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Boxing Day Match Report

After enjoying the festivities of Christmas Day, the married and single men of Cassington turned their attention to one thing; the highly anticipated boxing day match, which this year didn't fail to provide the drama. The two teams were fresh and rearing to go, with some new faces on both teams in an attempt to snatch the bragging rights for another year.

The game started off slow with both teams cautious, yet a few rash tackles soon put the game into full throttle, with players showing their full potential and just how reckless their tackles can be! A free kick from an impossible distance sparked the first goal, as the singles struck first blood through centre back and number 7, Shay, who struck a Ronaldo-like free kick which stunned everyone on and off the pitch and gave the goalkeeper no chance. With this advantage, the single men produced a second goal through Luke, who managed to wriggled his way through the married defence effortlessly and provided a deft chip over Rob in the married goal, which was a delightful sight for all watching, and it meant the singles had an insurance goal just 25 minutes into the game.

However, the married men weren't going to be pushed around by the singles and struck a goal of their own 5 minutes later when the ball fell to John on the edge of the area, who managed to neatly slot it in the bottom corner showing his experience and expertise in that field. The ball was collected from the net and the married men were spurred on by the goal which could lead to a resounding comeback. However, the singles still had a one goal lead by halftime as both sets of players came off the field looking as if they had played 90 minutes instead of 45 minutes. Needless to say, some players didn't look like they could make it through 45 minutes of play, yet all players returned onto the pitch seemingly revived and ready for what the second half had in store.

We picked up where we left off in the second half with tackles flying in

and both teams going close on many occasions, yet a confusion between goalkeeper and centre back left the married men and John with the ball just a few yards out, and he made no mistake in punishing the singles and drawing level on 60 minutes. This was well and truly game on. Then, just two minutes later, a panicked singles back line saw the ball being crossed in from Lionel, yet they failed to deal with it and although it took a few deflections, the ball hit the back of the net and there was no doubt that it was Lionel's goal and ultimately, a goal that meant the married men had completed their comeback and they now took the lead as the scores were 3-2.

Despite calls of "park the bus" all around from the married men, they went in search for more, leaving the back 4 lacking men in support of them and when the ball came in from Luke on the left side of the pitch, they struggled to deal with it and it ended up in the back of the net for the single men, and despite the lack of a known goal scorer, the goal was still celebrated across the pitch. And as the game was coming to a close and the players were looking as fragile as ever, the players seemed glad that the honours were shared and nobody was seriously injured (or so it was thought...)

Overall it was a very successful day for both teams as the game was tied at 3-3, and we saw one of the best goals ever scored on boxing day from man of the match Shay, who had a flying performance as the sweeper for the singles and he showed his potential from set pieces as well. Overall it was a thrilling spectacle, and despite the cold, we had a brilliant turnout of spectators who had come to support a team or just to marvel at the brilliant football on show. Both teams will be back at it again next boxing day, and we'll have to wait and see which team will be victorious after a year of sharing the bragging rights!

Aiden Mills reporting



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welcome

Kevin's CAWNeR

So AGM season is about to start - in February it's the turn of the Village Hall Committee. Comment has been made in the past that only the Committee attend - so are they only accountable to themselves for what happens at the Village Hall? Please make plans to attend if you use or would like to use the Village Hall.

And then there is the ongoing search and appeal for a new Parish Clerk. Several months later no one has been found and there is a threat / emotional blackmail that services could be curtailed if no one steps up. Do we need a Parish Council? A Parish Clerk? Do we need a new vision for the village, a new way of doing things? The Parish Council are due to be re-elected this year (end of the current 4 year term).

Some residents have asked for a new feature about local walks. Thanks for the replies so far - this month some general comments and I'm hoping greater detail about some of the walks in future editions.

I have approached about 40 civic, community, social and local business leaders for the proposed new series "5 minutes with". To date no positive responses. Are all just humble about their roles and influence in the village? Let me know if you would like to take part in the series.

Till next month - 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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Katherine MacAlister chooses the best restaurants, pubs and cafes in Oxfordshire, ranging far and wide and leaving no stone unturned.

The winners will be announced in Thursday 25 January edition

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Congrats to David and Anneke Blake

LONDON MARATHON 2018

I've been lucky enough to get a place in the public ballot for this year's London Marathon on 22 April. I have chosen to run for the Epilepsy Society, who as well as doing pioneering research work, also do great work in helping those with complex epilepsy conditions.

Just to spice things up, I've also challenged myself to run 1000 miles this year - that's 20 miles a week, every week (I've given my legs a 2 week break for a summer holiday!)

If you would like to help me along the way to my £1000 target, my sponsorship page is:

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To DIY or not to DIY that is the question.

I was brought up with the mindset of understanding how things work and fixing them when they go wrong, or doing jobs myself when they need doing. From televisions to toasters, decorating to demolitions, windows to washing machines I've done them all - but I am not a DIY addict and only do jobs that need doing.

I have just replaced the bearings on our washing machine which is not a job for the faint-hearted but, having done this job successfully twice before (on previous washing machines) I went ahead.

First you strip the washing machine right down, disconnecting most of the wiring and internal pipes and seals and remove the whole drum (inner and outer). You then split the outer drum and drive the inner drum, with it's "spider" & drive shaft, out of the bearings. Inevitably, the shaft will be seized in the bearings, and the bearings seized in the outer drum. This is where the hammer, WD40 and various cold chisels come into play and eventually (many cups of tea later) the components give-in to persistent aggression and determination.

When all was reassembled from our machine (and having no parts "left over") I gained the great satisfaction of the machine running smoothly again.

With this job and other DIY repairs there is one key element. This is, a clear diagnosis of the fault and a realistic assessment of your ability to be able to do the job. If the

diagnosis is extreme and your ability unlikely to be sufficient then it's time for calling in a professional or replacing the item.

The same is true of DIY religion. In the Christian understanding our diagnosis of the problem is that we are all "faulty" and tending to sin (however good we might be). Many people, even many who might consider themselves "Christian", make the mistake of thinking that they can be restored with God by themselves - a sort of DIY religious fix by being "good". However, the true diagnosis is too serious and our ability to fix it on our own is insufficient. Understanding that this is one problem that each of us cannot fix on our own (even if we were the most "saintly") is the key decision point of the Christian faith.

Instead of trusting in religious DIY the bible and Christian faith tell us to trust in the one who, through his sacrifice, was and is able to "make the fix" for us when it was beyond our ability.

Even replacing washing machines bearings is possible on our own, but fixing our relationship with God needs a Saviour - even Jesus Christ our Lord.

If you have time read Romans Chapter 5 verses 6-8 page 170 in your Jubilee New Testament (given to each household in the village at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.)

Revd Roger Aston

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Happy Harmonising!

Laura Rudge – WOC Choir director

Roy's ramblings

February 2018

January is not my happiest month as June passed away on 11th. I have been trying to work it out... I do miss her terribly... is it self-pity? At least I have many wonderful memories. At church on Sunday Hymn 40 was sung, being our favourite hymn... "Be still for the Presence of The Lord is in this Place". It nearly brought the tears... I felt very alone although I had many friends around me. I now know how other folk feel having lost loved ones. The programme on the Coronation was very good. The Queen lost her dad who she loved but was not allowed to shed a tear in public. As I have said before the world does not stop for you.

When you look around the world, I think how lucky we are to live in this country. We moan at least we can do it without getting locked up.

Everyone else has their say about Brexit. I will hope I don't cause any offence, I am of the age when whatever happens will not affect me too much. I don't want to live in a German state, that I feel is what is going to happen, then you will more than likely get locked up for moaning. Why don't we tell them we have paid enough for their wars, so we don't owe them anything? I suppose that is wishful thinking, they won't like it. Come on where has the old British spirit gone? I still think a prayer or two will help to sort it out, if enough people will do it. Come on try it. The politicians can't make their minds up.

I had the news on at meal time, only to hear Carillion, the huge company, had gone broke. I had noticed for several weeks comment on them in the Business and Financial news that they were in trouble. How on earth could the Government continue to grant them contracts? If we take business into government with this sort of action going on could they survive? When I think of all the folks losing jobs, small companies who will be out of pocket, possibly broke, caused by a company that was too big to be controlled. The pension problem. How on earth did they get the finance to get this big? I can see a lot of people having sleepless nights.

I was very lucky when I looked at a pension system for my company. The people who went through it said you can't run a final salary system, it will break you. I hear the health service does this so this will cause them financial problems in the future.

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By Celia Clark, Coordinator

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Our weekly courses continue too, and ones like Anyone Can Sing, Zumba Gold, life drawing, yoga, and pilates, can be joined mid-way through the term.

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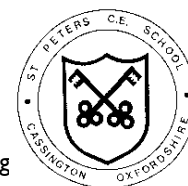
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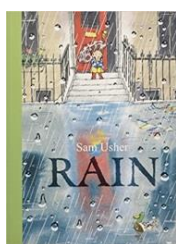
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After the very busy Christmas period at school we are now into a steady period of learning for the children. This doesn't just mean sitting at their tables all day but, with calmer classrooms, we can really get into depth with exciting projects.

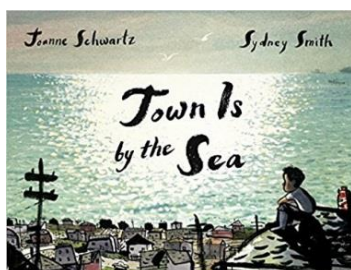
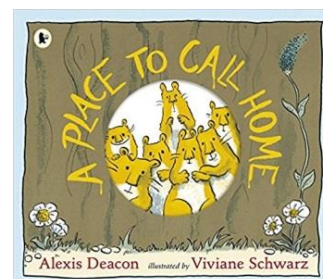
At the moment all of the classes are joining with the other Eynsham Partnership Academy primary schools in a text rich project. The classteachers have already spent a day before Christmas working with the teachers in the other schools to plan this terms lessons focused on a particular book. They are now teaching these lessons in class.



In Apple Tree Class (the Nursery and Reception children) they have a book called 'Rain' by Sam Usher. The children have been creating their own rainy day books, finding out about capacity, exploring floating and sinking and generally learning about the weather!

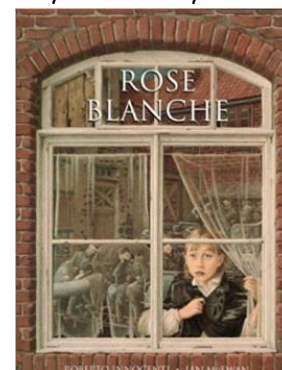
Some of the Reception have been inspired to write a sentence.

In Oak Class, Year 1 and 2, their book is called 'A Place to Call Home' by Alexis Deacon. They are investigating outer space at the moment in a topic called 'Zoom to the Moon'. They are all very excited to find out about the planets, black holes and other intriguing outer space phenomena. We are sure that the writing they do at the end of the topic will be great. If you are wondering about the link it is to do with holes!



Maple Class, Year 3 and 4, have a more sophisticated book 'Town is by the Sea' by Joanne Schwartz, a book about a mining community in the north. They had a 'Wow' activity in which the classteacher replicated some of what it felt to be down a coal mine by letting the children crawl through a darkened tunnel which was scattered with coal. The end product for this class will be descriptive writing.

Willow Class, Year 5 and 6, are studying 'Rose Blanche' by Ian McEwan. Set in the second world war the book focuses on conflict, looking at a situation from both sides. This class will build their learning towards writing a narrative piece based on the story.



Each book has been carefully chosen to extend the children and all activities have been carefully thought through to give a maximum, exciting learning opportunities. We are looking forward to getting together with our colleagues at the other EPA primary schools to share the results.

Our 'Stay and Play' sessions for pre-school children this coming term are:

Friday 23rd February and Friday 23rd March. The sessions start at 2pm and are for pre-school children. Please contact the school for further details.

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Cassington W.I. January 18th 2018

This month our meeting was open to all and Glenda Appleton, our president welcomed 5 visitors.

Pat Hughes, who has been a member for many years has decided to retire from membership; we wish her well and will be sending her a card and flowers.

The usual business was swiftly dealt with. **We were reminded of the Oxford Federation Annual meeting at the Newman Rooms, Oxford and the National Federation AGM at Cardiff in June. Both are open to all members.**

We were also reminded of our **local Group meeting on 1st March at Exeter Hall when Lesley Smith will be entertaining us about "Sex and the Tudors"!**

Our speaker for this evening was Chris Caddy whose talk called 'Tunnel Vision' was all about the history of the London Underground system.

The first operating tube was in 1863. The line was built and financed by a private company, the Metropolitan Railway. Other companies also invested in different tube lines until, by 1884 there were over 800 trains running around all or part of the Inner Circle every day. In 1890, a line using electric trains was opened. It was much deeper below ground than the other lines.

Now it is part of the Northern Line. More lines like this were opened. People liked them, so in 1905 the lines that used steam engines were changed to use electric trains.

An American, Charles Yerkes bought most of the companies and formed a company named Underground Electric Railways of London Company Ltd.

During the Second World War some Underground stations were used as shelters against bombs and one a factory.

After the war more passengers used the underground. Victoria Line was opened in the 1960s, and the Piccadilly Line was extended to Heathrow Airport in 1977. The Jubilee Line was opened in 1979. London's current Crossrail is the most expensive.

We were told many more fascinating facts. About the various station designs to the famous underground map designed by the electrician Harry Beck in 1932. The idea now copied all over the world.

Sheila Nelson thanked our speaker and we finished with a hot drink and biscuits.

Our next meeting will be on 15th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and the speaker will be Alistair Lack, The title, 'Travels with Aunty.' My life with the BBC World Service.

Fix My Street

The Oxfordshire County Council also works all year round doing some small-scale but very important work under its new minor works programme.

These relatively small and varied jobs make a big difference in towns and villages and are undertaken by four small teams who travel round the county and have so far, since July 2017, completed more than 160 jobs, with more being done all the time.

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are each equipped with a truck and tools, with specialist gear such as mini diggers being called in when needed.

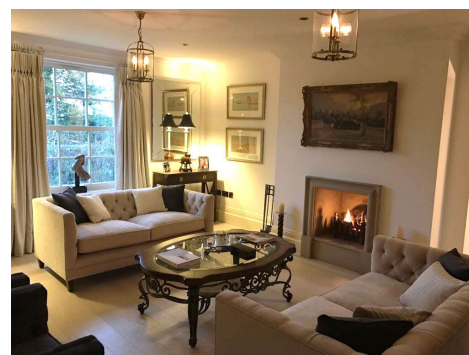
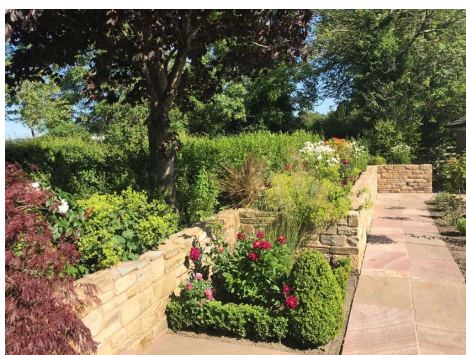
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Observation by Stephen Wright

December was a football-filled month. My first adventure saw me, a follower of AFC Bournemouth and my friend, a Chelsea fan, head to Stamford Bridge to watch Chelsea vs Bournemouth. He wasn't too impressed when I turned up to his house wearing a Bournemouth shirt given that we were sitting among the Chelsea fans. I wanted to feel like a sneaky undercover fan from the opposition, but he forced me to swap it for another shirt lest the Chelsea Head Hunters – a genuine group of hooligans – hunt for my head.

I caved in and we began our journey to Hillingdon train station – one we had ventured on once or twice before. Of course, with him being a student in Exeter and me studying in Bournemouth, we hadn't seen each other for a long time, and so ended up chatting in the car (and by chatting, I mean him telling me he is vegan now), so much so that we missed the turning for Hillingdon. We suddenly had no idea where we were going but a good idea that we might have to pay a congestion charge.

We followed the signs for the nearest train station and ended up heading into London via Greenford train station which was relatively painless. Alas, we journeyed to King's Cross to spend some time at Camden market before going to the game. If you've never been, Camden market is one of those goofy places with funky colours and prints everywhere, catered for by those people who give you free samples of their tasty Chinese chicken to tempt you to come back and, heaven forbid, pay for more. We did the British thing of politely nodding and saying that we would come back before never setting foot anywhere near the stall again.

Anyway, eventually we got to the stadium and watched the game. It was following the expected script as Bournemouth were 1-0 down for most the game, but when they equalised with minutes to go near the end of the game I could only allow myself a mere gasp, what with me being surrounded by Chelsea fans ready to hunt my head. I wished I was in the opposite stand where all the Bournemouth fans were jumping up and down; less so when Chelsea went up the other end and scored another goal a minute later. No-one else among the home support would have 'celebrated' the winning goal more begrudgingly than I, as I was forced to stand up and applaud my team getting knocked out of the cup. "Let's go to watch the football" they said, "it will be fun" they said. Hmm.

Besides that, Cassington continued its annual tradition of holding a married vs singles match on Boxing Day – something which one of my colleagues at Bournemouth finds hilarious for some reason. I feel like we're closing the gap on the married men, as we drew 3-3 in an entertaining clash, an improvement on last year's 4-3 defeat. Please, if any of you single folk are thinking of getting married in the next year, remember how close we are to winning this tie. We need you. This should be at the forefront of anyone's thinking when planning future relationships. I probably won't propose to anyone until I'm confident that the singles don't stand a chance in the Cassington Boxing Day match. Either way, it was somewhat comforting to know that some traditions never change, as Wayne booted the ball over the crossbar for the 37th time.

Outside of football, of course we had Christmas day itself, for which my dad got my mum one of those Amazon Alexa devices. I was in my bedroom when I suddenly heard my parents shouting commands at this machine. To me, it felt odd that they were trying to communicate with something that's not human and so, keen to test the full extent of their new toy, I abruptly told Alexa to play Metallica and turn the volume up to 10. My parents weren't so fond of Alexa after that.

Back at AFC Bournemouth, and The Cherries were playing at home to Everton. On match days, I work on an accessible entrance to the stadium for the away fans. Of course, when those who aren't in wheelchairs or on crutches see disabled people taking this shortcut to get through to pitch-side (because they can't go through the turnstile), some of them think they'll try their luck. Now, I appreciate that not all illnesses are visible, but it seemed strange when, after one Everton fan got past us by saying he has asthma (I don't know why that means you can't go through a turnstile either), suddenly the next five Everton fans all had asthma too. That's odd, considering no-one else had used that technique all season. I didn't realise it was so infectious. My colleague pointed out that whilst most fans tend to cheer if their team scores a goal, this lot would just be coughing.

Anyway, after Bournemouth beat Everton 2-1 I took the train back to Oxford. There were a few Everton fans on the train which was going all the way to Manchester. I wasn't really sure what to say to them, if anything. I didn't want to offer my condolences because I wasn't remotely sorry that their team had lost. I felt it would have been a bad time to tell them that deep down I am first and foremost a Liverpool fan, unless I wanted to get thrown off at Basingstoke.

Top prize for road safety champions

Eight West Oxfordshire primary school pupils are the proud owners of new bikes after winning a special competition.

They were selected from scores of entries from youngsters at 23 primary schools across the District who designed posters highlighting road safety for cyclists.

The competition was organised by Cllr Norman MacRae MBE, Chairman of West Oxfordshire District Council with sponsorship from Witney Rotary, Carterton Lions, Chipping Norton Lions and Witney Lions clubs, Witney Round Table and Mrs Carole MacRae.

Cllr MacRae said: "The standard of entries was really high and it is encouraging to see so many young people becoming aware of the importance of road safety.

"It was also a fantastic surprise for the winners and I loved seeing how delighted they were to be given a new bike."

The competition is inspired by classes on road safety and cycling proficiency which are carried out by the schools in association with the police.

As well as receiving a new bike, each of the eight children also had a helmet and bike lights.

Pictured is Thomas Wilby of St Peters School, Cassington. He is with from left: Dion Hickin (President Witney Rotary), Mrs Carole MacRae and Cllr Norman MacRae.

The other winners are Bethany Sparrowhawk (Aston & Cote School), Jacob Peate (Gateway, Carterton), Evie Maunder (Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton), Ella Merry (Leaffield), George Belcher (Middle Barton), Millie Walker (North Leigh) and Eloise Harkness (Wychwood).



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ASH WEDNESDAY is on the 14th February this year. This is the first day of the 40 Days of Lent in which Christians prepare for Easter. On Ash Wednesday anyone can come forward to be marked with ash as a sign to God of their admission of past failings and a determination to try to serve God and others more faithfully in the future. Mass on this day is at 10.00am and 7.00pm

LENT IS KEPT IN MANY WAYS so Christians may choose to give something up, to eat less or watch TV less or be on the Internet less, but they may also choose to take on something extra, like going to a weekday Mass or adding a time of prayer in some other way.

THE BIBLE SHARE every Wednesday at 10.45am for an hour in the Tolkien Room might be an idea for those who choose to take on something extra in Lent

THE LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE with time for individual Confessions is on Tuesday 27th February at 7.00pm. A number of priests will be present. This is yet another way of keeping Lent

TIMES OF WEEKDAY MASSES sometimes change. They are shown on the weekly newsletter available in Church every weekend or on the Website. See the Tab Newsletter
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FEBRUARY 2017

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

On Saturday 24th February there will be a one-off special practice with ringing from 10.30 am to 11.45 am approximately.

Sunday 5th February

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd Hugh Atherstone

10am ST PETER'S TOGETHER

Revd Roger Aston

St Peter's Together is usually held monthly
on Sunday mornings in the church.

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opportunity for church congregations,
St Peter's School and Cassington
Community to gather together.

Sunday 12th February

10am Holy Communion

Revd Roger Aston

(Preacher: Margaret Thornton)

Sunday 19th February

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Morning Worship

Revd Chris Sugden

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

Sunday 26th February

10am Holy Communion

Revd Andrew Atherstone

(Guest Preacher)

6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Keith Jones



TINIES & TODDLERS

Mondays – February 20th, 27th (term-time only)

A Parent/Carer & Toddler group in Cassington Village Hall 10.00-11.30am

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The group is being run by St Peter's Church in partnership with local parents

**There are a number of activities and cell groups for young people
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Please do contact our Youth Worker, Olly Shaw - details below.

Contact details:

Associate Curate – Revd Roger Aston Tel: 01865 880757 email: rogera52@aol.com

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Parish Council News

January 2018

Horsemere Lane

Still awaiting action from Oxfordshire County Council.

Speed watch

A new round of speed watches start 24th January

War Memorial

The Parish Council have employed a Surveyor to oversee the works.

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.

Play area at the recreation field.

The repairs to the edgings and beam should be complete by the time of this publication

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.

Pavilion

We hope to have more news on grants for the pavilion and new play equipment next month.

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. We are still waiting for this work to be done.

Benches on the Green.

The Parish Council have purchased three new benches. In the Spring 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. It hoped the same contractor will cut back the beech hedge in the cemetery.

Clerk contact details

Email cassingtonclerk@gmail.com Tel:01993 891 347

Next Parish Council Meeting is Thursday 1st February 2018 at 7.30pm at the Village hall.

Hugh Thomas
Chairman, Cassington Parish Council
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(full price £12, senior concessions £11, under 18 £1) will be available at the door from 7pm.

For more information, please telephone 01993 702296 or visit the Witney Music Society website www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk

VILLAGE WALKS

PART ONE

I too would "be pleased" to hear of unknown trails. The vexed question of closed/forbidden paths will be contentious. Possibilities of interesting walks have drastically been reduced since I moved here in 1976.

Assuming you don't include any along paved roads, there are exceeding few.

TO THE NORTH there is only the path to Purwell Farm and beyond to the Evenlode, which becomes very muddy beyond the first quarter mile. In total perhaps two and half miles.

TO THE SOUTH one can reach the Thames but only by Durham Lane (marked PRIVATE ROAD) which peters out after quarter to half a mile –OR–

By climbing over the barrier on the opposite side of the A40 to Horsemead Lane. Perhaps half a mile, liable to flood.

TO THE WEST there is no path but one can walk to Eynsham past the Mercedes-Benz garage, the so-called Cassington Road which is paved and reaches B4449 after one and quarter miles from the A40. Off this road there is a footpath to the left which takes you to another part of Eynsham – very susceptible for those with a dog-allergy, since it is the haunt of dogs and their walkers.

TO THE EAST, there are two paths that pass Tuckwells Pond over the Slade Brook to Worton, say half mile for those who can cope with the three stiles. (Beyond Worton one can reach Yarnton by the often very muddy "path" under the rail and across a cultivated field (two and a quarter miles in all)). –OR–

One can go along Lynton Lane over 2 stiles to cross a frequently flooded meadow to the Slade Brook from where the footpath is very badly maintained and, in the growing season, infested with nettles. Beyond it leads to Yarnton Mead and the Thames but very liable to flooding or at best boggy, ill-defined paths – it is marked towards Wolvercote (two and a half miles) but that would be an adventure!

(After retirement in 2000 I used to lead walks for the Pensioners, ex University employees until 2016 and for 5 years ran a coffee morning and walk for all the West Oxfordshire members. I gave a Village Hall a commercial booking and was proud to take the people on the then available paths. Worton Farms and ARC/Hanson have a lot to answer for.... for each of those 5 walks took a different path....).

David Chamberlain

VILLAGE WALKS - PART TWO

Some years ago I was asked by the Parish Council to explore footpaths around Cassington. I spent a fair amount of time on this. Walked all of them, cleared a lot of them. Wrote them up and passed them to PC. I also found a lot of people interested and got a lot of them together and started a Walking Club. Sadly ill health meant I had to drop out and no one was

prepared to take over. Would be interested to help as Elspeth and I still enjoy walking. Not as fast as we used to be.

Bill Fereday

Editor's note: I have asked the Parish Clerk if these notes can be located and waiting to be heard back in due course.

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If the Council cannot find a Clerk soon then the Parish Council may have to suspend some of the activities carried out by the Council.

Provision of grass cutting, play areas and general looking after village maintenance would have to be curtailed.

Please if you think you could help contact me.
Hugh Thomas

Chairman Cassington Parish Council.

It does under line the fact that very few people in the village can find time to help out in the community. I am finding that my time is increasingly taken up with village matters.

Following our last PC meeting I had a list of ten or more items to urgently deal with which pretty well took a day to deal with.



what's on?

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Cassington, then and now

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Sports & Social Club

The MUGA pitch is now fully operational and is being used regularly. If you know of any teams that would be interested in hiring the pitch, please do put them in touch with [Graham Mills \(cassingtonsport@millsclan.force9.co.uk\)](mailto:cassingtonsport@millsclan.force9.co.uk). The tennis season has now come to a close and the nets have been taken down but the MUGA can be booked for football or hockey training by emailing Graham.

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We will keep you updated on our development plans but if you have any specific ideas, please email
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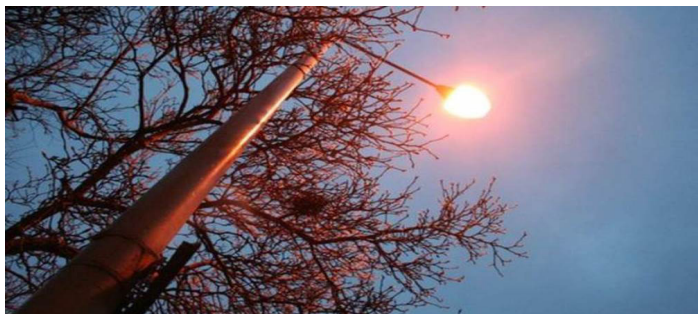
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 If anyone is new to the village and would like a friendly chat to introduce themselves and their families, feel free to contact Vicky (07917 403976; vickyt@pink-sky.co.uk) or Jess (07852187079; lefevrejessica@yahoo.com).

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



Turning dog poo into power

A street lamp powered by dog poo is helping to guide walkers on the Malvern Hills and is believed to be the first of its kind in the UK.

Environmentalists have built a device that allows pet owners to deposit a compostable bag of waste, which a specially made anaerobic digester converts into gas which then powers the light.

Brian Harper has been testing the "canine lantern" for more than two years with waste from overflowing bins around Malvern.

Dog walkers are now being offered free paper bags on the way up a popular route and urged to deposit them in the digester on the way down.

The methane produced is stored and allows the light to burn for two hours every evening, guiding walkers.

"We have a problem particularly of plastic bags [containing dog waste] being left all over the place. They end up in trees, undergrowth." **Brian Harper**



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

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
 Tuesday 13th, 7pm **Village Hall Committee AGM**
 Thursday 15th, 7:30pm WI : Travels with Aunty
 Monday 19th 10am - 11:30am Tinies & Toddlers
 Monday 19th 8pm Cassington Bookworms
see advert on this page for venue
 Tuesday 20th, 7-8pm **Self Defence Class**
 Friday 23rd, 2pm St Peter's Pre-School Stay & Play
Venue St Peter's School
 Monday 26th 10am - 11:30am Tinies & Toddlers

March 2018

- Thursday 1st, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
 Friday 2nd, 7pm for 7:30pm Cassington Movies
 Saturday 3rd, time TBA Sports & Social Spring Ball
 Monday 5th 10 am - 12 noon Cassington Cafe
 Thursday 15th, 7:30pm **WI : AGM & Supper**
 Friday 23rd, 2pm St Peter's Pre-School Stay & Play
Venue St Peter's School

April 2018

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

Tickets for films and shows from:

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 2nd February 2017

Victoria & Abdul

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 5th February 2018
 10am - 12 noon

CASSINGTON WI

Thursday 15 FEBRUARY 2018 - 7:30pm

TRAVELS WITH AUNTY by Alistair Lack

My Life with the BBC World Service



The Cassington
 Kickabout - every
 Wednesday at 8pm at
 Cassington playing fields

Cassington Bookworms

'Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont' by Elizabeth Taylor at meeting on Monday FEBRUARY 19th. 8pm.

All welcome.
 Phone 880740 for venue.

