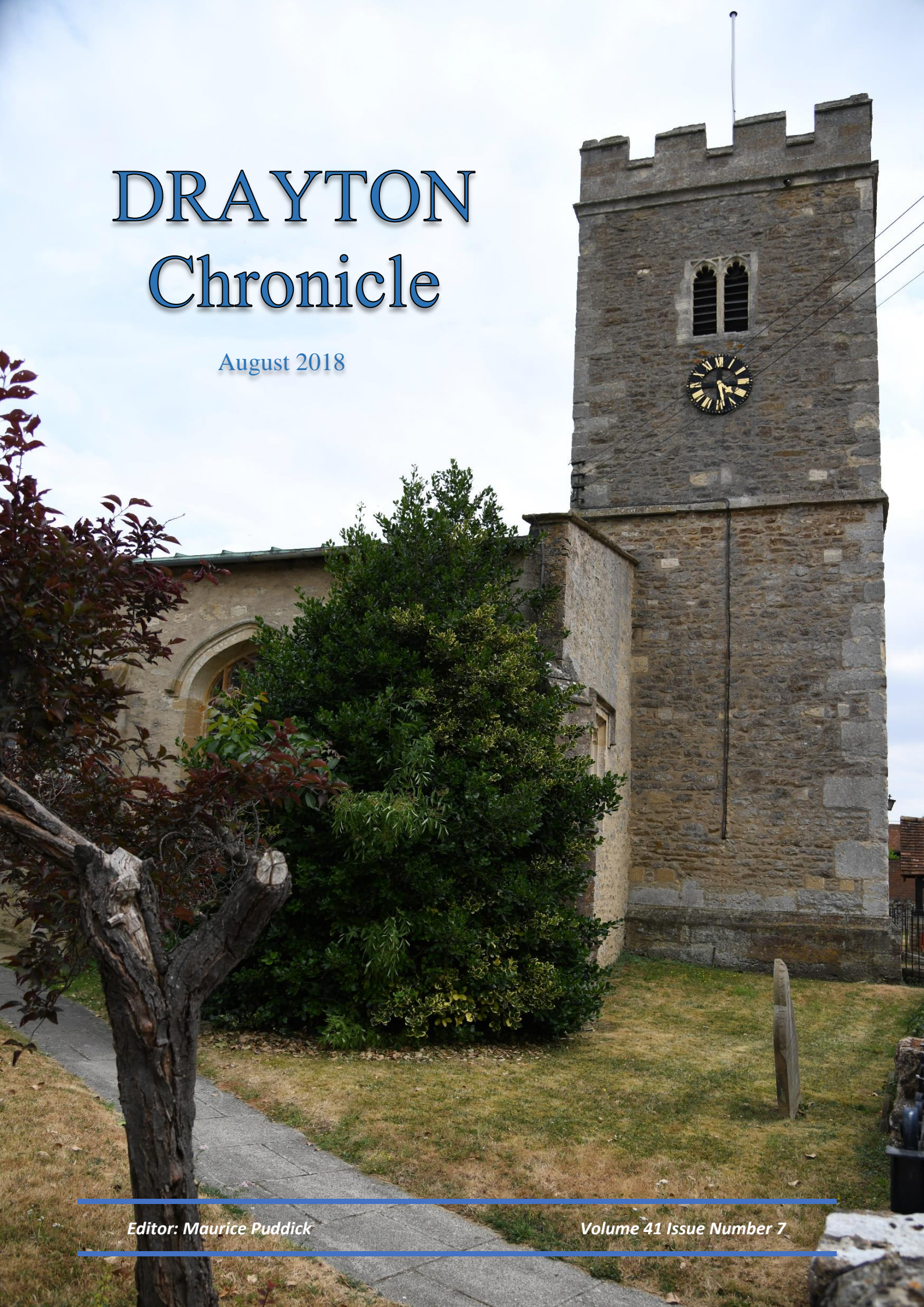


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CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Drayton Chronicle** will be the September issue:
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Key dates for subsequent Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
September	13 August 2018	24 August
October	17 September 2018	28 September
November	15 October 2018	26 October

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NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

Contributions to and advertisements in the Chronicle are most welcome. Please be sure always to include your name, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number. Without names we will usually not print an item at all.

However, please also note that the editor has to ensure that each Chronicle fits exactly into an even number of printed pages. The editor therefore reserves the right to place, edit, shorten or even reject contributions as required.

A contribution or advertising request can be sent to us in one of three ways:

The best is by email to editor@draytonchronicle.net. Your contributions should either be embedded in your email as plain text or attached as a rich-text or Microsoft Word document!

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

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

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

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

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

After the deadlines listed at the top of this page, only urgent items will be considered for inclusion and then only if emailed or delivered directly to the Editor's house by the Wednesday following the deadlines.

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Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter

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£10	Mrs Smith Sutton Wick Lane	Keith Clough
£10	Mrs Leach Drayton Road	Tussel Humphry

Chronicle Lottery Results for July 2018 with winners selected at random by computer from **2101** tickets sold.

*More Lottery Agents always required, please contact Carol Arnold through your local agent/delivery volunteer.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Oliver and Rebecca Taylor have just moved into the High Street, this continues the long tradition of Taylors living in the village. We hope that they have many happy years here.



Welcome to the village!

Carol Arnold

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Thurs	9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday	10.00am	Pebbles (Term Time only) Church Room
Monday	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice Bell Tower
Friday	6.30pm	Choir Practice (1 st Friday) Church Room

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Tues 7th Aug	2.30pm	First Tuesday Connection Church Room
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CHURCH REGISTER

Baptisms

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YOU STAY WE PRAY THIS MONTH

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A different view of St Peter's

St Peter's letter (from the DAMASCUS ministry team)

Do nothing to change your life! *

A few weeks ago, our I-pad stopped working properly. We tried all sorts of things to fix it, until our son, something of a computer expert came over. He switched all the power off for a short time, then switched it on again – and it worked properly again!

This incident got me thinking that if machines need to have times of rest to get back into working order, then how much more do human beings need times to down tools and just be? Like the I-pad, we need a rest that reboots us. Regular periods of rest to give ourselves time to think about what really matters in our lives, time to retune ourselves to the right key, to see where we're being pulled out of shape.

Holidays can be good times to think about these things, when the lifestyle is a bit simpler and conversations can be had in a more leisurely manner. Often at the end of a holiday we feel more relaxed and rested – our batteries recharged.

What about those times between the holidays? We still get tired in body, mind and soul and need 'time out' or rest.

Christians believe that God put the rhythm of rest into our way of being. A day that was blessed by Him a day of healing, restoration – retuning. A day where we can enjoy just being in the world, enjoy doing those things that energise us, give us life. A day that reminds us that we're loved by Him and that He enjoys our company, that He is in charge.

Try to begin a regular time of stopping with a cup of coffee/tea/wine and look around you – appreciate what you see. Give thanks. May be lengthen the rest time with God to an activity that you enjoy – walking, gardening, cooking, jigsaw puzzles, carpentry, or reading - and talk to God about it as you would a friend. Tell Him how life is going, how you feel about it. Become aware of God's love for you. Enjoy being with those around you – relationships can help us to see what matters in life.

As Jesus says in the Good Book says:
'Are you tired, worn out ... Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.' Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message)

May this summer bring times of enjoyment and refreshment and a discovery of the real rest that Jesus offers.

Meg Heywood,
Associate Minister
St Peter's

* title taken from a small book by Stephen Cottrell (Bishop of Chelmsford.)

Do nothing to change your life – discovering what happens when you stop.

Welcome to Flexicare

Our featured local charity



"The aim was never to change the world, but to make that one week, perhaps that one day, a little bit easier for that one family."

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For over 30 years, our small, Oxfordshire-based charity has been providing babysitting services, free of charge, to families with a disabled child. Perhaps we can help you, or someone you know. Get in touch, refer a family, volunteer, donate.

Our small band of volunteers provide respite for parents who have severely handicapped children up to the age of 18 years.

The team is made up of medical ex-professionals and locally trained volunteers who have the empathy and dedication to care for these children so that their parents and siblings can have some time to themselves and each other. We are all highly trained in administering medication and trained carers.

'Makaton' training (designed to support spoken language and the signs and symbols are used with speech, in spoken word order) to aid in the communication with severely autistic children is part of our remit for some of our carers.

Earlier this year we organised a circular fund-raising walk from East Hendred via the Ridgeway (5 ml or 10 ml walk/run) which was very well supported.

At the beginning of July, Flexicare changed its status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. As a result, we have a new charity number. Nothing else has changed.

If you, or someone you know, are looking for an opportunity to make a real difference, please get in touch. You do not have to be experienced, just a desire to help. We'll take care of any training you may require. Just give us and a family a few hours a month, on your terms.

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The drive to survey Britain's mammals:

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Roadkill sightings can help conservation efforts

This summer, wildlife charity People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) is calling on the public to record sightings of mammals, dead or alive, whilst driving along Britain's road network as part of its annual *Mammals on Roads* survey. The information will help to spot changing trends in populations and identify where conservation action is needed most.

According to a recent report by the Mammal Society, compiled with PTES' help, one in five wild mammal species in Britain is at risk of extinction. But getting an idea of the size of populations and how numbers are changing remains difficult.

David Wembridge, Surveys Officer at PTES explains: **"At the moment, a lot of what we know is still a 'best guess' and what we really need are good records of mammals and of all sorts of species, more generally. Better estimates of numbers will help us understand our wildlife and the 'natural health' of the nation."**

This year, the survey runs from Sunday 1st July through to Sunday 30th September and participants in this citizen science project can take part either online or via an app on a smart phone or tablet.

Over the three summer months, PTES is asking families, car-sharing commuters or anyone on Britain's roads, to record sightings of mammals and submit the records online, at www.ptes.org/mor, or with the *Mammals on Roads* app (available for free from the App Store or Google Play). Alternatively, a printed survey pack can be requested by emailing the charity (mor@ptes.org).

David continues: "Together with the more traditional, paper-based methods, we hope the app will encourage more people to get involved in conservation and wildlife recording. The survey, of course, should only be done by passengers in the car - drivers should always have their full attention on the road and other vehicles."

The annual *Mammals on Roads* survey will help ongoing conservation efforts, building a countrywide picture from records submitted by the public of how the numbers of hedgehogs, badgers and other species are changing. The survey, along with others that PTES runs, plays a vital role in the ongoing conservation of British wildlife. Previous findings have revealed the shocking decline in hedgehog numbers, which led to the launch of the nationwide campaign Hedgehog Street (run with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society), which now has almost 50,000 volunteers committed to helping save the humble hedgehog. **To support PTES' ongoing conservation work, you can donate £3 by texting 'PTES18 £3' to 70070.**

Fix your own pothole plan in Oxfordshire a 'backward step'



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Plans to get communities to fix their own potholes have been described as a "backward step".

Oxfordshire County Council is considering handing over grants to parish and town councils who would carry out repairs on its behalf.

Some local authorities are piloting the scheme, but others have refused.

"The county council is legally responsible for the roads, and it's not doing that," said Allan Cobb of Kennington Parish Council.

The county council said it had received a lot of complaints about the condition of Oxfordshire's roads.

In September 2015 it launched a scheme called Oxfordshire Together (OXTOG) that aimed to get residents "to take part in running the place where they live" to "make the money go further".

OXTOG mainly focused on grass cutting but there are now plans to give parish and town councils grants to "directly deliver funded services on the county council's behalf", including temporary pothole repairs.

"The initiative offers a list of options the parishes can choose to take up only if they wish," a county council spokesman said.

"There is no expectation or requirement for parishes or towns to take up any of them, but the option will be there if they need to."

A handful of local authorities are testing out the scheme.

"The state of many of the roads are a real danger to drivers and cyclists," said David Pheasant, vice-chairman of Shiplake Parish Council.

"We have seen an improvement in repair response times since becoming involved.

"In the long term we would hope increased financial funding for roads materials."



Mis-management

Kennington Parish Council, meanwhile, said it had declined the offer.

"If we take that on it would be a backward step," said vice-chairman Allan Cobb.

"We don't have a large legal department like the county council. If we needed any legal help, we would need to pay for it.

"It's total mismanagement by the county council."

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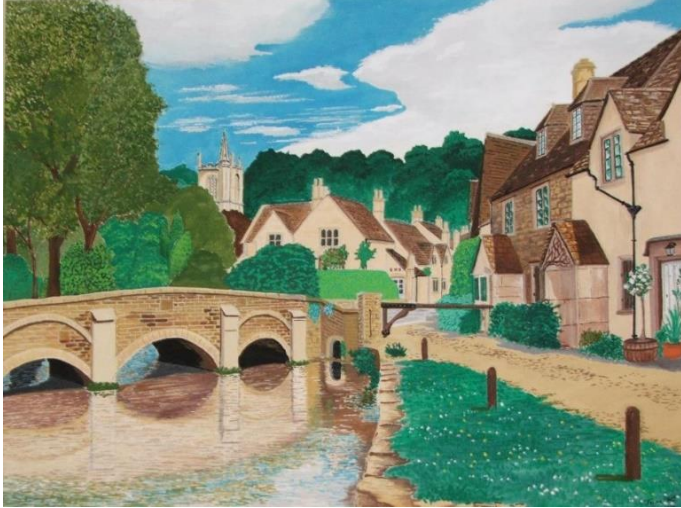
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Oxfordshire Art Week Reflections...

Firstly, our thanks to all those from Drayton and many other parts of Oxfordshire who visited our Art Week Exhibition of paintings by Tom Knight. Sales of paintings and cards was extremely brisk as were the compliments on the current painting project being undertaken in Tom's studio at the time. Despite the variable weather the complimentary tea and cakes on the veranda raised refreshment donations of **£182.87** for the **British Red Cross**.



Castle Combe by Tom Knight

We enjoyed many interesting art-based conversations with our visitors during the exhibition and reflecting on the event made us think that there are surely several other Drayton based Artists who would enjoy exhibiting during such a prestigious event.

Tom would be very happy to share his experience and pass on the baton of art-based Drayton flag flying to them for next year's event which will run in South and Vale Oxfordshire 11th to 19th May 2019. Go to www.artweeks.org for full details of how to take part.

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Going on holiday? Don't forget...

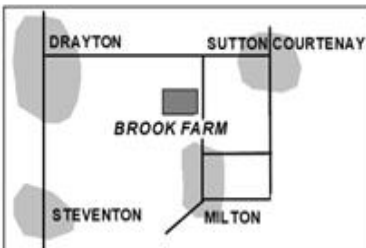
- To cancel milk, newspaper and other regular deliveries.
- To tell a trusted neighbour that you're going away.
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- To leave lamps on timer plugs, making it look as if the house is occupied.
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Being put through the Mill

As a Drayton resident I'm sure the new developments that have been springing up around the village have not escaped you. Some years ago, when the Drayton 2020 plan was talked about the concept sounded brilliant. New houses were needed and the idea that current residents would have a say in shaping the developments and would work together with developers for a unanimously positive outcome, brand new houses and improved facilities that would also benefit current residents, sounded logical.

However, it is a different picture a couple of years on. I really feel for the people who have bought Miller Homes on Walnut Drive, what the developer has put them through, and still is (unfinished works, very poor workmanship, plumbing issues, etc.)

I also wanted to draw attention to the pain that Miller homes have put Barrow Residents through. Since the work began and the restricted Byway (Barrow road- otherwise known as a lovely path for dog walkers, joggers and people on horseback) it has been a complete shamble.

The road was dug up by Miller Homes over a year and a half ago in order to put in sewage pipes for the new development.



From the outset we were not even asked for our consent, instead a scruffy note was put through our letterbox informing us that we would have no vehicular access to our houses while the work was to be done. While

the developer dug up our road we were denied access by vehicle for 6 hours per day just before Christmas - very inconvenient, not to mention dangerous, having to walk past a very deep hole along a narrow walkway with young children. At this point the deep hole was so unstable, had emergency services needed to access our road to help someone, they would not have been able to as the hole was too big to plate over (with metal plates commonly used for this type of building work). The developer, Miller, was effectively putting our lives at risk.

We have been extremely frustrated by the developer. Many changes of site manager, total lack of response, we sent a letter to the CEO of Miller, and finally after a year were granted a meeting (March 2018) with some poor Miller employees (lamb to the slaughter - as you can imagine residents were not happy). They had clearly been instructed



to listen politely, pay lip service, made some empty promises about when they would respond and sort out the situation once and for all - and, you guessed it, that's the last we heard from them. The road remains unrepaired, messy, and not to mention dangerous. We have lost hope that our road will ever be repaired, and we feel utterly used.



The developer Miller have not only done a poor job building new homes for new residents but also disrupting existing residents, acted with complete disregard for safety, community and the working lives of existing residents.

Miller describes themselves as follows:

"a respected national homebuilder with an established reputation for building outstanding quality family homes and excellent customer service."

They have fallen so far short of this and they need to be held to account.

So, what can we do? A call to act:

Miller Homes clearly value financial gain and for that they need a good reputation and public image. With the work they have been doing in our village this has to be their Achilles heel. This is what I propose we tackle them on. I was pleased to read the recent piece in the Oxford mail about the shoddy workmanship at Walnut Meadow. The wider impact on local residents also needs to be drawn to the public and council's attention. I wonder how Miller Homes would feel if that were posted on their Facebook page - not by one individual but by many (I have heard that they have someone working very hard to take down any negative comments but as it is a public page they cannot stop people from posting). Write a letter to Chris Endsor their CEO (I eventually got a response) - if the complaints are in greater number they are harder to ignore.

Anna McKay

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From Westminster – Ed Vaizey

I have received many emails from constituents across the constituency complaining about people parking in their streets illegally.

Parking enforcement in our area currently lies with the police, which means they have responsibility for patrolling and issuing tickets to those parking illegally. As you can imagine this could take up a considerable amount of time for the police, and I suspect many of us would rather they spent their time dealing with serious crimes such as theft and burglary.



In many other areas of the country, responsibility for parking lies with the local council, and this should be the case in Oxfordshire. A majority of local authorities across the country manage parking enforcement successfully and it has the ability to bring in considerable extra revenue.

I will be pushing the local authority to accept responsibility for parking enforcement in the future, and free up the police to deal with more serious issues.

Oxfordshire County Council have announced plans to spend on extra £120m on road repairs and maintenance over the next decade, including an extra £10m this year to tackle the winter backlog of potholes. Currently 47% of Oxfordshire's roads are rated good, 43% fair and 10% poor, and the budget, if it is accepted will go towards vital road improvements. You can report potholes on the council's website at fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk.

The National Farmers Union have partnered with Crime stoppers to launch a new rural crime reporting hotline. Responding to a rise in rural crime, this will be a new service for farmers, rural businesses and the public to anonymously report rural crime. If you have a crime to report you can call 0800 783 0137. In an emergency you should still call 999.

According to figures released earlier this month, 944 households in Wantage and Didcot have benefitted from the help to buy scheme. Designed to help first time buyers, the scheme offers equity loans from the government to help young people get on the housing ladder. Considering we live in one of the most expensive areas for housing in Britain, I am very pleased that people are taking advantage of this scheme.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, dicksonce@parliament.uk or 01235 768 888. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Details of my activities in Parliament can be read on my website, <https://www.vaizey.com>. I also send out occasional general interest emails about developments in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency. You can sign up here: <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>.



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Had an afternoon tea party at St Peter's church on Tuesday 10th July.



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The next two dates to remember are Tuesdays 7th August and 4th September.

Call me if you need help to come along

Jean Hager

Drayton Friday Club Notice

The club no longer meets twice a month, and now meets once on the 3rd Friday of each month at the same venue, The Caudwell Centre. The centre no longer has a phone line.

Sylvia Bond (531627)



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To finish our challenges for the Magical & Mythical and Expelliarmus Badges, Black bin bags were cut into cloaks and decorated with glitter and jewels along with dried hazel sticks, we used wool and wound around the sticks and glued glitter and jewels on them to make wands.

We had two weeks of watching the first Harry Potter movie The Philosopher's Stone, an activity was run alongside this for those Brownies unsure about watching it.

On Saturday 30th June we all went the Warner Bros. Studios the Making of Harry Potter, this was a great success and was even more enjoyable as it was 99% inside in the cool!



We ended our final meeting with an end of term Magical & Mythical Party! All the girls dressed up.

The food was obviously based on Harry Potter!!

And finally, most of you will know that Ruth Hudson, Esther Deabill and Annette Mitchell, will be 'retiring' from Brownies as of the last meeting in July. We have spent many years with Brownies, Ruth 20 years and Esther and Annette 10 years each.

It has been an enjoyable time, especially when you watch the girls grow with you and become confident young ladies when they leave. We are all very proud of the time we have spent with Brownies and have a lot of fond memories. We are handing over to two new leaders, Laura Hughes and Kirsty Watson, they are currently taking their Leadership Qualification and will bring fresh ideas to the pack, assisted by Caroline Bentley and youth leader Izzy Collett. We are in no doubt that 1st Drayton Brownies will continue to thrive after 60 years and go on for another 60 years or more!

Also, Hannah, Caroline and Holly our Youth Leaders are also moving on to pastures new with new commitments they will be missed by the girls as well. We personally could not have managed without their invaluable help.

We wish the new leaders and Brownies all the very best and we look forward to reading about the new activities you are doing!



Meetings are held at Drayton Village Hall, on Wednesdays during school term from 6pm – 7.30pm, meetings are open to all girls aged between 7 – 10 years old. You can register your interest on the girl guiding website:

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

Annette Mitchell



Our July meeting entitled 'Famous Women' wasn't quite what we expected. It was a card-based game.

We were put into two teams, one chose a card and we each had to guess who the famous lady was. The quicker the answer the more points we got for our team. The reward for winners and losers was a slice of cake with our tea. It was tremendous fun and caused great laughter.

We had a guest with us as well.

A Marcham member came to give us an account of the A.G.M. held in Cardiff, last month, Mental Health was the chosen resolution, which was almost 100% carried, an extremely rare occurrence. She thanked us, as she left, for a wonderful evening and for making her feel so welcome.

We now have a summer break and meet again in September; 2nd Thursday at 7.30pm in the Day Centre, Gravel Lane. Please come and visit.

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The Drayton Wives Summer Outing...

We are so lucky to be living in a region where many beautiful places are within a day's reach of us all.

This time we were first calling into Broadway the Cotswold town for a coffee stop, then onto Tewkesbury for our main visit.

Fortunately, the weather was kind to us, dry and not too hot. Broadway beckoned us with its mix of quaint curio shops, cafes and boutiques. Many said that they would have liked to stay more than the hour but off to Tewkesbury we went for lunch and a tour of the Abbey.



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Tewkesbury is a town steeped in history, one of the most decisive battles of the War of the Roses in 1471 took place in the town's surrounding fields. Dominating the town's skyline for 900 years has been the Abbey which has one of the country's finest Norman Towers. The medieval architecture is world-renowned and takes your breath away on entering the building.

Our guide John was so informative and delighted that we were from Abingdon as he had lived there in the early days of his marriage. John pointed out the exquisite 12th Century ornate ceiling, the medieval tombs, the 14th Century choir windows and absolutely stunning modern stained glass.

Half our coach group had opted not to do the tour although of course they were still able to look round the majestic building. Some people took advantage of the good weather and went on boat trips down the river Avon which also leads into the River Severn. Tewkesbury has much on offer for such a small town, and it was gratifying to hear one of our party say, " I would be quite happy to spend another whole day here ".

Thank you to everyone who has supported our trips, which leave and drop off at Drayton. Long may they continue.

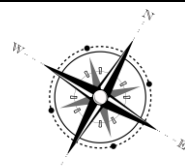
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A HOME owner at a new estate in an Oxfordshire village...ours

says "residents have been 'abandoned' by the developer with pavements and play areas left unfinished".



Anthony Coates, who lives in Walnut Meadow, Drayton, with partner Melania Rios moved into his house in June last year but was beset by problems from the start.

The 36-year-old said: "There were issues with the condition of the property - the garden was uneven, and there were drainage problems with the driveway."

He added worries over the Miller Homes estate, which is made up of around 70 properties, extended beyond his house, with public spaces and walkways still not finished, saying: "Miller Homes have completely left the development in an unfit and dangerous state and all of us, the residents, have had enough after exhausting all channels."

Mr Coates, who works in insurance, said the developer



assured residents exposed metal fencing, the laying of roads and finishing of public green spaces would all be completed by October, but the deadline has long since passed and the

work has not been completed.

He said: "We were sold a dream in the brochure, but it hasn't lived up to that at all."

The couple have recently welcomed new daughter Sienna and Mr Coates said he didn't think the company appreciated how stressful the situation was.

He explained: "We wanted to have everything sorted before the baby was born."

Mr Coates added he wanted warn others thinking of purchasing a Miller Homes property.

The developer has properties for sale in Oxfordshire at Bradbery Gardens in Didcot and Winterbrook Park in Wallingford, as well as Weaver Fields and Woodlands in Bloxham.

A spokesperson for Miller Homes said: "We are aware there is some work still to be completed in public areas of our Walnut Meadow development in Drayton.

"Aspects of this, including the play area and link footpath to the school, are scheduled to take place in the coming weeks and we are working with our contractor to develop a programme for any additional works which are required.

"We communicated this to all of our customers at Walnut Meadow last Friday, June 29, and advised them that a further update will be provided on progress next Friday, July 13."



Oxfordshire powers up with hi-tech electric car charging scheme...

Oxfordshire is yet again at the vanguard of inventing the future with testing taking place in the county on electric vehicle charging equipment that would return power to the national grid when they're not being used.

Oxfordshire County Council is part of a consortium that has secured more than £400,000 of Innovate UK funding for the V2GO project under the recent Vehicle to Grid competition. The project will test and trial "bi-directional charging" meaning that a group of electric vehicles can help to "balance" the power grid – effectively giving back power from their batteries when it is needed during peak times and charging up ready to drive when demand is lower. The consortium is made up of eight major organisations with expertise in energy and power markets and systems, fleet operation value chains and electric mobility: EDF Energy R&D UK, University of Oxford, Oxfordshire County Council, Arrival, EO Charging, Upside Energy, and Fleet Innovation.



Congestion and air quality could benefit

Working with business and academic partners, the county council will be investigating the impacts and benefits to the locality. These could include congestion reduction and air quality improvement.

The team will also be supporting the development of a tool kit for other local authorities looking to harness the opportunities the technology presents.

New opportunities in energy storage

The energy storage capacity of electric vehicles (EVs), presents new opportunities and value propositions for fleet operators and power system services (e.g., potentially alleviate the need for generation and transmission investments; increasing network efficiency and energy security).

Oxfordshire County Council is committed to supporting the deployment low carbon transport technologies across a variety of platforms. With central government continuing to challenge local authorities to think differently and drive efficiencies we are delighted to be collaborating with the private sector and academia to develop solutions for our county's challenges.

Oxfordshire a leader in innovation

County Councillor Yvonne Constance, Oxfordshire County Council Cabinet member for Environment and Economy, said: "Oxfordshire is a leader in new developments in innovation and technology.→

→“We know that making the switch to electric vehicles in our county will help improve air quality and reduce local emissions.

“Smart, connected technology is proving to be incredibly helpful in our daily lives and the fact that Oxfordshire County Council is driving forward another cutting-edge demonstrator project with a team of excellent, innovative partners is really exciting.

“The V2GO project appears highly technical, but in simple terms it shows that we are thinking not just about the transport technologies of the future and the “smart” infrastructure required to power it, but also the wider benefits of such innovations to the people of Oxfordshire. “Oxfordshire is home to 678,000 residents and has a thriving network of villages, towns and a major city as well as fast growing locations such as Banbury, Bicester, Abingdon, Didcot and Henley. Oxfordshire’s economy generates output to the value of £21.9bn per year from 400,000 jobs and over 30,000 businesses. And that is why the county council is constantly pushing to be at the forefront of encouraging new technology as we know it will help enhance and support our thriving economy.”

Background to the project and funding

The project is part of the Vehicle-to-Grid competition, funded by the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) and the department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), in partnership with Innovate UK.

In January 2018, OLEV and BEIS announced that 21 projects (8 feasibility studies, 5 collaborative research and development projects, and 8 real-world v2g trial projects) were to receive funding of c£30m to develop the business proposition and core technology around V2G and demonstrate those with large scale trials.

The projects involve more than 50 industrial partners and research organisations from both the Energy and Automotive sector, marking the largest and most diverse activities on V2G in the world, and trialling more than 2700 vehicles across UK. The V2G projects represent a significant step towards the transition to a low carbon transportation and a smart energy system. Allowing EVs to return energy to the Power Grid when parked and plugged for charging, will increase Grid resilience, allow for better exploitation of renewable sources and lower the cost of ownership for EV owners, leading to new business opportunities and clear advantages for EV users and energy consumers.

Busy night for council teams as downpours lead to flooding...

Firefighters, highways teams and emergency planners have been working through the night to deal with incidents of flash flooding following the downpours that hit Oxfordshire yesterday evening.

Highways teams worked to clear surface water from under the Botley Road railway bridge in Oxford whilst Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service attended 68 other weather-related incidents, dealing with lightning strikes, downed trees and property flooding.

Meanwhile emergency planners worked hand in hand with district councils to help temporarily rehome people whose individual properties had become flooded.

Teams had been preparing for the need to respond yesterday after the Met Office issued a “yellow” warning for rain (its

lowest level of alert) followed by an amber alert for the south-west of the county.

The busy period was between 6pm and midnight when the rain was at its most intense and in the hours following. Jason Crapper from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue said: “The first part of the county to experience the effects of the weather was western Oxfordshire and we attended incidents of localised surface water flash flooding in Bampton, Carterton, Brize Norton and Woodstock among others. Although the west was the first affected we did also have to attend a lightning strike to an electricity pole in Matthews Way, Wootton near Abingdon quite early.



“Essentially the weather moved from the south west up through the county to the north. We attended a number of incidents in Oxford and highways teams used pumps to clear water that had accumulated underneath the Botley Road railway bridge.

“Elsewhere we had to deal with flooding in Didcot, Kildington, Banbury and Enstone amongst other places as well as lightning strikes in Combe and South Leigh. It was certainly a busy night for all concerned.”

The Met Office is not currently predicting any further significant rainfall as can be seen from its forecast for coming days.

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Typically, the fraudsters broadcast a Wi-Fi connection with a vague name like "free WIFI" or "coffee shop WIFI". If you connect your phone to this, any data you are sending can be captured.

Even if you log into emails using an "app", without typing in the password, the phone will still send your password over the Wi-Fi and it could be intercepted. If you use automated passwords and do not enter your user name and password manually, these details can still be intercepted.

- avoid being becoming a victim of this scam, do one of the following:
- Make sure you are connecting to a trusted Wi-Fi hot spot, operated by the venue you are in - ask staff if you are in doubt.
- Do not use public Wi-Fi for online banking or anything else sensitive, but use your 3G, 4G or 5G connection instead (data sent over these connections is always encrypted).
- Use a VPN (virtual private network) when connecting to public Wi-Fi.

The updated Little Book of Big Scams at <http://bit.ly/2018-the-little-book-of-big-scams> has more details about this and other prevalent frauds.

And if you suspect that you've been scammed, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or on the Internet at www.actionfraud.police.uk. Alternatively, get in touch with Citizens Advice on Adviceline 03 444 111444, or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice. For locations and opening hours see www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale

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Proceeds from the festival will be shared between Dorchester Abbey and Footsteps Foundation

Shirley Sexton

Letters to the Editor

As one of the many people who have contributed to Drayton2020, the name we gave our Neighbourhood Development Plan, I need to respond to Roy Marshall's letter in the July issue of the Chronicle in which he asks 'Has Drayton2020 achieved a good outcome?' A glib answer might be 'not yet' – but note the name.

Drayton2020 was set up in 2011 when we faced the prospect of some 680 new houses. We have ended up with rather more than half that number and had a say in where and how they should be built; there will also be an eventual payment from the developers of some £6million for capital improvements in the village. Contrast that with the situation in Sutton Courtenay where planning permission for 1000 houses and two vast warehouses has already been given, and only now are they establishing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

In answer to Roy's specific points, the Hilliat Fields junction was designed by the County Council Highways Department, and the Parish Council has registered its concerns over safety. The need for 'affordable' houses was emphasised by Drayton2020 and the price at which they are now being offered for sale is deeply frustrating. Frustrating, too, is Miller Homes' delay in completing the drainage, roads and sports field to the standard necessary for the Parish Council to take over ownership of the land. Only then can work begin but, eventually, we will have three new pitches, a hard-court area (MUGA), a running track and a pavilion which has the potential for other community uses. Other projects to benefit from the capital improvements include a refurbished village hall, new pre-school facilities and changes to the road system.

In reality, of course, we won't be getting everything that Drayton2020 asked for, and its work is not yet complete (note the name again) but when the pain of disruption is forgotten, residents should enjoy some greatly enhanced amenities.

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Dear Editor,

In response to Roy Marshall's letter in the July issue ("Drayton 2020 – good outcome?") I'd say it's too soon to tell. I'm not sure if he's visited any PC or 2020 meetings to raise all his issues?

It was stated several times that we'd get new houses regardless, but with a Neighbourhood Plan, there is some hope of a check on how many you get, and where they go.

That aspect has been broadly achieved, despite a couple of attempts by the Vale's Planning Dept (perhaps that should be lack-of-planning) to foul things up.

Zillions of towns and villages all over the country, but especially the South-East, have been playing catch-up with such plans, and given the determination of the Cameron Govt to give developers (and their Appeal Inspectors) a very big green light, it's no surprise to see estates rocketing up wherever you go.

The 'affordability' question? Sure, it's tough – but given the prices that the developers are asking (ridiculous to me, but I grew up when a house could be bought for little more than a good car), they'd probably say that as they're selling masses of them, people seem to be managing?

And yes, the Govt (or the next one – may not be long?!) could try and radically reshape the housing market, by providing funding to local councils for a vast increase in their own building schemes – an idea which regularly gets aired on the likes of Newsnight, or This Week. The slight drawback they usually mention is that house prices could well drop a fair way, which is the motivation, and seems a good idea, but any Govt planning to hit millions of voters with a potential blow to the wallet of tens of thousands is going to be a bit wary of such a plan? Maybe, as the Irish farmer said when giving directions, you shouldn't be starting from here?

The other point about developers ("trustworthy" – "fulfilling contracts"?) is quite valid. Councils everywhere have found that developers make jellyfish look easy to nail down, and→

→on balance they're rather less pleasant to deal with. But I recall a meeting a few months ago, when someone who's had quite a few dealings with Miller Homes gave the opinion that they're not evil, just overrun with projects and struggling to stay even badly organised. Doubtless the PC will keep jabbing them in the ear & email inbox.

As for road safety and the junction opposite Cala Homes, really? Any driver looking to exit Hilliat and turn up to Abingdon will have anyone looking to cross in clear sight, as their car comes up to the line. If you have to wait while a long stream of traffic comes up from Steventon, well, keep an eye on pedestrians (you don't have to stay watching 6 cars and a bus as they approach, check back at intervals for a gap?). Maybe consider the Ock Street junction in Abingdon (mini-roundabouts) which now has a crossing yards away in both directions east & west, plus you have cars from the other 3 roads to weigh up.

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July & August are probably the quietest months of the Hall year, but our Lounge (bar) has seen some changes, with new chairs, tables & bar stools in place (thanks to Fred & Sue for the assembly).

We're also having the carpet & bench seat deep cleaned, and a glasswasher should be in place very soon, to make the lives of those behind the bar a little easier.

We're researching a number of aspects of the Hall revamp, including a quieter heating system, a substantial revision of the loos, an expanded storage room (it'll soon fill up!), and after many years of service, the hot water boiler needs renewing (probably all the plumbing in fact).

Oh, and we'll shorten the stage a bit – giving just a little more room for our bowlers and badminton players.

Diary is fairly full for October (dog show season), also November & December, so if you were thinking of a 'do', hurry up and make contact (see back page) for one of the few remaining dates!



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100 years of Suffrage- Ascott Martyrs



A new display and gallery trail around the Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock is now open and marks 100 years of women's suffrage. Both trail and display highlight the stories

of some of the courageous Oxfordshire women who have made their own important contributions to the democratic cause. The high lights of the display include the Ascott Martyr's Quilt. Made by one of the women from Ascott-under-Wychwood in west Oxfordshire sent to prison in 1873 for supporting their agricultural labourer husbands in their strike for a living wage. On loan from the People's History Museum in Manchester, and on display in Oxfordshire for the first time in 50 years, the display and trail can be seen and enjoyed at the Museum until Sunday 23rd September. There will be a talk at the Museum about the Ascott Martyrs:

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August- September

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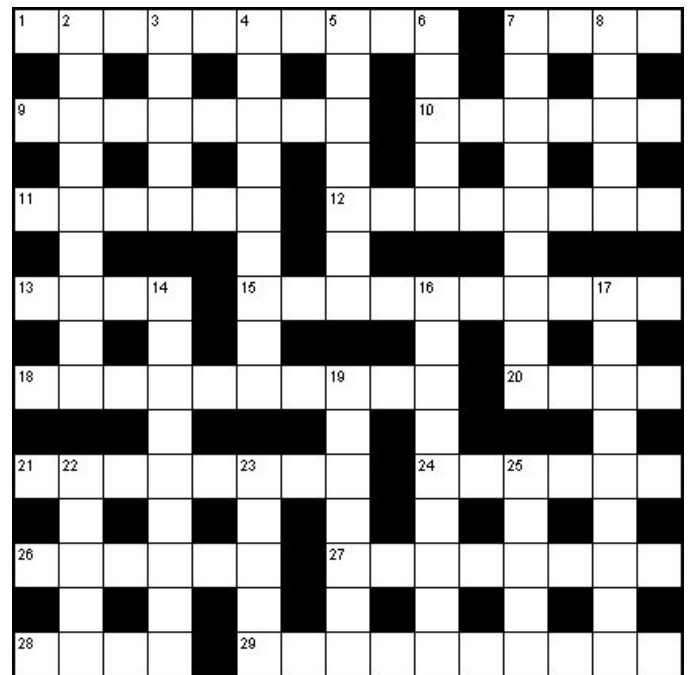
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Cryptic Crossword

Answers will appear next month...



ACROSS

1 Rush around in old car, to find escaped criminal in Oz (10)

7 A disease singular to sponge (4)

9 English is almost never spoken poetically in Telford, for example (8)

10 Rotter is in modern art emporium (6)

11 Copper into Turner gets depression (6)

12 I am unpretentious? No (8)

13 Clothe with part of a corset (4)

15 Get mean about bird call (10)

18 Monster horribly present on the waves (3,7)

20 Who should really have written *Diary of a Nobody*? (4)

21 See 4

24 Enjoy the flavour (6)

26 Composer of *Semiramide* and *La Mer*? No (6)

27 As were the leftovers a man ate, being overdrawn? (8)

28 Scolded infant without a trace of leniency (4)

29 4,21's Mount is irregular cube next to a generation symbol (missing centrepiece) (10)

DOWN

2 Auntie hit boiling asphalt (9)

3 Told of journey to university to find poem (5)

4,21 The king of 7, this general axed threat strategically (9,3,5)

5 Not, we hear, a problem for 4,21 (7)

6 Province is to take up weapons again, changing sides (5)

7 4,21's country; a wine capital erected around the last stages of 300 (as it's written) (9)

8 Aeolian and Doric, say, in 12 (5)

14 Quarrelled in Hell over a sin (9)

16 Outside port finally, make fast a vessel – one that's engine driven (5,4)

17 Some garment to stitch, it's said – or more than one (9)

19 One goes into troubled centre, having some guts (7)

22 Man 'as old Erica (5)

23 Residential area in upwardly mobile part of Bruxelles (5)

25 Student priest in Guanaco (5)

Drayton Diaries - August

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

JUL	31	9.30am	NB Pilates NOT in this week (hols)	
Sun	5	10.30am	'Mess Around' (Franchise party)	
Mon	6	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
Tues	7	8.00pm	NB Clubbercise NOT in this week, or 14th	
Thur	9	2.00pm	'U3A' Crafts Group (Mthly – Small Hall)	
	9	7.30pm	TT Club (meeting – Lounge)	
Sat	11	12.30pm	Chronicle Lottery Deadline	
Sun	12	9.00am	Bowls Club	
Mon	13	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (see P2 – Ads 10th)	
Sat	25		Private Function (all day)	
Sun	26	10.00am	Private Function	
Tues	28	11.00am	NB Drayton Wives (not usual last Weds!)	

Don't forget, our regular groups & classes are listed in the right-hand column, eg Seniors Yoga, Bounce Fit, and Pilates (etc) ➔

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REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

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MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	Seniors 'Gentle' Yoga (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)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.00 pm	Table Tennis (Coaching, one hour)	<i>School</i>
7.15 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>
8.00 pm	Table Tennis (Social Play, one hour)	<i>School</i>

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.00 am	Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer gp – p4)	<i>Church Room</i>
1.45 pm	Whist Drive (ACHLoFriends)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month)	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.00 pm	Brownies (now on Summer break!)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (three hours)	<i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>

THURSDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (1st Thurs)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
9.15 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group	
11.00 am	Baptist Café (to 1pm)	<i>Baptist Church</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
2.00 pm	Wives' Whist (Mthly – 2nd Thurs)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
5.30 pm	Rainbows (girls 5 to 7 years, call Vicky 07801 447720)	
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (three hours)	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing (Brian - 01235 531701)	
7.45 pm	ShikiDojo Martial Arts (check w Paul - 07479 824887)	

FRIDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>Sch'l Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>

SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
9.45 am	Sung Eucharist (Praise Service 4th Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Service	<i>Baptist Church</i>

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