



# *Drayton Chronicle*

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*Photo: Editor*

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## CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Drayton Chronicle** will be the September issue:

Editor: **Maurice Puddick - Hollies, Barrow Road. (538188)**

Deadline for advertisements is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August** with letters to the editor and other regular contributions by **5:15 pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August**.

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

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

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

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

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Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month.
Sunday	9.45 am	Holy Communion (CW), except 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday when a non-Eucharist Morning Praise is held.
Thurs	9.15 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

### 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 <sup>st</sup> Friday) Church Room

### CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	2.30 pm	First Tuesday Connection Church Room
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### CHURCH REGISTER

#### Funeral

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June Claire Soper

#### Baptism

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June Frances Helen Rhodes-Beal  
Cassius Colin Rhodes-Beal

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July Henry Peter Ramsay Ellis

#### Wedding

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Hugh Christopher McAnaw and Emma Rose Cross

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28 <sup>th</sup> July – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Hilliat Fields; Lyford Close; Manor Close; The Green
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11 <sup>th</sup> Aug- 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	High Street; Chiers Drive; Cheers Farm; Halls Close
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug – 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Friars Mews; Monk Close; Prior Drive; Abbot Crescent
25 <sup>th</sup> Aug – 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Chestnut Drive; Holly Lane; Walnut Way; Willow Way

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Church secretary: Mrs Jayne Henderson Tel: (01235) 522161  
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Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, (01235) 531409

## St. Peter's Churchyard

We will be having a tidy up of the churchyard and we need your help. To comply with **Diocesan churchyard regulations** and to be eco-friendly, only cut flowers, biodegradable material wreaths, or silk flowers can be left on the graves.

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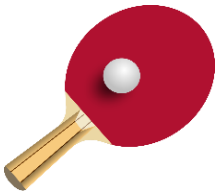
Any of these items still there on that date will be removed.

There are two brown bins by the church porch for garden waste, please take any other items home with you.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping us to comply with the (Oxford) Diocesan churchyard regulations and keeping our churchyard neat and tidy.

**Val and Linda** (Church Pro-wardens)

## DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB



The club AGM took place recently. Thanks to the Village Hall for the use of the small room. Despite having a large membership, we didn't need the main hall! Anyway, the meeting went without too much fuss and was over in little more than an hour.

Before the meeting commenced there were two presentations. Francis Soltane received his runner up trophy for coming second in the DDTTA Division 3 competition. Then our club person of the season award was given to Matthew Davies. He was presented with the Alan Bachrach Cup named after our late founder member. Matthew has been a club member since the age of 11 and now in his early 30's is the mainstay of our 'A' team in the top Division. His father Kevin our club Chairman was proud to be able to present the cup to Matthew.

Thankfully the treasurer's report showed we broke even in the past season. Running costs are always increasing so it was good to learn the finances are on an even keel and we have managed to cover our outgoings.

We now look forward to the new season and will return to the tables in early September with the League season starting later that month. Our Pre-season meeting in which we select our teams will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> August and a report of how that pans out will follow in due course.

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You are invited to drop in during this time, the teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Our next meetings are on **Tuesdays 6<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

If you need transport or further information, please give me (Jean Hager) a call on 531558.

## DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?

The All Saints' Singers are a small and friendly group of choral singers, led by a professional music director, who meet on Friday evenings at 7.30 in the Matrix Music School, Sutton Courtenay.

We are looking for new singers as we start on Friday 6 September to prepare for our next concert on Sunday 24 November, which will include music by Mozart, Faure and Vaughan Williams.

Membership is free to new members in their first term, so why not come along and give us a go? Further details on our website <https://allsaintssingers.org> or from our Chairman, Steve, on 07812 037530.

**THE RED LION**

Martha & Noel have to announce that we shall be closed for refurbishment from 29<sup>th</sup> July. Our re-launch night will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August and there will be a new food menu. On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> there will be live music followed by a family fun day. Please have a look at our website [www.theredliondrayton.com](http://www.theredliondrayton.com) and our facebook page @RedLionDraytonAbingdon to be kept updated. Come and join in with the celebrations and take a peek at the new look Red Lion!

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## Drayton Wives

Our summer outing this year was to Gloucester Quays via Northleach.

At Northleach, a lovely Cotswold village, some of us had coffee at the Black Cat which is a community cafe in the Old Wool house building. Northleach was well known for its wool from the Cotswold Lion breed of sheep. Most of the wool was exported to Italy and Flanders for weaving but this was banned later to encourage our own weaving industry.



Northleach is a very old market town having had its charter granted in 1227. It still has a High Bailiff who tests the local ale every year!!! Nice work! With Northleach being so close to us it is well worth a visit.

Off we went feeling refreshed to Gloucester Quays which has something for everyone. A good outlet village for shoppers, lots of museums and wonderful historic docks.



*(Editor: Prior to living in Drayton I lived in a flat in Gloucester Docks Victorian Basin with this view)*

A lovely day was had by all and thank you to Liz and Jackie for arranging the outing and we look forward to the next one

**Lisa Lammiman**



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## County Column

### Two moans from Oxfordshire to central government

#### 1. Openness, Transparency and non-disclosure agreements



There is so little trust in politics and politicians at present that NDAs (Non-disclosure agreements) only help to increase this mistrust. There may be some justification around personal privacy and commercial confidence, but generally politicians would generally be well-advised to avoid NDAs wherever possible. The news that Oxfordshire

County Council has signed an NDA with Government (as to how the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway would be funded), has been greeted by suspicion and charges of hidden motives from the very many residents who oppose the Expressway. This is a strange way to persuade us that the proposal is a good idea.

#### 2. Too little money, too late

Few would argue that infrastructure in our area has kept pace with housing growth for many years now. As a result, there has been an increasing and unsustainable backlog. The backlog in infrastructure together with that needed to cope with future housing growth in Oxfordshire is calculated to cost around 8 billion pounds over the next 10 years. Recognising this, both Government and Oxfordshire Councils have signed "The Growth Deal" whereby Oxfordshire is given 2.15 billion as a down-payment in return for delivering 100,000 houses by 2030. Many of us have doubts as to just how good a deal that is. The main problem being that it takes little account of the housing we have already delivered in recent years and the impact of the backlog on our environment and road congestion.

We may argue over just how good a deal we have been given, but something good might yet come out of the Growth Deal. By bringing Council leaders in "a Growth Board", there is a far greater chance to come to sensible decisions on behalf of the whole County and all Oxfordshire residents. We must make sure that, whatever the fate of the Growth Deal, we preserve the Growth Board.

Richard Webber Cllr OCC

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*Hark in the still summer air...*

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*Or the thrum, thrum, thrum, of motorcycles idling on the road outside?*

*The thut, thut, thut, of rusty lawnmowers slowly moving across green swathes?*

*Perhaps the Wednesday crunch, crunch, crunch, of bins across gravel drives?*

*Could it be the clop, clop, clop, of horses in harness as they pass my gate?*

*Possibly the rhythmic rush hour hum, hum, hum of the 34 ?*

*NO, it's that bl\*\*\*y pile driver filling the still summer air of Drayton!*

### The Drayton Rhymester



As we expected we were very low in numbers this month, but this did not stop us enjoying an evening of games. We played Boccia, a version of Boules beloved by the French.

The game goes back to the Romans but was revived in the thirties as a game that could be played by the less able. As it got more popular it became a sport recognized for the Paralympics in the thirties and is played still. It was great fun but getting the balls to go where you wanted was quite a challenge, but great fun, we passed a very fun hour and enjoyed our tea and biscuits even more.

August is a rest month, so we won't meet again until Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> when we hope to have Sue Haynes from Abingdon Police to speak to us on keeping safe. Commencing at 7.30pm in the Day Centre, see you there.

Ann Webb

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**Ann Webb (01235) 531418**

*Editor's note:*

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We are very excited to announce that Drayton Nursery will be getting a new building this summer holidays.

After years of planning and fundraising by previous preschool committees (a big thank you to Tamsin Meredith), the Drayton 2020 group (a massive thank you to Janet Manning), the Parish Council and a generous donation from Earl of Plymouth Estates, via the Drayton Community Trust charity, we will be demolishing the old building and replacing it with a bigger, shiny new one this summer.

We wanted to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Ian Woodward and his team who did lots of work on the current building last summer, without them we wouldn't have had a classroom this year.

Demolition work will take place during the first week of the summer holiday, starting on the 23rd July. The new building will be craned in during the week commencing 19th August.

We wanted to let residents close to the school to know this work will be happening, as there will be some dust and disruption at the start of the summer holidays, and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

We will take photos of the building being craned in and of the finished project to share in The Chronicle in the autumn term.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make this project happen, the September 2019 Ducklings class and all future Ducklings will be thrilled with their new classroom.

If you are interested in a space for your child please do contact Laura Billington on [nursery@drayton-pri.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@drayton-pri.oxon.sch.uk).

**Laura Billington**

Dear Editor,

*To the person who complained that there was a bin in the disabled toilet (Drayton Hall) for 'smelly' nappies.*

*We are obliged by law to provide facilities for baby changing. Tables nappy bins and hand washing facilities are positioned in this area because it is designed for this purpose. A toilet of this type is provided for people with this need, whether they are babies children and in some cases adults.*

*The bin is serviced once a fortnight by a sanitary hygiene company. And in between it is emptied by our cleaner when needed. This Hall is run and maintained by volunteers and we hope we maintain a very high standard in the whole building, sadly we can only leave the building in a clean and odour free state. How people behave when using the facilities is beyond our control.*

**Ann Webb**

Chairperson

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Neighbourhood Watch is delighted to welcome a new Co-ordinator, who is in the process of setting up a new Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the High Street and will be visiting neighbours, inviting them to join the scheme.



If you would like a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your street and/or would like more information, please do get in touch by e-mailing: [nhwsuttoncourtenay@outlook.com](mailto:nhwsuttoncourtenay@outlook.com) or call 07762 597118.

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Animal Roadshow had people holding tarantulas and snakes and the bucking bronco was hilarious.



Damascus and Drayton Football Club were running archery and a penalty shoot-out to raise funds for their groups, and FODSA managed to raise a whopping £4,544.75 for school.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Bloor Homes who donated

£1,000 towards the fete and a huge thank you to Father Christmas, a close friend of Colin Arnold, for donating £150. We really appreciate it; your generosity makes such a massive difference to what we can put on for the day. Also, thank you to Hodson's estate agents in Abingdon that sponsored the 'BBQ in

a wheelbarrow' that raised a fantastic £442.

This incredible village event would not be possible without the tireless work of the FODSA team. The fete takes months to plan, many sleepless nights worrying about what to do if it rains/nobody comes,

and a lot of hard work on the day. A massive thank-you to



those who ran the BBQ, the bar and the various stalls on the day. A special shout out to Sam and Katie Mansfield who oversaw the PA system, entertained us on the main stage with their musical talents and cooked a delicious Chilli for the



evening. Thank you to Andy Brookes who sources all the fabulous raffle and tombola prizes. There are so many people that make the fete happen, but big thanks must go Sarah Walters for her meticulous planning, Nina Minter, Tamsin



Meredith, Emma Wilton, Claire Cox, Laura Broad, Laura Adderley, Michelle Hayter, Kate & Nick Foster and Sue & Adam Turnbull. Sorry if I've missed anyone!!

And our last BIG THANK YOU is to everyone who

came on the day, we hope you had a wonderful time. See you on 13<sup>th</sup> June next year!



Laura Billington (FODSA)

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The summer is a time when Thames Valley Police and other forces around the country, experience an increase in residential burglary. This is due to opportunist thieves taking advantage of doors and windows being left open in warm weather as well as properties not being left secure when residents are away on holiday.

It only takes seconds to steal valuable that are within easy reach. Window opening restrictors can be fitted to ground floor windows, to allow ventilation while preventing anyone being able to climb inside. If you're going out of the house, even if it's just into the garden, you should always close and lock your windows and doors.

The consequences of being burgled reach far beyond the cost and inconvenience of replacing stolen items. It's also the emotional impact of having feeling violated, after an uninvited stranger has been in your home, as well as the possibility of having your summer holiday ruined.

If you leave your car at home when you go away on holiday, remember to remove any valuables, check the windows are closed and the doors are locked. If your vehicle is stolen, you may lose your motor insurance excess and no claims bonus. You'll still be responsible for any vehicle finance owed, and likely to pay higher insurance premiums in the future.

Avoid checking-in on social media networks at the airport and wait to post your holiday photos until you get home. **Some home insurance policies become invalidated if you post on social media that you are away from home.**

#### **Holiday checklist**

Lock all doors and windows.

Check that side gates, sheds and garages are locked, and that tools and ladders are not accessible to prevent burglars from using them to break into your home.

Store all keys out of sight, and away from your letterbox.

Use an RIFD pouch to store fobs for keyless-entry vehicles.

Use timer switches to switch on lights at night, to make your home look occupied.

Ask a trusted friend to look after your home while you're away.

Invite a neighbour to park a car on your drive when you're away.

Don't post details or photos of your holiday on social media until you get home.

More burglary prevention advice is available by downloading a free Home Security Guide from the Thames Valley Police website at:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/thames-valley/advice/home-security-guide.pdf>

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## Drayton in the past – its history

Two sites of former settlements in the parish are scheduled monuments. One is about ½ mile (800 m) north of the village at Sutton Wick, overlapping the parish boundary with Abingdon. The other is around Brook Farm about ½ mile (800 m) southeast of the village.



15th Century Cruck Cottage

An episode of the Channel 4 television series Time Team called "In the Halls of a Saxon King", first transmitted on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010, investigated archaeological sites from various periods between Drayton and its eastern neighbour Sutton Courtenay. They included a Neolithic site called the Drayton Cursus.

In 1965 a late Saxon sword was found during ploughing on a field beside Barrow Lane. (Now named Barrow Road, a bridleway at the northern end of the village adjacent to the Abingdon bound bus stop/Walnut Meadow Estate.) It is similar to swords found at Windsor in Berkshire and Gooderstone in Suffolk.

The earliest known forms of Drayton's name are the Old English *Drægtune* and *Draigtun* from the 10th century. It evolved through *Draitune* in the 10th and 11th centuries, *Draitun* from the 11th to the 13th century and *Drettun* in the 12th century. The current spelling of the name has been used since the 13th century.

The route of the abandoned Wilts & Berks Canal passes through the northwest of Drayton parish, about 1 mile (1.6 km) northwest of the village. Building had begun in 1796



Drayton Canal

at Semington Junction in Wiltshire and reached West Challow in 1807. The final section, from West Challow through Drayton to Abingdon, was completed in 1810. The canal made a long descent from its summit pound near Swindon to the River Thames at Abingdon. Drayton Lock, in the parish 1 ¾ miles (2.8 km) west of the village, was the final lock in the descent, bringing the canal down to the River Ock floodplain. Traffic on the canal had virtually ceased by 1901 and the route was formally abandoned in 1914. The Wilts & Berks Canal Trust is currently restoring the canal.

The oldest parts of Drayton's current Manor House are 15th century. A wing was added in the 18th century and the front is early 20th century. The house is a Grade II listed building.



Drayton Manor

*Editor:- Note the ornamental toadstools on the pathway, what was their use prior to this? Answers to the editor, only accepted, with an image of current/historical use. (Oh! rats)*

Up until at least 1924 Drayton still held traditional celebrations on May Day and performed a Mummers play at Christmas. (Something that could well be revived as suggested in a letter to the editor in the June edition of this Chronicle?)



Drayton has two pubs, the Red Lion and the Wheatsheaf, a community primary school and a community village hall.

Since 2000, Drayton has been twinned with **Lesparre-Médoc**, a commune in the French *département* of Gironde near Bordeaux. Regular and very successful exchanges have been arranged over the years but unfortunately due to the lack of interest and support from the village this Twinning has lapsed and there have been no reciprocal visits for the past 2 years.

Shame on us, as the residents of Lesparre are still keen to continue our twinning. (comments to the editor).

**Maurice Puddick** (Editor Aug 2019)

## Drayton Hall news...

We've a new group has started, Dementia Support, (Weds), with some trained carers looking after several patients for a few hours, to give their usual relatives/carers a bit of a break.

I usually remind parents to check dates for kiddies b'day parties in good time, but I can say that all weekend daytime dates in Oct are now taken (it's dog show season, always busy).

The (front) stage curtains have been down for a while now, we'd been hoping to get them cleaned, problems emerged with that, and we just haven't put them back up. And now we're checking re getting some new ones made. Oh, and a bit more maintenance, we're looking to give the floor tiles (all areas) a deep clean in the next few weeks, some users may see a chap with a machine, ask him nicely and he can lighten your shoe colour?

We had, after a recent event, an anonymous note left in the disabled loo. It was complaining about the aroma from the nappy bin, but that's a facility we're obliged to have, as we doubt a sign asking people to take their output home wouldn't go down too well. The bin gets emptied by the relevant firm, and by our cleaner (twice a week), but the law of Mr Sod says that you might pay a visit soon after a mum (or dad) with their little person. That's just 'swings & roundabouts', I'm afraid, and if your visit follows a baby that's had a problem after a really virulent prawn curry, then it could just be that Fate has got your number that day (a two, presumably). We could say "cheer up, it's not the end of the world" (even if it smells like it), or maybe that whoever came up with "All's well that ends well" hadn't fully considered the loose ends that some folk are at?

## Discover the Vale & Downland Museum, Wantage...

Coming this summer:



### Lester Piggott - Born to Ride (19 August – 21 December)

Just 15 minutes' drive from Drayton, the Vale & Downland Museum celebrates the human and natural history of the Vale of White Horse. Tucked away behind Wantage marketplace, this 'hidden gem' is fronted by a 17<sup>th</sup> century cloth merchant's house, but the surprising interior is frequently compared to Doctor Who's Tardis! Inside the museum you'll find everything from fossils to a Formula 1 racing car driven by Damon Hill! Discover our mysterious Anglo-Saxon skeleton, model Great Western Railway, Lockinge Dolls House, Wantage Pearly King costume, and many more fascinating objects and stories. The museum's galleries also feature changing exhibitions of local history and art. On 18 August, we're excited to unveil a new statue and exhibition in celebration of Britain's legendary jockey Lester Piggott, who was born in Wantage.

The Vale & Downland Museum has been a national runner up in the Kids in Museums awards. There are plenty of hands-on exhibits for children to explore, from hook-a-duck, to a Victorian Kitchen, and even the stinky smells of 'Black Wantage'! Free museum trails change regularly. Throughout the summer, come and enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Wantage LEGO<sup>®</sup> Expo, with professional and amateur models, activities, and workshops.



Plus, join us for outdoor fun on one of our regular river dipping sessions in Letcombe Brook.

Regular events at the museum include the Country Market, Knit Knot and Natter, Lacemaking, LEGO Club, Mini Music at the Museum, and many more.

The museum's café is a popular spot for breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea. Children's lunches are available. Why not enjoy a piece of homemade cake on the pretty patio?

The museum is also the Tourist Information centre for the area, so a great place to pick up local events information, maps, walking trails, and books.

Admission to the museum galleries is free but we welcome donations (suggested donation of £2 per adult, £1 per child)

Learn more at [www.valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk](http://www.valeanddownlandmuseum.org.uk), Facebook @valeanddownlandmuseum, Twitter/Instagram @valeanddownland

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(for other regular events, see the R-H column >>)			
Thu	1	11am	Baptist Café (EVERY Thursday) Tea, coffee, cake and a chat!
Thu	1	7.30pm	Meeting <i>Lounge</i>
Mon	5	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Tue	6	2.30pm	1st Tuesday Connections <i>Church Room</i>
Thu	8	2.00pm	'U3A' Crafts Group (Mthly - Small Hall)
Sat	10	2.00pm	Private Function (child's party)
Sun	11	1.00pm	Private Function
Sun	18	noon	Private Function (christening)
Mon	19	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (p2 - Ads Fri 16th)
Sat	24		Private Function (wedding party - all day)
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Sat	31	5.00pm	Private Function

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<b>MONDAYS</b>	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session
6.00 pm	'Bounce Fit' (1hr - Sophie 07791 778388)
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>
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	
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)
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	
10.00 am	Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer group) <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
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	
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
5.30 pm	Rainbows** (girls 5 to 7 yrs, call Vicky 07801 447720)
	** suspended until Sept relaunch - do register with Vicky
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)
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<b>FRIDAYS</b>	
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466 <i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	
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>
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