

Drayton Chronicle

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“The Hidden Mile Stone”

CHRONICLE INFORMATION

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

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March	11 February 2019	22 February

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NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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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.

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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.

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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Carol Arnold, Hon Promoter

RESULTS OF THE JULY LOTTERY		
Prize	Winner	Agent*
£25	Elsie Weaver Mobile Home Park	Teresa Burnage
£20	Mrs L Butler High Street	Michelle Ainsclough
£15	Mr Chris Powell Church Lane	Susan Brooks
£10	J Wooley Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson
£10	Mr & Mrs Selby Church lane	Susan Brooks
£10	Emma Freund Cheers Farm	Doreen Mason
£10	Mrs Milne Whitehorns Way	Moira Cox
£10	D Russel Gilbournes	Tussel Humphrey
£10	P Faulkner Binning Close	C Norris
£10	Mrs Taylor Lockway	C Sadler

Chronicle Lottery Results for October 2018 with winners selected at random by computer from **2200** tickets sold.

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

The Hidden Mile Stone (Cover image)

The Mile Stone pictured on the front cover is a little-known landmark of the village of Drayton. It is situated in the overgrown hedgerow 50 yds south of the Sutton Wick turning off the Abingdon road. It is inscribed "ILSLEY 9" on the northern side and "ABINGDON 2" on the southern side. It is shown on OS maps as MS. As the people of the village and certain developers are keen to enhance the villages heritage, might it be a good idea to move this Mile Stone to a more central and prominent position in the village? Considering this movement of the Mile Stone away from Abingdon would also add accuracy to the southern inscription due to recent encroachment by this neighbour.

What say you all?

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Sunday	9.45 am	Sung Eucharist (CW), except 4 th Sunday when a non-Eucharist Morning Praise is held
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 NOVEMBER

Tues 6th November 2.30 pm First Tuesday Connection Church Room

Sunday 11th November 9.45 am Service of Remembrance, including Royal British Legion Act of Remembrance at 11am, marking 100 years.

N.B There will be NO service at 6.00 pm

CHURCH REGISTER

Baptisms

Sunday 23 rd September	Millie Jean Madley
Sunday 7 th October	Finley Joe Scaysbrook

Wedding

Friday 28 th September	Leigh Richard Dewar and Claire Louise Graubner
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YOU STAY WE PRAY, NOVEMBER

4th to 10th Nov

Steventon Road; Eastway; Eastway MHP

11th to 17th Nov

Steventon Road; Eastway; Eastway MHP

18th to 24th Nov

Church Lane; Henleys Lane; Caudwell Close; Gravel Lane

25th Nov to 1 Dec

Abingdon Road; Oday Hill; Binning Close; Haywards Road

Church Letter

This month is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War and there will be commemorations all over the country as we look back and remember the appalling cost of that conflict both to our own country and to the rest of Europe. A staggering 65 million men fought in the First World War. An estimated 9 million died, many more were injured. Life expectancy in the trenches was a mere 6 weeks at the height of the fighting. A whole generation, the flower of Europe, were decimated and traumatised by what they saw.

Perhaps the greatest sadness as we look back to the 1918 armistice is that underlying causes of the conflict were not addressed and twenty-one years later the world was again at war. Earlier this summer we were in Dresden and saw first-hand a city that suffered greatly from British bombing, a reminder that our own leaders had to make tough, and with hindsight, controversial choices. Links have now been established between the cathedrals of Coventry and Dresden and this is one small example of the work of reconciliation that has gradually repaired the past. As we owe a huge debt to those who gave their lives in war we also owe a debt to men of

vision who during our own life times have brought Europe together in peace and harmony.

Over the next few days you may see the silhouettes of soldiers around our villages and elsewhere in the country. They are part of a campaign to raise awareness and to support Help for Heroes, a



charity that works with injured service men. These silhouettes will be in our churches on Armistice Day itself which falls on a Sunday this year.



Please join us as we meet just before 11:00 around the war memorials in our villages. The traditional two minutes silence is a time for us all to reflect on the evils of war and to give thanks for the peace we enjoy today.

Tim Budd (a member of the DAMASCUS Parish ministry team).



St Peter's Church

Coffee Morning with mince pies



and a Christmas sales table

Saturday 24th November

10am to 12noon

Drayton Wives

With so many vet programmes now being shown on TV it seemed appropriate to ask a local vet to give a talk to us at the Sept meeting. Julia James grew up on a Sutton Courtenay farm and even as a small child harboured a desire to become a vet. Her dearest ambition was fulfilled and after years of studying, she now practices from the **Larkmead Vets, Cholsey Branch**.

Julia has dealt with every type of animal from Alpacas to Hamsters but draws the line at reptiles who require a certain type of specialist treatment. Her speciality care now is pigs and the following day she was travelling down to a large pig farm in West Sussex to carry out checks on at least a hundred of them. Julia was such an enthusiastic speaker and obviously a dedicated vet who has even travelled to lonely places on night calls, her youthful looks belied her enormous strengths.

At the end of this absorbing talk we were handed multiple choice quiz papers, one of the questions being "how long does it take to rear a chick from birth to your roast dinner? Most of us were horrified to hear that the answer was just six weeks!! The wives walking group were lucky enough to have perfect weather for their Sept walk along the beautiful Oxford tow path to Sandford Lock and lunch at the Kings Arms. The weather prevailed for the October walk through the well-known racing village of Lambourn and lunch at The Crown. Many thanks to the organisers of these happy times together.

Rosemary Barlow



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Steventon & District Royal British Legion

The AGM of the Steventon and District Branch RBL will take place at the Steventon Sports and Social Club, Milton Lane, Steventon at 7pm on Monday 19th Nov.

It will include a TV video description of the Great Pilgrimage to Menin Gate at which the Branch was represented by Neil Jeskins, our Standard Bearer, and his father John Jeskins. All are welcome and those who only wish to see the 30 minute presentation should arrive at 7.30pm. A casserole supper will be available afterwards for £3 each but please notify nickandmaryt@hotmail.com by Saturday 17 Nov if you wish to take supper so that we can cater.

A Commemoration of the end of Great War 100 years ago will be held at Holy Trinity, Woodgreen, Witney on Saturday 10th Nov at 12.30pm. This will include music, poetry and readings on the theme of peace. Tickets (to include a light lunch) £10 from francisoxo@aol.com or telephone 01235 848215. Proceeds to RBL and the church.

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Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize

2019

The Ridgeway – the oldest road in Britain – historically was a trackway providing a reliable trading route from the Dorset coast along the chalk Downs to the Wash in Norfolk. Today it is not only the oldest road but is also a wonderful resource for all the communities that live along its route, where all can enjoy walking, riding or just being there.

The Friends of The Ridgeway have established an annual arts competition and prize – the Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize. For 2019, it will be held in April 2019 with an exhibition in Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington on Saturday and Sunday 27 - 28 April 2019. The aim of the competition is to bring The Ridgeway to life not only as a long-distance trail but also as an artistic inspiration, and to show The Ridgeway, its history and environs, in all their aspects throughout all seasons. The theme of the competition is 'Spirit of the Ridgeway'.

The main points of the prize competition are:

- There will be separate classes for painting, sculpture (including ceramics and textiles), photography and writing (poetry or prose);



- Competition is open to all, amateur and professional artists;
- Art work submitted must be produced in the 24 months prior to closing date;
- The results of the competition will be announced, and prizes awarded at the Ridgeway Friends Day planned for 28 April 2019;
- The closing date for entries shall be one month prior to the Ridgeway Friends Day (i.e. 31 March 2019);
- The full rules of the competition are given in a separate document.

All entrants will receive one year's membership of The Friends of The Ridgeway Each category winner will receive a keeper prize plus £100. The overall winner will receive a keeper prize plus £250 and a trophy. To enter applicants should contact The Friends of The Ridgeway. Entrants need to complete the Entry Form and submit it with their art work.

Why not seek artistic inspiration from the Ridgeway and then, through the Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize, share it with all those that love and value the Ridgeway?

Further information can be obtained from: **Anthony Burdall, 2 Fernham Road, Faringdon, Oxfordshire SN7 7JY**
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Drayton Table Tennis Club

As reported in the October issue, the Didcot League season is now underway. We managed to get a 7th Drayton team entered to play in Division 4. They will be the Drayton Dynamos. We have 5 new club members playing in the team under the captaincy of Gareth Cox. The team's age range is from 15 to 65 so it shows that table tennis is a sport for all ages! They have to play catch up as they missed the first two weeks of matches but that shouldn't be a problem as we've got until next May to re-arrange!

Our other teams will have played 3 or 4 matches by the time you read this. The Dazzlers in Division 2 started with two good wins as did the Dashers in Division 4 winning 10-0 and 8-2 for a great start. The Devils promoted to Division 1 have a draw and a defeat to their name. The good news is young Robbie Greenfield at age 15 won two games in the drawn tie. He came through the ranks and is a testament to the coaching provided by Janet Quarry on Monday evenings.

Coaching is now full so any prospective new members will now have to go on a 'waiting list'. This is something that in some respects is good but of course stops potential players from joining immediately. We have already referred a couple of new players to other clubs in the area but that may come back to bite us if they prove to be very good players. Seriously we are just happy playing and are pleased to help other clubs when we are able.

John Gould

Candlelight Carol Service



Drayton Hall at 7.30pm

Sunday 2nd December

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This term has seen many changes at Brownies, as we said goodbye to the wonderful Owls Ruth, Annette and Esther, and welcomed Laura (Spirit Owl), Caroline (Toffee Owl) and Sophie (Sparkle Owl) and our young leader Izzy (Glitter Owl). You won't be surprised to learn that the girls named us!

Brownies nationally has seen the launch of a new programme and we have embraced this, as it places the girls at the centre of decision making and taking the lead during our meetings. We are continuing to work on the Book Lover badge, sharing our favourite books, as well as games, crafts and fun! We are planning to make poppies to celebrate 100 years since Armistice Day and will be joining up with Rainbows to mark this important date.

The Rainbows have been enjoying lots of crafts and games as well as developing their independence and making new friends.

Brownies, for girls aged 7-10, meets on a Wednesday and Rainbows, for girls aged 5-7, meets on a Thursday, at the village hall. You can register your daughter or put their names on our waiting list at Girlguiding.org.uk. Both units have spaces available in January.

For more information about Rainbows call Victoria on 07801 447720, or for Brownies call Laura on 07916 459435 or email drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk.

STEVENTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Save our Christmas Concert dates!

Harwell Village Hall on December 8th, tickets £5 - £10
Steventon Village Hall (a different program to Harwell)
on Saturday 15th and Thursday 20th December
- Tickets £10 - doors and bar open at 7.00 p.m.

This year we are raising funds for Oxfordshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre.

Tickets on sale soon, details in next month's issue.
For more information about the Steventon Choral Society, visit www.steventonchoral.org.uk

From Westminster – Ed Vaizey

"Earlier this month Michael Gove announced a landmark Agriculture Bill to replace the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). As we leave the European Union this Bill will replace the current rules. The changes announced will gradually transform the agriculture sector, giving farmers time to adapt. At the heart of the Bill is a commitment to tackling climate change. The Bill also contains a specific provision to enable government to provide financial assistance to improve productivity. This may have a significant effect on the farmers in the area, and I look forward to the changes in the bill being implemented.



Lidl have announced that they are planning to build a new store in Grove, to be built off Grove Road. A planning application for submitted to Vale of White Horse District Council on 7th September. I am pleased that we should soon be getting a greater choice of

supermarkets, although the plans should consider the effect on local traffic. You can find out more details of the proposals at grove.lidl.co.uk.

The Bank of England is looking for secondary schools from Wantage and Didcot to take part in their digital media competition about the role of the Bank. The competition is aimed at students aged 11-18 and schools are invited to submit a short film on topics which change from year to year. This year's title is 'What will money be like in the future?' The competition received over 130 entries last year, and if you would like to enter this year you can find details at bankofengland.co.uk/education/competitions.

This month I was very pleased to visit Didcot Girls School, turn the first turf at Grove Business Park and visit EMS Physio, who produce specialist medical equipment in the Park. I also attended the commemoration of the centenary of WWI in Didcot, with the dedication of a centenary field.

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>."

Jack Lindsay
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County Report



A couple of weeks ago, I witnessed my first meeting of "The Growth Board". Around a table sat all the great and the good from local government in Oxfordshire. The audience included representatives of Natural England, CPRE (Council for the Protection of Rural England) and various charities. The expenses bill for running such a meeting must have been eye-watering. I expected to witness big issues being discussed and big decisions being taken. However, the agenda consisted of receiving reports and appeals for consideration from many worthy organisations. Clearly the big decisions and discussions were not going to happen in such a public meeting.

A new, and much needed Scrutiny Committee of the activities of the Growth Board is going to have its work cut out if it is only going to be allowed access to such public meetings of the Growth Board.

Of the many reports presented to the Board at the meeting, one that stood out for me was from "Active Oxford". It seems that child obesity is a growing and problem in Oxfordshire.

It was that report that has prompted me to say something this month about Cycling, an activity that would do much to help reduce child obesity as well as to encourage a healthier lifestyle for everyone. However, cycling in this county is beset with pitfalls. As an occasional and inexpert cyclist, I do not possess a single piece of Lycra, but I have first-hand experience of some of the issues facing cyclists in our congested County. Well meant, but underused and badly connected cycle paths that spill out onto busy roads – bridges where cyclists, pedestrians and drivers hurl abuse at each other because no one knows who has priority – lack of spaces in towns to park your bicycle – too narrow cycle lanes beside heavy traffic - I have experienced it all. The solutions are all costly and hence not enough is happening.

However, in Milton Park, we have a major employment area surrounded by thousands of homes within 3 or 4 miles. At present, cyclists have to brave congested roads to get to and from work. Unsurprisingly, very few parents are prepared to let their children loose on the roads. There are few encouragements to get us out of our cars and on to bicycles.

But it is not all hopeless:

MEPC already encourage all business o Milton Park to provide shower facilities for their staff. The proposed new cycle/pedestrian bridge from Milton Heights to Milton Park will make much of the route to/from work for residents safe for cyclists. There are stretches of pleasant, safe cycle paths between many of the villages and Milton Park. With help from local landowners, these stretches could be linked up. There are existing paths that could be made safer and relatively cheaper.

As "Active Oxford" argue, we cannot give up on this. Cycling is healthier for each of us and healthier for the planet.

Richard Webber Cllr OCC

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NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP 5 (NAG5)

- Crime prevention

There has been a spate of burglaries and shed break-ins recently. A few reminders about what you can do to help to keep your home and belongings safe.

Invest in timer switches to turn on lights when the house is unoccupied.

Close and lock doors and windows when you leave the house and go to bed. Use your house alarm if you have one.

Don't leave house and vehicle keys, handbags and wallets etc visible through/from the front door.

Keep valuables out of sight. If you have high-value jewellery consider using a bank safety deposit box or, if you keep it at home, invest in a home safe suitable for providing jewellery. Insurance companies can provide advice on which type of safe is most suitable for your needs. Don't advertise that you're away from home by posting about it on social media.

Keep your shed in good condition. Fittings should be bolted through the door and any screws concealed. Make things 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.

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.

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.

Mark property with your postcode or use forensic marking such as Selecta DNA and Smart Water.

Register your valuables with www.immobilise.com.

Fraud, scams and phishing

Fraudsters and criminals are becoming ever more sophisticated and convincing in the ways in which they try to obtain our personal and financial details via letters, phone calls, e-mails and texts. It's a good idea to get into the habit of stopping to think before providing such information.

If you think you've uncovered a scam, been a victim or been targeted, report it online to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre, at www.actionfraud.police.uk. If you don't have online access you can call Action Fraud and report it on **0300 123 2040**.

The Thames Valley Police website has a list of contacts for advice about fraud and cybercrime at www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/useful-contacts-for-fraud-cybercrime-advice.

Reporting non-urgent crime and incidents

A reminder that you can now report non-urgent crime and incidents online, using the Thames Valley Police website. This system allows the report to be logged immediately and you will be contacted by a police officer within 24 hours.

Visit the Thames Valley Police website at <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/> then click on the 'Report' button, select the type of crime or incident and the site will guide you through the process.

If you don't have online access you should call 101 for non-emergencies.

Always call 999 for emergencies.

To contact the police call either 101 (for non-emergencies) or 999 (for emergencies).

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

**ALL SAINTS SINGERS SUTTON COURTENAY
ADVENT CONCERT**

Sunday 25th November 7.30.p.m.
All Saints Church Sutton Courtenay
An Evening with Handel

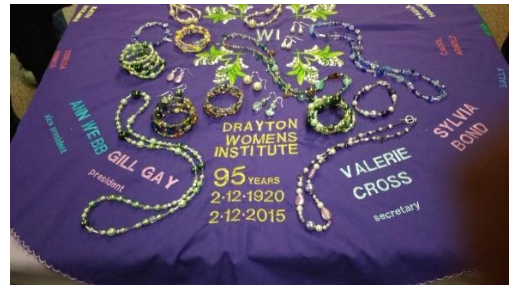
Sutton Courtenay's community choir, The All Saints Singers warmly invite you to their annual Advent Concert. Under the direction of Sebastian Thomson and with the support of a professional orchestra, we will offer an evening of music by George Frideric Handel (with a little bit of Purcell).

We will perform two of the wonderful Chandos anthems. Anthem 2 *In the Lord I put my Trust* includes four robust choruses which proclaim the confident faith of the psalmist. The inspiring tenor airs will be sung by Felix Leach who has performed with All Saints Singers on many occasions. Chandos Anthem 9, *O Praise the Lord with One Consent* will also feature our regular soloists Penelope Appleyard (Soprano) and Michael Hickman (bass).

The Chandos Anthems have been described as "the very embodiment of Georgian grandeur and optimism" The same could be said of the *Concerto Grosso in C Major – Alexander's Feast* which will be performed by the orchestra.

A local resident and supporter has made a financial contribution to the choir to perform Purcell's *Rejoice in the Lord Always*. We are delighted with this invitation as we love singing it, and hope that you enjoy it as well.

Please come: Tickets £12 either on the door or at Burgrey's Store, Sutton Courtenay.



We had an amazing meeting on Thursday.

Our speaker was Amy Surman, her sister assisted her in a long session of beadwork with all of us. We were given free choice of her wide selection of beads from large pearl types in all colours to very small filler beads in glass and many

other different and toning colours. It was total concentration for a good two hours threading our chosen beads onto a wire to produce either a sprung bracelet, a small necklace or a longer necklace with earrings to match if we wanted them. It was patient and absorbing work, even the tea was drunk as we worked. Next month we have Chloe Prince returning talking about the history of Porcelain. Something we now take for granted and do not think how we came to own it. Come and see what we do, you will be warmly welcomed. 7.30pm. Nov 15th Caudwell Day Centre.

Ann Webb



First Tuesday Connections

The next date will be 6th November, at which meeting details will be given of the Christmas and New Year arrangements.

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Press release

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Log your 'hogs: Hedgehog Street reveals which counties are recording the most hedgehog sightings

For the first time Hedgehog Street has revealed the counties across the British Isles who are recording the most (and least!) number of native hedgehog sightings. The Hedgehog Street team are calling for more people (especially in the areas where fewer records have been submitted) to record their sightings of Britain's favourite mammal online, to ensure the BIG Hedgehog Map reflects the most accurate picture of hedgehogs that have been seen in Britain.

The data, which is from Hedgehog Street's BIG Hedgehog Map, shows all recorded sightings of hedgehogs (dead or alive) since 2015. Hedgehog Street (run by wildlife charities the British Hedgehog Preservation Society & People's Trust for Endangered Species), has collated these sightings to create a 'heatmap' showing where in the British Isles the public are most actively recording sightings of hedgehogs:

The top five hedgehog spotting counties are:

Top rank	County	Number of records
1	Hampshire	1,250
2	Oxfordshire	803
3	Greater Manchester	803
4	Devon	701
5	Hertfordshire	669

Emily Wilson, Hedgehog Officer for Hedgehog Street says: "We're so pleased that people across the country, from rural Hampshire to urban landscapes such as Greater Manchester, are actively recording sightings of hedgehogs when they see them. While the heatmap does not reflect actual hedgehog distribution, the more data we can gather, the better picture we have of where hedgehogs are located across the British Isles, which helps us to protect these beautiful but endangered animals."

The areas with the fewest sightings recorded include Bath and north-east Somerset, the Isle of Wight and Bristol. The heatmap also revealed that data from Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland is also very sparse.

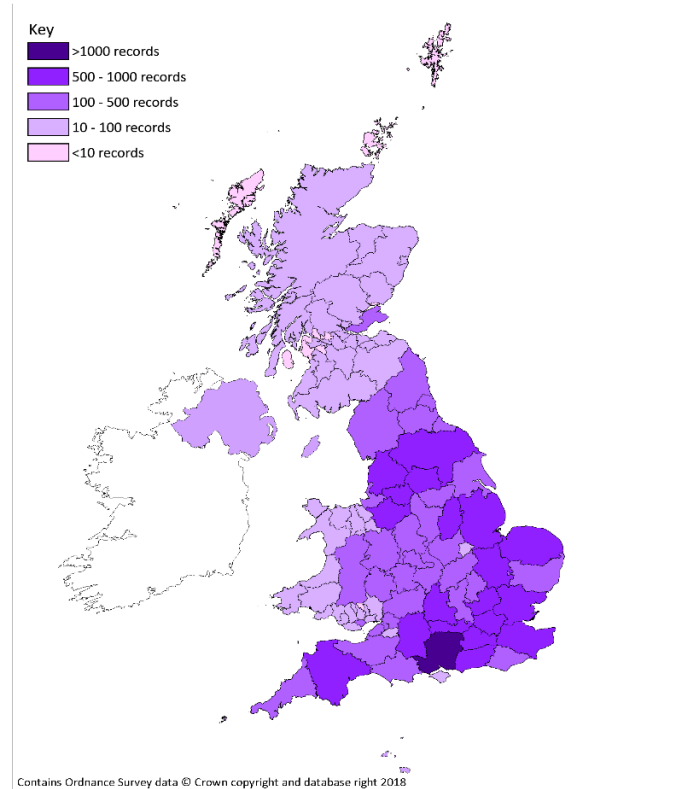
Lowest rank	County	Number of records
1	Bath and north-east Somerset	60
2	Isle of Wight	63
3	Bristol	107

Emily continues: "A lower number or no sightings doesn't necessarily mean there are less hedgehogs in the given area, but simply that we're not being told about them. Therefore, we're asking anyone who sees a hedgehog to record their sightings on the BIG Hedgehog Map - so if you're lucky enough to spot one, please log your 'hog!'"

As well as logging sightings of hedgehogs, the BIG Hedgehog Map can also record when someone has made a hedgehog hole in or under their garden fence or wall - something Hedgehog Street strongly encourages people to do, as this allows hedgehogs wider access to food, shelter and mates.

To record sightings of hedgehogs, or to map a hedgehog hole, please visit: www.bighedgehogmap.org and to register as a Hedgehog Champion or for more information about hedgehogs, visit: www.hedgehogstreet.org.

A copy of the heatmap is available on request (NB: This does not show hedgehog distribution, solely where hedgehog sightings have been recorded)



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Hate incidents or crimes are acts of violence or hostility directed at people because of their personal characteristics or because of what other people think those characteristics are. For example, you might be verbally abused in the street because you are disabled or gay, or because somebody thinks you are.

Hate incidents are commonly sparked off by people's prejudices over disability, race, religion or sexual orientation. These incidents take many forms, including threats and harassment, verbal abuse, intimidation, physical attacks, hate mail or online abuse, or damage to your home or car.

You can report a hate incident or hate crime even if it wasn't directed at you personally.

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Leave a light on and burglars in the dark!

Now that the days are getting shorter please follow some simple guidelines to help prevent becoming a victim of burglary:

- Invest in a light timer switch
- Close and lock all your doors and windows when going out or to bed
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Don't advertise you are away from home on social media
- Register your valuables with www.immobilise.com
- For crime updates sign up to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

Halloween

We would like you to enjoy yourself this Halloween, we also want you to be safe. Only visit properties that are decorated with pumpkins etc. If there are any signage in the window that states that they do not want to be disturbed, then please do not call on these properties.

If you would like a poster that says 'No Trick or Treat' then please contact the Neighbourhood Team by email, call the 101 number or come along to the Have Your Say meetings.

Have Your Say meetings...

I will be holding Have Your Say meetings as below; please come along to chat about any local issues.

- Outside Costcutters in Sutton Courtenay on 24 October between 3.30-4pm
- Outside Drayton Village Hall on 30 October between 3.30pm-4pm

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency, then dial 999. You can also contact us via email AbingdonOuterNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. To view information on your neighbourhood team, visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk. Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk today.

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Your Letters

Dear Editor,

I was pleased to see Andy Cooke's take on the Oxford - Cambridge Expressway as a Chartered Engineer. I have also been following this proposal as a Chartered land use planner and corresponded at some length with both Highway's England (HE) and the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC). Although the Expressway was conceived by the NIC, it is also on record as saying, " It is not possible for the UK to build its way out of congestion. Especially in urban areas, where most congestion occurs, new roads lead to new journeys, filling up the additional space. People take advantage of the new capacity to make different choices of where to live and work, and when to travel, rather than reducing congestion." (Congestion, Capacity and Carbon, 2017).

It seems clear that the Government see the road as a means of building up to 1million car dependent houses along the corridor as a stimulus to the regional and national economy.

However, in correspondence HE have made it clear that they don't know how the road will impact on the viability of the proposed railway line along the same route? how the automation and electrification of road transport will affect demand for new roads? or the impact on the already seriously congested A34, A420 and A40 that would feed into the Expressway at the western end?

It was interesting to see Richard Webber our County Councillor updating us on the Expressway, but Ed Vaizey our MP has chosen not to.

As this proposal is coming from Westminster (see the Chancellor's 2017 Autumn Statement) I would have expected our Government representative to be answering some of these questions.

Daniel Scharf

Drayton Hall Report

Regular members of Helen's 'Gentle' Yoga group should already know that her class is shifting from Mondays to Tuesdays, same time of 11am, but perhaps a different day will alert potential new customers?

A couple of special events this month, a Fundraiser for [Ovarian Cancer, Friday 23rd](#) (evening), at the time of going to print I haven't had full details, but I believe it's to be a [Ladies' 'Pamper' evening](#) – look out for more notices nearer the time, especially F'book. Local theatre group 'JIGSAW' have a fundraising [Quiz Night](#) (+ entertainment they tell me) on Friday 30th, their ads are already up round the village, so if you've a likely team, book that date?

Not this month, but very early in December, we've a [Terriers dog show](#) on **Sat Dec 1st**, and on the evening of Sunday 2nd it's the very popular [Carols evening](#), so get the throat lozenges out ready to be in tune for that one!

Oh, and a couple of bits of admin, we've still got someone's toy truck at the Hall, and a bow tie (!); also, will users of the water boiler in the kitchen PLEASE NOTE that it isn't clever enough to switch itself off, it's relying on YOU to do that and stop adding to the Hall's already substantial electric bills!

Regular users will have noticed that the lobby light is now controlled by a movement sensor, and the outside lights are on a timer.

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1 egg yolk
Milk, to mix

Preparation time about 10 minutes.

This crisp and crumbly mouth-watering pastry made with self-raising flour breaks all the rules but gives a special taste and texture to all sweet pies, large or small.

Sift the flour, salt and sugar, if using, into a mixing bowl. Rub in the butter, margarine and lard with the finger tips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.

Add the egg yolk and enough milk to mix to a pliable dough, using a round-bladed knife.

Turn the dough on to a lightly floured board or work surface and knead lightly until smooth and even.

Place in the fridge to rest for half an hour. Then roll out and make pies.

The dough can be wrapped in a freezer bag or foil and frozen for up to a month. Thaw for 2-3 hours at room temperature before use.

Cumberland Rum Butter

Cumberland rum butter is excellent not only with mince pies, but also with Light or Traditional Christmas puddings.

175g (6oz) unsalted butter, at room temperature.

175g (6oz) soft dark brown sugar.

6 tablespoons rum.

You can either blend the butter and sugar together till pale, soft and creamy in a food processor or with an electric hand whisk. When you have a pale smooth mixture, you can gradually add the rum, a little at a time, beating well after each addition. Taste and add more rum if you think it needs it! Then place the butter in a container and chill thoroughly before serving. It is important to serve this very cold so that it can provide a wonderful contrast to hot mince pies or pudding. It will keep for 2-3 weeks in the refrigerator so it's not worth freezing.

Brandy Butter

Brandy butter is made in the same way, substituting brandy for the rum.

STOP THE RESERVOIR!



Thames Water released their revised draft Water Resources Management Plan for consultation on 3rd October.

As we reported previously the Drayton-Steventon-Hanney Reservoir is now their first proposed major project – to be started in 2025, but not completed until 2037.

This reservoir will create havoc with the local communities for over a decade and will leave us with a massive blot on the landscape and an increased flooding risk. It is simply not the most economical or best environmental option to solve the water resource problems of the South-East. Overwhelmingly the water it will provide will now be sold to customers outside the Thames Water area, as the future water needs for the Thames area were grossly over-exaggerated and have had to be revised downwards by Thames.

It is now more urgent than ever for local residents to make their voices heard: to their representatives (local and national), and to Thames Water by writing in to the consultation expressing opposition to this unjustified and damaging project.

The consultation ends on 28th November.

GARD will be producing its arguments against the plans, but we will also be pressing the local councils and politicians to oppose the reservoir. We have considerable support on this matter.

We will also be ready to help anyone wishing to write in and complain. If this edition of the Drayton Chronicle reaches you early enough, please note our information meeting in Drayton Village Hall on 14th November 7.45pm. If you cannot make this, then we will be holding a meeting in East Hanney (Memorial Hall, 9th November 7.30pm). By the time you read this our first meeting at Steventon Village Hall (30th October) will have taken place.

This is our last chance, short of a Public Inquiry, to stop this project once and for all. GARD will pull out all the stops, and we ask for your support. Numbers registering their opposition in writing will be important in pushing the politicians if the decision on a Public Inquiry becomes a close call. Please come along and find out, or email me (gard.chair@gmail.com) or GARD secretary, Deborah Bennett (gard.secretary@gmail.com)

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The Oxfordshire Craft Guild will be staging its centre-piece 6 week long exhibition at The Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock running from 17 November until 30 December 2018 with over 30 crafts people showing their work, visitors can be assured of finding a range of quality handcrafted items to enjoy, and those looking to find unique gifts for Christmas will find a wealth of beautiful objects from which to choose from.

It is an established fixture on the County Arts calendar and a must-see event.

In addition, the Guild has a number of shorter exhibitions across the county: as part of the Abingdon Arts Fair to be held in the Abbey Buildings Friday 2nd Nov to Sunday 4th November, and at the Arts and Crafts Market in Broad Street, Oxford on the 1st and 2nd of December.

The Craft Guild seeks to promote quality of making and design in a wide range of crafts. All of their members have had to go through a fairly rigorous selection process. So, visitors to these exhibitions can be assured of finding a range of quality handcrafted items to enjoy, and those looking to find unique gifts for Christmas will find a wealth of beautiful objects from which to choose from.

Details of venues:

Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock

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Sat	3	11.30am	Private Function (all day)
Sun	4	11.00am	& 3pm Private Functions (child's parties)
Mon	5	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Thur	8	2.00pm	'U3A' Crafts Group (Mthly – Small Hall)
Sat	10	1.00pm	Private Function (all day)
Sat	17	10.00am	Hanney Chapel Function (all day)
Sat	17	12.30pm	Chronicle Lotterly* Deadline (NB * Extra tickets always available @ Vickery's)
Sun	18	10.30am	'Mess Around' (Franchise) Party
		2.00pm	Private Function
Mon	19	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (see P2 – Ads 12th)
Fri	23	6.00pm	Ovarian Cancer Charity Fundraiser
Sat	24	10.00am	& 2pm Private Functions (child's parties)
Sun	25	9.00am	Bowls Club (all day)
Fri	30	7.00pm	Quiz Night (Jigsaw Theatre Group)

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MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
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)	
11.00 am	'Gentle' Yoga (Helen 07712 646382)	
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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