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ST PETER'S LETTER

From the Ministry Team...

Dear Friends

The general election results are now known or will shortly be, depending on when you read the church page. Are you feeling optimistic or dejected at the results? Or does the very mention of politics have you reaching for the off switch?

At least the heated political debates have offset the chill of this 'summer'! The recent events to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day have left me in no doubt that I have a duty to be informed about matters of governance and government and to exercise my freedom to vote; this privilege to have a vote and voice was secured for us at a terrible cost of life on the beaches of Normandy.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to join in his redemptive work, pursuing a means of governance which reflects his kingdom values and enables the flourishing of those around us. Therefore, we need to think wisely and prayerfully about which policies and issues we will support or encourage change. What God cares about is what we should care about. And his priorities transcend left-vs-right politics. He commanded us to 'work' and 'take care' of the land, 'to administer justice', 'show compassion', and not 'oppress the widow, the fatherless, the foreigner, or the poor' (Zech 7:9-10).

We are likely to continue to engage in conversations about those in government with people who hold similar or opposing views to our own. My prayer is that we all learn to listen and speak gracefully and be open to hearing other perspectives. We are called to 'honour our government' (Romans 13:1,2); please join me in praying for our new government – for wisdom in decision-making, for stability in our land, for good and honest governance, and policies that enable everyone to flourish.

Phil Sutton

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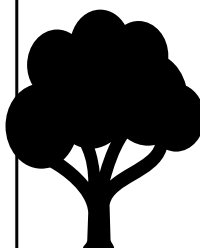
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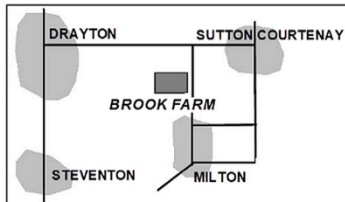


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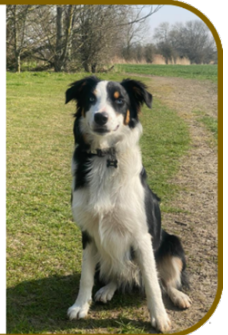
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GARD – GROUP AGAINST RESERVOIR DEVELOPMENT

GARD Newsletter for July 2024 New 'Consultation'

Most of you will have received a postcard or letter from Thames Water headed 'Have your say on our Reservoir Proposals' in a 'consultation' ending on 27th August.

Another consultation (!): what does it mean?

It does not mean that the outgoing government has accepted any of Thames Water's plans. The situation is just the same as it was when we sent out our last newsletter: the Thames Water plans for 2024-29 and beyond are not yet approved by the government, and the Environment Agency's advice to the government is that the plans should not be accepted without further revision and probably public consultation.

This exercise is not the Public Consultation sought by the EA. It is an optional stage in the process for approving the Reservoir itself (not the plan as a whole). Thames Water have chosen to press ahead without a government decision (they can do this because the government allows them some of your money to spend on these 'studies'!).

As an optional consultation, Thames don't have a legal duty to take any of your comments into account. This is in contrast to the formal consultation last year, where they must record your comments, publish them, then try to answer them in a way which avoids the points you are making, but still keeps within the law (!). So, it's even easier for them to avoid criticism with this 'informal' approach, whilst appearing to go through the motions.

So, what to do with this consultation?

GARD urges all residents to respond to the consultation and express your opposition. Although this is 'informal', Thames Water will take the opportunity of a 'low turnout' to try and convince the incoming government that the tide of public opinion is somehow turning, and people are coming to 'accept' the reservoir. There is no need to get involved in questions of what the least-worst option of the reservoir would be – all of Thames Water's options (focussed as they are on mega-scale, and very long construction phases) are unacceptable and they should be told.

Also, please turn up to the local 'events' they are having and let them know your mind! (There is a full list of events on the postcards sent and at the foot of this article). GARD will have a presence at all these events. GARD will be putting the real facts about this reservoir design into newsletters for the public, so you can call Thames Water's bluff.



Please make sure your written objections are copied to whoever is elected as our new MP on 4th July. We ask you also to seek the assurance of opposition to the Reservoir from any candidate you intend to vote for.

GARD's call for a Public Inquiry into Thames Water's plans will still be on the desk of the new Secretary of State on 5th July. Please, if you

have not already done so, **sign our petition** calling for a Public Inquiry at:

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/stopTWreservoir> or use the QR code below. We intend to send this petition to the new Secretary of State, at the end of the Thames Water 'consultation' on 27th August.



Please copy gard.secretary@gmail.com into any correspondence and see the website for developments:

<https://www.abingdonreservoir.org.uk/>

Derek Stork, Chairman, GARD



Have your say on our reservoir proposals

We're holding a public consultation on our proposals to build a new reservoir in Oxfordshire. Your views matter to us, so please take a look online and have your say via: www.thames-sro.co.uk/sesro

You can also come along to one of our **community information events** to find out more about the proposed reservoir. To help us manage numbers, please register your attendance in advance by visiting our website at: www.thames-sro.co.uk/events

Events

- 27/06/24 - Sutton Courtenay Village Hall - 2pm-8pm
- 29/06/24 - Royal British Legion, East Hanney - 10am-4pm
- 01/07/24 - Abingdon Guildhall - 11am-5pm
- 05/07/24 - Loyd Lindsay Rooms, Wantage - 11am-5pm
- 09/07/24 - Didcot Civic Hall - 2pm-8pm
- 15/07/24 - Milton Hill House, Steventon - 2pm-8pm
- 18/07/24 - Marcham Centre - 2pm-8pm

If you have any queries, please **email us** on: info.SESRO@thameswater.co.uk.



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COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

The results are in, following the local election on June 20th, which followed the retirement of Councillor Richard Webber. The newly-elected Liberal Democrat representative, Peter Stevens, will be the provider of our monthly County Council Reports in the near future.

Election results for Sutton Courtenay & Marcham

Sutton Courtenay & Marcham By-election - Thursday, 20 June 2024

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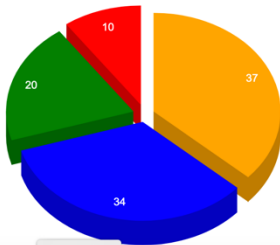
Sutton Courtenay & Marcham - results					
Election Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Outcome	
Peter Alexander Stevens	Liberal Democrat	702	37%	Elected	
James Richard Plumb	The Conservative Party Candidate	656	34%	Not elected	
Aidan Reilly	The Green Party	375	20%	Not elected	
Jim Broadbent	Labour Party	183	10%	Not elected	

Voting Summary		Number
Details		
Seats		1
Total votes		1916
Electorate		9639
Number of ballot papers issued		1926
Number of proxy votes		10
Number of ballot papers rejected		10
Number of postal votes sent		1335
Number of postal votes returned		705
Turnout		20%

Share of the votes (%)		
Peter Alexander Stevens	37%	Elected
James Richard Plumb	34%	Not elected
Aidan Reilly	20%	Not elected
Jim Broadbent	10%	Not elected

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- Peter Alexander Stevens
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MEGA RESERVOIR INQUIRY

The Mega Reservoir proposed near Drayton and Marcham raises serious concerns over safety, the environmental impact, and the increased flood risk in our area which already suffers from flooding. Thames Water refuses to consider more reasonable and cost effective alternatives. A public inquiry is needed to give us answers.



MITIGATION FOR DIDCOT RELIEF ROAD

The new road proposed from the A34 Milton Interchange to the B4015 at Nuneham Courtenay should help relieve congestion, but our communities are most impacted by the construction of the road, so should receive proper mitigation for the project.



BETTER LOCAL HEALTHCARE PROVISION

Access to see GP's and get routine appointments is worse than ever. GP capacity in our area has not kept pace with recent housebuilding, and must be increased. Investment in our community hospitals is also required so that residents can be seen locally and treated quickly.



ABOUT PETER

The Local Champion we deserve

Peter lives in Sutton Courtenay, and has had a 30 year career developing electric vehicles, 'cleantech' and innovative energy infrastructure for communities.

A long time sustainability campaigner, Peter has a strong track record of protecting the environment. As an entrepreneur and small business owner, Peter understands the challenges that small businesses face, and the support required to sustain and enhance our local economy.

Peter wants to continue the work of retiring councillor Richard Webber, fighting for our villages.



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*Susan Baird
Tommy Group*



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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT



Dear all,

General Election

I'm taking the opportunity to remind you that PHOTO ID is now necessary to allow you to vote. A list of accepted forms of ID is here: <https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need>.

Reservoir

Thames Water have taken to circulating pretty pictures mocked up by artists in their PR department to try to drum up support and gloss over the many issues (which I've previously raised at length). One thing that's recently come up, buried in their documentation and inexplicably not inked in to their PR pictures, is that the water inlet from the Thames is to be 150m downstream of a sewage discharge point (which has had more than 800 releases so far this year, an average of every 5 hours day in, day out, week in, week out) and they're now lobbying the Environment Agency to allow this!

Assuming they ever do fill it full of water from the massively water-stressed Thames (hopefully between the sewage discharges), we've now found out in addition that the emergency drawdown capacity will run within a couple of hundred metres of Drayton (just north of Walnut Meadows and Sutton Wick Lane) and this will need to be able to sustain a capacity of over 75 tonnes of water per second for up to twenty days (in case of an emergency scenario, hopefully the emergency will be able to deal with taking three weeks to run down the water levels...).

To put this number into context, the "hands off flow" of the Thames at Sutton Courtenay is 17 tonnes per second and the average year-round flow rate of the Thames there is 26 tonnes per second. This would add three average entire River Thames's to that flow for those three weeks, certainly causing floods downstream (and coming back on the floodplain south of Abingdon all the way to Steventon and into Abingdon proper, as well as downstream of there). Not to mention the quality of the water – filled downstream of that regularly-used sewage outlet – would leave much to be desired.

Then again, the one saving grace is that it's extremely unlikely to ever be anywhere near full, seeing as it would need as much water as eleven more Farmoor reservoirs when that one was filled to the brim (filled from the most water-stressed major river in Britain, when they couldn't even fill up *one* Farmoor after the wettest winter on record).

All the while, Thames Water uses this to deflect from its requirement to reduce leakage and to dodge the NIC recommendation of water transfers from the far-less-water-stressed areas to make a National Water Grid – which *would* help, *would* work, and be constructed far more cheaply, more safely, with much less environmental damage, and much, much quicker. Why, yes, this *does* wind me up, what gave it away?

Homelessness

I've received a detailed update on the work being done by the Council to address homelessness and affordable housing. One key aspect of this is that we have recently become a registered housing provider ourselves, for the first time in nearly thirty years. We can now get access to Homes England funding where appropriate to develop homes and can provide social housing directly.

Obviously, we've had to start pretty much from scratch, but the journey that takes the longest is the one that's never started. We've started with two hostels, a two-bedroom house and two

three-bedroom houses and have refurbished our ten-bedroom temporary housing accommodation and re-opened it. We're purchasing 18 properties in the Vale with help from the Local Authority Housing Fund which will be part of our housing stock in the longer term. We've also leased 24 houses from the MoD's current surplus to house families from Afghanistan who had to flee the country after openly (and in many cases at great risk) helping our forces out there (this is something close to my own heart, given my former history in the RAF).

We also lay down requirements for affordable housing in new developments, with 353 now completed over 2023/24 alone (253 affordable rented, 21 social rented, 79 shared ownership). I have my personal disagreements with the definition of "affordable" (I believe it's often not really affordable) but we need Government legislation to alter that.

Summer Activities



Find out more on the Active Communities webpage here: <https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/sports-and-activities/active-communities/>

The splash pads in Abbey Meadow in Abingdon and Wantage Memorial Gardens should be open from 9am to 6pm each day over the summer, and the kiosk at Abbey Meadow should be open at weekends until the outdoor pool opens for the most popular months of the year during the summer holidays on Saturday 20 July. The kiosk, splash pads and pool will then be available for visitors to use every day over the summer holidays through to early September.

Leisure centres have activities over summer (details here: <https://www.better.org.uk/what-we-offer/activities/activities-for-kids>)

Don't forget the classes, shows and entertainment at the Beacon Community and Arts Centre in Wantage (details here: <https://www.beaconwantage.co.uk/>)

Net Zero

We've made considerable strides towards becoming a carbon neutral council (target to achieve that is 2030, with an interim target of a 75% reduction by 2025). This has been helped by work done on decarbonising the leisure centres (which have been a big chunk of our emissions, rivalled only by the waste collection service). I'll make no apologies for seeing reduction in carbon emissions as crucially important – the climate crisis is extremely important – but even to anyone who disagrees, the reduction in energy bills from the leisure centre decarbonisation is definitely be very useful going forwards and I think we'd all agree that reducing our dependence on fossil fuels often sourced from certain regimes abroad, such as Putin's Russia, has to be a good thing.

We're looking at trialling an Electric Refuse Collection Vehicle for twelve weeks (we tried one before, which wasn't very successful, but the technology has already moved on noticeably). Hopefully we'll be able to transition up to six council vehicles during 2024.

Even with all of this, I think we'll fall a bit short of the interim target (unless we purchase carbon credits, which would be costly as well as a bit of a cheat, so we're not looking at doing that). Rather than try to change the interim target, we'd rather try to get as close to it as possible and if we fall short, we'll face up to that and do our damndest to catch up and still make the 2030 target. It's better to aim high and fall just short than to aim lower.

All the best, Andy

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



The Council met on 28th May and on 18th June

Oak Tree

A member of the public attended the meeting and expressed concerns about the future of an oak tree at the back of the white cottages on Abingdon Road. The PC has now applied to the Vale of White Horse District Council for a Tree Preservation Order on this healthy mature oak tree (located in Meads Close)

Sutton Wick Pond

A resident who lives near the pond is exploring grant funding so that we can get this pond in a clean state. The PC supports this and will offer any help we can to achieve a living pond.

Quotes are being sought for the pollarding of the 3 willow trees that surround the pond.

The Dovecote

The PC is aware that the residents of The Dovecote have a 'snagging list' of items for Bloor Homes to fix. Once this list has been resolved the PC is prepared to enter into negotiations with the Management Company to consider taking over the areas of public open space, if this is what the residents want.

Manor Farm

An offer has been put to Cala Homes that the Parish Council will take on responsibility for the public open space area, including management of hemlock, if Cala remediate the outstanding work on the paths and area around the children's play area. The PC is aware that Cala's continued use of Heras fencing and spraying of the area is unsightly and detrimental to the environment and we would like to take over the area of open space as soon as possible so that we can get the area into shape. The agreement was always for the PC to take over the area as open space for the village but we have been held up by the fact that some of the areas of the site have not been completed to appropriate standards.

Walnut Meadows

An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 21st May shortlisted two suppliers from the 5 responses received for development of the MUGA (multi use games area). We have completed the checks required (credit check, references and accounts) on our preferred supplier and will be proceeding with the preferred supplier for the construction of the MUGA. Next steps are to agree a contract and start date for construction.

The tender for the sports pitch drainage is ready to be issued.

Miller Homes have reinstated the Heras fencing around the former barrow. The PC now has responsibility for maintaining this fencing.

Miller Homes are due to commence work to repair the cracked perimeter pavement at the Walnut Way public open space on 18th June. The PC has posted this on Facebook and delivered letters advising local residents.

Bird and Bat boxes

We have a number of bird and bat boxes to give away. The bird boxes are specifically designed for either Sparrows, Starlings or Swifts. They are high quality heavy boxes that need to be fixed to a solid wall. If you live in Drayton and think you have a good place to put one, please email the

continued...

Deputy Clerk at DeputyDraytonClerk@gmail.com
The British Trust for Ornithology and the RSPB have guidance on where to locate bird boxes. See rspb.org.uk or bto.org For the location of bat boxes please see guidance at bats.org.uk

Parish Council website

We are looking to develop a new PC website that is user friendly and more accessible than the existing site.

Please contact the PC with comments or concerns at Clerk@draytonpc.org. You are also welcome to attend the monthly PC meetings.

The next meeting will be on 9th July at 7pm in the Caudwell Day Centre.

We have vacancies on the Council. If you are interested in supporting your community, please contact a member of the council or come along to a meeting to see what we do.

Elaine Wade



For further Parish Council info.....

.....please see www.DraytonVillage.co.uk for Agendas, Minutes and Papers for the Parish Council, as well as details of current PC Committees and Working Groups.

Here you will also find archives of The Drayton Chronicle, History of Drayton, Village Information, photographs and more.



FixMyStreet

Residents are encouraged to use the FixMyStreet app, or go to <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk> to report any road, cycleway and pavement defects in the village.

LOCAL GROUPS and CLUBS

WI Report

On Thursday we listened to Ann and John Ford telling us about their life with Morris Minors. It all started with a visit to a car show and a card put under their windscreen wiper offering a chance of film work. They rang the number and started an amazing career in films and other events with an ever-growing collection of minors, woodies and open tops for films including Harry Potter, The Borrowers and many more. They also took part in the Queen's Golden Jubilee parade of vehicles, a car for each year: there were 1956. They had many notable people in their cars including the Speaker of the House of Commons who gave them a guided tour of his state apartments. All slightly ironic with a name of FORD as collectors of MORRIS minors. At our next meeting we will be having an evening of board games, and it will be on Thursday 11th July at 7:30pm in the Caudwell Centre. Gravel Lane.

There will be a craft fair held on 9th November at Drayton Hall. Tables available. More details to follow. If interested, please contact Georgina Arnold on 01235 531923 for details

Ann Webb



Drayton Wives

Our April meeting was the AGM where we discussed the old year and looked forward to a new year.

In the last year we enjoyed two very successful coach outings, one to the Black Country Museum and one to Winchester for a Christmas market. We also had an interesting talk about Dartmoor prison from Mr Caldicott and a talk about local honey from our very own Mr Busby who also sells local honey at Abingdon market.

Our recent meeting was entitled **"I Married a Tribal King."** Our speaker was Sue Hadley, a lovely colourful lady from Steventon.

Sue went on holiday with her friends to Gambia and was



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struck by the poverty of the country and the lack of education for the children. Unfortunately, Sue broke her foot and returned home to have it properly reset. It was during this time she had a "What's my purpose?" moment, decided something was missing and thought about Gambia. Sue had worked in the newspaper industry and while she was reading the Gambia Daily saw a lovely photo of a school and thought that's it, they need my help!!!!

Sue contacted the headmistress and she said to Sue "Can you come over next week?" So off Sue went to Banjul to do a project with Shropshire Highways who also did projects for schools, helping children learn the Green Cross Code as they tended to dash across streets not looking!!

Sue landed in Banjul and was met by traditional dancers. Her luggage was plonked on the tarmac with all her boxes of Green Cross Code leaflets. No baggage carousel for Banjul.

Sue had to find funding for the conference from local businesses so was helped by the Minister of Education's secretary who said he would pay for everything! The conference was successful but the thing the children were most short of was pens - mostly they wrote with chalk on slate.

Sue went to the beach with a friend and met a charming man who looked like a reggae musician. His name was Bunny and seemed to be very intelligent but a bit different! Bunny was, of course, a Tribal King (Royalty). After ten days he asked her to marry him! Ten weeks later Sue did marry him.

Sue was the first of Bunny's wives, and the wife who has to approve all the others, which is up to five wives!!

Sue later had to return to England as she had caught Malaria, but Bunny and Sue continue to see each other every year.

Sue will always be the first wife of a Tribal King and hopes one day to return home to Africa.

It was a very interesting talk about different cultures marrying and how it can work.

We are always on the lookout for new members.

If you would like to join a very friendly daytime ladies' group, we have a coffee morning once a month, a craft class once a month and then generally a speaker on the last Wednesday of every month. Please contact me on 07949275641

Lisa Lammiman



Sue
and Bunny

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Stay safe in the heat this summer

We've got some top tips for you to plan ahead and beat the heat this summer...

Don't sweat it

Keep your eye on the news so you know when things will be heating up.



Stay hydrated – water and diluted squash or lower fat milks are good choices. High sugar drinks can dehydrate the body further.



Eat later in the evening when things have cooled off a bit. Consider eating cold food during the day like ice lollies which will keep your water levels topped up.



Keep your child drinking – little and often. Water and diluted squash or lower fat milks are good choices. High sugar drinks can dehydrate the body further. Ice lollies can be good to help keep water levels topped up.



If a child is very hot, sponge or spray them with cool water or use cold packs around the neck and armpits. Wrapping them in a cool, wet sheet with a fan on them can help cool them safely.



If you are on medication. Most medicines should be kept below 25°C, so they should be stored somewhere cool, dry, out of direct sunlight and away from windowsills. They should only be stored in the fridge if specified.

Keep it cool

By staying out of the sun between 11am and 3pm, you can reduce the risk of heating up. If your skin is hot, then your body will be too. But there are so many other things you can do to stay cool this summer.



Open doors and windows in the early mornings and overnight when it's cooler – then close any that get direct sunlight and shut the curtains or blinds as it heats up. This helps trap the cooler air in your home.



If you have windows on different sides of your home **open them on the coolest side.**



Reorganise so you can **spend your time in a cooler part of your home**, especially if you are not able to move around easily.



Turn your boiler down. It will mean cooler water for your shower, but it will cool you down and heat your room less.



Use air fans if the temperature is below 35 degrees. Higher than that you will just be moving hot air around. Don't aim it at your body to avoid dehydration.



Turn off lights and check electrical equipment – broken or old appliances all add to the heat levels.

.... and for when the sun comes out →

For more information, visit our website
oxfordshire.gov.uk/keepingcool

LETTERS

Dear Sir/Madam

Re Blocked-off/missing kissing gate

I am sure that most people are aware of the long running issue that the footpath that was diverted in 1995 as per the attached drawing (see below) has not been reinstated in accordance with the agreed planning application.

I'm sure that the Golf Club would rather not have this footpath on their course, however, I believe it is more important that the villagers of Drayton, Steventon and Milton have the right to have this footpath unblocked and reinstated as per the plans that would have been drawn up by the golf club for their planning application. It is disappointing that this issue has not been resolved and more disappointing that a footpath has been allowed to be blocked off for so long by the Parish Council.

I will post this letter on the Drayton Village Community Facebook Page to keep residents of the village up to date with this letter and replies.

Regards

David Roberts

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01235528800

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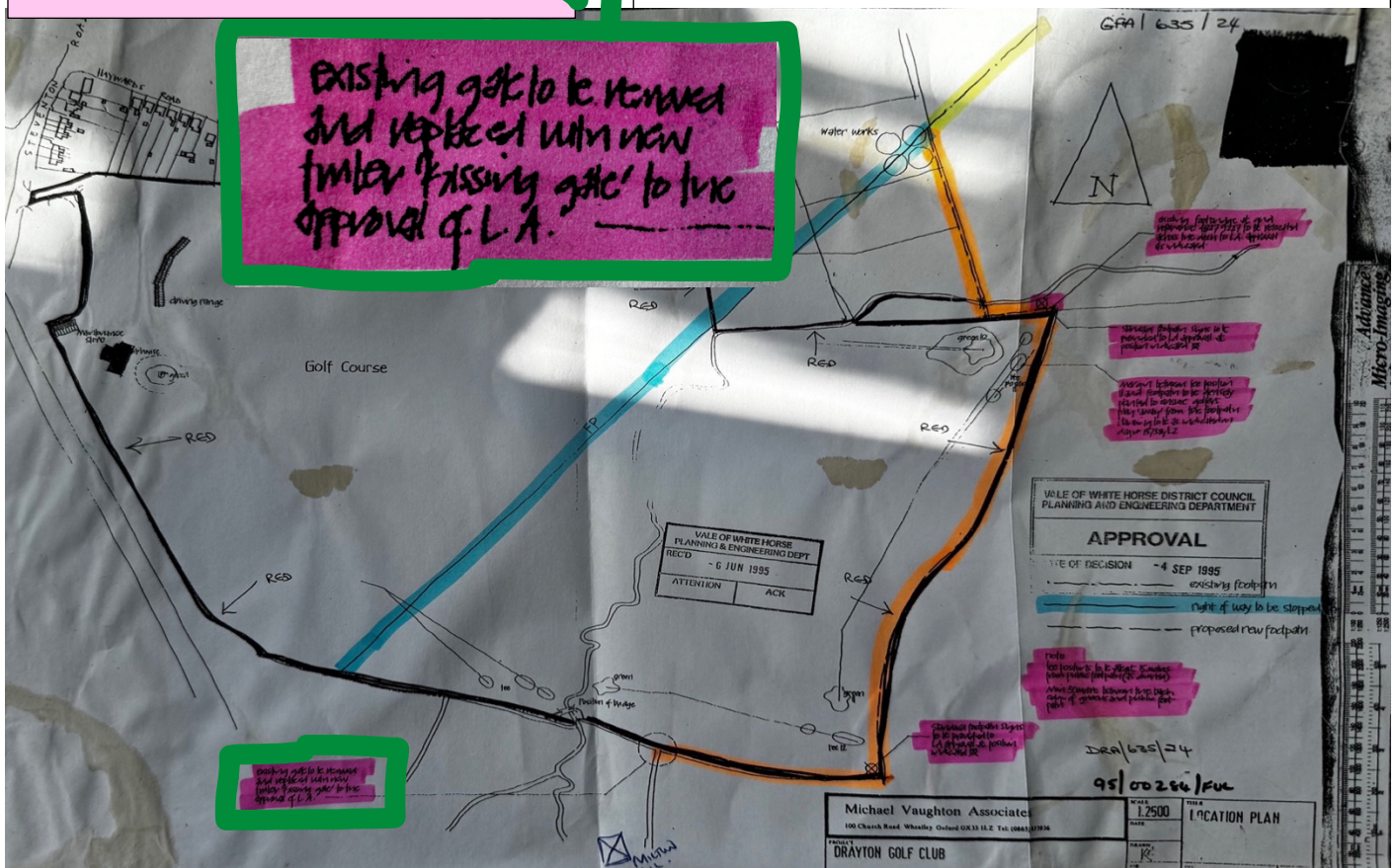


Dear all

Summer seems to have arrived at last, and with the summer, attendant blossoms bloom! Time to replant the planters on the green for all to enjoy. Thank you Lawrence (Vickery) for continuing to finance the summer plants, and for caring for them during the summer months. Lawrence does so much for the village, and this is one of many ways he helps our community.

Pervin Shahin

Drayton PC (and head gardener)



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Dear Editor,

Village Churchyard

The members of St Peter's church would like to apologise for the state of the churchyard recently. Unfortunately, our gardener was unable to cut the grass due to various unforeseen circumstances. We have a small congregation, most of whom are elderly and are unable to do this work. Although we receive a grant from the parish council, this does not cover the full cost of grass cutting, so much of any extra maintenance falls on the few people who are able to carry it out. Churchyard maintenance is one of the many areas which we have to pay for, we get no help from the government or the Church of England, it comes from those few people who attend our church. We would be very happy to accept any help that may be forthcoming from the village (please see our notice on page 3). St Peter's has stood at the centre of Drayton for hundreds of years and we would like to think that it will continue in this role in the village for many more.

Sue Icke, on behalf of St. Peter's

OBITUARY

Richard N. Hinckes

26/4/1934 – 28/5/2024
of Drayton, Oxon.

Formerly of Sudbury, Suffolk & East Hill Post Office, Colchester, Essex. Passed away at Sobell House Hospice, Oxford and is survived by two daughters.

Richard's love for dogs will be remembered by all who knew him. He had lived in Drayton for over 20 years.

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Jenny Hinckes

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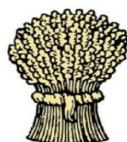
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Well done to all the **FoDSA** volunteers, who braved some terrible weather on the morning of the **FETE** to get things set-up, and also did a great job in their tidy-up afterwards.

They also I gather had to foil a brazen attempt to steal a gazebo on the 'prep' day, in broad daylight with witnesses present! Hopefully the police can take more action than is sometimes the case?

General Election, Thursday 4th, at last an end to the never-ending news reports of what this or that party did or didn't say, may or more likely won't do if they get in?!

Or Main Hall users should all know they've been ejected that day, and for the voters, as you should surely know by now (?!), **DO remember your photo-ID!!**

We've another **ANTIQUES Fair**, Sunday July 7th, 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 **PLEASE NOTE** there is **NO Antiques Fair** in August.

Oh, and Kathy is back on the 13th, running a 'tabletop' **Craft Sale**. Look out for local F'book ads.

Our **Bowls Club and Sequence Dancers** are always on the lookout for new members, the Bowlers are on Mon & Thursday afternoons, and Weds evenings if that suits you better. The Sequence Dancers are a friendly crowd, Thursday evenings, they also have a few Sat'day social events through the year.

Oh, and we also have two **BADMINTON** groups on a similar quest, one on Weds 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? And Sabrina's **Karate class** ('DojangX' variety) has now expanded for more sessions, she has some just for kids, but **ALSO** a 'Family' class. Free trials I gather, for both.

And another **NEW CLASS:- Beginner's YOGA**, is running again, **TUESDAY** evenings, just after that evening's Karate class (so about 7.45pm?), and it's also run by Sabrina.

Sabrina had been (I believe) intending to take a break for the school hols, but **MAY** actually run a few classes – **DO** please see local F'book for probably some August dates?

I hear that the sessions of **KEEP FIT with FAYE**, (Fridays at 11am), have quite a crowd now, but still room for a few more, aimed at the 'more mature' customer, so seated if you prefer, they're **just £6** per class and get great reviews (she runs them at several other local halls).

Just the other day I was reading an article suggesting that exercise may well help stop the proteins that seem to cause dementia from clogging up the brain's wiring! Only limited evidence so far, but the early indications seem to show that it can help.

Tony Holmes

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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 (back to 1st Tuesday!) *Church*
- 5.30 pm Irish Dancing (Ashleigh - 07375 878445)
- 6.45 pm Karate/'Dojang X' session (Sabrina 07938 537310)
- 7.45 pm Beginner's YOGA (ditto)

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
- 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

- 11.00 am **(NEW) Keep Fit with FAYE (07815 583591)**
- 4.15 pm Karate/'Dojang X' sessions, see ad (07938 537310)

SUNDAYS

- (**) For all the latest info re their Services (Thursday communion, & especially Sundays), **PLEASE see our St Peter's Church page**
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Sun	7	9.00am	ANTIQUES FAIR (to 3pm)
Tues	9	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting (Caudwell DC)
Sat	13	10.00am	Table-top CRAFT Fair
Sun	14	noon	Private Function (child's party)
Mon	15	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline
Tues	16	1.30pm	Bowls (League Match)
Sat	20	10.00am	Private Function
Tues	23	1.30pm	Bowls (League Match)
Weds	31	1.45pm	DRAYTON WIVES (Small Hall)