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Editor - Tony Holmes

COMING CHRONICLES

The **April Chronicle** will be available for distribution on or about **Friday March 31st**.

The Editor will be **Margaret Inger** (on 07967 730735). **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 pm, Monday, March 20th**.

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

STOP PRESS - ADVERTISERS should PLEASE note that the deadline for ads is **EARLIER, Friday March 17th**, due to their preparation time.

NB** :- **Can we politely remind** Contributors that the above **deadlines** are exactly that; in general, **the later an item is received, the less precedence it gets**.

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS (any doubts, ask the Editor!) All contributions to the Chronicle are most welcome. Be sure to **include the name, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number of the author**. Contributions can be made :-

1. By **email** to the relevant editor (and please use a **meaningful title**, we get a lot called Chronicle!)

for the next editor → editor@draytonchronicle.net

Please remember to check that you soon get a confirmation reply. We do occasionally have emails sent – and they just don't arrive!

2. An **email attachment**, in WORD please (NOT a PDF file!).
3. A good, **black typescript** on white A4 paper or smaller. **BUT** – IF you can type it, PLEASE see #1 & #2 above?! [Scanning is a real nuisance, and tends to create errors!]
4. **Hand-written? Preferably not PLEASE, if over maybe a para**. This is 2023, should be a way to type & send it?! (= fewer errors!).

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This Month's Cover – grateful thanks to **Stephen Fearnley**, who found time away from the mountain of work he does looking after the Chronicle's advertising list to get that lovely shot of the **Millennium Green**.

Oh, and well done to the **Millennium Green C'tee**, and their **maintenance rota of volunteers**, for keeping the area in such good nick!

Inside this edition, PLEASE DO see our appeal for another **Editor**, and a few more **delivery agents** would be good too (page 13 for that).

And if anyone wants to 'step up to the plate' and become a Parish Councillor, now's your chance (p6).

DATES for the FOLLOWING Chronicle

Issue for	Copy Deadlines :- to Editor by (& Ads on the Fri before these)	Chronicle published and available for distribution on Friday:-
May	Mon April 17th	April 28th

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Local Groups & Clubs

Drayton Wives (Lisa Lammiman)

Our January meeting was on **Inspector Morse**. Our speaker was **Alastair Lack**, who had been a student at Oxford and had worked for the BBC World Service for 30 years. He now gives guided Morse walks around Oxford as well as giving talks.

Morse's popularity over the years showed in the number of members that came to hear Mr Lack.

Inspector Morse, or Morse as he was known, had the christian name of Endeavour which was never known until later in the series. That name Endeavour was given to him as his mother was a Quaker and his father was a fan of Captain Cook (whose ship was called Endeavour!). [ED:- Not a lot of people know that!]

Morse was a batchelor who liked a drink and did crossword puzzles, his sidekick Lewis was the complete opposite, so very much chalk and cheese.

Colin Dexter the author was a Cambridge man and then became a teacher. He often made cameo appearances in the programmes.

His first novel was the Last Bus to Woodstock but he thought it was poorly written and tried to do better, which he clearly did!!

He tried to mix fact and fiction whenever he could by portraying Morse as some of the characters he had met over the years!

John Thaw always walked with a limp because of an accident in his youth, he'd gained public fame as DI Regan in the 70s police series 'The Sweeney', then was Colin Dexter's only choice for the far more cultured and thoughtful Morse.

In 1987 the first episode was shown and 13 million people watched it. The Twilight of the Gods episode pulled in 19 million people such was the popularity of Morse. The Remorseful Day was the last episode where Morse had a heart attack and died.

The famous red Jaguar was sold for £20,000, and the money given to charity, but it was actually not in very good condition!

Although we think of the series being mainly shot in Oxford, it was actually shot in and around Herts and Middlesex, much nearer the studios for editing.

A few pubs were always used in Oxford, such as the Bear or the White Horse, because these pub scenes were used to discuss the plot and help the viewers catch up.

It was an excellent talk and if anyone wants futher information I am sure Mr Lack's Oxford talks would be very interesting!!

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

Everyone welcome

Lisa Lammiman



Letters to the Editor

The Editor reserves the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter. Each letter must bear a legible name & address, and phone number (please) in case any text needs verification

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Drayton Players
We had a lovely social afternoon at the Village Hall in January. We started the afternoon with tea & cake and a good catch up! The pictures on the Bar Wall created a lot of interest, bringing back fond memories of plays pantos, musicals etc from yester-year and of members that trod the boards before us. Many of them were our mentors and highly respected by us all.

We then presented a **cheque for £500** (raised at our last performances in Nov 2022) to Mandy Blair, from **Dementia UK**. Mandy will request for this to be allocated locally. Mandy has been a great support to me and my husband Alan in our time of need, for which we will always be grateful. The Charity does an amazing job and a well-worthy cause.

We will meet in the Spring to discuss what we can do next! **Watch out for us** in the Chronicle for future information. We intend to put on 1 or 2 short plays in June in the village hall and in the local Drama Festivals, so **we will need actors and crew for them**. Anyone interested in **acting or helping backstage**, please give me a call, or our chairman Mike Davies on **01235 834690**.

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The church remains open daily {Sunday – Sat, **10 – 3pm**}

NB – all information is correct at time of going to press.

REGULAR SERVICES

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

*** NB – PLEASE Note that 9.30 is changed from 9.45

Mothering Sunday Service March 19th at 9.30am

Please bring your families along to join us to celebrate our Mums and give thanks for them!



REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mondays	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice
Tuesday	2.30 pm	*** Tuesday Connect – ALL welcome for a cuppa & chat (***) now the 2nd Tues of month
Weds	10.00 am	Pebbles Baby & Toddler Group (term-time)

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

PARISH REGISTER

No entries this month



YOU STAY WE PRAY (March)

Feb 26th – 4th Church Lane; Henleys Lane; Caudwell Close;
Gravel Lane;
5th – 11th Abingdon Road; Oday Hill;
12th – 18th Binning Close; Haywards Road;
19th – 25th Sutton Wick Lane; Greenacres; Newman Lane;
Conifer Drive
26th – April 1st Hilliat Fields; Lyford Close

WARM SPACES

The Damascus Parish are offering all sorts of initiatives to provide warm spaces for our communities. Here in St Peter's, we are doing the same. All in the Church Room.

1st **Monday** of the month, Knit and Natter: 2pm – 4pm
2nd **Tuesday** of the month, Tuesday Connect: 2:30– 4pm

Everyone is welcome; if you know anyone who would benefit, bring them along. We look forward to seeing you.

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From the DAMASCUS Ministry Team

Dear Friends:- **“The world, the country is in a mess due to the failure of.....”**

Failure! We all experience it in some way or another; every day each one of us will fail in myriad small and large ways. Closely associated with failure comes blame; **failure is hard to confront whilst blame is so easy to embrace**. Failure is an intricate part of being human, therefore the question facing us is not “Will there be failure?” but “When there is failure, what will we do about it?”. Failure can occasionally be devastating in its consequence while often the effect is small. So, the challenge for us all is “How do we make the kinds of mistakes that are safe, contained, learning about what went wrong in order to avoid making them again?”.

Traditionally the Church uses the season of Lent for serious and sober thinking – this year the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book is entitled Failure, and written by Bishop Emma Ineson, will be the theme for our parish services and study groups. The bible is full of accounts of **serious leadership failure** including Joseph, Moses, David, Jonah. Was Jesus successful in leading his team of 12? Immediately after the resurrection the disciples were confused, scared and ineffective. **We learn from biblical historical narratives that the most spectacular disappointments and failures, public or private, are not the end of the story**. The end of the story is written by God, who knows what failure is and is not, and whose gracious love overwhelms our greatest failures. God sets a different scale for measuring success and failure, the Bible records many stories of failure redeemed, forgiven, restored.

The temptation is to use our many failures and disappointments to convince ourselves that we are not worth being loved. The bible narrative on failure says that the opposite is true. Many failures mean we have nothing to brag about but everything to be loved for. As we study some of the biblical narratives of failure, we pray that we will be disturbed when we are too comfortable and comforted when we are too disturbed and in doing so, to take comfort in God's merciful and hope-filled judgement of each and everyone. **If you want to join these discussions, please contact me or your village church.**

With my prayers and regards,

(Rev'd) Phil Sutton

(Associate Minister - DAMASCUS Parish ministry team)

Local Groups & Clubs

Drayton W.I.

In February we had a visit from Micky Steptoe, he showed us a montage of his photographs, we did our best to see his beautiful pictures but technology won and proved a very difficult procedure, nonetheless they were amazing.

He ended his talk by telling us about his next project, he wants to put together a **visual history of Drayton Now and Then**, pictures and memories of the village before they disappear into oblivion.

March is the official end of our year, we review the past year and decide on the next year's officers and committees. Business done, it's time for puddings (!!) and what a glorious display we have to taste. Then in the April issue I can tell you more of what's lined up re guest speakers for the coming year.

So, **AGM, Thurs Mar 9th** at 7.30, Caudwell Day Centre (Gravel Lane) – meetings usually the 2nd Thursday each month.

Ann Webb

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Drayton Wives+ (Lisa Lammiman)

[Ed:- This report*** is from the meeting the Wives had before Xmas, too late for the Dec issue, and for space reasons, was sadly one of several items that didn't make the Feb one!]

Our latest*** meeting was very **Christmassy** with a lovely talk and exhibition from Angela Dickinson.

Angela had previously worked in marketing but decided to **turn a hobby into a business**. As she had always loved flowers it was decided to start with wreaths, garlands, table decorations etc for homes and businesses.

Using real flowers had the drawback of a limited shelf life so she moved into **artificial flowers**, changing her displays with the seasons. She looked at trends in the markets to see what was up and coming. Her first sale was at Dorchester but she has moved onto Abingdon markets and other craft fayres, also local businesses.

Everything is made from scratch with some wreaths taking at least 2 hours.

Angela does sell through **Etsy** and also has a **Facebook** page @**fabulouslyfauxflowers** if anyone wanted any commissions for **parties, weddings or birthdays**. So the village hall looked very festive!!
Lisa Lammiman

 * **The Drayton Village Scarecrow** *
 * **Safari Trail** *
 * **FREE ENTRY** *
 *  *
 * **Monday 3rd April 2023** *
 * **to** *
 * **Sunday 16th April 2023** *
 * **Safari Theme** *
 * We'd love for Drayton residents to get involved by *
 * decorating a scarecrow to fit in with the theme and *
 * then display it in their garden / front window for *
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PARISH COUNCIL

www.DraytonPC.Org

Next PC Meeting

All residents are welcome to attend.

Now **Tuesday** evenings (2nd of month) so next it's March 14th, in the Caudwell Day Centre (Gravel Lane), 7pm (NB The Feb meeting had a late venue change, to the Village Hall, seeking Wi-Fi availability. Check social media for any March change?).

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



Vacancies

From the PC part of the DraytonVillage website :- There is presently a vacancy for a Part-time Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer (see <https://www.draytonvillage.co.uk>), this due to Lorraine Watling's departure before Xmas.

There are currently **four vacancies** for Councillors on Drayton Parish Council. This unpaid position involves working for the local community as part of a team of 11 Councillors. The Council's usual meetings are the 2nd Tuesday, as above.

The Council's work is varied and interesting, it's organised into topic areas ie:- Finance and Personnel, Neighbourhood Development Plan implementation, Planning, Rights of Way, Transport, etc. Councillors often undertake work on their topic, and may attend meetings between the regular monthly ones.

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 the 'temp, acting' Parish Clerk (**Dianne Rickaby**) 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:- 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.

Soooo, if you'd like to serve the village, and help with important decisions, then this is **your chance**?!

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the (temp) **Parish Clerk**, as above, and messages will be 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.

All **Parish Council minutes** are now **archived** on the village website: <http://www.draytonvillage.co.uk/> which also has a link to **back copies of the Drayton Chronicle**, and details of other events in the village.

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Eastway Bridleway

The Parish Council has secured S106 funding to **refurbish the stretch of bridleway** from the Steventon Road end of Eastway (BW1) for approximately 400 metres to where the concrete track commences. The work should commence on Feb 27th and is scheduled to complete by **Friday March 3rd**.

The work will entail cutting back the hedge, levelling the surface and then laying a **new 'hoggin' path**. This will ensure the bridleway does not become unpassable in wet weather and has a nice smooth, level surface which will last many years, rather than the undulations that tend to pool water at present.

The bridleway is not being closed whilst the work is done, we would ask residents to find an alternative route, if possible, or if that's inconvenient, **PLEASE** take extra care!

Parish Clerk

Lorraine Watling who was our Parish Clerk for many years left at the end of December. The Parish Council would like to **thank her for her service to the community** and **wishes her well in her new role**. A replacement Clerk is being sought with interviews taking place in the near future.



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First off, ADVANCE WARNING, Thursday **May 4th** is a local election day, so the Hall will be in use as a **Polling Station**. PLUS, further apologies to our 'regulars', but the Hall will be **CLOSED** during the week of **April 17th**, for essential maintenance.

Our **Bowls Club** (indoor – obviously!) get a mention in the R-H column, it's a skilful game, but easy to learn the basics, just nominal fees, plus they're very big on the essential tea & bikkies! They're a friendly bunch, why not give it a try?!

Now, anyone walking with a new limp, or do you know someone that is? Or perhaps keeps falling over? All possible consequences, as we've gained a **walking stick** that someone seems to have mislaid?!

We've another **ANTIQUES Fair**, Sunday Mar 5th, that's with Kathy Head running her excellent value cafe for one of her good causes (lovely breakfast, or perhaps just a bacon sarnie!) -- and later in the month (Weds 15th), another **NEW HIRER**, returns, apparently pretty popular in their first couple of sessions, that's '**Little City**', and their website says "We are an entirely mobile **ROLE PLAY 'city'** for the under-5s to explore & enjoy, utilising our bespoke backdrops, and specially selected high-quality toys and equipment, your child can fully immerse themselves in their own world, and welcome you in too!" www.littlecityuk.com

Also the class for **Irish Dancing**, intended for 4-y-olds and upwards, has been doing well as word has spread round children and parents. That's **Tuesdays**, early evenings (5.30 for an hour), their leader Ashleigh is on **07375 878445**, please ask her for all queries on what they do, as I can't dance a step!

Volunteer Please?!! The recent Hall C'tee meeting heard, sadly, that our **Treasurer** (Tamsin) intends to give up the role in due course, due to increased work & family commitments. Tamsin has been a Parish Councillor, has been Hall Treasurer for some years, and is a valued Chronicle agent, so certainly 'does her bit' for the village! SO, if there's anyone out there who can volunteer to take over that role, we'd love to hear from you, means keeping track of Hall hirer payments in, and paying those naughty bills going out, and keeping relevant records. Once in a while, some Hall accounts need to be produced. **GRATEFUL thanks** to Tamsin for all her efforts for us, though hopefully we've got her for a little while yet?!

Electric Organ?? The Hall has one, been there for ages it seems, but sadly not used for a very long time (likely a bit dusty inside by now?!). So, we think it could go to a **new home** where it might be appreciated (& used!) a bit more. If you think you could use it, let us know, come and check it over?

See www.draytonvh.co.uk for contact info.

Drayton Short-Mat Bowls Club



Dear Draytonians,

Like to learn a new skill and meet new people? Come along and play short mat bowls at the Village Hall.

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Woods are provided for your trial. Please come with flat bottom shoes, slippers or play in socks. We do have some spare pairs of shoes for your trial sessions, if needed.

We have other social events throughout the year to enjoy, such as meals at the Merry Miller and Skittles evenings, you could also enter competition matches if you want to, it might be just up your street!

Any questions or more info, please call Andy on **07434 273053**. **Andy Brooks**

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Bracket Fungus

Seen on a local small tree. There are many varieties of the fungus, and lots of types of tree may be affected.

They're all part of what is called the "normal woodland eco-system", and fungi generally are "crucial to the breakdown of dead wood", but some as here will develop on living trees. And **DO NOT try to eat one** (foraging is a 'thing' nowadays!) unless it's been **identified by a pro!**






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You can (and should!) check the register of waste carriers on the Environment Agency website:-

<https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>

PLUS:- Record the Reg Number of any vehicle used for your rubbish – AND – ask for a proper Invoice & Receipt!

Depressing?!

Almost every day we hear more bad NHS news (though some folk are still getting great treatment), strikes abound, and political incompetence and corruption seem never-ending. SO depressing!

BUT, it was recently revealed that SPAIN had ordered €250+million worth of trains that turned out to be TOO BIG for their bridges and tunnels!

So, **somebody else can mess up!** RUMOURS quickly surfaced that several Govt Depts were rushing to Spain to recruit the culprits, as it was too good an opportunity to miss them (given the UK's long history of public project chaos, massive cost underestimates, and long delays). They should be starting on the HS2 project any day now?!

Golden Celebration

Dear Editor,

Steventon Rd

A. L. Vickery and Son Hardware Store will be **50 years old** in March 2023.

Laurence arrived in the village with his parents Arthur and Doris in March 1973 to take over the store, which has provided a great service to the local community and beyond.

Well done Laurence and Izzy and many congratulations!

Many thanks

Jill Gimigliano

(and a warm welcome from resident greeter Izzy!)



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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MORE LETTERS

Ron Cook

Dear Editor, via email

We would like to thank everyone who has sent condolence messages and cards to our family following the sad death of Ron Cook on February 7th, at home, aged 92.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Ron and his late wife Millie moved to Drayton 58 years ago. They had many happy times in the village.

We will be celebrating Ron's life at St Peter's Church in Drayton on **Friday 17th March at 11.30am** with refreshments at the church following the service.

Kind Regards

Sarah Cook

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Dear Drayton Residents, via email

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Ideally we would then sew or fix them to a net and create a wave behind the Two Tommy's.

If any of you feel you would like to do this please contact me on 01235 553775 -- thank you in advance.

Kind Regards Susan Baird (Drayton 'Tommy' group)



MORE CARING.



Our mum in Drayton lives independently but would now appreciate help with tasks such as preparing meals, occasional shopping trips etc. And she would value a regular friendly face for cups of tea and chats. Ideally, daily visits of 1 to 2 hours, but everything is negotiable. Good rates of pay! Call Juliet 01305 457210 or Cathy 01308 862670.

Caudwell Day Centre

Dear Editor, via email

The Caudwell Day Centre would like to have a few more committee members to help with some of its tasks & responsibilities. There are genuinely not many.

At present a variety of groups use the centre on a regular basis. These include: Drayton Wives, Drayton WI, Bridge Club, Art Club, Band, and the Baptist Church is using it to hold their coffee mornings. Individuals also hire the hall for special occasions.

There are only two or three committee meetings a year. It has a very organised chairperson (Vicky Malin), a treasurer, secretary and three other committee members.

If you feel you would like to join the committee to give a little occasional help, we'd love to hear from you!

Especially useful would be someone with practical skills, but others very welcome.

Thank you, Sian Middleton
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Neighbourhood News – we rarely hear now, since the Chron Agents don't need to sell tickets for the former Lottery game, of any folk moving in or out of the village. **But if you hear such news** (& the people are OK with it publicised of course!) then do please let us know!

Your District Councillor



Voting – Photo ID required from MAY onwards!

I'm going to be kicking off each article between now and the local elections in May (4th) with this:- the Govt have decided to change the way we vote from now on. In all future elections **where you vote in person, you will require photo ID.**

PLEASE NOTE:- Your **POLLING CARD** will **NOT meet** the Govt's requirements!

You must bring one of the following documents to the polling station to be allowed to vote, and it must be the original version and not a photocopy (however, as long as it still looks like you, it does not need to be in date):

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None of those? You can apply for a **free** Voter Authority Certificate at voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk.

The **deadline to apply** for a **Voter Authority Certificate** for the local elections in England (May 4th) is 5pm on **Tues April 25th**.

There are no changes to postal voting.

In addition, make sure you **are** registered to vote! You can check by contacting Electoral Services on 01235 422528 or by email to elections@southandvale.gov.uk If not registered, you can register on <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> (or Electoral Services can help on the number above).

Please don't lose your vote!

Cost of Living

As the Cost of Living crisis hasn't gone away, I'm once again putting in the contact details for support for individuals and families from the Community Hub.

If you need help because you are struggling financially or if you are just finding life difficult, **the Vale can help**. Whether it's for practical support or just advice, get in touch:-

01235 422600 or communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

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Office hours are 8.30am - 5pm Monday to Thursday, but 8.30am to 4.30pm on Fridays.


Homes for Ukraine

There has been a Government support package that has enabled Councils to provide payment of £550 to all hosts for the winter period. This support ends with the March payment; those hosting beyond the 12 month period are supposed to then receive £500 per month with all others receiving £350 in line with the government package.

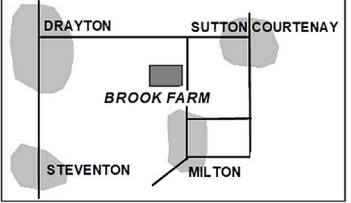
We committed to reviewing what this means for the scheme in Oxfordshire and, from April 2023 until the end of March 2024, all hosts will now receive a monthly payment of £550 regardless of when the 12 month period is due.

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Joint Local Plan

Last month, I mentioned the Joint Local Plan timetable (where we're updating and replacing the one we inherited) and the website where specifics are held. This was

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/local-plan-2041/>

There has already been a good response with people engaging on it and giving their say. **Please take a look and have your say** if you haven't done so already.

It may seem boring and arcane, but it is a key element of the whole planning process, and one of the few areas where we can put our input into the legislative process. **Councils have very little discretion on planning applications** when those are made; the legal aspects and legislation dictate most of what is done (and if we don't follow them closely, developers can and will appeal any rejected decision and conditions that they don't like, and the Government Inspector will uphold their appeal).

The Local Plan isn't complete power (precedent and national policy can override it), and we are limited in what we can put into it – but it's our main way of having some control of the process.

Thames Water Plan Consultation

Public consultation is still open for the Thames Water draft Water Resources Management Plan:- <https://thames-wrmp.co.uk/>. Consultation is open until **March 21st**.

GARD (here: <https://www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk/>) will be providing guidance once more, but virtually everything that was valid as an objection before is valid still.

An old and excessive model for population growth is still used, instead of the latest ONS projections

Inter-region water transfers are still not targeted until later, despite the National Infrastructure Commission putting a national water network as their top-line recommendation (they concluded that inter-region water transfers were the only options with positive cost-benefit cases in all circumstances and enhanced resilience all round, and have been historically lacking).

The plan is still **non-adaptive** – tying us in to the multi-decade multi-billion-pound and environmentally damaging megaproject of the huge and unneeded reservoir (which, if they actually believed their population projection figures, would leave us exposed to drought for a generation and more in order to avoid making it redundant by the faster, better, and cheaper solution of water transfers and fixing leaks).

They claim (without any evidence) that building and operating the megareservoir (with huge amounts of earth movement required) would somehow cause less carbon emissions than the pipeline of the Severn-Thames Transfer (which would use an ever-more-decarbonised electrical grid for power...)

All the best, ***Andy Cooke***

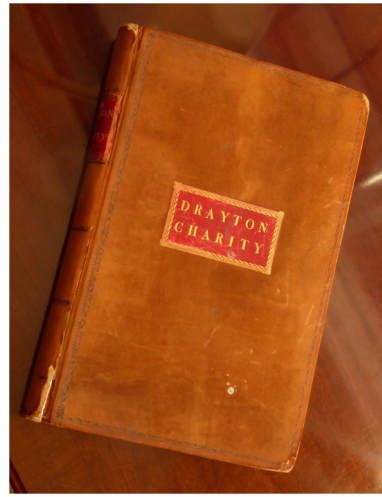
A Window Into Drayton's Charities

"This Indenture made the twenty eighth day of December in the fifty ninth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King defender of the faith And in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighteen Between William Hayward of the Parish of Drayton in the County of Berks Gentleman of the one part and William Caudwell of Drayton aforesaid yeoman James Hyde of Drayton aforesaid yeoman son of late John Hyde of Drayton yeoman deceased and William Hyde of aforesaid yeoman of the other part ..."

These are the opening words in a **leather-bound volume** of some 150 handwritten pages which record the development of three Drayton charities between 1818 and 1993. Among the names it lists, either as trustees or beneficiaries, **are many that current residents of Drayton will recognise**; indeed, some of them are their forebears.

This indenture is a legal document relating to a bequest by **William Hayward** of some £150 to supplement an earlier trust which held funds for distribution to Drayton's poor, becoming known as the Charity of **William Hayward**. It records that on Candlemas Day 1819, £5 was distributed to the poor (Ed:- £347 today!) by **James Hyde and William Lyford**, church wardens and this continues every year, and in increasing amounts until 1839, when cash was replaced by clothing.

At some point the distribution reverts to cash because in 1887 it states, 'Distributed sums of from 1/- to 5/- money to 56 poor families in Drayton'. Two years later, church wardens **Charles Caudwell and Charles Lyford** distribute a total of £9 2s. to a total of 86 named individuals. Fortunately, the number of Drayton's 'poor' dwindled throughout the 20th century; it was down to just 10 in 1974 and, by 1987, the charity was having to publish a notice in the Drayton Chronicle inviting applications.



→ The Charity of **Robert Corneville** was first indentured in 1681 'for the repair and maintenance of highways in Drayton and for such other charitable uses in Drayton as the trustees select'. However, the Victoria County History establishes that it was set up by Robert Corneville in 1450, but little is known about Robert Corneville

(various spellings) himself. The National Archives show that it was endowed with two cottages with five acres of land. In 1855 the charity's income was appropriated for building the school in High Street and, later, the cottages were adapted to form a residence for the schoolmaster.

Management of the charity seems to have been quite a headache for its trustees. In 1923 it is recorded that 'something must be done about the school house cesspool'. Four years later they were **obliged to give the school manager one month's notice**, but **he ignored it**.

The Berkshire Record Office shows that in 1903 the Corneville and Poor's Houses charities were combined. The Poor's Houses were built in 1806 using funds remaining from a national appeal following the **fire that swept down Drayton's High Street in 1780**. They consisted of five tenements for 'poor widows and aged persons' and the first tenants were some of those who had been burnt out of their homes. The Poor's Houses themselves have a fascinating history which, hopefully, will be told in a future article. **They were replaced by the Almshouses in 1980**.

In 1977 these three charities, together with one or two smaller ones, were brought together as Drayton Parochial Charities and **I am grateful to the current trustees** for enabling me to write these notes. **Andrew Bax**



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GARD

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NOW is the time to respond to the Thames Water draft Water Resource Management Plan.

The deadline for response is **21st March**.

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You can also tell your MP and Councillors what you think, by forwarding the Thames Water confirmation email containing your response to them. **Please also tell us at GARD** that you have responded. **Thank you!**

For information and assistance look on the GARD website abingdonreservoir.org.uk or contact the GARD Secretary (Deborah Bennett) via gard.secretary@gmail.com

Derek Stork (Chairman, GARD)

[Ed:- Please see Andy Cooke's reminders - page 11 - of some of the many arguments against TW's plan, that IS the firm that's had decades of failing to fix a Niagara of London leaks, & pollutes rivers with sewage at pretty much the slightest drop of rain. Oh, and the water would be destined for Portsmouth!]

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Chronicle Appeal

For a couple of years, back in the day, the Chronicle team was blessed with a rota of FOUR editors, which meant that cover for holidays, short breaks, or some unexpected event was fairly simple to arrange.

That was THEN!

In recent times, we've had three editors, which still gives scope to have a break between each person's turn, and the chance with a bit of shuffling to swap 'turns' if needed.

Sadly, later this year, Mo, one of our present trio, intends to resign, as he's moved away.

SO - is there, somewhere in this now expanded village, someone who can **take over the editor role**?

WHAT QUALITIES would they need?? Well, it's not an exclusive list, but perhaps:- a sense of humour, some time to spare (the editing 'week' is usually about the 3rd week of a given month, and it takes up perhaps 15 to 20 hours), and reasonable IT skills. An interest in the village's history & current affairs may help, along with a dose of patience?!

What else? Passable English & pselling?



We'd also LOVE to find a couple more agents, to join the small army of folk **who deliver Chronicles round the village**.

Our agents often find their own substitutes, to cover for holidays, but sometimes this can be a bit tricky, and people do of course move away, so there's the occasional gap to fill.

We'd like to build a list of a few people who could do a round (20 to 30 houses, on average?) or perhaps could just fill in for someone in a given month, if needed.

Could that be YOU?

We DO also have a **specific requirement**, in a few months time, on the **Dovecote**, where the regular agent (Stephen) won't be able to deliver at the end of June. Now, having said that an average round is 20-30, HE does a **herculean round** of almost 150 houses! So, could a small group of folk from that estate perhaps club together and cover that month? I'm told someone was going to mention this topic on the estate's Facebook, but I think that's a private group so I cannot check.

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"You Couldn't Make It Up" Award

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Jobsworth (a contractor for the council) told her – "look on the website" (!) and "it's almost fly-tipping".

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Richard Webber - Oxon CC

Opinion Polls

It is all too easy to become excited/depressed/anxious (take your pick) over the state of the nation's local and national politics. It almost seems that there is a competition going on between polling organisations to grab the headlines over who can be most dramatic. **But is this the best way to test public opinion?** And more importantly, how far do these polls actually influence public opinion? There are many examples of the polls turning out to be very wrong. Do they merely solidify passing trends or do they stimulate resentment in an electorate that does not like being told how it is going to behave?

I am not clear what purpose they serve except to give the chattering political classes something to chew on. At best, polls are a vague guide as to how public opinion might be shifting and at worst, a hindrance to independent thinking.

With some important local elections in May, many media outlets are beginning to obsess on what national polls are saying. I very much hope that people will make up their own minds and, as far as possible, ignore the polls.

Budgets

After many weeks of discussion and consultation, the process of forming a Council's budget culminates in a formal Councillor Budget debate. Yesterday's near 6 hour meeting at which an alternative budget produced by the opposition had to be considered first, culminated as expected in a comfortable majority passing the ruling administration's budget. The whole exercise is called "a debate" but the outcome is almost always predetermined. It can be very frustrating for Opposition councillors as it is far too late for any of their ideas to be built into what will be passed on budget day. But having served as an opposition councillor for so many years, I have some sympathy for them.

That said, I am very pleased with the outcome this year. **OCC's finances are looking remarkably secure** given the amount of financial uncertainty around. In summary, more money is going into:- Adult and Child social care, Highway maintenance, tackling climate change, and protecting the most vulnerable from the worst of the cost of living crisis; as a package it seems to offer something for almost everyone with one proviso, that the increase in council tax of 4.99% (although in line with more than 70% of all other councils) is a tough ask of those in the 'next most vulnerable' category. It was a choice between the pain of a Council Tax increase over the pain that would result from cutting frontline services. Politics is about making choices - often difficult ones.

There are plenty of other risks around the corner however. Not least the impact of inflation on all areas of the budget together with the announcement from government that we need to prepare for further cuts in central government finance in 2025-6.

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Other challenges

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The development of thousands more houses at Culham, Didcot and Kingston Bagpuize.

More clarity on the number of houses we need to build elsewhere.

The potential development of Abingdon airfield.

And those are just the major issues. At the same time there are a number of other Highway and traffic issues that have been outstanding for far too long.

Here's hoping the next financial year will be a little less pressured.

Richard Webber

If you have feelings on any County issues you would like me to hear, please contact me:- 07546 571521 or email richardwebber777@gmail.com

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I'm delighted to have secured a **breakthrough for the local AEAT Pensioners** after 10 years of dogged campaigning by them. The National

Audit Office – which has investigated high-profile cases such as Equitable Life and British Steel – has agreed to my request to look at the AEAT case and will produce a report setting out their views in the coming weeks. Parliament's powerful **Public Accounts Committee** will also hold an inquiry and are calling for **evidence for this until March 5th:**

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7230/aea-technology-pension-case/>

A highlight in the last month was, of course, **President Zelensky** addressing Parliament. He gave a very powerful speech, conveying the bravery of the Ukrainian people and his **thanks to the UK for our support** during the past year.

For anyone born in the UK after the world wars, as I was, it is impossible to truly understand what his countrymen and women are going through at this time, subject to a relentless bombardment by Russian tanks and planes every day that takes the lives of their family members and causes untold destruction. **The President's speech made us all feel proud of the UK's support.** We were the first European country to start sending lethal aid to Ukraine and are the second largest donor of military aid in the world after the USA – a total of £2.3 billion since the outbreak of war.

In addition to all the military equipment supplied – and a major new package of air defence to help protect civilians and critical national infrastructure from Russian strikes – we've provided a £220million package of humanitarian assistance package and issued some 218,000 visas to Ukrainians.

Oxfordshire has of course been at the forefront of hosting Ukrainian refugees, many of whom I have had the privilege to meet. **Our support is very important** – and must continue.

I was very pleased this constituency was the place Michelle Donelan, the new Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, chose to make her first visit – to the **Rosalind Franklin Institute at Harwell**, to which the Govt has just committed a further £40 million. The Department will be key for this constituency and its creation has happened just before I hold the first meeting of my **Science and Technology forum** for businesses at Harwell, Milton Park, etc, with George Freeman, Minister for Science, Research, and Innovation, as the **guest speaker**. The forum is 'virtual', **March 9th**, 9.45 to 11am, featuring a talk plus Q&A session.

The other event coming up **in the near future** from me will be an **Apprenticeships Fair** for local young people and employers. While there has been a welcome growth in apprenticeships with the Government's Apprenticeship Levy, many employers struggle to fill their apprenticeships while, nationally, the highest-level ones disproportionately go to young people from higher income families.

If you work for a company that wants to take part, then do get in touch.

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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?** >>

In **2013**, this month had seen **Justin Timberlake** at #1 ('Mirrors'), and soon to become the year's biggest seller was 'Get Lucky' (**Daft Punk** with **Pharrell Williams**).

Back **20 years** – & **Gareth Gates** ('featuring' **Kumars**) was at #1 with 'Spirit in the Sky' – previously a #1 for **Norman Greenbaum** in 1970 (who wrote it – a 'one hit wonder') & **Dr and the Medics** (in the 80s).

Back to **1993** – back then **Madonna** (in the news last month) was in the charts with 'Fever', as was the wonderful **Annie Lennox** with 'Little Bird'.

40 years ago (is it REALLY so long?!) and, well, it's **Annie Lennox** again, as the fantastic **Eurythmics** had just had a massive hit with 'Sweet Dreams are made of This', and next month would also chart with 'Love is a Stranger'. And, a very good month, as sandwiched in-between them were two instantly recognisable all-time great hits, **Bonnie Tyler** with 'Total Eclipse of the Heart', and **David Bowie** ('Let's Dance').

FIFTY years ago (for real old-timers), we'd just had one of the lesser-known Motown groups doing well with a great song (**Detroit Emeralds**, 'Feel the Need in Me'), also one of the **all-time great voices** (**Roberta Flack**) with an all-time classic ('Killing me Softly with Your Song'). That month we went from the sublime to the ridiculous, as **Slade** made #1 with 'Cum On Feel The Noize' (and that WAS noisy – or 'noizy'?!), soon followed by the more mellow sound of **Donny Osmond** ('The Twelfth of Never') and **Dawn** (featuring **Tony Orlando**) with 'Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree'.

Anyone recall **1963**?! **Let me help**:- In just a few weeks, an incredible set of records charted, **Bobby Vee** and his iconic 'The Night Has a Thousand Eyes', with **Cliff Richard's** wonderful 'Summer Holiday' (from that film). Then **The Shadows** had a hit on their own ('Foot Tapper'), followed by **Gerry and the Pacemakers** ('How do you Do It'), with just behind them the silky voice of **Andy Williams** ('Can't Get Used to Losing You'). Soon to be #1 was the first of very many for . . . **The Beatles** ('From Me to You'). They'd made #2 in January with 'Please Please Me', and their other #1 hits that year were 'She Loves You', and 'I Want to Hold Your Hand'.

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This month in 2013 we had the election of **Pope Francis** (first Jesuit Pope, first from the Americas, and first from the Southern Hemisphere). Soon there would be new Kings in **Holland & Belgium**, after the previous monarchs (Beatrix & Albert) had abdicated.

And, sadly, we lost actor **Richard Griffiths**, and would soon lose **Margaret Thatcher**.

TWENTY years ago the **World Health Organisation** issued a global alert, re 'severe acute respiratory syndrome', when it spreads to SE Asia after originating in mainland China (sounds familiar?!). And the **Iraq war** started. We lost **Horst Buchholz** (one of the original Magnificent Seven – a popular Pub Quiz question!) – and soon after singers **Edwin Starr & Nina Simone**. And the trial of **Charles Ingram** would soon find him & his wife guilty of trying to defraud **Who Wants to be A Millionaire** (the 'coughing' episode).

FORTY years ago the **3D Printer** was invented, and the **Space Shuttle Challenger** made its first voyage. On TV, **Roland Rat** (remember him?!) was soon to debut on the struggling 'TV-AM', in an attempt to boost ratings. This led to the joke:- "the first rat to **join** a sinking ship". A bit later that year the terrific **Black Adder** first appeared, so too **BlockBusters**. We lost Belgian Comics creator **Hergé** (The Adventures of TinTin – remember him?!), also **Winifred Atwell**, a pianist that our more mature readers may recall – she was apparently an early influence for **Elton John, Keith Emerson, and Rick Wakeman!**



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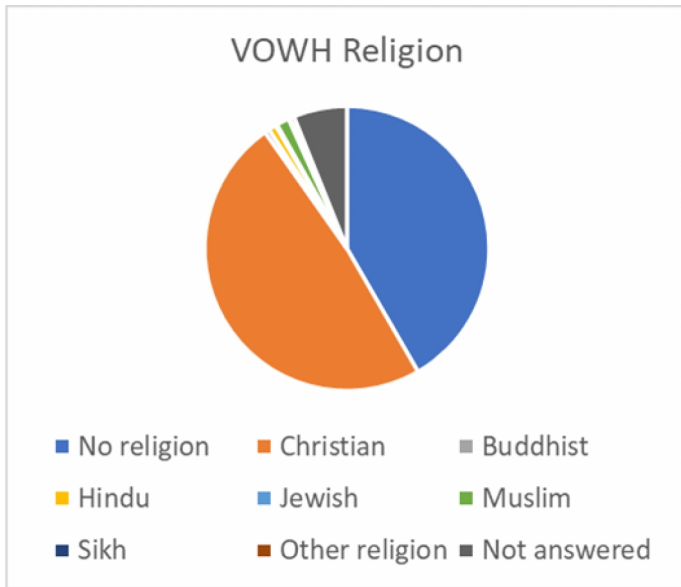
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2021 Census

Religion:- Recent headlines revealed that Christians are now a minority of the population in England and Wales, falling from 59.3% in 2011 to **46.2%** in 2021.

In our local Vale area the figure has also fallen, but to **48.6%**. Muslims form the next largest group at **1.4%**.



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Martin Blogg

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Milton Methodist Church News

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(for those unaware, the Church is on Milton High St, a few doors down from School Lane, parking on site)

Knit and Natter, 4th Tuesday of the month:-
Sessions run from 10am - 12 noon cost £2 including refreshments (& wool as available). Come and join us if you enjoy knitting and/or nattering! **(01235 763321)**

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TUESDAY CONNECT >>

HAS MOVED! Now on the **SECOND Tuesday** (As on page 4 - monthly tea & chat afternoons in Church).

And the **Baptist Cafe** is on Thursdays – each week – but is **NOW** occurring in the Caudwell Day Centre, 11am to 1pm, more tea and cake, and **you can be sure of a warm welcome.**

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LISTINGS

Antiques Fair – In the Village Hall - Sunday March 5th (and April 9th too) from 9.30 am (to about 3pm). Varied stalls, just £1 entry, and the chance of an ace bacon sarnie, toasties, etc!

The Oxford Vaccine Group, and the Jenner Institute, are frequently looking for volunteers to test new vaccines, you need to be 18 to 55, and they usually pay for your time (sometimes very well). <https://trials.ovg.ox.ac.uk/trials/>

Open Day! At Oxford Wood Recycling (Suffolk Way, Ab'don), Sat March 18th, 9 to 3pm, see their ad on page 15.

Annual Parish Meeting Caudwell Day Centre, Tues March 21st, 7pm (page 6, and www.draytonvillage.co.uk).

The Art of WW2 An exhibition of diverse, original artwork, at the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock, until May 7th. Tues to Sat, 11am to 5pm, Suns 2 to 5pm, see www.sof.org.uk

Watermill Theatre (& Restaurant) Bagnor, Newbury. "Notes From a Small Island" (from the best-selling **Bill Bryson** book), showing to **March 18th**, with performances described as 'Audio Described' (March 11th, 2.30) and later that day one that is 'captioned' www.watermill.org.uk/bryson

Thame 'Green Business' Expo Thurs March 16th, 11 - 2pm, Thame Town Hall – showcasing sustainable products, services and resources. www.svbs.co.uk

Advance Notice >> Abingdon ECO Fair Marketplace & Guildhall, Sat May 13th, 9am to 3pm. Eco-friendly solutions & resources for residents & businesses. Something to show? <https://www.abingdoneventspartnership.co.uk/abingdon-eco-fair>

A New 'Beast From The East'? Not the Kremlin madman – but the Met Office thinks another cold weather blast? IF SO – **PLEASE try to help your garden birds**, eg bread, cake or biscuit scraps, pastry, meat fat, a half-eaten apple, roast spuds, bits of stale cheese, etc, & some **fresh water** if poss!

DRAYTONDIARIES

(Mostly) Hall Diary for March

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated
 To book the Hall :- bookings@draytonvh.co.uk or call Tony Holmes on
 (01235) 531180; see the website :- www.draytonvh.co.uk
 (for other regular events, see the R-H column >>>)

Sat	4	noon	Private Function (child's party)
Sun	5	9.00am	ANTIQUES FAIR (to 3pm)
Sat	11		Private function (all day)
Sun	12	11.00am	Private Function (child's party)
Tues	14	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting Caudwell DC
Weds	15		'Little City' (see p7)
Sat	18		Dog Show (Private group)
Mon	20	5.00pm	CHRONICLE DEADLINE (p2)
Tues	21	7.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting Caudwell DC
		AND (p13)	Thames Water consultation closing date
Sat	25		Private Function (all day)
Sun	26		Private Function (all day)

[ED:- Apologies - last month's listing of the PC meeting at the CDC had a late change of venue to the Village Hall. PLEASE check social media for news of anything similar this month?]

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Here's the 'Regular Events' diary, IF we've missed something, DO PLEASE let us know!

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 ##
- 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, most months) ##
- 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*
- 7.30 pm 'Community Choir' (2nd/4th Thurs) *Church Room*

FRIDAYS

- 7.15 pm ShikiDojo Martial Arts (Paul - 07479 824887)
 NB DO PLEASE check with Paul 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 *Baptist Church*

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