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The Editor will be **Maurice ('Mo') Puddick (01235 538188)**. **Contributions** may be e-mailed (as below, best to 'editor@'), or placed in the Chronicle letter box, outside Vickery's store on Drayton Green, **DEADLINE = 5.15 pm, Monday, May 16th**.

**After this deadline**, items get **less precedence** for inclusion (No guarantees!), & need to reach us by the Wednesday.

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2. An **email attachment**, in WORD please (NOT a PDF file!).
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# UP for the CUP! (Drayton Wasps FC)



The North Berks League campaigns for both Drayton sides are now officially over.

**Drayton First** picked up some great results towards the end of their season, beating Milton United Development 3-2 and Long Wittenham First 5-2, meaning that we ultimately finished 4th out of 10 sides in the 1st Division. There were some top goal-scoring performances on display this season; Josh Dennis bagged 17, Alex Harrison 11, and Nathan Merry got 9.

**Drayton Reserves** finished 3rd of Division 3, with a win against Berinsfield reserves 3-1 and a point against Benson Lions helping at the end when it counted. Drayton Reserves too had their fair share of goals this season, with 20 coming from Matt Stephens and 7 from Bradley Cox. Unfortunately, the Reserves side lost 2 cup semi-finals in the last month, meaning they were unable to reach a final this season.

However, in early April, Drayton First successfully overcame Long Wittenham in a gruelling semi-final for the **North Berks Cup**. Josh Dennis opened up the scoring for the Wasps very early on, but the opposition got one back in the second half, sending the game to penalties. Ultimately, we won the penalty shootout with a fine performance from goalie **Laurie Tanner**.

The **North Berks Cup Final** will be played on May 14th at Abingdon United Football club, kick-off 2:30pm. **DO come and support us** on what could be a great day for the club and the village! Tickets sold on the gate from 1pm. [NB Abingdon Utd's ground is up Oxford Rd, opposite the Boundary House pub, corner of Northcourt Road, the traffic lights junction].

We look forward to seeing you there, UP THE WASPS!

**Bradley Cox**

**DO come along to cheer the lads on, if you can!** That day is the FA Cup Final, but that one is on in the evening this year!

Now, here's a couple of pics of **previous Drayton teams** who got to that cup-final, the most prestigious for local teams at this level {with thanks to the League officials and their store of old match programmes}. And – a 1950s team on a later page!

**Top of the page** is the team that played May 10th, **2003**, at Abingdon Town, v Kintbury, but lost 2-1 (the Reserves that season had won League division 5, and the AG Kingham Cup).

In team formation 1 to 11 (so not the photo!), they were:- Tim Absolom, Graham Ahier, Neil Allen, Ian Beachey, Paul Biddle, Aaron Burgess, Lee Durkin, Paul Evans, Dan Harley, Robbie McNeill, Stephen Munns. Subs from Mark Kelly, Nic King, Greg Lester & Richard Payne (Co-managers were Evans, and Robert Paxman). **REMEMBER any of those?!**

Now, the more colourful chaps below, that was April 29th **2006**, v Lambourn at Abingdon Utd, 2-2 after Extra Time, but sadly, lost on pens! (well, if it's good enough for England).

Prog lists 4-4-2 formation, Richard Underwood (goalie), Darryl Hutt, Neal Allen, Ian Beachey, Dean Godwin, then Mark Humphreys, Mark Orlando, Robbie McNeill (also mgr), Dave Stanley in midfield, and Danny Curran & Steven Munns (\*\*!!) up front. Subs were Dave Miles, Adam Godwin, Andy Aldington, Andy King, Tom Hemmings. **Recognise anyone?!!** NB – two spelling differences with the earlier prog, for Allen & Munns!

They had won their semi final that season 2-1 against Harwell 'International' – which sounds like they beat a team who had an advantage in player choices?!



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**The church remains open daily** {Sunday – Saturday, **10-4**}.

NB – Please note that the open hours have changed!

And >> all information is correct at time of going to press.

## REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday	8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (2nd Sunday only);
	9.45 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (CW) except 4th Sunday, when a non-Eucharistic Morning Praise is held;
Thursday	9.45 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (1st & 3rd Thurs) – or . . . <b>Celtic Morning Prayer</b> (2nd & 4th).

## PLEASE NOTE

Thurs May 26th 7.30 pm **Ascension Day** - DAMASCUS Parish Service at Milton St Blaise.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mondays	7.45 pm	<b>Bellringing Practice</b>
Tuesday	2.30 pm	<b>First Tuesday Connect – ALL welcome for a cuppa &amp; chat (first Tues of month)</b>
Weds	10.00 am	<b>Pebbles Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> (term-time);

**Please let us know** if you are self-isolating & need help of any kind, so that prayer and practical support can be offered in a safe way.

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## From the DAMASCUS Ministry Team

In amongst all the despair of the national and international news it has been heartening to see the response to the refugee crisis across the world; in this country and, more locally, in the villages of the DAMASCUS Parish, in many and varied ways. Every single act of kindness; every gift of money; every prayer said, all offer a sign of Easter hope in a Good Friday world.

John Rutter, the composer, has written a new choral work in response to the invasion of Ukraine. Funds raised from 'A Prayer for Ukraine', are going to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine appeal. Rutter explained: "How can a composer respond to a global tragedy? I suppose by writing music: like everybody I have been shocked and dismayed by the events of recent days. The first thing I wanted to do was write music that would respond in my own way. I went to a late-night service in my old college chapel where they sang a setting of a lovely Ukrainian prayer, so having encountered the Ukrainian text...I wrote my own music. I hope the meaning of the text will resonate in people's hearts."

The words of the piece, originally in Ukrainian, translate into English as: "Good Lord protect the Ukraine. Give her strength, courage, faith, and hope. Amen." He added: "I hope it speaks in terms which reach out to the Ukrainian people in their hour of need." **You can listen** to the new work at:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bx4QFxfW2s>

We might not have the ability to compose a special piece of music but we can all look to using our gifts, our talents and our resources to serve and help others in whatever way we can. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell, have said in the light of the war that "all people of goodwill [are called upon] to join in prayer for the people of Ukraine and to work practically to support them in their hour of need...In these days of uncertainty and fear, we pray that each of us might again turn to the Lord and receive God's gift of peace, work for God's justice, and know God's reconciliation and love."

**With love and prayers.**

**Helen (Rector of the DAMASCUS Parish ministry team)**

## Local Groups & Clubs

### **Drayton Wives (Lisa Lammiman)**

This month's meeting was very much close to home as we had a guided tour of St Peter's Church by **Val Cross** and **Josie Midwinter**.

The church was first mentioned in 1284 when the chapel was built. The church was part of St Helens in Abingdon in 1867 and then it broke away and became a parish. It is a grade 2\* listed building so work on it can be difficult.

At the moment it is part of the **Damascus parish** as there weren't enough priests to go round so it is now one parish with a parochial church council. The 5 churches comprising this are:- Drayton, Sutton Courtenay, Steventon, Appleton & Milton.

Inside the church the left hand side is 15th century and the chancel is c19th, so it is a bit of an amalgamation of styles. In the **Chancel** there was a 'Rood' screen from 1855 which was used for candles and ceremonies (it's a screen that you can look through).

In 1632 Tyrell bought a pew - some pews could be bought though others were free!! The pulpit is **Jacobean** but it has been renovated. It included a **sounding board** to project the vicar's voice to the congregation.

The church has **numerous monuments** such as an Elizabethan poor box, a 17th century aumbry (a small recess or cupboard built into the Church wall), and a piscina, used to keep water/wine at the side of the altar.

There is a **wonderful Triptych** above the altar, 3 colourful panels linked into the stained glass windows. At the moment it's closed due to Lent.

There is also a wonderful carved wooden statue of a mother and child by craftsmen from Malawi. This was commissioned in memory of Dr Susan Cole King, who had been a doctor in Malawi. Dr King was ordained in America and then came to England but then she had to have a male priest to issue communion [Ed:- yes, the C of E has been gradually catching up].

Another prominent figure was Reverend Francis Robinson who was vicar in 1878-1908. He was a great wood carver and an excellent bell ringer. He was the first 'thousand pealer' in 1871, and was the founding Master of the Guild of Bell-ringers.

St Peter's church has **great history and is well worth a look around**. It is open everyday as a place of tranquillity.

If there are **any ladies who would like to join us we are a very friendly group**.

**Dont forget** - coffee mornings are held on the **2nd Monday** of the month at 10.00am in the **Caudwell Day Centre** (why not join us, May 9th?).

Everyone welcome

**Lisa Lammiman**

**Pebbles Baby and Toddler Group** >> we meet in Church on a Wednesday morning, during term time, from 10.00 - 11.30am. You are so welcome to join us!

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#### **VACANCIES FOR THREE PARISH COUNCILLORS**

There are currently three vacancies for Councillors on Drayton Parish Council. These unpaid positions involve working for the local community as part of a team of 11 Councillors. The Parish Council usually meets in the evening on the second Tuesday of each month in the Caudwell Day Centre.

The work of the Council is varied and interesting. It is organised into topic areas, e.g. Finance and Personnel, Planning, Neighbourhood Development Plan implementation, Rights of Way, Transport, etc. Councillors often undertake work on their topic, and attend meetings between the regular monthly meetings.

**Any resident over the age of 18 can apply to join the council**, as can non-residents with substantial links to the parish. The elections team at the Vale of White Horse District Council or Lorraine Watling, the Parish Clerk, can provide further information about eligibility.

If you can help deliver the work of the Council, and would like to be considered for this position, **please email** an expression of interest to the Parish Clerk email:- **clerk@draytonpc.org**. Your email should include a few lines about yourself, describing your links to the Parish, your skills and interests, and how you feel you can contribute to the Parish Council's work within the community. You may also be asked to address the Council at the meeting when your application for co-option is considered.

## Next PC Meeting

**All residents are welcome to attend.**

Now Tuesday evenings (2nd of month) so it's May 10th, in the Caudwell Day Centre (Gravel Lane), 7.30pm (7pm for the Planning C'tee).

[NB Parking IS a bit limited near the CDC, so if you plan to attend, & can walk or bike there, please do?!]

## Lovely Jubbley Jubilee (Pervin Shahin)

The date (June 5th) is **fast approaching** for us to all turn out and celebrate the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**, and to meet our neighbours and make new friends. We're hoping that the whole village will come together for a Big Lunch on the Rec by the Village Hall, where we can enjoy our **picnics**, accompanied by some **fantastic music followed by an afternoon of fun and games**. Traditional races for young and old will be run by DAMASCUS, and afterwards, there will be a collection to support the wonderful work they are doing for youth in the area. We must offer youth all the help we can get.

As the Antiques Fair will be in Hall that day (it was booked way back in 2021), **parking will be very restricted**, so we are encouraging people to walk with their picnics, chairs, rugs, parasols and other paraphernalia, or to be dropped off. There will be some restricted parking on the grass, but **only for the elderly or disabled**, who would find it difficult to walk.

We are **encouraging car sharing**, so pack yourselves in, but please find room for a small flag to wave during the sing-along with the **Steventon Choral Society**. Song sheets will be circulated so we can all join in. It might not be Pavarotti in the park, but we'll 'ave a ditty for a lark!

Our County Councillor **Richard Webber** has kindly agreed to be the Master of Ceremonies, to announce events as they happen, and to drum up support, for example the racing or singing. Maybe there should be a prize for the one who best races while singing! The song froid prize?

There will also be a **prize** awarded for the **best fancy dress** in the three categories: Regal attire, red/white/blue and 50's costumes. Prizes for **both adults and children** will be awarded. So now's your chance to be a Queen for a day or a King pin even 'till the knight!

The Village Hall will be open, in case you would like to pop in for a quick antique purchase, or in case you are caught short, either of which can be quite unexpected, I've always found.

The PC has made the decision to buy a **marquee** in case of any rain or too much sun or even a little wind, so either way, we're covered so to speak. It can of course be used for future events, so a water tight investment.

So **don't forget** to bring your picnic chairs if needed, or to take your rubbish home with you, and litterally not fritter away your litter [Ed:- I gather that Pervin wishes to thank the spirit of Basil Brush for helping with the jokes in this article! Boom-boom]. See the poster (p20) for more details, meanwhile, the Parish Council looks forward to **welcoming you to this frolicking, rollicking village celebration**.

**To contact** any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the **Parish Clerk, Lorraine Watling**; she may be contacted at **clerk@draytonpc.org** or **07909 176061**, and she will ensure that messages are passed on. Any Drayton resident may also ask to be added to the Clerk's E-mailing list, so that they receive prior notice of meetings and any relevant documents.





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Entrants to the **March coffee break competition** will doubtless have been wondering who won (some holidays prevented us from sharing the news in the last issue) – it was **John Gould's** lucky envelope pulled from the bulging bag of entries (& he's in Steventon Road; see his table-tennis report on p7).

The correct answer was (of course!) **BICHON FRISE**. Congratulations!

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# Local Groups & Clubs

## Drayton Table Tennis Club

On Mon April 4th, we ran our Cadets Championships. This was the first time since 2019 due to Covid. The competition for under-15s was a great success with 10 players entering. That number is a real bonus, as without any table tennis for 18 months, and our enforced move away from the village school, the numbers attending our weekly coaching sessions have been brilliant.

There were two competitions – singles and doubles. To try and ensure even matches, the players received 'handicaps' (assessed by the coaches) and in many instances these proved accurate.

In the singles the players were split into two groups of 5. Playing each other in matches of 'best of 3 games' the top two in each group made progress to the semi-finals.

This saw **Nicholas Pocock-Bell** play **Nathaniel Wray** and **Luca Hemsley** versus **Oliver Gifford**. Nicholas won his match in two games 11-6, 11-8 but the other semi-final went all the way with Luca prevailing 11-8, 6-11, 11-2. The final, with Luca giving Nicholas a 4 points start, saw the first game go 11-7 in Luca's favour. The second game was much closer and at 9-9 could have gone either way. However, **Luca** took the next two points to become singles Champion.



For the doubles, we paired the players carefully to again make matches as even as possible. In the final, **Oliver Gifford** and **Srivats Goyal** (aged just 10 and 11) were up against the two singles finalists, Luca (aged 14) and Nicholas (aged 11). Starting at 0-0 the younger team showed great skill and prevailed 11-6, 11-8.

The evening was a great success. Played in a friendly atmosphere, showing children's sport can be both competitive and also enjoyable, even for those who lose. The feedback from the players and their parents has been brilliant and bodes well for the future.

John Gould

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## Drayton W.I.

At our April meeting, we welcomed back the amazing **Karen and Bret Wiles** and their collection of **wartime memorabilia**. This time their token subject was Rationing and how it affected the way we lived. Some of us are old enough to remember ration books and learning how to manage on very little.

The talk they gave was accompanied by pictures and short film clips produced by the Ministry of Food. Apart from the visual display they brought samples of wartime recipes and a wonderful display of available produce on the grocer's shelves.

The vinegar cake was different (!! but was better than no cake at all, there was also bread pudding, another example of waste not, want not, and still made today. Brought back many memories of our childhoods, but as we knew no different, we didn't miss the treats and sweets of today.

Next month we will welcome Russell Cherry of Denman fame, he will take us on a journey on the Thames from its source. Why not come and learn a little more about the river we often take for granted. Thurs May 12th, 7.30 pm.

The W.I. meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, in the Caudwell Day Centre (7.30pm), Gravel Lane.

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[Ed's note:- 1) re the "rationing" in the WI report, I was born at the end of the 40s; still had sugar rationing – eg sweets – in my first few years! And 2) <<< re that "competitive, and enjoyable" in the Table-tennis report, quite so. AND --- achieved with none of the diving & cheating that has become endemic in the top levels of football, as can sadly be seen on any episode of Match of the Day!]

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# YOUR LETTERS

## Bad Dog! (& blame owners more?!)

Dear Editor, High Street

This relates to dog owners, a request (Ed:- yes, the latest in a long series of such letters!) for them to **respect people's property and to take their waste bags home, or dispose of them in the bins provided** - rather than throwing them into people's gardens!

The small path that links the High Street to Gravel Lane, via the small paddock, borders our house, and we have people throwing dog waste bags into our garden.

You can clearly see that someone owns this house as building work is happening on site, so I do not understand why people think they have a right to do this.

Kind Regards

Sue Hunt



Dear Editor,

via email

Every time I go for a walk anywhere around Drayton I am disgusted at the amount of dog poo that there is lying around.

The grass at the side of the paths is full of it but even worse, it is also on the paths themselves! Certain people who own dogs simply let them defecate where ever they want and just leave it.

I ask those certain types of dog owners (and you know who you are) **to do their duty and pick it up! I spend more time on my walk looking at the ground than anything else.**

The parish council should be ashamed that the problem has become this bad in the village and more needs to be done about it please!

Kind Regards

{Name withheld by request}

[Ed's note:- This is of course a perennial request/moan, and perhaps every few weeks something similar appears on the local Facebook sites. From emails with the author, we established that it's tricky for ANY Parish Council to do very much – and in case anyone is sufficiently deluded to think that only this village has thoughtless/selfish dog owners, in fact of course local Facebooks and papers all round the country have long featured the same type of complaint. Perhaps more CCTV might help – that's a frequent suggestion – but that usually leads to squawks about 'Big Brother' . . . & not the wretched TV show!]



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# MORE LETTERS

## Charles Booth

Dear Editor, via email

For those who weren't aware, Charlie Booth, former owner of A.C.B. (Abingdon Car Breakers, in Sutton Wick Lane) sadly passed away on March 6th ([aged 101](#)) after a short stay in Hospital. Charlie was a long standing resident of the village and will be [missed by many](#).

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## Sue Hunt

Dear Editor, Hilliat Fields

I would like to **thank all our neighbours and friends** for the kindness shown to me and the rest of the family after the loss of **my dear wife Susan**.

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Kind Regards Ray Hunt

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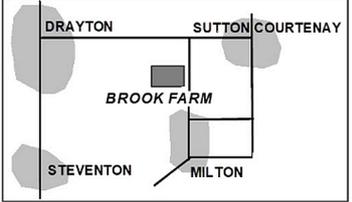
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## Thanks for 'Tommies' – don't forget!

Dear Editor, Lockway

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Thank you! Shirley Thomas



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## Homes for Ukraine

Refugees are finally beginning to arrive in the Homes for Ukraine. There has been some concern over safeguarding of these refugees – many of whom are unaccompanied young women or families with small children. This is an unpleasant thing to think about, but it is essential that it be addressed.

The VoWHDC have been **carrying out visits to the homes volunteered**, with the aim to be practical and provide support as well. Officers have been confirming the appropriateness of the accommodation and carrying out safeguarding checks and using the opportunity to provide support payments.

We have been asking Government for guidance on occasions where the accommodation is safe, but there is insufficient space for the number of refugees expected to live there, as well as for cases where the placement breaks down. That is – what financial resources and support are available to rehome people in this situation? We still await the response.

## Two big 'Takeaways'

... **from my three years as District Councillor**

There are a bunch of things that have been prominent (such as the role of Local Authorities in Disaster Management and Public Health Crises – a role that wasn't that prominent three years ago but is very noticeable now!), but two themes have stood out:-

**1 – There are multiple Councils, and the division of responsibility can get confusing.**

This is something about which I'd not been fully aware before getting interested: the division of responsibilities and authorities between County, District, and Parish Councils. The main source of confusion (even, sometimes, to Councillors!) is **the division between County and District**. There are some areas that bounce between both – such as **waste and recycling** (District collects it, County runs the recycling centres - mostly). Or with developments, where planning permission, conditions, and what we *can* do over enforcement (often considerably less than we would like, due to legislation) are District matters whilst roads and drainage are County ones. Given that after three years, even I still have to look up which of us does what, is an indication of the issue.

I get on very well with Richard Webber, our County Councillor, and we talk frequently, that helps a lot, as has the fact that OCC officers have been very helpful as and when I've spoken with them. →

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→ The solution of **merging them into a Unitary Authority** does run into challenges of size (Oxfordshire is too large to be democratically responsive enough as a Unitary Authority) but could be solved by making separate North Oxfordshire and South Oxfordshire UAs. There have been some noises in that direction from Central Government; I hope they come to something.

**2 – The Planning Department and Planning Committee has little discretion, balancing compulsory approvals or rejections!**

For all the activity in other areas (climate change, budgetary work, leisure facilities, car parks, and so on), the one area that gets the most scrutiny and garners the most push-back is undoubtedly the area of planning permission. This is very true at the time of writing – a **controversial application in Drayton** is going in front of the Planning Committee, will have done when you read this.

It's the area where the freedom of action of both Council Officers and Councillors is the most limited. Years upon years of legislation being added and added, careening between the two directions of making refusal near-compulsory or making approval near-compulsory, built up a minefield of interlocking legislation and Plans (capital "P") that were written at multiple levels.

As a deputy member of the Planning Committee (who has never yet been needed to be active on the Planning Committee), I have had multiple training courses in how to make either rejections or approvals "stick" – as developers will frequently appeal decisions to the Planning Inspectorate, who may well **overrule refusals** if there is any loophole in all of that legislation (eg in the unpleasant situation where an area does not have five years of land supply in the pipeline, overruling on developers' behalf is almost universal). [Ed:- this article is continued on p12; And it seems the 'Ox-Cam Expressway' concept has finally been flushed away – hurray! - more on THAT on a later page]

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# Vale Report+ (Planning Legislation Issues)

[ED:- continued from p11 >>] In many cases, the Committee (and department as a whole) has little choice – if an application complies with the various areas of legislation, they must grant permission; if it does not, they must reject. **Many outwardly valid objections** raised by us all turn out to be covered in the legislation and therefore get automatically dismissed.

**This is immensely frustrating** – in too many cases, applications that are seen to be damaging or disruptive have to be approved. In others, applications that look to be sustainable or non-disruptive have to be compulsorily rejected.

There is still an area for discretion to be applied - the Planning Committee still has some ability here, but it is being narrowed again and again. There have been several occasions where they can't reject or can't approve of something, despite wanting to do so (however, they can almost always still apply significant conditions to approval in cases where they are mandated to approve something). To successfully object to an application (or support one), you almost have to be highly familiar with that entire thicket of overlapping legislation and plans – something that's **simply not feasible for most people**.

Unsurprisingly, **this is the area that causes most controversy**, to which the central governmental response (under most colours of Government) is to further *increase* the legislation or *reduce* the discretion available to Local Authorities...

Personally, **I'd like to see most of this legislation wiped away**, replaced with advisory guidelines to give the Local Authority discretion on approvals, with an independent requirement for five-year land supply provided by the ONS. Should a Local Authority fail to approve enough housing (which is obviously what worries central Government), then the route of appeal under a failure of five-year land supply would be open, so Local Authorities would have every incentive to avoid that. However, and **importantly**, the Local Authority (**with control voted for by residents**) would have **much more control and authority of what gets approved and where and how**.

**That's what people expect to see**, and that's what I believe we should see, rather than **this legislative nightmare**. However, this is what we've got, and therefore, what we've got to work with!!

Take care, and stay safe,

**Andy Cooke**

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# News Round-up

## Death of 'Expressway'

Yes, the 'Ox-Cam Expressway' seems to have bitten the dust in a Whitehall room.

I actually missed the official pronouncement of the cancellation as it happened during the height of Covid. It's hard to believe that the threat of this – which weighed similarly to the reservoir threat for a while – has finally gone. It was a key element in my original decision to run for the District Council.

This Expressway would have provided **no useful A34 upgrades** – but WOULD have resulted in an additional 1.3 million HGV movements per year on the already highly-stressed A-road (and coming through our villages when the A34 inevitably had closures).

It "justified" an additional 1 million homes to be built across the Arc with **no funding for local infrastructure**, and it wouldn't have provided much use in linking the cities in question (whilst the East-West Rail *would* do so), it was simply a justification for moving freight vehicles from Southampton/Portsmouth to Harwich and vice-versa. It's no surprise that it was so unpopular.

**Universal condemnation** by every Council along the Arc pointing out the dangers and issues with the proposal and shredding the cost-benefit analysis played their part in the cancellation.

We'd like to see East-West Rail accelerated and electrified and funding given to local infrastructure along the Arc (if the argument was true that this was about what they said it was, that should be a no-brainer. Sadly, I'm not holding my breath).

However, as we knuckle down to the fight against the **unnecessary and damaging mega-reservoir of Thames Water**, it's encouraging to see other successes like this one.

*Andy Cooke*

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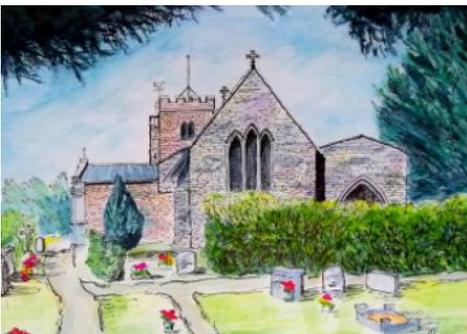
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NOW – the **Hall Management C'tee is holding its AGM in May**, presently scheduled to be Monday 16th (7.30pm) – though check the local F'book to make sure there's no late change (any illness to key personnel, for example).

We'd like to ask anyone who is interested in how the village hall is run, and may be able to assist in its organisation, to **please come along**. We are a **small committee who would appreciate any help** where possible!

The meetings are generally every other month, and usually on the third Monday evening. **Please come along if you could contribute in any way to the upkeep and running of the Village hall**.

**For more info**, call Sue Stevens (secretary) on 01235 200350, or Tony (Bookings) on 531180.

Oh, and a separate note, the next **Antiques Fair**, that's on May 1st (9.30 to about 3pm), but looking further to the June one (5th), THAT will see the Parish Council's big Jubilee bash out on the Rec that day too (so **parking will be at a premium?**).

Re bookings generally, kiddies party requests picked up at a busy pace, once Covid seemed to retreat a bit, so we've hardly any weekend spots left in May or June.

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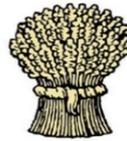
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# County Council Report



## Richard Webber - Oxon CC

### Cars

As a member of two Councils, each with a top priority of doing what they can to address climate change, I am amazed at how much of my casework revolves around the problems of cars. Parking, neighbourhood disputes, potholes, traffic speeds and congestion – **at the heart of all these issues is the motor car.**

Now I am as guilty as anyone. I own two cars. One is a much loved old Citroen Saxo – high mileage in its early years – reliable and cheap to run in spite of high road tax due to its relatively high emissions. I know it is coming to the end of its days but it will be sad to say goodbye after 20 years of reliable service. The other one is a 9 year old Seat – with, at one stage, what seemed like low emissions, low road tax and more mpg than the Saxo. However, like so many of us, I am wrestling with the guilt that in the interests of a healthier world, **I should be reducing to one electric car and finding a way of financing it.** [\*\*\*]

My generation has never known a world without cars. The US grid layout of cities is down to the motor car. Our own cities and towns were built for the horse and cart! Adapting them for the motor car has been a problem for more than a century. I was recently shown two photographs of New York streets – the first in 1908 (only horses and carts in sight) – the second in 1913 (nothing but cars). The change was both dramatic and complete within 5 years. Major changes in transport can happen in a very short time. Are we now on the verge of such a dramatic change? ➔

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➔ We all expect to own at least one car and to drive between 5000 and 15000 miles a year. Cars require roads and there is a common acceptance that **as more and more cars appear, we need more and more roads to accommodate them.**

### Induced Demand

Since 1913, the evidence has been growing that building more roads itself generates more traffic. More roads – more cars – more roads - in a never ending cycle. There is also mounting evidence that, if a new road is built, the temptation to use our cars (rather than walking or cycling or using public transport) increases with induced demand. As all our roads become ever more congested, many are now arguing that we need to break this cycle and that road building is not the solution. Our resources might be better spent on maintaining our present system and repurposing our roads to positively encourage alternatives to car transport whilst actively discouraging the use of the car. I am always being charged with being anti-car. Guilty as charged.

If I am sitting in a traffic queue whilst regular buses in a dedicated bus lane are overtaking me, am I more likely to choose bus travel? If there is a safe, dedicated footpath and cycle way, will I choose to walk or cycle? At present, too many bus timetables are disrupted by car traffic. If my bus is held up in car and other traffic, I am much more likely to travel by car. Many young people in London choose not to own a car because public transport is quicker, easier and journey times more reliable. Discouraging single occupancy, congestion charging, toll roads will have to be considered alongside measures to make public transport and active travel more attractive for everyone.

### Local issues and possible solutions

The proposed new HIF Rd designed to alleviate traffic congestion, reduce environmental damage and provide for further growth in our area, is being argued over as I write. It may be that we have to have this road to address immediate and past problems, however, conversations and studies over longer term planning are likely to move us all away from new road building as a solution.

Our money would be better spent on bus and rail, cycle and pedestrian lanes and so on. Is it just possible that this road might be the last built in Oxfordshire? Because if we want our children to enjoy a healthier, happier world, my generation may well have to accept that car ownership was a privilege we once had, but it **can no longer be treated as a right?** **Richard**

**If you have feelings on any County issues you would like me to hear, please contact me:- 01235 534001 or via [richardwebber777@gmail.com](mailto:richardwebber777@gmail.com)**

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## REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

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

(PLEASE check the Church noticeboard for info re services)

**NB** LOOK OUT for the BAPTIST CAFÉ with tea, coffee, cake & a chat! Thursdays 11.00 to 13.00, BUT – please NOTE it’s been relocated, to the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane.



Our MP (Wantage/Didcot) is David Johnston (OBE, awarded for services to Social Mobility and Education).

Since I last wrote, I have given two speeches on two very different topics, but they have one thing in common. The first was about rape conviction rates in this country. I talked about the fact they’re too low, and shared cases from constituents anonymously to highlight how the **system doesn’t work well enough for the victims**. I shared stats I’d been given about public attitudes to rape that a constituent had given me, and I stressed the need to **educate boys** about the right way to treat girls so they grow up to be men who behave in the right way towards women.

The second speech was about **the lack of GP practices** for the number of houses we’ve had built. Yes, a regular theme I talk about, but I’ve joined forces with colleagues who have similar issues to try and **maximise** our campaigning efforts.

I set out in detail the level of housebuilding we’ve had, the fact that years and years have passed without additional, promised GP practices being built and I talked about what I thought should happen, including infrastructure going in first and setting a **maximum number of patients** per GP or practice (surprisingly, **there isn’t one at present**).

What the two very different topics have in common – apart from being longstanding issues – is that **no one organisation is responsible** for solving the problem. Both are of course significantly affected by what Govts do (or don’t do). But the failure to see enough rape prosecutions is also partly about what the police, CPS and judges do, as well as about societal attitudes, which affect jury decisions. And on GPs, it’s partly to do with the actions of housebuilders and developers, councils, the Clinical Commissioning Group and national NHS bodies.

People understandably look to Govt to solve problems, but authority in this country tends to be well dispersed – and for good reasons – so, unfortunately, no one lever being pulled in Westminster will quickly solve them.

My **Climate Summit** this year will be on June 27th, 9am – 1.30pm via Zoom, with Alok Sharma as the keynote speaker. **Sign up** via [www.david-johnston.org.uk](http://www.david-johnston.org.uk) to take part.

Alongside my usual surgery appointments and visits to schools, businesses, charities, etc, I had a fantastic visit to **11 EOD & Search Regiment** in Didcot. They work tirelessly to keep us all safe and almost nothing they do will ever make it into the papers, but we should be very proud to have them in the constituency.

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# Down the Years



So, for this occasional venture back into the **Pop Chart annals**, who was charting this time of year, going back through time? **Remember these?** >>

**20 years ago** – doesn't seem that long, but **Sugababes** had their first #1 with 'Freak Like Me', a mix of lyric and instrumental from two other songs (it's only plagiarism if you don't tell the people concerned?!). I'm not sure which that was of their approx 35 different line-ups?!

Back **30 years** and that month was only notable for the **Guns 'N' Roses** hit 'Knockin on Heaven's Door', but soon to just miss his second #1 was **Nick Berry** (& whatever happened to him?) with 'Heartbeat' (from his TV show, the song a cover of the rather superior Buddy Holly original).

**40 years ago** (is it REALLY so long?!) and it was World Cup year, the **England squad** had a hit with 'This Time (We'll get it right)' and **Scotland** a slightly lesser one 'We Have a Dream'. Neither song matched the actual results! On the real musical front (much better!) **Yazoo** charted with 'Only You' (Alison Moyet still sounds good!), and **Fun Boy Three** with . . . **Bananarama**, had 'Really Saying Something'. PLUS - two terrific #1 hits, **Adam Ant** with 'Goody Two Shoes', & **Madness** with 'House of Fun'. Coming up the charts were the **Steve Miller Band** ('Abracadabra'), and **Captain Sensible** ('Happy Talk').

**FIFTY years ago** (for real old-timers) and we'd just had quite a bunch of memorable hits in the top 5, **David Cassidy** with 'Could it be Forever', **Elton John** ('Rocket Man'), & **Lindisfarne** (Lady Eleanor'). Also there were the **Stones** with 'Tumbling Dice' (I thought I knew all their work, but I confess I can't recall that one!). **Don McLean** was #1 ('Vincent'), and we would soon have **Donny Osmond** there too ('Puppy Love'), just holding off **Johnny Nash** with the amazing 'I can see Clearly Now', and the rasping sound of **Dr Hook**, with 'Sylvias Mother'.

Can anyone recall **1962**?! A certain **Bee Bumble & the Stingers** had just been #1 ('Nut Rocker'), and **Mike Sarne** got there (the novelty 'Come Outside') with one **Wendy Richard** also on 'vocals' (mostly speaking!), she of course became household names as **Miss Brahms**, and later **Pauline Fowler** (Are You Being Served / Eastenders respectively). Following that to #1 was the wonderful **Ray Charles** (one of the all-time great male voices) and 'I Can't Stop Loving You'. His other big hits were also great, Hit the Road Jack, & Take these Chains from my Heart.

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**This month in 2012** a pastel version of 'The Scream' (by Munch) was sold for \$120mill, then the highest auction price for a painting. Maybe the painter had an unhappy childhood? And topically **Vladimir Putin** - It isn't clear if he was already deranged! - was 'elected' Russian President for a 2nd term (as Stalin had said, "it doesn't matter how many votes you get, what matters is who counts them"). And sadly we lost **Donna Summer** and **Robin Gibb**.

**TWENTY years ago** we'd just had the State Funeral of the Queen Mother, sadly in the Golden Jubilee year.

In **1992** (the wonderful **Betty Boothroyd** had just been elected Speaker of the House (first woman) and **Susie Dent** was gearing up to be Countdown's 'lexicographer' (still there of course!). But we lost **Marlene Dietrich**, and the iconic **Robert Morley**. Morrissey helped to form 'alternative' rock band **The Smiths** [the more accurate title 'The Glums' had already been used in a 50s radio show].

**FORTY years ago** the Falklands War was in full swing (Argentina surrendered in June), **Pope John Paul II** visited the UK, and **Dynasty** was first shown here. That was also the year when **E.T.** was released, shattering box-office records, and **Gandhi** & **Tootsie** also appeared.

In **1972** the **final stretch of the M6 was opened** (near the famous Spaghetti Junction). The next day 7 miles of it were coned off, down to one lane, so motorists would know what to expect, forever after. **Dwayne Johnson** ('The Rock') was born, and the **Duke of Windsor** (very briefly Edward 8th before abdicating in 1936) died.

# GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development)

## Abingdon Reservoir - Latest

We would again like to express **our thanks to everyone** that responded to the Water Resources South East (WRSE) plan and the other many forms of support such as leafleting.

The articulate objections from our two local councils and the individual Councillors have resulted in a **united and strong campaign**, just as we have always hoped.

We look forward to welcoming both members and non-members at the GARD AGM, Fri April 29th, 7:30pm Steventon Village Hall (probably happened by the time you read this).

The next key stage in the process is WRSE's feedback and we **anticipate having further news in June**.

In the meantime for further info, contact details and updates visit:- [www.gard-oxon.org.uk](http://www.gard-oxon.org.uk) F'book: @abingdonreservoir and on Twitter @GARD\_OXON

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## UP for the CUP (p3) but back in the 50s!

This photo may be old & grainy, but it was kindly supplied by **Barry Davis**, it's the Drayton team that won the North Berks Cup way back in 1953, v Abingdon Utd.

**Can any of our older readers** maybe remember these guys? Might be descendants? [Oh, and spot the boots!].

The photo wasn't in the match programme, so we can't exactly match the names to the faces! But the names we were given don't quite agree with the match programme, we think that's because the game went to a replay, so this picture might be the team in the drawn first game, but the programme was of the replay? Or vice-versa?

The programme team (just surnames) was:- Meadham (goalie, the easy one!), Cox, Stevens, B Jones, Chapman, V Jones, Payne, Cox, Mott, Richardson, Town. But they didn't give the initials of the two Coxes, who were playing at what was then called right-back, and 'inside-right' (younger readers, ask someone very old!).



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→> The photo player names are (back row) Pete Town, Vernon Jones, Stan Meadham, Mike Cox, Alan Mott, '?'; front row Charlie Rippington, (NOT in programme), Ralph Mott, Fred Stevens, Byron Jones, and either Ivor or Jim Chapman. WHO is '?'. **Club officials** in 'civvies' are listed as Arthur Winfield, Owen Cox ('Butty'), & Viv Burgess.

One thing we did enjoy from that old programme (which cost 2d by the way – again, younger readers will need to check what the 'd' pence were?!) were the adverts of local firms back then.

Braggs Cycles, & Beesleys (Men's clothes), both in High St, Ab'don (phone nums 34 & 33 respectively!). Stimpsons (fruit & veg) were at 149 AND 200 Ock St, and Bath St had both Bailey's shoes, and EC Jarvis (boots and shoes).

Bottrell & Co (the "North Berks Ironmongers") were at 5 & 7 Bridge St (phone number, 21). Tiny phone numbers!



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### YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL CONTACTS:-

**Parish (Clerk)** Lorraine Watling ([clerk@draytonpc.org](mailto:clerk@draytonpc.org))

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We shall contact all our members to confirm the session, just in case Covid concerns rise up again!

If you'd like a chat, with a friendly sympathetic voice, or to join us:- **Ros** on **535589** or **Beryl** on **531379**

## LISTINGS

**Antiques Fair** – In the Village Hall - Sunday May 1st (and June 5th too) from 9.30 am (to about 3pm). Varied stalls, just 50p entry, and the chance of an ace bacon sarnie, toasties, etc!

More **Road Closures** (groan!) firstly, from May 16th to 20th, the A338 at East Hanney (Crown Meadow) a massive diversion too, also >> June 6th to 26th (HOW LONG?!) Sutton Road, Milton, (all of it they say?!), diverting using Drayton Rd & Sutton Courtenay.

**ARTWEEKS (South Oxon)** – artists are opening their studios, May 14th to 22nd. Info [www.artweeks.org](http://www.artweeks.org)

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 (for other regular events, see the R-H column >>>)

Sun	1	9.30am	ANTIQUES FAIR (to 3pm)
Sat	7	1.00pm	Private Function (child's party)
Sun	8	11.45am	Private Function (child's party)
Tues	10	7.30pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> <i>Caudwell DC</i> (Planning C'tee - 7pm)
Sat	14	10.00am	Private Function (child's party)
Sun	15	9.30am	& 2pm Private Function (child's party)
<b>Mon</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>CHRONICLE DEADLINE (see p2)</b> (NB Adverts by Friday 13th please!)
Mon	16	7.30pm	HALL AGM (see p 13)
Sat	21		<b>FODSA Village Fete</b> (ad on p10)
Sun	22	2.00pm	Private Function (child's party)
Sat	28	11.00am	Private Function (child's party)
Sun	29	10.00am	Private Function (child's party)



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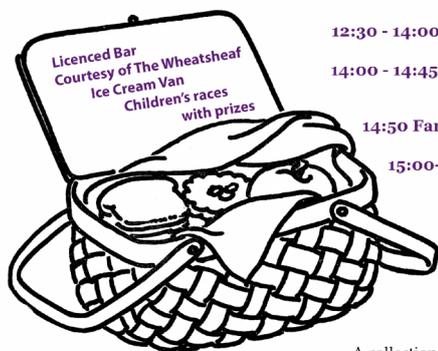
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Here's the 'Regular Events' diary, as per those dim & distant pre-Covid times. Many of the regular Village Hall groups & classes have restarted, just a couple left and their return seems imminent.

## REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

NB PLEASE - if an entry is wrong - DO tell an editor (page 2)

### MONDAYS [## = Small Hall in Village Hall]

- 2.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session
- 6.00 pm Damascus Youth ##
- 6.00 pm Tae Kwon Do (mostly juniors - Phill 07596 700476)
- 7.15 pm Badminton (Private Group)
- 7.45 pm Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours) *St Peter's*

### 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*

### WEDNESDAYS

- 9.30 am Parent & Toddler Group (NB Temp switch fom Thurs)
- 10.00 am Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer group) *Church*
- 1.30 pm Whist Drive *Caudwell DC*
- 2.00 pm Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month) ##
- 2.15 pm Badminton
- 6.30 pm Brownies (term-time / Laura 07916 459435) ##
- 7.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session

### THURSDAYS

- 9.45 am Holy Communion (\*\*) *St Peter's Lady Chapel*
- 11.00 am Baptist Café (to 1pm) *Caudwell DC*
- 2.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session
- 2.00 pm Crafts Group (2nd Thursday - run by U3A, but it's simple to join. Call Kate for info 01235 550486) ##
- 5.30 pm Rainbows (girls 5 to 7 yrs) ##
- 7.30 pm Sequence Dancing (Brian - 01235 531701)
- 7.30 pm Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs) *Caudwell DC*

### FRIDAYS

- 11.00 am The Friday Club (monthly) 202466 *Caudwell Day Centre*  
NB This we heard was hoped to be restarted by now; as a monthly event (had used to be fortnightly)
- 7.15 pm ShikiDojo Martial Arts (Paul - 07479 824887)  
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