

DRAYTON CHRONICLE



A peaceful view in Drayton on a sunny September morning

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CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Chronicle** will be the November issue:

Editor: **Maurice Puddick, (538188)**

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Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Mon., 15 October 2018**

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Key dates for the subsequent Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
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Jan/Feb	14 January 2019	25 January
March	11 February 2019	22 February

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NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter

RESULTS OF THE SEPTEMBER LOTTERY

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£10	Clive Brooks Whitehorns Way	Mora Cox
£10	M Carrick Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson
£10	Mrs Waddup Sutton Wick Lane	Keith Clough
£10	Robin Wood Gravel Lane	Isla Smith
£10	Terry Mason High Street	Ali Bone

Winning tickets, from 2080 sold, were randomly drawn by a computer (similar to the Premium Bond Draw)

Deadline for Lottery packs: 12.30 on Saturday 13th October
(To Carol Arnold, 95 Abingdon Road)

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Vehicles will be prohibited:

a) between approximately 08.30 and 09.30hrs from using the section of Dunmore Road eastwards from Wootton Road roundabout towards Tilsley Park (northern lane) and Twelve Acre Drive (northern lane) between Oxford Road and Audlett Drive/Radley Road roundabouts) including closure of the roundabout junction of the Oxford Road roundabout with Dunmore Road and Twelve Acre Drive, and the section of Radley Road eastwards from Audlett Drive to Thrupp Lane, Radley;

b) between approximately 08.00 and 13.15hrs, northbound traffic only prohibited in the Milton to Drayton direction – Milton Road roundabout junction with High Street & Sutton Road northwards to the B4016 Drayton Road;

c) between approximately 08.00 and 13.15hrs, Drayton Road to Brook Street, Sutton Courtenay closed to the junction with Church Street & High Street; and

d) between approximately 11.00hrs and 14.00hrs the section of Dunmore Road from the B4017 Wootton Road eastbound lane to Tilsley Park closed. Traffic from side roads onto Dunmore Road will be required to turn left only during the closures

Exemptions will be included for access, emergency services and event safety vehicles.

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Abingdon Area: For westbound traffic via Whites Lane, Radley, The Avenue and Kennington Road, Kennington, Hinksey Hill, Foxcombe Road & Fox Lane, Boars Hill, B4017 Wootton Road, to Abingdon Bath Street, Stratton Way, Vineyard, Radley Road and Audlett Drive. For eastbound traffic via Audlett Drive, Abingdon, Radley Road, Vineyard, Stert Street, High Street, Stratton Way, Bath Street, Wootton Road, B4017 Wootton, Fox Lane & Foxcombe Road, Boars Hill, Hinksey Hill, Kennington Road and The Avenue, and Whites Lane, Radley. **For the closure of Milton Road, northbound** via High St Drayton, High St Milton, Park Drive, A4130, B4017, Steventon Rd to High St Drayton.

For Drayton Road closure eastbound (diversion for Drayton Rd & Brook St) – Milton Rd, Sutton Rd, Milton Rd, High St Sutton Courtenay

Drayton Road westbound – High St Sutton Courtenay, Milton Rd, Sutton Rd, High St Milton, Park Drive, A4130, B4017, Abingdon Rd, Steventon Rd, High St Drayton

Documents giving more detailed particulars of the proposed Order are available for public inspection at County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND from 9am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, and at Abingdon Library, The Charter, Abingdon from 9am to 7pm Monday to Wednesday and Friday, from 9am to 1pm on Thursday and from 9am to 4.30 pm on Saturday.

Please Note: One-way (westbound only) traffic flow will be permitted for residents within the road closure (B4016 between Drayton Road/Milton Road junction and Brook Street/Church Street/High Street junction, Sutton Courtenay) for the duration of the race.

Finally, remember that this is a true race – the leaders will be going all out for overall victory, the rest looking for a category win or to set a personal best time. All will appreciate any encouragement you can give them! For more information or if you have any questions please visit the race website: <http://www.abingdonmarathon.org.uk> or contact the following race organisers directly:

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Monday	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice <i>Bell Tower</i>
Friday	6.30 pm	Choir Practice (1st Friday) <i>Church Room</i>

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Tue 2nd	2.30pm	First Tuesday Connection	<i>Church Room</i>
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CHURCH REGISTER

Funerals

Monday 3rd September	Roger Gilbert Squires
Thursday 6th September	Davina Chapman

Baptism

Sunday 26th August	Eric Cox
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Weddings

Saturday 18th August	Martin Peter Clark and Hilary Ann Clark
Sunday 26th August	Richard James Lewis Webber and Laura Elizabeth Steinmann Albrecht
Saturday 8th September	Edward Michael Sibbald and Carla Anne Long
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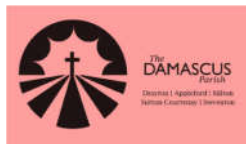

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From the Ministry Team:



St Peter's, Drayton
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October – The time of falling Apples

My walks with our young Labrador, Betty, now follow a different course because of the fallen apples which she insists on eating, despite suffering the consequences!

We don't derive as much pleasure from apples as did our grandparents and the wonderful names of the hundreds of different types of English apples are now forgotten. October can be a rather depressing time for many; nights are drawing in, the brightness of summer giving way to sombre colours and weather and our news seems to follow on a similar gloomy perspective. There is a real danger if we regard ourselves like fallen apples; trodden underfoot, no real use, being too sweet, too sour or tasteless. One of many in a similar state and of no use at all.

The Church with its cycles of prayer and readings reminds us that nothing can happen to us that is outside of God's love. However far we fall, we cannot fall outside of his care and outstretched arms. We are of inestimable worth to him; so much so that he sent his Son to lift us up to the light and wonder of his love.

Rather than throw or kick the fallen apples out of the way, I invite you to pick one up, hold it carefully and in doing so read this thought of Julian of Norwich:

"We need to fall, and we need to see that we have done so. For if we never fall we should not know how weak and pitiable we are in ourselves. Nor should we fully know the wonderful love of our maker."

Heavenly Father, into your hands I commend this day. Grant that I may keep close to you, and if I should fall down, make it the occasion for me to be lifted up into your presence and love.

If life is a struggle for you at this time of year, then please pick up the phone and call me or one of my colleagues in the churches of Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon; we would be pleased to visit you and talk with you.

Revd Philip Sutton, Associate Minister, DAMASCUS Parish:

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TORTOISE FOUND

Just before the Chronicle went to press, we had a call to say that a tortoise had been found on a building site in Eastway, Drayton.

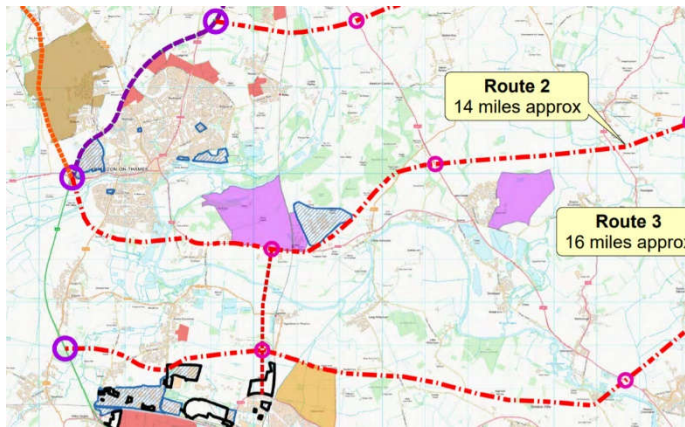
One of the builders is looking after it temporarily but if anyone knows who might be missing a tortoise, please contact 01235 536161.

YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Oxford-Cambridge Expressway route announced; could join the A34 between Drayton and Steventon

Following the government announcement of the Expressway on September 12th, I have been doing a lot of reading up of the Business Cases and National Infrastructure Commission reports, and the issues around this. The announcement leaves some options open & the southernmost option of where the east west route joins the A34 is of particular interest because it is between Drayton and Steventon!



There were three suggested options for south of Oxford (shown above), and yes, that southernmost option is between Drayton and Steventon. The announcement doesn't say where the Expressway would connect with the A34. It might curve around the north of Oxford to connect at Botley (after knocking down the various houses in the way), or curve around the south of Oxford to connect either at Lodge Hill or the Marcham Interchange or between Drayton and Steventon:

Congestion

Reading through the Strategic Business Case and National Infrastructure Commission report, one thing stands out – a key reason for this is to increase freight traffic from the southern ports up the A34 and onto the Expressway to go east. This means that we'll get a lot of extra "induced traffic" up the A34.

Unfortunately, all the options run into the fundamental problem that using the A34 as part of the Expressway won't do much to reduce congestion; it stands every chance of making it worse.

And when the main road goes down (as the A34 does all too often), where will the (now increased) freight traffic go? I'm worried the answer will be "straight through Steventon, Drayton, and Abingdon, just like now."

The lure of big projects

Governments are drawn to large-scale infrastructure projects like wasps to flames. Dramatic, impressive, hopefully "transformative," they can make ministers look decisive and visionary.

Unfortunately, they tend not to work anywhere near as well as a comparably-funded bunch of small-scale (but less dramatic) projects: they're inflexible (you're committed to your course for a decade or more), it's a lot harder to forecast budgets and schedules, they overrun those schedules, usually go hugely over budget, and rarely deliver the transformation promised, anyway. But by that time, the decisive, far-seeing leaders who kicked them off are long gone, so there's not much down-side for them.

Overruns and delays are because projects suffer from the "The Planner's Fallacy" – it's difficult to plan for the unforeseeable (obviously!), so when unforeseen events come up (as they inevitably do), delays happen and costs creep up.

The agility of smaller projects

Smaller projects are easier to understand, plan, and complete. Something called "Comparative Estimation" cuts through the Planner's Fallacy: how long did a similar project take, how much

did it cost, and why? Big projects usually don't have suitable comparators to use.

Smaller projects get delivered quicker (so people see the benefits faster) and can be more agile – you can change what you're delivering when circumstances change. Analysis shows you get more bang for the buck for them – but they're less sexy, and because they get delivered faster, the person kicking them off may have to carry the can if things go wrong.

We don't know what technology will give us by the time the Expressway is due to be completed. Smaller and quicker projects are more agile; we can change what we're doing to fit what's needed at the time.

Alternatives

So, if we want alternatives (smaller, focused projects), what should we have? Just off the cuff, I can think of:

- Accelerate the East-West Rail link that's already being constructed, and look to electrify it.
- Ensure new stations on the East-West rail link are accessible by car, by bike, and by bus.
- Target house-building in areas accessible to these stations.
- Upgrade specific choke points around the A34 and around the other cities involved (sort out the local issues first) – otherwise we're just linking traffic jams to traffic jams.
- Look to extend the East-West rail link down to Swindon, which is becoming a key technology centre and is far closer.
- Complete upgrade of the A420 to Swindon as a first target and "easy win".
- Improve other specific congestion points on the existing routes between the cities (small link roads and focussed upgrades, site by site).

If we do still need a strategic road link by this point, the upgraded centres in the entire area will be less congested and easier to link through the now-upgraded existing link roads.

Public Review

There's been some public consultation on route options, and another such consultation is scheduled for next autumn. There *hasn't* been a consultation on whether or not it's a good idea in the first place and what alternatives could be followed. Personally, I'm planning to pitch up to the next consultation with the arguments above and suggest they look at doing a bunch of smaller projects. I'd like our District and County Councillors to consider this as well.

Good infrastructure development *is* essential - thinking ahead, providing homes for our children, linking together communities and technological centres, and so on, but it must bear the costs in mind – not just financial, but on existing communities and the countryside. Bad development just gets everyone's hackles up when any development is suggested and wastes money and effort that could be used to provide the infrastructure we do need.

And if it'll all be late, over budget, and possibly pointless when finally delivered, anyway, we'll have paid a lot (and not just in money) for nothing.

Andy Cooke

(I am a resident of Drayton, Chartered Engineer, Member of the Association for Project Management and Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute (apologies for putting all of that down, but it all seemed quite relevant to this!). Although I'm a co-opted Parish Councillor, I would like to strongly emphasise that the views expressed are strictly personal and not an official view of the Parish Council in any way).

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YOUR LETTERS CONTINUED

Dear Editor,

As a local hot air balloon pilot under training and the local ballooning region chair, I would like to make a correction to the item regarding the gas balloon on the front of the September 2018 Chronicle. The Caption states that it was being filmed for "Around the World in 80 Days" however this is not the case. It was being filmed for "The Aeronauts".

Below is a copy of the press release shared by a member of the team working on the project.

The film — directed by Tom Harper (Peaky Blinders) and written by Jack Thorne (Harry Potter and the Cursed Child) — will also feature some high-flying stunts as well, with producer Todd Lieberman saying that,

“A top priority for us on The Aeronauts is authenticity. With that in mind, we intend to do as much balloon filming in the sky as the weather will allow. This image was taken after we launched Felicity and Eddie 2,000 feet in the air, performing their scripted scene, while a helicopter captured it all. We’re fortunate that Felicity and Eddie have the nerve to do these stunts themselves as it authenticates our entire approach.”

Further information will be released next year.



No smoke or mirrors. This is Felicity Jones and Eddie Redmayne working on their latest film *The Aeronauts*.
Image courtesy Amazon Studios.

A brief expansion of balloon types

There are a few types of balloons. The more common one is often referred to as the ‘Montgolfier’ type. This type of balloon uses fire to heat the air inside the balloon in order to gain lift. This is what you will often see floating over the skies of Oxfordshire.

A Hybrid balloon uses hot air in the same way but also has a compartment of helium or hydrogen gas in the top.

Another type is a gas balloon which doesn’t use hot air and the altitude can only be controlled by dropping ballast or venting the gas. These are the balloons which are used in long distance races and records. The famous International Gordon Bennett Cup is an example where pilots from all over the world compete in Gas Balloons. This is because they require less fuel and can stay airborne for an extended period of time.

Georgina Arnold
georginaarnold1@icloud.com

Dear Editor,

On behalf of all my family I would like to thank the Vicar and Congregation of St Peter's for the lovely service at the Bapism of my Great Grandson, Eric Ian Cox. Not only was it very special for me, but they welcomed the French side of Eric's family by having part of the service spoken in French and they all felt very welcome in Church so, once again, I thank everyone for such a special day

M. Cox

Dear Drayton Residents, Users of the Green and the Millennium Green Committee,

We just want to thank all of you for allowing us to use the Green to put up a marquee, for the wedding reception of our son, Ricky, and his lovely Canadian fiancé, Laura, on Sunday 26th August. Ricky is a local boy who might be remembered for the many parts he played with Drayton Players including Dodger in “Oliver” and Algernon in “The Importance of Being Earnest”. Clearly the seeds of his career as a professional actor were sewn then (equity name: Richard Holt). Laura is a primary school teacher who came to Britain for one year and was determined not to be beguiled by an English man. She stayed for the next 5 years, having met Ricky in her first week here! How mysteriously love works!

Despite the atrocious weather on the Sunday, a wonderful day was enjoyed by all, including 58 Canadians who flew over especially to be with Laura on her special day. The wedding service at Drayton church, conducted beautifully by Meg Heywood, recognised Laura’s Mennonite background and included some of its traditions in the Anglican service. After the service, and not to be deterred by the falling rain as they exited the church, the bride and groom and some brave guests walked back to the Green using large white umbrellas and smiling broadly. And once back at the marquee, perversely, the rain stopped! However, a truly wonderful reception followed with much celebration, including dancing to a live band, and fairy lights twinkling in the walnut trees added a magic touch to the Green. One local resident, who had enjoyed a glass of bubbly in the marquee the day before with other Sutton Wick residents, posted on Facebook how much she had enjoyed the music emanating from the marquee across the Green.

Thank-you Drayton for a wonderful day!

Richard and Catherine Webber



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YOUR LETTERS CONTINUED

Dear Editor

Shed Oxford

I was lucky enough to stumble across Shed Oxford, a community workshop, during the recent Oxford Green Week. They are a fabulous group of people who meet to undertake workshop projects. Anyone is welcome to join them either to get help to work on their own projects/hobbies, or to join in with any renovation work that is underway. The emphasis is on gathering together to enjoy friendship and gain a sense of fulfilment in being productive. The workshop has a number of tools (including a lathe, chop saw, circular saw, router and a variety of hand tools) and is looking to expand this in the future. I have since become the Vice Chair which is a role I am proud to hold as this is a group that has a philosophy of simply being there for anyone who needs them. There is the opportunity to both learn and share skills. We are lucky enough to be based in the grounds of the Abbey in Sutton Courtenay, which is a wonderful haven of peace and greenery. We perform various repair and renovation work for the Abbey in lieu of paying rent and currently are renovating the greenhouse in the kitchen garden. The shed is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30am til 6.30pm with late night opening on Wednesdays. Some dates that might interest you: Wed 17th October - late opening and poppy making for the village green. Sat 27th October - promotional stall at Village Poppy Making event. Visitors are welcome to have a chat over coffee and see what we have to offer. New members and volunteers are always welcome. For further information visit our website or email shedoxford@gmail.com or better still call in a see us!

Kay Davies – Vice Chair,

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THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

Carol and Colin Arnold

Homemade Christmas Mincemeat

Makes 6lb (2.75Kg)

Homemade mincemeat is dead simple to make. But in the past people used to have trouble storing it. This was because the high percentage of apples oozed too much juice and the juice started to ferment. In the following recipe the mincemeat is placed in a barely warm oven and so the suet gradually melts and as this happens it coats all of the fruits, including the apples, sealing in the juices.

Ingredients

1lb (450g) Cooking apples, cored and chopped small (no need to peel them.

8oz (225g) Shredded suet.

12oz (350g) Raisins.

8oz (225g) Sultanas.

8oz (225g) Currants.

8oz (225g) Whole mixed candied peel, finely chopped.

12oz (350g) Soft dark brown sugar.

The grated zest and juice of 2 oranges.

The grated zest and juice of 2 lemons.

2oz (50g) Whole almonds, cut into slivers.

4 teaspoons mixed ground spice.

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon.

Nutmeg, grated.

6 tablespoons brandy.

Method

All you do is combine the above ingredients, except the brandy, in a large mixing bowl, stirring them and mixing them very thoroughly indeed. Then cover the bowl with a clean cloth and leave the mixture in a cool place overnight or for 12 hours, so the flavours have a chance to mingle and develop.

After that pre-heat the oven to gas mark ¼ 225°F (120°C), cover the bowl loosely with foil and place in the oven for 3 hours.

Then remove the bowl from the oven and don't worry about the appearance of the mincemeat, which will look positively swimming in fat. This is how it should look. As it cools stir it from time to time; the fat will coagulate and instead of it being in tiny shreds it will encase all the other ingredients. When the mincemeat is quite cold stir in the brandy. Pack in clean dry jars, cover with wax discs and seal. It will keep in a cool, dark cupboard indefinitely, but is best eaten within a year of making.



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WESTMINSTER LETTER

Ed Vaizey

Some good news over the summer for the broadband roll out in our area. The government have announced an extra £45 million investment in rural broadband. The new funding for the government's Rural Broadband Infrastructure Scheme adds to the £30 million investment announced last year, increasing the total pot of funding available to £75 million. In other broadband news, East Hagbourne have clubbed together to obtain ultrafast broadband for the village. More information in doing this in your area can be found at communityfibre.openreach.co.uk.



Oxfordshire hospitals are being given a major funding boost to improve care ahead of winter. The Oxfordshire NHS Trust has been allocated an extra £3.21 million to improve diagnostics and patient flow. This is part of £145 million of capital investment in the NHS from the Department of Health.

Two projects in Didcot have just been awarded a combined £19,331 from the National Lottery. Didcot TRAIN, where I am a patron, has been awarded £9,531. TRAIN works with young people in the area to fulfil their potential and overcome barriers that may limit their social integration. The second, SOFEA, has been awarded £9,800. It works with young people and their families to overcome a variety of issues and build confidence and skills.

Kellogg's are running the Schools Breakfast Club Awards to celebrate best practice in breakfast club provision and recognise the role played by the schools, teachers, parents and children in helping them run. If your school runs a breakfast club, they can enter at kelloggsbreakfastclubawards.co.uk.

I was very pleased this month to visit a number of excellent organisations in the constituency. Skoob Books in Didcot have an enormous second hand book collection, and supply film sets with books for background shots. Milton House Hotel has come under new ownership and are planning a range of improvements. I was also pleased to meet with the Changing Places team, who are campaigning for fully accessible disabled toilets, and Bpas in Oxford who provide specialised reproductive health services to the area.

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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COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Webber

Expressway

The decision on the preferred option (by Highways England at least) for the proposed Oxford – Cambridge Expressway has been announced as “Route B”. All this tells us is that the road will not cut through miles of open countryside in South Oxfordshire or take a very wide northerly sweep above Oxford airport. Otherwise, we (including OCC Highways department) are in the dark on any further detail. OCC have responded by saying that they cannot give any detailed response as to how the impact could be managed until there is more clarity on the route and the traffic data on which the decisions are based. At least HE are now aware that a very thorough and contentious consultation will have to be carried out urgently. This will, at least give us all a chance to register our feelings on the proposal.

Boundary Review

Residents of Drayton, Milton, Marcham and Shippon will be interested to know that the latest Electoral Boundary Commissions firm recommendations are that all four villages will be moved from their current Wantage constituency into OXWAB – the Oxford West and Abingdon constituency.

Road Diversions

The road diversion in Sutton Courtenay caused by the new pipework needed by the Warehouses and Data centre, has resulted in massive disruption and anxiety in the area. Some livelihoods threatened, HGV restrictions being broken in Appleford, inconvenience to Sutton Courtenay Primary School so recently hit by the Carillion collapse and long queues at the junction of Park Drive and Milton High St. OCC have the unenviable responsibility for trying to make the road system work when planning decisions are made. There is enormous pressure on the contractors to get the work done as soon as possible. Some of the problems are being solved – but the whole area is a traffic management nightmare. The nation, whole mind Oxfordshire depends on Milton Park continuing to thrive. District and County are going to have to restrict development more robustly in the future – at least until the Growth Deal has allowed major road improvements all around Milton Park to be made.

Hobbyhorse Lane, Sutton Courtenay

The original application having been withdrawn, all attention now falls on a second application (broadly the same as the first). OCC highways maintains its objections and is preparing for an inquiry should an appeal be lodged.

Outline Business Case for a Science Bridge – be careful what we wish for!

A HIF (Housing Infrastructure Bid) has been launched to help fund a Bridge and River crossing – this will be considered around March 2019. However, the current objection by OCC Highways to further development in Sutton Courtenay could be removed if/when the funding for this bridge is delivered.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Richard Williams

The report of the September meeting is held over until the next issue.

There are now three vacancies for councillors on the PC. If you would like to join us, you might like to attend the next meeting to see what goes on. If you are interested in being a councillor but concerned about the degree of commitment required, this would be a good time to assess what is involved, as the present Council reaches the end of its term next April. You could then decide whether to stand for re-election in May. The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st October at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. Any other members of the public are also, as always, welcome to attend.

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

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

Projects Board meetings

Please note that these meetings are being re-scheduled. Further details will be advised in the Chronicle and on the website.

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ALL AROUND

DRAYTON WIVES

Lisa Lammiman

Our August meeting was a very tasty affair as we had our annual summer bring and share lunch in the village hall.

There was a veritable feast of treats from Coronation chicken fit for a Queen, some very healthy salads and some very good quiches with a wide variety of fillings.

There wasn't a sandwich in sight!!!!!!

As for the desserts they ranged from Perfect Pavlova to Tantalizing trifles!!

Afterwards we had a guess the name of various kitchen implements courtesy of Liz Kidd's drawer of death. Some were too old to be seen on Masterchef but we remembered them.

So a good lunch was had by all. If you would like to join us come to coffee morning at the Caudwell centre 10.am on the second Monday of the month.

DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

John Gould

Our Club Person of the Season award of the Alan Bachrach Trophy went to Roy Stocker. A stalwart of the club who has captained teams for many seasons. Roy is also our team 'handyman' helping to keep the lighting working and any other necessary jobs. He fully supports our fund raising efforts and his team was crowned winners of our Quiz Night earlier this year.

The league season will have started in the week of 24th September by the time this Chronicle is published. As reported in the last issue we were hoping to have seven teams again, but this may have to be six due to the proposed two player league not materializing after all. We could enter a seventh team in the 4th Division but we will need some new players to join the club by the time you read this for that to happen. We do have a number of 'social' players at the club and are happy for them to continue as they do not wish to play the competitive stuff!

Hopefully our teams will have a good season and we hope for some success when next April comes around but only time will tell. Of course the new season is a sign that winter is around the corner but after the fantastic weather of this summer we probably deserve a few cold nights at the ping pong!

Progress reports will follow in future editions.

DRAYTON DINERS


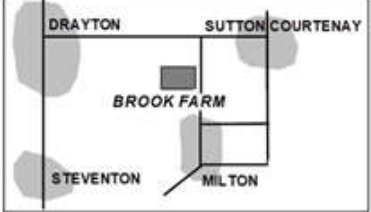
Daniel Scharf

During August the Drayton Diners had the last of our regular meals at the Wheatsheaf. This was our last under the management of Geraldine and Austin but we hope to continue our regular meals and chat at the Wheatsheaf and the Red Lion in the future. We would welcome new members to join us. We expressed our thanks to Geraldine and Austin in the last issue of the Chronicle.

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MORE ALL AROUND

W.I.

Ann Webb

At our September meeting we met an outstanding lady. She travelled, on a 'bus', across countries in the far east that we only dream about. Finding herself widowed and with an urge to travel she spotted a very small ad in a magazine. That's what I am going to do, and she did. Her name is Jennifer Maxwell and she boarded the converted lorry with a group of strangers and off she went. China, Nepal, North and South Korea and many other amazing places. She saw temples in towns, cities, on mountains and in valleys. All so beautifully decorated they were breathtaking. A river trip, a meal in a large hotel, and a visit to the present president of North Korea's ancestors was memorable because they were there alone. No one else was there, it was empty except for them. When asked how long her trip took she replied "Oh ten months", that's a trip! Next month we will be having a go at jewellery making with Amy Surman. October 11th, 7.30pm. in the Day Centre, Gravel Lane. Why not come and see what we do.

HALL REPORT

Tony Holmes

We're entering the Dog Show season, first up on October 7th is one for the Griffon Bruxellois breed, a few of the owners do have dogs to sell, so if you're thinking of a small companion dog, why not come down? They're a tad at the small & yappy end of the dog spectrum for me, but very people oriented, so might suit? They state:- "For anyone wanting the ideal companion dog they need look no further than the Griffon Bruxellois - definitely a dog for life."

The following weekend, Saturday 13th, it's the turn of the "Southern Finnish Lapphunds" (medium size, and furrer! – "an ideal family pet for active families"). In both cases, the shows are from about 10am, slowing down by mid-afternoon. Any owner with a dog of those breeds, wanting to enter one of the show classes, please see the respective websites for those clubs.

A further reminder to our usual Monday evening regulars, October 8th there is a special WI group event, the whole hall will be in use – local WI groups will have had their diaries marked for ages now.

Oh, and parents, we've still got someone's toy truck, left behind one day several months ago, and a little bow tie!



Southern Finnish Lapphund



Griffon Bruxellois

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP 5 (NAG5)

Bridget Haffenden

New Thames Valley Police web site

The web site has undergone a redesign and it's now possible to report crime, missing persons, antisocial behaviour, civil disputes, lost or stolen vehicles and lost property online by clicking on 'Report'. There is also the option to tell the police about: something you've seen or heard; possible terrorist activity; an event or procession plus more by clicking on 'Tell us about'. For more details and to access much more information about the police visit <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/>

People without internet access should continue to use 101 or 999 (as detailed below).

Neighbourhood Watch

People who have recently moved into a new development in the area might like to join together to form a Neighbourhood Watch group. You can do this with just a handful of households or an entire street or section of street. It's a great way to get to know your neighbours better and it also helps to make a new neighbourhood feel like a real community! To speak to someone about Neighbourhood Watch, or for more details, please call 07762 597118 or e-mail nhwsuttoncourtenay@outlook.com.

New Rural Crime Reporting Line

The NFU, in partnership with the charity Crimestoppers, has launched this new service for farmers and the public, so that they can anonymously provide information about rural crime. This is part of the NFU's ongoing work to tackle the serious issues surrounding criminal behaviour on farms and in the wider countryside.

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Shed and garage break-ins

There have been attempts to break into sheds and garages over the past few weeks. Opportunist thieves identify sheds and garages as easy pickings because they're usually fairly unprotected and lack basic security measures. They often contain property that can be sold on, or implements that can be used to force entry into the owner's home. Police advice is as follows.

- Keep your shed or garage in good condition.
- Fittings should be bolted through the door and any screws concealed.
- Make it harder for the would-be thief by using tamper-proof screws or coach bolts together with a good quality pad bar or hasp and staple and close shackled padlock.
- Bond in any window glass with mastic and fit grilles or mesh, to slow down the thief.
- Lock all tools and equipment away. Ensure ladders are locked to a secure fixture in the shed or garage, so that they can't be used to reach your top floor windows.
- Mark property with your postcode or use forensic marking such as Selecta DNA and SmartWater
- Install security lighting as a deterrent and consider fitting a garage or shed alarm.
- Use plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points.
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To contact the police call either 101 (for non-emergencies) or 999 (for emergencies).

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October Report**Thames Water proposes to bring reservoir forward by 10 years - construction would begin in 2025!**

As we reported last month, Thames Water have conceded the case for a second public consultation on their revised draft Water Resources Management Plan 2019-2024 (known as rdWRMP19). This was largely due to pressure from Oxfordshire organisations, supported by local MPs.

This climb-down has forced some hurried re-scheduling by Thames Water, and their revised plan and their response to all the public comments (individual and organisational) is expected at the 'end of September', and is not available at the time of going to press.

One important announcement has been made however, as residents will have seen in the press and on TV. **Thames have announced that their new plan will propose to bring the Abingdon Reservoir forward to start construction in 2025** (a decade earlier than previously). The size of the reservoir (50% larger than that rejected at the 2010 Public Inquiry) is now more than 50% justified on selling water to other water companies, not just to satisfy London's growth, which Thames have been forced to admit will be less than their original exaggerated figures had proposed.

It is clear that local residents and businesses have a more pressing fight on our hands than we originally thought. We cannot yet see in detail how Thames Water will justify their move until their plan comes out, but GARD and other organisations following the twists and turns of this saga, already believe that there is no economic, environmental or social justification for the reservoir as a 'storage and distribution hub' for the South-east (as it is now styled in Thames Water presentations). Thames Water so far only have one prospective water company customer (Affinity Water in Hertfordshire) and other SE water companies (South-east Water and Southern Water) have already withdrawn their requests for future supply from Thames in the last year. **The whole project smacks of commercial positioning and speculation even more than ever**, and local organisations should oppose it vigorously. GARD pledges to do just this. The best methods of bringing 'new water' into the stressed south-east remain transfer from Wales/River Severn, or water re-use or desalination. These are deliverable earlier than a reservoir, and more flexible and resilient against future climate change.

The second consultation will last for eight weeks. Once the details of the new plan are available we will be holding public information meetings, so watch out for details. GARD will be looking at the new plan, particularly to see if it remains shrouded in secrecy as to how projects are compared on cost, and how decisions are made. If the transparency of the plan has not improved, then we are almost certainly going to join the Vale council in demanding a Public Inquiry, and will be asking other local political organisations to join us. We have already briefed Oxfordshire County Councillors on the plan at the beginning of September, and plan to meet the Vale and the Environment Agency in the next few weeks. ⇨

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To apply to be a PCSO or to find out more about the job role, please visit <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/joinus>.

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on (01235) 531180; see the website :- www.draytonvh.co.uk

Mon	1	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Caudwell DC
Fri	5	3.30pm	Private Function (child's party)	
Sat	6	10.00am	Private Function (all day)	
Sun	7	10.00am	Dog Show – Griffon Bruxellois	
Mon	8	6.30pm	WI – special Group event	
Thur	11	2.00pm	'U3A' Crafts Group (Mthly – Small Hall)	
Sat	13	10.00am	Dog Show – Southern Finnish Lapphunds	
		6.00pm	Private Function	
Sat	13	12.30pm	Chronicle Lottery* Deadline	
			(NB * Extra tickets always available @ Vickery's)	
Mon	15	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (see P2 – Ads 12th)	
Sat	27	10.30am	'Mess Around' (Franchise) Party	
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Sun	28	9.00am	Bowls Club (all day)	



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MONDAYS

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

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
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (three hours)	School
8.00 pm	Clubbercise (run by Gemma Pearce, see her F'book)	

WEDNESDAYS

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
8.00 pm	Yoga (with Olga – 07880 256107)	

THURSDAYS

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)	
11am-1pm	Baptist Cafe	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

11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	Caudwell Day Centre
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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

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