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Drayton 2020 Richard Williams

August 2014 Update

Only a short report this month, although this is not due to any lack of activity on the Neighbourhood Plan front; rather the reverse. The consultation period for the second draft of the Plan and its supporting documentation ended on 1st August. Once again, we received a large number of written responses, from residents, official consultees such as the Vale of the White Horse and OCC, and various other statutory bodies such as English Heritage and Thames Water. Some of the feedback, such as that from the Vale planning department has been helpful and constructive but also very detailed, and it is a major task to pull all the threads together in responding to the comments received and revising the Plan accordingly.

Neighbourhood Development Plans are still very new because the umbrella legislation, the Localism Act, has only been in place since November 2011. By definition, every Plan is different because every locality has its own specific issues and its own ways of tackling them. As a consequence, there is no ready-made template. What is more, the whole process seems to be evolving as we go along, and the demands made on us in terms of the paperwork we have to produce and the boxes we have to tick, seem to have increased exponentially as time goes on. Parkinson's Law stated, tongue-in-cheek, that 'work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion'. Drayton 2020 may have discovered a new variation that replaces the word 'fill' with the word 'exceed'.

Partly to allow for a summer break, but also to enable people to get on with revising the NDP, only one Steering Group meeting has been scheduled this month, for Fri 29th August. The meetings are open to any Drayton residents, and are normally held on alternate Friday evenings in the Caudwell Centre in Gravel Lane at 7pm. Meetings will definitely resume in September but the dates have not yet been decided. If you wish to receive reminders of these and other Drayton 2020 meetings and events, please contact the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, via the Drayton 2020 website: draytontwentytwenty@gmail.com. Alternatively, David can be contacted via E-mail at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061. In addition, the agendas and minutes of all Steering Group and working sub-group meetings and many other documents relating to Drayton 2020, including maps, the second draft of the NDP, and the Sustainability Appraisal, are now available on the village website: www.drayton-near-abingdon.org.

WESTMINSTER LETTER Ed Vaizey

One of the privileges of being an MP is the opportunity to visit some of the remarkable organisations that flourish in my Constituency. In recent weeks I have been able to see the work done by two of them.

The Thames Valley and Chilterns Air Ambulance service is based at RAF Benson and provides a vital service for my Constituents and many others across a broad, very rural area. It is a charity which receives no government funding for the helicopter or the team who maintain and fly it, but works very closely indeed with the South Central Ambulance Service which provides the paramedics and doctors who are transported to wherever they are needed. The standard of equipment on the helicopter was a great surprise to me – it really is almost a flying A&E department in its own right. The professionalism and teamwork evident in a service which can get to the most remote and difficult areas to help patients after accidents or with severe medical conditions such as strokes or heart attacks were truly awe-inspiring.

I was also inspired when I visited Mission Motorsport, a charity based near Wantage which works with both serving members of the armed forces and veterans to use motorsport as a means of rehabilitation. That ranges from organising trips for wounded veterans to motorsport events to setting up work experience placements and even finding jobs with major motor employers. The dedication of the small but very focused team was really impressive, but what really struck home was – again – the way everyone worked together as a team to achieve their aims. It's a serious organisation with a serious purpose, but the sense of camaraderie and humour I saw was fantastic.

As charities, both the Air Ambulance and Mission Motorsport need all the support they can get from the public, so I thoroughly recommend taking a look at their websites – www.missionmotorsport.org and www.tvacaa.org to find out more about them. I hope you'll be as fascinated and inspired as I was.

This month, as well as correspondence about the situation in Gaza, I've received a number of emails and letters regarding climate change. Climate change is one of the twenty-first century's biggest policy challenges, and I was pleased to be able to reassure those who got in touch that the UK is taking a leading role in tackling climate change on the world stage, working towards a binding global deal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit change to manageable levels. The Government is clear in its commitment to meet the 2050 target to reduce emissions of all greenhouse gases by 80%. In the meantime, Ministers will continue to work with their European counterparts to push for an ambitious 2030 EU target.

As ever, please feel free to contact me on any matter at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizey@parliament.uk. Email is the quickest and most reliable way to get in touch, as I keep a very close eye on my emails and can reply very quickly. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com.



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CHRONICLE INFORMATION

The next **Chronicle** will be the **October** issue:

Editor: **Tony Holmes, 53 Whitehorns Way (531180).**

Deadline for advertisements: **17.00 on Friday, 12 September 2014**

Deadline for other contributions: **17.00 on Mon., 15 Sept. 2014**

Printed copies available: **Friday, 26 September 2014**

Key dates for the subsequent two Chronicles:

Issue for	Deadline for contributions: 17.00 on Monday:	Printed Chronicles available on:
November	20 October 2014	31 October 2014
December	17 November 2014	28 November 2014

Archive copies of the Chronicle are available on the Drayton website: www.drayton-near-abingdon.org. The current copy will be available on or near the same date that printed copies are distributed.

NOTES for CONTRIBUTORS

Contributions to and advertisements in the Chronicle are most welcome. Please be sure **always to include your name**, address and (in case clarification is necessary) telephone number. Without names we will usually not print an item at all.

However, please also note that the editor has to ensure that each Chronicle fits exactly into an even number of printed pages. The editor therefore reserves the right to place, edit, shorten or even reject contributions as required.

A contribution or advertising request can be sent to us in one of three ways:

1. The best is by **email** to editor@draytonchronicle.net. Your contributions should either be embedded in your email as **plain text** or attached as a **rich-text** or **Microsoft Word** document!

Requests for advertisements should be emailed not to the editor but to advertising@draytonchronicle.net. Please note that advertisements eventually need to be in Word format, 9cms wide and, for a single block advert, about 4.5cms high

Please head your email and label any attachments with a name distinctive to you, not just 'Chronicle'. Also, make sure the editor or advertising manager acknowledges your email within 2 or 3 days.

2. If you cannot send your contribution by email, send us a **good quality paper version**, using fairly large, **simple** black typescript, without underlining on white paper, A4 or smaller.

3. Finally, we do accept **hand-written items**. However, in this case **please write the names of people and places in capital letters**. This does save a lot of mistakes.

Paper contributions should be either placed in the Chronicle letter box (outside Vickery's shop on Drayton Green) or posted to Vickery's at 5 The Green, Drayton, Abingdon, OX14 4JA.

After the deadlines listed at the top of this page, only urgent items will be considered for inclusion and then only if emailed or delivered directly to the **Editor's** house by the Wednesday following the deadlines.

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CHRONICLE LOTTERY

Jean Barton, Hon Promoter

RESULTS OF THE AUGUST LOTTERY

Prize	Ticket	Winner	Agent
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£20	587	Mr Bruce, 16A Sutton Wick Lane	Keith Clough
£15	1653	Mrs Roberts, 150 Whitehorns Way	Mirja Boyd
£10	551	Mr Boon, 5 Greenacres	Keith Clough
£10	1097	Mrs Mole, 26 High Street	Ali Bone
£10	315	Jean Caudle, 46 Church Lane	Jean Caudle
£10	111	Julie Brown, 93 Abingdon Road	Carol Arnold
£10	1852	N Rust, 135 Drayton Road	Clair Soper
£10	521	Mr Allen, 49 Sutton Wick Lane	Keith Clough
£10	250	Mrs Turner, 27 Corneville Road	Ellen Winter

Winning tickets, from 1660 sold, were randomly drawn by a computer (similar to the Premium Bond Draw)

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

This month, we offer a warm welcome to three families who have moved into Sutton Wick Lane. They are:

Gordon and Kaz McKay, who have come from Didcot.

Steve and Kate Wright and their two daughters, Ella and Charlotte, who have come from Parsons Green, London.

Tim and Mandy Gray, who have come with their three Labradors (Henry, Hope and Molly), from Blewbury.

Keith Clough

We welcome Simon and Liz to Lockway and wish them well in their new home.

Christine Sadler.

CHRONICLE NEWS

It is with heartfelt thanks that we say goodbye to Jean Barton as our Lottery Manager. Jean has been involved with the Chronicle for many years (originally as co-ordinator). We welcome Carol Arnold who has agreed to take on the role of Lottery Manager. Carol is well acquainted with the Chronicle as she has been one of the agents for the NW end of Abingdon Road for many years, sharing this with Julie Brown. Carol will be giving this round up so if anyone is interested in taking this on with Julie then please do let me know.

We are most grateful to Carol and also to Trudy Buckner who is continuing to be part of the lottery team with Carol.

We also welcome with thanks Liz Branson who is moving into Drayton from Abingdon and has offered to take on a round as a way of getting to know people. We still have a few vacant rounds so if you think this is for you then I would love to hear from you.

Gareth Davies -Tel: 529510

Chronicle Co-ordinator

ACCESSING THE CHRONICLE ON THE WEB

Just a reminder that Chronicles, including past issues, are available on the village website, [Drayton-near-Abingdon.org](http://www.drayton-near-abingdon.org). To read and download any edition you must have a reader for pdf (portable document format) documents installed on your computer. The free version of Adobe's 'Acrobat' pdf reader can be downloaded from <http://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/> (other pdf readers are also available on the web). Then just move your mouse pointer to the relevant thumbnail and left click, though if your internet connection is slow you may have to wait a minute or two before the whole Chronicle is downloaded.

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Thurs	9.30 am	Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Wednesday	10.00 am	Pebbles (Term Time only)	Church Room
Monday	7.45 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Bell Tower

CHURCH REGISTER

Baptisms

17th August	Oscar James McFarlane Wright
17th August	Lily-Rose Violet Austin

Funerals

21st July	Neville Ferris
28th July	David Mott

CALENDAR FOR September

Tue 2nd	3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections	Church Room
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ST PETER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I hope you have enjoyed some of the good Summer weather and spent time together with family and friends. September is the busy beginning of another academic term and of the autumn programme of events in the life of both community and the church. There's always a lot going on, and this autumn is no exception! In the busyness it is all too easy to put one's head down and 'get on with it' - without looking up, and catching again the stillness of a larger vision or the quietness of moments when reflection would help clarify the way ahead. Faith encourages us to look up - to the Son, and seek His way forward - in all things. This term there will be a new event for families called **The Celebration**, it will be a fun interactive family service, with crafts for everyone to do and with cake to end with. **The Celebration** is on Sunday 9th November 3pm-4:30pm at Drayton Community School Hall. Everyone young at heart is welcome, 0-99 years old. **Messy Church** is also happening on Sunday 12th October and 14th December 3pm-4:30pm at Drayton Community School. We are hoping that all families might enjoy learning more about Jesus and his love for them, in ways that are fun and engaging.

And so, as the hues of summer give way to the colours of autumn, the wonder of nature calls us to marvel again at the majesty and beauty of God's creation - to looking up in praise and worship, and in thankfulness for His love. God Bless. *Rebecca*

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High Street, Milton
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Local contacts: Geoff or Jean Caudle, 531409

FIRST TUESDAY CONNECTIONS **Jean Hager**

Are you feeling lonely, isolated or in need of some friendly company? Why not come along to our monthly tea and chat afternoons. They are normally held on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's Church Room from 3.00 pm to 4:30 pm and you are invited to drop in during these times. The teapot is always at the ready and you can be sure of a warm welcome. Our next two dates are 2nd September, and 7th October. If you need transport or further information please give me a call on 531558.

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friendly and active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen and to make sure that no one has to feel afraid, vulnerable or isolated where they live. It's about people looking out for one another, crossing barriers of age, race and class. Today it's one of the UK's largest voluntary movements, covering approximately 3.8 million households.

Neighbourhood Watch and Home Watch groups at 'street level' are generally known as 'schemes' and are run by a volunteer 'coordinator'. The police will help with setting up new schemes and the coordinator's role is to encourage members to work together and to circulate information from the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network and Thames Valley Police, e.g. alerts about rogue traders and cold callers, scam awareness, seasonal

security reminders, neighbourhood updates for the local area, details of crime, burglary and resulting arrests/charges.

There is no charge or fee to start a Neighbourhood Watch scheme or to join an existing scheme and, other than being a good neighbour, there are no specific social obligations. New members receive a welcome pack comprising general information about Neighbourhood Watch, security tips, an internal window sticker (as circular illustration above), contact details for the police and more. If you would like more information, to set-up or search for a scheme in your area please visit the Our Watch web site at <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk>. This web site has a wealth of information relating to Neighbourhood Watch as well as security and crime prevention tips. If you are interested in joining a scheme and do not have internet access, please contact NAG5 direct using the details below, or call the police non-emergency number 101.

NAG5 and Neighbourhood Watch work together as a team, with the police, on issues and concerns affecting the NAG5 community. These include anti-speeding and anti-crime initiatives, cycle safety, highlighting the risks from scam mail and phone calls, sources of information and help for those affected by dementia and Smartwater property marking kits.

More Neighbourhood Watch coordinators are needed in the NAG5 area, particularly in Drayton. If you are interested or would like more information please call Carol Rudd, local NHW Administrator, on 01235 556937, or use the non-emergency police number 101.

Smartwater update

The number of properties in Sutton Courtenay now using Smartwater to mark property and valuables continues to increase as a result of visits from PCSO Sandra Syphas and Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. These include The Green, Church Street, Churchmere Road, The Nursery, Lady Place and High Street. Visits to Drayton households will begin in the next few weeks. Regular updates will be provided through NAG5 Safety Corner pieces in the village newsletters. If you would like to buy a kit, or would like more information, please call the non-emergency police number 101, or contact your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator.

Rogue traders

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Bogus callers

We have received reports recently of some people posing as planning or building control officers to gain access to people's properties under the pretence they're looking into enforcement issues etc. When challenged, they've said they were from "planning" and left immediately.

Planning officers can often turn up to a site unannounced, especially planning enforcement officers. However, they will always have photo ID on them, and are always happy to be asked for it and to explain the reason for their visit. Their identity can also be verified by calling the planning office on 01491 823740 or by contacting the Customer Service Manager, Duncan Grainge on 01491 823711 or email duncan.grainge@southandvale.gov.uk.

We would like to ask residents to be extra vigilant about this kind of activity and to ask for ID from anyone who visits unannounced from any organisation. Please report suspicious activity to the police via the 24 hour non-emergency telephone number 101 or call 999 for crime in progress.

Carol Rudd (Police, NHW and Community Messaging Co-ordinator, South Oxon and Vale

This message was also sent via Thames Valley Alert on behalf of Thames Valley Police.

We need your help to fight organised crime!

As of August 2014, Thames Valley Police have identified 124 organised crime groups. Of these, 68 are currently active. The remainder have either been disrupted or the intelligence has dried up which is why we need your help. Their activities can cover different crime types, including drug supply, robbery and burglary, human trafficking and exploitation, child sex exploitation, firearms crime, vehicle theft, gang related crime, fraud and cyber crime.

What to look out for: People living beyond their means; unusual patterns or increased activity at an address; paying for expensive items with cash.

If you have any information about organised crime, please report it via 101. If you don't want to speak directly to the police, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court. **Together we can tackle organised crime!**

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VALE NEWS

(Editor's note: The following items are extracts from the Vale of White Horse Newsletter – Vale News, via the District Council Communications team – 01235 520202)

Funding for community projects

Is there a project in your community that needs funding to get off the ground? If so, we might be able to help! Community groups, including town and parish councils, can apply for a share of over £170,000 the council has set aside for community projects.

You can apply for a grant until 15 September 2014. Speak to our grants team to see if we can help your project. You can email them at grants@southandvale.gov.uk, or give them a call on 01491 823614.

There is also a pot of money available all year round to support community groups with festivals and events taking place in the Vale. So, if you're involved in planning something, it's worth checking if it's eligible for a £1000 grant. Get in touch before funding runs out! Email grants@southandvale.gov.uk for more information, or take a look at our website.

Changes in registering to vote

The government has changed the way people register to vote, meaning everybody has to do so individually. Previously, whole households used a single form. This might sound like a bit of a hassle, but the good news is that you can complete the whole registration process online - so to ensure you vote in the next national and local elections, simply visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and fill in your details.

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How are we doing at the Council?

You may already know of our monthly board report that shows how we are performing as a council, like how many planning applications we approve within the target timescales, how our recycling rates are doing, and how our finances are working out.

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ALL AROUND

DRAYTON WIVES

Gwen Price

At our August meeting a very talented Alix Booth told us some of the History of Punch and Judy. She then entertained us with a Punch and Judy show with all the well known characters and appropriate voices and costumes. The story as we know it today was developed in 1760-1830. It was then performed to large outdoor audiences and was very political. Punch represented the common man, fighting his small battles with life. The performance was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Another event, which a group of us enjoyed, was a visit to Nuneham Park. It was a beautiful evening with the sun shining into each of the splendid rooms we visited. The building was a Palladian Villa with beautiful gardens designed by Capability Brown, stretching down to the river Thames. It was built for the 1st Earl of Harcourt in the 18th century as a private residence. In 1948 the University of Oxford bought it and in 1993 it was leased to the World Spiritual Global Retreat Centre, started by Brahana Kumaris. An integral part of its work is the meditative and contemplative focus for retreats and seminars and learning to live with meaning and purpose. It was a thoroughly uplifting evening.

Dates for September:

Mon 11th Coffee: Ann G., Judy

Mon 15th Whist: Trudi

Thursday 21st Walk in Hungerford

Wed 24th Meeting: Tony Eaton re Glenn Miller.

Tea: Miriam

HALL REPORT

Tony Holmes

It's taken a long time, but the kitchen units and worktops have been planned, selected and ordered, at present it looks like they'll be fitted one week in October. There'll be a degree of disruption for our regular groups, but we'll be talking to them in due course. Flooring options are being considered, and they'll be fitted to tie in with the units.

We've also had a further discussion with architects about a more substantial Hall revamp, several years away, and dependent on the housing developments for which the 2020 Group have been discussing, and refining plans. If sufficient funds can be made available as a result of those developments, then it's hoped the Hall can benefit. As it is about 40 years old now, parts of it do need some changes. The costings at present look like quite a challenge, so we may have to make some compromises, but we're aiming high at present.

Congrats are due to Damascus, and especially Gary Hibbins, for organising the Fun Day in August, which drew a good crowd to the Rec on thankfully a nice day. The Hall and Football Club both provided some facilities, and though they had several sponsors, I think special thanks to the main ones, Drayton Construction.

We've a new regular class starting this month – Boogie Beat, music and dance for pre-school, for which the taster session drew a good crowd - it's on Tuesday mornings, give Vici a call on 07787 121628 if you'd like to join. I hear our Pilates teacher has some new recruits, classes on Monday mornings and Tuesday evenings if you'd like to start getting tuned up for Christmas, or have one of the many injuries which can be helped by this system, call Gillian on 01235 814299.

Oh, and a final point for our lady visitors, our 'Bra Bank' has done very well, benefitting two charities, but is awaiting more donations! (in a bag please, if you can oblige). The main organiser, ('Against Breast Cancer'), is organising a Thames Walk in September from Beale Park (Sun Sept 14th – 'The Breast Walk Ever') so if you can support that, give them a call on 01235 534211.

Sadly, I need to finish on a more serious note. The Committee has got thoroughly fed-up with the spate of petty theft from the hall, it's always happened to a small extent, but seems to be getting worse. Now we have an inventory of items, and some

have been security marked. We'll be making a bigger effort to check the inventory after hirers have finished, and intend to exact a substantial penalty if we can ascertain who the culprits are. Our Ts & Cs of hire will be amended to reflect this. On the whole, if people just told us which item they think would look better in their house/kitchen, we could give them the money to get one, it being a lot lesser nuisance than having to repeatedly go and get replacements!

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MORE ALL AROUND

DRAYTON FOOTBALL CLUB Richard Seamark

By the time this goes to print the 2014/15 season will be underway. Drayton has two mens football teams, the first team play in division 1 of the North Berks Football League and the reserves play in division 4.

Both teams have been training since July and have had success in the preseason friendlies and everyone is looking forward to the new season. We sadly lost Gary and Ben Hibbins as first team managers but their hard work and determination has meant that the first team have been promoted to league one. Shaun Smith takes over as first team manager and takes a strong squad with a huge potential into the 2014/15 season.

Pete Ivey is reserves manager and has been in post for three years. Having a reserves side is important for the club and ensures a firm ground base for players to improve and aspire to the first team.

We play at the recreation ground off Whitehorns Way on Saturday afternoons so please come along and support true grass roots football (ko at 2.30).

Coming fixtures (subject to change and can be checked at <http://fulltime.thefa.com/Index.do?league=557737>):

Sat 6th Sept: 1st team away to Watlington, Res home to Ardington.

Sat 13th Sept: 1st team, no game, Res away to Kennington thlectic.

Sat 20th Sept: 1st team away to Long Wittenham, Res home to Faringdon.

Sat 27th Sept: 1st team home to Dorchester, Res away to Hagbourne

Sat 4th Oct: 1st team home to Abingdon Town, Res away to Stanford in the Vale.

DRAYTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB John Gould

At the club's Pre Season Meeting our teams were selected for the coming season. The Didcot League ties will commence in mid September. Having lost some players but gained others, we will run seven teams in the League. These will be allocated into Divisions by the League at their own Pre Season meeting.

Some good news in that Matt Wicks is able to provide more coaching this coming season so if any youngsters in the village – from age 9 upwards wish to come along they will be very welcome. Coaching will run from 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm most Mondays from September 8th. We will also welcome any adult player who wishes to play 'social' table tennis.

Club practice will resume at the school on Monday 8th September 2014.

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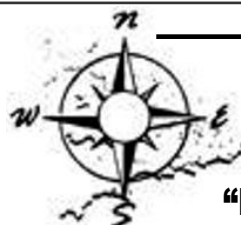
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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Williams

Report of the Parish Council AGM held on Mon 4th August 2014

Five members of the public attended the meeting in addition to the councillors. Melvyn Beesley and Christopher Roberts reported that, following the meeting with Sovereign Housing Association on 10th July, the residents of Caudwell Close were awaiting a report on Sovereign's proposals for improving the parking arrangements and increasing the number of parking spaces. Mr Beesley and Mr Roberts understood that Sovereign's legal department are still looking into the matter of the vehicle access gate installed in the wall running along the back of the car park.

One lady expressed her opposition to a proposed new house to be built at the back of Corneville Road, with vehicle access into Lyford Close. It was confirmed that the Parish Council's Planning Committee had also opposed the development on the grounds that it would cause parking problems, while the oblique angle of the vehicle access could be a danger to pedestrians using the path, especially children, who use the path to get to Drayton School. The development would also require at least one mature sycamore tree to be removed. The Parish Council's comments can be read on the Planning section of the Vale of the White Horse website.

The contents of a recent letter to the Chronicle were noted, regarding the poor state of the grass cutting in the parish burial ground. Amongst other issues, the writer pointed out that many of the headstones had been left partly covered in cuttings. The Parish Council acknowledges that the work had not been done to the standard expected but the Clerk has written and spoken to the new contractor, who explained that he had experienced problems with his cutting equipment. Since the letter in the Chronicle was published, there has been more than one further cut and the standard has visibly improved. The PC will continue to monitor the situation. On a similar topic, it should be noted that the Parish Council is **not** responsible for cutting the grass on the Millennium Green. This task is the job of the Millennium Green Trust. It is recognised that this is not the only aspect of the Millennium Green that has appeared somewhat neglected of late, and the PC has brought to the attention of the Trust a number of items it would like to see addressed.

Keeping on this subject, some residents will have noticed that the disused ambulance which has been parked alongside the approach to the Millennium Green for some years now has recently been removed. The owner has asked about the provision of parking spaces in and alongside the gap now left. Unfortunately, the Parish Council has no duty and no powers to provide parking spaces, but it is being urged to maintain some areas as grassland which is not regularly cut, and where wildflowers may be encouraged to grow. Hopefully a compromise can be reached which satisfies all parties.

To contact any members of the Parish Council, all enquiries should be directed to the Parish Clerk, David Perrow, in the first instance. David may be contacted via E-mail at draytonclerk@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 07909 176061, and he will ensure that any messages are 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. In addition, all Parish Council minutes are now archived on the village website: www.drayton-near-abingdon.org. The latter also carries back copies of the Drayton Chronicle, information on Drayton 2020, and details of other events in the village.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 1st September 2014, at 7.30pm, in the Caudwell Day Centre in Gravel Lane. As ever, all are welcome to attend.

YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

We would like to welcome our daughter Laura and her husband Kevin, with children Henry aged 3 and Sam 9 months, back to the village, from Bristol. That now makes four generations of our family living along the Abingdon Road. Love and best wishes in your new home, Grandad (Brian Moylan), Mum & Dad.

Janet Woolley.

Dear Editor

Thank you so much to the guy who strimmed a nice path to my Memorial Tree by the pond and around it and thanks to David Pointer for asking him if he could do it. I do so appreciate it.

Pat Bachrach

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Sean Hughes returns on Friday 19th September with a funny and touching show, taking us back to his Dublin upbringing, school days, awkwardness of his teenage years and family and friends and how they all weave into his present life.

Children, mums, dads, grandparents and families will love what we've got coming up with **Family Fun Day** every Sunday at Cornerstone.

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We begin with Pop on Sunday 21st September; a lovely clowning, comedy and magic theatre show for ages 3 to 8 years. Once Upon A Snowflake, on Sunday 28th September, was developed by Paper Balloon at Cornerstone with some of our very own young audience members in a special workshop. Suitable from ages 3 plus, come and see what they created!

October half-term can often be wet and blustery and we have just the thing to keep youngsters occupied and engaged with our range of Half-term Holiday Activities, running from Wednesday 29th to Friday 31st October.

The company that brought us the Christmas show loved by all Cornerstone customers in 2013 returns with this year's family Christmas show, The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus. Tickets are now on sale; why not get yours booked early and tick them off on your Christmas 'to do' list?

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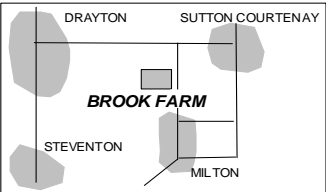
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For more information contact Emma Anderson, 01235 511152

Consumer Empowerment Partnership (CEP)

(The following items are extracts from Consumer Voice South East, the newsletter of Oxfordshire and the South East's Consumer Empowerment Partnership).

The Consumer Partnership began as a pilot but became a fully-fledged CEP in April 2013, one of 12 across the Trading Standards regions of England and Wales. It is designed as a network of local advice-givers, consumer and community groups and campaigners throughout the region. Based at Citizen's Advice Bureaux in Oxford and elsewhere, we work closely with Trading Standards services throughout the South East region and share information on consumer protection and empowerment, advice and education.

The CEP holds a Consumer Forum several times a year with local and national guest speakers. Key campaign themes range from scams to payday loans and energy-saving. In Oxfordshire, we have a regular consumer slot on BBC Radio Oxford where representatives from both our CABs and Trading Standards reinforce topical consumer messages.

Follow our tweets @OxfordConsumer and @SouthEastCEP to keep up with key messages and campaign themes and 'like' OxCEP on Facebook. or just email David, the Partnership coordinator, or give him a call: 01865 304125 (direct line) or davidCEP@cab-oxford.org.uk

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Unacceptable customer service and poor delivery or provision of goods and services is something we as a CEP campaign against, whether it is in the energy market, rogue doorstep traders, or government agencies.

Will you sign the petition on www.change.org or help us by doing some active campaigning?

For more information about the petition or the campaign, go to www.caox.org.uk/fitforwork.

Consumer helpline now a 0345 number

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You can also go online to the advice website with 400 consumer pages: www.adviceguide.org.uk.

National Consumer Week and Forum

Rogue traders and specifically doorstep criminals will be the focus of National Consumer Week in November 2014. If you watched an ITV programme a year or so ago called Hunting the Doorstep Conman you will have seen Martin Woodley and his

Doorstep Crime team at Oxfordshire Trading Standards out and about catching crooks and you'll know some of the issues.

We are delighted that Martin will join us at our next Consumer Empowerment Forum on October 9th 2014. His presentation is hard-hitting, with film of a victim falling for a roof-mending con on her doorstep and using up her savings to get rid of them.

Join us at the Forum on October 9th by emailing davidCEP@cab-oxford.org.uk.

Mis-sold hearing-aids, scooters and stair –lifts

Between January 2013 and June 2014, Oxfordshire Trading Standards was alerted to approximately 50 consumer complaints about disability aids. Nationally, the Citizens Advice consumer service received 326 complaints which may have involved "mis-selling". The most complained about products were: hearing aids, mobility scooters, adjustable beds and chairs, and stair-lifts. There are also a reasonably large number of complaints about other unspecified disability products. The most complained about sales methods were telephone and doorstep. I only found one complaint which related to a sale taking place at a trader's premises.

If you have any concerns that a person has been scammed or mis-sold a disability aid please report it. The first place to go should be the national Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06.

In Oxfordshire, consumers wishing to buy from an "approved" trader can use 1 of 3 members of the Trading Standards 'Buy With Confidence' Scheme.

Information and Advice in Oxfordshire and nationally Where to turn?

For more information on Consumer Empowerment Partnerships or about the campaigning, education or social policy work done by Citizens Advice, refer in Oxfordshire to www.caox.org.uk or nationally to www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Telephone advice

For telephone advice on consumer issues, your first port of call should be the national consumer helpline: 03454 040

Face-to-face advice

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Mon 15th	5.00pm	Chronicle Deadline (p2) – Ads 12 th	
Sat 20th	10am – 12pm	Pre-school Nearly New Sale	
Sat 20th	1pm	Private children's party	
Sun 21st	1.30pm	Private children's party	
Sat 27th	9am	Dog Club Committee (Small Hall)	
Sat 27th	2pm	Private children's party	
Sun 28th	9am	Christening party	
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REGULARLY OCCURRING EVENTS

Weekly in Drayton Hall unless stated otherwise

MONDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Pilates (Call 01235 814299)	
1.15 – 2.15 pm	Baby Sign Language Classes (in Term)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
5.45 pm	Beavers (Boys/ girls, 6–8 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
6.30 – 7.30pm	Table Tennis (Beginners & New players)	<i>School</i>
6.30 – 8.00pm	Damascus youth group	
7.00 pm	Scouts (Boys/ girls, 8-10 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.15 pm	Drayton Wives Whist (3rd Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.30 – 10.00 pm	Table Tennis Practice (League juniors & adults)	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Parish Council (1st Monday)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
7.45 – 8.45 pm	Drayton Drop In (Except Bank Holidays)	
7.45 pm	Bell-ringing (for 1½ hours)	<i>St Peter's</i>
8.30 pm	Badminton (Private Group)	

TUESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	Dietician	
1.45 pm	Drayton Art Group (until 4 pm)	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
3.00 pm	First Tuesday Connections (1st Tuesday)	<i>Church Room</i>
3.00 pm	Junior Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
6.00 pm	Ladies' Netball (for 1 hour)	<i>School</i>
7.00 pm	Pilates – also at 8 pm	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

WEDNESDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
10.30 am	Life diet advice	
10.30–11.30am	Pebbles – Baby, Toddler and Carer group (in Term)	<i>Church Room</i>
11.00 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>Haywards Rd</i>
11.20 am	Mobile Library (Fortnightly, for 20 min)	<i>The Green Car Pk</i>
1.45 pm	Whist – now each week	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
2.00 pm	Drayton Wives (Last Wednesday in the month)	
2.15 pm	Badminton	
6.15 pm	Brownies	
6.15 pm	Cubs (Boys/ girls, 8–9 yrs, Tel. 512834)	<i>Steventon Hall</i>
7.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	Bingo Session	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

THURSDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
	followed by lunch club and afternoon session	
9.00 am	Foot Clinic (First Thursday in Month)	<i>Caudwell DC</i>
9.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's Lady Chapel</i>
9.30 am	Parent & Toddler Group (in Term)	
2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowling Club Session (for 3 hours)	
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>
7.30 pm	Women's Institute Meeting (2nd Thursday)	
7.30 pm	Sequence Dancing. Tel: 531701	

FRIDAYS

8.45 am	Pre-School Playgroup (in Term)	<i>School Ground Bldg</i>
11.00 am	The Friday Club (fortnightly) 202466	<i>Caudwell Day Centre</i>
7.30 pm	League Table Tennis	<i>School</i>

SUNDAYS

8.00 am	Holy Communion	<i>St Peter's</i>
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (All Age Service 3rd Sunday)	<i>St Peter's</i>
11.15 am	Family Time (1st Sunday)	<i>Baptist Church</i>
6.00 pm	Evening Worship	<i>Baptist Church</i>

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