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The next Drayton Chronicle will be the June issue edited by Tony Holmes. Tel.: **01235 531180**

Issue	Deadline for contributions		Printed Chronicles available on:
	Advert	Editor	
Sept	19th	26th	30th
October	16th	23rd	27th

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Advertisement requests should be sent to: **advertising@draytonchronicle.net**

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Thursday	9:45am	Celtic Morning Prayer (2nd & 4th Thurs)

PARISH REGISTER

Baptism

23rd June Evelyn Grace Fargher

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

YOU STAY WE PRAY

28th July – 3rd Aug Lockway

4th – 10th Aug Whitehorns Way

11th – 17th Aug Corneville Road; Crabtree Lane; Lesparre Close

18th - 24th Aug Drayton Road; Milton Road; New Cut Mill; Fisher Close; Marcham Road; Meads Close; Rippington Court; Stone Mill

25th Aug – 31st Aug Steventon Road; Kiln Lane; Mott Cottages; Barton Court

Church and Churchyard Tidy Up

A big thank you to all those who came and helped! All your kind hard work has made a real difference!

Notice

John Keeping married to Jenny Keeping.
Passed away at the John Radcliffe hospital on the 9th of July. John and Jenny moved to Crabtree Lane Drayton in 1967 with their 2 young children. The Funeral will be held at South Oxfordshire Crematorium Garford on July 30th at 11am.



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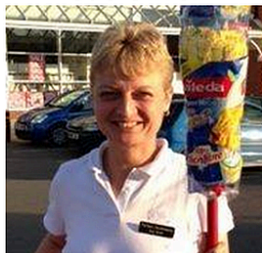
WELCOME to the Reverend **Dov Whittle**, our new Assistant Curate, following his ordination as a Deacon in Christ Church, Oxford. Dov and his family will be living in Drayton Vicarage and Dov will be working across the whole parish.

First Monday	14:00	Knit & Natter No need to be a knitter, if you'd just like a natter
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INTRODUCING: Oilly Glover

Didcot and Wantage's new MP, Oilly Glover, won the seat for the Liberal Democrats with a massive 21,793 votes which bested nearest rival David Johnston by 6,233. We look forward to his contribution to the next Drayton Chronicle where he will be taking over David Johnston's regular piece.



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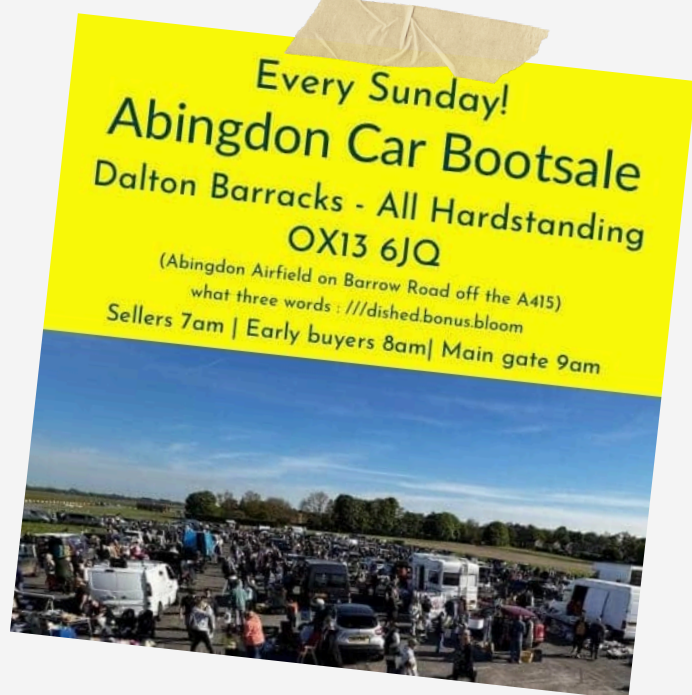
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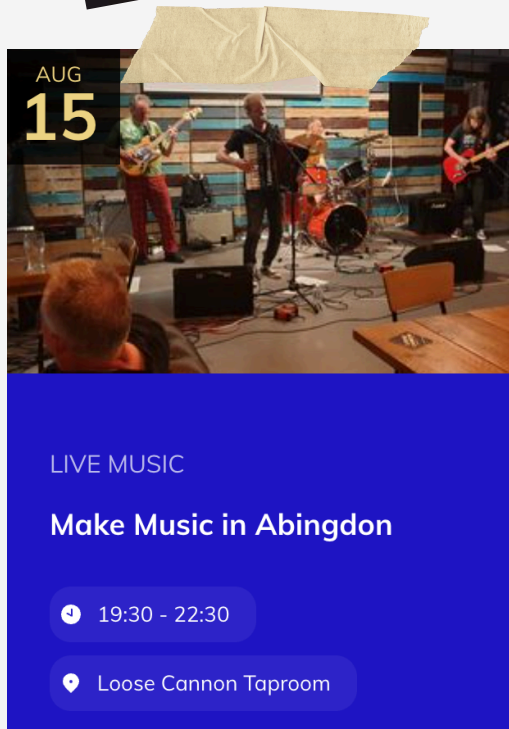
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2 days ago · 🌐

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General Election

The result of the General Election in the Didcot and Wantage constituency was:

- Olly Glover – Liberal Democrat – 21,793 (39.8%)
- David Johnston – Conservative – 15,560 (28.4%)
- Mocky Khan – Labour – 8,045 (14.7%)
- Steve Beatty – Reform – 6,400 (11.7%)
- Sam Casey-Rerhaye – Green – 2,693 (4.9%)
- Kyn Pomlett – SDP – 242 (0.4%)

Olly Glover was duly elected as MP for Didcot and Wantage, replacing David Johnston.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points at Waste Depot

As we are procuring an EV-waste truck and intend to trial another, two new EV charging points have been installed at the waste depot.

Reservoir

With the change of government, there is an opportunity to request a liaison with the new Secretary of State to discuss the current Thames Water plan and the all-round inadequacy, risk, damage, and unsupportability of the reservoir option. We can redouble attempts at a political solution, and to press for the National Infrastructure Commission's recommendation of water transfers to form a National Water Grid coupled with considerable leakage reduction.

Meanwhile, Thames Water have been carrying out their **"consultation."** It transpires that the designs don't really correspond to what they'd eventually propose, as components are unacceptable in real embankments (eg you cannot have trees on them, as they weaken the structure). They say they intend to actually pursue designing it from winter this year, and still have no answers to flooding, safety risks, issues of filling the reservoir and drawing it down, actual accessibility from the public (despite always claiming it'll be available for leisure use, the security implications of public access to such a strategic asset are huge), and so forth.

Abandoned Vehicles

I've been asked to look into any District Council powers over **abandoned vehicles**. It turns out that responsibilities are shared – to a degree – between the Vale District Council (abandoned vehicles) and OCC (illegally parked vehicles).

Abandoned Vehicles Continued

For abandoned vehicles, the route is through this website:

<https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/vale-of-white-horse-district-council/environment-and-neighbourhood-issues/neighbourhood-services/abandoned-vehicles/>

Vehicles can be reported if they've been parked in the same place for a long period of time. i.e about three months.

Summer Activities

There will be a **"Summer of Skate"** for skateboarders/scooter enthusiasts, from 29 July-29 August: southandvale.gov.uk/summerofskate

Didcot Garden Party, including musical workshops and performances during **Fusion Fest, Communities Come Together Day** and **Junior Bootcamp** sessions – to find out more visit southoxon.gov.uk/didcotgardenparty

Abbey Meadow Pool reopens on 20 July. The open-air pool will open daily from 6.30am to 7.30 pm Monday to Thursday, 6.30am to 6.30 pm on Fridays, and 7.30am to 4.00pm on weekends. **The splash pad** at Wantage Memorial Gardens will be open daily from 10.30am to 7pm. Find out more at www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/vale-of-white-horse/abbey-meadows-outdoor-pool

Litterbug Detective Trails – follow the trails and answer the questions about waste and recycling – you could be in with the chance of winning a great prize! Visit southandvale.gov.uk/litterbugs

There will be plenty of activities at **Better Leisure Centres** across South and Vale: better.org.uk

There will be classes, shows and entertainment at the **Beacon Community and Arts Centre** in Wantage: <https://www.beaconwantage.co.uk/>

Other events, such as dance, football, pickleball: southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Ward Boundaries Review consultation

The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBE) is carrying out a review of ward boundaries and councillor numbers in the Vale of White Horse District Council following population growth. Details are available on their website: <https://localgovernmentboundarycommissionforengland.cmail20.com/t/j-l-gjydh-dhltidywui-y/>

The consultation closes on 16 September 2024. That's it for this month.

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Andy Cooke

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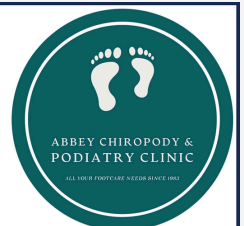
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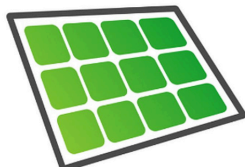
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DOVECOTE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

DELAY IN HANDOVER

The final stages of handover have been delayed due to a hold up in making District Council planning inspection resource available. The inspection was due to be held in mid-April but is now unlikely to take place until **late August** or early September.

As a result, it will be late September at the earliest before the residents are likely to secure control of the Management Company (the organisation that will take on responsibility for maintaining the Public Open Space after handover).

On other matters, the Residents' Association has secured support for its Resident Director nominees and has selected a new Managing Agent (**Saxons Block Management**) to take on day-to-day responsibility for running the Management Company after handover. Both of these will need to be formalised at the EGM, which will also now be delayed until late September.

To give residents some confidence in our new Managing Agent, an all-residents meeting has been organised for **Friday 2nd August** to be held in the Village Hall. The meeting will start at **2pm** and is scheduled to conclude by **3pm**.

Bloor Homes has installed the majority of the bird and bat boxes offered to residents. No new arrivals have been reported just yet, but we are hoping that word will get around in the wildlife community and they may get some attention early next year.

Nigel Billingham



OXTRAIL 2024

OxTrail is a fun and family-friendly sculpture trail of **138** large and small oxen, which are on display across Oxfordshire from 6th July until 29th August. The large oxen are all located within Oxford's city centre, while the mini oxen are dotted across the city and the rest of the county. OxTrail is raising vital funds for Sobell House Hospice, the charity behind the trail!

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NORTHERN LIGHTS

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



The Parish Council met on 9th July

Walnut Meadows

At last, we are making some progress with the development of the sports facilities.

The PC has accepted a bid for the construction of the Multi-use games area (MUGA). Construction work should be starting **September/October**. The construction work for the sports pitches is out for tender (**closing 15th July**).

The Parish Caretaker has been asked to undertake some repairs to the Heras fencing around the site following a complaint from a resident.

Traffic calming

Another meeting has been held with Milestone (OCC contractor). We are working to implement the priority schemes (new crossings on the High St and at the Walnut Meadow junction, new raised platform at Walnut Meadow, adjustment to Sutton Wick junction and work at the Hilliat Fields crossing).

Disappointingly we have been considerably delayed by lack of staffing within OCC, meantime costs have risen significantly and there will be very little money to do anything other than implement our highest priorities.

Work is unlikely to start before **2025**.

Footpath to Milton

When the golf course was built the footpath was diverted so that it did not cross the centre of the course. Subsequently the golf course put up a fence where a gate should have been. The path beyond this point is a permissive footpath within Milton Parish. Drayton PC have, over the past couple of years tried to get agreement from the owners of the land to re-establish access to this permitted path and we are currently trying to negotiate this again.

Footpaths/Trails

We are proposing to mark trails for 4 footpaths of various lengths within the village. We are planning to support the paths with a map, markers and art works on each path.

Grass cutting

The PC is responsible for an increasing amount of grass cutting. We will be reviewing these areas with the aim of developing wild flower zones/ wild areas within the village.

There are two reasons for this review, firstly to ensure we keep a close eye on costs, but secondly and importantly, to identify areas where we can improve biodiversity. It would be really helpful if you could send us comments with regard to areas where we can safely improve wildlife and bio-diversity.

Sutton Wick Pond

We are, as you know, hoping to improve the condition of the pond at Sutton Wick. Additionally, we are planning to pollard the 3 Willow Trees alongside the pond and have obtained three quotes for this work.

Bird and Bat boxes

At the time of writing, we have a number of boxes to donate to anyone within the village. These are sturdy boxes that require fixing to a solid surface. If you would like one, please contact deputydraytonclerk@gmail.com

Elaine Ward

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LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS

W.I

Firstly we would like to thank **Gillian** for organising a visit to the War Graves in **Botley Cemetery**.

It was the most amazing place—so beautiful yet so sad. For some context, there are over **360** graves from the two world wars alone. A large area is filled with graves, all arranged in neat rows, laid front to back rather than side to side but all in straight lines. This area contains all British service personnel, buried at the regulation eight feet down. There is a very small section for one military nurse and another area on the other side of the path containing over **30** German graves, all similarly maintained by us as they maintain ours in Germany. A German representative visits these graves every year. All graves surround a beautiful, tall white cross. There is also a palatial shelter to sit in and a visitors' book available to sign if you wish. We were taken around by an official War Graves guide for a small fee, but it was so worth it. Such a beautiful, serene place for those brave people.

Next month, Jack Matthews will demonstrate how to plant a hanging basket, which will be raffled off when complete. Jack is the son of Richard Matthews, a florist in Sutton Courtney. The meeting will be held in the Caudwell Centre on **Thursday, August 8th**, at 7:30 PM. All are welcome.

Don't forget the **craft fair** to be held in Drayton Hall on **Saturday, November 9th**. Tables are still available. Contact Georgina Arnold at 01235 531923 for details.

Ann Webb

AFC DIDCOT

AFC Didcot are looking for new players!

They are holding open training sessions for girls who are looking for extra game time and want further development. Sessions to be held **6pm/7pm** on **Friday 2nd August and Friday 9th August**. This is for players who are looking for extra football development **ALONGSIDE** their current grassroots teams.

They also have a new U7 girls team and are looking for players to join. Training is on **Wednesdays** at **5.20pm** for an hour.

Ashleigh Simms
07792212553

DOJANG X

Dojang X is a family-friendly Soo Bahk Do (Korean Karate) Club that trains **Tuesday** and **Friday** evenings at Drayton Village Hall.

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We offer a free trial - so if interested, get in touch!

Sabrina Mistry
07938 537310

DRAYTON WIVES

Our meeting this month was a glorious day out to **Portsmouth**. We had **36 people** on the coach made up of members, husbands and friends. There was something for everyone at Portsmouth, the birthplace of Charles Dickens!!

Some went shopping as **Gun Wharf Quay** is an outlet village with a difference. Lots of shops and cafes and eating places where, if you don't feel like walking around, you can just sit and watch the boats go by. There is also the **Spinnaker Tower** where you can go to the top to see the views but also if you are brave enough walk across the glass floor and look down, if you dare!!!! There was even a few that walked to the pebble beach and watched the sea.

Everyone said how much they enjoyed it and we still have space for new members who may like to join our group and come on our outings, join us for our speakers and coffee mornings. If you would like more information please contact me.

Lisa Lammiman
07949275641

LOCAL GROUPS AND CLUBS

DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

I'm pleased to report **Drayton Flamingos** are the Handicap Shield Final **winners** for 2024! They defeated Marlborough Kestrels by **25** points having started **34** points behind! The squad of Mike Russell, Graham Stephenson, Fred & Valentin Marlin were the victors. As the team also came runners up in Division 3.

The good news is that fees are remaining fixed. Although the club had a deficit of expenditure over income last season, we are fortunately able to avoid increases at least for another year. Most of the usual suspects were reappointed. Long time Club Coach and Welfare Officer **Janet** has retired, **Jonathan Cattell** will take over.. He has completed his UK Level 1 Course with Table Tennis England and so ticks all the boxes.

I'm also please to report that Jonathan was voted our **Club Person of the season** and has been awarded the **John Prior Cup** (named in honour of our late Chairman). Other awards went to **Fred Marlin (Flamingos)** and **Sergio Garcia- Costello (Buzzards)** who jointly received our '**Best Senior Player Shield** having each had a 94% score for their league results. The Junior Player of the Season went to **Nathaniel Wray** who received the Geoff Hoyland Shield (named in honour of our late and first ever club coach).

We have now stopped activities for the summer and will return to playing the first Monday in September at Thameside School where new members will be welcome.

John Gould
Chairman

FORCE OPEN DAY

The Force Open Day will be held on **Saturday 7 September** between **10am and 4pm**. The event will be hosted at the training centre in Sulhamstead, near Reading.

Last year, over 4,000 people had the opportunity to see behind the scenes, meet their people and learn what it takes to keep our communities safe.

From inspirational talks to exciting demonstrations and family friendly activities, the day promises to be full of fun for the whole family. Keep an eye on the Thames Valley social channels and website for details, coming soon!

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Have you registered to the Community Safety Charter yet?

Designed for local groups, businesses and organisations, the Charter provides toolkits and crime prevention advice for those who encounter some of the crimes that more commonly occur in public spaces, such as antisocial behaviour, harassment and vandalism.



Registration is **free**, and members will receive regular training modules designed to empower and educate.

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Harassment Antisocial behaviour Hate crimes and more!

Register here: www.ourwatch.org.uk/charter

SUMMER READING

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, to improve children's reading skills and confidence.

All children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part!

Children can read anything they like (really – anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading. To take part and to find out more, visit: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries/summer-reading-challenge

FREE MUSIC TASTER

Matrix Arts Centre is offering music taster lessons / parent information sessions for **2 to 7 year olds** on **Sunday 13th October** in Sutton Courtenay.

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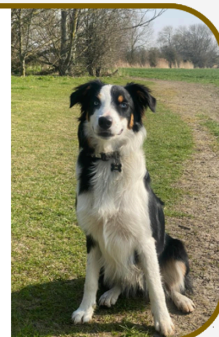
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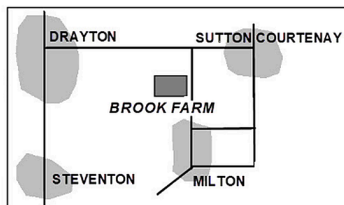
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GARD NEWSLETTER

Election

We are very grateful to Steventon Parish Council and Councillor **Sally Povolotsky** for organising the Election Hustings event focussing on the Reservoir. This, and the similar events in Didcot (organised by BBOWT) and Abingdon (organised by the Church in Abingdon) helped make the Reservoir a local election issue.

All candidates called for a Public Inquiry and the overwhelming majority slammed the Reservoir proposals.

Now we have a new Secretary of State for DEFRA, **Steve Reed**, GARD has renewed our call to the new SoS for a Public Inquiry, on his desk on 5th July. We urge every resident and council to similarly write and try to achieve the PI. Please copy to our new MP, **Olly Glover**, who has been a firm advocate for our cause.

Oxfordshire County Council – ‘no confidence in Thames Water’

On Tuesday 9th July, the County Council debated a critical motion on Thames Water's performance (Sewage and Leakage) and on its proposals for the Reservoir. The motion was proposed by Councillor Sally P, and was overwhelmingly carried, with calls for, amongst other things, a statement of opposition to the Reservoir and a call for a Public Inquiry. The motion was passed overwhelmingly. We thank the County Council for their continued support.

New ‘Consultation’

Many of you have turned up to Thames Water's PR events to promote the Reservoir consultation. GARD had a presence at the events in Ardington and Didcot, and thanks to those who stopped by and offered support and asked for information. As one resident put it, “.. *it was good to see you there with your realistic view, to counteract the pure fantasy of the Thames Water pictures and VR!*”.

Please remember to respond to the consultation by **27th August**. Look out for our information (to be distributed by email to members and supporters, and via Facebook links to the rest), which will give you the most important points on which to oppose the plans.

Note that Thames Water have just signed up new engineering partners (**Arup and Binnies**) for pushing the reservoir design forward. This means that all the designs they have shown to date, will be completely revised, and all the statements from the engineers you may have met at the events have no ongoing weight and validity.

GARD's experts are clear that the ideas for ‘tree-lined’ embankments and ‘floating islands’ will not survive the engineering focus of the new firms who actually have to be responsible for the consequences of the design. All this redesign will mean more cost inflation. In spite of Thames Water's attempts to hide the cost of **£2.7 Billion**.

Please, if you have not already done so, sign our petition calling for a Public Inquiry at: <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/stopTWreservoir>.

We intend to send this petition to the new Secretary of State, at the end of the Thames Water ‘consultation’ on **27th August**.

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Hon Chairman

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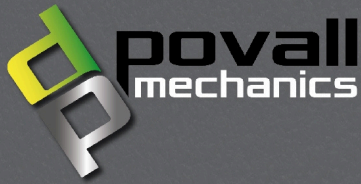
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DRAYTON HALL NEWS

First of all please note that our regular **ANTIQUES FAIR** is taking a break for August! They'll be back on **Sunday Sept 1st**. Look out for local ads for the Diabetes Fundraiser, **Sunday August 11th, 11am** (to about 4pm).

Another date to look out for is **Weds Aug 7th**, another **JEWELLERY VALUATION** session, **1pm to about 4pm** (he - Lee - has been several times in recent months, seems increasingly popular).

And that can also be said about **Keep Fit FAYE** whose class numbers (Friday mornings) have been steadily increasing, but she can probably squeeze in a few more (& that's seated if you need that help). Several of our classes may be having a small summer break this month, 'regulars' will know, but any new customers should check with the class leader!

Oh, and I heard it through the Grapevine that another date to look out for, a bit further away, is **SEPT 28th**. The Wheatsheaf had a successful recent ABBA night, following on from 'Elvis' last December, and their upcoming promotion is for a **MOTOWN night!** Look out for local F'book ads, or check directly with the Wheatsheaf.

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Fri 2nd	1:00pm	Residents Meeting Dovecote
Sun 4th	11:00am	Private Function (child's party)
Weds 7th	1:00pm	Jewellery Valuation
Sat 10th	x	Private Function
Sun 11th	11:00am	Diabetes Charity Fundraiser
Tues 13th	7:00pm	Parish Council Meeting (Caudwell DC)
Sat 17th	11:00am	Private Function (child's party)
Sat 17th	5:00pm	Private Function
Mon 19th	x	Chronicle Deadline

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 - 1st Tuesdays (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	Keep Fit with FAYE (07815 583591)
4:15pm	Karate/'Dojang X' sessions (07938 537310)
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