

# DRAYTON CHRONICLE



Issue Editor: Margaret Inger

Volume 42, No. 9

October 2019

# CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Chronicle** will be the November issue:

Editor: **Tony Holmes, 531180**

Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 11 October 2019**

Deadline for other contributions: **17.15 on Mon., 14 October 2019**

Printed copies available: **Friday, 25 October 2019**

**Key dates for the subsequent Chronicles:**

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.15 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
Dec	18 November	29 November
Jan/Feb	20 January	31 January
March	17 February	28 February

Archive copies of the Chronicle are available on the Drayton website: [www.draytonvillage.co.uk](http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk). The current copy will be available on or near the same date that printed copies are distributed.

## NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

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

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

Requests for advertisements should be emailed not to the editor but to [advertising@draytonchronicle.net](mailto:advertising@draytonchronicle.net). Please note that advertisements eventually need to be in Word format, 9cms wide and, for a single block advert, about 4.5cms high

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.

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.

## ADVERTISING RATES

Charge for a single Block Advert (about 9cms x 4.5cms)

---- Number of Inserts ----

Advertiser Category:	1	3	6	12
Drayton Resident	£6.00	£16.00	£31.00	£60.00
Non-Drayton Resident	£7.00	£19.00	£37.00	£72.00

**Double-size** adverts are charged at **twice** the above rates.

**All advertising MUST be paid for up-front, either in cash or via a cheque made payable to 'The Drayton Chronicle' and placed in the box at or sent to Vickery's.**

Requests for advertisements should (preferably) be emailed to **Stephen Fearnley**, the Chronicle's Advertising Manager, at [advertising@draytonchronicle.net](mailto:advertising@draytonchronicle.net) or placed in the box at Vickery's. If you wish to discuss your requirements please phone Stephen on 01235 531347



**Culham**  
Garden Services

Local, Reliable and Professional

Available for all aspects of garden maintenance and clearance

Call: **07857383069**

[james@culhamgardenservices.co.uk](mailto:james@culhamgardenservices.co.uk)

Regular maintenance

James Rockall

One-off services

13 High Street

Public liability insured

Culham

References available Est.2012

OX14 4NB

## Sharman Roofing

GRP fibreglass flat-roofing specialist

tiling, slating, leadwork, guttering and fascias,  
new builds, re-roofs, extensions,  
maintenance & sheds

all work considered, call Mark on

07979 791075

[msharmanroofing@gmail.com](mailto:msharmanroofing@gmail.com)



**Town Furlong**  
Cattery

Kingston Road, Frilford

01865 391864

[www.townfurlong.co.uk](http://www.townfurlong.co.uk)

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Secretary: Mrs Jayne Henderson.....Tel. 522161

### REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES



6.00 pm Evening Service. A traditional form of service frequently with guest speakers.

### BAPTIST CAFÉ

Thursdays 11.00 to 13.00, rain or shine, in or out tea, coffee and cake

EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME

## LOCAL METHODIST WORSHIP

High Street, Milton  
Sunday Service: 10.30 am

Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409



# ST PETER'S CHURCH, DRAYTON, part of the DAMASCUS Parish

<b>Rector</b>	Revd Helen Kendrick	01235 848297
<b>Associate Priest</b>	Revd Meg Heywood	01235 537100
<b>Associate Priest</b>	Revd Rosie Bruce	07707 087131
<b>Pro-Warden</b>	Mrs Linda Johnson	01235 527521
<b>Pro-Warden</b>	Mrs Val Cross	01235 535183

## REGULAR SERVICES

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

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

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

## PARISH REGISTER:

### WEDDINGS

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

### FUNERALS

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Ronald William Porter
----------------------------------	-----------------------

## YOU STAY WE PRAY, OCTOBER;

29 <sup>th</sup> Sept. to 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Drayton Road; Milton Road; New Cut Mill; Fisher Close; Marcham Road; Meads Close; Rippington Court; Stone Hill
6 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Steventon Road; Eastway; Eastway MHP
13 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Steventon Road; Eastway; Eastway MHP
20 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Church Lane; Henley's Lane; Caudwell Close; Gravel Lane
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](http://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*

# BOOTCAMP

## FITNESS FOR A FIVER!

**All abilities welcome:  
use of battle ropes, sand bags,  
kettlebells, power bags and much  
more**

**Contact Michelle for more details  
07769 171434**

**Every  
Thursday  
6:30pm  
@ Drayton  
village hall  
field**



### St. Peter's Church

All Souls' Service, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 [lindajicw@gmail.com](mailto:lindajicw@gmail.com))

### L H GOODWIN professional decorator.

Our services include both domestic and commercial painting and decorating. We are fully insured and all work guaranteed 25 years' experience – References available. For a free estimate please call Leigh on **07789873483** or visit my website [www.lhgoodwin.co.uk](http://www.lhgoodwin.co.uk)

### Steventon Farmhouse Bakery & Café

Join us for Breakfast, Lunch  
Tea, Coffee & Cake

Open Tuesdays to Saturdays  
8am – 4pm

01235-831230

[www.farmhousebakerycafe.co.uk](http://www.farmhousebakerycafe.co.uk)

## DANES/MACE STORE

Mon-Sat 5am-8pm - Sun 6am-6pm

**FOR ALL YOUR PAPERS, MAGAZINES,  
GROCERIES, FROZEN FOODS,  
CARDS, OFF LICENCE and  
SAVOURY SNACKS.**

**LINK CASH MACHINE AVAILABLE  
LOTTERY TICKETS**

**In Store Bakery and  
Freshly cut sandwiches**

**MOST MAJOR CREDIT CARDS TAKEN**

**NOW WITH PAYPOINT**

**TEL: 01235 554813**

**FAX No: 01235 531217**



## KOGELS of Abingdon Limited

HOME EXTENSION SPECIALISTS  
AND GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS

72 Steventon Road

Drayton

Tel: Abingdon (01235) 531200

Abingdon

Email: [kogelsofabingdon@btconnect.com](mailto:kogelsofabingdon@btconnect.com)

Oxon

[www.kogelsofabingdon.co.uk](http://www.kogelsofabingdon.co.uk)

OX14 4LD



## LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS

### Drayton Rainbows and Brownies.

Enjoy working with children and helping them learn new skills? Enjoy crafts, games, fun and badges? Maybe Girlguiding is for you!

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](mailto: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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Centre in Gravel Lane.

Ann Webb



**Magpie Windows**  
Double Glazing Solutions

[magpiewindows.co.uk](http://magpiewindows.co.uk)  
[info@magpiewindows.co.uk](mailto:info@magpiewindows.co.uk)  
07724640435

- Free No Obligation Quote
- Window & Door Repairs
- UPVC Window & Door Installation
- Composite Door Installation
- Misted & Broken Unit Replacements

## 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



**VALE CURTAINS & BLINDS**

**Bespoke Made to Measure**  
**Free Expert Advice**  
**Friendly Family run Business**  
**Call: 01235 758010**

Email: [enquiries@valecurtainsandblinds.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@valecurtainsandblinds.co.uk)  
[www.abingdonblinds.co.uk](http://www.abingdonblinds.co.uk)

## Steventon Back Pain Centre

**Our aim is to Discover the cause of your pain, get you well faster and for you to stay well for longer.**

**Chiropractic Relief From:**  
Back Pain  
Leg Pain (aches & pains)  
Headaches (cericogenic)  
Frozen Shoulder  
Tennis Elbow  
Neck Pain

**Tel: 01235 848008**

**Free Spinal Check**  
The Back Pain Centre  
4C Deanes Close OX13 6SZ Steventon  
[www.steventonbackpaincentre.co.uk](http://www.steventonbackpaincentre.co.uk)

## LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS

### A piece of WI and Drayton History

#### 1<sup>st</sup> 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 a 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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?*



**COOMBES**  
Home Improvements  
ELECTRICAL • KITCHENS • BATHROOMS

**m 07827 258818**  
**e dean@coombeshomeimprovements.co.uk**

**www.coombeshomeimprovements.co.uk**





# DRAYTON MILLENIUM GREEN

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.

Jane McWhirter  
chair.millenniumgreen@gmail.com

**Suzy Willis & Associates**  
MCSP HCPC AACP  
**CHARTERED PHYSIOTHERAPISTS**  
Old Lodge, Henleys Lane  
Drayton, OX14 4HU  
Tel 01235 531269  
*Please ring for an appointment*





## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Nick Thompson Hon Branch Chairman  
27 STOCKS LANE, STEVENTON Tel 01235 832077  
Brigadier N H Thompson CBE FICE

### 'The Village' Pet and Home Services



- Dog Walking Service – experienced walker, fully insured 40 mins walk - £14
- Pet Sitting Service -holiday or weekend sitting - POA
- Housekeeping /Cleaning Service – equipment and cleaning products supplied if required - £14 per hour.
- Errand Service -shopping, pharmacy,etc -trips or pick up service - POA

Contact Lesley on T.01235 523602 or M.07896 972759  
Email: lesleyln.nicoll@gmail.com

### Martin Hudson Flooring

Hudsonmartin@hotmail.co.uk | 07590192298

### Martin Hudson

Floor Layer

Carpet, Vinyl, Lino & Luxury Vinyl Tiles

### FITNESS CLASSES ON YOUR DOORSTEP

20 weekly classes in Drayton, Steventon and the local area

- Clubbercise
- Zumba
- Zumba Gold
- Pilates
- Boxfit & RockBox
- Post Natal Fitness

**gemma pearce**  
FITNESS

www.gemmapearcefitness.co.uk  
f Gemma Pearce Fitness

### Need to Improve your Wi-Fi for Home or Business?

- ✓ **Survey and Design:** Carried out to ensure the right solution for you.
- ✓ **Customized Wi-Fi Solution:** Specifically tailored to meet your requirements.
- ✓ **Scalable Wi-Fi:** Wi-Fi solution that can grow and change with your needs.
- ✓ **Whole Building Wi-Fi:** More coverage, minimizing "Dead Zones" with Less Interference.
- ✓ **Outdoor Wi-Fi:** For Workshop/Office or Garden
- ✓ **Support:** Full support available, dependent on solution installed.

Contact Richard on Tel: 07765 883254

Enterprise Wi-Fi Admin Certified



### ABINGDON FELT ROOFING

TEL: 01235 239631

flat roofing specialists. tile repairs. Fascias, moss removal, guttering, leadwork, felt roofs. 10,15,20, year guarantees supplied with all roofing works  
GET IN CONTACT FOR YOUR FREE QUOTATION

TEL: 01235 239631

EMAIL: [abingdonfeltroofing@outlook.com](mailto:abingdonfeltroofing@outlook.com)

Web: [Abingdonfeltroofing.co.uk](http://Abingdonfeltroofing.co.uk)

Proud members of

**Checkatrade.com**  
Where reputation matters



# COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

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.

[Richardwebber777@gmail.com](mailto:Richardwebber777@gmail.com)

01235 534001



### Experienced Personal Bookkeeping

- Over 15 years experience
- Fully licensed and insured
- Bookkeeping
- VAT
- Payroll

Free initial no obligation consultation

☎ 01235 813408

🌐 [mjhbookkeeping.com](http://mjhbookkeeping.com)

### YOUR LOCAL GARAGE

Servicing all makes and models of vehicles,  
Diagnostics, General Repairs,  
Tyres, Exhaust, Air Conditioning, MOT's



[www.autocheckoxfordltd.com](http://www.autocheckoxfordltd.com)

[autocheckoxfordltd@gmail.com](mailto:autocheckoxfordltd@gmail.com)

Unit 3, Cuebar Court, Lashford Lane, Dry  
Sandford,  
OX13 6EB.

01865 730011

Courtesy cars available

Free collect and delivery service

### M. S. Lally

#### Gas Boiler Service

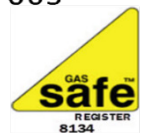
01235 848592 0796 7015 065

Servicing and Repairs

Systems Installed

Boiler changes

Systems Power Flushed



85 Milton Road, Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4BX

This is a notice to inform local residents that road closures and traffic management will be in force on the day of the 2019 Abingdon Marathon, scheduled for **Sunday, 20th October 2019**. For full details please view the following online document:

[https://abingdonmarathon.org.uk/press/2019\\_AM\\_RoadClosuresNoticeR02.pdf](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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> September and agreed a rectification plan.

## Council and Growth Board Scrutiny

I attended the Joint Scrutiny with VoWHDC and SODC on the 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin.vale@biffa.co.uk). If emailing them, feel free to copy me in at [andy.cooke@valeofwhitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto: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

Councillor Andy Cooke

[andy.cooke@valeofwhitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:andy.cooke@valeofwhitehorsedc.gov.uk)



## Tonks Brothers Funeral Directors

*158 Ock Street, Abingdon OX14 5DT*

*Tel 01235 539444*

*166 Kennington Rd, Kennington OX1 5PG*

*Tel 01865 736144*

*Day or Night*

[www.tonksbrothers.com](http://www.tonksbrothers.com)

*'Proud to be a family business'*

## griffin interiors

**...soft furnishing solutions...**

Interiors and soft furnishings workroom located in Appleford making quality handmade curtains, pelmets, blinds, cushions, alterations.

Headboards, loose-covers and upholstery.  
Poles, tracks and fitting service.

Design studio with extensive library of fabrics and trimmings.

Fabrics and curtain making materials available for home curtain makers.

20 years experience. Off street parking.  
Flexible opening hours.

**01235 847135/07808 762626**

**[www.griffininteriorsoxford.co.uk](http://www.griffininteriorsoxford.co.uk)**



# 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.

Tamsin Crane

Chairperson, Drayton Parish Council

**KEYMINDERS**

Serving Drayton and nearby villages  
and towns for over 25 years  
Professional yet personal care for your  
pets and home when you're away  
01235 520290 info@keyminders.co.uk  
[www.keyminders.co.uk](http://www.keyminders.co.uk)



**REMLOC PLUMBING & HEATING LTD**  
Trading Standards Approved  
Gas Safe & CIPHE Registered

- Central Heating Installation
  - Boiler Servicing
  - General Plumbing
  - No Job too Small
  - Emergency Call-outs
  - Free Estimates
- 01235 536345 / 07709 961 655

[www.remloc.co.uk](http://www.remloc.co.uk) / email: [info@remloc.co.uk](mailto:info@remloc.co.uk)

## Milton Garden Machinery Ltd

**Don't Mow at the Mower**  
**Garden Machinery Winter Servicing Discounts**  
**(all parts & labour)**

15% discount in October & November  
10% discount in December  
5% discount in January

**Collection and Delivery Service Available**

Windyridge Farm, Milton Road, Drayton, Abingdon,  
OX14 4EZ Tel: 01235 555115  
Email: [paul@miltongardenmachinery.co.uk](mailto:paul@miltongardenmachinery.co.uk)  
[www.miltongardenmachinery.co.uk](http://www.miltongardenmachinery.co.uk)  
Established for over 30 years

# 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](mailto:editor@draytonchronicle.net) or pop them in the Chronicle Box located outside Vickery's Hardware Shop. Thanks!*

Dear Editor

## Hammersmith2Home: Fayes 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 choose 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.

<https://www.sofea.uk.com/>

Thank you

Faye Anderton, Tom and Bunty Knight (Church Lane)

**OVER 10 YEARS  
EXPERIENCE**



**PERSONAL TRAINER  
SPORTS THERAPIST  
NUTRITIONAL ADVISOR**

- Private Studio in Drayton
- Running Specialist
- Injury Rehabilitation
- 1-2-1 and Small Group Sessions
- Deep Tissue Massage

07500870638

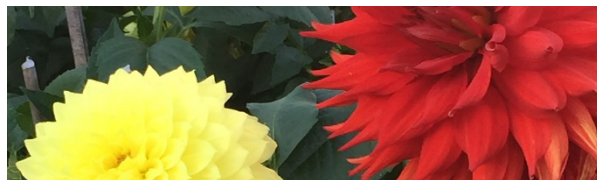
[tara\\_kafke@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tara_kafke@hotmail.co.uk)



**Tara Kafke Personal Training and Sports  
Therapy**



# 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

**DRAYTON LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB**

---

Welcome to England. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us and here is the programme set out for your weekend entertainment.

**FRIDAY**  
19th MAY:

After your arrival you will be taken on a short tour of the sights of London, calling at Windsor Castle on the way to Drayton. On arriving at Drayton you will meet your hostess for the weekend and be taken into their homes so that you can sample the life of a typical English family.

---

**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.

11 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.



Recognise yourself? Running out ready for a football match are the Drayton Dollies, a North Berkshire league women's team, in 1972.



# COFFEE-BREAK QUIZ

Probably everyone in Drayton knows Vickery's. Established in 1972 by father and son Arthur and Laurence Vickery, the popular hardware store is approaching 50 years old. Following the death of Arthur, Laurence was joined by Mrs Perry, followed by partner Debbie, and Maureen and Jean. The current team of friendly staff consists of Laurence, Jean and Jill.

Vickery's has always stocked good quality hardware, cookware, gardening and DIY supplies, and offers key cutting and house signs too. They can also order unstocked items quickly.

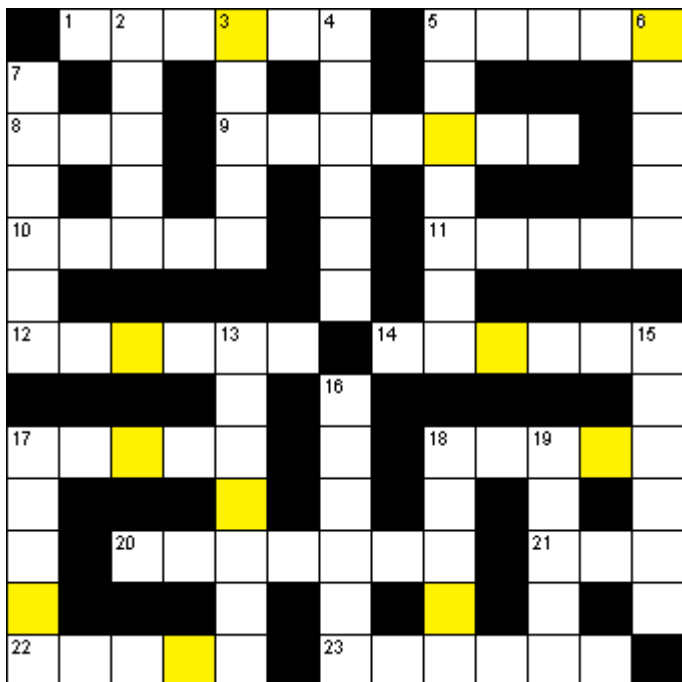
So, what has changed in almost 50 years of trading? Some areas have expanded – such as cookware (following the popularity of TV chefs), and more recently supplies for owners of wood-burning stoves. Key cutting has increased following the closure of Beadles in Abingdon. On the other hand, products such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

In order to keep prices competitive, Vickery's have joined the Home Hardware buying group so, all in all, Drayton is very lucky to have this increasingly rare and interesting shop.

Try the wildlife crossword below. There will be a prize of a **£20 gift voucher to spend at**

## A.L.VICKERY AND SON

To enter, simply complete the crossword and rearrange the letters in the highlighted squares into the name of an item for sale at Vickery's. All we need is the name of the item, not the whole crossword. Please write the answer, your name and address and your phone number on a piece of paper, place in an envelope marked Vickery's Crossword Quiz and leave in the Chronicle Box outside Vickery's Hardware Shop. The first correct entry drawn on October 15th will win the prize.



Across

1. Large American feline (6)
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)

### Just Grass

Weekly / Fortnightly

### Grass Cutting Service

Tel: 01235 553468 Mob: 07921 102100

### General Garden Maintenance

### Lawn Mowing - Tree Work

Julian Cook. 43 Sutton Wick Lane, Drayton

## A.L.VICKERY AND SON

Hardware and much more

**Keys Cut while you wait,  
cookshop, housewares,**

**tools, gardening...**

...you'll save money, time  
And mileage when you try



*Vickery's first!*

5 The Green, Drayton,  
Abingdon OX14 4JA  
Telephone 01235 531497

**Just park outside!**

**OPEN Monday to Saturday 9am to 5.30pm**



# Meryl computer tutor

technical expertise with the human touch

**Setup** PC, Apple, tablet, phone, internet, printer

**Fix** technical & user problems, big or small

**Learn** getting started, new skills, better ways

**07794 656607**

info@computertutorabingdon.co.uk  
www.computertutorabingdon.co.uk



## AP Window Cleaning Service

**Local, Reliable and Affordable**

**Purified Water Pole System**

All types of window, Frames and Sills;  
Conservatories and Gutter clearing.

Call for free quote: **07702861526** or:  
email: [anthony477prince@btinternet.com](mailto:anthony477prince@btinternet.com)

## EVERLAST ROOFING SERVICES

New Roofs • All Flat Roofs • Tiling & Slating  
Demossing Chimney • Repairs & Pointing  
Fascias & Guttering • All Repairs • 24/7 Call Out  
No job too small

01235 532273 **Checkatrade** 07553 911258  
[quote@everlastingroofingservices.co.uk](mailto:quote@everlastingroofingservices.co.uk)

## C-THROUGH WINDOW CLEANING

FAMILY RUN WINDOW CLEANING SERVICE

BASED IN SUTTON COURTENAY

REGULAR AND RELIABLE CLEANING OF WINDOWS,  
CONSERVATORY ROOFS, FASCIA AND GUTTERS

ESTABLISHED OVER 20 YEARS

FULLY INSURED

PHONE BRIAN ON **01235 848430 / 07932 057132**



Qualified. Experienced. Reliable.

Matt: 07841677921

[thebrightspark.info@gmail.com](mailto:thebrightspark.info@gmail.com)

: the bright spark electrical services

## THE RED LION

Martha & Noel are pleased to announce that we are now serving food. Please have a look at our

website for our current menus

[www.theredliondrayton.com](http://www.theredliondrayton.com)

and our Facebook page

@RedLionDraytonAbingdon

Book a table by messaging us through the website or Facebook!

**Live music in October**

Saturday 19th October:

**A Little Bit Country**

Phone: 01235 799629



## WANT TO

- Lose weight?
- Increase muscle?
- Improve Fitness?
- Update current gym routine?
- Train at local gym?
- Train at home?
- Train in a private gym?
- Train in a local outdoor area?

IF SO CONTACT MICHELLE ON

07769 171434



[michellenowlandpt@hotmail.com](mailto:michellenowlandpt@hotmail.com)



## K. L. YATES BUILDERS

FOR ALL YOUR BUILDING SERVICES

Extensions and Alterations

Property Maintenance

Kitchens and Bathrooms

Carpentry and Tiling



Call **RICHARD** for an estimate on  
01235 531275 or mobile 07788 738248

## JEFF'S DRIVING SCHOOL

COMPETITIVE RATES

CONTACT : JEFF COX



01235 – 203038

07866 – 903400

JC\_OX14@YAHOO.CO.UK

## A. GIBBARD

HIGH QUALITY INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR  
PAINTING AND DECORATING

TEL: 01235 528342 MOBILE 07759 842388  
78 STEVENTON ROAD, DRAYTON

## BENTON & BRYAN BUILDERS

For all types of building work from a  
reliable local company

Extensions, Alterations, Kitchens & Bathrooms,  
Carpentry, Decorating, Patios, Plastering,  
Roofing, Brickwork and Plumbing

**MOB: 07905386150**

**TEL: 01235 832513**

Mobile Foot Healthcare Practitioner.

Jane Organ SAC Dip.RFHP.



**Jane's Foot Care**

Nail trimming and Burring.

Corns and Callus Removal

Thickened and Fungal Nail Treatments

Ingrown Toenail and Verruca Treatment

All treated in the comfort of your own home

For more details or to arrange an appointment contact

Jane's Foot Care on

07752209278

Email: [janeorganfootcare@gmail.com](mailto:janeorganfootcare@gmail.com)

## HALLS GARAGE

Established 60 years – Servicing and repairs

- MOT's
  - Batteries
  - Diagnostic Facilities
  - Vehicle Collection Service
  - All Makes and Models
- (Milton Park, Drayton, Steventon, Culham,  
Appleford, Sutton Courtenay)

The High Street, Sutton Courtenay, ABINGDON, OX14 4AW

Tel: 01235 848236 • Mobile 07767165072

[mothallsgarage@gmail.com](mailto:mothallsgarage@gmail.com)

Open 06:30 to 18:00 Mon-Fri

## Drayton Window Cleaning Service

Est. 1990 - we provide a friendly reliable service

Every 5 - 6 weeks - Free quote - no obligation

Craig Taylor Tel: 01235 512881 Mob:07778661548

[www.Elitewindowcleaningservice.com](http://www.Elitewindowcleaningservice.com)

A bill can be left for postal payment if you are not home.

Online payment also welcome. Other services include:

- Pressure Washing; Conservatory roof cleaning;
- Fascia cleaning; Gutters Unblocked & Cleaned out



**BINGDON**  
Property Maintenance

- Handyman service
- Home and office repairs
- Plumbing and heating
- Painting and decorating
- Locksmith service
- Lawn mowing and lawn care
- Hedge trimming and pruning
- Pest control service

Fully insured, great rates, safe and reliable service.

Call Peter on 07768 323678 for a free no obligation quotation.

3 Fisher Close, Drayton, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 4LT



## SP COURIER SERVICES

'MOVING ASSISTANCE'

House – Flat – Apartments – Office

FURNITURE MOVED / TRANSPORTED

Ebay COLLECTIONS - DELIVERIES

Tel 07721 679487 & 01235 524589

*Findlay*  
FIRST CLASS SERVICE

Airport Transfers

Executive Saloons

Tours & Conferences

Special Occasions

Business Travel

Luxury Saloons

Luxury Group Travel

VIP service as standard

**Drivers Required!**

01865 736 800

[info@FindlayCS.com](mailto:info@FindlayCS.com)



## Drayton Post Office

Mon - Fri 9 - 5.30 Sat 9 - 12.30

**& CONVENIENCE STORE**

Open All Week 8 am - 10 pm

9, The Green, Drayton, OX14 4JA

01235 531359

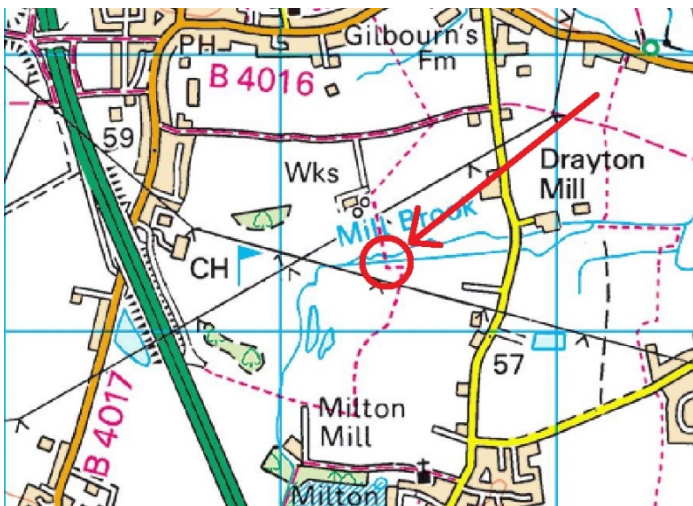


# New Bridge



## Where is it?

Walk along the Rooks Nest path from the B4016 until you reach Eastway. Turn right and within a few yards go through the gate on the left and follow the diagonal path (FP12) across the next three fields (entered via kissing gates). This leads to the section of path alongside the sewage works. Continue straight ahead until you reach the new bridge. Cross the bridge onto the golf course and turn left. There is then a footpath around the south & west side of the golf course.



Information supplied by Chris Price and Jennifer Pooley

## DRAYTON TELEVISION SERVICES

Digital TV aerials installed	Extra aerial points
Satellite Sky or Freesat	Repairs
TV tuning and programming	New TV Sales
Television Wall mounting	FREE ESTIMATES

**Telephone: 01235 531451**

HAVE YOU TRIED OUR **FREE RANGE EGGS?**

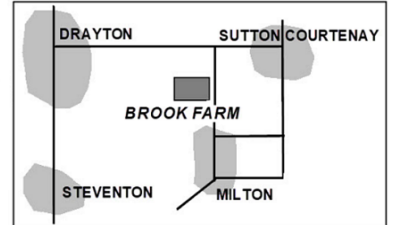


**Brook Farm**

Brook Farm, Milton Road  
OX14 4EZ

OPENING HOURS

Mon to Sat - 9.00am to 1.00pm Except Friday 9.00am to 6.00pm  
**FREE RANGE EGGS, & POTATOES (if available)**



**Larkmead**  
VETS



**Didcot & Sutton Courtenay: 01235 814991**

**Cholsey & Benson: 01491 651379**

**Horses & Farm Animals: 01491 651479**

[www.larkmead.co.uk](http://www.larkmead.co.uk)



## Hazel Lee

**Painters & Decorators**  
**Interior Local Decorators**  
**Reliable and Fully Insured**

**07866 509683**

**[hazel.lee78@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hazel.lee78@hotmail.co.uk)**

## ProClean

**Housekeeping & Ironing Services**

Sue Oliver



Fully Insured & all Staff are DBS checked.  
All equipment & cleaning products supplied.

Call now or email for a quotation

East Way, Drayton, Abingdon - Tel: (01235) 468402

Email: [sue@hsoliver.co.uk](mailto:sue@hsoliver.co.uk)



**Fun and Imaginative Dance Classes**  
**for Children 2-16 years**

**Book for a Free Taster Session!**

Thursdays @ Steventon Village Hall

Wednesdays @ Northcourt Centre, Abingdon

Email: [bettybloomdance@gmail.com](mailto:bettybloomdance@gmail.com)

Website for more information: [bettybloomdance.co.uk](http://bettybloomdance.co.uk)

Mobile: 07785 232862

# Neighbourhood Action Group 5 Safety Corner

## Key safes

If you use a key safe, or have a family member, friend or neighbour who does, you (or they) should consider entrusting a neighbour with the code. This will mean that if the neighbour will be able to provide the code if emergency services have been called and are unable to gain entry to the property by other means.

## SmartWater

SmartWater is an invisible property marking liquid. Each container of SmartWater carries its own unique forensic code which, when used to mark items such as jewellery, antiques, tablets, smart phones, laptops, televisions etc, links them to the registered owner. It's a deterrent to burglars, who know that SmartWater-marked items will show up under ultraviolet light if checked by the police. SmartWater kits can be purchased for £11 from Abingdon police station and come with instructions, window stickers and a registration form. This is a greatly reduced price compared with other sources and also avoids the need to pay an annual fee. For general information about SmartWater visit the website at <https://www.smartwater.com> or call SmartWater on 0333 320 7797.

## Message in a Bottle

When the Emergency Services are called to the home of someone who has collapsed or been involved in an incident, they are faced with many questions. "Who is this person? What medication are they taking? Are they allergic to anything? Who are their next of kin (or carers) to contact? Are there any pets in the house who will need care if this patient has to be taken into hospital?" The small plastic 'bottle' container contains a yellow form on which the owner provides vital information - medical conditions, regular medications, allergies, doctor's details etc. This information could obviously prove critical in deciding any appropriate treatment or other necessary action. The bottle is placed inside the fridge on the door shelf just above where the milk is kept and a green sticker is placed on the outside door of the fridge. A second sticker is placed on the *inside* the main entrance door. A separate bottle is required for each person in the house.

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.

Bottles and Wallets are available from NAG5 **free of charge** and can be ordered by calling 07762 597118 or by emailing [neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com). Please ensure you provide your name, a contact telephone number or email address as well as telling us which village you live in.

## Shed break-ins

Break-ins continue to be prevalent. Along with ensuring your shed is securely locked you should consider marking anything valuable stored inside, such as tools, garden equipment and bicycles with your postcode in clear and bold lettering, using an indelible pen such as Cre-Mark (available online) This will make the items much less desirable to thieves.

**To contact the police about non-emergencies please use the online reporting tool on the Thames Valley Police website at: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk>. You will be contacted within 24 hours of filing the report.**

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

**Call 999 in the case of emergency.**

**Contact NAG5 by calling 01235 848694 or e-mail [neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com](mailto:neighbourhoodactiongroup5@hotmail.com)**

## A wealth of expertise on your doorstep

Based in Drayton, we provide a comprehensive wealth management service offering specialist face-to-face advice tailored to you. Our services include:

- Investment Planning
- Inheritance Tax Planning
- Retirement Planning
- Intergenerational Planning

For further details please contact:

**Lee Merrett Wealth Management**

T: 01235 532737 | E: [lee.merrett@sjpp.co.uk](mailto:lee.merrett@sjpp.co.uk)  
[www.leemerrettwealthmanagement.co.uk](http://www.leemerrettwealthmanagement.co.uk)

Steventon WI

## ARTISAN MARKET

Presenting local producers of  
Hand Crafted Gifts, Food and Drink

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am to 4pm**

**Steventon Village Hall**

**Free Parking  
WI Refreshments**



## 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](http://www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk), along with a [map](#) of the proposed

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

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

For membership enquiries:  
[gard.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:gard.secretary@gmail.com)

**Chantal Watling**

## Red Lion Accommodation

All rooms are en suite

For more information

Ring Glenn or Janet on

01235 531457 or visit

[www.theredliondrayton.co.uk](http://www.theredliondrayton.co.uk)

### Electrical Problems? Call

# ROBERTS ELECTRICAL



Domestic • Commercial • Industrial

- Electrical Hard Wire Testing
- Domestic Electrical Reports
- Landlords Certificates
- Portable Appliance Testing
- Re-wires Full or Part
- Extra Power or Lighting Points
- Electrical Showers Complete
- Security Lighting, Fire & Intruder Alarms
- LED & Low Energy Lighting Installations
- Data & Telephone Wiring
- TV & Home Entertainment Installations
- Heating Controls and Wiring

We are able to Part P/Building Control our electrical works

Office: 01235 528800 Mobile: 07786 930463

Windy Ridge Court, Milton Road, Drayton, Abingdon OX14 4EZ

**FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTATIONS**

### PROFESSIONAL GARDEN SERVICES

**Stephen R. Matthews**

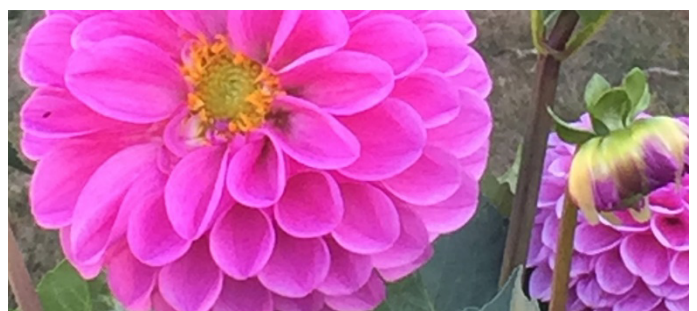
50 Witan Way Wantage,  
Oxfordshire OX12 9HB

Tel: 01235 766412

Mobile: 07796 532356

All kinds of work undertaken, including:

- garden clearance and restoration
- fruit tree, shrub and rose pruning
- hedge cutting, rockeries, turfing
- fencing and landscaping.



# 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 >>)

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 (Lappphunds)	
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, Lappphunds (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

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

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

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

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

### SUNDAYS

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 1<sup>st</sup> October and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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

**DISCLAIMER: This journal is published in good faith and great care is taken in its compilation. The organisers of the Drayton Chronicle and its Agents, therefore accept no responsibility for OPINIONS EXPRESSED, nor for the validity of any ADVERTISEMENT, nor for any effect arising whatsoever from the publication.**

Printed by SOLOPRESS (Southend)

01702 460047 or www.solopress.com