

# DRAYTON CHRONICLE



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# CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next Chronicle will be the June issue:

Editor: **Maurice Puddick, 538188**

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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](mailto: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.

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# CHRONICLE LOTTERY

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## RESULTS OF THE APRIL LOTTERY

Prize	Winner	Agent
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£15	C. Bone Meadow Cottage	Ali Bone
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£10	Lynch Abingdon Road	Jayne Henderson
£10	V. Cross Binning Close	Cathy Norris

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Nb Lottery tickets can always be purchased at Vickery's Hardware Store if you've missed your Chronicle Agent. And new Agents are always needed! Email: [editor@draytonchronicle.net](mailto:editor@draytonchronicle.net) Thank you.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

A very warm welcome to Lisa who has moved into Church Lane from Southampton.

A big welcome also to all the new residents of Walnut Meadows, The Dovecote and Edward Park. Please let us know if you would like a personal mention!

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Wednesday	10.00am	Pebbles (Term Time only)	<i>Church Room</i>
Friday	6.30pm	Choir Practice (1 <sup>st</sup> Friday)	<i>Church Room</i>

## CALENDAR FOR MAY

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30 pm	First Tuesday Connection	<i>Church Room</i>
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30 pm	DAMASCUS Parish Service for Ascension	<b>St Michael's Steventon</b>

## PARISH REGISTER: FUNERALS

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Margaret Knight
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Ruth Clark

## YOU STAY WE PRAY, MAY;

28 <sup>th</sup> April to 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Friars Mews; Monk Close; Prior Drive; Abbot Crescent
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12 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Furlongs; Plough Lane; Furrows End; Lammas Land; Virgate; Fallowfield Close
19 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Lockway; Whitehorns Way
26 <sup>th</sup> May to 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Lockway; Whitehorns Way



## ST PETER'S LETTER

From the Ministry Team:

St Peter's, Drayton  
St Peter & St Paul, Appleford  
St Blaise, Milton  
All Saints', Sutton Courtenay  
St Michael and All Angels, Steventon

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18TH MAY 2019

I remember, as a child, my Grandmother telling me that "charity begins at home". I also remember thinking "so if it begins at home, where does it go to and where does it end?" There are numerous charities, all having specific interests. You can probably think of a few straight away. You may regularly donate to a charity special to you. There are particular times and events when charities will want to highlight their work and fundraising. Every year in May the charity Christian Aid has one week where it aims to do just that. It is a charity that has seventy years of experience helping those at home, wherever that is, and overseas. Christian Aid campaign for change to tackle the root causes of poverty and challenge the systems that keep people poor. It works in thirty-seven countries with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice. Christian Aid believes in life before death and are part of a global movement for change, particularly poverty, which also includes climate change.

There are many disaster appeals due to the effect of climate on people living in poverty. The most immediate disaster has been in south east Africa where two million people have been affected by cyclone Idai. There are, at the same time, Christian Aid appeals for those affected by the Tsunami in Indonesia, floods in Kerala, South Asia floods, affecting almost seventeen million people, not forgetting the Syria crisis.

Christian Aid week is an important and busy time to raise awareness and funding for the challenges of charity beginning at home and spreading out to reach our neighbours near and far. The motivation is of human nature, of wanting to help those less fortunate than ourselves, and it is also a Christian one, by following what Jesus taught and did. More information on Christian Aid, how to get involved and how to make a donation can be found on [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk), or look out for Christian Aid envelopes for collecting donations in your village and in your church.

**A prayer for those affected by cyclones and flooding:**

*Shelter in the storm; Light in the darkness;*

*Hope even in a living hell*

*Behind the numbing numbers are the names of loved ones  
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## LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS

### DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

As I write this most of our teams have finished their matches for the 2018/19 season. The likelihood will be that none of the 7 teams will have achieved a top 2 finish although possibly the Dashers may scrape into 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 4. If not, then 3<sup>rd</sup> is a good finish for them. It does seem the Diamonds will be in the bottom 2 of Division 3 so the probability we'll have 3 teams in the bottom division next season looks to be likely.

We still have 4 teams in the Handicap Shield with Dazzlers and Devils reaching the last 8. There is the possibility of an all Drayton Quarter Final as the Devils wait to see if the Dingos will be their opponents. The Dazzlers will play the SOFEA team – opposition who they've met and lost to earlier in the group stages! So, beating them would be sweet revenge!

Finally, the Dragons are waiting on a previous round tie to go ahead before they know their last 16 opponents. They are probably our best bet for a team to reach the final, so fingers are all crossed for them.

Our Senior Player of the Season is Will Stephenson who finished an excellent season with the Dashers on 85% after playing 39 matches! This was a really great effort by Will. Our Junior Player award is yet to be decided with a couple in contention with one tie match each to decide who takes the crown.

John Gould

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## LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS

### Drayton Wives

Once again, we welcomed Alan Copeland, a Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society, to our March meeting.

This time it was to speak about the odd things he has found on his travels around the Chilterns.

Let's start in Reading at Forbury Gardens and the ruins which have recently been renovated and was the venue for this month's walk. The Lion in the garden weighs 18 tons and is called the Maiward Lion. There is also a memorial to Henry West who lost his life in a freak whirlwind while working for Brunel laying tracks.

Then we went to Caversham where GWR built an Edwardian Loo from iron panels so passengers could have a comfort stop. Do you think they had to pay a penny?! It was later dismantled, renovated and put in the Chiltern open air museum where it was brought back to life. There is also St Annes Well in Caversham where the healing waters attracted many pilgrims. Nowadays they have pilgrims of a different kind, those attracted to the annual pop festival.

Off to Boulton Lock where they painted the telephone boxes, especially to blend in with the riverside.

At Cookham there is a blue cottage with a sign that says Don't Park and All Fighting to be Over by 10pm. Yes, it was near the pub and the owner was fed up with being disturbed by the inebriated customers.

Next, we visited the lovely town of Windsor which has many curiosities including two stations and an unusual house which leans over. Built in the 1600's, but the beams were a bit green and, as they dried, pulled the house over.

In Eaton you will find a post box with a vertical post slot. Five were made in the 1860's but didn't catch on.

In Thame, always worth an outing on a Tuesday for the lovely market, there are many ghost signs which are one sign painted over the other but the old sign still shows through.

We all enjoyed our tour and hope it's given you some ideas for summer outings.

Lisa Lammiman

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## LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS

### Caudwell Day Centre

The Caudwell Day Centre Management Committee would like to say a big thank you to Cicely Willis-Dixon and Shirley Thomas who retired from the Committee in 2018.

Both Shirley and Cicely had been members of the Caudwell Day Centre Committee for more than 25 years and worked tirelessly, raising money to maintain and refurb the centre since its opening four decades ago.

The Centre was built in 1970 and was funded by Help the Aged, County Council, Drayton division of the WVRs and the Caudwell family. The aim has always been and continues today to promote the welfare of the aged in the Parish of Drayton, providing a warm friendly place to meet. There's an amazing small team of volunteers that run the 'Friday Club' which provides a hot scrumptious two course home cooked meal and entertainment all afternoon for local, elderly residents. Cicely and Shirley were also keen Friday Club Volunteers. So, thank you again Ladies, you will be missed from the Management team.



*The centre is also used by local groups such as Bingo, Whist, Drayton Wives, WI and The Parish Council along with many more. The hall is available for private hire. Contact: 01235 531619 or email: [caudwelldaycentre@gmail.com](mailto:caudwelldaycentre@gmail.com)*

Editor - Apologies for the delay in printing this article (due to a technical hitch).

## W.I. News

At the April meeting we welcomed Veronica Wilson a member from O.F.W.I. office, her role is 'Advisor' and she came to speak to us on the WI's achievements over the last 100 years.

We were taken through the years decade by decade from suffragettes through the war years and up to today, and the way our campaigning had improved life and living standards for us all, and for some people overseas as well. Particularly the role of women in the home and outside in the workplace, with health and wellbeing at the top of the list. Some of this we were aware of, and some things came as a surprise because it contained so much we take for granted and didn't realise our part in its beginnings.

Next month we have John Caldecott to speak on the Foundling Hospital. We meet in the Caudwell Day Centre at 7.30 pm on the 9th May, COME and SEE what we do and enjoy a cup of tea with us, we shall be pleased to see you.

Ann Webb

## Friends of Drayton School

March winners of the 100+ Club, both winning £18.50, were: J Meredith and K Billington.

Our Easter hour raised £436; not only did we test our maths skills on the Easter egg hunt, we helped rehome lots of cuddly toys on our teddy tombola.

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### Summer Fete Saturday 15th June

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## LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS



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# WESTMINSTER LETTER

## Ed Vaizey MP

Some very good news – the Government have announced a **£218million investment** in roads and bridges for southern Oxfordshire. This is not only great news for South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse but for the whole of Oxfordshire. This is a great example of how councils working together with MPs, local businesses, community groups and residents can submit a significant bid to the Government resulting in success.



A number of constituents have contacted me with their concerns about the proposed change in **Scanning services** available at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford: the service was previously provided by Oxford University Hospital Trust but it was recently announced that NHS England had accepted a tender from a private provider InHealth to run the services. Whilst in principle I do not oppose competitive tendering for medical services I am concerned about the handling of this tender process by NHS England. I wrote to NHS England to ask for an explanation and I am pleased the decision is now under review. No changes will be made to the current PET-CT service at the Churchill while this process is ongoing.

In Parliament **Brexit** continues to be the issue that dominates both the headlines and Parliamentary time. As I write this column some weeks in advance of its publication it is difficult to predict where we will be when you read this. I will continue to support the Prime Minister's efforts to secure a workable withdrawal agreement and, if need be, vote to increase Parliamentary control of the process to avoid a no deal exit. I provide regular Brexit updates via email so please do contact my office if you would like to be added to that list.

**In the constituency** I have enjoyed visiting the Didcot Railway Centre for the unveiling of their new train (by none other than Prue Leith), Wallingford Museum, and the reopening of the recently renovated The Extraordinary Hare Pub in West Hendred. I have also met with GPs in Didcot, taken a walking tour along the A420 to see first-hand residents' concerns, and been campaigning alongside local colleagues for the Council elections.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any pressing issues that you would like help with. Either myself or one of my team will get back to you as soon as possible and do what we can to assist. You can contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, [dicksonce@parliament.uk](mailto: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. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please complete the online form at <http://bit.ly/EdVaizeyMP>

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# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Williams

**Report of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and the Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.**

## APA - Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March

The Annual Parish Assembly is the meeting where the Parish Council reports on its activities over the past year. It is also an opportunity for the various clubs, societies, and other organisations in the village to tell us what they have been up to as well.

A very brief summary of the Parish Council's work in 2018/19 would include the following:

- appointment of new Parish Clerk and 2 new councillors
- new Public Art Working Group and new Allotment Working Group set up
- new Children's playground opened at Walnut Meadow
- village footpaths maintained and allotments supervised throughout year
- consecration of additional area of burial ground pending
- extension of Conservation Area pending
- tree-planting carried out in Hilliat Fields
- other village trees assessed for safety and pruned
- illegal 'For Sale' signs removed
- Community Speedwatch maintained
- Litter removed from village by caretaker throughout the year
- Neighbourhood Action Groups held in Drayton Village Hall
- Meetings held with Miller Homes/JLES re Walnut Meadow site
- Pre-School/Nursery class project progressed with OCC
- 43 Planning Applications considered
- Grants made to various community bodies, including DAMASCUS

Reports were received from the Chairman, and the Chairs of the various sub-committees: Projects Board, Planning, Finance & Personnel, Rights of Way, Leisure & General Purposes.

Further reports were received from the following Drayton Community organisations:

- Drayton Art Group (David Icke)
- FODSA (Friends of Drayton School Association) Fundraising (Tamsin Meredith)
- DAMASCUS Youth Group (Roxy Elford and James)
- Allotments (Tim Atkins – Allotment Warden)
- Community Garden (Richard Seamark)
- Drayton Football Club (Pete Ivey)

Our County Councillor, Richard Webber, also gave a report on the issues currently being dealt with by OCC. Of particular interest were the highways/traffic calming proposals which formed part of the Neighbourhood Plan. Drayton has a substantial sum of money earmarked for these, but there are many stages to go through before work can commence – design, costing, phasing, and of course, further consultation with residents.

## Parish Council meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> April

Richard Webber reported from the recent full meeting of OCC at County Hall in Oxford. He said that there were two main items on the agenda. One was the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway, which apparently has the support of many councillors in the ruling party. The other item was the declaration by the Council of a Climate Emergency, reflecting worldwide concern about the effects of climate change. OCC recognizes the urgency of taking steps **now** that will reduce carbon emissions. Drayton residents will note that there is a more than slight contradiction between these two projects.

If the Expressway is built, it will massively **add to** vehicle emissions, because the number of large freight-carrying lorries is expected to increase dramatically (see Andy Cooke's articles in previous issues of the Chronicle). There seems little sense in pursuing this hugely expensive road building exercise at the same time as the Government plans to restore a rail link between Oxford and Cambridge. As the road is also planned to generate another million houses along its route (which will presumably clog up most of the extra road capacity as soon as it is complete), the incompatibility of the scheme with any serious attempt to limit climate change is even more marked. A lively debate ensued in the Parish Council.



# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

continued

The Chairman and Councillor Colin Arnold reported on their planned meeting with JLES and Miller Homes on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The representatives from Millers failed to show up, claiming a misunderstanding, but the morning was not wasted and we received detailed feedback from JLES on what they have been doing on the Walnut Meadow site. Their reports and surveys are very comprehensive, but although they were engaged by Millers specifically to sort out the many outstanding problems with the ground works on the site, it seems that Millers are effectively preventing them from acting on their findings. We will arrange another date to meet with Millers shortly.

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, Lorraine Watling, in the first instance. Lorraine may be contacted via E-mail at [clerk@draytonpc.org](mailto:clerk@draytonpc.org) or by telephone on 07909 176061, and she will ensure that any messages are passed on. Further information regarding the PC can be found on the village website: <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/>

The next Parish Council meeting is the AGM, following the Vale-wide Parish (and District) elections. All the newly elected parish councillors will be signed in. The meeting will be on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May (a week later than usual due to the May Bank Holiday)**, at 7.30 pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.

## DRAYTON COMMUNITY TRUST

Andrew Bax

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Caudwell Day Centre at 7.30pm on **Monday 10 June**. The main business of the meeting will consist of discussion on how best to secure the future of the Drayton Chronicle. There will also be a review of the Trust's recent activities, including its support for the new Nursery Building at the School, and the proposed sports facilities at Walnut Meadow. *Everyone is welcome to attend.*



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## YOUR LETTERS

### Mia Biddle - Walk up Snowdon to raise money for Helen and Douglas House.

My daughter, who is 11 years old, had the idea to walk up Snowdon to raise money in memory of our friends' daughter Molly Gibbard for Helen and Douglas House. Molly was born in March 2005 with lung and heart disease and spent most of her short life in hospital. She was sadly taken in January 2006. Molly's Butterfly fund was set up to help children and their families spend precious time together at Helen and Douglas House.



Mia set herself a target of £500, trained every weekend since Christmas in preparation and completed the walk on Sunday 14th April with her Dad, brother Toby and George the dog. Against 60mph winds and snow at the top, they reached the summit; when many walkers were turning back. Mia



has exceeded her target by raising £1175. Without the kind sponsorship from friends and family, she could not have achieved this.

Thank you to everyone who donated for such a great cause. We are so proud of her, an amazing achievement.

*Mandy Biddle*

### Drayton pupils give up chocolate to support children with life limiting conditions

Lucy and her friends Tegan and Will, Drayton CP School pupils, are helping Lucy's mum raise vital funds for Helen & Douglas House by giving up chocolate in May. Lucy will also be walking 30 minutes to school several times a week. The nine-year-olds are challenging themselves to support Sabine Schwaebisch (38 years), who is climbing Kilimanjaro for the hospice in October. Sabine, who has worked at Helen House as a nurse for more than six years, witnesses first-hand what important difference the children's hospice makes to many local families. The Oxford charity cares for children

with life-shortening conditions, offering respite, symptom management and end of life care to babies and children up to 18 years.

Chocolate lovers Lucy, Tegan and Will are hoping for moral and financial support. If you would like to



help and find out more, please visit their cup-cake decorating stall at the Drayton School fete on the 15<sup>th</sup> June at the village Recreation Ground or visit the fundraising website:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sabine-schwaebisch1>

For any party lovers, Sabine is organising a charity ball on the 13<sup>th</sup> July at the Jurys Inn Oxford. For details or to book tickets, please visit: <https://www.helenanddouglas.org.uk/community-event/this-is-me-charity-ball/>

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# Wonderful Bryony

A local resident Bryony Landsbert is walking 23 miles – not a lot you say? After all that is like walking 4 times to Abingdon and back? Well, in that 23 miles and all within a 24-hour time span, Bryony is also attempting to climb over 11,000ft (equivalent to going up a domestic 15-step flight of stairs over one thousand times all within 24 hours!!).

Yes, Bryony is doing the **National Three Peak Challenge**: climbing Snowdon, Scafell Pike and Ben Nevis all within 24 hours on the 30th of May.

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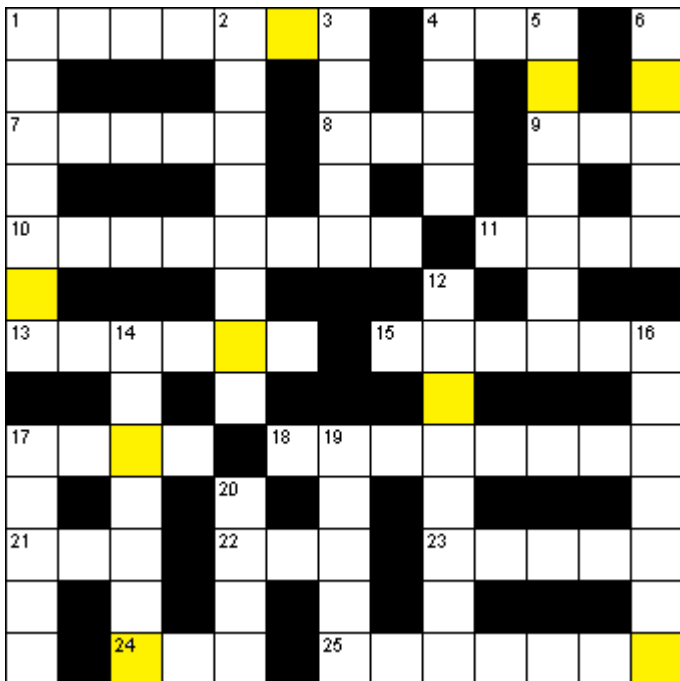


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### Across

1. Pungent leaves used as seasoning (7)
4. Type of lettuce (3)
7. Herbaceous plant of mint variety (5)
8. Frozen water (3)
9. Strong-scented perennial herb (3)
10. Sandglass used when boiling (3-5)
11. Mild yellow Dutch cheese (4)
13. Round flat edible seed (6)
15. Aromatic bulbous herb (6)
17. Small cut of meat (4)
18. Sieve (8)
21. Liquid edible fat obtained from plants (3)
22. Kitchen appliance (3)
23. Variety meat (5)
24. Thin sauce made of fermented beans (3)
25. Sweet medicinal liquids, usually containing a small amount of alcohol (7)

### Down

1. Kind of porridge (7)
2. Alcoholic beverage taken before a meal (8)
3. Small ovoid fruit (5)
4. Professional cook (4)
5. Thin sheet of thin dough rolled and baked (7)
6. Dairy product (5)
12. Pasta in the form of slender tubes (8)
14. Ribbonlike strips of pasta (7)
16. Goes bad or sour (7)
17. Aromatic flower bud, yields a spice (5)
19. Reserve one at a restaurant (5)
20. Watery part of milk (4)

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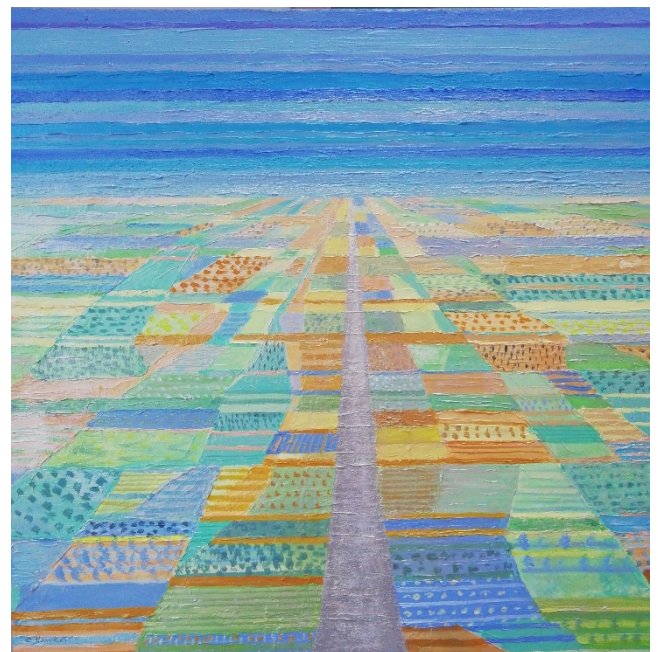
South Oxfordshire artists will be opening their studios to visitors and exhibiting a wide range of artwork during the period 11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May. The Artweeks Festival Guide booklet or the website [www.artweeks.org](http://www.artweeks.org) give details of artists throughout the county. The trail map for Abingdon, Blewbury and Didcot includes Drayton and the immediate area.

Drayton has one such venue, number 213, that of Carolyn Hawkes, new to the village since last July. She warmly invites you to come and view her paintings in her studio-gallery on the Dovecote, off the High Street. (Refreshments available)

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Carolyn took early retirement from a career in Physics and Mathematics lecturing in Newcastle and then studied art, gaining an Honours degree in Fine Art in 2006. Since then her work has been selected for many exhibitions.

Her work reflects her career interest and also her love of walking, especially long-distance paths. Her very colourful, acrylic paintings focus on pathways through the landscape and through labyrinths and can be seen on her website at [www.carolynhawkes.co.uk](http://www.carolynhawkes.co.uk)



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- Say 'no' to plastic straws
- Take a reusable coffee cup with you
- Avoid excessive food packaging
- Use Refill Stations for liquid detergents, or buy powder in cardboard boxes
- Say 'no' to disposable cutlery
- Buy fewer, high quality items made to last
- Carry a shopping bag

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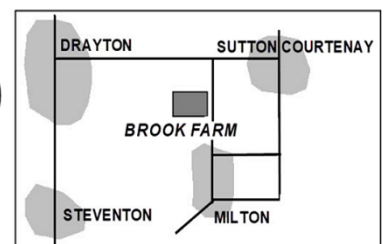
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A local man was asked to buy £1,500 of gift vouchers from Argos and then read the voucher numbers over the phone to the fraudster, who said that they were invalid and suggested he try again with the same amount of Wilko vouchers. Once again the victim was told that the numbers he read out were invalid and that he should go to the bank and withdraw the cash. It was only when the alarm was raised by bank staff that the scam was picked up and, luckily, the victim did not lose his cash.

**Fraudsters usually target people who live alone. If you have friends, relatives or neighbours who are elderly or vulnerable they are amongst those most likely to be the targets of scams. Please tell them about the two described above and stress that they should never use an organisation's telephone number that's been provided to them by a caller at the door, during a phone call, in a letter or an e-mail. They should look up the number themselves and make the telephone call using a different phone from the one on which they received the call.**

Finally, if you are the victim of a scam or know someone who is, please report it to the police. Don't be embarrassed. You'll be helping the police to prevent it happening to someone else.

## Garden equipment and tool thefts

There have been thefts in both Sutton Courtenay and Drayton over the past few weeks and the numbers of shed and garage break-ins continue to be high. Padlocks and bolts can be cut through quickly and residents are urged not to keep valuable items in insecure sheds and garages. If you do store things in a shed consider using a shed alarm, motion sensor padlock and dusk-to-dawn

lighting, which are all effective deterrents. Mark tools or equipment clearly, in large text, with your postcode using an indelible pen such as Cre-mark (available online). It will not only make items less attractive to thieves, but it will also ensure that, should your property be recovered by the police they can quickly and easily identify the owner. You can download Thames Valley Police's FREE Home Security Guide at <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/thames-valley/advice/home-security-guide.pdf>. If you don't have online access you might consider asking a friend, neighbour or family member to download and print the Guide for you.

Construction sites have also been targeted, with container locks being cut through and large sections of the sides of containers being cut out in order to remove the contents.

To contact the police about non-emergencies use the online reporting tool on the police website at:

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# Lime Close, Drayton



Lime Close gardens in Henley's Lane were open to the public on 14<sup>th</sup> April – but if you missed it, there is another chance on **June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2pm – 5pm**. Well worth a visit - not only beautiful gardens but fabulous tea and cake too. Adults £5, Children free.

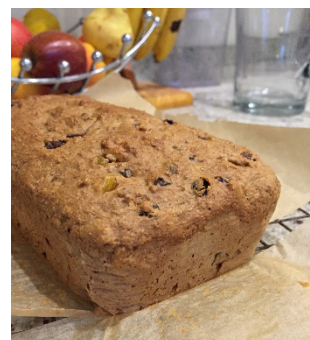


Nb Front Cover photo also taken at Lime Close on 14<sup>th</sup> April. Thanks to Colin West for many of the photos.

## Recipe at the Back

### Bran Loaf

- 1 cup All Bran
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup soft brown sugar
- ½ cup sultanas
- ½ cup glace cherries (or 1 cup mixed dried fruit instead of the above 2 ingredients)
- 1 cup SR flour



### Method

Soak All Bran in the milk until soft in a large bowl, then add all the ingredients, sieved flour folded in last! Spoon into a lined, greased loaf tin and bake in oven at 130C-150C for 45 minutes or until cooked. A skewer should come out clean when it's ready. Best served with butter. Enjoy!

*Thanks to Pat Morgan for this recipe.*

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# DRAYTON DIARIES

## Hall Diary for MAY

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

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

Thur	2	7.00am	Local Election (polling station closes 10pm)
Fri	3	7.00pm	Oxford Drama AGM
Sat	4	11.00am	Private Function (child's party)
Sun	5	10.00am	Private Function (child's party)
Tues	7	2.30pm	1st Tuesday Connections <i>Church Room</i>
Thur	9	2.00pm	'U3A' Crafts Group (Mthly - Small Hall)
Sat	11		Private Function (all day)
Sun	12	10.30am	Private Function (child's party)
Mon	13	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Sat	18	12.30pm	Chronicle Lottery* <b>Deadline</b> (NB * Extra tickets always available @ Vickery's)
Sun	19	9.00am	Bowls Club - Sunday Tournament
Mon	20	5.00pm	Chronicle <b>Deadline</b> (p2 - Ads Fri 17th)
Mon	20	7.30pm	Hall C'tee AGM
Sat	25	7.00pm	Private Function

## DRAYTON HALL NEWS

Firstly, if nobody has noticed (!!) it's the local elections again (**May 2nd**), and this time it's the **Drayton** ward of the **Vale of White Horse District Council**; we seem to have 2 candidates, messrs Cooke & Gilroy (LibDem & Tory respectively), with only one to get elected. We'll be a Polling Station as usual, open **7am** for early birds to vote, **10pm closing** for anyone fancying an evening stroll. We've ALSO been warned of a likely EU (MEP) election day, May 23rd, but with the vagaries of the wretched Brexit topic, who knows what our wonderful collection of MPs in the Westminster hall of farce might have decided by then? And if that DOES happen, I'll be in touch with our Thursday regulars.

Also in May, (**Monday 20th, 7.30pm**), we've got an **AGM** for the **Hall C'tee**, so our regular groups who have a rep on it, do please check if they're carrying on, or who your new spokesperson will be? I think I'm supposed to also ask if any villager would like to volunteer and **help us run the Hall**, though we ask every year and don't usually get knocked over in the rush!

Our Bowls club tell me they do once again have a few vacancies for new members, they have several sessions through the week, social games and league matches, a very friendly club so should be something for everyone?

As ever, parents with little birthdays to celebrate, **don't leave it too late!** Our party 'slots' get booked up quite fast.

As we go to press, a **new fitness class** is about to have its first session, Tuesdays (7pm), called '**RockBox**', comes under the Gemma Pearce group (see her on F'book), and she tells me this new one combines boxing moves, with drumming, with rock music, and "It's a cracking workout!". Sounds far too energetic, and for those masochists perhaps looking for a class, we've also **BounceFit** (Mons 6pm) & **Clubbercise** (Tues 8pm).

## REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

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

### MONDAYS

2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session
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

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>
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (three hours) <i>School</i>
7.00 pm	'RockBox' (to book, see Clubbercise)
7.30 pm	Bingo Session (over 18s) <i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
8.00 pm	Clubbercise (run by Gemma Pearce, see her F'book)

### WEDNESDAYS

10.00 am	Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer gp - p3) <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 (term-time / Laura 07916 459435)
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (three hours) <i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session

### THURSDAYS

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 (NB Term-time ONLY)
11.00 am	Baptist Café (to 1pm) <i>Baptist Church</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session
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

11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466 <i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
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### 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>

### FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS

Jean Hager

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. They are normally held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 2.30 pm to 4:00 pm and you are invited to drop in during these times. **The next two meetings will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.**

If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.

### YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL CONTACTS:-

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