



Drayton Chronicle

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CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Drayton Chronicle** will be the **July 2022** issue edited by: **Maurice Puddick (07967815009)**

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NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

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

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

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email to editor@draytonchronicle.net

Your contributions should either be embedded in your email as plain text or attached as a rich-text or Microsoft Word document!

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

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

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

After the deadlines listed at the top of this page, only urgent items will be considered for inclusion and then only if emailed directly to the editor by the Wednesday following the deadlines at the latest.

Editor

Key dates for next Chronicles

Issue	Deadlines for contributions		Printed Chronicles available on:
	Adverts	Editor	
July	10th June	13th June	24th June
August	15th July	18th July	29th July

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

---- Number of Inserts ----

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FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? If so, join us for our monthly tea and chat afternoons in the Church. The meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month 2-30 to 4-00pm. and you can be sure of a warm welcome. The next two meetings will be 7th June and 5th July. If you would like a chat with a friendly, sympathetic voice, or to join us, please call **Beryl** on **513379** or **Ros** on **535589**.

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



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Baptist Coffee Shop: Please join us on Thursday mornings 11am-1pm at the **Caudwell Centre**, Gravel Lane for Tea or Coffee and a chat.

LOCAL METHODIST WORSHIP



High Street, Milton

Sunday Service: 10:30 am

Contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle. Tel: 531409

Dear Friends

Our Jubilee celebrations are not only a reflection of the very best of community life - creativity, inclusiveness, commitment and relationships, they are a fitting tribute to our Queen on her Platinum Jubilee. The Queen has led by example, her model of duty and responsibility rightly earning her the respect and love of people around the globe.

I pray that the example shown by Queen Elizabeth II will continue as a beacon in the world, which sometimes feels as if it is in the grip of the destroyers rather than the creators. Let's make our village Jubilee celebrations an opportunity for further acts of creativity and compassionate friendships which will be in greater need than ever in what will be for many, a time of unprecedented hardship.

Now is the time to celebrate and give thanks for our community and to encourage ourselves for new expressions of both service and community building. We may soon be welcoming war torn families into our homes, school and community. More households will be facing food and fuel poverty and reliant on public or shared transport arrangements. It is in our giving that we can bring hope in dark times. Our Sovereign has set us the finest example that the duty and privilege to serve is our highest calling.

"For me, as a Christian, one of the most important of these teachings is contained in the parable of the Good Samaritan, when Jesus answers the question, 'Who is my neighbour?' It is a timeless story of a victim of a mugging who was ignored by his own countrymen but helped by a foreigner – and a despised foreigner at that. The implication drawn by Jesus is clear. Everyone is our neighbour, no matter what race, creed or colour. The need to look after a fellow human being is far more important than any cultural or religious differences." (Queen's Christmas message, 2004)

The following prayer will be used at our Jubilee Celebration Services on Sunday 5 June. Please come and join us as we give thanks for our Sovereign's faith, service and steadfastness as we celebrate not just her Platinum Jubilee, but the gift of God's Holy Spirit to enable us to show his love in acts of faithful service, compassion and peace.

*Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another.*

Rev'd Phil Sutton

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The church remains open daily, Sunday – Saturday 10– 4.
(Note change in opening times)

REGULAR SERVICES.

Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion on 2 nd Sunday of the month only.
Sunday	9.45 am	Holy Communion (CW)), except 4 th Sunday non– Eucharist Morning Praise is held
Thursday	9.45 am	Holy Communion (1 st and 3 rd Thursdays) ,Celtic Morning Prayer (2 nd and 4 th Thursdays)

Sunday 5th June. 9.45 a.m

A Special Service with Holy Communion celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

All Welcome!

PARISH REGISTER

Wedding

Sunday 1st May Elizabeth Griffiths and James Fargher

Funeral

Thursday 28th April Susan Hunt

REGULAR EVENTS

Wednesday mornings 10.00 – 11.30a.m **Pebbles Baby and Toddler Group.**

If you have a baby or toddler you would be so welcome to join us. We meet in Church. Please email suedraytonpebbles@outlook.com for more information or visit our Drayton Pebbles Facebook Page.

YOU STAY WE PRAY, JUNE 2022

29th May – 4th June:

Furlongs; Plough Lane; Furrows End; Lammas Land; Virgate; Fallowfield Close

5th – 11th June:

Lockway

12th – 18th June:

Whitehorns Way

19th–25th June:

Corneville Road; Crabtree Lane; Lesparre Close

26th June – 3rd July:

Drayton Road; Milton Road; New Cut Mill; Fisher Close; Marcham Road; Meads Close; Rippington Court; Stone Hill



Platinum Pudding Competition Marmalade Bread & Butter Puddings



Dried Ingredients

30 grams caster sugar
Zest of one large orange (squeeze the orange retain the juice for later in the recipe)
250 grams of fresh breadcrumbs (made from left over bread or crusts.)

Wet Ingredients

50 grams melted salted butter
2 medium eggs
15 millilitres of freshly squeezed orange juice
50 millilitres of home made or bought marmalade
250 millilitres of milk

Butter to generously grease 6 ramekin pots

Method

Stage 1.

Grease the ramekins and return to fridge to chill butter.
Set the oven for 180 electric / 5 / 6 if gas, leave to heat up whilst you prepare the pudding. Put shelf in middle position.

Stage 2.

Combine all the dry ingredients in a large mixing bowl.

Stage 3.

In a separate bowl add all wet ingredients and whisk together until all the ingredients are combined.

Stage 4.

Add the bowl containing the liquids to the bowl with the dry ingredients in. Combine together using a wooden spoon. You now have the mixture which will become your puddings.

Stage 5.

Divide the mixture equally between the 6 ramekins. Wipe away any spills to the sides. Using your finger run it along the inside rim of the ramekin to give a clean edge before baking.

In a small pan pour the remaining squeezed orange juice and add 15 millilitres of orange marmalade. Heat until bubbling. Keep an eye on this stirring all the time.

When the liquid has reduced by $\frac{1}{2}$ turn the heat off and put to one side.

Stage 6.

Place the ramekins on a large baking tray ensuring you space them apart to maximise even baking.

Set timer for 15 minutes.

Check after 15 minutes, if firm to touch the puddings are cooked. If still very wet & spongy give them a further 5 minutes.

Remove and place on a cooling tray.

Run a knife around the rims of the ramekins to loosen the puddings.

Turn out on to a warmed plate.

Take a spoonful of the marmalade syrup and drizzle over the pudding.

Drizzle a few drips around the plate.

Serve with custard, ice cream or pouring cream.

During lock-down people experienced shortages of certain items of food.

I am sure from her life during the war her majesty is only too familiar with the importance of making something out of very little. I hope she would be proud to know there are still people like myself who value the food we buy and by being inventive we reduce our waste to virtually nothing.

Although my entry didn't win or even get short listed in this competition, I truly believe you will find this a lovely light, fresh and delicious pudding to serve to your families.

Susan Baird

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Abingdon Reservoir – Latest from

GARD

The **GARD AGM** was well attended with some great discussion and ideas to support our campaigns planned for summer and autumn – thank you to all that came.

A **“Water Summit”** has been scheduled by Oxfordshire County Council in Oxford for 11 June. GARD will be co-chairs and the summit will seek to form a unified response from all levels of local community, environmental and political opinion.

We will share how you can watch the summit (and perhaps even join) via video link once details are confirmed.

WRSE Draft Regional Plan consultation – WRSE’s response to all the comments made on the plan are anticipated 20 May; we will keep you posted.

WRSE have commented (but TBC) that the significant Oxfordshire response (almost 20% of responses across the whole South-east) could weigh heavily in the way the plan develops.

Thanks again to all those who responded, we were copied into approx. 200 individual responses.

In the meantime for further information, updates, contact details or to join GARD visit:

www.gard-oxon.org.uk,

Facebook: @abingdonreservoir

Twitter: @GARD_OXON

Drayton Alms houses and a special thank you!

Have you ever wandered past the Alms houses and wanted to know more?



The **Drayton Alms houses** were founded in 1818 by four benefactors to benefit those of pensionable age, able to live independently. The six original Alms-houses were demolished and rebuilt in 1980. There are six self-contained bungalows with communal gardens that are beautifully tended by one of the residents.

In recent months we’ve been pleased to welcome two new residents, Elizabeth who moved from Suffolk and Bob who moved from Lincolnshire. Both wanted to be nearer to their families who live in Drayton and without the Almshouses they may not have been able to make the move.

The **Drayton Alms house charity** is managed by a group of Trustees who volunteer their time to manage the requirements of the properties and oversee the welfare of the residents.

In fact, this year saw the retirement of three trustees Lynn Jones, Sue Moore and Camilla King who have given their time selflessly and have shown dedication to supporting the Almshouse residents.

Camilla King particularly has been in the role for almost 30 years – an amazing achievement!

The current Trustees would like to take the opportunity to thank Camilla for her dedication where she has often gone above and beyond the call of duty.

If you would like to know more about the Alms-houses or would be interested in volunteering as a Trustee, please contact:

Sharon Roshier on 07717 846632 or by email to:

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Drayton
Football Club
"The Wasps"

I am proud to say that Drayton Football Club are the North Berks Cup Champions after a long 25 years drought without the trophy! Huge congratulations to the manager Lewis Allen for bringing it home and well done to all the players involved in the cup run. A special mention goes to Man Of

The Match Josh Dennis, who scored 2 goals in our convincing 3-0 victory over East Hendred, putting a stop to their treble hopes. Jamie Jacks scored our opening goal in the first half when the ball deflected in from his free kick. We were 3-0 up at Half-time and successfully saw the second half out. We have many pictures and videos from the day on our Facebook page if you would like to check them out.

Finally, I need to say a big thanks for all of those that went to the match to show your support, we certainly drowned out any noise from the East Hendred crowd. We also would like to thank Youngmans Barbers and Mac Traffic for sponsoring the team on our big day, as well as Drayton Construction and Fix'N'Point for their continued sponsorship of the team. Links to our sponsors can be found on our Facebook Page. Huge thanks to Martha from the Red Lion for putting on an amazing celebration party for us and Marco from the Wheatsheaf for his incredible support for the team throughout the season. It's a day to remember for a very long time!

Now the season is over, we will enjoy our well-earned rest as we aim to achieve even more next campaign.

We are always on the lookout for more players to add to our squad, so if you are interested or know someone who would like to play for us next season, please send us a message on our Facebook page "Drayton Wasps Football Club" or email us at draytonwasps@gmail.com.

We will resume training in the middle of the summer (dates tbc-keep an eye out) at Drayton Recreational Pitch, OX14 4LF (by the village hall off of Steventon Road).

Up The Wasps!!

Bradley Cox



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Location: Home based - to provide administrative and clerical support to the Council, and as the Responsible Financial Officer, to manage the Council's finances.

Hours of work: Up to 80 hours a month to be worked flexibly as required. You are required to attend monthly Parish Council evening meetings except in August

Spot Salary: will be negotiated depending upon experience, CiLCA qualification and transferable skills and is expected to be pro rata in the range (LC2, SCP 17-22) (£12.95 - £14.30 per hour) reviewable annually. The Parish Council currently enrolls the clerk into the Local Government Pension Scheme.

A parish council laptop, phone facility and printer and other stationary will be provided. In addition, an allowance to cover the expenses of working from home will be paid.

The successful candidate will play an integral role in serving the parishioners of Sutton Courtenay and will be responsible to the parish council as a corporate body.

For further information, an application pack is available to download at <https://www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk/> or please contact the present Clerk Helen Savery by emailing info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01235 364211.

If you are interested in applying for the post, please send a covering letter with a complete and current CV and names and addresses of two referees to info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.

Deadline for returning application: noon on Friday 10 June 2022 and Date for interview: 22 June 2022



THE WHEATSHEAF Seniors Menu

£9.95 for 2 courses

Starters

Pork liver & Chicken Pate with onion chutney, salad & toast.
Soup of the day (ask your server)

Mains

Fish & Chips served with garden peas or mushy peas with tartar sauce & lemon.
Gammon Steak served with chips, garden peas, grilled tomato & onion rings. Topped with pineapple & fried egg.
Steak & Ale Pie served with mash, garden peas & gravy
Pork loin with creamy mushroom sauce served with chips & garden peas.

Desserts

Sticky toffee pudding served with custard or Ice cream.
Hot Chocolate Brownie served with ice cream.

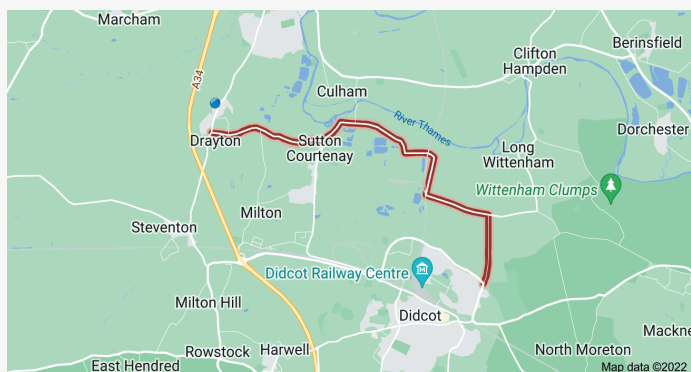


Council Report

B4016

This has been the subject of much discussion for many years now. Indeed, my first piece of casework when elected in May 2013, was to try to get proposals for a buildout to happen. After months of arguing over first the costing, then the type of build out and

its positioning and finally changes to Highway policy and Covid, the scheme was put on hold. Happily, a change in administration last year breathed new life and money into the proposal such that it will now happen this year. What this scheme, and others have taught me is that it is impossible to get unanimous agreement on Highway schemes.



Concerns about speeding and safety along the whole stretch of this road between Sutton Courtenay and Drayton have been around as long as the buildout. Indeed, I remember walking the road with our MP and OCC Highway officers some years ago to discuss what could be done to prevent any further fatalities. The two new mobile speeding signs have now been commissioned but there have been further disagreements over the siting of the polls to support the signs. To get things moving, I have agreed with Highway Officers on the initial siting's of the poles, but there is no reason why other poles could not be put up in the future. There is an increasing case for speed signs in Marcham, especially around Sheepstead Road.

Drayton and Sutton Courtenay and Marcham Parish Councils are considering applying for 20mph zones within their villages.

Finally, if the HIF1 road scheme goes ahead (and there remains some uncertainty), the traffic modelling suggests that the new road would take away a proportion of the traffic currently using the road. It may be little more than a mile of road, but at last things are happening. Hopefully, many of the proposals will make the B4016 a safer road to live beside.

Noise

Electric vehicles may well reduce traffic noise, but the amount commercial activity in our area is giving rise to increasing numbers of noise complaints over lost sleep and impact on mental health. The trouble with noise is that it comes and goes so unless the measurements are taken at the worst time, the evidence is difficult to pin down. However, it is becoming apparent that the impact of heavy traffic is not just its effect on air quality and physical human health, but increasingly on mental health. It is not clear what can be done about this, but it is something Councils need to be taking more seriously.

Elections

For many years, Oxfordshire has been a hotbed of political dispute. At first glance, last week's elections might seem to have heated the atmosphere even further. There is one positive in that politicians across the County are realising the need for compromise and the need to take account of all opinions if they wish to get things done. This must be a good thing.

Holiday season

It seems we may be in for a long, hot summer. For those able to afford them, holidays postponed or curtailed thanks to Covid are, at last possible. With the world in its current state, sometime in the sunshine, time to reflect and reorganise, may be just what we all need.

Richard Webber

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Sponsorship found for our new planters



You may have noticed that a couple of months ago two new planters were installed by the Parish Council on The Green near the junction with the High Street. Now, the Parish Council is pleased to announce that Lawrence of Hardware store Vickery's, located opposite, has kindly offered to sponsor these ensuring there will always be eye-catching plants growing in them.

Pervin Shahin pictured with Lawrence oversaw the installation of the planters and has kept them stocked with plants for the last couple of months.

To ensure the plants flourish we are looking for a few volunteers to join a watering rota and help keep the plants alive over the warmer months. If you can spare some time to help with this, please email pervin.shahin@draytonpc.org.

Many thanks.

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Run by Oxfordshire County Council, the Home Library Service is completely free and delivers books and other library materials to hundreds of people across the county.

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The service is open to people who struggle to physically visit a library. It's also available on a short-term basis after illness or hospitalisation, and to people with caring responsibilities.

Registering is easy, simply call your local library or the Home Library Service on 01865 810259 or email:

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Playing with my android phone by Stephen Fearnley

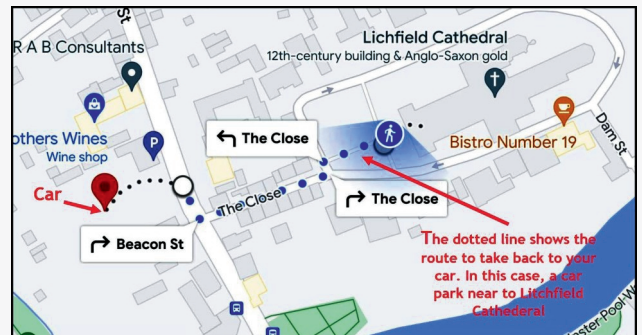
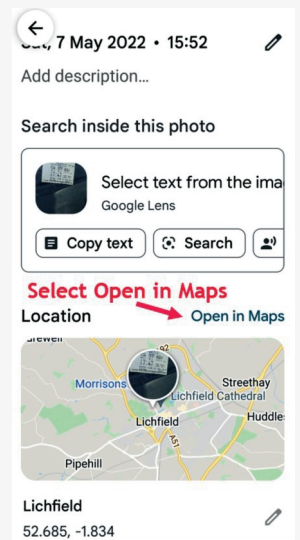


I've written before about things you can do with a smart phone and would like to tell you about something I have just realised. (I sometimes think that I am a bit slow in realising what I can do with my phone).

For a while now, when parking my car, especially when I have purchased a ticket, I take a photo of the ticket as a reminder of when I am due to return. I usually forget the time that I parked! If I don't take a photo I often regret not doing so. This is most likely to happen when no ticket is required as with the two hours of free parking in Didcot.

More recently I have realised another useful feature. If you have an android phone and look at your photo using the photo app, you will see **three dots** to the top right of the photo. Select those and you will find a new screen where (somewhere towards the bottom) you should see **Open in Maps**. Select that (see below).

With luck you should see the option **Directions**. Selecting that will show you how to return to your car.



I hope you find this interesting or indeed useful! (Especially when you cannot remember where you parked?)

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INSPIRING WOMEN

This month we learnt a great deal about our wonderful Thames river. The journey started at the real source of the Thames, not the spot frequently shown on TV programmes.

The source is marked by a stone pillar (*in a field near Kemble in Gloucestershire*), not the statue of Old Father Thames reclining on his plinth situated at the side of the road at St. John's Lock Lechlade. Moved there to prevent more damage from souvenir hunters.

We were entranced by the beautiful slide show put together by Mr Cherry and his wife as they walked the Thames path over the years. We were shown the many small canals that joined the river as it grew. Also the mills and riverside industries that relied on the river for transporting its goods in and out to where they were needed.

Then the railways destroyed most of this transportation system and the buildings slowly died with the livelihoods of the people on and reliant on the river. Our journey ended in Oxford, our very famous county town. Wonderful evening. Next month we have one of our own Ladies, who is an amazing crafter, and we are going to have a go under her tuition. The Jubilee weekend will have passed but that doesn't mean it's forgotten, so red, white and blue dress code where possible. 9th June Thursday, 7.30 pm Cauldwell day centre, Gravel Lane.

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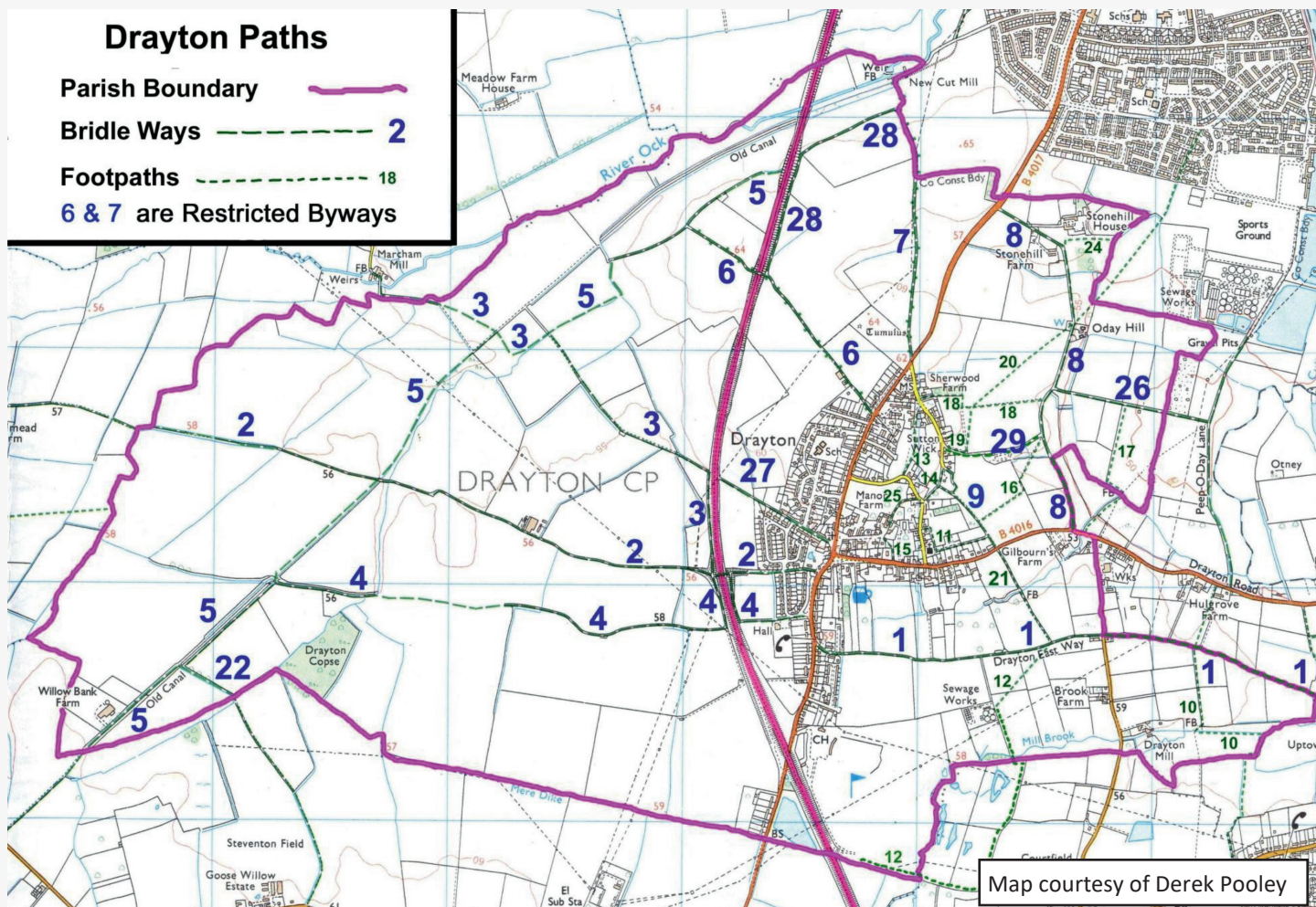
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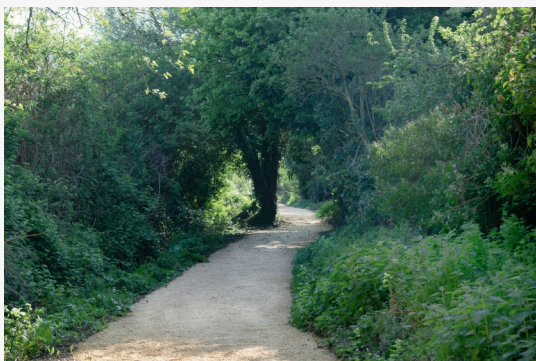
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Bridleway resurfacing complete

You may remember an article published in the Chronical back in June 2021 concerning improvements to the bridleways and footpaths in the village, or, if like me you are new to the village, I will revisit some of its points or you.



As is the case during and following the Winter months, a number of the routes connecting parts of the village become muddy and rutted in places making it difficult for people using them.

Fortunately, as a result of housing developments in the village over the past few years the Parish Council has access to a sum of money specifically earmarked for improvement of cycle-paths and footpaths. The initial plan was to focus our attention on some key routes that are popular for recreational use and provide links to other footpaths and cycle ways in the area. The idea was not to replace rural pathways with tarmac or concrete but to use a more natural compacted gravel surface, where appropriate. We were particularly careful to ensure that the surface used will be long-lasting and suitable for all users.

Now, following a few weeks of work we are pleased to report the refurbishment work on two of the Parish's Bridleways is complete and would like to express our thanks to Drayton Construction for undertaking this work with such excellent results. Feedback from residents via our Facebook page and at the recent Parish meeting has been very positive.

Bridleway 9 which runs from High Street to Millennium Green and Bridleway 29 passing the old scrap yard and connecting Sutton Wick Lane with Gypsy Lane has had undergrowth cleared and a new durable, sustainable surface applied rendering the bridleways suitable for horses, walkers and cyclists alike.

The long term objective of this work on Bridleway 29 is to provide a route from the village, via Gypsy Lane, Oday Hill and Peep O'Day Lane to Abingdon. A route I cycled in reverse at the weekend and found to be far more scenic than the path back from Abingdon adjacent to the main road.

The Parish Council are in the process of planning work on other footpaths and bridleways in the village, including sections of Eastway.

We encourage you familiarise yourself with where they are from the map, and to get out and see these refurbished paths for yourself particularly now that the warmer weather looks like it is here to stay.

Any comments or suggestions are welcome via email to our Deputy Clerk: deputy.clerk@draytonpc.org

Caroline Green. Drayton Parish Council.



PCSO Sue Haynes is leaving the area and taking up a new job as the Schools & Youth Engagement PCSO for the South & Vale police area. She will be working along-

side the schools officer PC Mike Dix and help deliver informative talks and engage with young people across the South & Vale area.

She has been working with the Abingdon Neighbourhood Team for 9 years and supporting Drayton, Sutton Courtenay and Appleford for the past 7 years.

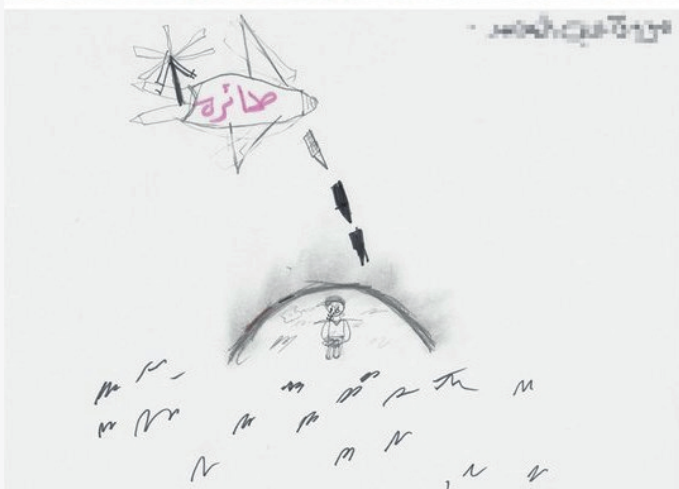
We wish her well. (Ed)

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War Toys -Survivor Alone (Bekaa Valley, Lebanon) Drawn by a Syrian refugee girl, the lone surviving member of her family following an air strike. Photo: Brian McCarty

Children and Military Lives Exhibition - Stories of Adventure, Family, and Exile



**Soldiers of
Oxfordshire
Museum**

Exhibition running from 2 June to 24 November 2022 at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock.

Explores the experience of children of serving military personnel and also children who have been affected by conflict, historically and contemporarily.

Collaboration between charities - Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust, War Toys, and Little Troopers.

Combines objects, personal stories, oral histories, art and photography.

Opening from 2 June and running until 24 November 2022, this new exhibition will tell the stories of today's service children (children of serving British Armed Forces personnel) and their experiences of living life in the military community, as well as stories of children who become victims of war, experiencing the effects of military conflict - from Second World War evacuees to today's refugees and asylum seekers. With a focus on Oxfordshire people, our visitors can see and hear what living through conflict is like first hand, from recordings of evacuation memories to present day accounts from children who arrive in the county and experience a new culture here, processing their life experiences through art and personal stories.

To bring this exhibition to visitors, Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum have partnered with two charities, Little Troopers and Brian McCarty's War Toys.

Little Troopers, is a charity which supports all children who have parents serving in the British Armed Forces, will give visitors the opportunity to discover the stories and experiences of military children who have grown-up in the Armed Forces community.



Brian McCarty's War Toys

Since 2011, photographer Brian McCarty has been collaborating with children who have been affected by war on a unique photo series titled War-Toys. The project invokes principles and practices of expressive art therapy to safely gather and articulate children's accounts of war. Under the guidance of a specialized therapist and working through NGOs and UN agencies, boys and girls become art directors for narrative photos of locally sourced toys.



Hi,

I hope you are well? I was just wondering if you would publish this photo in the Drayton Chronicle. I did post it on Facebook a couple of years ago but thought others may like to see it. It is of the **Drayton County Primary Football Team circa.1973**. We were the best and all played like kings without a care in the world.

Best wishes

Mark Barlow (bottom row, second right, between Paul Biddle and Luke Hager).

West Ham (Irons) supporters by the look of it? (Ed)

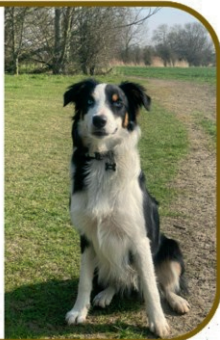
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Drayton Table Tennis Club



The Club Senior Championships took place on Sunday 8th May.

The day went very well. Starting at 1.30 pm we had 6 / 7 hours of competition that was enjoyed (I believe) by all those

who attended.

The Singles had us split into 3 groups, each being played on a mini 'league' basis. All played on a 4 games per tie basis, using the DDTA formula and their handicaps. This enabled quarter finals through to a Grand Final. In the semi-finals Kevin Davies played Chris Blencowe and Matt Isherwood was up against Callum Richardson. Chris & Matt won through two tough matches.

The Final saw Matt v Chris. Matt (plays in our Div 1 team) started with a 15 points deficit to make up and in the first game it looked good for him taking it 11-2, and so reducing the deficit. However, that was a good as it got for Matt. Chris really did play his best table tennis with all-out attack throughout and belying his division 3 status. He took the next three games 11-9,11-10,11-7 to win.

Chris Blencowe is the club 2022 Champion!

For the doubles competition we ran it with two 'leagues' of 4 pairs. This resulted with semi-finals consisting of Callum Richardson & John Hyland versus John Gould & Alec Winton. Callum & John winning 11-8,11-8. The second semi-final saw Peter Wiblin & Roger Edney v Chris Blencowe & Daniel Gifford. This was a closer affair, the scores being 8-11, 11-2,11-5 in favour of Chris & Daniel. So, the final was set. Chris and Daniel took the first game 11-5 but this score was reversed in the second game, so it went to a third and deciding game. A very close contest saw Chris and Daniel prevail 11-9!

Doubles Champions for 2022 are Chris Blencowe & Daniel Gifford!

Finally, the Plate Singles competition for the players not getting through to the main event knockout stages, was won by yours truly, beating Alec Winton in a close fought final!

Club practice will continue each Monday until the end of May when we have a well-earned break for summer.

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Dear all,

Homes for Ukraine

Proof of residency letters have begun to be issued to guests. This enables guests to open bank accounts and relieves pressure from GPs being the only route for providing this confirmation.

We are currently putting into place arrangements for the city and district councils to

hold pre-paid payment cards that are used to issue £200 payments to guests. This is in addition to the county council as part of our collective approach to supporting those in need quickly through whoever has the first face to face contact with our guests. The process for issuing the £350 thank-you payments to hosts is now in place. We expect to receive the first grant funding from government for these payments in June.

We are also working at pace on a proposed process and procedure for rematching guests with hosts should the relationship break down. This will only take place where it is unviable or unsafe for the sponsorship relationship to continue.

Applications for school places are being progressed with additional resources helping to process these quickly, along with accommodation checks being carried out in an appropriate and proportionate manner.

We can confirm that guests from Ukraine can look and apply for employment without a National Insurance Number.

Abbey Meadow's outdoor pool future secured

Despite spiralling energy costs that have closed pools around the country, we have managed to agree a deal to ensure the pool can remain available. This year, the pool is scheduled to open on 25 July and will remain open for six weeks throughout the holidays. The splash pad will open a few weeks earlier; from Saturday 28 May ahead of the Platinum Jubilee long weekend. *(This may seem rather a random thing to highlight, but it provides such an appreciated facility and there were real fears we wouldn't be able to subsidise it any more – heating bills for it have doubled from £47,000 to over £100,000, so finding a way to do it – by aligning its opening period with the school holidays, expected to be the busiest time – is a real relief).*

Energy Bills Rebate

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have paid out more than £8 million in energy bill rebates.

All households living in properties which are in council tax bands A-D are entitled to a £150 payment. The government is providing this money, also known as the 'council tax rebate', to help people with the rising costs of energy bills with the payments being made by local councils.

Over 54,000 households across South and Vale who pay their council tax by direct debit should now received the rebate payment from their district council.

Those who are eligible who have not already received this rebate (if, for example, they are not on direct debit) should have received a letter from the council to complete an online form to confirm their bank details so they can receive the money directly into their bank account. Anyone who is not able to complete the form online will be able to call a special customer service team for assistance. If you are eligible (living in Council Tax Band A-d) and haven't either received the money or a letter, please email me at andy.cooke@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Park and Charge scheme

124 EV chargers have been installed around the ten council-run car parks to assist where people have electric vehicles and cannot recharge overnight at home. There was a delay in finalising the installation due to a worldwide shortage of microchip components, but this should have been addressed by the time you read this article.

New Local Plan

Following up on my comments last month about the legislation around planning – one of the most important documents (and one which we can control) is the Local Plan. We are embarking on creating a new Joint Local Plan with South Oxfordshire to tackle shared challenges and make savings on the cost of creating it (rather than spend money twice on two near-identical Plans). After all, traffic congestion and shortages of affordable housing don't stop at district boundaries.

Whilst we do need to provide housing in it (with targets assigned from central government), we want to make sure infrastructure (schools, transport, leisure facilities and more) are highlighted, and we can outline ways to meet targets to be carbon neutral by setting environmental standards for developers. The Plan will go up to 2041 (the current Plan goes to 2031).

A consultation has been launched to get YOUR views into the Local Plan. At this stage, we're not in a position to address how much development will be taken – it's early stages and this is on the issues the Plan should tackle. This is an opportunity to influence that legislation I mentioned.

Interactive Local Plan consultation website:

<https://t.co/yHfCPhVlyT>

More about the Joint Local Plan here: [https://](https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/local-plan-2041/)

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A YouTube video explaining the Local Plan and this consultation here: <https://youtube/91SHDJxi9gc>.

All the best, Andy Cooke (County Councillor – Drayton Ward)

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Some of you may have always wondered what Drayton Wives is all about but have never come along.

It was a group founded about 60 years ago and called Young Wives. It was set up as an evening meeting so that young mums could have a social evening out and a break from childcare.

Well, we are a lovely group of friendly ladies some single, some married and some widowed who would love you to come and join us.

Our group meets for:

- Coffee and a chat on the second Monday of the month at the Caudwell Centre at 10am.
- Craft and chat on the fourth Monday at the Caudwell Centre.
- And a great speaker on the last Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall at 2.00pm.
- If you enjoy walking, we have a walk once a month.
- We also have a coach outing at Christmas.

Everything is optional so you choose what you would like to take part in hopefully everything!!!

Also, if you have a friend that lives in the surrounding villages please come along together. So, we will be looking forward to seeing you soon.

If you would like any further information, please ring, or text me.

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The Drop in has been very busy and we were lucky enough to be offered a chance to use some VR Headsets for a virtual painting masterclass! This was a great opportunity to explore a new tool and have a load of fun making

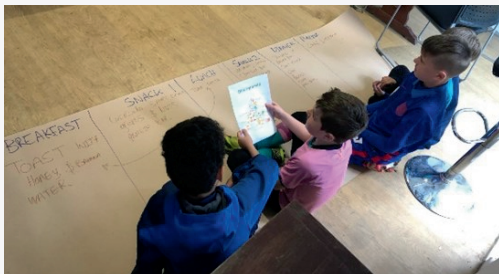
lots of fun pictures – keep your eyes out for them on our social media pages!

The young people who attended the Football Camp put in some amazing efforts over the four days covering

on average over eight thousand steps each in under an hour and a half! Great work folks! Lots of skills learned, refined, and then used in



matches! Its fair to say Drayton has a great footballing future with these youngsters! This wasn't just about football it included lots of work around what it takes to make it in the footballing world from resilience to diets we covered the lot! Once more, a huge thank you to Drayton FC for allowing us to use their space throughout the camp!



The ADYP Team – Roxy Elford, Jake Fleetwood and James Quartermain, Emily Astley-Madge

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Calling all Drayton residents for a meeting to discuss the next stage for our Art Installations.



As most of you will know, we have had a good crack at preserving the grass on the village green by installing the walnut sculptures and the signs are good for finally installing the three village entrance signs. Now we need to look at the next stage of art in our village.

We are having a meeting on Thursday 23rd June in the Village Hall, small hall, to discuss where we should go from here. If you are at all interested in shaping the next stage of artistic development, please do come along. Maybe you have suggestions of your own to make or would like to see existing suggestions carried out. All will be explained at the meeting.

Many new people have moved into the village since our first meeting in 2019 and may like to voice their opinions. We will have several options on the table for people to choose from, and I know of one or two new suggestions that we might be able to consider, so we will go from there.

So please come along and let your opinion count. After all, if we install a flashing neon flamingo on Manor Farm, you only have yourselves to blame!

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Passed away on 17th April 2022 at Bridge House, Abingdon, Born on 21st July 1923 in Oxford.

Husband of the late Sheila (Hobday). He will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him. The funeral will take place at the **South Oxfordshire Crematorium on 1st June 2022 at 1pm.**

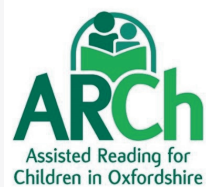
Kay Peacock (Daughter)

Myra Barnard (ex Gravel Lane)

Sadly, Myra passed away at the John Radcliffe Hospital on Friday, 13 May. She lived in Drayton from 1960 until 2007 with her husband and sons, Adrian and Douglas. She was active in village life, Drayton wives and Crochet club amongst others.

Myra was our neighbour for over 20 years before moving to Ryman Court in Didcot.

Jayne and John Henderson.



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First, the **Hall Committee** paid **tribute** to **ANN WEBB** (at the recent AGM), as she's decided to 'step down' after many years (NINETEEN actually!) of valiant service as Chair. To mark our appreciation, she was presented with a Silver Salver, a bouquet, and a gift card. She'll be staying on the committee with her invaluable Hall knowledge.

We would WELCOME some extra talent on the Committee, could YOU help?!

The new **Tae Kwon Do** class (Monday evening), is under way, mostly for juniors, seems to have made a good start, so parents do please look out for more on the local F'book?

And our B'ton group (also Monday eves) can I hear do with a new player or two, I believe they prefer a 'decent standard', but I never could play that game so if that could be YOU, let me know and I'll put you in touch? (www.draytonvh.co.uk and look for 'Bookings').

AND --- any **UKLELE players** out there?!! We now have a group (Tuesday evening) practising in Small Hall.

It's the Parish Council's **Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch** on the Rec (June 5th - see other notices for more info) but that will clash that day with the next ANTIQUES FAIR in the Hall (long pre-booked). Despite appeals to please NOT come by car (unless you really have to, very limited parking on the grass, and the proper car-park is bound to be ultra busy) I daresay there could be some o'flow parking in Lockway, so apologies in advance to our neighbours if that does happen?!

Oh, one more thing, and a gloomier note. We discovered that we'd suffered a bit more vandalism, Bank Holiday weekend by the look of it, some guttering ripped off. This we'd assume to be teens, or even younger ones (?), and will lead to further discussions about using anti-climb paint, and CCTV, things like that. Obviously those remedies could lead to the culprits coming home one day covered in gunk, and feasibly the family getting an invoice for damages.



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David Johnston MP for Wantage and South Oxfordshire

I recently passed over 25,000 constituent cases dealt with since I was elected in December 2019 (to those who don't like it when they don't get a fast reply, I hope this helps you understand why!). One of the first things to

strike me when I became an MP was how the correspondence you get is so different to that in almost any other job, in a good way. Many MPs are councillors before they enter parliament, but even then, my ex-councillor colleagues might have represented 10,000 people at county or equivalent level and typically had a narrow range of topics they were contacted about. MPs represent tens of thousands – Wantage and Didcot is one of the largest constituencies at near 100,000 – and are written to about every issue under the sun; during the pandemic, veteran MPs said the rate of correspondence we received was 3 times the level they'd ever seen. But the more people who contact me with problems the better, as being able to help them is the most rewarding part of the job.

Alongside individual cases I've been supporting 4 campaigns recently. One is continuing to help the local AEAT Pensioners obtain redress, and I am pursuing something that I hope will give them an avenue for this. Another is to help Didcot resident, Sharon Gaffka, with her campaign on spiking. The Government recently moved the GHB drug – used in most spiking cases – up a category so that the prison penalties for carrying it or producing it are increased. I took Sharon to meet the Safeguarding Minister so that she could explain what else she wants to see happen, including better education of young people.

I'm then supporting the Epilepsy Society's Zach's Law campaign to punish people who – believe it or not – send those with photosensitive epilepsy flashing images online in the hope that they will induce a seizure in the recipient. We're hopeful the Online Harms Bill will clamp down on this. I was also pleased to join 70 colleagues in calling on companies not to digitally alter body proportions in pictures, which give people – particularly young people – an unrealistic body image to aspire to, with negative consequences for their mental health.

Visit highlights since I last wrote include Faringdon Junior School, where I took tough questions and learnt about dragons; the new Kingsgrove Cafe; the fabulous charity Mission Motorsport, which supports those affected by military operations over in East Challow; and being in Wallingford for the first day of Wallingford Radio's FM license (tune in at 107.3FM)!

Don't forget you can sign up to my Climate Summit on 27th June at www.david-johnston.org.uk.

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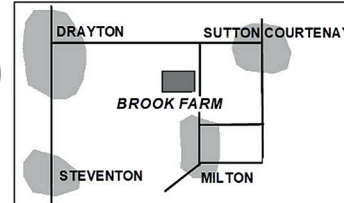


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REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

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MONDAYS

- 2.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session
- 6.00 pm Damascus Youth (see page 3)
- 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 DC*
- 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 DC*
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 (check w Paul 07479 824887)
NB This Class HAS resumed, BUT . . .
DO PLEASE check before attending!

SUNDAYS

(**) For all the latest info re their Services (Thursday communion, & especially Sundays), **PLEASE see our St Peter's Church page**

- 6.00 pm Evening Service (see page 2) *Baptist Church*

(Mostly) Hall Diary for JUNE

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

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

Sat	4	9.30am	Dog Show (private club)
Sun	5	9.30am	ANTIQUES FAIR (to 3pm)
		12.30pm	Platinum Jubilee BIG LUNCH (see ad)
Sat	11	1.00pm	Private Function
Tues	14	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>Caudwell DC</i> (Planning C'tee – 7pm)
Sat	18	10.00am	Private Function (child's party)
Sun	19	11.30am	Private Function
Mon	13	5.00pm	CHRONICLE DEADLINE (see p2) (NB Adverts by Friday 17th please!)
Sat	25	1.00pm	Private Function (child's party)
Sun	26	2.00pm	Private Function (child's party)

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