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CHRONICLE INFORMATION

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| March | 17 February | 28 February |

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NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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|-----------|---------|---|--------------------|
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| Friday | 6.30pm | Choir Practice (1 st Friday) | <i>Church Room</i> |

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Tues 1 st Oct | 2.30 pm | First Tuesday Connections | <i>Church Room</i> |
| Sun. 6 th Oct | 7.30 pm | Harvest Festival Service | |

PARISH REGISTER:

WEDDINGS

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Sunday 25 th August | <i>Luke Antony Watts and Tara Octavia Hunter</i> |
| Saturday 7 th September | <i>Donald Frederick Edward Plaske and Venetia Lucy d'Anyers Willis</i> |
| Saturday 14 th September | <i>Daniel Jonathan Elkins Sadler and Kirsty Marie Doyle</i> |

FUNERALS

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday 2 nd September | Ronald William Porter |
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YOU STAY WE PRAY, OCTOBER;

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|--|--|
| 29 th Sept. to 5 th Oct. | Drayton Road; Milton Road; New Cut Mill; Fisher Close; Marcham Road; Meads Close; Rippington Court; Stone Hill |
| 6 th to 12 th October | Steventon Road; Eastway; Eastway MHP |
| 13 th to 19 th October | Steventon Road; Eastway; Eastway MHP |
| 20 th to 26 th October | Church Lane; Henley's Lane; Caudwell Close; Gravel Lane |
| 27 th Oct. to 2 nd Nov. | Abingdon Road; Oday Hill; Binning Close; Haywards Road |



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

EAT | DRINK | SEEK

Located by chance, this website (www.eatdrinkseek.co.uk) lists events to scope out the best food and drinks festivals in a particular area...and the choice is enormous! I wonder how many of you celebrated different kinds of music, food, art, dance or film at a festival during the summer.

DRINK

As a passionate wine enthusiast myself, I was delighted to discover The Oxford Wine Festival which took place early September. Visitors could sample award-winning, rare and unusual wines offered by the UK's leading wine merchants and vineyards. But perhaps it was treading in famous footsteps at the Oxford Union that encouraged such disciplined devotion and delicious debate of all things vinous!

SEEK

The Festival of Preaching at Christ Church Cathedral in mid-September provided a veritable feast of another kind, but especially for the wordsmith seeking to hone and deepen their craft. Slow food that will take months to digest and filter whilst seeking to fashion words that encourage encounter with God through the spoken word and aim to connect with our everyday lives and journeys. The American scholar and theologian, Walter Brueggemann, said that in the challenging times in which we live

'preachers have an opportunity to declare that there is another narrative out of which we can live our lives. It is a narrative of generosity, and freedom, and forgiveness, and hospitality, and justice ... It is the narrative of the future.'

EAT

So looking forward, we find that one of the most celebrated festivals is Harvest, and as we move from Summer to Autumn we give thanks for God's rich provision around us, as the harvest has been safely gathered in – delicious jams and chutneys lovingly made, fields ploughed to a deep rich brown, and new seeds sown - even as we remember those for whom the balance of their harvest is poised so finely on nature, and that the effect of a bad harvest in one part of the world can have such a dramatic impact on another part (*cont'd overleaf*)

ST PETER'S LETTER cont'd

EAT | DRINK | SEEK

How then, might each of us could become more like the multitude of seeds found inside a melon, which if planted in the right conditions will grow into plants that will produce more melons? Each of us has unique gifts that can be used to grow God's kingdom here on earth, in our villages and in this parish. Take that website's USP ...

'Connect directly with your community of chefs, bakers, local growers, craftsmen, and curators. Whether you're looking for delicious food, unique gifts, rare delicacies, fresh and organic produce, or some crafts beer, locally distilled gins and sought after wines there's likely a festival in your area waiting to be explored.'

So you're invited to come, just as you are, and explore, not just Harvest Festival, but any Festival during the Church year. There are many to celebrate and details of the various Festivals and services taking place across the Parish are available at www.damascusparish.org.uk and are included elsewhere in this magazine. Look out too for dates of the Harvest Suppers... **All are very welcome.**

The Reverend Dr Karen Hyde
Assistant Curate in the DAMASCUS Parish



St. Peter's Church

All Souls' Service, 3rd November 2019 at 3pm

A time to remember loved ones who are no longer with us and light a candle in remembrance of them.

If you would like a loved one's name to be read out at this service, there is a sheet on the welcome desk in Church to add their details (or contact Linda Johnson, email lindajcw@gmail.com)

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LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS

Drayton Rainbows and Brownies.

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We are in need of adult (over 18) volunteers to run Drayton Rainbows, for girls aged 5 - 7 years.

Full training and support from other local leaders is available.

Meetings are usually an hour long and while there is additional planning time needed, it doesn't have to take over your life 😊

Maybe you were involved in Guiding in the past or would like to try something new, you will be very welcome to join us.

Please email Mary (District Commissioner) at steventonrainbows@gmail.com, or comment below and we can get in touch.

If you are interested in your daughter joining us in Rainbows or Brownies, you can register their details at girlguiding.org.uk. **Spaces are available now for girls aged 7-10 at Brownies in both Drayton and Steventon.**

Thank you, Laura Hughes

W.I. Report

At our September meeting we had a very interesting and informative talk from a PCSO from Abingdon Police Station. He spoke to us about cyber fraud, showing us slides and asking us whether the facts were correct or not. Most of our age group are not perhaps as internet savvy as we should be, but he showed a few important pointers to keep us safer online. When shopping online make sure we check the https address. The 'S' is important as it indicates a secure site. We all learned a lot from him to keep us safe from scammers.

October's meeting is another talk by Chloe. This time her subject is The Elizabethan Prodigy House, That, I must admit, means nothing to me but I am sure it will when it is explained. Come and find out with us on Thursday October 10th at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Centre in Gravel Lane.

Ann Webb

Drayton Wives

This month our meeting was the summer Bring and Share lunch. Everyone bought something luscious to eat ranging from delicious salads to wonderful trifles.

Afterwards we played the game of Who Am I with everyone having to find the identity of their character by question and answer - all very successful.

Now we are looking forward to the second part of our programme which includes talks from Blood Bikers to chocolate tasting and Oxford sausages and marmalade. If this sounds interesting come along to a coffee morning at the Caudwell Centre on the second Monday of the month.

I then went on a cruise to Norway - everywhere you look it is a picture postcard of wonderful scenery. Thoroughly recommended!!!

Lisa Lammiman



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LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS

A piece of WI and Drayton History

1st letter from Drayton, Oxfordshire to Drayton, Canada written July 1927.

Dear Fellow President, I hope we are going to enjoy getting to know each other, both you and I, and your Institute and mine. I think the best way of getting acquainted is in this first letter to tell you all about ourselves.

I don't know if you know, at the annual meeting of the Berkshire Federation in January, Mrs. Glyn, who is the wife of a member of Parliament, and went with him to Canada last October, suggested that we should correspond with a Canadian Institute. When we reported this at our monthly meeting, Miss Henderson jumped up and said, 'can we write to Drayton W I?' Our President said, 'is there a Drayton there?'

'I don't know but I will look it up and let you know' was the reply. The next day round came a note: Drayton, Ontario. So, I applied for your details and here we are. I think there are quite 10 'Draytons' in England, but we are in Berkshire and very proud of that fact. But I must get back to the W. I.

We founded our branch in December 1920. Mrs Hobson got Lady Rucker to come and speak to us in the little Wesleyan Chapel, we made Mrs Hobson President as she was the only person present with any W I knowledge, and with great fear and trembling I undertook to be secretary, I had just come to live in Drayton and only knew 2 people in the room. On the way home I came over all hot as I wondered what my family would say (I live with my Mother, 2 sisters and one brother). We usually talk things over together and here had I decided this big undertaking myself. I thought the best way would be to give a good account of the meeting and tell them all the W. I. ideas that I had gleaned, get them really interested and then break the news gently. This is what happened: I walked into the drawing room where they were all having tea, lovely smell of tea and cakes, I blurted out 'an awful thing has happened, we have formed a branch and I am secretary'. My sister Lucy said 'you must be a fool - do they know you can't spell?' I felt better at once.

Our first meeting we held in the Y,M,C,A, room which was small and half filled with a billiard table. We had the demonstration, competition and tea all on this table and where we were seated is where we had to stay. Oh, it was a crush and so hot. At this very first meeting we started to collect for a building of our own. Miss Smy, our first treasurer, was splendid, she has gone away now.

After this we tried having meetings in the school room which was bigger but filled with desks, the atmosphere was fuggy and the lighting bad. There were only 2 chairs and no room for more. So we had to sit in the desks. It didn't matter for some, but others struggled in with great difficulty and were afraid to eat any tea in case they couldn't get out. Well, we kept on like this until summer

and then decided that something must be done soon. So, we wrote ta few letters and were very thrilled when the Lord of the Manor gave us a gift of land. We borrowed money from our members paying them 5% interest, bought an army hut, did our own distempering, made curtains etc. And in February 1922 we entertained everyone over 65 years old in our village in our own Women's Hall. We met with a good deal of opposition in the village chiefly among the menfolk who I really think felt rather jealous and a good deal surprised that we had accomplished so much. Every year we have a birthday tea on Dec 2nd when we take our own food and pool it, the tea, sugar and milk was supplied by the Institute. No business of any kind is allowed on this occasion, we just play games and pretend we are young again.

In May this year we had a visit from Mrs. Wate. We felt very honored because we only have 50 members. She spoke on W.I.s on the Canadian Prairies and was altogether splendid.

Do you divide up into groups? We are in the Abingdon group of 12 Institutes. We meet 3 times a year; July 20th is our summer meeting at Wick Hall in Radley, the competition is for folk dancing and we are all busy practicing for it. The winning Institute holds the Banner until the next meeting. We had not had it for some time and are hoping to bring it home on the 20th. Each Institute worked their own section of the banner, but we were only 5 then. I'll send you some photographs of our village one day, and you will answer this quickly, won't you? And ask any questions you like. We are longing to hear if you are pleased that we are writing. Our President Mrs Ker once lived in Canada but I mustn't start again, really ought to be in bed. Good night. Yours, Grace Long

nb Did you know that Drayton WI will be 100 years old next year?



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Thanks to all who attended the AGM on a sunny evening on the Green. We have completed another clear up morning and our next is planned for:

**Saturday 2nd November at
10.00 am.**

Please come along and help, we are currently removing ivy from the walls and having restoration work done on them. A pair of gloves, some secateurs and as they say a GSOH is all you need!

The Green is a registered charity and therefore relies on the help of the PC and also our many "Friends of the Green" who make a financial contribution to help with upkeep. This can be a regular or occasional contribution of any amount. Every year we have to pay insurance, grass cutting, tree work and any maintenance work we are unable to do ourselves. I think you would agree that the Green has never looked better, but it all takes money and time, usually by the hardworking committee. If you do not want to help in a financial way then please come along and support our clear up mornings, it shows you care, and jobs can be found for any age or ability!

Please feel free to email me if you would like any further details or would like to help.

Unfortunately, an earlier year piece I submitted didn't make the Chronicle, but I wanted to mention the success of the Easter Egg Hunt, thanks for your support. I do need to say a really BIG thank you to Brian Eastoe, Brian donated a sum of money to buy the Easter Eggs and in fact left us with a very generous start on next year's costs. Thanks Brian, you made so many children's morning. We are looking to put this towards another bench.

I hope you have all had a chance to see and admire our new notice board, made by Ray Mott, a very talented, clever Drayton chap. Details of the litter pickers and also upcoming events will be added to it.

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LOCAL GROUPS

The Royal British Legion –Steventon & District Branch

Curry Lunch after Church The traditional Remembrance Sunday church services are planned in all the villages on Remembrance Sunday 10 Nov. Start timings will be notified on the Church programmes and the two minutes silence between the Last Post and Reveille will take place at 11am with the rest of the nation. Our District Royal British Legion Standard will be on parade at Drayton.

A Curry Lunch will be held after church on Remembrance Sunday 10th November in Steventon Village Hall at 12.30 for 1pm. This is as a result of a request by members following last year's successful Father's Day function. It is open to all. The cost will be £14 per head, which covers the meal and dessert, first drink, and the hall booking fee. Children under 10 are free. There will be a bottle stall. All surplus funds from the function will go to RBL. *Please do come.*

Booking by 7 Nov is essential for catering reasons. Please send your booking to RBL Chairman, 27 Stocks Lane, Steventon OX13 6SS with a cheque made out to Royal British Legion Steventon & District Branch.

The dedicated band of Poppy Sellers will be going round the villages in October and it is hoped that they will be well received and their efforts will be appreciated and well supported.

Newbury Races- Armed Forces Race day happens on Saturday 26th October and takes place as part of the Worthingtons Race Day at Newbury Racecourse. The Poppy Appeal Launch will take place about an hour and a half before the first race. Entry is free for armed forces personnel past and present and RBL members. To order tickets Tel 01635 40015 and quote service number or membership number.

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Richard Webber

Planning for the future

Given all the current uncertainties around the immediate future of local government – Brexit, future funding, road building and congestion etc – it may seem an odd time to be worrying about long term planning. But current problems will, one way or the other, be resolved and it may be a perfect opportunity to pause and consider what sort of a world, country and county we want for the next generation and beyond.

Global warming and Climate Change have shot up the agenda partly because the science is looking alarming and partly because young people of all ages have added their voices to the volume of concern. We are told that if we do not set minimum/zero Carbon output targets for 2030, it may be too late to avoid catastrophe. If that is right, then the implications for Carbon output of everything we are planning should be at the top of every agenda.

Take the proposed **Oxford to Cambridge Expressway**, for example - 5-10 years to build with massive carbon output due to construction and likely additional traffic generated from the many homes needed to pay for its building.

Take the proposed **TW Reservoir** – 15 years to build – huge numbers of construction lorries – a projected 1m visitors a year – again with massive implications for Carbon output.

To offset these two projects alone we would have to plant trees over the rest of the County. If both were to be given the green light, our chances of reaching our carbon targets look impossibly remote.

Take **roadbuilding** in general. We are told that, within 10 years, we will all be driving electric vehicles. Within another 10 years it may be hydrogen fuelled and self driven cars. A few years beyond that, car ownership itself may be consigned to history along with the need for all the extra roads we seem to be hell-bent on building.

Take **housebuilding**. There is little excuse for not insisting that every home we build should aim to reduce its carbon output to an absolute minimum both in the building and once occupied.

Take public **transport** in general. Recent data suggests that many of our city buses are underoccupied. The volume of cars on the city roads is making many buses late. As a result, potential bus users are getting into their cars and adding to the congestion. It is a mad, mad world.

Trying to plan for the future in a fast-changing world is a complex and challenging business. By putting the Climate at the top of all other considerations, we may make better decisions and fewer mistakes.

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https://abingdonmarathon.org.uk/press/2019_AM_RoadClosuresNoticeR02.pdf

Dene Stringfellow - 2019 Abingdon Marathon Course Director

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Andy Cooke

Housing Developments

The Parish Council, Richard Webber (County Councillor) and myself had a meeting with Miller Homes on Friday the 30th of August. I brought along a member of the Planning Enforcement team to emphasise our displeasure and readiness to take action. Including the start of a full audit on them.

With the meeting expertly run by our Parish Councillors, Millers were left under no illusions as to how they were regarded (and presented with an audit of non-compliances drawn up by VoWHDC) and given a list of issues to start sorting out immediately. They have started to get things moving, but things may be slipping again – we will keep a close eye on this.

At Edwards Park, there have been some issues already (especially regarding Gravel Lane and the footpath). The Parish Council met with Cala Homes and a VoWHDC planner (unfortunately I was unable to attend) on Tuesday 16th September and agreed a rectification plan.

Council and Growth Board Scrutiny

I attended the Joint Scrutiny with VoWHDC and SODC on the 10th September, and reviewing the performance of our waste and recycling partner, Biffa Municipal Plc, was first on the agenda. While we're doing very well on recycling rates and clearing up of fly-tipping, the level of missed collections is still too high.

Biffa state they have tightened their procedures, although some still fall through the cracks. If you have a collection missed, please flag it up to them as soon as possible – it turns out that if they aren't told within 24 hours, they won't be able to rectify it (which is something I dislike, but it is, apparently, written into contract). Call 03000 610610, or email them at admin.vale@biffa.co.uk. If emailing them, feel free to copy me in at andy.cooke@valeofwhitehorsedc.gov.uk in order to ensure it gets highlighted if it's not rectified (a couple of residents had already done so with previous missed collections, which was very helpful for me to ask awkward questions of them...). To their credit, Biffa are very aware of the issues and working hard to ensure they improve.

We also reviewed our leisure partner, Greenwich Leisure Limited, who have done excellent work increasing visits and satisfaction whilst reducing energy and gas usage, organizing several events (such as Swimathon 2018, mini Paralympics, and multiple targeted programmes).

Yesterday (at time of writing), the five District Councils and one County Council of Oxfordshire all scrutinised the latest Growth Board issues and findings. I was struck by how non-partisan it was – the Scrutiny group were all of similar mind and consensus, regardless of party affiliation or council. The press for growth as a core objective was questioned, with a recommendation that “smart, and sustainable” be the main thrust, preferably finding ways to reduce environmental impact and increase resident satisfaction. The Transport Strategy proposed was asking

some very useful questions of the Growth Board on the focus and decisions to be taken. We recommended that the Board bear in mind that infrastructure needs to come **before** further housing, and be focused locally in order to avoid inducing more traffic from outside of the area. Of course, the Growth Board is limited by what they can get Central Government to agree to, but we feel they have to emphasise this, otherwise the county will grind to a halt. The Expressway came up repeatedly, and the Scrutiny Panel, with near-unanimity, gave a strong recommendation to the Growth Board that it was **incompatible** with the drive to reduce emissions and environmental impact. Hopefully Central Government will start to pay attention if all of us are saying the same thing.

That's all for this month. Take care,
Andy

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Tamsin Crane

Walnut Meadow & Miller Homes

Representatives from the Parish Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxford County Council attended a meeting with Miller Homes at the end of August, and various action items were discussed and planned. We hope to give a further update on this next month.

Drayton's new Village Green at Manor Farm

Cala Homes will soon have finished work on this site and, once landscaping has been completed satisfactorily, ownership of the public open space will be ready to be transferred to the Parish Council. This area will then be for the use and enjoyment by all Drayton residents. However, there currently are a number of concerns, including unfinished access paths serving the village green, the poor condition of Gravel Lane (missing hedgerow, established trees removed, neglect of new saplings, infilled drainage channels, raised land levels). Representatives from the Parish Council and the Vale of White Horse met with Cala recently to discuss these issues and plan remedial action.

Village Hall Car Park Bins

Our Village caretaker empties these bins regularly, but recently we have had reports of them overflowing. Please note that these bins are for users of the village hall only. Household waste should not be left there. Everyone is welcome to use the facilities or the fields for leisure activities, but please, remember to take your waste home.

Beech Hedges behind St Peter's Church

These hedges, some of which are owned by the Church, are rather overgrown and the Parish Council has selected a contractor to cut them back to more manageable sizes. We expect this to be done in Sept/October.

Traffic

Incidences of traffic travelling too fast along Barrow Road have, unfortunately, become more commonplace and present a risk to the safety of others. We ask those using this restricted byway to take extra care, particularly now that the path from Walnut Meadows is open to pedestrians and cyclists and, is a route for children walking towards our local primary school.

Safe places to cross the main roads in the village are much needed, and we have been promised one in the High Street (B4016). After careful consideration we have recommended that this be sited towards the Wheatsheaf end, at a point between the old furniture shop and the Old School House. The matter is now in the hands of Oxfordshire County Council whose Highways Dept engineers will make the final decision.

Dog Poo

We continually receive reports of dog poo problems around the village. This is not only unsightly and smelly, but poses a health hazard (although rare, contact with dog poo can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures). We urge all dog walkers in Drayton to be responsible and scoop up and

dispose of their dog's waste safely. Remember, anyone who is caught failing to clear up after their dog in a public space can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of up to £100 and if the case goes to court this could cost the person in charge of the animal up to £1,000 (simply not having a bag with you is not an allowable excuse!).

There are several dog poo bins at various locations around Drayton, but if you cannot locate one, you are allowed to dispose of it in a normal public litter bin, preferably double-wrapped. As with all other rubbish, place it in the bin and not beside it or on the top and, please, do not leave "poo bags" hanging on trees. Dogs may have a need to poo when being walked in woodland or when on agricultural land - this is allowed. However, do bear in mind that it could become a potential health risk if encountered by other walkers, cyclists, workers and animals. Better to take it away altogether and bin it.

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YOUR LETTERS

Drayton Village Life

Dear Editor

I have enjoyed living in this village for some 35 years and have witnessed a number of changes – many of which I would consider to be improvements. Drayton still retains a number of rural features as well as having a number of urban amenities such as street lighting, pavements, trimmed verges and a bus service – not to mention a Post Office, some useful shops and a couple of pubs. However, urbanisation is likely to increase with a further reduction in the rural features unless a conscious effort is made to keep Drayton as a village.

The proponents of the 2020 Village Plan could see the potential dangers and their efforts have done a lot to preserve the village structure. The new housing developments blend into the existing village structure much better than those in Steventon, Milton and Sutton Courtney. The *Chronicle* has played its part in keeping the villagers informed about what is happening in the village as well as reminding us of some of its past. It has often been an organ for discussion. Despite the growing use of social media, the need for an independent village-wide newsletter is as great as ever. There are still a large number of people in the village who do not use social media.

The improvement in paper and picture quality in the *Chronicle* is much appreciated but it would be even better if pictures had captions – or at least stated where they were taken. The size and number of “local” items seem to be reduced and it may be necessary to find ways of increasing contributions – including some arm twisting! For example, “Village News” listing welcome to newcomers, births, deaths and marriages used to be quite large before all the new houses were built! It would be useful to have an update on progress against the 2020 Plan and we could start thinking about a 2025 Plan. There used to be a Gardening Column and a Millennium Green report as well as occasional historic notes on the village and guides to the many footpaths. There are probably many more articles which readers would like revived as well as some new ones which could be introduced or offered. Some old articles could usefully be recycled.

In short, I am suggesting that a more pro-active Chronicle would help to conserve the best of the rural features of the village.

Regards, Keith Clough

Editor's note: We'd love to hear opinions and suggestions from all sectors of the village, young and old, longtime residents and those who've recently moved in. The Chronicle can be relevant to all – we just need to know what you would like to see. Now that we have full colour, it would be great to see more Drayton-related photos (including submissions for the front cover). We welcome all articles and do our best to include most of them in this 16 or 20-page monthly publication. Please send your letters and articles and photos to editor@draytonchronicle.net or pop them in the Chronicle Box located outside Vickery's Hardware Shop. Thanks!

Dear Editor

Hammersmith2Home: Faye's 100 mile walk along the Thames Path for SOFEA



Our daughter Faye wishes to say a big thank you to everyone who sent messages of support and donations during her 3 day Hammersmith2Home 100 mile walk in aid of SOFEA Didcot. We are delighted to say that she exceeded her fundraising target and was able to raise £1200! There were many ‘anonymous’ donors on her JustGiving page which meant that she was unable to give a personal thank you, but please know that she was very grateful for your generosity.

Faye chose the hottest three days of the year to make the journey, walking during some sweltering temperatures, but the beautiful scenery along the way certainly made up for it. We acted as backup with “watering stops” at Runnymede, Maidenhead and Henley and received good wishes and donations from those we met on the towpath, one well-wisher marvelling at the fact that Faye was walking the equivalent of a marathon each day in tropical conditions! Faye's feet just about held out with only one annoying blister along the way.

The grandchildren met their Mum Faye with an ice lolly for the final leg of her walk. More donations were received during the evening from well-wishers, so thank you to all those who came along to say hello. If you would like to find out more about the great work that this local charity SOFEA does, do take a look at their website.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

I'm sure that you and many others would be delighted to see The Drayton Dollies, a North Berks League team, in 1972! Our own Sheila Cook was goalkeeper. Jenny Cook (Sheila's daughter) was a later captain, Jean Didcock was also captain. On the photo (l to r)

1. Jenny Cook (now Selley) 2. Joyce Himpson 3. Unknown 4. Unknown 5. Kathy Maidment 6. Heather McNab 7. Janice Goddard 8. Unknown 9. Carol Dewe. Right behind KM is Allyson Whalley, formerly Perry, and Irene Dew and Jean Didcock were also in the team. Believe it or not they were amazing. They travelled to Holland, Sweden and Switzerland for their matches.

Kathy stayed with Jose and Theo in Holland and keeps in touch now. Jenny stayed with Johan Croiff. They made a wonderful beginning to the women's game. Well done girls!!!

Judy Henman



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SATURDAY
20th MAY

Coach tour of Oxford and our own Market Town of Abingdon, with stops for souvenir shopping.

3. P. M. Kick off for friendly match between your team and Drayton Dollies.

5. 30 P. M. We will take you by coach to Oxford to watch the 'Presidents Cup Final' between Oxford Athletic and Didcot Ladybirds. Kick Off at 6-30.

8-45 Evening Dance at Abingdon to meet members of other teams from our area.

SUNDAY
21st MAY.

** A. M. to 8 P. M. Donkey Derby and Six-a-Side football competition. We ask you to select two teams of six persons to compete in this competition.

We will then take you back to Victoria by 10 p. m.

It will be a busy weekend for us all and we hope that you will be impressed with your visit to England.



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COFFEE-BREAK QUIZ

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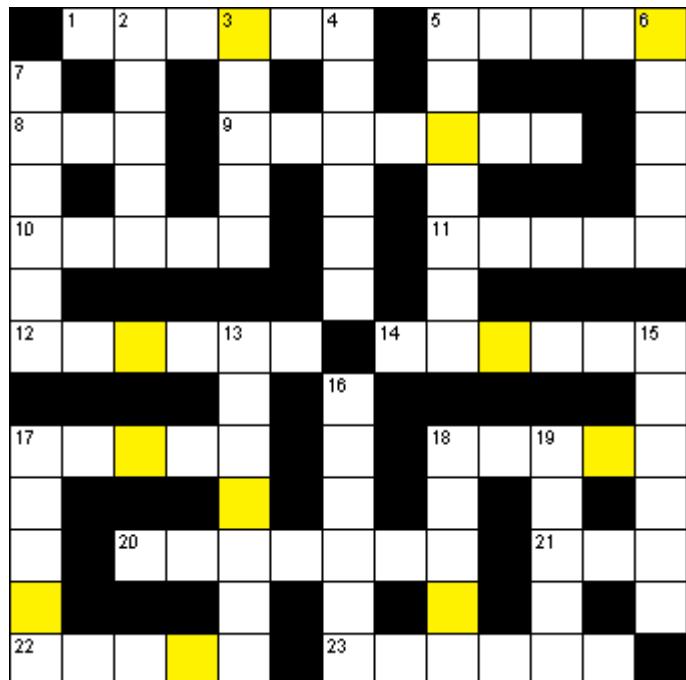
So, what has changed in almost 50 years of trading? Some areas have expanded – such as cookware (following the popularity of TV chefs), and more recently supplies for owners of wood-burning stoves. Key cutting has increased following the closure of Beadles in Abingdon. On the other hand, products such as ashtrays, wooden tongs for twin tubs and saucepan menders have definitely gone out of fashion.

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5. Freshwater carnivorous mammal (5)
8. Snakelike fish (3)
9. Edible marine crustacean (7)
10. Lepidopterous insects (5)
11. Adult insect after metamorphosis (5)
12. Sweet liquid attractive to bees (6)
14. Carnivorous marine predators (6)
17. Large group of insects (5)
18. Dromedary (5)
20. Large anthropoid ape (7)
21. Star sign represented by a lion (3)
22. Low animal sound (5)
23. Bloodsucking African fly (6)

Down

2. Young nocturnal bird (5)
3. Aquatic birds (5)
4. Leporid mammal (6)
5. African flightless bird (7)
6. Massive odd-toed ungulate, in short (5)
7. Animal or insect pests (6)
13. Butterfly, Red ____ (7)
15. Large food and game fish (6)
16. Nocturnal wildcat of Central America and South America (6)
17. Insect bite (5)
18. Large long-necked wading bird (5)
19. Hybrid offspring of male donkeys and female horses (5)

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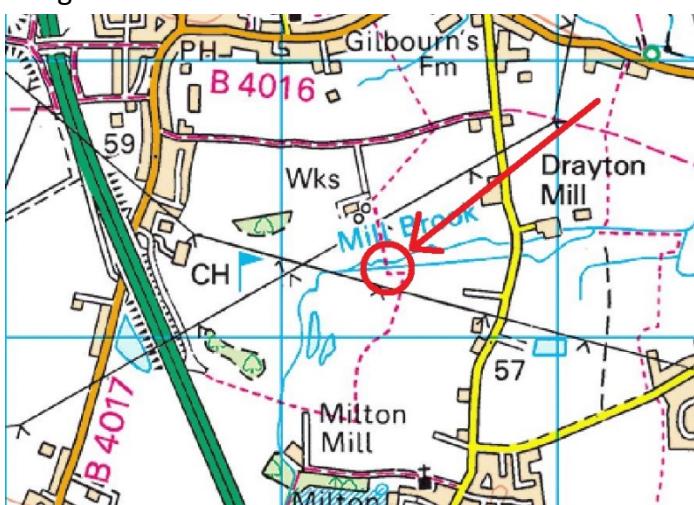
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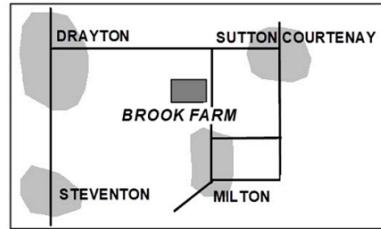
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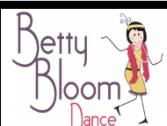


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The Message in a Bottle scheme is very strongly supported by our local Emergency Services who are impressed by the simplicity of the system. It is also now a national scheme – run throughout the country by Lions and some other organisations all with the same aim – ensuring that their community is being helped to the maximum. There are now over 100,000 of these little bottles in the fridges of Oxfordshire alone.

Message in a Wallet was introduced in 2017 and folds, concertina style, to the size of a credit card and should be kept in a wallet or purse. Ideally you need a bottle and a wallet so that the information's available if you have either an incident or accident at home or while you're away from home.

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LOCAL ISSUES: GARD



GARD is a local community group formed to campaign against Thames Water's proposals to build a reservoir south-west of Abingdon.

THE PROPOSED ABINGDON RESERVOIR: AN UPDATE FROM GARD

It may have gone a bit quiet, but the mega reservoir proposal has not gone away!

We are currently awaiting the decision of the Secretary of State on the Thames Water and Affinity plans. We know that the regulators (Ofwat and the Environment Agency) are not convinced by their proposals. They have asked for a strategic study into water supply for the whole of the South East (including a possible reservoir, but also other schemes advocated by GARD), with completion for decision by 2022. Recently, the Secretary of State has approved both Severn-Trent's and South-East Water's plans. There has been no pronouncement on Thames Water's or Affinity's plans which seems to indicate that all are awaiting the outcome of the strategic study. GARD will urge that the research process is carefully monitored so that there is no possibility of TW involvement skewing the outcomes towards their preferred option.

As more and more local residents become aware of the reservoir proposal and GARD's part in campaigning against it, we have received many requests to summarise the case against the reservoir. A link to the factsheet is available on the GARD website, along with a map of the proposed

150 million cubic metre reservoir that will cover 4 square miles.

<http://www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk>

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DRAYTON DIARIES

Hall Diary for OCTOBER

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

To book the Hall :- bookings@draytonvh.co.uk or call Tony Holmes on (01235) 531180; see the website :- www.draytonvh.co.uk
(for other regular events, see the R-H column >>)

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| Tues | 1 | 2.30pm | 1st Tuesday Connections | Church Room |
| Thur | 3 | 11.00am | Baptist Café (EVERY Thursday) Tea, coffee, cake and a chat! | Baptist Church |
| Fri | 4 | 7.00pm | Private Function | |
| Sat | 5 | 10.00am | Dog Show (Lapphunds) | |
| Sun | 6 | 10.00am | Dog Show (Griffon Bruxellois) | |
| Mon | 7 | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting | Caudwell DC |
| Thur | 10 | 2.00pm | 'U3A' Crafts Group (Mthly – Small Hall) | |
| Sat | 12 | 11.45am | Private Function | |
| Sun | 13 | 2.00pm | Private Function | |
| Mon | 14 | 5.00pm | Chronicle Deadline (p2 – Ads Fri 11th) | |
| Sat | 19 | 12.30am | Private Function | |
| Sun | 20 | 9.00am | Bowls Club | |
| Sun | 27 | 10.00am | Dog Show (Terriers) | |

DRAYTON HALL NEWS

Dog show Autumn season starts this month, we've 3, Lapphunds (Southern Finnish), Griffon Bruxellois, and Terriers. They're not open shows, so you can't put your pooch into a class, (unless you've one of the breed, and then you likely knew already). But they can advise if you were thinking about getting such a pedigree pet.

If you haven't booked a kiddies party yet, we have only one slot until Christmas, Oct 26th, and that was a cancellation.

PLEASE DO think about our 'clothing' bin, in aid of the Children's Air Ambulance, so a very good cause, they can take adult & child's Clothing, Linen, Handbags, & Shoes (preferably pairs, and tied together!). Easy to spot, hideous green thing, just outside Hall.

Brownies will have restarted by the time you read this, but I gather that Rainbows are still looking for a new leader, so more of that probably on the Drayton Families website.

Of our other regulars, I believe the Bowls Club (indoor short-mat) could take a few new players, they're on Mon & Thurs afternoons, Weds evenings, and usually one Sunday per month (it's OK, you don't have to go to all of them!). Oh, and a few social functions too, they're a friendly crowd. It's easy to pick up, nominal cost too (should recoup it with tea & bikkies).

Lost property? I've still got a child's purse, from months ago, and a pair of glasses (unusual coloured frame).

Tony Holmes

Letters to the Editor

The Editors reserve the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter. Each letter must bear contact info, in case any text needs verification.

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) | |
| 7.00 pm | Table Tennis (Coaching, one hour) | School |
| 7.15 pm | Badminton (Private Group) | |
| 7.45 pm | Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours) | St Peter's |
| 8.00 pm | Table Tennis (Social Play, one hour) | School |

TUESDAYS

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|---------|---|---------------------|
| 9.30 am | Pilates (via Alexandra Merson 07788 248925) | |
| 1.45 pm | Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm) | Caudwell Day Centre |
| 2.30 pm | First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday) | Church Room |
| 7.00 pm | League Table Tennis (three hours) | School |
| 7.00 pm | 'RockBox' (to book, see Clubbercise) | |
| 7.30 pm | Bingo Session (over 18s) | Caudwell Day Centre |
| 8.00 pm | Clubbercise (run by Gemma Pearce, see her F'book) | |

WEDNESDAYS

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|----------|---|---------------------|
| 10.00 am | Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer group) | Church Room |
| 1.45 pm | Whist Drive (ACHLoFriends) | Caudwell Day Centre |
| 2.00 pm | Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month) | |
| 2.15 pm | Badminton | |
| 6.00 pm | Brownies (term-time / Laura 07916 459435) | |
| 7.00 pm | League Table Tennis (three hours) | School |
| 7.00 pm | Short Mat Bowling Club Session | |

THURSDAYS

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|----------|--|------------------------|
| 9.00 am | Foot Clinic (1st Thurs) | Caudwell Day Centre |
| 9.15 am | Holy Communion | St Peter's Lady Chapel |
| 9.30 am | Parent & Toddler Group (NB Term-time ONLY) | |
| 11.00 am | Baptist Café (to 1pm) | Baptist Church |
| 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) | School |
| 7.30 pm | Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs) | Caudwell DC |
| 7.30 pm | Sequence Dancing (Brian - 01235 531701) | |
| 7.45 pm | ShikiDojo Martial Arts (check w Paul - 07479 824887) | |

FRIDAYS

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

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

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS

Jean Hager

Feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Look no further than our monthly tea and chat afternoons. You are sure of a warm welcome 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 1st October and Tuesday 5th November.**

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

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