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Editor - Tony Holmes

COMING CHRONICLES

The **July Chronicle** will be available for distribution on or about **Friday June 30th**.

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, June 19th**.

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 June 16th**, 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 – well done to **Linda Semmens**, for persuading a local **Sparrowhawk** to sit still long enough to be snapped, one April morning in the garden.

This might be a good time to mention the Photo Comp we announced a couple of months ago, and THANKS to all the entries (the sparrowhawk was one). Sadly we are having great trouble picking a winner (!) as all the judges so far have come up with quite different selections!! {And we're working on it . . . er, pistols at dawn?!}

Inside this edition, PLEASE DO see our appeal for another **Editor**, and a few more **delivery agents** would be good too (page 13). Any German LINGUISTS? (p14)

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

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Drayton Wives (Lisa Lammiman)

We recently held our AGM to elect our new committee and reflect on the past year.

We had some excellent speakers who talked about Inspector Morse, showed us how to make Christmas Wreaths, and how to avoid being scammed!!!!

Our main highlight was the **Birthday boat trip down the river at Henley**. It was a lovely day as we motored along looking in some wonderful back gardens whilst having afternoon tea and cake.

Our group is quite small but very friendly and we have speakers once a month, coffee mornings once a month, craft meetings, and walks to a variety of places also once a month.

If you would like to come and join us the membership is only £15 a year, with meetings costing only £2 for tea and biscuits. The craft meeting is also only £2 but the walks are free although you have to buy your own lunch!!!!

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At least we have picked up our runners-up trophies at the League Presentation event on May 26th.

The club AGM and trophies presentation will be on June 23rd at the Caudwell Centre. I'm sure there will be plenty of positivity on the night, as **the club is thriving with a large membership** and a good mix of ladies, men, and youngsters. We expect to have an additional (6th) team next season.

Currently of course we play 'out of town' at Thameside School (about 1 mile into Abingdon – off Preston Road), so not too far for villagers to try us out.



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

REGULAR SERVICES

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***	9.30 am	Regular Sunday service;
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***** NB – PLEASE Note that 9.30 is changed from 9.45**

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mondays	2.00 pm	Knit & Natter (to 4pm – First Monday)
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice (each Monday)
Tuesday	2.30 pm	*** Tuesday Connect – ALL welcome for a cuppa & chat (***) now the 2nd Tues of month
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18th – 24th Church Lane; Henleys Lane; Caudwell Close;
Gravel Lane;
25th – July 1st Abingdon Road; Oday Hill

From the DAMASCUS Ministry Team

I could do with a holiday this summer

June, the start of our meteorological summer, when our hopes turn to restful warm sunny days in the garden or perhaps going on holiday. Looking forward to a much needed break from the gloom of the crises and threats which surround us, or the gloom of the weather and our tiredness.

Pentecost heralds the start of summer – the time when the church remembers and gives thanks for God's gift of His life giving, life enhancing, Spirit. To the early church, God sent His Holy Spirit to be their strength in times of human weakness and vulnerability. As our energy, faith and hope diminishes, Pentecost reminds us again that God's strength is made perfect in our weakness.

Pentecost makes me realise that our sense of emptiness is not a negative thing, it is a capacity.

We read on containers the capacity they hold. **Capacities are there to be filled.** Without the Holy Spirit we are nothing. It is only through the Holy Spirit, God within us, that we come to believe in God's refreshing love. It is only through the Holy Spirit that we can pray at all; for true prayer is always the Holy Spirit praying in and through us. It is only through the Holy Spirit that we are capable of any genuine good, for that which is of God within us is good. Without the Holy Spirit we are an emptiness. But this emptiness is a capacity waiting to be filled.

W.J. Carey, Bishop of Bloemfontein (1921-1934), wrote a prayer which he suggested should be 'prayed slowly; or brooded over; or thought and felt.'

This prayer includes the lines: 'O Holy Spirit of God – come into my heart and fill me ... I offer to thee the one thing I really possess, my capacity of being filled by thee.... Fill me so that I may live the life of the Spirit; the life of truth and goodness, the life of beautyand guide me today in all things.'

The full prayer can be found at:-

<https://prayerandverse.com/2019/02/05/holy-spirit-fill-me/>

This summer may God grant you restful and refreshing 'holy-days'.

(Rev'd) Phil Sutton

(Associate Minister - DAMASCUS Parish ministry team)

Local Groups & Clubs

Drayton W.I.

This month we learned about speed walking. This is not rushing for the bus but a totally different thing altogether. It's an Olympic sport and also a local sport, it involves a very definite way of walking that has to be seen and practised, it proves very efficient if a little awkward to watch at first.

The ladies that came to demonstrate the walk were restricted by space but we got the idea. Both ladies wore Olympic jackets and displayed a vast collection of medals, all very impressive and both ladies were very fit. There is a training session held at Tilsley Park in Abingdon where you could find out more.

Change of plan this next meeting. Now we are to learn about 'Organisation', something most of us could do with. Come and hear what it's all about, might be just what you need. It's on **Thursday June 8th** at 7.30 pm in the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane, see you there. Our meetings are usually the 2nd Thursday each month. [Ann Webb](#)

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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 **June 13th**, in the Caudwell Day Centre (Gravel Lane), 7pm (NB A couple of recent meetings had a late venue change, in one case, a date change, due to various unfortunate circumstances. PLEASE check social media for any late 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 **five 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 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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PC Meeting Update

Drayton Parish Council held its annual meeting on 16th May. A new Chair was elected (Richard Wade) and lead members elected for the main areas of work. Some of the issues discussed were:- **Refurbishment of the Eastway footpath**. The contractor has been back several times to rectify issues. We are now waiting to see how the path fares after some dry weather.

- **Sports facilities at Walnut Meadow**. Miller Homes now have planning permission to re-level the sports pitch area. We have therefore been able to select the architect to design the pavilion.

- The Council is in discussion with **Cala Homes** regarding the transfer of the **public open space at Manor Farm**. We are also starting to look more widely at developing a strategy for management of parish council owned open spaces across the village.

- **The Council has 5 vacancies** and at the present time we are able to co-opt new members. Perhaps you have a burning issue that you wish to work on or just want to help make the village a better place in a very small way. You would be very welcome to join the Council. If you are interested please contact Clerk@draytonpc.org.

Elaine Wade



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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. **This role MIGHT suit someone STUDYING for an Accounts Qualification?** **GRATEFUL thanks** to Tamsin for all her efforts for us, though hopefully we've got her for a little while yet?!

We've another **ANTIQUES Fair**, Sunday June 4th, 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 the following weekend, Sat 10th, it's the **Village Fete**, which the good **FoDSA** folk have been preparing for ages, so fingers and toes all well crossed for a **SUNNY** day – or at least, just **not wet?!**

See their big advert on page 5. I'm looking forward to the **FALCONRY** display in particular!

Our **Bowls Club** (indoor – obviously!) are looking for a few new members, 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?!

So too (seeks new talent) is one of our **BADMINTON** groups, the one that meets on Weds afternoons. Contact details on page 9. Just the same sentiments apply – friendly, and the tea and bikkies breaktime!

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?!

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!

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.

Gordon (Nick) Carter - age 95

A **Huge "Thank You"** to everyone who paid tribute to Nick (09/03/1928 - 26/04/2023) with their words of comfort, cards, & calling in to see Barbara. **All greatly appreciated.**

Special thanks to Linda Roberts for all her support to Barbara & Nick, Oasis carers, and Rosie Bruce for conducting a wonderful service of celebration.

He'd worked at Morris Motors as a fault-finding inspector. His **very full life** involved a combination of judo to the highest degree of black belt (a 5th Dan, Nick graded, taught, & mentored at the Abingdon 'kyushindu' martial arts club, also participating in karate), he was a member of the Radley College golf course, played trumpet in Abingdon's brass band, and was probably best known in Drayton as being a very successful member of the Short-Mat bowling team.

Julie Quigley

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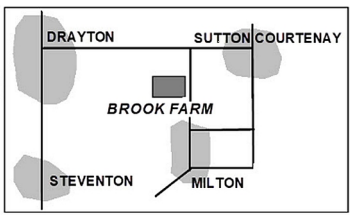
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Light-Hearted Moment

You may have seen the Eurovision Song Contest on May 13th, won by 'Loreen', from Sweden, mimicking Edward Scissorhands (?!). Within hours of the show, rival football fans were all over Facebook – “that’s the only trophy that Liverpool will see this year!” Miaow . . .

The Chronicle is printed on FSC certified paper, as are many similar magazines. That 'FSC' stands for 'Forest Stewardship Council', (<https://fsc.org/en> for more details), and as that name implies, they are aiming to maintain healthy resilient forests.

Old School - 1960?

Dear Editor,

via Facebook

Hello to all. My first post (this was extracted from the 'Families' Facebook page). I am from Tennessee. I lived on High Street for a year as a 10 year old with my family of six on an old farm in 1960 I believe. There were 14 cats there and we had a name for each one.

My father was a **visiting scientist at Harwell** that year. This June I am returning to England for the first time and **my most important stop is Drayton** - to see if it has changed from the lovely village I remember. I hope it has not.

I wonder if any of my classmates at the little school are still around? I was one of only two boys who wore long pants! [NB Ed's note:- anyone objecting to that term should be aware that very few Americans would call trousers "trousers"!]. My mom always said (before she passed) that the reason I have so many MGB cars was because of the factory being in Abingdon.

If any old-timers or new-to-be-made acquaintances see this and care to respond, I would love to hear from you.

I am 71 now, but still have vivid memories of that year. And I also still have all my old Dinky and Corgi toys!

Many thanks

Donald Macklin ==>>



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[Ed's Note:- Donald (Donnie) sent this old snap from the sixties, to try and jog any memories from those at school with him. He's the boy at the front, (but that time in, er, short trousers!) his sister to the far right. Possibly taken somewhere in Abingdon?

He hopes to be here in **mid-June**, so could meet up with interested parties. You can liaise by sending your email ID in to the Chronicle, and we can put you in touch.

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Oxford-opoly?

Dear Editor,

via email

Did anyone else see that story, Oxford Mail I think, maybe their Facebook, about someone has developed a **new Monopoly game**, based on Oxford places?

Within an hour or two they were bombarded with sarky comments, along the lines of "Do NOT pass GO, in fact don't pass anything, you're stuck in traffic all day"!

Also from the '**Community Chest**' or '**Chance**' cards, "Advance to the nearest Station – but you have to miss 65 turns waiting for a Rail Replacement bus", "Make repairs on all your property, pay, well, it's OK, there's actually no builder available for 3 years", and "From Sale of Stock you get £50 – BUT your business went bust, it was in a Low Traffic Neighbourhood imposed by the barmy Council who wouldn't listen, so that's you OUT of the Game".

Kind Regards

P. Sternbroke

An incredible season!!

Firstly, the First Team have successfully **retained** their **North Berks Cup** trophy, having won last season for the first time in 25 years!

Following an exciting 3-1 victory against Berinsfield in the Semi Final in early April, the lads attended Abingdon United FC on Saturday April 29th full of nerves, but with the view of delivering the North Berks Cup back to Drayton for a second successful season.

An organised and physical Dorchester team would stand in Drayton's way, but after a quick start for Drayton, local lad and top goalscorer Josh Dennis opened the scoring with a penalty.

Only 5 minutes later a 'David Beckham'-like Free Kick would be delivered to the top corner by Drayton's Jamie Jacks to send the team in 2-0 up at half time.

Dorchester pulled one back early in the 2nd half and continued to pile on the pressure, however 10 minutes from time Josh Dennis tucked a header into the top left corner of the Dorchester goal all but securing the win for Drayton - leading to mayhem as the management and substitutes ran on to celebrate the winning goal.

Final Score 3-1. Proud Manager Lewis Allen and Club Captain Carly Bolton would then lift the trophy for a second time in two seasons. **Enormous shout-out to the Drayton Supporters** who did not stop singing on the day and really were the '12th Man'.

Although not an overly successful season in Division One for the First team, finishing in 5th place, the Cup Win for this season was more than enough!

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Secondly the Reserves. Quite often the reserve sides get forgotten, but ours most definitely have not been! An incredibly successful season for our Reserves saw them finish 2nd in the league securing promotion from Division 3 to Division 2 next season!

Not only this, but the reserves managed to get to their first cup final in years as they defeated Kingston Colts 4-1 in early March to earn themselves the right to compete in the **League Cup Final** (April 21st) at Milton United. Unfortunately although the lads played their hearts out, it was not enough on the night falling 4-1 to Benson Lions.

A really impressive season for new Manager Lewis Mackay and his team who absolutely deserved to pick up some form of Silverware.

STATISTICS:-

First Team Top Goalscorer – Josh Dennis – 14 Goals

Reserves Top Goalscorer – Matt Stephens – 30 Goals!

First Team Most Appearances – Alex Harrison / Jamie Jacks – 22 Games

Reserves Most Appearances – Gareth Barnes / Matt Stephens – 25 Games

THANK YOUs

We would like to Thank everybody involved at the club for the past season specifically all Players, Management, Committee Members and all helpers.

AND - **a huge Thank You** to those who come out to **support** the club every week. Specific mentions to **Colin Austin** and the **Henmans** (who we know will be reading this!). We really do appreciate the three of you and cherish having you involved in our great football club.

Finally, a big Thank You to everyone who has **sponsored us** in some way or another throughout the past season, whether it be in the form of time or money. Please know we really are appreciative. Key sponsors over the past season (but not limited to):-

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Drayton FC's Team Photos



First team pictured above in the famous stripes, after that Cup Final win at Abingdon Utd as in the page 10 report.

And below is the Reserve team, who've had an excellent season, reaching a Cup-final and gaining promotion. [Sorry, no names came in with the photos, but family and friends will all know them!]



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You Couldn't Make It Up:- In mid-May, motorists returning to a car-park near High Wycombe station found that EVERY single car had been ticketed. When baffled drivers checked, and complained, it emerged that the Council had MEANT to close off just a few bays, for electric-charging gadgets, but forgot to actually put up signs, or update the traffic warden. All fines repaid. Ooops!

HAD ANY suspicious texts?? Please forward them, free-of-charge, to **7726** so your service provider can investigate. Or, dodgy Emails?! **report@phishing.gov.uk** is the place to forward them to (then delete them!).



Local Elections

District Council elections were held on May 4th. I know these tend to be more exciting for Councillors and candidates than for most people, but they do act to provide the District Council for the next four years. **I've very pleased to have been re-elected for a further four years and I'd like to thank everyone who voted for me – thank you!** I am very aware I represent all of you, regardless of who you voted for or if you voted at all, and I'll continue to do my best to work for you.

The **District Council** is responsible for:-

Planning Services (Planning applications, Local Plans, and Enforcement); **Environmental Services** (Bins and recycling, street cleaning, food safety, public health, monitoring air quality and contamination, and licencing activities); **Housing Services** (Housing advice, managing the housing register, arranging temporary accommodation, grant and loan applications, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit, community safety, housing standards); **Cultural and Recreational Services** (Sports and leisure services, parks and open spaces, community arts development, grant aid to local groups); **Transport Services** (assisted travel schemes, licencing for taxis, car parks), & **Other Services** (Elections, electoral registration, Council tax collection, pest control, abandoned vehicles).

The roads (including potholes!), schools and education services, social services, fire service, trading standards, waste management, libraries, and museums are all under the **County Council**, not the District Council. I still think we need to merge them together to get a Unitary Council so that it's much clearer who does what,

The elections have resulted in a change to the make-up of the Council. **There are now** 34 Lib Dem Councillors and 4 Green Councillors. The Conservatives lost their six seats and are now no longer represented on the District Council, so the Greens will be the official Opposition. There are still no Labour Councillors, or Independents (or members of any other parties, for that matter).

VofWHDC Elections 2023: Aggregate Votes:-

Lib Dems: 20,772, = 55.5% (34 seats, up 3)

Conservatives: 10,233, = 27.3% (0 seats, down 5)

Greens: 3,939, = 10.5% (4 seats, up 3)

Labour: 2,279, = 6.1% (0 seats, no change)

Independents/Others: 201, = 0.5% (0 seats, no change)

The rather strange distribution of seats to votes (Conservatives have no seats on 27% whilst Greens have 4 seats on 10%) is due to the **First-Past-The-Post voting system**. Although my party is benefiting from this here in the Vale (just see the seats and vote share percents), I am concerned that there are a lot of people in the Vale not represented by a party of their preference. All of us, no matter which party we stand for, should remember that we represent **everyone** in the Vale.

The first official meeting of the new District Council is occurring on May 17th (past the deadline, so I'll report on it next time).

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:-

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Parish Council

The Parish Council has also been re-elected. However, despite Drayton being entitled to eleven Parish Councillors, only six people stood. Fortunately, they are very capable people, but they could do with some help. **There are five vacancies**, and I urge everyone to consider stepping forwards. The Parish Council is responsible for:-

Co-ordinating and implements issues to do with the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan, including the new sports pavilion, sports facilities, proposing traffic calming measures (in co-ordination with the County Council), footpath refurbishment, and tree planting, as well as local art, open spaces, and bio-diversity. Plus Reviewing and commenting on Drayton planning applications, Management and maintenance of playgrounds, allotments, the burial ground, some other public land, and street furniture.

The **Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers**, and I have always been impressed with how hardworking they are for the community, as well as extremely competent. They've been absolutely invaluable on scrutinising and putting the pressure on Miller Homes for the Walnut Meadows site, amongst many other issues, but with only six, they're likely to be more overworked than ever!

Please consider putting yourself forward for one of the vacant positions. If you're interested, contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@draytonpc.org

Reservoir

In last month's article, I mentioned that a national journalist came down to speak to the chair of GARD and representatives of interested local groups, as well as myself. **The article was published in the Observer in April**, and I thought it was a very fair article. It's called "*Lake or mistake? The row over water firms, drought and Abingdon's new super-reservoir*", see:-

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2023/apr/22/lake-or-mistake-the-row-over-water-firms-drought-and-abingdons-new-super-reservoir>

RAPID – the regulatory body in charge of the major water infrastructure projects – published its draft recommendations. As it turns out, it avoided making any decisions and appears to have allowed almost every major project through to Gate 3. This is deeply disappointing – RAPID were supposed to eliminate "suboptimal solutions" at Gate 2, now appear to have considered virtually every option as being "optimal"! It does feel like the water companies are in the driving seat rather than the regulator.

Gate 3 will require developed design and finalised feasibility studies. There will be a further checkpoint in December 2023, so the fight continues.

Electric Car Club Pilot Scheme

Local Authorities across Oxfordshire have partnered with car club providers Co Wheels, Enterprise CarClub, and Thame EV Car Hire to offer **pay-per-use EVs on a 12-month trial basis**. The scheme gives people the chance to access an electric vehicle when they need one, without the expense of owning or leasing one outright. Car clubs can make it more affordable for people who do not drive every day and they provide real-world experience of driving electric without a long-term commitment. Details are available at:-

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/electric-vehicle-pilot>

All the best,

Andy Cooke

Ed:- Readers who take a political interest may have missed that Michael Gove is considering placing Vale Council in 'special measures' due to alleged Planning Dept delays – some have said that's code for "not passing more developments quickly enough". And Sir Keir Starmer reportedly wants to build on the Green Belt.

GARD

GARD's Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday May 2nd in Steventon Village Hall, well attended from across the region.

Where are we now with the proposals and responses? There will be news in June.

We await the responses of WRSE, Thames Water and RAPID to our opposition. Responses to RAPID's draft decision have been sent from Stakeholders (i.e. GARD, OCC, the Vale, Parish Councils, Wantage and Grove Campaign Group).

RAPID wishes both the Reservoir and the competing Severn Thames Transfer to move on to the next stage of evaluation but **GARD believes that the Reservoir should not be allowed to proceed for further evaluation UNTIL a proper public assessment of the Reservoir's safety and flood risk potential has been carried out and published.**

GARD is considering the next moves and needs to build a fighting fund. We will possibly have to consider a legal challenge. We shall continue to work on publicity and increasing opposition support, perhaps via a petition.

We ask YOU to continue lobbying your MP and Councillors, and we'd urge all members and supporters to please consider a contribution to our campaign fund.

The proposed Reservoir has **no justification** and, as Oxfordshire CC stated in its January 2023 Press Release, it's "a destructive scheme, both environmentally and in its impacts on local people".

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[Ed:- Most readers will know the assorted arguments against a reservoir, but for any new readers, that is the SAME Thames Water that's had decades of failing to fix a Niagara of London leaks, & repeatedly pollutes rivers with sewage at pretty much the slightest drop of rain. THEY want US to believe they could run a project lasting well over 10 years?! Oh, and the water would be destined for Portsmouth!]

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The Chronicle team was blessed (ages ago!) 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? Pissable 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.

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Neighbourhood News -- A very warm welcome to two families who have moved into Church Lane :-

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They would love to converse in German** with any German speakers in Drayton.

If you are interested please contact the Editor and your details will be passed on.





Richard Webber - Oxon CC

A reassuring message

One of my obligations on your behalf is to serve on the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner Scrutiny panel. There I meet Councillors from all around the Thames Valley area to discuss how we should hold the Commissioner to account.

The reputation of our police has taken quite a battering largely as a result of happenings in the Met. As we are the nearest neighbours to the Met, we might have expected that similar problems might spill over from the Met area into the Thames Valley. **I am happy to report that I have seen little sign of this.** Indeed, I have been very impressed with the determination shown by our Chief Constable and his team of Deputies in dealing with potential problems of misogyny, racism, bullying and the like.

A recent BBC documentary on some of the behaviour at the UN where there were accusations of bad behaviour running right up to the top of the organisation, made me realise just how important it is for the public to have confidence in large organisations that senior management is open, transparent and honest over any shortcomings. The moment that there is any sign of cover up, the reputation of the whole organisation is threatened. This is why I was much reassured by discussions with the senior Thames Valley Police team.

On a lighter note, we were shown one picture of the Commissioner walking across a field between two police officers. Doubtless, this was to convey the daily consultation that goes on between TVP and the Commissioner. However, it struck me that it could have been construed as the Commissioner being "taken in for questioning". It just demonstrates how important presentation and image is in public life!

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Election mayhem over

As new Councils and Councillors begin to get their feet under the table, the same local problems and challenges that we faced last month are facing us now. Housing and housing numbers, roads, traffic, active travel and the climate emergency all still need solutions. At the same time, inflation is proving harder to bring down than we thought. If any of our new councillors thought they were in for an easy ride, I fear they were mistaken. But with a bunch of new, fresh faces comes a feeling of optimism that things could get better. That is something we all need to build on.

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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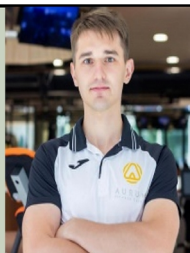
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Light-Hearted Moments

In early May, a letter in the 'i' newspaper (excellent if you want something unbiased by modern newspaper and TV 'standards') called for calm after the arrest of anti-monarchy protesters:-

"I can't help feeling that the reaction by the police to anti-royalist protesters at the coronation has been a little overstated by the defenders of free speech.

"While no right-minded individual wishes to witness the suppression of freely held views in this country, I think it an exaggeration to characterise it as the beginnings of fascism or North Korean-style totalitarianism.

"Rather, it seems to me to be that most anachronistic British phenomenon of not wanting a 'nice day out' being spoiled by a few noisy revellers.

"This country remains a bastion of free speech. Just not when the champagne and vol-au-vents are being served?!"

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

I do hope you all enjoyed the Coronation weekend. Whether I was in Wantage, Didcot, Grove or Wallingford, the mood was upbeat, people were

having a good time and there was plenty of food, music and activities. The Coronation itself passed off perfectly, despite the weather – and the concert was great too. It was another reminder of how this country can do events like this better than anywhere else.

While we're still crunching the data, **I wanted to thank everyone who completed my health services survey.** We had nearly 3,000 responses, which is a really great number to give a picture of what people are feeling across the constituency.

It's clear that, as I expected and as my inbox reflects, many people feel we do not have the health services we need. Nor do I. People particularly struggle to get an appointment with a doctor or with a dentist, but this is not the only thing that people would like to see more of when it comes to health. I will continue to campaign hard on this – watch this space.

After I held a **successful crime summit** with Thames Valley Police in Wantage, I was asked by local residents to hold one in **Wallingford**. I can confirm this will take place on **June 15th**, 6.30pm – 8pm and Waitrose have offered their café. **Sign up** on my website: www.david-johnston.org.uk.

Wherever you live, you can also sign up there for my **third annual climate summit**, which will be via Zoom and will have Grant Shapps, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, giving the keynote speech.

Sticking with the environment and climate change, I continue to lobby for the **Local Electricity Bill**, of which I am the lead sponsor and which is now backed by 318 MPs. This would make it easier for small, community organisations that generate renewable energy to be able to sell it to the community. I am hopeful that with the Government's Energy Bill making its way through parliament at the moment, we might be able to finally make something happen that enables community energy to flourish.

Thanks to everyone who took part in my **Apprenticeship Fair** in Didcot – nearly 400 people attended and had great conversations with a range of public and private employers about the range of apprenticeships they offer. I was asked if I will be doing it again and I will be doing so.

A couple of other things in brief. I met with the Chair of Water Resource South East to **again convey the objections** local people have about the reservoir proposal.

And I continue to encourage people to see if they are **eligible** for **Pension Credit**, which can provide an average £3,500 a year to pensioners. The figures show the uptake locally is increasing, but there are more people who could be getting it. **See if YOU or someone else you know is eligible** here:-

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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 'Get Lucky' (**Daft Punk** with **Pharrell Williams**) moving to be the year's biggest seller, with 'Blurred Lines' (**Robin Thicke**, 'featuring' **T.I. & Pharrell Williams** again) at #1, that track just in the news lately (due to the Ed Sheeran alleged plagiarism case), and in 2015 it was deemed sufficiently similar to a Marvin Gaye song ('Got to Give it Up') that half the royalties had to be handed over to the Gaye estate!

Back **20 years & S Club** reached #2 with 'Say Goodbye' – which quite accurately WAS their last chart hit. Also charting were the **Cheeky Girls** ('Take My Shoes Off') – their 2nd hit – and in the next 18 months they'd have hits with a Cheeky Holiday, Christmas, and Flamenco.

Back to **1993** – and soon to be #1 was **Freddie Mercury**, with 'Living On My Own', substantially remixed from the original minor hit, and ironically his first solo number one, almost exactly two years after his death.

40 years ago (is it REALLY so long?!) and we'd just had the **Police** at #1 ('Every Breath You Take'), high in the charts were **Irene Cara** ('Flashdance – What a Feeling'), and **David Bowie** ('China Girl'), with **Paul Young** at #1 with 'Wherever I Lay my Hat (That's my Home)', but shouldn't the title have been Wherever I HANG my hat?!

Plus - the fantastic **Eurythmics** were in the charts (Who's That Girl), with **KC & the Sunshine Band** ('Give It Up'), and **Elton John** ('I'm Still Standing' – and ironically he STILL just about is, though sadly it seems his voice is on crutches, but then he is a little matter of 76?!).

FIFTY years ago (for real old-timers), **Sweet** had just charted ('Hell Raiser'), with two great number One hits, **Suzi Quatro** ('Can The Can'), and the wonderful **10CC** ('Rubber Bullets'), followed by the melodic duo of **Leonard Sargent & Dianne Littlehales**, better known as **Peters & Lee** ('Welcome Home'), who had won **Opportunity Knocks** umpteen times, and would headline the Royal Variety show that year. **Lennie Peters** was an uncle of Charlie Watts (Stones drummer of course) & his teaming up with Lee became incredibly successful, with their own TV show, guest spots on many more, hits and albums galore, until they split up in 1980.

Just below them in the charts were **Hotshots** ('Snoopy versus the Red Baron') and **David Bowie** again ('Life on Mars'). Coming up behind them was the wonderful voice of the ill-fated **Karen Carpenter** ('Yesterday Once More'), and the **Osmonds** were Goin' Home.

Anyone recall **1963**?! **Let me help**:- In just a few weeks, an **incredible set of records** charted, **Billy J Kramer (and the Dakotas!)** and their 'Do You Want To Know a Secret', with **Ray Charles** & 'Take These Chains From My Heart'. Also **Gerry & the Pacemakers** ('I Like It'), the **Crystals** ('Da Doo Ron Ron'), the **Searchers** ('Sweets for my Sweet'), **Elvis** ('You're The Devil in Disguise'), a new record for consecutive hits - and the **Surfaris** ('W-W-W-W-Wipe Out') with that iconic, amazing drum solo.

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This month in 2013 the name of **Edward Snowden**

hit the news, when he released masses of USA secrets to the media. **Andy Murray** was playing at Wimbledon and would become the first Brit to win the Men's Singles since Fred Prerry in 1936 (Andy beat Djokovic in straight sets).

Sadly, we lost **Sir Henry Cecil**, (renowned racehorse trainer) and would soon lose singer **Bernie Nolan**.

TWENTY years ago the **Beagle 2** 'lander' (named after Darwin's ship) was launched, intended to search for signs of life on **MARS**, and scheduled to land at Christmas. Sadly, it never sent back a card, not even a text message.

The **TESLA** car firm was started, and **Europe** was starting its **hottest summer** for five centuries! We lost darts player **Leighton Rees**, and comic legend **Bob Hope**, also **Sir Denis Thatcher**, and acting grandees **Gregory Peck & Katharine Hepburn**.

This month in 1993 the UK mathematician **Andrew Wiles** won worldwide acclaim for solving **Fermat's Last Theorem**, which had defied thinkers for over 300 yrs (may have been his last, but it was a cracker!). I spent years doing Algebra, hasn't helped me win the Pools or a Lottery Jackpot yet! **Russian troops** were soon to leave Poland & Lithuania – how times change. On **TV** the chronic 'soap' **El Dorado** was cancelled, and **QVC** was born.

We lost **Les Dawson & Bernard Bresslaw** to heart attacks (Dawson was having a health check-up!), and to the same cause, aged just 45, racing driver **James Hunt**.

FORTY years ago the very first episode of **Blackadder** aired, and another **cunning plan** soon started, the quiz **Blockbusters**, so we could all "have a Pee, Bob". Oh, and **Margaret Thatcher** had a crushing election win, aided by Falklands War fervour, and the new **Social Democrats** taking some Labour votes? Snooker's **Mark Selby** was born, also singer **Cheryl Cole**, and presenter **Helen Skelton**. We would soon lose acting talents **David Niven**, **Sir Ralph Richardson**, and **John Le Mesurier**.

This month in 1973 further **Watergate** scandals were about to unfold, later bringing down **Richard Nixon**, and (Sir) **Clement Freud** was about to become a Liberal MP (brought much-needed wit & intelligence to the House!).

A New Arrival

Gemma-lee Ramshaw reports that :- "On May 1st we had a foal born at the yard, Mum and baby are doing really well and she had a little boy".

[Ed >> As yet we've had no update re a name for the little chap, but we DO have a picture!]



Other Local Churches

Catholic Churches – Didcot (English Martyrs)
- Abingdon (Our Lady & St Edmund)

Milton Methodist Church News

Services start at 10.30am, and last about an hour.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors.

(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)

Lunch Club (First Tuesday), 12.30pm

Art Group 2 to 4pm, Fridays

Bloomin' Marvellous Spring

At last Spring is here, and after a very slow start, we're shooting off. **Lawrence Vickery** has very kindly agreed again, to **finance the plants in the planters on the Green**, and they look stunning.

As a result of our various fund raising events for DAMASCUS during the village Coronation event on Bank Holiday Monday, we have raised over £200, and I hope to add to this by selling the remaining **Coronation mugs** that weren't given away as prizes, or sold on the day. Lawrence has again very kindly offered to **sell them for us in the shop**, so you know where to go! I ordered them exclusively for Drayton, with the name of our village on the back. So they are **limited issue**, and personalised specifically for us. Remember, all proceeds go straight to DAMASCUS. Let's see if we can get to over £300.

To my stalwart fund raising helpers, **Melanie Bowesman-Jones and Caroline Green**, many many thanks (and to Caroline for the picture!) **Pervin Shahin (Drayton PC)**



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Like Pizzas? They're a prime culprit, white bread too. And there's far more salt than most folk realise in all manner of processed foods, even breakfast cereals!

NOTICE BOARD

VALE of WH District Council

If you need any help, or feel you may need it, even post-lockdown, PLEASE don't hesitate to contact our Community Hub -- details are on page 11 of this issue.

YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL CONTACTS :-

Parish (Clerk) Dianne Rickaby (clerk@draytonpc.org)
District (VofWH) Andy Cooke (07507 602911)
& Oxfordshire County richardwebber777@gmail.com

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www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/children-education-and-families/fostering or please call **0800 783 5724**. Types of placements are both short & long term and include sibling groups. And you can check for updates on their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/FosteringinOxfordshire/

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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 June 6th (and July 2nd too) from 9am (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/>

Flywheel returns! At Bicester Heritage - a Festival of Automotive & Aviation History. Weekend of **June 17/18th**, it's a great show (inc the last flying Blenheim), ALL the INFO :- <https://bicesterheritage.co.uk/flywheel>

MotorCycles for Mikayla advance notice, July 23rd, 10.30 to 4pm, Abingdon Rugby Club. "Granting wishes to children fighting cancer" - All classic vehicles & modern bikes are welcome, FREE to enter. For info Alan Hutt, **07834 506180**.

Women in War A new exhibition charting the evolution of women's roles in the Armed Forces, from the wide variety of roles they were thrust into during WW2, up to the present day. **Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum**, Park Street, Woodstock, from **June 3rd** (to Sept 10th). Tues to Sat, 11am to 5pm, Suns 2 to 5pm, see www.sofa.org.uk

Countdown fans?? Suzie Dent presents The Secret Life of Words, Sat July 8th, 7.30pm, at Oxford Playhouse, info:- <https://www.oxfordplayhouse.com>

Are you able to help?

We are looking for a **new leader and team members** for **PEBBLES**, a lovely, friendly group (see pages 4 & 9). If you have time to volunteer and enjoy working with young children and their families, then this is for you!

For more information please contact Sue 01235 532090
suedraytonpebbles@outlook.com



(Mostly) Hall Diary for June

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	3	1.00pm	Private Function (child's party)
Sun	4	9.00am	ANTIQUES FAIR (to 3pm)
Sat	10	10.00am	Village FETE (FoDSA)
Sun	11	2.30pm	Private Function (child's party)
Tues	13	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Mon	19	5.00pm	CHRONICLE DEADLINE (p2)

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Here's the 'Regular Events' diary, IF we've missed something, or one is wrong, 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) <i>St Peter's</i>

TUESDAYS

9.30 am	Pilates (via Alexandra Merson 07788 248925)
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm) <i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.30 pm	Tuesday Connect (now 2nd Tuesday) <i>Church</i>
5.30 pm	Irish Dancing (via Ashleigh - 07375 878445)

WEDNESDAYS

10.00 am	Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer group) <i>Church</i>
1.30 pm	Whist Drive <i>Caudwell DC</i>
1.45 pm	U3A Science/Tech, 1st Weds (07890 385931) ##
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 (**) <i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
11.00 am	Baptist Café (to 1pm) NOW IN >> <i>Caudwell DC</i>
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) <i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 pm	'Community Choir' (2nd/4th Thurs) <i>Church Room</i>

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 <i>Baptist Church</i>

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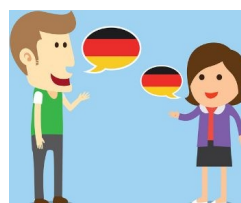


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