards, loose-covers and upholstery.

Poles, tracks and fitting service.

Design studio with extensive library of fabrics and trimmings.

Fabrics and curtain making materials available for home curtain makers.

20 years experience. Off street parking.

Flexible opening hours.

01235 847135/07808 762626

www.griffininteriorsoxford.co.uk

Mazey's

86c Abingdon Road, Drayton, OX14 4HP

01235 523773

Treatments include waxing, spray tans, facials, lash treatments, manicures, pedicures & more . .

email: mazeybeautysalon@gmail.com

Larkmead VETS

Caring for pets, horses & farm animals throughout South Oxon

Didcot & Sutton Courtenay: 01235 814991
Cholsey & Benson: 01491 651379
Horses & Farm Animals: 01491 651479

www.larkmead.co.uk

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')

The Prince's Countryside Fund is now open for **grant applications** of up to £50,000, available to support community led projects that improve the quality of life in rural areas and that help to support farming families. The Fund is committed to supporting projects which will reinvigorate and sustain community networks by providing services and amenities. **It is open for applications until June 14th.** You can apply at princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grants.

RWE Generation, the operators of Didcot B power station, **are looking for apprentices** to work in the gas-fired power station. They are looking for enthusiastic science, maths or engineering students to take up positions as engineering apprentices, including working on non-destructive testing. **You can find out more here** rweukjobs.com/entry-level-schemes/engineering.

Congratulations to Didcot Railway Centre, which has been given a Queen's Award for Voluntary Services (equivalent to an MBE for voluntary groups) and only 30 organisations have received it since it was created 15 years ago. **Very well done!**

Similar congratulations to Williams Advanced Engineering in Grove for a Queen's Award for Enterprise in Innovation, given for their innovation in **successfully transferring technology into commercial applications** from designing, developing and delivering the batteries for all the cars racing in the **Formula E championship**. Excellent work.

This month I met with **Didcot First**, an organisation that promotes Didcot positively and ensures it is a good place to work and live. You can see more about their work at didcotfirst.org.uk.

I also met with **GARD**, the Group Against Reservoir Development about the proposed new Upper Thames Reservoir, and took part in a BBC Oxford discussion on Didcot.

In April I received 623 items of correspondence (emails and letters) from constituents. Subjects raised with me include local rail, infrastructure and Brexit.

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

More Local Groups & Clubs

Drayton BOWLS Club 'Roll Up'

In June the club will be **THIRTY** years old, and to celebrate, 30 members are going to Sonning where they will be enjoying a three course meal, and a theatre show; oh, & **a reminder** to all those going, the coach is leaving the Hall at **10.45am, Sat June 2nd**.

To help with those celebrations, 'The Wasps' team completed the double by winning the afternoon triple league AND the knock out cup (a new competition) on county finals day (see pic below), also the same day **June Hyde & Bryn Jones** won a pairs tournament, in what was **some day for the club**.

On the downside, 'The Hammers' were relegated to the second division, but will be looking to bounce back next year.

Some news from recent internal competitions, firstly 'The Beryl James' pairs, and going through to play the final (Dec 15th) will be **Doug Rich & Janice Davis**, to play **John Ayres & June Hyde**.

The 'Rose Bowl' triple league will go to the last game to find a winner, this will have been played on May 14th, and a further internal tournament, the 'Don Alexander' two wood triple, will have been held on May 20th. This month the 'Doreen Jones never won' singles will be on June 10th, and the 'Attwood cup' bowls drive will be played on June 20th.



The winning Wasps (well done!):- Josie Carter, Bryn Jones, Libby Weston, June Hyde, Cyril Carter & Val Locke.

DANES/MACE STORE

Mon-Sat 5am-8pm - Sun 6am-6pm
FOR ALL YOUR PAPERS, MAGAZINES,
GROCERIES, FROZEN FOODS,
CARDS, OFF LICENCE and
SAVOURY SNACKS.

LINK CASH MACHINE AVAILABLE

LOTTERY TICKETS

**In Store Bakery and
Freshly cut sandwiches**

MOST MAJOR CREDIT CARDS TAKEN



NOW WITH PAYPOINT

TEL: **01235 554813**

Fax No: 01235 531217



Following last Autumn's well received play, we have decided to put a 1 Act Play into the Oxfordshire Drama Network 1 Act Play Festival at the beginning of June. It's a new 'black comedy' by a new member, Sue Hadley, who has recently moved to the area.

Sue studied writing at Ruskin College and has recently had her first book published called 'Tribal King & I'. The play is called "**The Last Job**", (about a couple of thieves), and will be performed at The Festival on **Monday June 4th**.

The annual Drama Festival takes place in the lovely old Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon from Monday June 4th to Sat 9th, when drama societies from all over Oxfordshire and nearby are sending their very different plays to make **an exciting, fun week** of top class theatre. There will be two plays every night, and a **prestigious Gala evening** with 3 plays called back on the Saturday.

Guild of Drama Adjudicator Ian Sarginson, will run a short workshop at the end of each play (Mon-Fri), a unique feature of the ODN Festival. Tickets at £7 Mon-Fri and £9 for the Saturday Gala Evening, available from The Bookstore, or please ring 01235 821351. Season tickets for Mon - Fri are available at £25.

Our play will also be entered into the Wallingford Drama Festival the following week, provisionally on Tuesday June 12th at the Corn Exchange Wallingford.

DRAYTON SEQUENCE DANCE CLUB

Dancing Thursday Nights at
Drayton Village Hall

7.30pm - 10.30pm
Admittance £2



Do you want to dance? Friendly club
seeking new members

Further information 01235 531701

POST
OFFICE

Drayton Post Office

Mon - Fri 9 - 5.30 Sat 9 - 12.30

& CONVENIENCE STORE

Open All Week 8 am - 10 pm

9, The Green, Drayton, OX14 4JA

01235 531359

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).

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

For more information please contact Victoria Wright, (Rainbow Guider), on 07801 447720

YOUR LETTERS

Children's Society Collection

Dear Editor, Steventon Road

This year's collection for the Children's Society – households in Steventon Road, Haywards Road, Binnings Close, East Way, Lockway, Whitehorns Way and Marcham Road - raised the excellent sum of £211.70p.

Many thanks to all who kindly contributed.

Kind Regards Doreen Bourne



THE HOME GUARD!

Grateful thanks to **Bob Matthews** (High Street), who supplied this ancient photo of the local Home Guard (yes, Captain Mainwaring & that lot, "stupid boy"); it was found in the bottom of a drawer, and is understandably a bit battered, and B&W (brown & white really!), dating back to approx 1942!

We think that's Steventon Road in the background, and the nearest house used to be on the corner of what is now Lockway? The names scribbled on the back of the snap are :- F. Caudwell, Drais, P. Prior, Bridges, Basil Belcher, Sgt Parker, J. Matthews, Delafeild (with an 'ei', could be a mistake?), Webb, Hobday, Waldron, Bob Jones, Bill Chapman, Wiblin, Mead, and one we're struggling with the handwriting, could be Collect, Colleck or even Calleck?

Good luck with working out who's who, and do YOU have any similar old photos hidden away somewhere?!

AP Window Cleaning Service

Local, Reliable and Affordable

Purified Water Pole System

All types of window, Frames and Sills

Conservatories and Gutter clearing

Call for free quote: **07702 861526**

or email: anthony477prince@btinternet.com

Well Done Lads!!

Dear Editor Steventon Road

Every year we support Drayton football team, at home AND away. The whole group of boys work hard to keep their place in the team. They have their ups & downs, and injuries etc, but battle as one for the ball and the points!

This year they have the highest goals tally in the whole North Berks League, and we enjoy the excitement of the matches.

The team has **gained promotion** to Divison 2 this season! They are very polite and welcome us individually to the matches, and also invited us to the end-of-season awards!

WELL DONE Drayton, we are most impressed! We thank the manager and support staff, who all do a sterling job.

Next year there will be two teams to support – **PLEASE join us** on the touch-line, **we need YOU!**

Yours Sincerely

Judy & Derek Henman



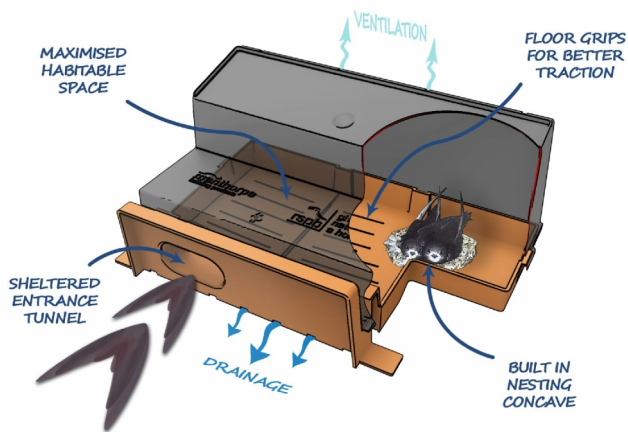
Wildlife Notes

As seen in Nature's Home Magazine (free – quarterly – to RSPB Members):- Barratt Developments, RSPB & Manthorpe Building Products have come together to give **nature a home** in Aylesbury by designing and installing new **swift nest boxes** in a brick format – the first new swift box designed with input from nature experts.

Swift numbers have almost halved in twenty years, part of this decline is being linked to a reduction in potential nesting sites. New nesting boxes are needed to help numbers recover as they return to the UK to breed every summer. Providing more nesting sites for swifts has been one of the aims of the partnership with the RSPB, launched in 2014 to look at how **nature and wildlife could be incorporated** into new communities. The first new nest boxes have just been fitted at the Kingsbrook development (Aylesbury), where Barratt Homes will install up to 900 boxes in new houses.

The bricks are an **industry first**, fully drained, ventilated and are unobtrusive, by matching the colour of the bricks. They also help nurture chicks by giving them room to stand when they hatch. They are much cheaper than any other swift brick on the market, and **we actively want other developers to use the brick** so we can all help build swift populations.

Editor's Note:- I wonder if any of the Drayton developers are going to acquire and fit at least a few 'swift bricks'???



HEDGEHOG HIGHWAYS???

Did you know that hedgehogs need to walk a mile or more in a night looking for food and a mate? Sadly, our gardens are too often little high-sided boxes. You can help by creating **safe corridors** from your garden to the one next door.

This is a great activity to do with your neighbours to connect your gardens. Think like a hedgehog or frog! Go into your garden and put yourself in the shoes (or feet or paws) of different creatures. If you were a hedgehog or a frog, how easy would it be to make your way around the garden, and in and out? Is the way blocked by fences and walls? Are there big open areas you'd never cross in case something saw you and ate you? Add gaps at the base of your wooden fences. **Check with your neighbour** that's it's ok to do so, and think about pets – you don't want them escaping! And don't create gaps which lead wildlife onto busy roads!

If you're cutting a hole in a wooden fence at ground level, draw the shape you want with a pencil. An arch is easiest to cut, make it no more than about 15cm wide x 12cm high for larger creatures like hedgehogs, maybe 8cm x 6cm high for frogs & toads.

Drill a hole inside your shape with a wood drill bit (the kind used for making circular holes). Then poke a jigsaw or saw blade through your hole to then cut out the hole to your line. Allow long grasses or other herbaceous plants to grow next to the gap.

Let some of your lawn grow longer. Voles, shrews, frogs, toads, beetles and hedgehogs like to move through long grasses rather than out in the open.

Steventon Back Pain Centre

Our aim is to discover the cause of your pain, get you well faster and for you to stay well for longer.

Chiropractic Relief From :

- Back Pain
- Neck pain (mechanical)
- Headaches (cervicogenic)
- Migraine (prevention)
- Frozen shoulder & Tennis Elbow
- Leg pain (general aches & pains)



tel: 01235 848 008

Free Spinal Check

The Back Pain Centre
4C Deanes Close OX13 6AF Steventon
www.steventonbackpaincentre.co.uk

CHRONICLE NEWS

The Lottery is a vital 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 (531923) 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** (with his mighty supply of household goods, handyman aids, and/or get a key cut, not to mention get friendly with Izzy, see if she's learned any new tricks!).

Team Meeting It's been suggested that the Chronicle team have a meeting, after the Community Trust AGM, (that's 7pm, shouldn't last long). Tues June 12th, in the Caudwell Day Centre, the idea to review our recent changes, and see if they've prompted any more ideas.

Electrical Problems? Call

ROBERTS ELECTRICAL



Domestic • Commercial • Industrial

- Electrical Hard Wire Testing
- Domestic Electrical Reports
- Landlords Certificates
- Portable Appliance Testing
- Re-wires Full or Part
- Extra Power or Lighting Points
- Electrical Showers Complete
- Security Lighting, Fire & Intruder Alarms
- LED & Low Energy Lighting Installations
- Data & Telephone Wiring
- TV & Home Entertainment Installations
- Heating Controls and Wiring

We are able to Part P/Building Control our electrical works

Office: 01235 528800 Mobile: 07786 930463

Windy Ridge Court, Milton Road, Drayton, Abingdon OX14 4EZ

FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTATIONS

OTHER LOCAL PLACES OF WORSHIP

Methodist Chapel High Street, Milton, Sundays: 10.30 am
Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

BENTON & BRYAN BUILDERS

**For all types of building work
from a reliable local company**

Kitchens & Bathroom	Extensions
Carpentry	Alterations
Decorating	Roofing
Plastering	Brickwork

**Tel: 01235 832513 Mobile: 07905 386150
Email: bentonandbryan@hotmail.co.uk**

ART & STUFF

6 The Square, Abingdon OX14 5AR
(by War Memorial)

Your local Art and Antiques shop selling
modern and traditional watercolours and oil
paintings, limited edition prints, antiques,
collectables and loads of quirky stuff!

Opening times Thurs to Sat 10.30 to 4 pm



TEL: 01235 533906 / 07415 855890 www.artandstuffgallery.co.uk

SP COURIER SERVICES



‘MOVING ASSISTANCE’

House – Flat – Apartments – Office

FURNITURE MOVED / TRANSPORTED

Ebay COLLECTIONS - DELIVERIES

Tel 07721 679487 & 01235 524589

K. L. YATES BUILDERS

FOR ALL YOUR BUILDING SERVICES

Extensions and Alterations

Property Maintenance

Kitchens and Bathrooms

Carpentry and Tiling



Call **RICHARD** for an estimate on

01235 531275 or mobile 07788 738248



REMLOC PLUMBING & HEATING LTD

Trading Standards Approved

Gas Safe & CIPHE Registered

- Central Heating Installation
- Boiler Servicing
- General Plumbing
- No Job too Small
- Emergency Call-outs
- Free Estimates

01235 536345 / 07709 961 655

www.remloc.co.uk / email: info@remloc.co.uk

GARD REPORT

Public consultation on draft Reservoir Plan closes – what next?

The reservoir between Steventon & Hanney (across Hanney Road) is part of ALL versions of the draft plan put forward by Thames Water (TW), to be built in the 2030-45 time-frame.

GARD submitted our response to TW's plan, on the deadline date of 29th April. As we expected, when we read the full draft Water Resources Management Plan (dWRMP), we found that TW's assessment of the various possible water sources for solving the future water deficit in the London/ Essex/ Kent areas (the last two would involve selling water on to other water companies) was highly subjective and biased towards their favourite reservoir solution. GARD's response **comprehensively dismantles** the case for a reservoir, it will be on www.abingdonreservoir.org (our website) for everyone to see by the time you read this newsletter.

We know that several local political organisations/groups have also submitted **responses against the reservoir**. Readers may have seen that Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) came out against the plan in the local press. We also know the VoWHDC have called for a Public Inquiry, as they believe TW have not followed guidelines in drawing up the dWRMP. Other local organisations which we know have written opposing are: Steventon & East Hended Parish Councils, Campaign to Protect Rural England (Oxfordshire area) and Wantage and Grove Campaign Group. **If you know of any other organisations which have opposed, please let us know**, as we are keen to coordinate with the next step.

We would also like to thank the many people who came to our 'drop-in' sessions at Steventon & East Hanney, and who submitted their own objections. Thanks also to local residents who came along to TW's own 'drop-in' session at Steventon Village Hall, and gave their representatives a hard time. We have yet to hear any responses from TW to questions about the flooding risk to the area. **If anyone receives a personal reply from TW**, I'd be grateful if you could forward it on to me at:- gard.chair@gmail.com.

So, what next? **This 'consultation' has been a shambles**, as TW abandoned their population projections half-way through, and now they predict about 1.5 million less people in the London area by 2100; TW were forced to concede to meeting Ofwat's minimum Leakage target of a 15% reduction by 2025, half-way through the consultation. **The combined effect of these two climb-downs would be enough to remove the need for almost all the water that the reservoir would supply!!**

TW's costings for comparative schemes were completely secretive and lacked transparency, and they made key errors on the amount of water available from various sources (always in favour of the reservoir!). Plus, their Environmental Assessments are highly subjective, especially trying to equate benefits which might arise if a third party funded them (eg. sailing facilities), to balance out **serious impacts** which certainly would happen, e.g. **a nine-year build duration, six-square mile area, construction site dislocation and local environment damage, permanent visual impact, and a serious flooding risk.**

TW's figures showing that the reservoir would be resilient to long droughts, and that it would not run dry, are flawed – they are still trying to answer questions on this raised before the consultation. TW will now be submitting a revised plan to the government. GARD believes that this revised plan will have so many material changes, that a second public consultation is needed. We will be calling for a second consultation, and our MP, Ed Vaizey has agreed to support our call. We hope that local organisations and residents will support this call, we cannot let the plan slip through without further scrutiny. **If you wish to help us in this, please contact me.**

GARD AGM

Is to be held in Steventon Village Hall, on **Thurs June 28th** at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing members (and anyone wanting to join) there. **We are looking for members to join our committee.** If you would like to stand, or get any information on this, please contact Deborah Bennett, at gard.secretary@gmail.com. This is also the contact email if you want to join GARD (lifetime membership is only £5).

County Council Report - "Deal or No Deal?"

There has been much talk of "The Growth Deal" – Govt's Deal with Oxfordshire County Council in which Oxfordshire will get £215m towards infrastructure and affordable housing, in exchange for undertaking to build 100,000 homes by 2031. More than a quarter have already been built, and 5 out of 6 District Councils have already signed up to build the rest in their Local Plans. So this is just extra money we didn't know we were getting, isn't it? At last we can get some infrastructure before the housing goes up. True, it is predicted we need around £1.5b of infrastructure by 2031 but there are several other pots of money that could well raise another £0.6b, and Government says that the £215m is only a downpayment. So it's a pretty good deal, isn't it?

Well, not everyone thinks so. The problem is that under the new NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) Oxfordshire's target should be around **65,000 new homes** by 2031 – **not** 100K. The District Councils' Local Plans were formed on the old NPPF figures. Although many tried to challenge them at the time on the grounds that extra housing numbers for economic growth were wildly exaggerated, we were not allowed to do so. So the government offer of £215m in return for building 35,000 more homes than their own figures say we need to, may not be quite the offer it first seemed. Have our Council Leaders sold us short? Given the dependence of Government on Growth in Oxfordshire, should we not have asked for far more?

It seems a number of things could derail the Growth Deal →

PERSONAL TRAINER
SPORTS NUTRITIONIST
SPORTS MASSAGE THERAPIST
 Over 10 years' experience



Based in Drayton Mobile service available
 Bootcamp Class
 Thurs: 6.30pm Drayton Village Hall Field
 Contact Tara: 07500 870638
 tara_kafke@hotmail.co.uk



**Tonks Brothers
Funeral Directors**

158 Ock Street, Abingdon OX14 5DT

Tel 01235 539444

166 Kennington Rd, Kennington OX1 5PG

Tel 01865 736144

Day or Night

www.tonksbrothers.com

'Proud to be a family business'



Why not give us a test Drive.

Untangling the Jargon - Simple jargon-free advice, in plain English tailored specifically to suit you.

Solving the headaches - Let Drive take care of all your financial needs. Accounts, Tax, VAT, Bookkeeping and much much more, leaving you time to do what you do best, running your business.

To get in touch

07903 266 007

louisa.webb@driveaccountancy.co.uk

Venn Mill House, Garford, nr Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX13 5PA

(→) Government has demanded as part of their offer that all Local Plans are in place within a year. Recent developments in South Oxfordshire make that highly unlikely. Council Leaders are hoping that Government will give SODC more time.

It is not clear where the Deal would be if the 'downpayment' turns out to be all there is. Could the District Council claim that they are no longer obliged to deliver the extra housing?

What if there is a change of Govt? 2031 is a long way away.

As a result of **council pressure**, a new **combined Scrutiny Committee** with representatives from all Councils is being set up to scrutinize the Growth Deal and its progress. This is a most welcome development as too much has been discussed and decided behind closed doors. At last we should find out how the Deal was agreed, why it was signed and most importantly what the 'get out' clauses say should happen if either side defaults.

If you have feelings on any County issues you would like me to hear, please contact me on richardwebber777@gmail.com or 01235 534001. **Richard Webber** (OCC Cllr, Sutton Courtenay & Marcham Division)

A.L. VICKERY AND SON

Hardware and much more

Keys Cut while you wait,
cookshop, housewares,
tools, gardening...
 ...you'll save money, time
 And mileage when you try



5 The Green, Drayton,
 Abingdon OX14 4JA
 Telephone 01235 531497

Vickery's first!

Just park outside!

OPEN Monday to Saturday 9am to 5.30pm

Parish Council Richard Williams

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the **Parish Clerk, David Perrow**; he may be contacted at draytonclerk@gmail.com or on 07909 176061, and he will ensure that 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 June 4th, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. **As ever, all are welcome to attend.**



Mira Spice
Business Lunch
(12pm – 2pm Monday to Saturday)
Inclusive
Mix Starter (4 different types)
Any Main Course (cost £8.95 or less)
Sides and Any Rice or Any Naan Bread
only £8.95
Please phone or see website for takeaway (-10%)
Tel: 01235 821335
6 High Street, Steventon OX13 6RS www.miraspace.co.uk



Suzy Willis & Associates
MCSP HCPC AACP
CHARTERED PHYSIOTHERAPISTS
Old Lodge, Henleys Lane
Drayton, OX14 4HU
Tel 01235 531269
Please ring for an appointment



THE DOG SHED
FOR ALL YOUR GROOMING NEEDS
Please contact Kelly on: 07909 090242
Email: kellyshippy02@googlemail.com
Based in Drayton, Abingdon
Clipping/Scissoring Nail clipping

Imaginative Dance Through Storytelling Classes for Children 2-16 yrs



*From Charleston to Bollywood,
Freestyle, Street Dance, Musical Theatre*

Book for a Free Taster Session!

Thursdays @ Steventon Village Hall
Wednesdays @ Northcourt Centre, Abingdon

**Please see website or contact us for class times and
availability**

Email us: bettybloomdance@gmail.com
Or visit bettybloomdance.co.uk
Mobile: 07785 232862

Drayton W.I.

Ann Webb

At our last meeting we had an extremely interesting (and worrying) talk from Gary Hibbins. He spoke about the work that was undertaken at the 'Abingdon Bridge' (the old police station). It is very worrying to hear the troubles young people are suffering. More worrying is who or what has brought this about? Thank goodness there is somewhere they can go, but sadly the wait can be too long for some souls.

Next month, on a lighter note, we have a games session. If you wish to 'play along' we **meet on the second Thursday**, Caudwell Day Centre (7.30 pm), next date June 14th -- **see you there.**

Just Grass

Weekly / Fortnightly
Lawn Mowing Service

Tel: 01235 553468 Mob: 07921 102100

**General Garden Maintenance
Hedge Cutting - Tree Work**

Julian Cook. 43 Sutton Wick Lane, Drayton

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Congratulations! :- to Richard & Sophie (of Holly Lane) on their recent wedding;

And a very warm welcome to Luis, Mark, Greg & Juan who have moved into Binning Close.



Neighbourhood Action Group

Cold callers Police recently received a report of a cold caller, who approached elderly residents in the Faringdon area, offering to buy jewellery from them. The man was convincing with official looking brochures and was described as 'charming but pushy'. The residents sold him a couple of pieces of jewellery, but their family were concerned about the man's intent.

Have you had a similar experience? Please report any similar incidents to the police by calling **101** with as much info as you can, any business flyers, descriptions, vehicle details etc.

Please be aware of anyone cold calling and follow the advice below if someone knocks at the door. Please talk to any elderly/vulnerable neighbours or family to also give them the following advice:-

Look through the door-viewer if you have one, or the window, to see who is outside.

If you decide to open the door use the door-chain.

Never leave callers unattended at the front door without securely closing or locking it.

Check the caller's identity badge or card and, if you are unsure, ask them to wait and close the door.

Look up their organisation's phone number and call to confirm the caller's identity. **DO NOT** use any phone numbers the caller may give you.

Do not feel pressurised into buying items or services at the door. Always get three quotes for any work to be carried out.

Do not let callers into your house, and certainly do not allow any access to private rooms, such as bedrooms.

Do not divulge information about where valuables may be kept!

Always remember that official visitors will be willing to wait while you check their identity, or to make an appointment to return at another time, when you could ask a family member or friend to be with you.

If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by a fraud or any other scam please **report it to Action Fraud** by calling 0300 123 2040 or visit the website at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>.

Drayton Window Cleaning Service

Est. 1990 - we provide a friendly reliable service
Every 5 - 6 weeks - Free quote - no obligation
Craig Taylor - Tel: 01235 512881 Mob: 07778 661548
www.elitewindowcleaningservice.com
A bill can be left for postal payment if you are not home.
Online payment also welcome. Other services include:
Pressure Washing; Conservatory roof cleaning;
Fascia cleaning; Gutters Unblocked & Cleaned out

Is your dog microchipped?

Having your dog microchipped can make a big difference when looking for, and trying to identify, a missing dog. In April 2016 it became a **legal requirement** for all dogs to be microchipped by 8 weeks of age. Each microchip has a unique number that must be registered on a Govt-approved database, along with information about your dog and you, as its owner. **You can be fined** if your dog is not registered on one of these databases.



It's important that the information is kept up-to-date so that if your dog does go missing you can be contacted at the correct address or telephone number. It's also important to report it to the police ASAP, including making them aware of the microchip number, so that it can be recorded on the police database. This will make it easier for them to identify any dogs that are found, and to check whether

they've been reported as missing or stolen. In 2016 the Dogs Trust recorded that, as a result of having a microchip with up-to-date details, **9,000 stray dogs were reunited** with their owners

If your dog is lost or stolen it's recommended that you record it using online websites dedicated to finding them. These sites often work with police and other orgs, eg local Neighbourhood Watch groups and veterinary practices, to try to find the animals.

More info re microchipping can be found on the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/get-your-dog-microchipped>

ProClean

Housekeeping & Ironing Services
Sue Oliver



Fully Insured & all Staff are DBS checked.
All equipment & cleaning products supplied.
Call now or email for a quotation
East Way, Drayton, Abingdon - Tel: (01235) 468402
Email: sue@hsoliver.co.uk

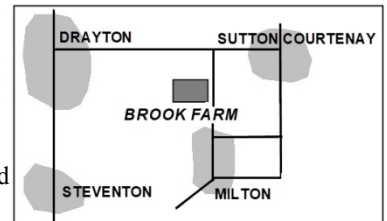
HAVE YOU TRIED OUR FREE RANGE EGGS?



Brook Farm

Brook Farm, Milton Road
OPENING HOURS

Mon to Sat - 9.00am to 1.00pm Except Friday 9.00am to 6.00pm
FREE RANGE EGGS, & POTATOES (if available)



DRAYTON TELEVISION SERVICES

Digital TV aerials installed	Extra aerial points
Satellite Sky or Freesat	Repairs
TV tuning and programming	New TV Sales
Television Wall mounting	FREE ESTIMATES

Telephone: 01235 531451

Recipe Time!

Raspberry Meringue Roulade

This is an unusual idea, and it makes a generous roulade, an excellent size for a party. It also freezes extremely well. Simply wrap in foil to freeze, then allow about 8 hours to thaw before serving. This recipe serves 8-10 people (& is [pictured here](#) >>).

Ingredients 5 Large egg whites,
275g (10oz) caster sugar & 50g (2oz) flaked almonds

For the filling

300ml (½ pint) whipping or double cream
350g (12oz) fresh raspberries

Your Method

Pre-heat the oven to 220°C (Fan 200°C), or Gas 7. Line a 33 x 23cm (13in x 9in) swiss roll tin with baking parchment.

Whisk the egg whites until very stiff. Gradually add the sugar, a teaspoonful at a time, whisking well between each addition. Whisk until very stiff and all of the sugar has been added.

Spread the meringue mixture into the prepared tin and sprinkle with the almonds. Place the tin fairly near the top of the pre-heated oven and bake for about 8 minutes until pale golden. Then reduce the oven temperature to 160°C (Fan 140°C), or Gas 3, and bake for a further 15 minutes until firm to the touch.

Remove the meringue from the oven and turn it, almond side down, onto a sheet of baking parchment. Remove the parchment from the base of the cooked meringue and allow to cool for about 10 minutes.

While the meringue is cooling, whisk the cream until it stands in stiff peaks, and gently mix in the raspberries. Spread the cream and raspberries evenly over the meringue. Start to roll from the long end fairly tightly until rolled up like a roulade. Wrap in baking parchment and chill before serving.

As an alternative to the raspberries you could use lemon curd, jam or strawberries.

Tip

Leftover egg yolks can be stored in the fridge in a small container. Pour a tablespoon of cold water over the top, and then cover with clingfilm. Use within a week. *(Carol Arnold)*

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



Ady Bolton Building & Decorating

- General Building and Maintenance.
- Internal and External Decorating.

56 Whitehorns Way, Drayton, Oxon, OX14 4LJ
Tel: 07896 908768
Email adybolton@aol.com

← INSPIRED by the RECIPE? ENTER a CAKE! →

THE GREAT DRAYTON BAKE OFF

Drayton Fete & Festival

June 9th, 2018, 2pm – 5pm

Adult Categories

- ◆ Victoria Sponge
- ◆ Show stopper!

Kids' Categories

- ◆ Any type of cake/bake you like
- ◆ Ages 0-12 and Ages 13-15

Bring cakes at 2pm to the main marquee

Judging at 3pm (£1 entry fee)

Winners will receive a Drayton Bake off Apron



Go
Green
Taxis

LOW FIXED PRICES
ON ALL JOURNEYS

ECO-FRIENDLY FLEET

EASY-TO-USE APP

Call our 24/7 call centre today:

01235 811 100

bookings@gogreentaxisltd.co.uk



Supporting Young Carers in Oxfordshire

YOUNG CARERS

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES,
WORKSHOPS, TRAINING,
SOCIAL EVENTS AND
BENEFITTING

GET IN TOUCH 01235 838 554

Harwell Innovation Centre,
173 Curie Avenue, Didcot OX11 0DG
E: yc@befreec.org.uk

befreec.org.uk

THERAPIST with over 20 years' experience
Massage

Combining holistic and sports
massage, tailored to your needs

Indian Head Massage
Reflexology Waxing
Eyebrow shaping/tinting

Tel: 07957 339033
34 Lockway, Drayton



NOTICE BOARD

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS

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

Our next dates are **June 5th & July 3rd**.

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

DRAYTON HALL NEWS

Quite an eventful time we've had (May) – well done to our Downs Support group, who survived a flood in the Ladies' loo (cracked cistern), & **grateful THANKS** to REMLOC plumbing who came and fixed everything very quickly! Since then we've had an ants invasion, so a reminder to users not to leave crumbs or sticky spillages? Anyone who likes **Crafts**, and would like to spend an afternoon with likeminded souls, our U3A group meets on the 2nd Thurs afternoon of each month (they do all sorts, sewing, crochet, cards, upholstery, plus a spot of tea & cake!). Now, a spot of admin, most people will have been bombarded with emails about the EU's fabulous (!!) privacy initiative, known as **GDPR**; our hirers should be aware that we only hold such data as needed for the 'hirer/hall' relationship, we don't sell it or pass it on, we don't even retain account data (we like people to transfer funds to us). And I'm not about to send you marketing emails.

JEFF'S DRIVING SCHOOL
COMPETITIVE RATES
CONTACT : JEFF COX



Qualified. Experienced. Reliable.

Matt: 07841677921

thebrightspark.info@gmail.com



: the bright spark electrical services

KEYMINDERS

Serving Drayton and nearby villages
and towns for over 25 years
Professional yet personal care for your
pets and home when you're away

01235 520290 info@keyminders.co.uk

www.keyminders.co.uk



YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL CONTACTS :-

Parish (Clerk) David Perrow (draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk

OR phone 07909 176 061);

District (VofWH) Stuart Davenport (01235 521078)

& Oxfordshire County richardwebber777@gmail.com

LISTINGS

Deaf Awareness Week – was in May. BUT – Watermill Theatre (near Newbury) have A Midsummer Night's Dream on to June 16th and THIS show incorporates SIGNING alongside the usual 'magic, mayhem & music'. They also have TWO SPECIAL shows, **fully BSL integrated**, June 13th (7.30) & 16th (1.30) so that's **signers on stage with the actors**. Tickets £15 to £26.50, call 01635 46044 or boxoffice@watermill.co.uk NB They've also a couple more such BSL shows later in the year, Sweet Charity & Robin Hood, so for more info on all shows see their website.

Calling 'He-men' (& Women!). June 16th, Grove Rec, it's the **UK National Outdoor Tug-of-War Championships** (mixed in with the annual 'Grove Extravaganza', so a funfair, sideshows, dog & duck show, right through the day). There are weight categories for men, women, 'mixed' (!), and kids. Spaces left for teams as we go to press, enter via www.tugofwar.co.uk

Jewellery Valuation – Gold, Silver, scrap, allsorts, cash paid. London buyer at Village Hall, June 5th, 1 to 5pm (020 7544 1063)

Pets Reunited (Abingdon) We offer an online reporting service to help lost, stolen or found dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, horses and all other kinds pets and animals in the Abingdon area find the way back home. www.petsreunited.com/local/abingdon/ (NB When you register, you may get notices re Steventon, Wantage, etc, besides here & Abingdon, it's just the area they cover).

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

Could you foster? We need short term and long term foster carers as well as carers who can just help out for weekends and school holidays for children of all ages from babies to teenagers.

Foster carers receive a comprehensive training and support package along with financial support. **We need a diverse range of people** with different skills and qualities to come forward so that more children are placed in the right home, first time.

The package includes:- a fostering fee of £218 to £459 per week paid in addition to fostering allowances; local training and unlimited support from a dedicated fostering team; relief care; 24/7 telephone help line; regular support groups; birthday and holiday payments; free membership of Fostering Network.

Log on to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/fostering to find out more details, or call 0800 7835724. Types of placements are both short & long term and include sibling groups.

There's a range of different fostering schemes, and YOU just might make a big difference to someone's life?

STEVENTON CHORAL SOCIETY

invites you to join them for an evening of

Summertime Songs, Old, New, Loved, Neglected

Two performances at Steventon Village Hall

Thursday 7th & Saturday 9th June 2018

Doors and Bar open at 7.00pm

Ticket £10 includes half time refreshments **from**

01235 848292 / 834015 or **Steventon Post Office**

(accompanied children free) Info@steventonchoral.org.uk

DRAYTON DIARIES

DIARY FOR JUNE

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

To book the Hall :- bookings@draytonvh.co.uk or call Tony Holmes on (01235) 531180; see the website :- www.draytonvh.co.uk

Sat	2	1.00am	Private Function (Child's party)
Sun	3	noon	Private Function (Child's party)
Mon	4	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Tues	5	1.00pm	Jewellery Valuation (Lounge - to 5pm)
Sat	9	2.00pm	Village Fete & Festival
Sun	10	9.00am	Bowls Club
Thur	14	2.00pm	'U3A' Crafts Group (Mthly - Small Hall)
Sat	16	12.30pm	Chronicle Lottery Deadline
Sun	17	10.00am	Private Function
Mon	18	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (see P2 - Ads 15th)
Sat	23	9.00am	Private Function
		5.00pm	Private Function
Sun	24	9.00am	Bowls Club (to 1pm)
Sat	30	5.00pm	Private Function

THE RED LION

John, Mandy & Josh

Welcome you to our friendly village pub

Traditional home cooked pub food
at exceptional prices

Served Tuesday-Friday 12 - 8pm
and Saturday 11 - 8pm

Home cooked Sunday Roast 12 - 5pm

Quiz every Sunday at 9.30pm

Bingo fortnightly on Thursdays at 7pm

Karaoke every 1st Saturday of the month

All Welcome, Child and dog friendly

Please call 01235 532393

L H GOODWIN professional decorator

Our services include both domestic and commercial painting and decorating.

We are fully insured and all work guaranteed
25 years' experience - References available.

For a free estimate please call Leigh on

07789 873483 or visit my website

www.lhgoodwin.co.uk

KOGELS of Abingdon Limited

HOME EXTENSION SPECIALISTS
AND GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS

72 Steventon Road
Drayton

Tel: Abingdon (01235) 531200

Email: kogelsofabingdon@btconnect.com

www.kogelsofabingdon.co.uk

Abingdon

Oxon

OX14 4LD

REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

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

MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	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
7.15 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)	
11.00 am	Baptist Café (to 1pm)	Baptist Church
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
9.45 am	Sung Eucharist (Praise Service 4th Sunday)	St Peter's
6.00 pm	Evening Service	Baptist Church

THAMES VALLEY FARMERS' MARKETS (8.30 to 1.30)

Fresh, Quality produce, Locally produced, at a Competitive price

June Dates Ab'don (3rd Fri) 15th; Didcot (2nd Sat) 9th

TVFM news - ring 01235 227266 see website - Tvfm.org.uk

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.

Printed by **HOLYWELL PRESS, Oxford**

01865 242098 or www.holywellpress.co.uk