

A photograph of a forest floor covered in a dense carpet of bluebells. In the background, several tall, slender trees with green foliage stand against a bright sky. The overall scene is lush and vibrant, capturing the beauty of a woodland in spring.

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CHRONICLE INFORMATION

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July	17 th June 2019	28 th June
August	15 th July 2019	26 th July
September	19 th August 2019	30 th August

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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.

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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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A happy birthday to Daphne Barrand who is 90 years young on 2nd June.

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

Tuesday 4 th June	2.30 pm	First Tuesday Connection Church Room
Sunday 30 th June	9.15am	DAMASCUS Parish Service at St. Peter and St. Paul Appleford NB: No service at St. Peter's Drayton.

CHURCH REGISTER

Funeral

Thursday 2nd May Geoffrey William Samworth

Baptisms

Sunday 28th April 2019 James Zachary Hudson
Sunday 12th May 2019 Alfie Rex O'Sullivan

YOU STAY WE PRAY, JUNE

2nd & 8th June Cornville Road, Milton Road, New Cut Mill, Fisher Close, Marcham Road, Meads Close, Rippington Court & Stone Hill.
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23rd & 29th June Steventon Road, Eastway, Eastway MHP.

Geoffrey William Samworth

Daphne and Family would like to extend heartfelt thanks for all the kind words received following Geoff's recent passing.

The many thoughtful good wishes and messages of condolence have been much appreciated.

Daphne Samworth

Church Letter - from the Ministry Team...

Loneliness week – 17th to 21st June

Britain is in the midst of a loneliness epidemic. A survey by the Jo Cox Commission in 2017 revealed that nine million of us in the UK are affected by it. So, no wonder that last year the Government even appointed the world's first loneliness minister, Tracey Crouch. And no wonder that the Marmalade Trust aims to raise awareness of isolation in the UK. Loneliness hurts you physically as well as mentally. It has even been said that it can be as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. It can raise blood pressure, and cause diabetes and obesity. Technology is a big factor: we send emails rather than talk; we have virtual team workspaces rather than speaking in person. We use LinkedIn and Facebook to keep in touch. One health expert said, "We're getting out of the habit of actual conversations." People who work from home and who also live alone can go days without speaking to anyone. No wonder that the millennial generation, for whom technology accounts for an increasing percentage of their interaction, are reporting high levels of anxiety. Experts advise that you simply try and make as many social connections as you can, however brief. Make tea for someone at work, or chat to your neighbour. All our churches across the DAMASCUS Parish offer opportunities for meeting people and making friends – whether it's the Community Café in Sutton Courtenay; the weekly Pebbles Group in Drayton for Babies, Toddlers and their carers; Tea and Chat in Milton; the monthly coffee morning in Appleford or the Church Fete on the Village Green in Steventon coming up on 6th July; the summer holiday club for children or just meeting regularly for worship and fellowship on a Sunday morning. All these, and many more events are part of the fabric of our communities and help individuals to reach out to one another and extend the hand of friendship. When you see something advertised in your parish magazine why not join in? You just might be surprised at what you gain!

The Reverend Helen Kendrick, Rector of the DAMASCUS Parish

STEVENTON & DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Members of the Steventon and District Branch, their families and friends are invited to come and take tea at No. 27 Stocks Lane, Steventon from 3 to 5.30 pm on Saturday 22 June 2019.



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Brigadier Nick Thompson (Hon Chairman)

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DRAYTON WIVES

Appleton Woods – Bluebell Walk

It was a glorious day and the bluebells were like a carpet of blue on the floor of the woods. Everyone was trying to spot the



difference between English bluebells and Spanish invaders? English bluebells are slightly droopy with a sweet aroma whilst

the Spanish variety are upright and have no scent.

Our AGM took place on the 24th of April when our much-respected Chairman of the past seven years Josie Midwinter stood

down. Josie was presented with a bouquet of flowers

and spoke of the many happy and rewarding times she had experienced while serving our group, as always she was generous with the praise she gave to her committee members and said how dedicated they had been and it was a privilege to work with them.

Liza Lammiman was then nominated as our next Chairman and welcomed by all members. The 58-year-old village group continues to flourish, and three new committee members were nominated. During the past year our membership has also increased.

We are all now looking forward to our May meeting on Wednesday 29th which two of our members will be presenting. Jenny Clare will speak about her recent trip to Japan and Liz Kidd will be showing us how Sushi is served. Should be a full house for this one.

Monday 10th June Coffee Morning, any visitors will be welcomed by us in the Caudwell Day Centre at 10.00am. No meeting in June as our Summer outing to Gloucester Docks and City will take place instead.

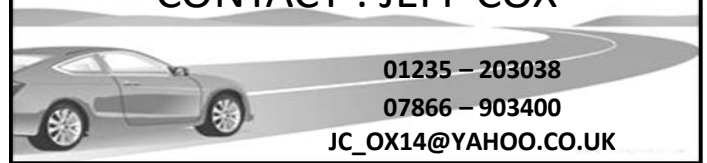
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Ed Vaizey Parish Newsletters Column



The local elections saw the Conservatives lose our majority on both the Vale of White Horse District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council. I was very sad indeed to see so many hard-working local

councillors lose their seats, and new candidates who had been hoping to serve fail to achieve their goal.

The newly elected councillors will face similar challenges to those they are replacing, and there are no easy answers. I have always worked with politicians of all parties to get the answers we need locally and will continue to lobby central government for the support that we need.

Many councillors who lost their seats will rightly blame Westminster. While local issues are very important, there is no doubt that voters use them to send a message to government. I will be taking the message of frustration felt on the doorstep of the campaign and at the ballot box back to Westminster: it is wrong that local politicians who have worked tirelessly for their local communities should bear the brunt of a Westminster failure.

I am working with the AEA Technology Pension Campaign is to secure the pension rights of scheme members that may be otherwise lost because AEA Technology entered a pre-pack administration. If you are a member of the AEA Technology pension scheme, please do contact my office for more info. In Parliament this month I was delighted to see Fitzwaryn School from the constituency at PMQs and have the opportunity to meet staff and pupils afterwards. Fitzwaryn School is an Outstanding school for SEN pupils in Oxfordshire and I asked Theresa May to support more high needs funding in rural areas.

In the constituency this month I was delighted to welcome HRH The Duke of York to the constituency to open Wave Optics New HQ at Milton Park, Oxfordshire.

On other constituency visits I met GWR Managing Director Mark Hopwood at Didcot Station, 6th Formers from Didcot with an interest in Politics, I attended a meeting of Didcot First at the New Marriott Courtyard hotel in Milton, I was interviewed by a local 6th form student as part of her International Baccalaureate project, and met with local residents and senior management of First Port at Alfredston Place in Wantage to discuss issues there.

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.

David Leigh-Pemberton

Richard (Dick) Barnes, co-designer of the Harwell Dekatron computer, died aged 98 on 8 April 2019.



Although a few years later than the mechanical 'bombes' and the electronic 'colossus' at Bletchley Park, the Dekatron was also invaluable then and has proved just as interesting; more unique in many respects, not least because Mr. Barnes and his co-workers chose to work in our (natural) arithmetic base 10 (hence Dekatron) rather than the

base 2 which later became universal in computers.

His Dekatron was essentially one of the world's first programmable calculators, designed to do the calculations necessary for Britain's nuclear weapons development which were done at Harwell at the time by staff using mechanical calculators.

The Dekatron was not only rather faster than a skilled human calculator but had the enormous merit of working day and night without getting tired or making mistakes, a real 24/7 machine as we now say. Mr. Barnes' Dekatron subsequently spent many years helping

Wolverhampton College of Technology teach computer science but now has a well-deserved place of honour at

Britain's National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park as the world's oldest, original, working computer.

Interest in it is now encouraging more bright young people into science and engineering and, in that sense, its full impact is only now becoming apparent.

Few of us are able to do something which achieves so much for Britain's science and engineering enterprises over such a long period of time and ends up as such a national treasure.

I was privileged to work with Dick Barnes at Harwell, though never closely, and also to follow him as an editor of the newspaper that he and another of our old Harwell colleagues started in the village where he then lived, and I now live.

The Drayton Chronicle, as they named it and we saw no reason to change, has many excellent features of style, content, business model etc. which had been set by Barnes and Bisby. Dick himself set its tone at the start by researching and writing a series of articles about the history of Drayton which helped the village, as it grew rapidly to house the scientists joining Harwell and the other companies now comprising 'Science Vale', to develop an ethos and identity which is still apparent in the Chronicle.

I leave others to highlight Mr. Barnes' other contributions as a local historian in the Vale of White Horse. Without doubt he was a great contributor to both British and Oxfordshire Society.

Derek Pooley (Chronicle Editor 2000-2018)

A memorial service for Dick Barnes will be held at St Helen's Church, Abingdon, Oxfordshire on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at 11am.



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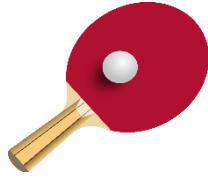
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DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Yet another season of table tennis is over! Whether you call it the aforementioned, or maybe Ping Pong or possibly Whiff Whaff it's really the same sport! For Drayton Club members a summer of R & R awaits. Although I expect many of our members will be found playing other sports – tennis, golf, cricket and even Aunt Sally (if it is classified as a sport).



Anyway, our seven teams have packed away their rackets and their balls until September. We have had a season of little success with none of our teams reaching either of the cup competition finals. It clearly was time to give other clubs a chance! In the league I'm pleased to report the Dashers finished runners up in Division 4. Captained by Graham Stephenson they endured a nail-biting week waiting on the result of their nearest rival's last tie. That turned out to be a surprising heavy defeat that then secured the 2nd place finish. This should result in the team being promoted and ironically replacing the Diamonds who finished second bottom in Division 3. It will enable us to keep two sides in that Division. All our other sides finished mid table in their respective Divisions which is a pleasing outcome for those involved. Max Waddup one of the Dashers players is our Junior Player of the Season and has received the Geoff Hoyland Trophy in recognition of his efforts for the team.

We will be saying goodbye to a couple of players. Lewis Waddup has decided to move to Moreton A team after many seasons at our club. His brother Max will be staying with Drayton and I'm sure the family rivalry will continue. Also, Robert Mihalache is moving away from the area due to work commitments. Robert a former Divisional Champion will be missed at the club and we wish him well in his new venture.

The Club AGM will take place at the end of June and a report will follow in a future edition.

John Gould

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Special thanks go to Victoria Wright for leading the group during this time.

Sadly, due to a drop in numbers this term, we cannot afford to run meetings and it is not much fun for the girls if there are only a few of them for games and activities.

We very much hope to start again in September, so please let us know if you have a five-year-old who would like to join us.

Watch this space!

Mary Thompson - Abbey District Commissioner

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Burglary crime reduction advice

Being burgled is a traumatic experience. It's not just the financial cost of replacing stolen items but also the emotional impact of feeling violated after a burglar's been in your home. You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim by looking at your own home security through a burglar's eyes. Consider how you'd break in if you locked yourself out. You may be surprised at how easy it would be. Thames Valley Police has a FREE Home Security Guide on their website, which can be downloaded here:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/advice/home-security-guide/>. If you don't have online access consider asking a family member, friend or neighbour to print out a copy for you.

GARD UPDATE



Many thanks to the fifty-plus local people who came along to the recent GARD Annual General Meeting. Many more of you have also submitted responses to the Affinity Water consultation (thanks for copying to us). This is really important because, barring a Public Inquiry, this was the last chance for the public to object to plans for the reservoir until sometime around 2022/23. The big news is that the water regulator, Ofwat, is now allowing the Southeast water companies to raise £350 million on customers' bills, to fund research into alternative supply options. Given the lack of detailed information on any option, including the reservoir, we broadly welcome this initiative. We do believe the studies could be done at a much lower cost and been less of a burden on customers' bills – such a large sum would run a significant consultancy company for several years. We would also much prefer that the work be conducted by independent experts, rather than the water companies themselves. But it's a start.

Thames Water and Affinity Water have been jointly allocated over £150 million and we believe our major task, over the next 2 years, is to make sure they study all of the alternatives thoroughly and not just use it to subsidise development of the reservoir.

The output of the studies will be a key input as to whether the reservoir goes ahead as an option. If you would like to join GARD at £10 for lifetime membership, please email gard.secretary@gmail.com for information.

John Broadbent, Vice Chair, GARD

Help endangered Stag Beetles this summer



Creating log piles and recording sightings of adult stag beetles (or larvae), are just two ways you can help endangered stag beetles – Britain's largest land beetle (pictured above) – this summer.

Stag beetles are found throughout Western Europe and are relatively widespread in southern England, particularly along the Thames Valley and parts of Essex, Suffolk, Hampshire and West Sussex. There are also known populations in the Severn Valley, but elsewhere in Britain they are very rare or possibly even extinct. Areas with chalky soils, such as the South Downs, or areas where the average air temperature is low and rainfall is high, such as the north of England, are unlikely to be home to stag beetles.

Drayton Fete & Festival
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As there seems to be money available to enhance the village, what are people's views on the following suggestions?

1. Plant a 2020 Oak tree
2. Erect a Maypole
3. Smartly 'gate' the three road entrances to the village with signage "Welcome to Drayton Village, Oxfordshire"
4. Erect a flagpole
5. Place a large-scale map of the village with roads and footpaths as of 2020.

To smarten up the village we have two super general stores, sadly their visual appeal and street view is appalling. The proprietors may be persuaded to take an example from East Hendred's village shop!

Jayne Castle

Overwhelming support for a Refill Station

Dear Editor,

This is an email to confirm the Saunders family gives complete support to the idea of a refill station in the village. What a fantastic opportunity for the village to make a step in the right direction! My 5-year-old can confirm the stations are easy to use! We are 100% behind this.

Sarah Lewis Millie and Max



Hello

I would be interested in the launch of a refill station in Drayton. I think this is a great idea and I'm sure many local residents would support it.

Jen Campbell

Dear Drayton Chronicle,

A quick response to the article 'Rubbish' in this month's addition, I wanted to send a big **yes please!** from my husband, Gavin and myself to the possibility of a refill station within one of the shops in Drayton. We have recently moved from Didcot and are both keen to do our bit for the environment. We both enjoy reading the Chronicle at the weekend when it arrives.

Kind Regards

Hannah and Gavin Street

Dear Editor,

I am very interested in a Refill Station in Drayton, I already do this, but it is some distance away, so, stock-up when I can. A local one would be most welcome

Regards

Marian Chick

Hello there,

I would be very keen to see a refill station in Drayton! I currently use the one in Abingdon when I can but having one in the village would mean that I would switch over completely to refills where possible (of course, depending on what products are stocked - if we could encourage a good range this would also increase usage). Thanks for supporting such a good cause!

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County Report



Oxfordshire is a major contributor to the national exchequer. It is therefore understandable that Government wishes to capitalize on the County's economic success. This push for further rapid economic growth has been behind the proposals for the Expressway, the Reservoir and, via the "Growth Deal", the push for accelerated housing growth. For many, it has seemed a

little desperate – a push for Growth at all costs and impossible or irresponsible to challenge.

But two things have happened to change the argument. The first and most important by far was the UN Report on climate change. The impact on Carbon output of major road building, reservoir building, and quarrying has been little considered up to now. It is now under a sharp spotlight. Major infrastructure projects will now have to justify themselves in terms of carbon output. Some may well fail that test.

The second recent occurrence was our own local elections in Oxfordshire. Until then, Government had had a reasonably free ride with Councils, mostly of the same political persuasion, being ready and willing to accept vast infrastructure projects and accelerated housing growth in return for the £215m offered by the Growth Deal. With two of Oxfordshire's Councils changing hands, that assumed willingness is cast into doubt. Many questions will be asked, not least challenging the figures (the SHMA figures) on which all this growth is predicated.

Every decision of the Growth Board (the Leaders of all Oxfordshire's councils) will have to be scrutinized very carefully. The way the Growth Board operates (with major decisions being made out of the public eye) is likely to have to change.

With a government under so much pressure on other fronts, it is at least likely that there will have to be a pause for reflection on the "Growth at all costs" agenda.

I have no doubt Oxfordshire residents will welcome that.

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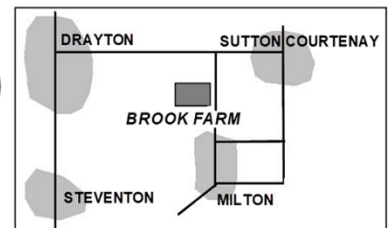
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Letter from the new Chairperson of Drayton Parish Council – Tamsin Crane

Recent Election

In the recent election held on 2 May, 7 councillors were elected, uncontested, to sit on Drayton's Parish Council.

We are also very fortunate to now have Andy Cooke (our former Parish Councillor) representing us as District Councillor.

Thanks to the Parish Council's outgoing chairperson

Our former chairperson Richard Williams has stepped down from his role as chairperson and councillor. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank Richard for all his hard work and dedication over many years. Richard has been an excellent chairperson, leading with professionalism, commitment and impartiality. Richard made a huge contribution in developing Drayton's Neighbourhood 2020 plan, so we are very pleased that he will continue to participate in the Council's Projects Committee going forward, while this plan continues to be implemented.

Parish Council Vacancies

Following the election, there are 4 vacancies on the Parish Council. You will see a notice about this on the village website and pinned up on the notice boards at various places around the village.

As new chairperson, I would personally like to encourage Drayton residents to consider putting themselves forward to act as Councillors. I joined the Council last year, and as a newcomer to Drayton (and indeed Oxfordshire), I have found it a great way to get involved in village life and get to know other Drayton residents.

The Council discusses and makes decisions on a variety of important issues that affect our community. Probably the most important are planning matters, managing open spaces (including footpaths and playgrounds), managing the allotments and burial ground, and making grants to local charities and organisations. From time to time the Council also coordinates with the Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxfordshire County Council about issues that affect the parish. The Council meets one evening a month, and there is a bit of reading of emails and papers in between meetings.

You don't need any particular experience or specialist knowledge to be a Councillor (training/guidance are available if needed). In fact, it is far better if the Parish Council reflects the diversity of our community, and has councillors with different life experiences, interests, perspectives and opinions. So, we actively welcome residents of all ages and backgrounds to get involved. You will be helping shape our community, and influence matters right on your doorstep!

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OVO Energy Women's Tour

On 12 June, around 100 elite women cyclists will be making their way through our region. Starting at 10.30am from Henley, the race will enter our district just after midday in Harwell and leave via Faringdon on their way to the finish line at Blenheim Palace. There will be rolling road closures at these approximate times prior to the race cyclists coming through:

- 12.17pm at Harwell
- 12.23pm at the Hendreds
- 12.32pm at Wantage
- 12.57pm at Faringdon

Thousands of cycling fans are expected to visit our area to watch the race, generating lots of unique opportunities for local businesses to get involved and also to become a race sponsor. Tell your local restaurants, bars, hotels, B&Bs and shops along the route, our website has lots of information on how independent business can increase visiting customers.

First Tuesday Connections

Feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Look no further than our monthly tea and a chat afternoon. You're sure of a warm welcome on the first Tuesday of every month, in St. Peter's Church room from 2.30pm to 4.00pm.

The next meetings are on the 4th June and 2nd July 2019. If you require transport of further information, please call me. Jean Hager (531558)

Daybreak Oxford Dementia Care

On behalf of DAYBREAK OXFORD, I would like to express a sincere appreciation for the recent monies donated by Drayton village residents towards the running of the three dementia care clubs in the Oxford area. Gift Aid money collected by St. Peter's Church during the Lent Collections amounted to £285.45 and in addition, Drayton Wives donated a further £100.

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Terry Mason

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Drayton Art Group

The Drayton Annual Art Exhibition which was held on Saturday 18th May.

Although it wasn't as well attended as previous years, it was still a very pleasant afternoon.



A big THANK YOU to all those who supported us and to all the helpers.



Please look out for us next year!

Shirley Thomas

Last month we had an amazing speaker; his name is John Coldacott and he spoke about the Coram Trust. We had not heard of this trust, but he told us it was older than Barnardo's with John Coram, its founder, shocked by the number of sick dead and abandoned children on the streets of



London. So, in 1722 he began taking in street children and babies, there were so many that he opened a house for their support. He gained support from the Duchess of Somerset, and George II but it took 17 years so get help through the government. A sum of £10,000 was raised and they purchased first property which was in Hatton Garden, and is still there today. Thomas left the organization, and it carried on getting bigger and bigger, space was balloted for and no second baby was accepted. 14,000 children applied to enter in the four hospitals, but it became impossible to cope, so, they had to revert to a ballot system. The trust owned a lot of land in central London, (many of the famous desirable square are now built there) and a very large school was built in Berkhamsted in 1935 The new build had all mod cons but no love or toys. Babies were fostered out until the age of five then handed back to the school. The education act brought this strict regime to an end. Mr Coldacott finished by telling us he was a Coram boy and he brought his uniform to show us, it was black serge with a red waistcoat designed by William Hogarth, it was so heavy poor boys wearing that suit.

Our next meeting is on Thursday June 13th at 7.30pm and we will be told about preparing for an emergency, let's hope we never need it.

Anne Webb

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Drayton Village Hall Report

Firstly, nice to see several of our 'regulars' up and about again, after recent medical issues, I'm thinking of Brian (Sequence Dancers, Thursday evenings), and both Bryn & Cyril of the Bowls club, (several weekly sessions). Apologies if I left anyone out, but I don't always hear these things.

Speaking of the Bowlers, I gather they have an opening for a couple of new members, so why not have a look one day? They're a very social group (sessions listed on the diary page), play all sorts of sessions, both in competition (league matches in season), or just for fun. The fees are nominal, and you can get back most of the cost in tea & bikkies!

And advance notice that they (Bowls) are running a Defibrillator training session in July (open to all) it'll be Monday 15th, 11.30am.

Now, I'd better mention the Village Fete, June 15th, (in aid of FoDSA), as despite squillions of notices around the village, and F'book (etc) comments, there may still be one or two who don't have the date in their diary. Last year's went exceptionally well, even though the organisers and a small army of helpers doubtless needed a long lie-down with their favourite tipple afterwards. Great cause, and fingers crossed that the big yellow ball in the sky is on cue.

The Rainbows group (usually early on Thursday evenings) have suspended their sessions until a relaunch in September, due to a lack of girls. So, definitely space for a few new recruits, girls aged 5 to 7 I think (they move to Brownies at some point when 7). See back page for contact details. Or check out the Guides/Brownies website for more clues what they do.

And in a similar vein, Paul Marshall is thinking of running self-defence classes for women, they would probably be Thursday evenings in the Small hall. He's been doing sessions in the Bujinkan tradition (a martial art) but can tailor lessons more towards the self-defence aspect. Helps fitness too! His details are in the monthly diary.

We had been intending to get the stage curtains cleaned (the front ones, sort of bronzey colour) but sadly it seems the attentions of several decades worth of moths have made that too risky to do. So, perhaps some new ones will need to be acquired, or even constructed (any gifted sewers in the village – with a lot of workroom?!).

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Sat	1	9.00am	Private Function (Wedding all day)	
Mon	3	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
Tues	4	2.30pm	1 st Tuesday Connections	<i>Church Room</i>
Wed	5	12.30pm	Private Function (Small Hall)	
Sat	8	6.00pm	Private Function	
Sun	9	10.30am	Mess Around (Child's Party franchise)	
Mon	10	7.30pm	Community Trust AGM	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
Thu	13	2.00pm	'U3A' Crafts Group (Monthly-Small Hall)	
Sat	15	12.30pm	VILLAGE FETE	
Sat	15	12.30pm	Chronicle Lottery* Deadline (*Extra tickets always available @ Vickery's)	
Mon	17	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (p2 – Ads Fri 14 th)	
Sat	22	9.00am	Private Function (to 1.00pm)	
Sun	23	9.00am	Bowls Club – Sunday Tournament	

Chronicle Funding - Lottery

All dwellings in the village are supposed to receive the Drayton Chronicle each month. This service costs money and has been funded by advertisement sales and the sale of lottery tickets. The editors and distributors of the Chronicle met recently to discuss this funding. We have been aware for some time that income was not keeping up with costs.

The size of it has become larger (often 20 pages), we are now using colour, and the distribution is increasing from around 1000 to an expected 1500 due to the extra building work in and around the village. We have traditionally been using the monthly lottery sales to supplement income, but not enough were being purchased and it is quite costly and labour intensive to run. It is thus, with some regret, that we have decided to stop selling lottery tickets and the last draw will be in the July issue. If you have purchased tickets in advance then you will be offered a refund, or you may leave it as a donation.

We shall be applying to the Parish Council for financial support since we consider the Chronicle to be a service to the village.

Over the last few years we have been extremely grateful to Colin and Carol Arnold for their dedication to the organisation of the lottery and the distribution of the Chronicle. Fortunately, they will be staying on to continue to supervise the distribution.

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6.00 pm	'Bounce fit' (1hr – Sophie 07791 778388)
7.00 pm	Table Tennis (Coaching – 1hr) <i>School</i>
7.15 pm	Badminton (Private Group)
7.45 pm	Bell Ringing (1 ½ hrs) <i>St. Peter's</i>
8.00 pm	Table Tennis (Social play – 1 hr) <i>School</i>

TUESDAYS

9.30 am	Pilates (via Alexandra Merson – 07788 248925)
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm) <i>Caudwell DC</i>
2.30 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1 st Tuesday of the month) <i>Church Room</i>
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (3 hrs) <i>School</i>
7.00 pm	'RockBox' (to book see Clubbercise)
7.30 pm	Bingo Sessions (over 18's) <i>Caudwell DC</i>
8.00 pm	Clubbercise (Gemma Pearce – see her F-book page)

WEDNESDAYS

10.00 am	Pebbles (Baby, Toddler & carer group) <i>Church Room</i>
1.45 pm	Whist Drive (ACHLoFriends) <i>Caudwell DC</i>
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday of the month)
2.15 pm	Badminton
6.00 pm	Brownies (Term time / Laura 07916 459435)
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (3 hrs) <i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session

THURSDAYS

9.00 am	Foot Clinic (1 st Thursday of the month) <i>Caudwell DC</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion <i>St Peter's</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group (Term time only)
11.00 am	Baptist Café (to 1 pm) <i>Baptist Church</i>
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session
5.30 pm	Rainbows** (girls 5 to 7 – call Vicky 07801 447720) **suspended until September relaunch – register with Vicky
7.00 pm	League Table Tennis (3 hrs) <i>School</i>
7.30 pm	WI Meeting (2 nd Thursday of the month) <i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing (Brian – 01235 531701)
7.45 pm	ShikiDojo Martial Arts (Paul – 07479 824887)

FRIDAYS

11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) <i>Caudwell DC</i>
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SUNDAYS

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

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