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## What housing crisis? Like the Tardis, it is bigger on the inside! Concerns the solution is too short term

### Council, Bartholomew School and Residents join forces to resolve school transport issue in Long Hanborough

Residents, parents and Bartholomew School in West Oxfordshire have worked with Oxfordshire County Council to improve school transport arrangements between Long Hanborough and Bartholomew School.

Since September a shuttle service had been provided but this had not been working as all parties would have wished.

Officers from the County Council, the local County Councillor Liam Walker, Stagecoach, the Parent Group from Hanborough, Bartholomew School, representatives of Hanborough Parish Council and officers from the council have each been discussing how best to make improvements in recent weeks.

In the end it was agreed that the option of a coach service to replace the current shuttle service was the best option.

Oxfordshire County Council has now agreed a way forward that will see a 75-seater bus run by Walters Coaches that undertaking a single journey to and from school. **The current Cassington bus will be increased to a 76-seater bus.**

Over coming weeks county council officers will formalise these arrangements contractually and assign the children to one of the three buses that will now be running through the village. They will then be able to communicate the arrangements and produce bus passes for the children. **The new arrangement will come in to place on January 4.**

Councillor Yvonne Constance, the Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Economy, said: "This is a common sense solution that has been reached collaboratively by the county council and local residents. I'd like to join the local county councillor Liam Walker in thanking the Parent Group in Hanborough for their input along with Hanborough Parish Council. Bartholomew School and Stagecoach have also been very helpful."

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# welcome

Kevin's CAWNeR

Compliments of the Season to you all!

Firstly my apologies for the errors in the December edition brought to my attention by the relevant authors. My New Year resolution is to endeavour not to repeat those errors and to minimise any new editorial slipups.

Few made comment, so did no one notice or deem it impolite to highlight the issue? I do welcome feedback of any nature, though preferably constructive, so this news letter can only improve.

Some residents have asked for a new feature about local walks (See page 4). I'm hoping some readers can help me out with some information otherwise this new series could be short lived.

In 2018 I would like to start a new series "5 minutes with" and will be approaching village residents for contributions in the coming weeks and months. If you can't wait for me to contact you, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Contact Email: cawneditor@gmail.com

Till next month and the New Year - happy reading.

Kevin

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## Cassington Village Hall AGM

The Cassington Village Hall Committee invites you to the AGM on

**Tuesday 13th February  
at 7pm**

in the Village Hall.

Come and find out what has been happening in the Village Hall over the past year and learn about plans for the future.

All Village groups and societies are encouraged to send a representative for election onto the committee and any interested individuals would also be very welcome.

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### Be Careful!

Don't be afraid to clear paths in fear someone will get injured. People walking on snow and ice have the responsibility to be careful. Don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze.

### Gritting and clearing pavements and residential areas: What can I use?

- Grit and sharp sand
- Dishwasher salt
- Table salt
- Soda crystals

### Suitable tools

- Plastic lightweight shovel or Regular shovel (however the snow will stick and be less efficient)
- Domestic grass seed spreader, Scoop or trowel
- Wheelbarrow to move tools or snow

### How much salt?

Less than you think! A small handful should clear and protect 1m (3ft) of surface. Therefore to treat 400m (1320ft) of pavement, a 20kg bag of salt will be sufficient.

### Will I get sued?

NO! There is no law to prevent the clearing of snow outside your house or on the pavement. Occupiers of properties have a legal responsibility to ensure their paths are safe to prevent visitor injuries.

Communities and property owners can help themselves and improve the safety of their area by undertaking simple snow clearance activities as soon as snow falls.

### Snow clearing

#### How to grit your path

Clearing snow enables the sun to aid the melting and evaporation process throughout the day. Salt helps prevent the re-freezing of water that can create black ice. Clear a path using a shovel and remove the snow. Place salt on a small trowel and shake some off as you walk along, alternatively, use a seed spreader for quicker, more efficient spreading.

### Remember: salt DOES NOT remove snow or compacted ice.

Using lots of salt is unnecessary, wasteful, and harmful to the environment.

### Tackling compacted snow

Provide traction for people walking over compacted snow by spreading sand that will become embedded and provide grip. Use a coarse cheap sand, such as builder's sand, cat litter, or cinders. Remember to sweep the pavement after the thaw has occurred.

### Look after yourself

Clearing snow is hard work, so ensure you take plenty of breaks and know when to stop. Wear suitable clothing, including boots and warm waterproof clothing.

## Proposed Locals Walks Feature

Some residents have asked people to email in any walks/trails they know from the village, perhaps including rough distance, terrain and time. There must be so many routes that we just don't know of.

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# A new start

We have just had Christmas day and after Christmas day celebrated New Year's day. But in what year does New Year's day come before Christmas day? (Answer below.)

As a young child I can remember thinking that a year "BC" meant "Before Christ" and "AD" meant "After Death" (of Christ). I learned later that "AD" actually stands for Anno Domini which is the Medieval Latin for "The year of the (or our) Lord". So our new year of AD 2018 is 2018 years after Jesus Christ's birth not 2018 years after His death. (However, there have been a couple of blips down the years which may mean that Jesus was born a few years BC!)

Also, the actual date of Christ's Birth is unlikely to be 25th Dec if, as the bible says, there were shepherds in the fields at night. The date for the celebration of Christmas was not set until the 4th century and then not set on the basis of evidence or previous tradition. However, it is a good date, just before new year, because the birth of Christ heralds a new start, a new

era, a new way of relating to God, a new covenant, a new testament. Nothing less than a new turning point in history and, so much so, that our history has been divided into BC and AD.

The birth of Christ heralded a new beginning for humankind. A new start.

On 6th Jan we celebrate Epiphany (the visit of the wise men to the young child Jesus). These wise men, or Magi, knew that this was a new start for all – even them. They may not have been actual kings, and they certainly were not Jewish, but they came to find the one who would be the King of kings and Lord of lords. The one who would give an opportunity for a new start with God to anyone and everyone who would trust and follow him. You can read about the wise men's visit in Matthew's Gospel chapter 2 verse 1-12 (page 2 in your Jubilee New Testament)

**Happy new AD 2018!**

**Revd Roger Aston**

Answer: every year.

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**St Peter's CofE Primary School next 'Stay and Play' session for pre-school children is on Friday 26th January. This session starts at 2pm and is for pre-school children. Please contact the school for further details.**

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Laura Rudge – WOC Choir director

## Roy's ramblings

January 2018

Firstly folks, sorry I did not wish you all a Happy Christmas. I will now wish you all a very Happy and Healthy and Prosperous 2018 New Year. Make a New Year resolution, to say a prayer each morning before you start, even if it is only "Good morning GOD, please help me through the day". You will be surprised how it helps, especially if you can see a difficult day ahead.

You see my old Dad had the right idea – (if you had a miserable day) he would say, "You got up this morning, got off to work....think of all the folk that can't".

He was told in hospital to have a pipe a day, came home, threw the lot pipes tobacco in the fire, his temper did not improve! He was well into his nineties when he expired – there is a lesson to you folk trying to give up smoking.

I have been rather taken aback by the nice comments on the plaque we put up in memory of June.

I have a song that keeps going through my head, from the Sound of Music:

Climb every mountain, ford every stream, follow every bye way, until you find your dream, a dream that will take all the love you can give, all the days of your life as long as you live.

I don't expect young people will read this, but believe me it is true.

The future frightens me, everything moves so fast – emails are sent at such speed, I think a lot are sent without reading properly, things sent that would not be if said face to face. Where I see youngsters verbally abused over the internet, I doubt if they would be said face to face.

You see I am one of the old fools who thinks GOD has a hand in all good things, he can't do without people's hands to make and do things. I see robots, if we are not careful they will take over. They will have no feeling, if in the wrong hands, programmed to do things they will be all powerful. Sorry to end like this, if they take over from GOD where do we end up?

At least the sun is shining off the river, it looks beautiful, what a wonderful sight. Thank you GOD.

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## December 2017

You may have realised that our page in the last CAWN was a duplicate of the previous month. We are sorry but this was an editorial error. December is a very busy month in school and the list of events is endless. Here are a few of the highlights.

### Christmas Tree

The school would like to say a big thank you to Cassington Nursery for the beautiful real Christmas Tree they donated to us. It looks magical with the lights and the decorations made by the children.



### Big Christmas Sing

Over the years our choir has grown and we now have a quarter of the school involved, with as many boys as girls, and children ranging from 6 years to 11 years. Christmas is a busy time for the choir and at the very end of November we started our Christmas singing by joining with other primary schools in Oxfordshire at the Big Christmas Sing. The event is organised by the Oxfordshire Music Service with Christian Aid and spans four days. On each day up to eight primary schools take part in a concert to sing Christmas songs together and perform a solo item. The atmosphere at Oxford Town Hall was exciting and the choir performed their solo item professionally - I was immensely proud of them as standing up in front of a large audience to sing is a real achievement.



The choir then sang at Cassington Café, at the school Christmas Fayre, at the Advent Service at St Peter's Church and finally at Churchfields.

### The Christmas Fayre

We have an active St Peter's School Association (SPSA) who work together to organise events to raise money for the benefit of the school. This year's Christmas Fayre was well attended and there were plenty of activities and stalls to enjoy and to spend money at. Father Christmas put in an appearance, much to the delight of the younger members of our community, and the various stalls proved a draw for the older people on the look out for Christmas presents and decorations. One room was set up especially for the children to buy and wrap a special present for their parents and another to make Christmas decoration. To help the evening along there were mince pies, mulled wine and pizza! The huge raffle was drawn at the end of the evening with the Christmas Hamper being won by the governor who had organised it - definitely no cheating in the ticket draw!



### Wizard William

One of the events that the SPSA pay for is our Pantomime. This year we decided to have an in house production 'Wizard William' by a travelling theatre group. The production had its own scenery, lights and costumes and was well received by the children. There were plenty of laughs and some slap-stick.

### Snow!!

When it snowed heavily on the Sunday, and after visiting the school, it was a clear decision to close. The Health and Safety of pupils and staff is a priority and the school site on the Monday was not safe. We also could not get enough staff in to ensure ratios were correct with no First Aiders. On the Tuesday I was helped by parents to clear pathways and we decided to open even though it was very icy. I was very touched by the dedication of the staff as they came in from as far away as Banbury. Unfortunately although we nearly had a full complement of staff we did not have a full complement of children. Wednesday saw us back to normal - the crisis over- for now.



### Nativity Play

One casualty of the snow was our nativity play. Instead of the three planned performances we could only put on one. Oak Class (Year 1 and 2) staged our nativity this year with a more traditional take on the Christmas Story. The children had great fun singing the songs and learning their lines. The Class teacher and Teaching Assistant worked hard to prepare the children including making costumes and directing the action. The play finished with the children performing 'twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' using Makaton signing.

Our very little children in Apple Tree Class (3, 4 and 5 year olds) also put on a performance singing Christmas songs to the other children and their parents.

### Big Red Bike

We were absolutely delighted when one of our children won the West Oxfordshire District Council Road Safety poster competition. Thomas Wilby (7 years) won a wonderful red bike with crash helmet and accessories. The prize, presented at our Celebration Assembly by the Chair of WODC, was a total surprise to Thomas and his parents, who were in on the surprise, were there to see him receive it. The bike was donated by Witney Rotary Club.



As I write this we have only one and a half days left at school. On Monday we have our Christingle Service at St Peter's Church followed by our school Christmas dinner. On Tuesday we have our party and we break up at 1.15pm.



## Eynsham Cubs become Dementia Friends



### 1st Eynsham Eagle pack Cub Scouts took part in a Dementia Friends session.

The session on Thursday 30 November 2017 was part of the Scouts and Alzheimer's Society's Million Hands partnership.

The group of Cub Scouts, who are 8-10 years old, joined the growing number of young people helping to create a dementia friendly generation by taking part in the session at Eynsham Scout HQ.

A Dementia Friend is someone who has gained a basic understanding about what it is like to have dementia and the small ways they can support someone living with the

condition.

With over two million people expected to develop dementia in the next 10 years, it is likely the majority of today's under-18-year-olds will be affected by the condition in their lifetime.

Vanessa Gregory, from 1st Eynsham Cub Scouts, said: "The session really helped the cubs understand what life is like for a person with dementia and how we can help. We are also hoping to organise a community dementia-friendly activity in the village."

Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friends Champion, Alex Williams, who delivered the Dementia Friends session said:

"Young people hold the key to what our society will look like in the future and we want it to be a dementia friendly one. The young people who learn more about dementia today are our future customer service managers, bus drivers, police officers, MPs and HR Directors, all important roles, who will have more patience with someone living with dementia or can influence policies to better support people with dementia and carers.

"That's why Alzheimer's Society is urging all young people to follow Clifford Beavers example and become Dementia Friends to help beat the stigma that exists in our society today."

For more information on becoming a young people and Dementia Friends, visit [www.alzheimers.org.uk/youngpeople](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/youngpeople) or [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk). Follow Dementia Friends on Twitter.

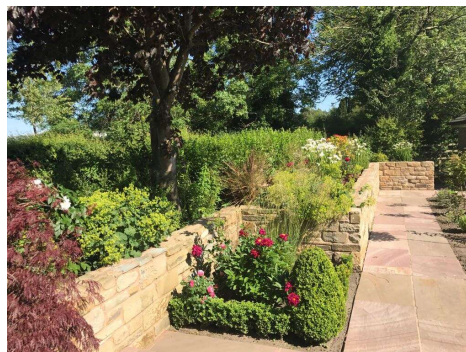
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## Observation by Stephen Wright

As part of my university course, I headed to Poole Town Ladies' training pitch to interview their manager for a piece on living in Poole. This turned out to be much easier said than done.

I had no idea where I was going, but in this day and age surely I could rely on technology to guide the way. My iPhone opted not to follow that script, as after I got off the bus, I realised I had been directed to the middle of a housing estate 17 minutes away from the leisure centre where I needed to be.

When I did eventually get there the interview went well. I wasn't nervous yet during the interview I felt sweat trickling down my back which was weird. I think that might have been a combination of lugging around a massive camera tripod and having chosen to wear a thick jumper over the top of my creased shirt because I'm too lazy to iron it.

Another strange journalism adventure saw me and some chums drive to London to interview some Jedi at YouTube Space. That's Jedi as in people who dress up as Star Wars characters in real life and consider Jediism to be a religion. If you're picking up a suggestion of mockery in my tone, you should have seen Piers Morgan ripping into them on Good Morning Britain. Anyway, despite the fact we couldn't find our reserved parking space in London and nearly ran over a handful of motorcyclists, we got a lot of good footage and it was interesting to speak to the Jedi, but more importantly the free pizza and free drinks were phenomenal.

Less phenomenal was when we forgot where the car was parked and only had ten minutes to find it before the car park closed, so that was thrilling.

One December morning, I had to get up at 4am as I had been on a work placement at Fire Radio in Southampton. We had an essay due at midday for our course. As I got up to have breakfast my housemate Josh was just submitting his assignment and hadn't even gone to bed! This is the kind of person Josh is. Did I mention that he ate half his advent calendar in November and then went out to buy a box of Heroes to re-stock it? He's a great guy, even if being from Yeovil means he's fascinated every time he sees a Dyson Airblade (they've not quite caught up with the rest of the country in terms of hand drying technology).

Outside of uni work, life has been just as ridiculous. We

went to a house party to celebrate Halloween and successfully deployed two thirds of the emergency services. The police came because the neighbours complained that we were making too much noise even though it hadn't reached 11PM yet and she was living on a street of student houses so what did she expect? An ambulance came because someone thought they fainted and their friend got carried away in dialling 999 when in fact they had just fallen over. The irony was not lost on me that this was a fancy-dress party and one bloke was dressed as a doctor but could do nothing to help. We were one lit match short of attracting the fire services and completing the set.

On a separate night, we went clubbing on what I assumed was a typical Wednesday night at Cameo. Wearing my brand new, smart shoes, my heart sank when I entered the main room. No-one told me it was a foam party. As someone who polishes his shoes as much as he irons his shirts, I had to accept that the foam cannon would permanently damage my footwear investment. For some reason, during the same night, my friend Ben stumbled over to me and hugged me and didn't let go until we both fell out the emergency exit. It's a miracle that they didn't kick us or at least him out.

Another night, another disaster. My housemate Jess became locked out of her own room as the door somehow locked itself with her key, phone and ID inside. We spent a long time trying to pick the lock with a makeshift bobby pin. After last month's failed attempt to climb on the roof of our conservatory, this unsuccessful effort to pick the lock to Jess' room once again highlighted my lack of manliness. Nonetheless I will blindly persist in the hope that one day I will pull off one of these macho tasks and gain some masculinity.

We all ended up going out apart from Jess and Josh. At the end of the night one of my other housemates was accidentally racist to the taxi driver, saying that we could get a cheaper ride through 'Asian persuasion.' Unfortunately, the driver, despite his appearance suggesting otherwise, wasn't Asian and did not take the comment well. He was from Southampton and said that everyone in the taxi could talk apart from the person who insulted him. No-one really wanted to be in the taxi at that point so it was an interesting dilemma of being in an uncomfortable, awkward situation, but not wanting to get out because we really wanted to get home please.

All in the name of festive spirit. Happy New Year Cassington!

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## **Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for entry to St Peter's CE Primary School in September 2019**

The governors of St Peter's CE Primary School are pleased to submit for consultation the draft admissions policy covering entry in September 2019. It is available for download from the school website at

**<http://www.st-peters.oxon.sch.uk/>** or as a hard copy by written request to the school office.

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Please send your responses by email to [office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk) or in writing for the attention of the governing body at the school address.

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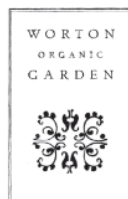
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Mr Furlong said: “Women can bring a different dimension to the job. The competencies are the same but individuals may have a different experience. That’s why we value diversity.”

Several taster days for women have been held over recent months and will continue into 2018.

Application for full-time posts in the service will open on January 8.

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**There is usually a service of Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 9.30am.**

**Prayers at 12 noon on Thursdays.**

**The church bells will usually be rung between 9.30-10am prior to the 10am service**

**Practice night is on Thursdays between 7pm and 8pm.**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

*Revd Duncan Fraser*

**10am St Peter's Together**

A monthly celebration suitable for all ages and an opportunity for church congregations,  
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*Revd Roger Aston*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**10am Holy Communion**

*Revd Duncan Fraser*

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

*Revd John Underwood*

**10am Morning Worship**

*Revd Duncan Fraser*

**11.30am Holy Communion at Churchfields Nursing Home**

*Revd Roger Aston*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

**10am Holy Communion**

*Revd Roger Aston*

**6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)**

*Revd Duncan Fraser*

### TINIES & TODDLERS

**January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th**

**A Parent/Carer & Toddler group in Cassington Village Hall**

**10.00-11.30am (term-time)**

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# Parish Council News

**December 2017**

## **Horsmere Lane**

Still awaiting action from Oxfordshire County Council.

## **Speed watch**

Five speed watches have been carried out since the beginning of November. 631 vehicles were observed with 18 speeders recorded.

## **War Memorial**

The War Memorial repair works are work in progress. It is hoped that the work may be completed next spring. We have just received another grant to pay the surveyor. We are looking to get quotes from stone masons.

## **Neighbourhood watch.**

Our Neighbourhood watch have put together a team which covers the whole village. It is hoped to produce a map soon showing the areas covered by team members.

## **CCTV.**

The Parish Council are getting further information on the types of recording devices available.

## **Play area at the recreation field.**

An order has been placed for the replacement edgings. Repairs are also planned for a beam adjacent to the floating bridge. Replacement planks on the platform are also planned.

## **Village Maintenance**

The Parish Council from time to time have small maintenance jobs. If you could help on a paid basis, please contact the clerk.

## **Parish Clerk vacancy**

The Parish Council currently have adverts out for this vacancy. Anyone interested should in the first instance contact the current clerk.

## **Bin Stickers 30 MPH**

The bin stickers have been handed out to houses close to the

main road.

## **Pavilion**

The Sports and Social club and the Parish Council have had a meeting and have adopted a plan for the refurbishment of the Pavilion. Quotes are being obtained for the work.

A grant has also been received for a Green Gym and the Sports and Social club hope to have this in place by the Spring.

The Sports and Social club are applying on behalf of the Parish Council for further grants to improve and add to the play equipment.

## **Parish Council Precept**

The Parish Council decided at the last meeting that they would keep the precept at its current level.

## **Allotments water supply.**

The Allotment Association are currently pursuing the possible installation of a well for which the Parish Council hope to offer support.

## **Bell Lane hedge**

The Parish Council have asked Highways to further cut back the hedge where it is narrowing the road.

## **Benches on the Green.**

The Parish Council have purchased three new benches. In the New Year they will be commemorated with plaques.

## **Trees on the Green**

The Parish Council are getting a report from specialists employed by WODC to see what pruning is necessary.

## **Clerk contact details**

Email [cassingtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:cassingtonclerk@gmail.com) Tel:01993 891 347

**Next Parish Council Meeting is Thursday 4th  
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*15th December 2017*



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**It will take place at  
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**Dates for your diary with  
Cassington Sports and  
Social**

Race night **Saturday 27th January**  
in the village hall more details to follow.

**February** – pub quiz

Spring Ball – **3rd March**

**Advance News!  
Sat 21st April  
Cassington Community day  
on Elm's Road Playing field**

Getting the community together, advertising local businesses, classes, clubs etc and making new friends and connections. We will hopefully be supported by the Police with vehicles and maybe even a Helicopter for the children!

More details will follow in due course, so please do keep the date in your diary for spring.

**Vicky Thomas-Clarke 07917 403976**

## **Campaigners dismiss Eynsham garden village review as council backs plans for new homes**

Tom Williams Oxford Mail 27/11/2017

CAMPAIGNERS fighting plans to build thousands of new homes near Eynsham have criticised a council review of the development.

As part of the examination of its local plan, West Oxfordshire District Council was asked by a Government planning inspector to demonstrate why land off the A40 to the north of the village was chosen as the site for a proposed 2,200 home 'garden village'.

Two sites north and south of the A40 at Barnard Gate were considered as alternatives but the council concluded that the land north of Eynsham was still the best option because it is closer to Oxford and planned transport improvements.

Villagers said the exercise was an attempt to justify a decision that had already been made, rather than a proper consideration of alternative plans, and warned so many new homes will place a huge strain on roads and services.

District councillor Peter Emery, who lives in Eynsham and represents the area, said the report was 'so full of holes it was like lace.'

He said: "It conveniently finds reasons to justify building at Eynsham rather than taking a proper look at the alternatives.

"There's a feeling that because we have committed to it, it must be done at any cost.

"But a bad plan is no better than no plan at all and I fear we are going blindly towards a bad plan."

In January the Government announced it was backing the garden village project.

The developments are intended to be settlements in their own right, with schools, community resources

and employment opportunities, and are encouraged to develop their own identity.

But Mr Emery said that the new homes would still be reliant on many existing Eynsham services, at least initially, and he had not seen any plans for new shops.

He said: "This is already going to be a village the size of Eynsham with plans to expand further.

"It is hard to understand how the creaky village infrastructure will cope.

"Best of luck to anyone trying to get in the Co-op with all those new people.

"It is not going to work, it is a mess."

Gordon Beach, the chair of Eynsham Parish Council, urged the council to sort out existing issues on the A40 before more homes are considered.

He said: "The road is already at a standstill most days and we don't feel there has been any concessions to residents' concerns."

District councillor Jeff Haine, the cabinet member for planning, defended the plans and said the Government backing would allow the council to access funds to improve transport links, including the A40, as well as provide 'much-needed- new homes.'

He added: "The science business park proposed with the garden village will give local people an alternative to driving to work in Oxford.

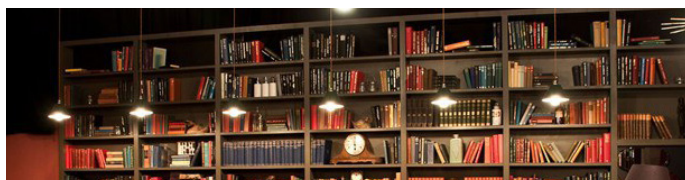
"In addition, the nearby Hanborough railway station together with the planned Park and Ride facility to the north of Eynsham also gives people an alternative to using their cars."

A public consultation on the plans is expected to begin imminently, and planning applications could follow.



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**Sports & Social Club**

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Dream Between Presents  
**The Three Musketeers**  
By Karen Betts



Coming soon 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> Jan 2018  
**Cassington Village Hall**  
*A comedy retelling of Dumas classic tale of heroism, loyalty, love ... and sword fighting!*  
www.dreampresents.co.uk  
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**Drama School**  
PLACES NOW AVAILABLE  
To enquire about a place:  
www.dreampresents.co.uk  
dreamstudios@hotmail.co.uk  
07740 281336

Cassington Village Hall, Cassington, Oxford.  
Professional child-centred drama and theatre arts classes for children aged 5 - Adult.  
At Dream we focus on the individual needs of our members as part of a creative team. We devise and produce plays together and provide opportunities to enable our young performers to grow in confidence and develop valuable social skills beyond the theatre.

WEDNESDAY 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm (Ages 5 - 9)  
WEDNESDAY 5.00pm - 6.30 pm (Ages 10- 13)  
WEDNESDAY 6.30pm - 8.00 pm (Ages 14 +)  
£5.50 per session ( including refreshments )

Past Productions:  
Blood Brothers, Fantastic Mr Fox, Wizard of Oz, Romeo and Juliet, Jeeves and Wooster, Oliver!, Jekyll and Hyde, Pride and Prejudice, Remember Them, Hound of The Baskervilles, Song of The Stars



## Dates for your diary

Unless shown, events are in the Village Hall

### January 2018

- Monday 1st, 10 am - 12 noon NO Cassington Cafe
- Thursday 4th, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
- Friday 5th, 7pm for 7:30pm Cassington Movies
- Monday 8th, 8pm (phone for venue) Cassington Bookworms
- Friday 12th, time TBA The Three Musketeers
- Saturday 13th, time TBA The Three Musketeers
- Thursday 18th, 7:45pm WI OPEN MEETING Tunnel Vision
- Saturday 27th, time TBA Sports & Social Race Night

### February 2018

- Thursday 1st, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
- Friday 2nd, 7pm for 7:30pm Cassington Movies
- Monday 5th 10 am - 12 noon Cassington Cafe
- Thursday 15th, 7:45pm WI : Travels with Aunty

### March 2018

- Saturday 3rd, time TBA Sports & Social Spring Ball

### April 2018

- Saturday 21st, time TBA Neighbourhood Watch  
Community Day at Elms Road Sports Field

Tickets for films and shows from:  
Ruth Bakewell (01865 883512)

## A village tradition

(A raffle with a difference)

Did you know every Saturday evening in the Red lion for the past 20+ years a meat draw has taken place?

Call in anytime from 9pm to buy your tickets.

£1 a ticket, drawn at 11pm and you could win a breakfast pack, joint of meat or chops for your Sunday roast, supplied fresh from Bartlett's butchers in Kidlington. (At least 5 prizes)

All proceeds go to the upkeep of the playing field via sports and social.



## what's on?



### MOVIE NIGHT 5th January 2017

## Hampstead (cert 12A)

Tickets £5 Ruth 01865 883512. Bar and raffle.  
Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm.



**CASSINGTON CAFÉ**  
CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday 1 JANUARY 2018  
NO GATHERING

CASSINGTON WI

OPEN MEETING : 18 JANUARY 2018

TUNNEL VISION by Chris Caddy

Story of the London Underground

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN



The Cassington  
Kickabout - every  
Wednesday at 6pm at  
Cassington playing fields

### **Cassington Bookworms**

Discussing 'Birdcage Walk' by Helen Dunmore at meeting on Monday January 8th. 8pm.

All welcome.  
Phone 880740 for venue

