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| Monday | 7.45pm | Bell Ringing Practice | Bell Tower |
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| Wed | 10.00am | Pebbles (Term time only) | Church Room |
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CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020

| Tues 10 th Dec Note: this is 2 ^r as it is Party D | ^d Tuesday | First Tuesday Connections | Church Room |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Sun 15 th Dec | 4.00pm | Carol Service (nb no morning service) | |
| Sun 22nd Dec | 9.45am | Christmas Praise | |
| Tues 24 th Dec | 4.00 pm | Christingle | |
| Tues 24 th Dec | 11.30pm | Midnight Holy | |
| | | Communion | |
| Wed 25 th Dec | 9.45 am | Christmas Day Holy | |
| | | Communion | |
| Sun 29 th Dec | 9.45 am | DAMASCUS Parish | |
| | | Holy Communion | |
| Tues 7 th Jan | 2.30pm | First Tuesday | Church Room |
| | | Connections | |
| Wed 8 th Jan | 10.00am | Pebbles for Toddlers | Church Room |

PARISH REGISTER: BAPTISM

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| 29 th Dec – 4 th Jan. | Lockway, Whitehorns Way |
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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

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

As I write this letter, I am looking forward to a few days spent Christmas shopping with a friend in Wales. This has become an annual fixture for us - we try to buy quirky and unusual presents, preferably hand made, for friends and family in the craft and gift shops in West Wales and then wrap them all before returning home. It is meant to relieve the stress surrounding Christmas preparations and it works for us! But for some November will seem too early for present shopping. For others, far too late. Apparently, despite the increase in on-line shopping, 23rd December is still officially the busiest shopping day of the year in the UK. Perhaps, in my experience, especially true for the men of our nation as they rush out to buy presents for their loved ones. Many of us spend considerable amounts of time and money each year seeking out special, appropriate and sometimes unique gifts for our friends and our families. Yet, what should be a pleasure and delight, becomes a huge burden in every way.

In this era of dramatic climate change, we need to be mindful of the impact of giving presents on the environment. We should strive to minimise unnecessary packaging and plastic and buy, or even make, gifts which will be well-used and treasured. Perhaps we should even consider giving of our time and talents rather than 'things'.

Because, above all, sucked into excessive consumerism we seem to have forgotten that the giving and receiving of gifts is meant to help us remember God's gift in sending Jesus to live on earth among us. Christmas has become a time to compare ourselves with each other (who buys or receives the best gifts) rather than pointing us to the One whose gift is 'indescribable'. Jesus gave up everything in order that we might know and experience the kind of riches we can't buy on-line from Amazon or even in Harrods! Wrapped in a new-born baby sized parcel, God gave the very best of His love, His grace, His mercy and His forgiveness to anyone willing to receive it.

The lavish generosity of our God ought to be remembered every time we give or receive a gift – however small it appears, and especially as we are urged to share what we have. "Support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

This year, across the DAMASCUS Parish, there are plenty of opportunities to give to those in need: whether supporting the Children's Society at all our Christingle Services; gifting toys in Steventon for the Oxford Women's Refuge; supporting the work of Toilet Twinning across the world at the Torchlight Procession in Sutton Courtenay; giving at Christmas services in Drayton to Abingdon Bridge; or supporting Maggie's Cancer Centres at the Carols Evening in Appleford. (please see the parish Christmas Card for www.damascusparish.org more details or visit or www.achurchnearyyou.com "Lord Jesus, Indescribable Gift of the Father, I thank you for this expression of Your generosity. May I mirror Your generosity this Christmas to those in need. Amen." Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas

The Reverend Helen Kendrick, Rector of the DAMASCUS Parish

Drayton Community Choir



We are looking forward to Carols by Candlelight in the Village Hall on Sunday 1 December. Please join us for even

more carols on the Millennium Green on Thursday 19 December at 6pm. Bring your torches, wrap up warm and enjoy a festive evening. Refreshments available in return for donations, courtesy of the Millennium Green Committee.

We are a small, friendly group and meet at the primary school on Thursdays at 7:30pm. New members welcome. For more information, contact Jules Laws at <u>drayton.community.choir@gmail.com</u>

W.I. Report

At our November meeting we had Jose Midwinter. Many of you know Jose as our onetime vicar at St. Peters. Now a 'Retired lady who travels'. Her last Pilgrimage was to Ethiopia. travelling with friends some from the priesthood and some interested followers. Her first recollection was how green this part of the country was and as they travelled they got into higher altitude up to 12.000 feet where they found the air very thin. Christianity was founded here many years ago, the Queen of Sheba visited Solomon the King of Ethiopia and 9 months later produced a son Menalik, the first emperor of Ethiopia. Christianity was founded in the country by 9 Syrian saints who founded the Bethlehem Chapel (Bethlehem means house of bread). Many of the churches are carved out of the solid rock by hand and are amazing works. She visited Lake Tana, the source of the Blue Nile, and monasteries set up in the hillsides arrived at by climbing many many steps. On each step were souvenir sellers trading to tourists. The Priests carried hand-held crosses everywhere and the larger crosses were in the churches, but all were very ornate. The congregation carried prayer sticks but not as a walking aid but to lean on during very long sermons. Ethiopia follows the Julian calender which means Christmas is in early January and is celebrated by highly colourful processions led by trumpets, harps and timbrels and followers carrying brightly coloured umbrellas. The procession ended at the sports ground surrounding a pond, the service goes on all night and into the next day when the blessed water is scattered over the congregation, but where it is so large a hose pipe is used to reach the people at the back of the crowds. Atheism does not exist in Ethiopia: all are believers and very shocked at this thought. So interesting to hear how other people live. Thank you, Jose.

The next meeting is Christmas, so don't forget plate of food to share, £3 gift for Santa Sack and any seasonal wear you wish to dress in. Thursday 12^{th} Dec, 7.30pm in the Caudwell Day Centre, See you there.

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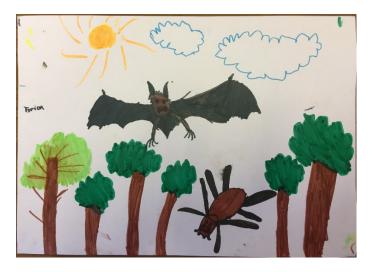


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DRAYTON WILDLIFE GROUP

GREAT FIRST MEETING!

There was a great turnout for the first ever Drayton Wildlife Group meeting, with participants of all ages. Chris and Claire from Drayton Parish Council were at the meeting and are really supportive. A big thank you to all those who made it, especially the children who did some fantastic artwork for us. Thanks also to those who got in touch but couldn't make it this time - don't worry, we'll be getting together again in January.



There was a particular interest in planting trees. Not only do they provide a fantastic habitat for numerous birds, butterflies and invertebrates, but they are a vital weapon

in the fight against climate change. Wildflowers were another big concern. In the UK there have been huge declines, and for the sake of the birds and insects that depend on them, as well as the simple joy of adding colour to our lives, we all agreed that we want to do what we can to get more wildflowers growing in the village.



Scarlet Tiger Moth in Drayton

We decided the best thing to do is get together in January for a winter walk to look at some of the patches of land which are either owned by the Parish Council or are common land, and see what could be planted there. Hopefully, getting out in the fresh air and thinking about the potential for all the wonderful wildlife we can help will help us shake off the winter blues!

There is also huge potential for villagers to give nature a boost by planting trees and wildflowers in their gardens. To get us off to a good start, Elaine has very kindly offered to donate 20 young blackthorn trees for anyone in the village who would like one. These small native British hedging trees are one of the first trees to flower in spring, producing a dramatic sea of white blossoms which provide an early spring meal for bees. The leaves feed numerous butterfly and moth species in summer, and in the autumn it's our turn, when the flowers turn into sloes, small black plum-like fruits which are too hard and tart to eat, but are used to make delicious sloe gin. If you would like a Blackthorn tree, please email me, on tjesson@live.co.uk. First come first served!

There is now a facebook page - just put Drayton Wildlife Group in the search bar, and it should come up. If not, the actual web address is:

https://www.facebook.com/draytonwildlifegroup/

Keep an eye out for wildlife over the coming weeks, and if you notice anything interesting - whether it's a bird in your garden, a beautiful autumn tree, or a weird and wonderful insect, please take a photo, draw a picture, or just write down what you saw and post it on the facebook page or email the Chronicle - let's start a conversation about our wildlife. Also think about whether you could plant a tree or some wildflowers in your garden, and look out for areas in the village that we could make richer spaces for wildlife, and let us know. A big thank you to local farmers and landowners who have already planted trees and made changes for wildlife - it would be great if you could post pictures on the facebook page or email the Chronicle and tell us a bit about what you are doing. Also, a big thank you to Drayton Construction, who have agreed to plant new trees around their yard - it's brilliant to see local companies joining in.

If you want to get involved, the next meeting will be Saturday 11th January, 2pm at the Caudwell centre, and if the weather's OK we'll go for our first Winter Walk. For those who prefer their meetings with a bit of a winter warmer, there will be a meet up in the Red Lion on Tuesday 14th Jan at 7.30pm.

RECIPE FOR SLOE GIN from BBC Good Food

Ingredients

450g/1lb <u>sloes</u> 225g/8oz <u>caster sugar</u> 1 litre/1¾ pint <u>gin</u> <u>Method</u>

1.Prick the tough skin of the sloes all over with a clean needle and put in a large sterilised jar

2.Pour in the sugar and the gin, seal tightly and shake well.

3.Store in a cool, dark cupboard and shake every other day for a week. Then shake once a week for at least two months. Strain the sloe gin through muslin into a sterilised bottle.

Great Tit in Blackthorn tree with Sloes



Drayton Wives

The latest topic for our meeting in November was "An Old-Fashioned Judge" This meant that one of Drayton's most famous residents, His Honour Anthony King, came to give a most colourful talk about his career. Anton and his wife Camilla have lived in Drayton for 44 years and for 20 of those he was a circuit Judge.Anton started in the legal profession over 50 years ago having done a legal degree at university and then going onto the Bar. Anton was part of the Braden enquiry into Timothy Evans, most famous for the murders at 10 Rillington Place. He was hanged but he was innocent as the real murderer was Christie who hid the bodies of 8 women all over the place. This led to a review of police conduct as in fact Christie was a part time policeman!

After 6 months you are given a brief to look after you and your cases. You are actually self-employed and can build up your own practice and clients meaning you can prosecute and defend the same people.

Anton then proceeded to dress in his black barrister court robes complete with wig, very imposing!!

Cases can go wrong especially in front of juries where there was a case of a very smart lady shoplifting! She went into Littlewoods with her coat over her arm and the goods were packed underneath. Unfortunately, it was a very hot day so why would you be carrying a heavy winter coat without an ulterior motive, that was her downfall.

Before the days of the breathalyzer a driver bought fish and chips, started eating, but also started to boomerang off the parked cars. In those days you were asked to walk a straight line or touch your nose, if you could. He got off.....There was also the tale of the armed robber who went to rob a betting office, was caught and said his pickaxe was to keep the pigeons at bay!! Some of the cases stay with you some because they are too violent and some because with repeat offenders you actually get to know then well!!

Then Anton became a Judge throughout the Midlands and instead of being involved in trying to convince juries, the Judge has to remain quiet until sentencing and then has to follow guidelines on sentencing which can be limiting. Now on the bench he preferred family work looking after the welfare of children, so he gained what is called his Judges Ticket in that field.

Anton did tell us about some of his other cases and I felt that I could have written a novel about them! I feel that this should end like it does on the television "These are only a few of the cases of a circuit Judge, the names have been changed to protect the innocent!!!!!"

Thanks to Anton and Camilla for keeping us enthralled.

Lisa Lammiman



DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We are now about a third through the season and the Divisions are taking shape. However due to postponements the Artisans are (hopefully) in a false position in Division 1 as they currently lie only just outside the bottom places. The Buzzards are only one point in front of them so both will hope for an upturn in results before the end of year break.

The Corinthians are mid table in Division 2 and hope to stay right there! In Division 3 the Dingos have started well and will hope to maintain a challenge that could end in promotion! Their fellow Drayton Division 3 colleagues the Eagles are in a battle at the other end of the table but this was expected following promotion last season.

Probably our best hope for a team the finish in the honours will be the Fury team in Division 4. Currently they are top after 8 matches played with a gap opening up to the third placed team. The young Giants team are also doing well in 4th place having played 6 matches. Young Daniel Gifford is continuing his good form with 12 wins from 15 so far.

In the Newbury League our Ultras team are plying their trade in the top Division. A mid table position is likely although having played the top teams early on they are only just above the bottom two spots.

So overall the teams are faring OK and looking forward to a winter of contentment! John Gould



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Drayton Brownies

We have had a busy term at Brownies, around the theme of 'recycling'.

The girls have enjoyed learning about the environment, reducing single use plastics and the impact of waste on animals and their habitats. They took part in the Girlguiding Future Girl week and came up with their own pledge to reduce the waste they produce. In keeping with the theme, Spirit Owl decided that all the crafts and activities for the term should cost nothing! We achieved this by using items already to hand, saving recycling at home and receiving a number of generous donations following a plea on the Families in Drayton Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who was kind enough to give us socks, paint, beads and cards.



We were very fortunate to be invited to go on Pack Holiday with 6th Abingdon Brownies in October. 10 excited girls and 2 terrified leaders enjoyed a very wet, windy and busy weekend at Jubilee House in Oxford, the County HQ for Girlguiding. The theme was 'Bugs' and we had fun making all sorts of crafts and bug houses, playing games, cooking and of course singing campfire songs around our indoor campfire, as the weather was just so bad! The second day was crisp and clear so we were able to get outside and make pictures using natural materials, explore the assault course and for some brave Brownies (and Rainbow Owl) abseiling and climbing! Spirit Owl had to take the photos and hold the coats (darn...). Bravery takes many forms and for some, it was their first time staying away without their families. We enjoyed getting to know the Brownies from the other unit and the speed at which the girls made new friends was astounding; within a few hours you could not tell which unit the Brownies came from. Truly one of the strengths of Girlguiding and the friendships that it encourages. We are very proud of all our girls. It was a fantastic experience for us all and I think we learned a lot about each other, girls and leaders alike, and it was a privilege to be able to spend time with them out in the woods!

If your daughter is aged 7-10 years and would like to join Brownies, please visit Girlguiding.org.uk to register. Younger girls can be placed on the waiting list using the same website. If you would like more information about Girlguiding locally, please email Laura at <u>drayton1stbrownies@live.co.uk</u>.

We meet on a Wednesday during term time. We are still looking for leaders for Drayton Rainbows (aged 5-7 years), if you would like to know more about what is involved please email Mary at steventonrainbows@gmail.com.

Laura Hughes.





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The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project Registered Charity 1098966



On Thursday the 31st of October the Abingdon Damascus Youth Project hosted a Football Fun Day at Drayton FC in conjunction with Oxford United in the Community.

The morning was cold but we saw over twenty young people attend and enjoy a few technical drills delivered by the coaches. After a short lunch break the fun carried on into a match where the young people put into practise the new skills they learned.

The day finished off with a penalty shootout and some amazing saves from the goal keepers. A massive thank you must be said to all the people who showed up, Oxford United in the Community, Pete Ivy at Drayton FC for letting us use their premises and to Milton Park for providing the funding to run the day.

"It was awesome, everyone got along, there was no arguments, even the coaches were great, gave out banta that they could receive too. Wicked." – Young Person, 18

"We had a laugh on both days. The Oxford coaches did some fun drills and meeting others from around the villages was exciting!" Young Person, 14

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A piece of WI and Drayton History, part 2 – Ann Webb

2nd letter from Drayton, Oxfordshire to Drayton, Canada written October 1927

Dear Madam President.

It is a very apologetic President of the Drayton Berkshire W.I. who now takes turns in writing to our namesake in Ontario. I should have written, I am ashamed to think, weeks ago but owing to the illness and death of my mother in law last month, I really have no time or inclination for letter writing outside the family circle.

It is strange that we should have found a Drayton in Canada to correspond with, that both places should have a population of 700 inhabitants and that both secretaries should have held the office for seven years. I expect you are as fond of and as dependent on her as our Miss Long. She is the heart of our Institute and it was only because she is just there that I ventured to accept this office of President having spent 35 years of my life bringing up a family of nine!! Living 22 years of that time practically in London, it was all new work to me. Till I came to Drayton 3 years ago, I knew less than nothing about the W. I. movement and almost nothing about rural life. Now I wonder how folk managed in the country without the Institutes. They are drawing all classes together and we are all learning more give and take on life and I am sure growing in understanding and sympathy with each other. For myself I feel I am learning something every day, but honestly shook in my shoes and found my voice gone when I had to preside at my first meeting, now I am much braver, was it the same with you? We close the Institute all August and now starting the winter with all sorts of events. Our late President is teaching us how to knit? I have been learning so as to teach my husband who is very deaf, another member is teaching rug making classes every Monday. On Nov. 3rd the group committee i.e. the presidents and secretaries of the Abingdon group of the 12 village Institutes, Drayton being one of them, are to meet in our hall and settle all sorts of things amongst them. The date of the sale of members work in Abingdon next month, also of course the Pageant which Berkshire W. I.s are arranging for June 1928 to be held by His Majesties permission under the walls of Windsor Castle, every group is responsible for one episode in history. Abingdon's episode is The Flight Of Matilda's Mother (mother to Henry 1st) from Oxford when she came to Abingdon and asked protection from the Abbot of Abingdon.

On Nov 5th Guy Fawkes day (children are already exploding fireworks every night) I long for some Chinese crackers to show them. We are having a whist drive followed by a dance. Our treasurer told us at the last meeting she was hard up, there has to be so much in the way of repairs done to the Hall and we always find a whist drive brings in a nice little sum, especially when all the prizes are given by different people. Jumble sales also bring in a tidy sum of money. We got £5 at our last one. One wonders why so much junk has so much value to other people. On the 8th we hold our monthly committee meeting, we try to do this always on Tuesday before the monthly meeting as we can settle a good many things and this saves having to spend too long over business at the monthly meeting which is always on the second Thursday in the month from 6.30pm until about 9.30pm. A demonstrator is coming to show us how to make paper flowers. Our competition this time is something new from something old. We shall have to remind everyone that the next day is Poppy Day, Miss Long and I are responsible for that and we hand over the poppies etc. to the sellers that evening. It's a pity Poppy Day is on a Friday most working men do not get their wages till Friday evening, so they won't have much money in the house in the morning I am afraid. Our Vicar visits school on Wednesday to remind the kiddies to bring their pennies.

I see Miss Long told you we were competing at Radley for the group banner on 20th July. The competition was folk dancing and WE WON. Most of them had gone to the trouble of dressing all alike, but our eight wore ordinary cotton summer frocks and old-fashioned sun bonnets, and we were the only competitors to have a fiddler. We did feel proud when we drove tho' the village with the banner waving over the side of the char-a-banc. Alas and alack our glory has departed for the next group meeting was at Cumnor, the competition was 'washing'. We had to wash 6 articles, a tablecloth, a silk blouse, a child's frock, a knitted jumper, a flannel garment and a man's stiff collar. We lost by 4 marks, no one here could set up a collar, we had no polishing irons. I read out your last letter at our last meeting and I can't tell you how interested everyone was.

In 1893 I went out to Victoria B.C. to join my husband, who had gone to be deputy manager at the bank of British Colombia there in the previous November. I stopped for 3 hours while the train was cleaned out, at Winnipeg. The Chinook wind had caused a wash out at Port Arthur, ours was the first train through for a week, and when we got to where the wash out had been, sitting on the platform of the observation car we could see our engines wheels sinking up to their hubs in water. Winnipeg seemed just on long street, mostly wooden houses and badly laid sidewalks. A Mr Hoare, to whom my husband had written, met me and drove me in a funny one horse chay to a store to get some methylated spirit for the babies' food warmer. After five years on the Island (only house built on Macauley Point, overlooked Puget Sound and we saw the lovely Olympian snows in Washington Territory), the Canadian Bank of Commerce bought up our bank and my husband, being too highly paid an officer for them, we came home and we had to run through a prairie fire for 4 hours or more near Winnipeg, trees blazing to their tops and even the sleepers on the line were smouldering. At one place where there was only a single track, the engine left us and went on about a mile to see if the wooden bridge we have to cross was safe to use. It was and we got there, arriving in Montreal looking like chimney sweeps and I spent well into the night washing my four children and most of their clothes, all our luggage having been checked into New York. So I say I saw Canada not only on water but thro' water came back through fire. You, with your steel tressles now can hardly realize what all the wooden tressles were like in those days and this is 1897. You must be tired of me by now so I will stop. Be sure and let us know when any of your members come to the Old Country: perhaps a meeting could be arranged or they could come and tell us all about everything 'Home away from Home'.

Yours most cordially, Ina Kerr



SOME OTHER DRAYTONS

Andrew Bax

Ann Webb's fascinating exchange of letters between the Women's Institute and the WI in Drayton, Ontario in the 1920s prompted me to embark on a virtual exploration of the other Draytons - and there are a lot of them. The online Gazetteer of British Place Names lists 11, plus a further 18 in which Drayton is part of a longer name, eg Drayton St Leonard. Most of them are villages and, like our Drayton, quite old; we get a mention in the Domesday Book (see Chronicle, January 2018). First, though, I thought it would be interesting to discover the meaning behind the name. The Institute for Name-Studies at the University of Nottingham states that it is derived from the Old English for farm/settlement' 'portage or 'dragging-place farm/settlement', which doesn't tell us much. Sutton Wick, incidentally, is so called because it was once a group of buildings for special purposes, eg a dairy or workshops that were part of Sutton Courtenay.

The trouble with online searches is that it is all too easy to become distracted by other pieces of information which are too interesting to ignore. And so it was when I began the virtual exploration of other Draytons. There are quite a few wherever the British made their mark during the last two or three centuries. Wouldn't it be interesting, I thought, if I could find somewhere that had been named after our Drayton? Rather like looking for a needle in a haystack but after less than half an hour – bingo!

In its history of Drayton Plains, Michigan, Wikipedia states 'In 1835, Daniel Windiate emigrated from Berkshire, England to what soon would be called Drayton Plains. There, he built a dam and mill and named the mill Drayton after his England home, Drayton.' He is listed as one of the first settlers to take advantage of the offer of land at \$2 an acre and must have been the kind of enterprising frontiersman the new nation so badly needed because, in 1839, he opened the Drayton Plains Hotel on the Saginaw Trail. This was the main road from Detroit, constructed to provide access to the 'wilderness' but originally it was a hunting trail of the Chippewa tribe. For those confused by the reference to Berkshire, the whole of north Berkshire (including Drayton and, even more confusingly, the Berkshire Downs) was united with Oxfordshire in 1974.



Drayton Plains prospered and by 1903 there was a fish hatchery and, a few years later, it had become the depot for the <u>Detroit</u>, <u>Grand Haven and Milwaukee Railway</u>. As the century progressed it became absorbed into Waterford Township which now has a population of over 70,000. We may return to Drayton Plains in a future issue of the Chronicle.

But what about Daniel Windiate? When he emigrated to America he was married to Martha, née Mundy, also of Drayton and already had seven children. Did he take them with him or send for them when he had got himself established? All I can find about him so far is that he died on 11 December 1843. aged 56. To achieve all he did in just eight years he must have been an impressive character.



Some of Drayton's parish records are included in the archive of the disbanded Drayton History Society, now stored in the village hall and, from them, it should be possible to learn something of the early life of both Daniel Windiate and Martha Mundy. Drayton has a fascinating history and it would be great if the Society could be revived.

In the meantime, I have set myself the ambition of contacting people in these other Draytons, inviting them to write something about their community. Hopefully, the response may be sufficiently interesting to submit for publication in the Chronicle.



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COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Webber

Expressway

Much is made of the idea of the Oxford-Cambridge "Arc". For some, it represents the future for Oxfordshire, presenting an opportunity for increased economic growth, based on the established "knowledge spine" and reputations of the two universities, and our centres of scientific research. To others, it represents a threat to rurality and the climate - with a potential Expressway linking the area paid for by vast quantities of extra housing.

But the "Arc" is, in reality, simply an idea. As a major net contributor to the national exchequer, the idea of stimulating further growth in the area and attracting further investment, is hard to argue against.

This does not necessarily mean that an Expressway is inevitable, however. Indeed, several of Oxfordshire's Councils have come out firmly against the Expressway. The latest of these is the County Council itself, who, in November, passed a motion rejecting the idea outright -"whatever the route " and a letter was sent to Highways England to that effect.

It is argued that connecting up the Arc could be done just as effectively (and at much lower cost) by improving and completing the East West Rail link provision. It is also argued that the carbon output in building the new road would make achieving our reduction targets almost impossible. It seems that this is going to become a major bun fight in the next few months.

The School Run

We are all noticing just how stressed our local road system is, at present. The 10-mile journey from Drayton to Oxford can take 90 minutes at some times of the day. Yet at half terms and school holidays, it can be done in under 30 minutes. There are daily tailbacks at Culham Bridge and around Frilford crossroads. Major congestion caused by roadworks and accidents somewhere in the system are increasingly common. And even the rat runs are becoming congested. School Travel Plans have been around for many years, but clearly, something more is needed. And spare a thought for parents trying to get their children to school on time when bus services are often not good enough. Not much wonder that many parents are prepared to risk the wrath (and these days the possible financial consequences) of taking children out of school in term time). Is it possible that the solution lies in the coming together of the Education system, our Transport bodies and even the Travel industry? - variable term times? - variable starts to the school day? There is certainly a need for some fresh thinking.

And please vote.

If you are reading this before December 12th, please make sure that you remember to exercise your

democratic right and cast your vote. Then have a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Richard Webber Cllr OCC

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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Andy Cooke

Purdah

As we enter "purdah" for the General Election, elected representatives have to be more careful on what they write: during this time, we cannot, **as Councillors**, promote policies, changes to services, or council activities that could be perceived as favouring one party or candidate over another. We also can't imply a council position on sensitive political issues.

Of course, we'll be out campaigning, but when we do that, it's as private individuals – we're not (and *cannot*) campaign as Councillors. As this column is my column as a Councillor, it therefore becomes a party-politics-free zone now.

To be honest, I do try to keep party political arguments out of it as much as possible, because I think most people would rather just have a factual account of what we've done, or failed to do, or what we intend to do. That's still political in some respects, so we're now treading very carefully to avoid any hint of attempting to use our positions to influence your votes. Well, to influence who you vote for, anyway – I am completely allowed to try to influence you to vote for *someone*. And to try to point out how to overcome any obstacles to voting.

Registering to vote, and postal votes

First of all: registering to vote. Unfortunately, the deadline for this (26th November) is before the distribution date of the Chronicle (29th November), so hopefully you've already registered. Similarly for postal votes – but if you've missed your chance for this election, it's a good prompt to get in there for the next election and future ones:

Registering to vote: Visit gov.uk/register-to-vote

Postal vote applications forms are at:

whitehorsedc.gov.uk/votebypost

If you've missed the deadline this time, PLEASE go straight there to make sure you're on for the next time!

Postal votes should be received by 6th December at the latest. If you're expecting a postal vote and haven't received one by this date, please call 01235 422528 to request an urgent replacement.

Proxy votes

If you're going to be away for the election and you haven't got a postal vote, there's still one option with a deadline still to come (5pm on 4th December): a "proxy vote." This is where you can ask someone you trust to cast your vote for you, for whomever you tell them to. You can ask anyone to act as your proxy, as long as they are also registered to vote and eligible to vote in that election. Someone can be a proxy for up to 2 people at the same election – and even more if the extra people are close relatives.

For a proxy vote application, go to:

whitehorsedc.gov.uk/votebyproxy

Please vote

A final plea – please, if you can, vote. Vote for Richard Benwell (Lib Dem), or for Mark Gray (Independent) or for David Johnston (Conservative), or for Jonny Roberts (Labour), or spoil your ballot if you can't abide any of them, but please vote.

(I've listed them in the order they'll be on the ballot paper (alphabetical by surname). Those are the specific choices you'll have here in the Wantage constituency. If you do decide to spoil your ballot, make sure no mark actually goes into any candidate's box, or if you accidentally do so, mark another box as well. If you spoil your ballot, you've still registered that you were voting, and emphasised you wanted another choice). Thanks, Andy

> Councillor Andy Cooke andy.cooke@valeofwhitehorsedc.gov.dc

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT Tamsin Crane

On Friday 18th October, members of the Parish Council and its projects committee met with representatives of the developer Millers to discuss the status of the Walnut Meadows development.

Key points to note are as follows:

- The entrance to Walnut Meadows junction is complete; the 'anti-skid' road surface will be laid as soon as there is a break in the wet weather.
- Miller Homes have instructed an independent review of the landscaped areas of the estate. This includes ensuring the correct trees have been planted, dead trees are replaced, identifying areas that require returfing or re-seeding, and hedged areas that need attention. The outputs will be shared with the Parish Council to agree next steps.
- The sports pitch area is being reviewed with regards to elevation, grading and soil quality. Further meetings with Miller Homes and Vale of the White Horse District Council are planned in the next few weeks.
- The pathway from Walnut Way/Barrow Road to Corneville Road is now complete. The hedgerow will be replaced; in the meantime, a temporary fence will be erected for safety measures.
- There are various block paved areas that require repair. These have been reviewed and timeframes regarding the remedial works are expected in the next few weeks.

Tamsin Crane Chairperson, Drayton Parish Council

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LETTERS

Local Celebrity

Following a conversation with editor Tony Hall, this letter was sent in:

The BBC Archive recently released this lovely clip from 1972 on social media:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/archive/the-art-of-whistling/zkx3pg8 It features Mrs Jean Didcock from Drayton and I was trying to track her down to see if she is still around and if so, might consider doing an interview.

A search through the British Newspaper Archive reveals Mrs Didcock was living on Steventon Rd, Drayton in 1972, her husband was called David, she had four children and turned out every Sunday for the Drayton Ladies football team.

I would be grateful if you could ask around the village to see if anyone might have any information on Mrs Didcock - it's such a lovely clip.

Best wishes,

JP Devlin,

BBC

Editor's note: I recommend watching this **Blue Peter** clip - it made my day! If anyone has any information, please contact the Chronicle so that we can put you in touch with Mr Devlin.

Chronicle Distributor needed please!

With the retirement of Brenda Malin from her role as one of the four distributors of The Chronicle, we are now hoping that someone will come forward to take on the role. With four distributors in place, the job needs to be done only three times a year (taking delivery of the Chronicles from the Printer and distributing them in bundles to the Agents who deliver to the houses). Is this something that you would be willing to do? If so, please contact Carol or Colin via email: <u>cullimore3@sky.com</u>. They can then explain in more detail what is involved. Many thanks in advance, and huge thanks to Brenda for undertaking this task for many years.

The Chronicle Team

Ballooning

Hi Some residents may remember being woken fairly early one Sunday morning by the sound of a helicopter flying very low and circling an unusual balloon. This was in fact part of the filming of the film "The Aeronauts" which has now been released and can be seen in cinemas. Through my daughter's hot air ballooning activities, we hope to do an interview with the pilot and crew who flew the "Gas Balloon" which was being used above Drayton. We hope to get this done in the next couple of months and will attempt to convert this into an article for the Chronicle. Regards, Colin Arnold

Thanks from St Peter's Church

Val and Linda, the pro wardens, on behalf of St Peter's church, would like to thank you for your help in tidying up the churchyard.

We think it is looking much better.

We would like to keep it as eco-friendly as possible but appreciate the difficulty in finding eco-friendly artificial flowers. With this in mind, could we encourage you to consider planting bulbs on the graves instead so that we can still mow the grass. Dear Chronicle Editor,

You might want to note the pile of poo bags halfway along the footpath between Gravel Lane and the High Street. There are dog poo bins on the High Street and Village Green, both are not far away. Or people can even take it home and put it in their black bin.

> Chris Price Parish Council

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 2.30pm to 4:00 pm and you are invited to drop in during these times. Our next dates are **Tuesday 10th December and 7th January. Note:** First Tuesday Connections has moved to the second Tuesday for December (10th) –as it's the Christmas Party.

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



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To enter the competition, simply complete the Sudoku grid and add up the numbers in the highlighted squares. All we need is the total, not the whole grid. Please write the answer, your name and address and your phone number on a piece of paper, place in an envelope marked Q Gardens Competition and leave in the Chronicle Box outside Vickery's Hardware Shop. The first correct entry drawn on December 16th will win the prize.

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CAROL SERVICE - 15th December 4pm NB no morning service on 15th December CHRISTMAS PRAISE – 22nd December 9:45am CHRISTINGLE - 24th December 4 pm (collection for The Children's Society) MIDNIGHT HOLY COMMUNION - 24th December 11:30pm CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY COMMUNION - 25th December 9:45am DAMASCUS PARISH HOLY COMMUNION 29th December at 9.45am at St Peter's Church All Collections from the Christmas Services will go to The Bridge Abingdon and The Children's Society. ST PETER'S STARS FOR CHRISTMAS. The Christmas tree will be put up in Church on 14th December. Would you like to have a star to remember a loved one at Christmas? Stars will be available in Church from 1st December, if you wish to put somebody's name on one.

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Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)

Christmas waste

For a short time after the Christmas and New Year bank holidays, we'll empty your bins on a different day. Please see the changes on the website.

We don't collect garden waste over Christmas. However, we always collect extra recycling, which cannot fit in your green bin. Just put it out in clear bags or cardboard boxes beside the bin. We also collect extra food recycling that won't fit in your food bin if you put it in a bag on top of your food bin.

If you are unsure when your next collection day is and which bin you should put out, please visit our website. In the New Year we collect Christmas trees from collection points across the district and from garden waste

customers. If you are a garden waste customer, please put the tree out with your brown bin – please cut to 6ft lengths or less. More info here

whitehorsedc.gov.uk/christmastrees.

Tread lightly: Reducing waste over Christmas

Did you know that a small household generally throws out two extra black bags of rubbish at Christmas, creating 14.4kg of waste and generating 26.4kg of CO2? A medium household throws out five extra bags, creating 36kg of waste and generating 66kg of CO2. And a large house disposes of eight extra bags, equivalent to 57.6kg of waste or 105.6kg of CO2.

Cutting down on this waste by buying less, recycling more, composting, using reusable bags instead of plastic and choosing products with less packaging can reduce waste and carbon emissions.

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County Lines

This term is used about drug gangs from big cities who expand their operations to smaller towns, often using violence to drive out local dealers and exploiting children and vulnerable people to sell drugs. Heroin, cocaine and crack cocaine are the most common drugs being offered and supplied. In most instances the users or customers will live in a different area to where the dealers and networks are based, so drug runners are needed to transport the drugs and collect payment.

Dealers will frequently target children and adults – often those with mental health or addiction problems – to act as drug runners or move cash, so that they can stay under the police radar. Dealers may take over a local property, normally belonging to a vulnerable person, and use it to operate from. This is known as cuckooing. Young and vulnerable people will quite often be exposed to physical, mental and sexual abuse and, in some instances, may be trafficked to areas a long way from home as part of the networks' drug dealing business.

Children often don't see themselves as victims, or realise they've been groomed to get involved in criminality. It's important that we all play our part to understand county lines, and to speak out if we have concerns. Signs to look out for are:

- An increase in visitors and cars to a house or flat
- New and regularly changing residents (e.g. different accents compared with local accent).
- Change in resident's mood and/or behaviour (e.g. secretive, withdrawn, aggressive, emotional).
- Substance misuse and drug paraphernalia.
- Changes in the way young people you know dress; unexplained, and sometimes unaffordable, new things (e.g. clothes, trainers, jewellery, cars etc).
- Residents or young people you know going missing, maybe for long periods of time.
- Young people seen in different cars or taxis, driven by unknown adults.
- Young people seeming unfamiliar with your community or where they are.
- Truancy, exclusion, disengagement from school.
- Increased anti-social behaviour in the community.
- Unexplained injuries.

If you have concerns, the best advice is to trust your instincts. Even if someone's not involved in county lines drug dealing, they may be being exploited in some other way, so it's always worth speaking out. Call your local police on 101, or call 999 if it's an emergency. If you wish to remain anonymous you can call the independent charity **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111** or visit *https://crimestoppers-uk.org*.

If you're a young person worried about your own or a friend's involvement, a good option is to speak to a trusted adult about your concerns. You can also call **Childline on 0800 1111**, or visit *https://www.childline.org.uk*, which is a private and confidential service where you can talk to specially trained counsellors about anything that's worrying you.

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.

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DRAYTON DIARIES

| | | Hall | Diary for DECEMBER |
|-------|-------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | All e | events held | in Drayton Hall <u>unless otherwise stated</u> |
| To bo | ok t | he Hall :- b | ookings@draytonvh.co.uk or call Tony Holmes on |
| | (01 | 235) 5311 | 80; see the website :- www.draytonvh.co.uk |
| | | | egular events, see the R-H column >>) |
| Sun | 1 | 1.00pm | Private Function |
| | | 7.30pm | Carols Concert |
| Mon | 2 | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting Caudwell DC |
| Thur | 5 | 11.00am | Baptist Café (and EVERY Thursday) |
| | | | coffee, cake and a chat! Baptist Church |
| Fri | 6 | 11.00am | Meeting (Small Hall) |
| Sat | 7 | 10.30am | Dog Show (Terriers) |
| Sun | 8 | 11.45am | Private Function (child's party) |
| Tues | 10 | noon | Private Function |
| | 10 | 2.30pm | 1st Tuesday Connections Church Room |
| Thur | 12 | | GENERAL ELECTION |
| Sat | 14 | | Private Function (Seq Dance - all day) |
| Sun | 15 | 9.00am | Bowls Club (all day) |
| Thur | 19 | 4.30pm | Betty Bloom Dance Class |
| Sun | 29 | | Private Function |
| Tue | 31 | 5.00pm | Private Function |
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DRAYTON HALL NEWS

Firstly, **thanks to all our users**, who've been very patient re the **Hall's heating problem** – main boiler was condemned by Brit Gas at the end of October, it's especially annoying that if they'd turned up, as arranged (we thought!) a couple of months earlier for the regular service, the problem would have been found that much sooner (assuming that engineer actually did the full checks). The heat-exchanger had a large hole burnt in it, and there are no spare parts, the beast is obsolete (had there been a part available, it would have cost several thousand smackers – it basically has to constrain a flame-thrower).

Still, we are where we are – as they say - and the array of small heaters we brought in have been doing their best to take the chill off. Sadly these have revealed that it's very hard to get people to read the signs that were put up with instructions for their use!! At the time of writing (mid-Nov) I can only say that we're working to get a permanent fix - it's been exceptionally difficult to find people who actually have expertise with a warm-air system, the mass of ads re "let us fix your heating problems" are for firms to do normal domestic gas hotwater boilers, not more complex kit.

So, if you're coming to the **Carols Concert** (& many do) consider an extra layer – or sing a bit louder?!

Gen Election is on Dec 12th – there may be one or two who didn't know?! – and we are as usual a <u>polling station</u>, which needs to be in the Main Hall, given the likely numbers attending.

We've an unusual booking, Sun Dec 8th, Darren Cammock doing what I'd call **Fine-Art dog photos**, Small hall 4pm to 8. Book up with him first, easy to find via Google, put 'photography' after his name. I didn't ask re other pets, if you've a handsome rabbit, iguana, stick insect (whatever), check with him?!

Paul Marshall has restarted his **Martial Arts classes**, now on a Friday evening, teaching 'Ninjutsu' (no, nor me!), and can take one or two more students, any age now I gather – for more info see <u>shikidojo@outlook.com</u> so you can best deal with someone grabbing that last packet of choc biscuits from your hand at the supermarket. Or a would-be mugger.

Our new bar manager (Andrew) should have an advert elsewhere in this issue, re a **fun day/party** on the last Sat before Christmas, and a further reminder that you can work off any Christmas excess with **Carl's new** **over-50s exercise classes**, Mondays at 11.30am, starting in Jan (date to be confirmed, but check on 01865 920460, and his website is www.livinginfitness.co.uk/funfit-over-50).

Damascus Youth group have done a fun map of Drayton, and with Roxy's help we'll be placing one copy of it somewhere in Hall, so it can be admired, also to be admired (we hope) are the new **stage curtains**, which should be going up soon, (let us know if you want the old ones?!), and if anyone knows who has removed (WHY?!!) the **banner which was in the Lounge**, it belongs to the WI, and we & they would like to know where it's gone?

Oh, and if anyone else is sufficiently **sad & desperate to want to pinch an old dustpan & brush**, let us know the next time, we'll just give you the money for a new one, it's less of a B****Y nuisance than us having to go and buy one! 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 <u>PLEASE</u> – if an entry is wrong – **DO tell an editor** (page 2)

MONDAYS

| MONDAYS | 5 |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 | S |
| 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) |
| WEDNESD | AYS |
| 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 |
| THURSDA | YS |
| 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 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) |
| FRIDAYS | |
| 11.00 am | The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466 Caudwell Day Centre |
| 7.45 pm | ShikiDojo Martial Arts (check w Paul 07479 824887 |
| 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 |
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