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	Advert	Editor	
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ST PETER'S EVENTS

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Ascension Day

The DAMASCUS Parish will be marking Ascension Day with a special service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th May in St Michael's and All Angels, Steventon. All are welcome.

First Monday	14:00	Knit & Natter No need to be a knitter, if you'd just like a natter
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Wednesday (term time)	10:00	Pebbles Baby & Toddler For more information contact: Draytonpebbles@hotmail.com

ST PETER'S LETTER

'While He was blessing them, Jesus left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:51).

Once upon a time we regarded the festival of the Ascension as so important that some set up a trust fund to pay the Vicar five shillings each year to preach a sermon on Ascension Day. When I was a child my whole primary school would walk to church for a special service. Nowadays, the Ascension is a hugely neglected festival, which deserves to have a bigger place in our church life.

The Ascension tells us that Jesus is in control: 'Jesus has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand' (1 Peter 3:22). Jesus occupies the top spot in the universe; the control of our world is in the safe, scarred hands of Jesus. We can offer Him our worship and allegiance, knowing that His plans are better than those of any Prime Minister or President.

The Ascension tells us that God is committed to His world: 'And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus' (Ephesians 2:6). Jesus did not leave His humanity behind when He ascended, for we are raised with Christ to heaven. Therefore, God is bound to His world and we can trust Him to fulfil His purposes for our lives and world.

The Ascension gives us a job to do: 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:18,19). God's way of working in the world is through us. He commissions us for this task at the Ascension and equips us at Pentecost. We are called to make disciples, starting in our workplace, amongst our family and our community.

'Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world.' (Teresa of Avila).

Each of us is challenged to take responsibility for doing what good we can, whenever we can, in the context of our own lives. This is what Ascension Day sets before us. Can we do it?

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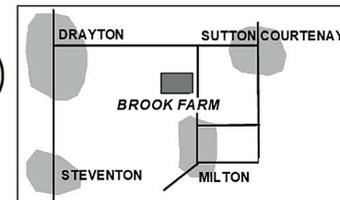
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Thanks to your participation, we're delighted to announce that we raised approximately £475! The winners were:

1st: The Shipwreck at 40 Hilliat Fields

2nd: Jaws at 38 Lockway

3rd: Kraken Sea Monster at 116 Whitehorns and SpongeBob at 8 Lyford Close





DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Drayton Post Office – closure

I've been informed by the Post Office that following the resignation of the postmaster and withdrawal of premises for Post Office use, the Drayton Post Office closed on 22 March. I've not been informed as to why the postmaster resigned. They have no further information, other than to say they're "working hard to keep any period of closure to a minimum," and are "currently investigating the options available ... to reinstate a Post Office service to the local community." Our closest Post Office is now the one in Steventon, I'm afraid.

Garden waste service changes

I'm repeating this from last month, because it's important to note and easy to miss: **The way the brown bin service is set up will change from April 2025.**

Learning from successful changes elsewhere, we're going to move to a permit sticker system. When customers sign up and pay for the scheme in 2025, they'll be sent a tamper-proof garden waste permit sticker to put on their bin (or bins, if they've got multiple payments). This makes it very straightforward to identify the bins to pick up.

In addition, rather than direct debits, customers will pay annually by debit or credit card with a similar payment year from 1 April to 31 March each year. There will be an online account management system for customers to make it easier to manage and for customers to amend their details if needed – and to allow the Council to quickly contact people if there are any service disruptions (such as adverse weather).

Car park fees changing

My first instinct was to ask: "how much are they going up?" It turns out that while some are indeed increasing, others are actually decreasing. The ones in the town centres are going up a little (albeit the period of free parking is being retained – we're not getting rid of that), and the ones on the outskirts are the ones decreasing by up to 30 percent.

All funds from the car parks are being re-invested back into providing the service and making improvements to the car parks, highways, public conveniences, and public open spaces, as well as cycle paths and bike storage.

High Street parking

I've received a reply on the parking issues caused by the development behind Halls Close. It's not the news I'd hoped for.

It turns out that the type of agreement used (a "Construction Traffic Management Plan") has previously been successfully challenged by developers as the language in them isn't "strong enough". Enforcement consulted with the legal team and found out that over and above that, the legal team advise that under common law, anyone can park a vehicle on the public highway unless prevented by restrictions such as double yellow lines.

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections

This year, the only local elections in our area are those for the Police and Crime Commissioner. Make your voice heard and cast your vote on 2nd May.

Farmoor Reservoir running low

It turns out that after the wettest winter in living memory, wetter than any since records began early in the nineteenth century, Farmoor reservoir is only 88% full – well below average. It turns out that not only can they not extract water from the Thames to fill or refill reservoirs in most summers, as it's too low (below what is called the Teddington Target Flow limit), they can't extract water in wet winters, either (due to "silt," apparently. I suspect a different word beginning with "s," personally).

Farmoor consists of Part One (4.5 million tonnes of water) and Part Two (9.3 million tonnes). SESRO is planned to be 150 million tonnes – more than **ten times** their combined capacity. If they can't fill Farmoor, **how are they planning to fill ten more Farmoods on top of it?**

To actually use SESRO, they'd need the transfer pipeline to the wet west and to complete the National Water Grid that the National Infrastructure Commission said was needed. But if they had the transfer capacity, they'd never need SESRO...

"At the Heart of the Vale"

A consultation on proposals for a new strategic plan for the next four years was launched on 16th April, and is open until Tuesday 14th May. Initial ideas have been set out and we'd like feedback on what residents, businesses, community groups, and organisations think: <https://theconversation.southandvale.gov.uk/>.

Andy Cooke

LETTER FROM WESTMINSTER



Along with the other Conservative MPs in Oxfordshire, I wrote to the CEO of Thames Water to demand that more action is taken to tackle sewage pollution in our waters and have secured a meeting with him.

The Government has taken decisive action to address the sewage issue, including putting in place the strictest ever legally binding targets, which I was proud to vote for; increasing the monitoring of sewage discharges in England to 100% (up from 7% in 2010 under Labour); ensuring fines against water companies are unlimited; and requiring Thames Water and other water companies to deliver the largest ever infrastructure investment of £56 billion to fix this problem.

However, people are rightly very angry about this issue, as am I, and I expect Thames Water to act with far greater urgency - which I will make clear during my meeting with the CEO.

I met with the new Chief Superintendent of Thames Valley Police for Oxfordshire and discussed local policing and my campaign to tackle anti-social behaviour, which I know is a huge concern for local people. Thames Valley Police has now recruited 784 more police officers since 2019 (which has meant more officers overall than ever before) thanks to extra Government funding and tackling this should be a priority for them.

I met with the Roads Minister to discuss my campaign to improve our roads and the results of my Local Roads Survey. The Government has given Oxfordshire County Council millions of extra pounds (a 30% funding increase this year) to improve our roads and fix our potholes. We discussed how they should use this money effectively, including filling potholes correctly and not in a way that means they reappear within weeks, as we all know often happens on our local roads.

Autism Family Support Oxfordshire provides vital support to parents across my constituency. Local families wrote to me after Oxfordshire County Council announced they were going to cut their funding which would have had a huge impact.



I wrote to them on behalf of all my constituents who rely on this vital service and was glad to hear that the Council have (finally) listened and reversed their funding cut which will be a relief to many families.

Event announcement:

I am hosting a fair for families of children and young people with special educational needs. It will take place on Tuesday 28 May at Didcot Civic Hall from 12:30pm to 4:30pm and will be attended by various local and national organisations who help SEND families. Please register on my website at www.david-johnston.org.uk/SEND if you plan to attend. I look forward to seeing you there!

Visits this past month included to Drayton Community Primary School to present Local Hero Awards to four pupils who secured help for an unconscious woman and meeting Kathleen Law in Wantage, at the invitation of her son David, to wish her a happy 100th birthday.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



The PC met on 9th April

Walnut Meadows

The MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) archeological survey started on 26th February but was delayed by rain. The work is now complete except for one area which is still submerged by water. Nothing of significance has been found and the outcome has been forwarded to the County Archeologist. An invitation to tender for the MUGA construction has been posted to the Contracts Finder website. There has been considerable interest. The tender closes on 12th April.

The PC engaged a contractor to undertake a detailed design of the sports pitches and drainage. He has identified a drainage solution using pre-existing pipe work in adjacent fields. The PC now needs to speak to landowners about this.

We have already had interest from two local clubs in using the proposed facilities at Walnut Meadows

Miller Homes have started work on the outstanding remedial actions on site and the PC is monitoring this. We have been informed that after almost a year OCC Highways have finally identified an Officer to deal with the road adoption at Walnut Meadows.

Manor Farm

There has been no update on the enforcement case against Cala in relation to remedial work on the circular path. There has not been a satisfactory response to the PC's communication with Cala about the recent spraying of the Hemlock. The PC is aware of the poor state of the area for public open space at Manor Farm and will continue to press for action from Cala Homes.

Halls Close

Despite representation from the District Councillor on the development site, parking continues to be a seriously dangerous issue for the High Street. The developer is in clear contravention of the planning conditions and the matter is with the Vale's enforcement team. A member of the PC has written to the developer reminding them that their behavior really does not fit with their recent award of 'Developer of the Year'.

Defibrillator

The Red Lion pub has declined to host the defibrillator on the side of the building so the PC are now seeking another location in the centre of the village. We are considering purchasing a battery operated defibrillator rather than one that requires electrical connection, however this would be more expensive.

Traffic Calming

The PC has asked Milestone (OCC's contractor) to proceed with the design and detailed costings for a pedestrian crossing at Walnut Meadow, a crossing on the High Street and some amendments to the signage on the crossing outside Manor Farm.

Village trail/footpaths

The PC is about to start work on marking trails of different distances around the village. We would like to produce a clear map identifying walks of different lengths and are also looking at appropriate signage for these paths.

Sutton Wick Pond

A member of the public attended the April meeting to inform us of the poor state of the pond. It is badly silted and despite all the recent rain, the water level is low. The PC Clerk is seeking information for grants that could help with rejuvenating this village asset.

Communicating with the PC

Please note that we do not pick up comments or respond to discussions on Facebook so please contact us at clerk@draytonpc.org. You are also welcome to attend the monthly PC meetings. The next meeting will be on **14th May 7.00pm** at the Caudwell Day Centre.

Elaine Wade

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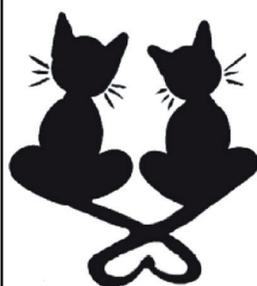
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COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT



Although my record keeping is far from accurate, I calculate that sometime in 2024, I attended my one thousandth Parish Council meeting. Like many, I came to local government in later life following a life as a teacher. I can honestly say that, far from regretting the last 19 years, I have found local government enormously rewarding. I have met many people for whom I have the utmost admiration – even when I have disagreed with them.

Whilst knowing when to step back is never wrong, a recent and unexpected bout of ill health is forcing me to step down a little earlier than originally intended. As a result, this will be my final contribution to Parish newsletters and I will be stepping down as District and County councillor at the end of this month. There is a list of outstanding issues - some big - some small - which I will be handing over to my successor – whoever you elect at the forthcoming bi-election. Looking back, there have been successes and achievements. Some of those in which I take most pride being:

- Helping (together with my wife) to deliver Marcham Village Hall
- Encouraging Parish Councils to institute 20mph zones thereby saving lives
- Reducing speed limits on some of our most dangerous local roads
- Being involved in the delivery of the Drayton Neighbourhood Plan – the first in the Vale.

But there have also been failures, frustrations and disappointments. These must include:

- That the Reservoir is still a live issue
- A failure to persuade colleagues that building new roads such as Hifl is an old fashioned solution to increasing gridlock
- The painfully slow delivery of the sporting facilities in Drayton
- The persistent problem of noises and smells in Appleford and Sutton Courtenay.

Call me an optimist but the first list has always far outweighed the second if only because the battles involved in the second list are far from over and my successors will continue the fight.

If I may be allowed the privilege of one final moan. Parish council meetings are often very poorly attended by members of the public. The exception is when a group of concerned residents appear to raise a particular issue.

Most are very well meaning and public spirited, and their contribution helps to make their parishes better for all residents. However, once their issue has been addressed, too often they are never seen again. Local democracy is at a stage of crisis at present. Elected representatives, be they MPs, County, District or Parish councillors have to take much blame for everything that is wrong with the world and being involved in local democracy can become dis-spiriting.

As a result, many worthy people are put off from standing as Councillors and there is a growing shortage – particularly of Parish Councillors. This puts ever more strain on the shrinking number who are prepared to stand. I would like to appeal directly to all residents – but particularly all new residents to our Parishes - to make our local communities better places for all by considering joining their Parish Council.

Becoming a Councillor is rewarding and very worthwhile. Please consider being part of reviving faith in local democracy.

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W.I

With the start to a brand new year, we have a new face, pen in hand: our new secretary.

Georgina has lifted the pen from Val Cross. Val, thank you. She has done a sterling few years for us and after a very difficult year has stepped down. So thank you Georgina and to Val, so grateful to you both.

Another retiree was me. I have stepped down from the committee after 45 years in various offices (except treasurer). As we now have a younger and very active committee it is my turn to leave them to it. Good luck to you all. As a very nice gesture Val and I were presented with a bunch of beautiful tulips each.

After the formalities we had a demo and active go at a simple but effective way to paint a very quick, but beautiful, celebration card. We were shown by a fellow member from an Abingdon Institute. (Even the mistakes turned out well!) Good fun, great results.

Next month we have Anne Sherman telling us about: "I went to a wedding in Delhi". Seems a long way to go for a wedding but no doubt all will be clear in May! Come and find out with us on Thursday 9th May in the Day Centre at 7.30 pm.

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DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Unfortunately, the Bidmead team lost their semi-final against Moreton by the small margin of five points. So that means they cannot repeat last year's achievement of reaching the final.



In the league our teams are reaching the final few matches. The Artisans in division one lie in fifth position but only one point off of 4th with one match to go. In division two all our three teams have done OK. The Buzzards our 4th and the Corinthians 5th both with two matches left. The Dingos are further down the table in 9th but after an early season relegation battle have moved into relative safety as the season draws to a close. Our two third division teams have been battling near the top of the table. The Eagles look certain to finish third whereas the Flamingos are one point behind Sandford Misfits both with one match left to play. So finishing first or second will mean we have a promoted team and thereby 4 teams in division two next season should the league structure remain unaltered.

Recently we have held further discussions with the village regarding the proposed new pavilion and are very hopeful that at some future date the club can return to Drayton where we feel we belong.

We continue our Monday evening sessions at Thameside school. We will be pleased to welcome any newcomers along. Sessions start at 7:00 PM with one hour of coaching followed by a couple of hours of general practice and social play. Cost is £4.00 per session and if you are aged 9 to 90 you will be welcome to come along.

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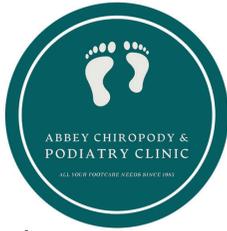
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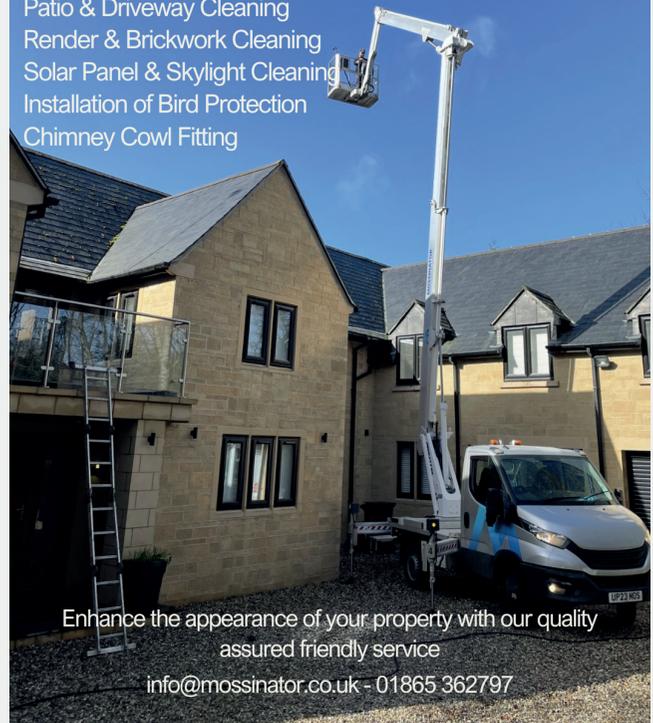
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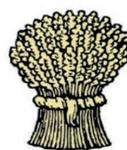
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VALE NEWS

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whitehorsedc.gov.uk/PCCElection2024/

Join our new WhatsApp channel

In the spirit of keeping our finger on the pulse of changing social media channels, we have just set up WhatsApp news channel. We will use our new channel to promote our latest news and service changes - it will also be a useful way reach you quickly if there is an emergency or last-minute service change – for example, if it snows. Posts can be shared to other WhatsApp users and groups.



Scan the QR code to join.

Bank holiday bins

Your bins will be emptied a day later than usual during the week commencing 6 May because of the bank holiday. For more information, visit whitehorsedc.gov.uk/wastecalendar

Climate Action Fund opens soon

The Climate Action Fund opens on 3 May to help fund climate-related projects in the district. Previously grants have gone to electric vehicle (EV) chargers at a village hall, solar panels on a preschool building, creation of a wildlife habitat and carbon literacy training - to name just a few.

The total funding available will be £100,000. The size of individual grants that can be applied for has doubled to a new maximum of £10,000 (minimum is £250). Visit here for more information:

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/community-support/grants/climate-action-fund/>

Our EV car club pilot scheme

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GARD NEWSLETTER

Thames Water have been in the news a lot this month, none of it good. We still have no decision from the Secretary of State for DEFRA (Steve Barclay) either on GARD's call for a Public Inquiry, or on Thames Water's reservoir plans. You can still write to the Rt Hon Steve Barclay, Secretary of State at water.resources@defra.gov.uk, label your email 'Public Inquiry into Thames Water's WRMP' and copy to your MP.

Sign our Petition: See the QR code at the end. The Petition asks the Secretary of State to "Stop Thames Water's costly mega-reservoir – fix the leaks!" Please sign and share as widely as possible. Paper Petition: you will find a poster, slips and petition box in Vickery's.

GARD is continuing exciting research into Biodiversity and Habitat on the Reservoir Site, moving on to hedges and water ways as well as the trees described in the last Newsletter. If you have some knowledge on the subject of biodiversity and would like to help GARD with this for the Public Inquiry, please contact us gard.secretary@gmail.com

On Friday 24th May 2024 GARD's Annual General Meeting will be taking place in Steventon Village Hall at 8pm. Please come for a full update on our campaign.

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The District Council is due to hold a final inspection in April to sign off the Public Open Space. Thereafter, residents will pay for maintenance, including fixing any issues that Bloor Homes has failed to deal with.

The Parish Council has approached the District Council to request they ensure all snagging issues are resolved, prior to signing off. The District Council offered no support in its response. Its favourite word is "expediency", which has an unfortunate definition: "If it is expedient to do something, it is useful or convenient to do it, even though it may not be morally right". That seems to say everything!

On a more positive note, Bloor Homes has offered a selection of bird and bat boxes to residents to offset its commitment to delivering biodiversity enhancements. A total of 54 boxes will be installed on residents' properties, with a further 86 being made available to the Parish Council for installing around the village.

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DRAYTON HALL NEWS

First up, a reminder of the **ABBA Tribute evening**, May 31st (a Friday). Promoted by the **WHEATSHEAF**, for ticketing info, please see the advert in this issue.

And we've another **Antiques Fair**, BUT PLEASE NOTE this one is the **SECOND SUNDAY (12th)** due to a long prebooked event which had grabbed the first one. And that's with **Kathy Head** running her excellent value cafe for one of her good causes (lovely breakfast – great value! - or perhaps just a bacon sarnie!). In June the Fair reverts back to their usual spot on the first Sunday (2nd).

Now, we have **two Badminton groups** on a quest for some new players, one on **Wed**s afternoons, the other one is **Monday** evenings, the latter has traditionally been for Ladies (but does accept Gents, come on lads, don't be shy!) and they say they're to a "reasonable standard" – to me just hitting that feathered thing was 'reasonable'!

Plus -- PARENTS -- if your children might like to try **Irish Dancing** (think 'Riverdance' perhaps?) Ashleigh has her class on **Tuesday** (early) evening waiting for you?

Recent appeals re **Sabrina's Karate classes** ('DojangX' variety – for kids or families) and **KEEP FIT with FAYE**, (aimed at the 'more mature' customer, so seated if you prefer), have apparently drawn some new customers, but always room for a few more!

Oh, AND – the **Hall C'tee has its AGM** coming up soon, and are always on the lookout for new blood/more help, so if YOU could volunteer, please DO get in touch!

Please see the 'Regular Events' list re contact info for the classes, or the monthly list re the Hall.

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Thurs 2	x	Police Commissioner Election (Small Hall)
Sat 4th	9.30am	Dog Show (Private Club)
Sun 5th	12:30pm	Private Function (child's party)
Sun 12th	9:00am	ANTIQUES FAIR (to 3pm)
Tues 14th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting (Caudwell DC)
Sat 18th	6:00pm	Private Function
Sun 19th	10:00am	Private Function (child's party)
Mon 20th	x	Chronicle Deadline
Sat 25th	All day	Private Function (Wedding)
Sun 26th	2:00pm	Private Function (child's party)
Fri 31st	7:00pm	ABBA (Tribute) Show (see advert)

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise. [## = Small Hall in Village Hall]
If an entry is wrong – DO tell an editor (page 2)

MONDAYS	
2:00pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session
6:00pm	Damascus Youth ##
7:15pm	Badminton (Private Group)
7:45pm	Bell-ringing (St Peter's)
TUESDAYS	
9:30am	Pilates (via Alexandra Merson 07788 248925)
1:45pm	Drayton Art Group (Caudwell DC)
2:30pm	Tuesday Connect (Church)
5:30pm	Irish Dancing (Ashleigh - 07375 878445)
6:45pm	Karate/'Dojang X' session (Sabrina 07938 537310)
7.45pm	Beginner's YOGA (ditto)

WEDNESDAYS	
10:00am	Pebbles Baby Group (Church)
1:30pm	Whist Drive (Caudwell DC)
1:45pm	U3A Science/Tech, 1st Weds (07890 385931) ##
2:00pm	Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday, most months) ##
2:15pm	Badminton
6:30pm	Brownies (term-time / Laura 07916 459435) ##
7:00pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session
THURSDAYS	
9:30am	Parent & Toddler Group
9:45am	Holy Communion (**) (St Peter's Lady Chapel)
11:00am	Baptist Café (to 1pm) NOW IN >> (Caudwell DC)
2:00pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session
2:00pm	Crafts Group (2nd Thursday -Call Kate 01235 550486) ##
5:30pm	Rainbows (girls 5 to 7 yrs) ##
7:30pm	Sequence Dancing (Brian - 01235 531701)
7:30pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs) (Caudwell DC)
7:30pm	'Community Choir' (2nd/4th Thurs) Church Room
FRIDAYS	
11:00am	(NEW) Keep Fit with FAYE (07815 583591)
4:15pm	Karate/'Dojang X' sessions (07938 537310)
SUNDAYS	
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