

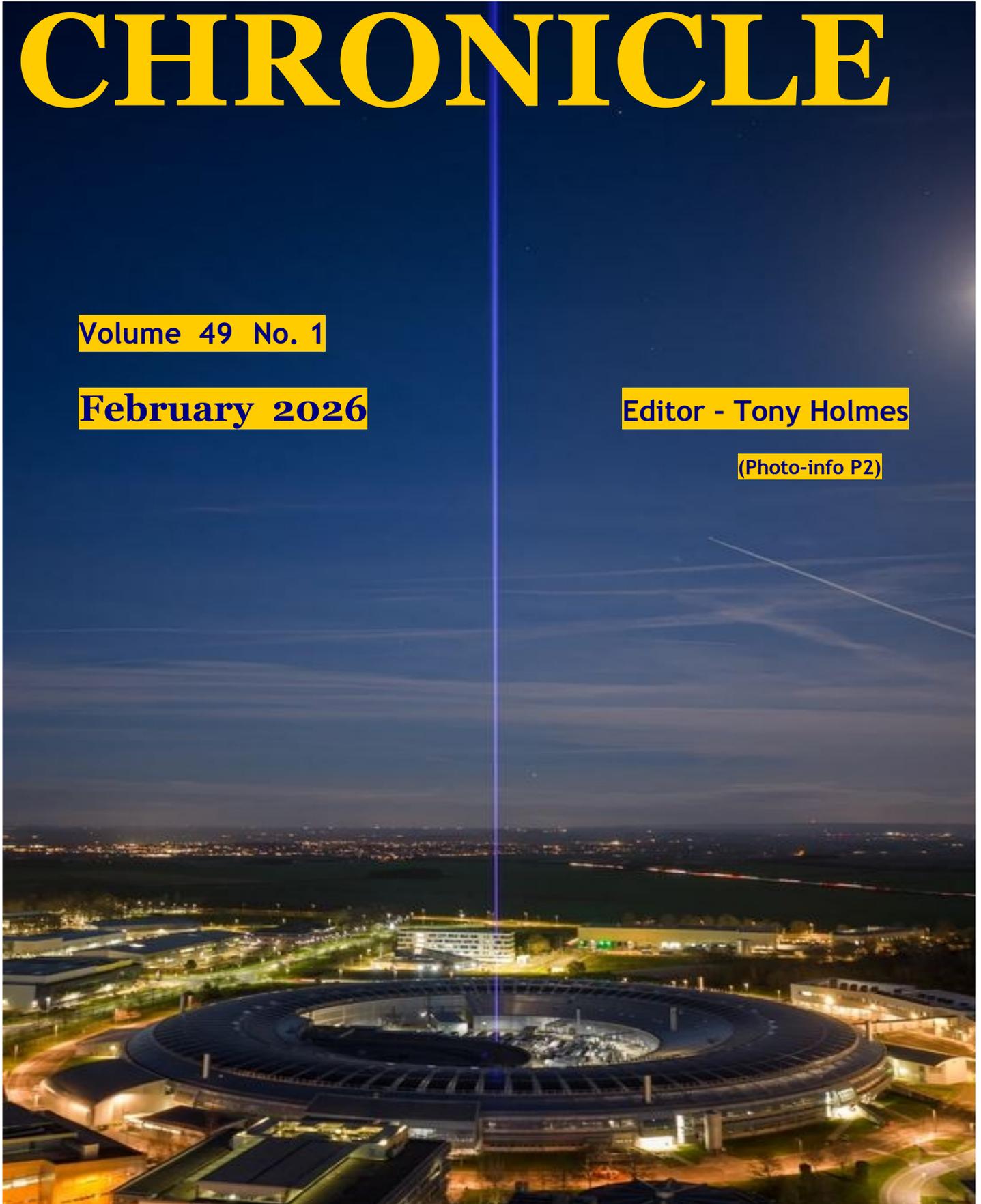
DRAYTON CHRONICLE

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Editor - Tony Holmes

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COMING CHRONICLES

The **March Chronicle** should be ready for distribution on or about **Feb 27th**.

The Editor will be **Vicky Billingham**. **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, Feb 16th**.

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NB - ADVERTISERS - PLEASE note that the ads deadline is **EARLIER, Friday Feb 13th** 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 :-

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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 2025, should be a way to type & send it?! (= fewer errors!).

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This Month's Cover – This was the **Laser Beam show**, on Jan 1st, photo copyright by **James Singleton**.

Our ads mgr (Stephen) tells me >> I believe that we are all familiar with the Harwell Atomic Research facility, and I understand that a number of Drayton villagers work there. This year marks the **80th anniversary** of the formation of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment (**AERE**).

The Diamond Light Source, located at Harwell, is a world-leading medium energy synchrotron facility producing high intensity x-rays. To celebrate the 80th anniversary they shone a laser beam vertically from the centre of the **Diamond Light Source** on New Year's Day, visible across Oxfordshire from 5pm until 9pm. Harwell asked **Horizon Lasers** to operate the laser that produced the beam, said to be 2.2 million times more powerful than a typical laser pen! (From their website)

The Beam is part of **The Light Project** and kicks off a series of events planned across 2026 to mark the anniversary. More information can be found online by searching for, among other options: "Diamond Light Synchrotron Harwell" and "Harwell 80th anniversary".

DATES for FOLLOWING Chronicles		
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Local Groups & Clubs

Drayton W.I.

Drayton WI held **another successful Christmas Craft and Gift Fair**, which was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our **December meeting** took the form of a festive Christmas party, along with a short but very informative talk from **Thomas Deabill**, a Community First Responder. Thomas explained the vital work he does, including administering CPR, and described the wide variety of call-outs that responders attend, all on a voluntary basis. Members then enjoyed a wonderful selection of sweet and savoury treats, followed by our traditional "Santas Secret Sack", which was great fun for everyone.

During the evening, we **raised a glass in memory of Ann Webb**, who sadly passed away in November. Ann was a member of Drayton WI for over 60 years and served as President, along with holding many other roles. She was also responsible for maintaining the WI archives, a wonderful legacy for future members. Ann also prepared and submitted a Chronicle report every month, a task we were extremely grateful for and keen to continue, and which I have now taken on.

Ann was a truly special lady who supported everything we did, loved attending meetings, and always encouraged younger members. Her funeral was very well attended, reflecting just how much she meant to so many people. Drayton WI was proudly represented, with our banner displayed in the church.

In January, members enjoyed **our Annual Meal Out** at the Wheatsheaf in East Hendred, which was a very pleasant and sociable evening.

We always welcome visitors, so please do come along and see us if you can. Our meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Caudwell Day Centre, Gravel Lane.

At our **February meeting**, we'll be welcoming David Barber, H.M. Swan Marker, who will be giving a fascinating talk about Swan Upping and what it involves. Everyone is welcome to attend. We suggest a donation of £3.00, which includes tea or coffee. We look forward to seeing you.

Georgina Arnold (Secretary, Drayton WI)

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FEB Dates Ab'don (3rd Fri) 20th; Didcot (2nd Sat) 14th

TVFM news - ring 01235 227266 see website - Tvfm.org.uk



Calling anyone interested in getting involved with the **Drayton Chronicle!**

We are a happy band of volunteers looking for some more people who are interested in getting more involved in the Drayton village community. We're looking for help with editing and/or managing the advertising.



No special skills are needed, just some basic IT and a fair amount of enthusiasm. All roles can be shared to suit.

There is no truth in the rumour that our quarterly meetings are alcohol-assisted. 😊



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Everyone is warmly invited to join us

Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP – 3rd Sunday only, with Prayers for Healing);	
	9.30 am	Regular Sunday service; 1st & 3rd Sundays Holy Communion (NB – Feb 1st = Candlemas); 2nd Sunday Family Service (3rd Sunday . . . with Healing Prayer) 4th Sunday Morning Praise	
	Thursday	9.45 am	Holy Communion – or . . . Celtic Morning Prayer (2nd Thurs).

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Mondays	2.00 pm	Knit & Natter (to 4pm – First Monday) And you don't have to be a Knitter for a Natter!
	7.30 pm	Bellringing Practice (each Monday)
Tuesday	2.30 pm	FIRST Tuesday Connections – ALL welcome for a cuppa & chat (runs to 4pm)
Weds	10.00 am	Pebbles Baby & Toddler Group (term-time) For more information contact Katy or Cheryl Draytonpebbles@hotmail.com

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

Ash Wednesday Feb 18th

DAMASCUS Parish Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes in St. Michael and All Angels Steventon.

YOU STAY WE PRAY (February)

(Jan) 25th – 31st	Chestnut Drive; Holly Lane; Walnut Way; Willow Way
1st - 7th	Furlongs; Plough Lane; Furrows End; Lammas Land; Virgate; Fallowfield Close
8th – 14th	Lockway
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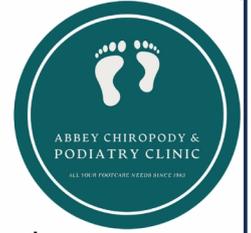
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	Dec 2nd	Joyce Booth
	Dec 15th	Ann Webb
	Dec 19th	John Dunster
Burial of Ashes	Nov 14th	Donald Hager
	Dec 19th	Eric Marshall

From the DAMASCUS Parish Ministry Team

Dear Friends,

A metaphor found in the Bible that I particularly like is the idea that we are refined by God's holy fire. The metaphor comes from the practice of burning away the impurities of metals to leave the purest and most valuable metal possible. In terms of our relationship with God, the idea is that through God we can remove the unhelpful things in our lives to become the person God wants us to be. This is a useful image for **the season of Lent, which begins on February 18th with Ash Wednesday.**

During an Ash Wednesday service, the ashes from the burning of last year's palm crosses are placed on the forehead of each person in the shape of the cross. At first, this may seem like an unusual thing to do, but it is a practice that is centuries old. **Its purpose, and the reason for the ashes, is to signify our mortality and our need to turn to God.** The symbolism of Ash Wednesday begins the period of Lent where we can reflect on what being refined by God's fire may mean in our lives in preparation for the events of Easter.

This time of reflection is where we can consider what changes we may wish to make for our own benefit and the benefit of those around us. If there is something we can change to make us feel happier and healthier, **Ash Wednesday is a good time to start** (or restart depending on how well any new year's resolutions have gone). **This year, the Ash Wednesday service for the Parish will be held at St Michael and All Angels Church in Steventon at 7:30pm and all are welcome.**

Before that though, there is Shrove Tuesday (or Pancake Day) on February 17th where all those tasty treats that we may wish to give up during Lent can be used and eaten. On **pancake day** at St Blaise in Milton at 5pm, there is even the chance to **put your pancake flipping skills to the test.**

We are also running a **Lent course** in the River Room at All Saints' Church in Sutton Courtenay on Wednesdays at 7:30pm starting on February 25th. We look forward to welcoming you to one or all of these services and events.

With prayers and best wishes,

Reverend Dov Whittle

(DAMASCUS Parish ministry team)

Local Groups & Clubs

Drayton Wives (Lisa Lammiman)

Our December meeting was our **Christmas Party** where we had sausage rolls, mulled wine and cake!!!

We also had a **secret santa** and a **quiz** from our treasurer Cathy. Unfortunately I think it was one of her harder quizzes but every quiz is hard if you don't know the answers!

So we are starting our New Year programme with a very interesting talk about '**secret stitches**' . . . which were stitches that were put in tapestries etc to portray a secret message. [***]

February meeting (Weds 25th, in the Village Hall) is also exciting as we have a talk by **Jim Macleod** on the **history of British Toastmasters**.

These are just an example of our talks but we also have **outings, coffee mornings and craft mornings**.

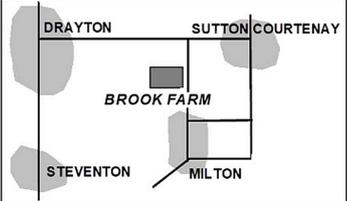
We are a **very friendly group** and we are looking for **new members** to join us. Why not come to a **coffee morning** on the **second Monday of the month** at the Caudwell Day Centre at 10.00am?

If you are interested please do not hesitate to give me a call. **Lisa Lammiman (07949 275641)**

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Bayeux Tapestry

[***] That reference to '**secret stitches**' in the **Wives** report prompts me to a mention of the **Bayeux Tapestry**, which as many readers likely know will be shown at the **British Museum** (Sept 26 to June 27) as part of an historic 'swap' deal involving famous UK artefacts, with part of the **Sutton Hoo ship** burial 'hoard', and the **Lewis chess pieces** (found in the Outer Hebrides), travelling to Normandy for a temporary stay over there.

The Bayeux Tapestry is 70 metres long, a medieval masterpiece telling the story of the conquest of England in 1066 by William, Duke of Normandy. The embroidery in wool thread on linen cloth was created in the UK and dates back to the 11th century.

Through 58 scenes, 626 characters and 202 horses, the tapestry gives an account of the medieval period in Normandy and England like no other. It provides information about civil and military architecture, armour and seafaring in the Viking tradition, as well as precious details of everyday life.

BUT >>> you don't have to trek to the British Museum!! In the late 1800s Victorian embroiderers completed an amazing project to create an exact copy of the Bayeux Tapestry, **full stitch-by-stitch detail**, and it resides in **READING Museum**, so it's much easier to visit there?!

See <https://www.readingmuseum.org.uk/collections/> and navigate to the Bayeux section.

Letters to the Editor

The Editors reserve the right to shorten, clarify or reject any letter. Each letter – PLEASE! - must bear a legible name & address, and phone number in case any text needs verification



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DAMASCUS Parish
Service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes.





Ash Wednesday

This service will be held on Wednesday 18th February at 7.30 p.m in **St. Michael and All Angels Steventon**.

All are welcome to join us.

Happy New Year!

Next PC Meeting

Now **Monday** evenings (2nd of month – so next it's **Feb 9th**, in the Caudwell Day Centre (Gravel Lane), 7pm. **All residents are welcome to attend**, and raise issues within the public participation item early in the meeting.

The agenda is published on the PC website prior to meetings. NB Parking IS a bit limited near the CDC, so if you attend, & can walk or bike there, please do?!

The Council met on January 12th >>>

Walnut Meadows (& Public Meeting)

On **Friday 6th February** at 7.30 pm the Parish Council will be holding a **public meeting** to update residents on progress with the Sports Facilities at Walnut Meadows and our plans for the pavilion building. The meeting will be at the **Village Hall**.

There will also be a **drop-in session**, Saturday 7th February at the **Caudwell Day Centre** between 10.30 and 12.30 if you are unable to attend the Friday meeting.

Please do attend one (or both) of these sessions if you can.

There have been several incidents of **anti-social behaviour** at the MUGA and surrounding Walnut Meadows area. A small group of teenagers have been using Heras fence panels to climb into the MUGAs, smashing beer bottles on the courts, throwing excrement at vehicles along Walnut Way and generally displaying threatening behaviour. They have also torn down the 'No Unauthorised Access' signs.

This is incredibly disheartening. The PC are taking measures to secure the site and to prevent further vandalism.

On a more positive note, work has started on the path to the MUGA gates. We are working hard to get the site safe and ready so that the MUGAs can be used as soon as possible.

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.

Sutton Wick Pond

Residents along Sutton Wick Lane are suffering flooding at the top of the lane. This is due to a **collapsed drain** outside Sutton Wick Farmhouse and **blocked gullies** towards the Abingdon Road end of the lane. Residents aided by our County Councillor and the Parish Council have been working tirelessly to encourage Oxfordshire County Council to prioritise the work. [Ed:- Good luck with that, they likely used those funds on that fake 'consultation' that didn't get them the required result about traffic restrictions in Oxford?!]

Work on the pond was halted because of the difficulties in draining the pond due to the collapsed drain and because of the high level of silt in the pond.

The priority right now is to get the gullies and drain fixed. We will then look again at the state of the pond itself.



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Public Art

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The finances for this have been provided by S106 public monies from the latest development at Halls Close.

SESRO

A detailed response to the Thames Water consultation has been submitted by the PC. Broadly, our concerns relate to the colossal size and cost of the proposed development and to the negative impact on Drayton, including inadequate emergency processes. The PC has also signed up to a joint response by all Parishes affected by the proposal.

Planning Matters

There is no outcome to the proposed plans for Kiln Lane/The Green. The latest planning application proposes to significantly increase the number of houses that have already been granted planning permission. The PC has objected to this.

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Hard to know where to start this month, so many topics. But first, on a sombre note, the C'tee have been debating a suitable memorial and tribute to both **ANN WEBB**, after her sad passing in November, and her husband **Bernard** (died in 2017), as they both did such a huge amount of unstinting work for the Hall, over many, many years.

See the obituary notice on page 10 (& a further tribute from her WI friends and colleagues on page 3).

On a happier note, a massive shout-out to **Kathy Head**, as her **Xmas Craft Fair** raised an incredible **£1065** for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Great Stuff!!

Kathy is running Coffee Mornings in Hall on **WEDS** mornings (10 to midday), all for good causes, not just tea, coffee and cake, but a well-filled bacon sarnie if you like!

On **Weds Feb 4th**, **LEE is back for another Jewellery Valuation** session, best prices paid, and THIS time he's coming early, 10am start (to about 1pm), so you can get some refreshments too! He usually does a leaflet drop just before his session, but he's looking for all manner of precious metals, even broken items, watches (working or not), chains, rings, brooches, or old coins if they're pre-1947. Etc. And Lee helped with that big return for Kathy, as he kindly donated a valuable piece for her raffle.

It's another **ANTIQUES Fair, Sunday Feb 1st**, 9am to about 3pm, and a few new stalls apparently, that's plus Kathy running her excellent value cafe for one of her good causes (lovely breakfast, or perhaps just a bacon sarnie!). Another one on March 1st too.

Now, advance date for your diary, after the great success of the **QUILTING Exhibition** (in 2024), those **ABBEY QUILTERS** are back for a further show, **April 18th & 19th**.

Plus, a 'lost & found' item, we found a **disc**, maybe from a key-ring, marked as "I'm **LISA**" – clues please?!

Our **Friday exercise classes** continue, **KEEP FIT with FAYE**, (11am for an hour --- seated if you prefer!). And mustn't forget **PILATES** (Tues mornings, she's been with us for ages), contact info on the back page.

Lastly, our **Bowls Club and Sequence Dancers** are always on the lookout for new members, also two **BADMINTON** groups, one on Weds afternoons, the other one is Monday evenings.

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 (and a Xmas party).

Vaccines - can YOU help?!

The Oxford Vaccines Group (part of the Uni) and the Jenner Institute, are both constantly searching for volunteers (but PAID ones!) to help them **develop and test all manner of vaccines**.

Far too many to list here, and the requirements and payments differ greatly, but see their websites www.ovg.ox.ac.uk and www.jenner.ac.uk

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YOUR LETTERS

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Dear Editor, via email

Thanks to the efforts of **Pervin Shahin and her son**, the vandalised panel in the bus stop has been replaced and the shelter is now graffiti-free! **Let's hope it remains this way** so that it is no longer a blot on the landscape!



Regards

Isla Smith

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Sutton Wick Crash (1957) - Memorial

Dear Editor, via email

Just a note to remind readers that this year's **service** re the tragic local air-crash (March 1957) is to be held at the **Sutton Wick Memorial, Sunday March 8th, at 11am**.

For any new readers/residents, the crash involved a Beverley transport plane, which had just taken off from what was then RAF Abingdon, on a journey to Akrotiri (Cyprus).

A maintenance error quickly led to the plane losing power and height, and it crashed on its intended return to base. Only four survived of the 5 crew & 17 passengers; two 2 local residents were also casualties. The passengers had included some RAF Police dog handlers, and sadly all but one of their dogs also perished. The memorial service usually features some symbolic dog leads.

Regards,

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Carols for Children

Dear Editor, Church Lane

Please can you pass our thanks on to all the residents of Drayton who attended December's **Carols by Candlelight** -- we raised a **magnificent £420 for Action For Children**.



Kind regards

Geoff & Jean Caudle

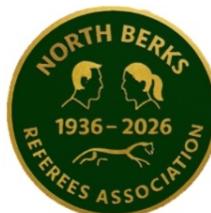


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NORTH BERKS REFEREES ASSOCIATION - 90th Anniversary 1936-2026



The **North Berks Referees Association** chalks up **90 years** of its existence this year. It was formed on 16 July 1936 at "The Junction Hall" in Didcot with subsequent meetings held at the "Barley Mow" Abingdon and then at various pubs and venues across the area, a geographical

location known affectionately to many as 'North Berks'.

That colloquialism arose from its old Parliamentary Constituency name which, with but slight alteration, became known as "The Abingdon Constituency" which existed between 1895 and 1983 when it was abolished, although it had already ceased to be in Berkshire when county boundary changes came into effect in 1974 (on April Fool's Day!).

The local football league and the Association retained the North Berks tag as a token of pride marking its heritage, history and development. It is fifty two years since the change to South Oxfordshire from Berkshire, yet another example of how fleet-footed time seems to be.

The Association would love to hear from any of its **former members, other referees, former players, club officials and spectators** so they can keep them informed of the varied events and activities they are planning to **mark and celebrate this landmark** in their history of which those listed are all a part.

Please contact:- Ernie Tilley - ernietilley@btinternet.com

ANN WEBB (Our Mum)

For those who are regular readers of the Drayton Chronicle you would often see our mum's name in various columns for either the **village hall or for the WI**, right from the very first edition her name has graced these pages but now we are writing a piece about mum that we hoped to never write.

Mum was born and raised in Maidenhead, the only child of Percy and Ethel Sibley. Mum decided at the age of 16 to go to The Berkshire College of Agriculture where she was offered a farm placement on the Drayton Road, Sutton Courtenay, the farm owner was very friendly with her neighbouring farm, Windy Ridge, which was owned by our great grandparents and Aunt "Nin", this is where Mum met Dad while he was helping on their farm, love blossomed picking tomatoes growing on the dung heaps in the fields.

They were married and moved into 8 High Street, Drayton in the summer of 1962, Granddad Webb bought the house and turned the Orchard at the rear of the property into a coal yard. The yard and house was their home for forty two years until it became impractical to continue with the coal yard, it is also where they had their five children, one of which left them very early in her life leaving our parents heartbroken. [Ed's note:- the coal yard became that small estate down the little lane next to the house].

The house was tiny, a two up, two down house with a coal fire in the living room, the upstairs was so cold the bed sheets would freeze to the walls, in the really cold weather mum and dad would scrape together their last few coins and we would be allowed to go to Vickery's Hardware Store and get a gallon of paraffin for a heater that we had stood at the top of the stairs to heat both bedrooms. We all went to Drayton Primary School and mum was a big part in the PTA and she would come into school and do baking with the children.

Mum was a very active member in village life joining her beloved **WI group** being a member for **over sixty years**, taking part in the Grow, Cook and Sew events, often bringing home an assortment of rosettes for her delicious Victoria Sponges, a beautifully sewn Teddy Bear or the longest runner bean, the only drawback was we would have to consume all the practice cakes, such a hard life.

Our Mum was the **most talented dressmaker** and would make the most amazing **wedding dresses, prom gowns and book-day costumes**, they were all stunning, she would also **make and decorate the most astonishing Wedding cakes**.

Mum started a Saturday morning job in the mid 70s as a cleaner for the **village hall**, a job she took immense pride in, she then became a **member of the committee** working her way up to **chairman**, a role she enjoyed until her last few months of life. We would as a family spend New Year's Eve at the hall, washing up for the big Turkey supper event until the small hours of the next day but we loved doing this and we would earn a couple of quid.

In 2010 mum was awarded an "**Unsung Heroes of the Vale**" **award** for her services to the Village Hall as Chairman and received a letter of congratulations from the House of Commons signed from Ed Vaizey [Ed's note:- former MP here] and in July 2022 mum was awarded the most beautiful silver tray from the committee of the hall for her many years of service.

As the children got older mum took a job with the Milk Marketing Board going to farms in the very early hours to take samples of milk going back to her love of farming, she continued with this work for many years until her hips and knees became too painful for the physical side of a milking parlour and very reluctantly called it a day.

Our great grandparents and aunt having now passed away, the farmhouse was left to our dad, and after renovations our parents moved into Windy Ridge and thus becoming their home, mum loved pottering around the garden and feeding the birds.



Mum and dad (Bernard) welcomed eleven grandchildren, they adored them all and took extreme pride in everything they achieved.

Dad's life was taken by Cancer in 2017 leaving mum on her own after being married for 55 years, mum was heartbroken but she carried on and was taxied to all her various meetings and clubs by her children.

Tony would visit mum every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon for his dose of tea and cake where they would spend hours reminiscing over days gone by. As mum's health started to deteriorate her granddaughter moved in with her to help with the daily chores of cooking and cleaning and her grandson would keep the garden tidy and the grass mowed. Luckily mum was never lonely.

In August 2023 mum became a **great grandmother** for the first time to Phoebe she was so happy to welcome the new arrival.

On the last day of August 2025 mum was taken to hospital by ambulance with Sepsis, while in hospital she became a great grandmother for the second time to Layla although mum never got to meet her she did manage to see lots of pictures of the newest member.

Mum battled with an infection which sadly took her life on the morning of the 17th November, at ten past nine mum breathed her last breath leaving her entire family absolutely devastated. we are all still in a state of shock and missing her greatly, **she never knew how much she was thought of, and how much she would be missed by so many people.**

Richard, Stephen, Alison and Catherine

Neighbourhood News – we rarely hear now, since the Chronicle Agents don't need to sell tickets for the former Lottery game, of any folk moving in or out of the village. **But if you hear such news (& the people are OK with it publicised of course!) then do please let us know!**



Hi all, and **Happy New Year** to everyone!

Local Plan

You'll be aware (from me banging on about it) that the Local Plan rewrite was underway, it's very important for control of housing and infrastructure provision, and was halted last year by the Inspectors disagreeing with us as to the amount of work done on the "Duty to Co-operate" with neighbouring councils. Well, actually, with Oxford City Council only, and specifically on our disagreement with the way housing number targets are generated (we believe the standard method should be followed; they have their own special method that allocated far more houses to nearby councils, but not themselves!).

As it stalled, we were looking at mitigations and alternatives. Well, as it turns out, the Government, in November (too late for my last update in the Chronicle, though; they don't seem to have our deadlines in mind), made a ruling that due to so many Local Plans being stopped at inspection stage, the Duty to Co-operate "will not be preserved" in the next iteration of the rules, and that any issues in this area should NOT cause Local Plans to be halted.

This was obviously music to our ears, and we have since contacted the Inspectors to get things moving again.

SESRO

The **Statutory Consultation** for Thames Water's Development Consent Order (DCO) process will just have finished by the time you read this article. Due to a mess-up by TW, they managed to put a character limit on the online responses that blocked out some responders who had quite a bit to say. Councillor Whiteman in Steventon flagged it up, and our MP, Olly Glover, went on the warpath to the Government, and TW swiftly agreed to extend the deadline for long-form answers.

This is, unfortunately, indicative of TW's failure to cover the needed detail in so many areas. This is clear in the consultation – one thing that was a consistent theme was that there was nowhere near enough detail for a meaningful response at this stage.

There's a conspicuous lack of discussion on **the business need** and fact that the price has tripled in the last few months (and this is even before they get to the point where they could realistically be said to know what they're going to do, so it's certain to balloon still further).

The **flood risk modelling**, which was due at RAPID Gate 2 in July 2023, actioned to be *definitely* available by RAPID Gate 3 in January of last year, delayed until December last year, and, as it turns out, still not available. This is absolutely crucial, a subject on which Thames Water have repeatedly assured everyone that they've covered it off, and it's *still* missing.

Emergency drawdown details – not yet properly available, and no answer as to what they plan on doing for the one-third of the year when activating it would promptly burst the banks of the Thames (and given that we'd expect to need it, if ever, when things are wetter than average, that's definitely a problem). →>>

Community Hub Support Once more, keep taking care in the colder months, and if you need help, **do not hesitate** to contact the Hub for support if you need it.

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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→> **Their land-grab** – what *specifically* will they use the land for? Answer: not sure, and they don't yet know if they'll need it all. Or if they'll need more. They'll get back to us on that.

No Dam Breach Analysis, which is critical, considering that this would be literally the largest fully bunded reservoir ever built in the UK by a long way and probably the world-record holder for its type. They keep insisting that they only need to provide this at the final moment before filling it, and we keep insisting that this would be a bit late in the day to find out that there *is* no tolerable risk case for such an unparalleled potential hazard.

There was minimal information on **security**, although they acknowledge huge security fencing, CCTV, control of access, lighting, and guards would be needed, but this seems to have been unaccountably glossed over (and there's a real chance that the essential security – because a deliberate dam breach would have almost inconceivable effects) could preclude any of the much-promised recreational facilities from coming about.

There are a swathe of **essential surveys** not yet completed, and they failed to mention that they never completed their six-month **Clay Compaction Trial** (which began 18 months ago and is still incomplete) to find out the properties of the local clay under compression and different wetness levels.

There are *masses* of other issues that were covered in the various responses that I won't go into, but suffice it to say that the entire exercise seems colossally premature. Anyway, other topics! :-

Household Waste Recycling Centres – booking time slots

This is more County Council than District Council, but I figured it was worth me mentioning, anyway. **We now need to book a time slot to use them, we can book up to 2 weeks in advance, and as close to the time as 30 minutes in advance.**

See this link:- <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/book-recycling-centre-visit>

Community Repair Hub

Going up against the modern throw-away culture, the VoWHDC Active Communities team (ably supported by Abingdon and Witney College, Active Oxfordshire, UKSPF and local bike shop Pedal Power Cycles) are now running **a space to refurbish bikes and household items, work on projects together, and share skills.**

It's called **Shed Space** and is based at Ride Revolution HQ, Ferry Walk, Abingdon, OX14 5HR. It will initially run on a fortnightly basis (day to be confirmed soon), moving to weekly, offering a programme of events, workshops, and other activities. Email the team here:- active.communities@southandvale.gov.uk or see <https://www.facebook.com/SouthAndValeActiveCommunities>

Warm Spaces

We've recently had a snap of colder weather and more may well be coming soon. **Remember that we provide Warm Spaces** in local libraries, leisure centres and other organisations – for info see their website:- <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/#find-a-space>.

All the best, & Happy New Year once more, **Andy Cooke**



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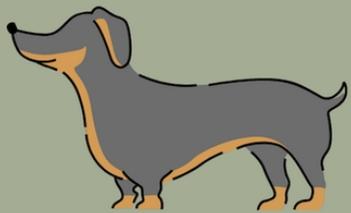

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GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development -- Derek Stork, Chairman)

GARD says a big "THANK YOU" to all who responded to the **SESRO Statutory Consultation**.

We are grateful to our elected representatives **Olly Glover MP & Sally Whiteman** (VofWHDC) for getting the deadline extended. It was a complex questionnaire and Thames Water had failed to explain the limited number of characters permitted per question.



You will find the **public responses** (MP, Councils, some Parish Councils) listed on our website:- <https://groupagainstredevelopment.org/>

Some quotes:- **Olly Glover MP**: 'The business case is weak.... Safety and flood risk information is inadequate.... Construction traffic impacts are unacceptable.... The increased land grab threatens planned infrastructure.'

The Vale District Council: 'the lack of emergency plans for drawdown, accidents and disasters appears at best oversight and at worst negligence in the face of potentially catastrophic disasters'.

The **Joint Statement from Parish Councils** (eleven councils including Steventon), in their Conclusion: 'For all of the reasons outlined — spiralling costs, unproven safety, potential flood risk, environmental damage, poorly defined land requirements, inadequate visual and engineering information, severe construction impacts, and the failure to demonstrate genuine need — we object to the SESRO proposal in its current form. Until Thames Water provides independently verified evidence, realistic modelling, transparent costings, full land-use clarity, and an honest comparison with alternative solutions, this project should not proceed.'

We hope the Parishes will continue to act together, ensuring that Councils, MPs and government know how much we are all concerned.

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Going forwards -- GARD is looking to increase supporters and make sure everyone is well informed. Thames Water constantly changes the information about SESRO – cost, size, design, method. **GARD wants to keep people up to date.**

We also need to raise funds towards the contesting of the Development Consent Order if it gets past the Inspectors, **another hefty legal process** after 2027.

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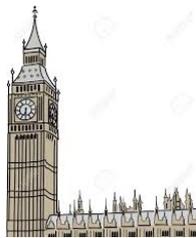
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WESTMINSTER VIEW



Our MP (constituency = Didcot & Wantage) is Olly Glover (Lib Dem).

This past month has been particularly busy, both in Parliament and meeting with local businesses. As discussions about the Govt’s Great British Railways Bill continue, I have used my role (Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Transport) to ensure the **passengers are at the centre of these discussions**. It is essential they improve the ongoing issues, such as train delays and expensive tickets, which I and many in our constituency experience regularly.

In parliament, a debate regarding **Thames Water** ensured I was able to raise the concerns raised by residents about the escalating costs and the lack of trust in Thames Water to safely build **the largest banded reservoir in the country**.

I have also engaged with local media and the sufferers about **problems with postal delivery services, including Evri**, and the delayed parcels in Grove and other areas of the constituency. In an interview with the BBC, I spoke about the **GP surgery delays** specifically affecting Great Western Park. I had received a response from the Health Secretary, who confirmed that the local Integrated Care Board is responsible for the stalled progress and is seeking a new developer.

I have been spending time with some of our wonderful small businesses to better understand the impact of last year’s budget and the support they need to keep trading and providing us with products and food.

It is always a highlight of my week visiting local businesses and community groups to learn about the work they do for our communities and making sure I am well informed when raising their needs in parliament.

I have also had the pleasure of meeting many residents in Stanford in the Vale and Didcot recently, and in Wantage at one of my regular surgeries. **My team and I have now closed over 10,000 constituent cases**, supporting individuals, families and businesses to resolve a huge variety of problems.

As always, if there is **anything you feel I can help you with, please do not hesitate** to contact me and my team.
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Peter Stevens – County Councillor

Now that days are starting to get a little longer, it feels like we are over the worst of winter. **Flooding and fear of it** continues to be a big issue locally, and I refer residents to the **Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit** on-line which contains lots of advice. In an emergency, please ring the emergency services on 999.

[Ed:- I think this is the 'ToolKit' link, in there it mentions that there are volunteering opportunities for Flood Wardens . . . <https://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com>]

I believe that the fourfold increase in jetting and clearing gullies this year has exposed a lot of defects which **now require more extensive remedial work to fix**. The budget this year (we are hoping to agree next month), does propose more money to repair problems identified by the cleaning of over 70,000 gullies locally this year. Issues like **Sutton Wick Lane** and **Milton High Street** are at the top of my list for fixing.

The public consultation for Thames Water's proposed SESRO mega-reservoir ended in January, and I supported the Parish, District and OCC submissions. I also went to **Farmoor Reservoir** and met the **Head of Reservoir Safety** (responsible for all their 50+ reservoirs) and saw the emergency discharge facility there back into the Thames, which was impressive, but pales into insignificance to SESRO which would be **c.17 times bigger**.

Anyway, I have made reasonable objections to SESRO's plans and wait to hear their responses.

Work continues on **Steventon Lights** and I have been liaising with the project team to try to improve the traffic flow. At long last, on the last weekend of February, **the A34 interchange will be properly re-surfaced**, and thereafter once the Steventon Lights works finish, work will start on the **new HIF1 road** which will provide a new faster traffic route all the way to the Golden Balls roundabout, removing local rat-runs and bridge congestion. Work will take a couple of years, and so I am establishing a working party to liaise with the project to minimise disruption locally.

As **Chair of 'Abingdon Localities'** (a group of all local Cllrs), I am also working to leverage this new road to improve local cycling and walking routes, including better safety across the Sutton Courtenay – Culham bridge, and linking Peep'o'Day Lane cycle route from Abingdon to Milton Park and on to Steventon.

We had a really constructive meeting with the local landowner from Peep'o'Day Lane through to Milton Park, and hope to do the same with the local landowner at the other end where we are seeking a manageable incline for the last stretch into Steventon.

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→> I have asked relevant officers to come to a Steventon parish council meeting to explain **what is happening with the railway bridge**. Essentially, the work has been completed, as best as possible, but it is a very **old bridge**, not designed for the amount and weight of traffic that wants to cross it, so if re-opened again to unrestricted two-way HGV traffic, **it would fail again quickly**.

I have asked the council to explore **alternatives**, like two-way with a weight limit, or limited to cars only, or re-marking it so it is one-way for HGVs in the middle whilst two-way for cars, or even an ANPR system for traffic lights triggered when trucks approach. The quicker we agree a solution, the quicker I can help get it normalised. **I encourage you to participate in the consultation or share your views with me** to pass on. That's at my OCC email :-

peter.stevens@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Meanwhile, we wait to hear how central government proposes to devolve power to the regions – will we move to one unitary council across Oxfordshire... and will we get a mayor across the Thames Valley (which would be apparently the strongest economic powerhouse outside of London) or some other arrangement? Let's see... In this regard, I have been talking to our MP, Olly Glover, and **we plan to collaborate on a range of issues**.

Olly in his transport role can help facilitate plans to improve the train station and service from **Appleford**. FCC (Enterprise) have offered us some land for a new car park, and I am working with the HIF1 team to link the cycle and walking route through to the station, providing safe access to each platform, which will enable **much better use of the station**. This also requires temporary improvements to the service so **more trains stop there**. We believe that once the car park is built, many from surrounding areas will prefer this station over Didcot and Culham, so if more people use it, temporary services could become permanent.

Olly is also championing **new legislation** to aid state **adoption of roads** on recent housing developments where there are often long-standing issues hindering adoption or completion of work to satisfactory standards impacting local residents. I know this has been a really stressful issue for residents of Partridge Close and Rye Gardens and actually every village seems to have at least one development facing these issues. I really hope he can find some traction to report back constructive news soon.

That's all for now, stay warm and best wishes,

Councillor Peter Stevens

Down the Years



So, for this occasional sift through Pop Chart history, who was charting THIS TIME OF YEAR, going back through time? Which ones take you back, if they pop-up on the radio?

Remember any of these? >>>>

In 2006, Madonna was making yet another #1, with 'Sorry', and the Sugababes (in one of their many line-ups!) were moving up with 'Red Dress'.

And back to 1996 – real Boyband time, Oasis on top ('Don't Look Back in Anger'), with Boyzone who were 'Coming Home Now', & Take That, about to take over with 'How Deep is your Love'.

40 years ago (THAT long?!) we had three great #1 tracks, Diana Ross ('Chain Reaction'), also Billy Ocean ('When the Going gets Tough. . etc!'), & the first Austrian to top our charts (almost a one-hit wonder?), Falco and 'Rock Me Amadeus'. Between them they kept out the likes of Nana Mouskouri (blast from the past – 'Only Love'), Fine Young Cannibals ('Suspicious Minds' – originally Elvis of course), Dire Straits 'Walk of Life', the wonderful Bangles ('M-M-Manic Monday'), & rock royalty David Bowie ('Absolute Beginners').

FIFTY years ago (for real old-timers), Donna Summer was all over the airwaves (with 'Love to Love You Baby'), but one Tina Charles (who I can't picture at all?!) made #1 with 'I Love to Love', keeping out the rasping 'C W McCall' who cashed in on the CB Radio craze (who remembers?!) with 'Convoy' ("Rubber Duck" fame?!), & Billy Ocean, who complained 'Love Really Hurts Without You' (please, no jokes). Soon to outsell them all for that year were Brotherhood of Man with #1 ('Save. . .Your. . .Kisses For Me') and the latest from the Abba line ('Fernando'). Brotherhood of Man actually WON Eurovision that year, (yes, we could. . .once!), and Mr Wiki helpfully tells me that song is the highest-seller of all such winners!

Anyone date right back to 1966?! Let me help:- Just a FANTASTIC few weeks! Several iconic #1 hits, Nancy Sinatra ('These Boots' . . .), the Walker Brothers (though they weren't! – 'The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Any More'), Spencer Davis ('Somebody Help Me, Yeah'), & wonderful Dusty Springfield ('You Don't Have to Say You Love Me').

They shaded some great near-misses, the Kinks ('Dedicated Follower of Fashion'), Stones '19th Nervous Breakdown', Mindbenders 'Groovy Kind of Love', Beach Boys 'Barbara Ann', Crispian St Peters 'Pied Piper', Simon & Garfunkel (who were 'Homeward Bound'), the Bachelors ('Sound of Silence'), Cilla ('Alfie'), Cher ('Bang Bang') & The Who ('Substitute'). WOW – what a time!

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LATER that year - Leicester won the Premier League (5000/1 odds before the season?!), Andy Murray won Wimbledon again (hurray!), Sadiq Khan became London Mayor, England lost to Iceland at football (the Euros - blaming binges of party-bites & chicken drumsticks?!), & Nigel Farage resigned as UK Independence Party leader (post Brexit), as he'd "realised all my political aims". Also the Dog Microchipping Act got started, and the 'Solar Impulse 2' became the first solar-powered aircraft to circumnavigate the Earth (but would you go far in one?!). And, really sadly, American politics fell victim to an awful mystery disease, when Donald Trump became President.

Back in 2006 – PM Tony Blair said he'd resign by the end of 2007, and Prince Harry became a Commissioned Officer at Sandhurst (whatever happened to them?). The English Language gained Bucket List, Crowdfunding & Crowdsourcing as new terms or words, Arsenal moved into their new Emirates stadium, and the first SoccerAid match was played (raised £2mill for UNICEF). In Scotland, the Smoking Ban was enacted (enclosed public places, the rest of UK followed suit in mid-2007).

On TV, Countdown showed episode #4,000, and 'Mike Baldwin' sadly died (Corrie). Top of the Pops aired its final regular edition, but the One Show got started. Xmas highlights included the showing of Calendar Girls, and the death of 'Pauline Fowler' (EastEnders – Wendy Richard).

In 1976 – coming into the world (Happy 50th!!) were:- Michael McIntyre, Reese Witherspoon, Kym Marsh, Alan Carr, Martine McCutcheon, Ryan Reynolds & Benedict Cumberbatch. However, Agatha Christie died that year, at Winterbrook House, Wallingford.

More Notices & Other Local Churches

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

Bridge Players?? Alternate Fridays (1st & 3rd) at All Saints (Sutton Courtenay) from 2pm to 5pm, £5 (includes tea & cake!)
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Milton Methodist Church News

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

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(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:-

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Parish (Clerk) Anita James (clerk@draytonpc.org)
District (VofWHDC) Andy Cooke (see [page 11](#))
& Oxfordshire County Peter Stevens via email >>
peter.stevens@oxfordshire.gov.uk
& your MP Olly Glover (contact info >> [page 15](#))

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<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/children-and-families/fostering> or please call 0300 131 2797. 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/

There's a range of different fostering schemes, and YOU just might make a big difference to someone's life?

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS >>

(See p4 - St Peter's - monthly tea & chat afternoons).

And the **Baptist Cafe** is on **Thursdays** - each week - but NOW held in the **Caudwell Day Centre**, 11am to 1pm, more tea and cake, **a warm welcome assured**.

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LISTINGS

DRAYTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

In a cabinet outside **49 Whitehorns Way**, a carried stock of books (some for children), **donate or borrow**, check it out!

WATERMILL THEATRE

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang >> a summer season from May 26 to Sept 13. The theatre is in a riverside setting, Bagnor Mill, just outside Newbury, and they just won 'Theatre of the Year'. Book early to avoid disappointment, watermill.org.uk or on 01635 46044 (they also have a nice restaurant, and offer some 'British Sign Language', 'Audio Described', 'Captioned', & 'Relaxed' performances). **If you're quick**, try and see **Lark Rise To Candleford** (remember on TV!?) Feb 6 to March 14.

Antiques Fair - In the Village Hall - Sunday Feb 1st (& March 1st 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, as at present!). <https://trials.ovg.ox.ac.uk/trials/>

Oxford Playhouse Feb 10 -14th, The Woman in Black - they stress "atmosphere, illusion, controlled horror"!

JEWELLERY VALUATION - In the Village Hall - Lee is back, Weds Feb 4th from 10am to about 1pm. Best prices for all sorts of precious metals, watches (even broken), rings, brooches, chains, all sorts. Info **07834 462508** Oh, and THIS month he's taking advantage of sharing the Hall with one of Kathy's now weekly Charity **COFFEE MORNINGS!!**

And CYCLISTS - security is always a worry so DO check out the highly recommended **HIPOK** range of products <https://hiplok.com/product-category/bicycle-locks/> . . . and they do a **motor-bike range** too.

Keep fit and Have Fun? So they say . . . it's **Scottish Country Dancing**, at **Chilton Village Hall** (Tues, 7.45 to 9.45), and/or **Ab'don Northcourt Centre** (Mons, 7.45 to 10pm). Come on your own, or with a friend, beginners welcome, and they say "no special clothes needed" (no kilt then!?) but soft shoes ARE. First visit FREE - then £4 per evening. secretary@ascdc.org.uk

Cornerstone Upcoming shows> **Lucy Porter** (Let Yourself Go!) Feb 13th; **Bring Your Own Baby** (!), comedy + baby changing, Feb 26, May 14, midday; and for **Families**, **Rapunzel**, (Feb 21st, 11am), also **The Princess & The Pea** (March 7th, 2pm). cornerstone-arts.org



The 2026 Drayton Village Scarecrow Trail



Theme: The Letter 'D' (for Drayton!)

Sunday 29th March - Sunday 12th April 2026

Drayton residents, create your own scarecrow of anything beginning with the letter 'D' - food, animal, person, landmark, object, scene - and display it on your property as part of our Village Scarecrow Trail.

It is **FREE** to enter your scarecrow, simply email: fodsafundraising@gmail.com by **20th February 2026**.

We need a minimum of 30 houses to run this trail, so gather your ideas, get creative and help bring this much loved community event to life!

There is a **PRIZE** for the best scarecrow, voted for by the public.

Maps available for £2 from Danes /MACE from Saturday 28th March.

All funds raised go to Friends of Drayton School Association.

DRAYTONDIARIES

(Mostly) Hall Diary for February

All events held in Drayton Hall unless otherwise stated
 To book :- bookings@draytonvh.co.uk or call Tony Holmes on
 (01235) 531180; see the website :- www.draytonvh.co.uk
 (for other regular events, see that diary column)

Sun	1	9.00am	ANTIQUES FAIR (to 3pm)
Weds	4	10.00am	Jewellery Valuation (to 1pm)
AND		10.00am	COFFEE MORNING (weekly, to noon)
Fri	6	7.30am	Public Meeting (see page 6)
Sat	7	10.30am	Drop-In (see page 6) (Caudwell DC)
Sun	8	1.30pm	Private Function (child's party)
Mon	9	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting (Caudwell DC)
NB – Now 2nd Mondays! (check F'book for any late change?!)			
Sun	15	11.00am	Private Function (child's party)
Fri	20	latest!	FODSA Scarecrow Trail entry (p19)
Sat	21		Private Function (whole weekend)
Sat	28	noon	Private Function
MAR	1	9.00am	ANTIQUES FAIR (to 3pm)
MAR	8	11.00am	Memorial Service Sutton Wick

NB – Other Drayton Venues?

To hire the CAUDWELL Day Centre, please contact Vicky Malin, malinfamily27@gmail.com & 01235 539625 or 07525 462630.

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NB **PLEASE** – if an entry is wrong – **tell an editor** (p 2)

MONDAYS [## = Small Hall in Village Hall]

- 10.00 am Coffee Morning (Wives – 2nd Mon) *Caudwell DC*
- 2.00 pm Short Mat Bowling Club Session
- 4.30 pm Damascus Youth ## (NB - to 5.30pm - for Yr 6+, & Please check their F'book for any changes?!)
- 7.15 pm Badminton (Looking for NEW Members!!)
- 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*
- 6.30 pm Karate/'Dojang X' session (Sabrina 07938 537310)

WEDNESDAYS

- 10.00 am Pebbles (Baby, Toddler, Carer group) *Church*
- 10.00 am Coffee Morning (for Good Causes, to midday)
- 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) ##
- 2.00 pm Badminton
- 6.00 pm Brownies (term-time / Laura 07916 459435) ##
- 6.45 pm Short Mat Bowling Club (seeking NEW members!)

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 (01235 531107 for info)
- 7.30 pm Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thurs) *Caudwell DC*
- 7.30 pm **Drayton Community Choir** (2nd/4th Thurs)
 -- Call Kay for info 01235 204187 *Church Room*

FRIDAYS

- 11.00 am **Keep Fit with FAYE (07815 583591)**
- 4.30 pm Karate/'Dojang X' sessions (07938 537310)

SUNDAYS

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