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COMING CHRONICLES

The **September Chronicle** will be available for distribution on or about **Friday August 25th**.

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, August 14th**.

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 Aug 11th**, 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

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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 – Sorry, NOT one of our usual nice photos of the village or wildlife! DO PLEASE SEE Page 3 >>> for what that's about!

Grateful Thanks to the **Berlitz Language** website for helping with the info for the page – they even supplied the ones that are not from real 'Earthy' languages, maybe have a little game spotting how many Goodbyes you can work out?

Inside this edition, apart from that appeal for another **Editor**, we've a further piece – after quite a break – about one of the other Draytons round the UK. It's about the equivalent of Smith in the phone book (do they still have phone books these days?!).

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:-
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Nov	Mon Oct 16th	Oct 27th



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GOODBYE – Maybe?

ATTENTION PLEASE!

This month's cover? Yes, normally we do a **front cover** with a nice Drayton picture, or perhaps some local wildlife.

But NOT this month, we needed to grab your attention!

We've been appealing for several months for a new Editor to come forward, as since we dropped to the two of us a few months back (Margaret Inger is the other one) we have sadly realised that we CANNOT CONTINUE doing alternate months, we both do other things and that workload is JUST TOO GREAT.

We DID have 3 editors, which gives scope to have a break between each person's turn, and the chance with a bit of shuffling to swap 'turns' if needed.

Hence all those GOODBYES on page 1, as if our circumstances did change, and we were reduced to one editor, then the Chronicle would sadly have to cease being produced. A real shame, given its long history!

Our appeals so far found a couple of people who kindly expressed an interest, but at present they couldn't quite commit to the role – but THANKS for coming forward!

SO – is there, somewhere in this now expanded village, someone who can **join the editor team**?

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.

But you DO NOT need to be a computer guru (that would rule us out!), just be able to take emails, be methodical, and use some sort of word processing software. And an interest in the village's history & current affairs may help, along with a dose of patience?!

What else? Pissable English & pselling?



Could that be YOU?

IF you can help, email editor@draytonchronicle.net with your phone number, and we'll get back to you.

Oh, and on this topic, we are presently planning to NOT produce an October issue, then after that short break we can hopefully produce one for November, and December, and then have a big think about 2024.

At present, if we carried on with just the two of us, we'd be dropping the Chronicle production to eight, or even down to six issues per year.

New Club in Town

Dojang X, Oxfordshire's only Soo Bahk Do martial arts club, has opened its doors in Drayton!

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The club is led by **Sabrina Mistry**, a certified fitness professional and 2nd Dan in Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan - a globally renowned martial art organisation.

Soo Bahk Do is a traditional Korean martial art with similarities to Japanese **Karate**, Taekwondo, Kung Fu and Tai Chi. You may not have heard of the name, but you'll be familiar with seeing the style through martial artist Chuck Norris and the popular TV show Cobra Kai!

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[The picture shows newly promoted students in a recent beginners class]

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	9.30 am	Regular Sunday service;
Thursday	9.45 am	Holy Communion (1st & 3rd Thurs) – or . . . Celtic Morning Prayer (2nd & 4th Thurs).

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) and that runs to 4pm
Weds	10.00 am	Pebbles Baby & Toddler Group (term-time) [Pebbles should RESUME in September]

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13th – 19th Chestnut Drive; Holly Lane; Walnut Way; Willow Way

20th - 26th Furlongs; Plough Lane; Furrows End; Lammas Land; Virgate; Fallowfield Close

27th – Sept 2nd Lockway

From the DAMASCUS Ministry Team

Today, the spiritual disciplining of rest is a challenging one. We are pressured to cram more and more activities into fewer hours. This has been described as ‘hurry sickness’ and is an enemy of our spiritual life. August is a month for resting, and so is a good time to look at this discipline.

In the Bible story God instituted the discipline of rest in the creation of the world. He created everything in six days and rested on the seventh (Gen 2:3). He instituted the Sabbath, a weekly day of rest (Lev 23:3). However, it is helpful to draw a distinction between busyness and being hurried. Busyness is an outward condition, while hurry is about our inner state, resulting from too many competing priorities. Jesus was often busy but never hurried! What questions should we be asking about getting more rest?

Balancing Rest and Work:

What is a helpful rhythm of work and rest in our lives? How can we take seriously the Sabbath principle of having one day a week to rest and not work? How might we use our time differently eg taking a long walk or having an unhurried conversation with a friend?

Using Our Leisure Time Creatively:

When we actually take a break we often end up simply watching TV, surfing the net, shopping unnecessarily or eating when we are not hungry! Can we choose leisure activities that really refresh us? It’s not a case of more leisure time, but using the time we have more creatively.

And some further thoughts on the importance of rest and being happy as we enter the ‘sabbath’ month of August:

“Every morning I open the window for my King’s grace, and every evening I sleep upon the pillow of his love and care”. (Celtic Saint)

“Come to me, all who labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest”. (Jesus, quoted in Matthew 11:28)

“The solution to an over busy life is not more time. It’s to slow down and simplify our lives around what really matters.” (The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: John Mark Comer).

“The moments of happiness we enjoy take us by surprise. It is not that we seize them, but that they seize us.”

Wishing all in Drayton a blessed and restful August.

With love and prayers

(Rev’d) Helen Kendrick

(Rector - DAMASCUS Parish ministry team)

Local Groups & Clubs

Drayton Wives (Lisa Lammiman)

Our recent outing was to **Dudley and the Black Country 'Living' Museum**. The idea started in 1967 to try and recreate the Black Country's heritage which included mining and the use of canals as the sole transportation system.

It's a **living museum** so it has historical characters that you can talk to who will tell you all about stepping back in time along with going into shops, school and even pubs!!! And even being able to have fish and chips cooked in dripping!!!!

If you are keen you can even head underground for glimpses of life as a miner, or go for a ride on the canal under the bridge where they used to do something called "legging" to get the barge through the tunnels!!

[Ed's note – some readers may have seen 'legging' in travel shows featuring canals, this was where tunnels were so narrow there was no towpath – often horses got used to pull boats along – so the boatmen used to lie down, push their feet against the tunnel walls and lever the boat along.]

There are about 60 buildings so far but on the 8th July they opened up more to include shops from the 1940 – 1960 period, a newsagents shop, a record store and a butcher's shop. There is room for another development to include a gas showroom. Unfortunately I will be able to remember all those old cookers and fires!!!!

But **as an idea for the school holidays** it is an interesting place to visit to see what happened in the past - even though some of us were recognizing the items in the shops!!

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Our meeting on the 26th July (report next time) will be a talk about Emergency Planning!!!!

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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Lisa Lammiman (Chair – 07949 275641)



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Drayton Table Tennis Club

The club **AGM and trophies presentation** was held on 23rd June at the Caudwell Centre. We reappointed all the existing officers. Not sure if that means we're all doing things right or no one else fancies taking over! The club is very strong at present and the AGM was a very positive meeting noting the increase in membership both with youngsters and adults. It bodes well for the future. Reports from all the officers and team captains were read, including the treasurer who was able to report the club is in a healthy financial state.

Presentations were made as follows. **John Hyland** received the 'Best Senior Player Shield' and **Daniel Gifford** received the 'Geoff Hoyland Best Junior Player Shield' for their league performances last season. **Matt Davies** received the John Prior Cup as Singles Champion at our Club Championships. Our Doubles Champions Cup, won by **Lishuang Cao & Fred Marlin**, was collected by Fred. Finally, the Alan Bachrach Cup for our 'Club Person of the season' was presented to **Kevin Davies** captain of the Bidmead team and all-round good egg!

We also set the date of 28th July for the Pre-Season meeting. At which we will select our teams for the 2023-24 league season and when we will organise the arrangements for our return to playing in September. This involves coaching, practice and ensuring we have the necessary equipment all sorted in good time.
John Gould

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Next PC Meeting

All residents are welcome to attend.

Now **Tuesday** evenings (2nd of month) so next it's **August 8th**, in the Caudwell Day Centre (Gravel Lane), 7pm (NB A couple of this year's 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?!

The **latest Parish Council meeting** was held on 11th July. The main issues discussed were:-

Walnut Meadows

By the time you read this, **Miller Homes** contractors will hopefully have commenced work to remove the buried waste material and level the sports pitch land. They will erect Heras fencing around the site before the vegetation is removed, the waste material removed and disposed of off-site, the site is re-levelled and topsoil imported. The work is planned to be completed in early September. There will be a small compound established on the site at the end of Chestnut Drive where contractor's vehicles will park. We have asked Miller Homes not to park on Chestnut Drive and hope there will be minimal disruption to residents. Once the work is complete, the land is due to be transferred to the Parish Council and we can start putting in place the sports facilities that were promised in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Manor Farm

Representatives from the Parish Council met with Cala Homes recently to discuss the remaining work needed to the public open space before it can be transferred. We are aware of the issue with **Hemlock** and understand concern about the **widespread usage of weed killer** to try and manage the issue. Cala have undertaken to let the PC know what their management plan is for Hemlock moving forward. Depending on the level of regrowth in Spring 2024 it may be possible to hand pull any remaining plants. The PC will continue to monitor this carefully. The fencing is likely to stay in place until April 2024. Currently there are still outstanding tasks on footpaths and landscaping to be completed by Cala before the land can eventually be transferred to the PC.

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the **Parish Clerk**, 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. **Clerk@draytonpc.org**

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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20 mph Speed Limits

It was noted that Oxfordshire County Council would be meeting on 20th July to agree on implementation of 20mph speed limits throughout Drayton

Village clubs and amenities

The PC was pleased to agree funding for the purchase of 2 new mats for the **Drayton Short Mat Bowls Club**. These are lightweight mats that will hopefully be easier to manage.

The PC has also agreed to fund repairs on the roof of the **Drayton Football Club** building. This is likely to involve removal of the existing asbestos sheeting and replacement of the roof.

Elaine Wade

Local Groups & Clubs

Drayton W.I.

Our July meeting was a smallish group, as expected, so our **Beetle drive** was a good choice.

Once the announcements and newsletter was dealt with we were arranged into groups and away we went.

Well some of us managed to start! And some didn't, "get 6 to start" they said but the dice we had didn't listen.

When we had played our six games and added up the points the winner received a prize and then the lowest score was found. I didn't want the booby prize anyway, good thing because there wasn't one.

But **the evening was great fun** and the noise level was quite high as we either got the required score or not (that was more likely on my table).

Next month Chloe returns to tell us all about Black History bearing in mind the anniversary of the Windrush and the people on it. Should prove very interesting so **come and join us**.

That's **Thursday August 10th at 7.30pm** in the Caudwell Centre in Gravel Lane, see you there. Our meetings are usually the 2nd Thursday each month.

Ann Webb

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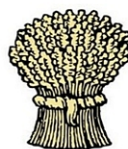
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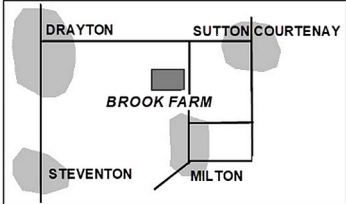
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Another Drayton

Pre-Lockdown we carried a set of articles (very kindly researched by Andrew Bax) describing the various other **Drayton villages round the country** (either just 'Drayton' or where 'Drayton' is in the name, eg Fenny Drayton).

There are about a dozen assorted other Draytons in the UK, and every so often people from one of the other ones get confused by Google and make an enquiry for the village hall here.

This piece arrived more recently, from the Parish Council of **Dry Drayton**, which is a small village of about 650 inhabitants, lying in mostly arable countryside four miles northwest of Cambridge.

We have a small primary school, village hall, and the Black Horse pub which successfully reopened in 2018, following a vigorous campaign by villagers to prevent it being sold for residential development.

The village church dates to the 13th century and is unusual in the area for its three-manual organ, five 18th century bells, and medieval palimpsest brass. At the end of the High Street there is Woodie, an old tree stump, who is decorated at various events through the year.

For over 90 years Dry Drayton Village Hall has been the centre of a thriving local community. The current building replaced the old hut, opening as Dry Drayton Village Hall in 1967. The current management team has been leading a number of modernisation projects to provide better resources and making everything easier to manage.

For more info, see the village website:- <https://drydrayton.net/>



New leader.

We have a new leader for Pebbles! From September, **Cheryl Jarvis** and her daughter, **Katy Hoyle** will lead the group. However, we are **still looking for team members** for this lovely, friendly group.

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[NB >>> **Pebbles will resume in September**]

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From Simon Calder's weekly Travel 'blog' in the Independent:- The National Express coach to Stansted airport now has a polite notice inviting passengers to **tip the driver**. While rewarding the driver is common on tourist coaches, I don't recall anything similar on any form of transport. The cash-only gratuities are proving popular with drivers – though the firm tells me that fewer than half report being rewarded by passengers since the scheme began. **How long until pilots leave a collection dish outside the flight deck so passengers can thank them tangibly for a perfect landing?**

Planning Changes??

Extensions & Lofts?

[Ed:- Just as this edition was about to go to the printer, this item was mentioned in the news, "**Michael Gove to slash planning red tape** for home extensions and loft conversions". It looked an interesting change, so I've included it – running the risk with THIS Govt of a U-Turn, afterthought, Minister being reshuffled, etc?!

And of course it hasn't happened YET, so don't start knocking down walls or hacking holes in the roof based on an 'intention' from a politician!!]

The Housing Secretary will argue that Britain must 'make better use of the buildings we already have' to ease the housing crisis.

Homeowners will benefit from plans to slash red tape around building an extension or loft conversion to create an extra bedroom or bathroom, Michael Gove will announce (late July).

In efforts to address the housing crisis, the Housing Secretary said rules will be drawn up to give **greater freedoms to carry out property extensions and to open up lofts.**

Officials said the proposals will allow owners to expand their home as their family grows but while still ensuring neighbours' interests are protected.

Flexibilities will be introduced to allow shops, takeaways and betting shops to be turned into living spaces, with Mr Gove arguing that Britain must "make better use of the buildings we already have".

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities said the proposals to relax rules around the use of retail space is designed to help **rejuvenate high streets** and provide greater density of housing in inner cities, rather than encouraging urban sprawl.

Lisa Nandy, Labour's shadow housing secretary, said the announcement was a "drop in the ocean" that failed to address the scale of the housing shortage.

Mr Gove, in a speech in London on reforming national permitted development rights, is also expected to announce that the Government will **cut red tape to enable barn conversions and the repurposing of agricultural buildings.**

Ahead of his speech, Mr Gove said: "Britain needs more homes to fulfil more dreams of home ownership and increase choice for renters.

"But they must be of the right type and targeted in the right places.

"So we must build more in the places that make sense – in our inner cities so that we protect our countryside.

"And we must make better use of the buildings we already have – empty shops or offices cannot be gathering dust while we have an urgent need for more homes.

"That is why we are reviewing the rules around permitted development rights to make sure we can regenerate, build and grow."

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→> The announcement comes only two weeks after a cross-party panel of MPs warned that Tory ministers are unlikely to deliver 300,000 new homes per year after making the target advisory rather than mandatory.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak decided (Dec) to downgrade the target's status as he looked to see off a potential Conservative backbench rebellion.

The Levelling Up, Housing and Communities committee, in a report published earlier this month, said its inquiry into the policy change had seen it told that the six-figure target would be "impossible to achieve" by the mid-2020s.

Clive Betts, the **Labour committee chairman**, said Mr Sunak's decision was "already having a damaging impact on efforts to increase the building of new homes".

*** Labour's **Ms Nandy** has already announced plans to make it **easier to build on unsightly parts of the greenbelt** if party leader Sir Keir Starmer is elected prime minister at the next election.

[*** Ed:- Yes, BUT, er, WHO decides on that 'unsightly'??!]

Sir Keir has also pledged to restore the 300,000 housing target. Responding to Mr Gove's plans, Ms Nandy said: "Britain desperately needs more homes, but another review is a drop in the ocean compared to what is needed to fix the crisis.

"We don't need more reviews or press releases, we need bold action to get Britain building.

"That's why Labour has set out plans to reform the planning system to build the homes we need.

"We will restore housing targets, reform compulsory purchase rules and take the **tough choices to back the builders, not the blockers.**"



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Walnut Meadows

– **removal of buried rubble and site regarding:-**

My first reaction to being told that Miller Homes were actually ready to start work on removing the rubble and waste that was buried under the sports

itches area, bringing in high quality soil, and regrading it was:- has Hell literally frozen over?!

But it's true. They started on Monday July 17th and should be done within three months. This is a huge (and well overdue!) step forwards at last.

I have to pay tribute to the huge amounts of sustained hard work from the Parish Council, the Enforcement Officers at the Vale, and the County Archaeologist for giving us the final ammunition. It is not ideal – the long delay has caused significant financial impacts to the Parish Council's budget for completing things (due to considerable inflation, if nothing else), but after so long, things are FINALLY moving.

Sewerage Issues at VofWHDC

The issues our water companies have with controlling sewage are not just limited to the frequent sewage discharges into waterways.

We've had issues with new developments and their being hooked up to the sewage mains – and we aren't in the worst position, not by a long way. In East Challow, there are new houses that are next to a sewage treatment plant and still not hooked up, **years after they were supposed to be.**

We put a motion in the latest Council Meeting proposing that the new Local Plan needs to highlight provision of adequate sewerage capacity in all development, to make this a planning condition going forwards (known as "Grampian conditions"), to seek ways of holding Thames Water accountable for their infrastructure maintenance and progress, to ask MPs to pass national legislation to do the same, and to have the local sewage discharges and related data continually monitored.

This was passed unanimously, so should be incorporated into the Local Plan currently being drafted.

This, to my mind, is all linked with water companies failing to update and upgrade ancient plumbing and fix leaks in all aspects – provision of water as well as removal of waste. **Thames Water leak a quarter of all their water** between their sources to our taps – leaking out the total capacity of Farmoor Reservoir every fourteen days. Should we be surprised that their control of sewage can be as poor?

We're in the twenty-first century. We need a water and sewerage system that meets our needs, that doesn't dump sewage regularly into our waterways, that doesn't cause floods in our villages, and we can insist that developments can be compatible with that and that the water companies can damn well do their jobs.

And if we have to prod them repeatedly, watch over their shoulders constantly, and write these requirements into planning, **then that's what we'll have to do.**

All the best,

Andy Cooke

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.**

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Details are available at:-

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

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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Ed:- Readers will likely have seen references for several months to the mural/mosaic which has mostly been constructed by **local young people**, guided by artist **Clare Goodall**, with help from **Drayton Art Club**, plus Parish Councillor **Pervin Shahin** nudging the project along! Pervin sent us this pic of the **just completed** piece, expected to be the subject of an opening ceremony in the Village (Small) Hall on Sept 3rd – look for more announcements nearer that time. **[And well done everyone!]**



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WESTMINSTER VIEW



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

As I mentioned in my last article, access to childcare is something that is regularly raised with me on the doorstep, and I launched a **Childcare**

Survey last month to give parents and guardians across the constituency the chance to tell me about their experiences. **Thank you to everyone who took part.**

I'll be sharing the findings with Ministers at the Dept for Education, but the headline results included 95% of people saying we need more childcare infrastructure (much like most other infrastructure!) and 95% of people supporting the Govt's plan to expand free childcare to 30 hours every week for children from 9 months old until they start school. This is the largest ever childcare investment and will hopefully make a huge difference to the 75% who said that cost has been an issue in accessing childcare.

This month I was pleased to host my third annual **Wantage and Didcot Climate Summit** featuring a keynote speech by Grant Shapps, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who took questions on everything from renewables to transport. We also welcomed local and national experts including Mike Blanch from the Westmill Sustainable Energy Trust, Jack Richardson from Onward and Professor Adrian Bull from Manchester Uni to talk and take questions about wind, hydrogen and nuclear energy. This was followed by the chance to question Thames Water's Director of Sustainability on water quality and tackling storm overflows. It was a very interesting event, and you can watch the recording on my website.

I also hosted a **Crime Summit** with TVP in Wallingford this month after a local resident wrote to me with concerns about crime. It was a productive discussion about lots of issues and there were several things that TVP committed to follow up – including the time it takes to **report an incident of anti-social behaviour online**.

In addition, I hosted a **Farmers' Forum** for local farmers with the Farming Minister, Mark Spencer. We had a wide-ranging discussion about food production, farming incentives, the challenges for beef /pig /dairy /arable farmers, the environment and much more.

It is always a pleasure **to welcome constituents** to Parliament, and it was great to meet with Sarah and a group of young people from **SOFEA** when they visited again for a tour. We organised this after a recent visit I made – they do great work for the local community.

As one of the patrons of **Play2Give** I try to get to as many of Andy Baker's events as I can and this month he was running a great football tournament in Wallingford, which raised over £4,000. Well done, Andy!

In other news, my campaign for the **local AEAT Pensioners** hit another milestone as Parliament's Public Accounts Committee finished their inquiry that I helped secure and made recommendations to Government. This is a campaign I will continue to support.

For more, please see www.david-johnston.org.uk

If you need to get in touch with our MP >>
email david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk

GARD

THAMES WATER: Everyone will have read about the Thames Water financial situation and the fact that the company is negotiating with the government about how to continue. Will it be new money coming from existing shareholders? Or new shareholders? Or the government? Over the coming weeks we shall see what happens. It is not clear what this means for the reservoir proposal.

RAPID: The RAPID Gate 2 report came out but as we expected there was no commitment to a particular direction (Reservoir or water transfer). It is disappointing to see that RAPID have not answered GARD's criticisms of the water companies cost or carbon footprint estimates, nor have they insisted on an early evaluation of Reservoir safety.

GARD has had an online meeting with RAPID and the Environment Agency to discuss these issues, with local Councillors being present and supportive; this is leading to several more meetings, including two with GARD and Ofwat/Environment Agency, and one between RAPID and the Councils. These meetings are scheduled for the coming weeks and we will keep you updated.

WRMPs: as we reported in July, the Water Company and WRSE responses to stakeholders' and residents' criticisms have been delayed. These plans will not be made public until early September.

www.gard-oxon.org.uk F'book:-
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Seen BRUNO?

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BRUNO is a neutered male ginger and white cat, he went missing on July 7th around 6pm. He is micro-chipped.

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DROWSY DRIVER??

Apparently there are systems coming, if not already here, which can detect your steering movements, and your eye movements, to give alerts if you're getting drowsy (famous cause of accidents).

I need one watching the News these days



Richard Webber - Oxon CC

Drayton 20mph Zones

3 years ago the County Council unanimously passed a motion calling for the consideration of **20mph limits** in any County Parish that requested them. At the time I do not believe any of us thought that such a policy would be quite so well received. To date, only a tiny majority of Parishes have failed to take up the offer or show interest. If my own mailbox is anything to go by, I would say that those in favour outnumber those against by more than ten to one.

Understandably, the police are concerned over the potential pressure on their resources of enforcing these speed limits. However, **the evidence so far is that 20mph limits do indeed bring down average speeds in our villages** making life for residents, quieter, safer and more pleasant. Of course there are some concerns over **potential consequences**. Some Bus companies argue that the limits could make it harder for them to keep to their timetables. *****There is not enough evidence one way or the other to know the answer.**

[***Ed:- However, I gather from local social media that Bus Companies HAVE OBJECTED to this plan].

A minority of residents argue that 20mph is annoyingly slow and leads to impatience and bad driving. Again, there is too little evidence to be certain, and it seems probable that it will take some time for drivers to become accustomed to slower speeds in all built up areas. What evidence there is, suggests that there is a driver learning process, but that 20mph limits lead to traffic flowing more smoothly and there is little impact on journey times.

In our immediate area, Shippon's 20mph zone is **already operational. Drayton's is well underway** and all the other Parishes are investigating where 20mph limits might be needed.

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Grass verges

There has been **much local concern around grass cutting and road safety in recent weeks** as the weather has encouraged rapid growth of roadside vegetation. There has also been concern that cycle and pedestrian paths have become restricted and even blocked. If we are trying to encourage people to get out of their cars and cycle or walk, it is important that we keep our paths open and conducive to cycling and walking. Many people are passionate about roadside plant diversity. Growth at road junctions is a major concern for road users of all types. Budget cuts over the past 20 years have led to reduced amount of grass cutting down to one per year leading to very careful decisions having to be made over when to carry out grass cutting depending on each year's weather patterns.

Clearly, there is a balance to be had over how we treat our roadside verges. The present policy is one cut per year and junction cuts where safety is the major issue. Junctions are currently cut on a priority basis – major junctions first.

Mill Rd Bridge, Marcham

Good news for Marcham (and indeed Drayton) residents is that work is due to start on the bridge imminently and the work completed this summer. Both Parishes are keen to work together to restore access to the bridge as soon as possible.

HIF1 Rd

A major concern for Appleford, Sutton Courtenay and Milton is the OCC Planning and Regulation Committee's decision on the proposed new HIF1 Road. After 4 postponements, the application will have been heard on July 17th and 18th, before this Chronicle is issued.

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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Firstly some unfortunate news

As a result of a recent event, the C'tee is likely to be reviewing its policy of giving a friendly, lower hire rate to what we could call 'good cause' events.

In addition, they may feel it's necessary to impose a substantial damage deposit, in case of relevant damages. The event in question left the Hall in a thorough mess, and we also discovered some gratuitous damage, presumably committed by unsupervised children. The hirer in question doesn't seem to want to admit to any responsibility, and so far, judging by the lack of response, seems to want to evade the issue at all, if possible.

The Hall is usually seen as a valuable community resource, run by volunteers, and has to substantially exist on a mutual trust basis. Once that trust gets broken, what are we to do? Any such problems from one event usually have a knock-on effect to the next one! Maybe the C'tee will decide (there's an upcoming meeting) that some stricter measures are needed, as ever the majority will feel the effect of an undisciplined minority.

Volunteer Please?!! 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 Aug 6th, 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 Fair, Sept 3rd, will be the same day there's planned to be an opening ceremony for the new Mosaic in Small Hall, mid to late afternoon, but look out for further news on the local F'book.

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. Just the same sentiments apply – friendly, and the tea and bikkies breaktime!

Now, the class for **Irish Dancing**, intended for 4-y-olds and upwards, is having a **BREAK** in August, apart from one **demo/trial morning**, I think intended for Sat 19th, but again see local F'book for an advert. 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?

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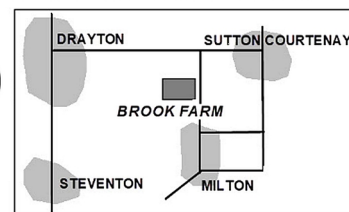


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HIF1 Plan Rejected

Following on from page 15, that reference to the **HIF1 relief road decision by OCC**, it was announced just before we went to the printer that the plan had been rejected.

This led (courtesy of the Herald series papers) to a predictable range of responses, delight from the assorted campaigners who'd sought to block the scheme, but dismay from a number of residents affected by the issues.

Oxford Friends of the Earth, Oxfordshire Roads Action Alliance, and the Green Party, had all been campaigning against the plan, and were therefore very happy, BUT Long Wittenham residents stated :- Many residents will be disappointed to hear that the planning application for the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF1) project to build a new road bridge over the Thames, amongst other infrastructure, was rejected by the OCC planning committee.

It had been hoped that a new road bridge over the Thames would reduce the traffic through Long Wittenham and other local villages.

'RC' said:- What do you expect from a Council that is anti motor vehicles. They seem more interested in providing money for cycling schemes and pedestrians than keeping the roads in good order.

'CC' wrote:- And yet the house building continues, the traffic through the villages increases, and the rush hour queues for the single lane bridge crossings get longer and longer.....

And from 'DS':- This is an absolutely unbelievable decision by OCC. I thought one of the conditions when planning permission was granted for thousands of new homes in Didcot, was the new relief road. The builders should stop NOW. How can our small villages cope with all of the cars travelling through?? Clifton Hampden bridge was built for horse & cart & not juggernauts. Pathetic & typical of Councils. All liars & do not have faith in any of the crooks.

[Ed:- Strong stuff! Who'd be a Councillor?!]

Letters to the Editor

You may request that your name & address are not shown; however we MUST have those details, and phone number.

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 'We Can't Stop' (**Miley Cyrus**) at #1, with 'Burn' (**Ellie Goulding**) also getting there, just above **Lady Gaga** ('Applause').

Back **20 years** & **Daniel Bedingfield** reached #1 with 'Never Gonna Leave Your Side' – followed a couple of weeks later by **Elton John** ('Are You Ready for Love') – first released wayyyyyy back in 1977 when it only made the top-50.

And there he was at **Glastonbury** this year, a triumphant 'farewell' (or was it?!) aged a mere 76, showing up many far younger & lesser 'stars'!

Back to **1993** – and we'd just had **Freddie Mercury** at #1 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 had at #1 **UB40** ('Red Red Wine'), with just behind them **Spandau Ballet** ('Gold'), and **Style Council** ('Long Hot Summer'). Fans of **GoggleBox** will be familiar with **Martin Kemp** (Spandau Ballet bass player) as a regular on the 'Celebrity' version of the show, usually with son Roman.

FIFTY years ago (for real old-timers), we'd just had **Suzi Quatro** charting ('48 Crash'), and the #1 that month was **Donny Osmond** ('Young Love'), and it certainly was for lots of girls!

Coming up behind Donny was one of the all-time iconic hits (Monster Mash'), by **Bobby 'Boris' Pickett & The Crypt-Kickers**, also **Ike & Tina Turner** ('Nutbush City Limits'), sadly we lost Tina just back in May.

Anyone recall **1963**?! **Let me help**:- we'd just had in the top-5 the **Surfaris** ('W-W-W-W-Wipe Out') with that iconic, amazing drum solo, but THIS was the month when the **Beatles** were at #1 with She Loves You, the biggest-selling single of the entire 60s (they'd had previous hits with Please Please Me, and From Me to You).

Coming up just behind them were **Jet Harris & Tony Meehan** ('Applejack'), also **Trini Lopez** with the iconic 'If I Had a Hammer', the wonderful **Roy Orbison** with 'Blue Bayou', the **Crystals** ('Then He Kissed Me') and the also wonderful **Shirley Bassey** ('I Who have Nothing').

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This month in 2013 **Peter Capaldi** became the 12th Doctor Who, and (anyone remember this?!) a TV advert showing a team 'rescuing' neglected jars of **Marmite** received hundreds of viewer complaints. Well, you either love or hate such things!

Sadly, we lost comedian **Mike Winters** (his brother Bernie had died in 1991), rugby player & broadcaster **Cliff Morgan**, and **Sir David Frost**.

TWENTY years ago a village in Kent set a new record high UK **Temperature** (38.5 C – bettered in 2019) as part of a European heatwave (**déjà vu anyone?**!), and **Concorde** would soon make its final commercial flight.

We lost actor **Don Estelle** ('It Ain't 'Alf Hot Mum'), and comic legend **Bob Hope**.

This month in 1993 the TV shows **Supermarket Sweep** and **Sooty & Co** were about to start, and **Anne Robinson** made her debut on Watchdog.

We lost actors **Stewart Granger & Raymond Burr** (about a million episodes of Perry Mason!).

FORTY years ago a **Korean Air** flight from New York to Seoul was shot down after it had drifted into Soviet air space, killing all 269 on board, with the claim that "we didn't know it was a civilian airliner". Another notch on the gatepost of Mankind's stupidity? Putin probably has it in his collection of 'famous war crimes' cigarette cards?

The quiz **Blockbusters**, ("I'll have a Pee, Bob"), was first broadcast, and sadly we lost iconic actor **David Niven**.

This month in 1973 the TV sitcom **Man About The House** first aired (would lead to the George & Mildred spin-off), and **Elsie Tanner** (Pat Phoenix) was about to leave **Corrie**. Sadly we lost actors **Jack Hawkins** and **James Beck** ('Walker' in **Dad's Army**) also famous novelist **J R R Tolkien**.

Anyone remembers back to 1953?! **Myxamatoxis** first reached the UK, and **The Good Old Days** began a 30 years run on TV. And **post-war Sugar Rationing** was finally about to end!

Racing driver **Nigel Mansell** was born, and **Diane Abbott** soon would be, also **Griff Rhys-Jones** (goodness, can they be that old?!).



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Unhappy Camper - but

This comes under our occasional 'You couldn't make it up' pieces. It was fairly widely reported, but some readers may not have seen it?

Wild campsite owner left speechless after unhappy camper complains about sheep

. . . a camper complained about being kept up by the sound of sheep (!).

They were staying at Mynydd Derwydd **wild camping** in Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr, near Corwen in Denbighshire.

The website advertises that there are 1,200 sheep and 100 cattle grazing the mountains around the farm.

But visitors contacted owner Llŷr Jones on Friday to say they were "surprised" to see sheep around their tent.

In a text message, the campers said they were kept awake until 1am and woken up at 7.30am by "bleating sheep" close to the tent. They asked Llŷr if the sheep could be moved to a different field, to ensure they could have "a night of uninterrupted sleep".

Llŷr opted to let the visitors know that "scientific studies have proven that sheep are actually of huge benefit to people suffering from sleep deprivation and at Derwydd Wild Camping we like to place huge emphasis on people's wellbeing".

He added: "Should this issue arise again tonight I suggest you open the tent and walk into the field and begin counting them."

Apparently the campers left the next day, saying "Baaaaaa Humbug".

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

Very Much 'En-Suite'?

Also an item in the 'You couldn't make it up' category. It was also fairly widely reported, especially on F'book, but some readers may not have seen it?

An American tourist visiting London has revealed his shock after arriving at his Airbnb to find the bed was located in the **bathroom**. David Holtz, a professor at the University of California, says he was stunned when he found out the accommodation was actually just a bathroom, with a bed.

"[That feeling when] you arrive at your AirBnb and realise that the whole space is essentially just a large-ish bathroom that the host put a bed into," he wrote on Twitter.

Mr Holtz says he got in touch with Airbnb, who reassured him they would look into the matter.

It has sparked a debate over the nature of Airbnb accommodation, with some finding it humorous:- One joker said: "**Airbnpee**.", and another said: "You've got everything you need within arm's reach."

A spokesperson for Airbnb told **LBC (& thanks to them for the item)**: "Our customer service team has been in contact with this guest to provide support.

"We encourage guests to review all photos, as well as the description and reviews, prior to booking a stay."

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It's closely associated with a **MUCH HIGHER** risk of heart attacks and strokes, so, **could YOU cut down by a gram per day?**

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!



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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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Could you foster? The demand hasn't gone away with Lockdown! We need **short term and long term** foster carers as well as carers who can just help out for weekends and school holidays for children of all ages from babies to teenagers.

Foster carers receive a comprehensive training and support package along with financial support. We need a **diverse range of people** with different skills and qualities so that more children are placed in the right home, first time.

The package has recently been **improved**, now has a wide range of benefits, their website has comprehensive info:-

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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Antiques Fair - In the Village Hall - Sunday Aug 6th (and Sept 3rd 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/>

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, it's on NOW, (runs to Sept 10th). Tues to Sat, 11am to 5pm, Suns 2 to 5pm, see www.sofo.org.uk

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DRAYTONDIARIES

(Mostly) Hall Diary for August

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 >>)

Sun	6	9.00am	ANTIQUES FAIR (to 3pm)
Tues	8	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>Caudwell DC</i>
Sat	12	9.00am	Private Function (child's party)
Sun	13	11.00am	Private Function (child's party)
Mon	14	5.00pm	CHRONICLE DEADLINE (p2)
Sat	19	10.00am	Irish Dancing TRIAL Session (see p??)
Sun	20		Private Function (all day)
Sat	26		Private Function (all day) [<i>& Sun 27th</i>]

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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) *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*
- 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 (**) *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

- 6.00 pm Karate/'Dojang X' (Sabrina – 2nd Dan : 07938 537310)
 - 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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