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REGULAR SERVICES

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Thursday 9.45 am Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Thursdays), Celtic Morning Prayer (2nd and 4th Thursdays)

Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 30th October – NO service at St Peter's, but a DAMASCUS Parish SERVICE at ALL Saints, Sutton Courtenay at 10.30am

REGULAR EVENTS

Wednesday mornings 10.00a.m.– 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.

Tuesday Connect.

We will start having tea, coffee and biscuit afternoons on the **second** Tuesday of the month now. In October, the meeting will be on Tuesday 11th, still from 2.30 – 4.00pm We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on that day!

Bell ringing practice –

every Monday evening 7:30pm

PARISH REGISTER WEDDING

10th September 2022 Laura Cox and Stephen Nash

ST PETER'S LETTER

The news on our economy, energy costs, NHS and business growth is far from hopeful. Concern for the wellbeing of nations and individuals has increased to levels of anxiety and fear that are unprecedented for most of our nation's population. There is no quick fix and no one person or political group is solely to blame. Where can we find hope in hopeless times? Hope is so often to be found in human form in the skill of NHS staff, the courage of our rescue services such as the RNLI and in the neighbour, carer or welfare worker who comes alongside in our time of need.

Two statements of Jesus emphasise his priority for those who are in need or oppressed, therefore this should be our local church priority too: *'Whatever you do for such people, you do it to me'* (Mt 25:40) and *'I am going away, and the world will see me no more - but you will, because you know me'* (Jn 14:19). The world may never see Jesus in the faces of people in need, but Christians must. Surely a people of faith and hope must live and act in a way that they offer a sure hope to others; a pattern of faithful living demonstrated so wonderfully by our late Queen Elizabeth. The abiding challenge for Christianity is that it cannot be committed to Jesus Christ without being committed to his brothers and sisters. In his recent book, *Navigating a World of Grace*, Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington defines "holiness" as the willingness to live generously towards others.

The 5 churches in the DAMASCUS Parish are reviewing how we best care for our community in desperate need. Please look out for details of our actions and working partnerships in village magazines, our website, social media and notices around the villages. If you are interested in what we are undertaking or interested in how you can join with us, then please get in touch with your village church; we would welcome your contact.

Revd Phil Sutton

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25 th Sept – 1 st Oct	Lockway
2 nd – 8 th Oct	Whitehorns Way
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16 th – 22 nd Oct	Drayton rd; Milton rd; New Cut Mill; Fisher Close; Marcham rd; Meads Close; Rippington Court; Stone Hill
23 rd – 29 th Oct	Steventon Road; Kiln Lane; Mott Cottages; Barton Court
30 th Oct – 5 th Nov	Eastway; Eastway MHP



Drayton Traffic Calming

Some residents might recall that traffic calming is a key element of the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan and identified as a major issue by Drayton residents following a village-wide consultation.

After the Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in the summer of 2015, Drayton Parish Council began working with Oxfordshire County Council Highways to agree draft plans for traffic safety and calming measures. Unfortunately, OCC were unable to implement any of these plans due to staffing issues. In response to the lack of progress the Parish Council established a new Working Group in 2016 to formalise measures that could be put in place. Section 106 money was also secured to fund the works identified.

Under the chairmanship of Shane McAleavy, the Working Group put together a series of measures to improve traffic safety in Drayton including:

- A new pedestrian crossing on the High Street;
- A new pedestrian crossing near the entrance to Chestnut Drive;
- A raised platform to slow traffic at the existing light-controlled crossing on Abingdon Road;
- Levelling of the sloping pavement along Abingdon Road;
- Increasing pavement widths and installing drop kerbs;
- Installing a chicane at the entrance to the village on the Drayton Road.

The proposed measures were submitted to Oxford County Council Highways on 21st November 2021 for them to be assessed by their engineers. We need OCC Highways to assess and approve the measures before we can proceed but in nearly a year it has proved impossible to get any meaningful response out of OCC. We have escalated the matter to our County Councillor Richard Webber but still get no response other than emails apologizing for the delay.

Unfortunately, it seems a serious accident is the only thing that might galvanise OCC into action. Perhaps residents might wish to contact our County Councillor to enquire why there has been no progress implementing traffic calming in the 7 years since the Neighbourhood Plan was adopted? He can be contacted at richardwebber777@gmail.com

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- To make walking and cycling safer and more attractive.
- To reduce local air pollution and improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.

What are traffic filters?

- A traffic filter is a short section of road which can only be used by some types of vehicles at certain times.
- Six traffic filters are proposed on main roads in Oxford. When they're operating, private cars will not be allowed through without a permit. All other vehicles will be allowed at all times.
- We plan to implement the traffic filters under an experimental traffic regulation order (ETRO) for a minimum of six months before making a decision about whether to make them permanent and finalising the exemptions, timings and locations.
- The proposals formed part of the adopted Oxford Transport Strategy (2015), and form a key component of the emerging Central Oxfordshire Travel Plan, currently out for consultation.

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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.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT



Dear all,

I can't really open without paying tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II. By now, almost all that could have been said has been said. One of my prized possessions is my commissioning scroll into the RAF – signed by HMQ herself.

For me, one thing stands out when remembering her. In 1947, on her 21st birthday, she made a speech in which she said: "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service."

She was still assiduously fulfilling her duties on Tuesday 6th September, two days before her death and over 75 years after making that speech.

That is how you keep a vow.

Walnut Meadows

Miller Homes have submitted another planning application for the sports pitches and MUGA at Walnut Meadows. To my surprise, it looks (at least on initial read) to be what we've been after for so long. I need to go into it in more painstaking depth, but it takes into account the Agronomist report (on buried rubble) and the Archaeologist report (which for a while looked like it might torpedo everything because the barrow area had *not* been avoided as required).

I want to get some expert opinion on such things as levels (it's hard to be completely clear), but it does say they will be reducing levels to an agreed extent and removing rubble to a depth of 700mm. I would like it to be very clear as to the extent of such lowering, but so far, it looks encouraging.

The Parish Council have been fundamental in driving this forwards, and the Planning Department at the Vale have been very helpful (I have had my differences with some areas of the Planning Department, but the Enforcement people have been very good here). The cynic in me suspects that the fact that legal action was being openly prepared (the legislation requires all other avenues to have been clearly exhausted for legal action to succeed but a strong case was now available), coupled with the scathing reports from the Archaeologist and Agronomist, may have had a very useful effect.

I won't celebrate, however, unless or until we get it confirmed that this *is* acceptable and actively under way.

Registration reminder

Over the summer, you should have received a 'Canvass Communication Form' that was sent to all homes asking the occupants to check their voter registration details. Households whose occupants over the age of 16 are believed to have changed since the last election should have received a yellow letter requiring them to confirm or update their details online.

The councils are now sending reminders to the 13,460 households who failed to respond to the yellow letter. The reminder explains exactly what occupants need to do – it is very important to read it and follow the instructions carefully to confirm any changes. The easiest way to do this is by visiting householdresponse.com/southandvale – you will need the two-part code found on the letter.

Fly-tipping – man fined after failing to check who took his waste

The Envirocrime team at the Vale investigated a fly-tipping along the Highworth Road in Watchfield and traced the dumped waste to a property in Swindon. The owner failed to pay a fixed penalty notice, was taken to court, and fined over £500.

He had paid a man with a cage vehicle to remove his waste without checking that he had a waste carriers' licence, or *any* details from him, or get a receipt.

The message here is: if you pay someone to take your waste, get a receipt, get their details, and check they are licenced, because

if they just drive off and dump it by the side of the road, you could be held liable.

Council moving to Abingdon

At the end of September, the Council will be moving to some temporary office space in the Vale's Abbey House building in the centre of Abingdon. This move should save significant costs. The council will stay there until South Oxfordshire District Council completes the development of a new office building at Didcot Gateway where both they and VoWHDC will reside.

The doors will open at the Abbey House offices on Monday 3 October.

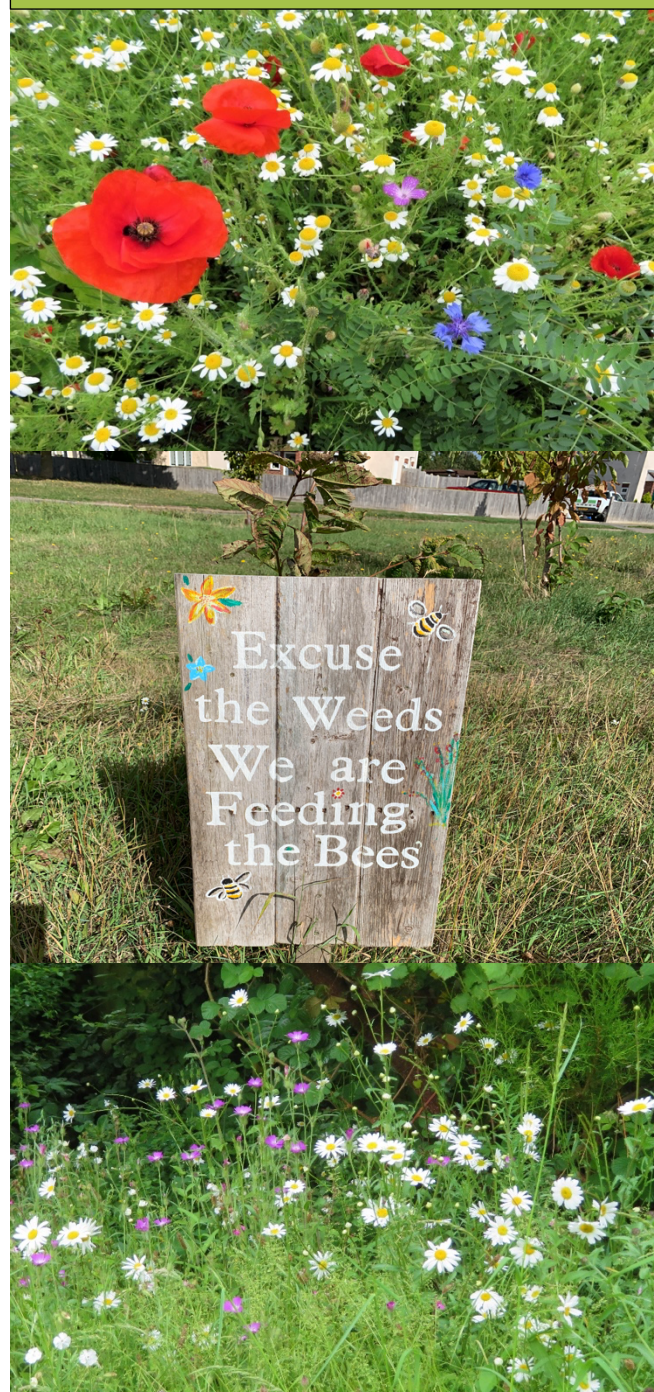
Take care,
Andy

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Wildflowers

A reminder of the wonderful Wildflowers on Hilliat Fields this summer – and with some planning at this time of year, there could be more beautiful areas of wildflowers around the village next spring/summer.

Wildflower photographs thanks to Drayton Wildlife Group



COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT



A personal reflection.

Catherine and I made a big decision this week. We would make an effort to witness directly one of the events in London commemorating the passing of Queen Elizabeth 2nd and to pay our respects to her memory. The prospect of possibly queuing up for 24 hours or more to attend Westminster Hall was a bit beyond us, but the procession from Buckingham Palace to the Houses of Parliament and the predicted 4 hours of queuing to get a position on the Mall seemed just about manageable. Catching the 6.30am Oxford Tube into London and via Hyde Park and Green Park, we found a position by 10.30am and waited for the procession start time of 2.22pm precisely. It was well worth the wait. We met a variety of people of varying opinions on the issues of the day, but all were agreed that our Queen was indeed a very special person and witnessing a part of her send off was something we would talk about for years. We discussed the major world issues, the Cost of a living crisis, the change of government and Paddington Bear.

What was it about the Paddington sequence in the Platinum Jubilee celebrations that had made such a big impression on all of us? We agreed that it wasn't simply the humour, but was as much the coming together of two characters, gentle, kind and caring - both with the ability to bring people together. For all the journalists' and commentators' words and reflections over the many events of the past week, it was Paddington's final words "Thank you your

majesty, for everything" summed up our feelings better than any of them. Yes, it was a long wait, but we all agreed that it had been well worth it. The conversation flowed and the time passed quickly.

The parade and procession was incredibly moving and despite watching two buses drive past us full, and not getting home until midnight, we would not have missed any of it for the world.

We now face a time of upheaval and great change. A new King, a new Prime Minister and Cabinet, a fully stretched economy, a major war, a climate emergency and the tail end (we hope) of a major pandemic. Locally we face the threat of major new infrastructure, roads and reservoirs. It all seems a bit of a mess. But it must have felt the same when Queen Elizabeth was a young girl and she helped to ensure things got better. We owe it to her memory to stay positive, to find the best in people and to work as tirelessly as she did, to work together to make things better ourselves.

Richard Webber

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Queen's visit to Abingdon by train,
2nd November 1956

LETTER FROM WESTMINSTER



When the announcement was made that Her Majesty had passed away, I cried in the way I do when told someone I am close to has passed away, even though she was not someone I had ever met. It felt like we had lost our anchor, the person who has seemingly always been there to help get us through whatever troubles the country has been facing, most recently Covid.

Parliament does not usually sit on Fridays or Saturdays, but it did so both days in order that MPs could give their tributes. In total across the 2 days, 321 MPs gave their tributes to Her Majesty, including myself, shortly before 10pm on the Friday (you can watch it at www.david-johnston.org.uk). Before that, we received the live broadcast to the nation from our new King in the House of Commons, a perfectly pitched, moving address.

The MP speeches were emotional, funny and heartfelt. Over and over the same themes emerged: that even when you hadn't met her you felt like you knew her; that she had given an incredible service to our nation; that she was sharp, passionate, selfless and mischievous, with twinkling eyes.

I bounced between different ceremonies in the constituency and in Parliament during the period of mourning, each of them poignant, but none so emotional as filing past Her Majesty's coffin in Westminster Hall when she was lying-in-state. This truly brought home what had happened, although I think it will take some time to properly sink in yet.

It is a momentous time for our nation and for the Royal Family. Our new King assumes his responsibilities at a time of great sadness for him and his family. I've no doubt he will be an excellent King. He has shown in his time as Prince of Wales the care and concern he has for this country and has had decades to learn from Her Majesty (who became Queen at just 25) the best way to conduct the role. May Queen Elizabeth II Rest In Peace and God Save the King.

The period of mourning of course affected the activities that I undertook this month, but around it were still several visits and events, including the Didcot Twinning Association's reception for the Mayor of Meylan, an area of France Didcot is twinned with, and a fundraising launch for a 14th century chantry window in All Saint's Church, North Moreton. Two other things to note: September is Alzheimer's Month and I know a lot of your families - like my own - have been affected by related conditions, so as a 'Dementia Friend' I encourage people to take part in activities supporting this. Similarly, the 2nd of October is Silver Sunday, the national day for older people, with plenty of events going on which I have been asked to encourage people to participate in or run. You find out more at <https://silversunday.org.uk>

As ever, if I can help with anything then do please contact me via david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

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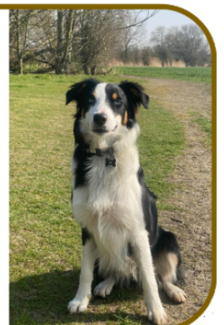
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LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS



Drayton Table Tennis Club

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The season commenced on 26th September, and I will report on the progress of our teams as the season progresses.

Monday night practice has also returned. Each Monday has 1 hour of coaching with Janet and Chris our two fully qualified Coaches. This runs from 7 pm after which we have general practice play for a couple of hours. Once again the evenings seem to be very popular and already we are seeing some new faces with potential as future league players. Due to popularity, we may have to look at limiting the numbers, at some point for the coaching hour, to ensure each attendees get full benefit from the sessions.

The new club officers have settled into their respective roles and the transition has been seamless so far. We still have a lot of experience within the members so all in all things are going along well.

John Gould

Drayton WI

We met as planned on Thursday evening because we had Jose Midwinter coming to speak to us about her father's life as a corner shop keeper. Jose is well known to us from her time spent at our church of St Peters, our President invited her to say a prayer and silent reflection on our behalf on the sudden news of the death of her Majesty. Jose's talk was illustrated by a diorama she had made of the front of the shop and had many small objects to illustrate the shop and its contents. There where chickens, pigs and a very large barn, which he filled with bicycles from commuters using the Didcot railway station which was opposite the shop. They were kept safely locked up until their return. Jose's father died in the early sixties so their life at the shop came to an end. The story was so reminiscent of many of corner shops in our young days. Many of us are old enough to remember the death of the King and the start of Elizabeth's wonderful reign. This country wept until the double rainbow told us she was safe with her parents, sister and Philip. Not forgetting the corgis. God bless her and of course the new King Charles III.

We meet next on Thursday 13th October at 7.30pm in the Day Centre, Gravel Lane. when Chloe Martin will speak on Black History. Join us we will welcome you with friendship. Following our meeting we went on a train ride on Sunday afternoon. Chinnor Steam railway run short train rides from Chinnor to Princes Risborough and we all enjoyed a cream tea en route accompanied by tea and coffee. It was certainly a wonderful afternoon full of nostalgia and steam. Thank you Teresa for organising this wonderful treat.

Ann

DRAYTON PLAYERS

As summer is coming to a close, we are well into rehearsals for our two One Act Plays for this November:

'Day Trippers' and 'The Guilt Card' by Jean McConnell. Comedy and Drama in that order.

Some of you may remember Day Trippers which was performed by myself and Jayne Henderson at least 20 years ago! People have often said they have fond memories of this play, so we've decided to perform it again. Unfortunately, Jayne and I are now those two middle aged women who we had to portray back then haha!

We are accompanied by the talented Oenone Grant and Janie Eyre Brook who are performing 'The Guilt Card'.

The dates for this evening of entertainment will be Friday 18th and Saturday 19th November 2022 at the Drayton Village hall, Lockway, Drayton OX14 4 LF. 7.30pm. Curtain Up.

There will be refreshments and Bar available.

Tickets available from Vickerys Hardware Store, Drayton (Thank you Lawrence and team) and via our Website,

<http://draytonplayers.org.uk>

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We hope to see you there!

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Support for the winter ahead

Places to keep warm, welfare schemes and Council Tax support is just some of the emergency help being put in place by us this year to support those struggling with the cost of living.

People in Oxfordshire who have started to plan ahead for a difficult winter due to the cost-of-living crisis are to be offered help by the county council – including emergency welfare, Council Tax support and warm places for people struggling with heating bills

On 20 September the council’s cabinet agreed to a list of proposals to assist local people – particularly the vulnerable – as they face the combination of inflation and the rising cost of energy over coming months. More than £2m of funding would be provided in 2022/23 to support the proposals with further funding in future years.

Councillor Liz Leffman, Leader of Oxfordshire County Council, said: “The winter ahead looks incredibly difficult for people of all ages, backgrounds and incomes and for businesses and organisations too. Prices for many essentials are rising steeply and the cost of energy is a particular concern.

“We know that central government is announcing its own plans, but there is far more that they could and should do. We believe we must act decisively to do all that we can locally to give assistance.

“Of course, in local government, we have much more limited powers than national government, but we will use all of the influence at our disposal to make a difference to people’s lives.

“There is little time to waste. The rise in the energy price cap occurs at the start of October and very soon thereafter the coldest months of the year will be upon us.”

What is proposed?

- The permanent provision of an emergency welfare scheme administered through the county council’s customer services team. The report to cabinet said: “Evidence shows that the provision of relatively modest crisis support can prevent issues escalating”. The scheme allows for improved administration of current schemes such as the provision of food support to children in early years settings and the targeting of grants in areas such as families who are not benefiting from national energy support schemes. This will initially be resourced through the government’s Household Support Fund – if draft proposals are confirmed by government – with the council subsequently financing the scheme at £500,000 per year through to 2025/26.
- Given steeply rising energy bills, it is anticipated that many residents will feel they are not able to heat their homes adequately this winter. The county council will offer warm places across the winter – with the focus on its libraries network. Libraries will be offered as welcoming and warm places for people to spend time, helping with isolation, loneliness and mental wellbeing as well as warmth. There is also a plan to offer a grants scheme for community venues to contribute to their energy costs with the proviso that they would open for a set time each week. This will support existing activities (stay and play schemes, lunch clubs etc) as well as encouraging new initiatives. There will be a £100,000 fund available for organisations to bid to.
- The council will support voluntary and community sector grassroots initiatives. The Oxfordshire Community Foundation (OCF) is developing a new grants round to support voluntary and community sector organisations tackle the cost- of-living crisis. It will aim to improve the lives of people on the lowest incomes by funding the charities and community groups that work to build resilience and alleviate hardship. It will launch in October with an initial £100,000 of OCF funding and the county council proposes to match this with £100,000 of its own funding. The grants will fund a range of organisations supporting community food services, money and debt advice,

networks for older people and vulnerable adults and those working with families in need.

- The county council will support Oxfordshire’s district councils and Oxford City Council in their various Council Tax reduction schemes that aim to reduce the amount people with low incomes have to pay.
- Meanwhile the county council is also supportive of Council Tax hardship funds being considered by district councils. Such funds give councils additional discretionary powers to reduce the amount of Council Tax payable by individuals facing exceptional circumstances. The county council is willing to support district councils to implement such schemes.

Additional support already in place

Additional support had already been put in place centred on the nationally funded Household Support Fund to be targeted at the most in-need households. There is also a £210,000 grant to Citizens Advice in place to maintain debt and benefits advice capacity to June 2023.

A total of £245,000 is in place to expand the Better Homes Better Health programme allowing the scheme to reach fuel poor households with advice on reducing energy costs. A total of £322,000 of COVID funding has been assigned to the Care Workers Charity to provide crises grants for the most in need workers and access to the “Blue Light Card” staff benefit and discount scheme for all those working in the sector.

Working in partnership

Cllr Mark Lygo, Oxfordshire County Council’s Cabinet Member for Public Health and Equalities said: “We all need to work hard to focus support on those who are struggling as the winter approaches. It will now be important to work in partnership with fellow councils and other organisations who will be gearing themselves up to help. Resource and effort are important but so is coordination. By working together, we can make a difference in these tough times.”

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Abingdon Marathon

This is a notice to inform local residents that road closures and traffic management will be in force on the day of the 2022 Abingdon Marathon, scheduled for

Sunday, 23rd October 2022.



For full details please view the following online document:
https://abingdonmarathon.org.uk/press/2022_AM_RoadClosuresNoticeR02.pdf

Kind regards and thanks,

Dene

Dene Stringfellow (2022 Abingdon Marathon Course Director)

Abingdon Marathon: About the Event

The Abingdon Marathon was first held in 1982 and 2022 will mark the race's 40th anniversary. This will be the 38th running of the race – unfortunately the 2007, 2020 and 2021 events had to be abandoned.

The marathon entry has grown over the years but has an entry limit of 1,200 again this year.

The 2022 Abingdon Marathon will again incorporate the following championship events: Oxfordshire County Marathon Championships and Army AA Marathon Championships.

The Abingdon Marathon course passes through the centre of Abingdon and the villages of Drayton, Milton and Sutton Courtenay as well as passing through the Milton Park business estate along the way.

The race is organised by a committee of volunteers from clubs across Oxfordshire. The organisation of a marathon is a considerable job, and as always the Committee is very grateful for the support of a considerable number of other local clubs and voluntary organisations, without whose assistance the race simply could not take place. More information about the volunteer organisations that will be supporting this year's race can be found on the Volunteers page under the About section of the website.

In addition to putting on a first class event for the competitors, the organisers aim to support a number of local charities and the main beneficiaries over recent years have included Helen & Douglas House, Maggie's Centres, SeeSaw, The Abingdon Bridge and The Archway Foundation.

Whether you are taking part as a runner, supporting your family or friends as they run the race, or just enjoying the spectacle and the enthusiasm of the day we hope it will be a day to remember.

Cream Tea

Many thanks to all who partook of a cream tea in our appeal for Christian Aid.

We raised **£531.00**, an excellent result!

Many thanks

Geoff Caudle
Church Lane

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A very warm belated welcome to Alex from Abingdon & Frederica from Bologna, Italy. They are enjoying living in Church Lane

Kind regards
Susan Brooks
Agent 10

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Start a new hobby?

Glow Your Own (12 Oct -16 Nov), the **Big puzzle** (15 Oct) and **Robot race** (28 Oct) get you making.

Uncover stories with **Medical history tours** (9, 23 Oct) and **Geology in cemeteries** (23, 30 Oct).

Talks and conversations

Meet authors of **Aesop's Animals** (11 Oct) and **Mathematical Intelligence** (20 Oct) at Waterstones; **A is for Arsenic** (14 Oct) at Oxford Playhouse; and **Human Flourishing** (22 Oct) in University Church.

See Oscar-winner **Her** (13 Oct) and new doc. film, **STAR MAKERS** (20 Oct) at UPP.



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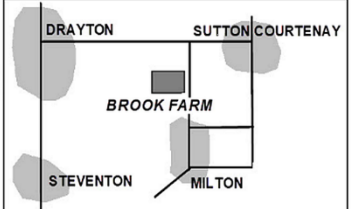
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DRAYTON HALL NEWS



Please note that October's **Antiques Fair** will be **Sunday 9th** (second Sun, not the usual first), as the Dog show that's on the first Sunday had booked up so far in advance (dog clubs have to fit in with the Kennel Club diary, which can need them to book up to 3 years ahead). As you can see from this month's diary, it's dog show season! However, they are private shows, limited to members for that particular breed, so please don't bring Bonzo or Rover down hoping to win a rosette?! And the Antiques Fair will be back in the 'first Sunday' routine in November.

We've lost our UKELELE group, as Covid fears have eased and they've returned to someone's house for practice sessions. But the initial **Irish Dancing class** went well, I hear, so parents give Ashleigh a call (07375 878445) if your child or teen could benefit (Tuesdays, 5.30pm).

The **BOB CUTTING Big Band** (& guests!) are here on **SUNDAY Oct 16th** (7.30), tickets from Vickery's (& on the door I gather), adults £12, under 16s free.

Sadly somebody has managed to wreck the curtain pole for the big window at the north end of the Main Hall, pulling down so hard that one of the end supports was almost dragged out of the wall. The C'tee would like to remind Hirers that it's **their responsibility to report such damage immediately**, under the Hire Conditions, and that failure to do so may result in some expensive consequences. It's understood that accidents can happen, but we don't want to only hear about them days after they happened.

Oh, and looking forward, not long now to the shows being put on by the Players, two one-act plays, 'Day Trippers' and 'The Guilt Card' by Jean McConnell (comedy and drama, in that order). Nov 18th & 19th, see their advert in this issue.

Tony Holmes

(Mostly) Hall Diary for October

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated

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Sun	2	9.00am	Dog Show (private club)
Sat	8	9.00am	Private Function (child's party)
Sun	9	9.00am	ANTIQUES FAIR (to 3pm)
Tues	11	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting Caudwell DC (Planning C'tee - 7pm)
Sat	15		Private Function
Sun	16	7.30pm	Bob Cutting Big Band!
Mon	17	5.00pm	CHRONICLE DEADLINE (see p2) (NB Adverts by Friday 14th please!)
Sat	22	9.00am	Dog Show (private club)
Sun	23	9.30am	Dog Show (private club)
Sat	29		Private Function
Sun	30	9.30am	Private Function (child's party)

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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 ##
- 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 Tuesday Connect (now 2nd Tuesday) *Church*
- 5.30 pm Irish Dancing (via Ashleigh - 07375 878445)

WEDNESDAYS

- 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

- 9.30 am Parent & Toddler Group (Now back on Thursdays!)
- 9.45 am Holy Communion (**) *St Peter's Lady Chapel*
- 11.00 am Baptist Café (to 1pm) NOW IN >> *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*

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- 7.15 pm ShikiDojo Martial Arts (Paul - 07479 824887)
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