

CASSINGTON & WORTON NEWS

News and views from the parish of Cassington and Worton

March 2018 (#489)

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Cassington's very own green gym.

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Oxford Welcome Former Star James Clarke as Club Ambassador

26TH JANUARY 2018

Former Oxford City Stars player James Clarke has re-joined the Stars as Club Ambassador.

Mr Clarke graduated from the City Stars junior set up and made his debut in 1992 and went on to represent the club hundreds of times, both as a forward and defender. He played for other clubs, including Telford and Milton Keynes Thunder, but always returned to his home club.

The former player, who is the Director of The Red Corner, a major photocopier and print solutions business based in Witney, is "delighted" to return.

Mr Clarke will support the club's Board in achieving its aims to grow the Stars commercially, develop more community links and the junior ranks

He said: "The Board have really pushed the club forward and I fully share in the ambition to put Oxford on the ice hockey map. My passion is to help grow the club off the ice to support our vision to make the Stars a force to be reckoned with. It's an honour to become Club Ambassador and I am looking forward to using my experience and getting involved at a senior level in key areas that will make a difference.

"I am so pleased to be back home at such an exciting time for the club."

Stars director James Schall, said: "It's fantastic to have a club legend back and fully involved at a top level. It demonstrates just how much people love the club and that passion never leaves you. We are fortunate to have someone who wants to help make a difference, combined with such experience of ice hockey and business on board. I am sure everyone will welcome James back and we wish him every success."

Contributions should be provided by 20th of the month. Email submissions (in the body or as a Word attachment) to: cawneditor@gmail.com. Photographs should be supplied as separate attachments, not placed in the Word file. Typed or clearly handwritten submissions may be posted to: Kevin Burroughs, 5 Hollow Furlong, Cassington, OX29 4ET. We look forward to hearing from you.

welcome

Kevin's CAWner

A last minute appeal has been received via Parish Council for residents to respond - please read below.

Till next month - happy reading.

Kevin

Local Airspace Development Consultation

We want to encourage all Councils, as representatives of their local residents, to review the consultations and consider the potential effects on the local community's quality of life and safety. Please respond on behalf of your community. A non-response is taken as approval. The deadline for responses is **Thursday 5th April 2018**. Full details are on village noticeboards.

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Planning for this year's Cassington Bike Night is getting started. We would like to invite anyone who wishes to know more about this village event to a meeting on **Tuesday 13th March at 7:30pm in the Red Lion**. Come along if you wish to know more or have some views. We will talk everyone through the event plan including details of which charities benefit financially, traffic management, safety and volunteering. We are always looking for new volunteers to help with planning and help on the day, which this year is Monday 25th June.

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Our Member of Parliament feedback

In my recent meeting with Parish Councillors and local volunteers from Cassington and Worton, we discussed the high volume of speeding through the two villages, as well as the recent increase in burglaries in the local area. I have been in contact with Thames Valley Police (TVP) about these matters, asking them to investigate these reports and provide the support we need to stop these activities. I was pleased to hear about the great work that the local Neighbourhood Watch Team has done to prevent and report these activities; I would strongly encourage you to join this group and support their work.

We also discussed concerns regarding the proposed Garden

Village and the effect this will have on local transport infrastructure, particularly congestion on the A40. I am working with authorities at both Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) to finally fix this problem that affects so many of us. Indeed, I recently spoke on this specific matter in a debate in Parliament on 'Housing, Planning and the Green Belt'; in my speech, I made these very points and highlighted the strength of feeling around this issue. At this point, my colleagues know that if I am to speak in a debate, I will almost certainly mention the A40!

If you would like to contact me about this or anything else, please do email me at robert@robertcourts.co.uk.

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!)

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Richard Martin

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PAY LESS - RECYCLE MORE

“Life begins at 40”

Do you remember the TV comedy “Life begins at 40” with Derek Nimmo and Rosemary Leach?

You would need to be over 40 to remember it because it was broadcast in 1978 (and having just 2 series.) – (You can still see them on YouTube)

Also, do you remember that advertisement for a “pick-me-up” called “Phyllosan” which supposedly “fortified the over forties”.

Apologies to younger readers for whom the above may seem like nostalgic ramblings (no offence intended towards my good friend Roy Partridge).

To the point – it’s the season of Lent where traditionally Christians remember Jesus fasting in the wilderness for forty days and nights being tempted by the devil. So, the season of Lent is celebrated for 40 days prior to Easter (not counting Sundays). Christians may fast or take on other spiritual disciplines or do charitable works during Lent.

The number “40” has a special significance. When Moses liberated the Israelites from Egypt they wandered in

the wilderness for 40 years before entering the “promised land” and beginning a new era.

Jesus, having just been baptised in the river Jordan by John the Baptist, but before he embarked on his ministry, went into the wilderness for forty days.

The symbolism is that Jesus is the new Moses, the new liberator. He is the one whom ushers in the beginning of the new era, the new kingdom, the new testament, - for those who would trust in him. Supremely this is given through Christ’s death on the cross and through his resurrection which we celebrate at Easter. Hence the 40 days of Lent before Easter reminding us of that new beginning, the new covenant with God through the cross and empty tomb made possible at Easter.

Life begins at 40? Well maybe, but “New life begins after ‘40’ (even without Phyllosan).

Wishing you a reflective Lent and a joyful Easter,

Revd Roger Aston

In Thankful Remembrance

*Lynn James and Philip Jenkins, would like to thank the many residents of Cassington who were able to attend the funeral service of their mother, **Vivienne Jenkins**, at St Peter’s Church on Monday 22nd January. It was a beautiful and well attended service, run jointly by the local minister, the Reverend Roger Aston and the Reverend Doctor Martin Wellings (from Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford), with the organ played by Keith Lambert, the regular organist at Wesley Memorial Church.*

Vivienne, and her husband George who pre-deceased her, loved living in Cassington and made many good friends in the village. We would like to acknowledge the friendship that so many of you showed to Vivienne and to thank you for the help and support you gave her, enabling her to live in her own home until her death.

She made an impact on so many lives and we know that she will be greatly missed by family and friends alike.

Thank you, Philip Jenkins and Lynn James

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Happy Harmonising!

Laura Rudge – WOC Choir director

Roy's ramblings

March 2018

The most important memo: **ALL MEN MAKE SURE YOU GET YOURSELF CHECKED FOR PROSTATE CANCER.** It is now a bigger killer than breast cancer. My Prostate cancer was only found after a check for something else...

I am struggling a bit... my mood matches the weather – miserable, it's raining and dull. Looking on the bright side, I have no problems like the folk who have been thrown out of their country or those with war going on around them or folk who are ill in hospital or homeless or have incurable disease.

My main thing now is memories. I have many of them... a lot centred on one person. We did so much together. When things went wrong at the business, she was always my first confidante. It was surprising how much we sorted out together. You see I found that a woman's logic is different to a man's. We would sit down together, talk the problem over. I found her proximity calmed me down. I realise how many folk I know who have lost loved one's feel now. I count my blessings because we had 55 and a half years together. How she put up with me I don't know! We made heaven out of chaos, all with the help of God. The main thing was we always said our prayers together. The old saying "You pray together you stay together" seemed to work.

As I have said many times, I was not going anywhere to find a girl... so I prayed for one! God sent me an angel, all the way from Essex, even to the extent of telling her to ask for Roy Partridge if her Morris Minor had trouble. There was a problem as she didn't know who Roy was between Derek Waters (who was my first employee) and me! It took me about four years to ask her out...in fact she asked me first! She had her mother stopping up here. I could not go as I was working late as usual. I did not get straight back to her. God had to whisper in my ear, "She might leave". I got her phone number and rang up June, said "Yes please!" When this young lady turned up that day little did I know my future had arrived!

I hope I have not bored you all. It just proves what prayer will do for you, all you sceptics take note!

I will wish you all the Peace of God, which is way beyond our understanding, be with you all.

Roy Partridge

VILLAGE WALKS – PART THREE

In response to both David Chamberlain and Bill Ferreday's comments on village walks in last month's issue, I agree that there are few local walks of interest or indeed that provide much pleasure. However, if you are willing to use a car or a bike there are several walks in the locality that I have discovered in the last few years that are not widely known. These include Devil's Quoits – the stone circle at Stanton Harcourt which can be combined with a walk round Linch Hill fishing lake; Kirtlington Quarry nature reserve where there is a labyrinth made of locally collected stones; Thrupp has a new walking trail which can be combined with a walk to Weavely Furze community wood; Tar Lakes; and one I haven't explored recently Standlake mosaic trail. If you are willing to go further afield there is a walk at Heythrop where you can see camels, zebras, a giraffe and on occasions hear wolves or even lions! And closer to Cassington lots of walkers are now walking around one or both of the Farmor reservoirs – ideal if you want a brisk walk with no mud.

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By Celia Clark, Coordinator

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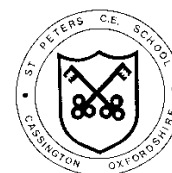
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School Concert

As a school we are always looking for ways to broaden our children's experiences and give them learning opportunities in exciting and innovative ways.



At the end of January we decided to take our older two classes, Maple and Willow, to listen to the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra at the Sheldonian Theatre. The concert gave the children access to a building which many of them had never been inside and provided a wonderful chorus of 'wows' and 'oohs' as they soaked up the atmosphere and grandeur of their surroundings.

Getting to the Sheldonian had proved problematical as a sink hole had appeared in Broad Street the day before. This meant that we, and ten other schools, had to walk the children from St Giles to the

theatre including a child with a broken foot!

Once safely inside we settled down in anticipation to await the arrival of the the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra. The children were enthralled as the orchestra entered in their formal black carrying their instruments. The instrumentalists of the orchestra all attend Oxfordshire Secondary Schools, ranging in age from 13 to 17 years. The organisers of the concert, Oxfordshire County Music Service, had thoughtfully supplied a high quality programme which included pictures of the various instruments of the orchestra so the children could match them.

We clapped as first the leader of the orchestra come into the auditorium and then the conductor, Dr John Traill. The concert was just as much a chance for the orchestra to perform as it was a concert for the schools so every protocol was followed.

The orchestra began by playing Shostakovich's Festive Overture with great gusto and precision. They then split the tune Frere Jacques into phrases so that each set of instruments could play and their sound could be identified. There followed pieces describing events - Copland's Hoe Down from Rodeo and Delius' Winter Night; pieces describing people - Elgar's Enigma variations (Theme, 11 and 7) and Beauty and the Beast; and pieces describing activities - Tchaikovsky's Russian Dance from the Nutcracker and Respighi's Pines of Rome.



During Beauty and the Beast the children were treated to a dance between two members of the orchestra dressed as the main characters. The standard of musicianship was high and the sound the youth orchestra made could easily rival many adult orchestras. They were excellent. The children applauded loudly and clapped along when asked to.

The feedback from children and staff alike was overwhelmingly positive - they had a great time and came back to school enriched by the experience.



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.

On February 15th Cassington WI held their monthly meeting in the Village Hall.

We greeted two visitors and noted our numbers were down as several members were away on holiday or poorly.

The business section followed the usual pattern with various meetings and outings announced.

Arrangements were finalized for our March meeting which is the annual meeting followed by filled jacket potatoes and apple pie supper.

Our president, Glenda Appleton then read a rather lengthy letter from the WI National Chair in response to much adverse criticism made recently in the press. We were assured that our subscriptions are certainly not wasted, that Denman College will remain and that the HQ in London was a good investment.

The business was followed by our speaker, Alastair Lack who had worked for the BBC World Service for 26 years finally ending up as Head of Production.

He explained how the world service began in 1932 as the BBC Empire Service, broadcasting on shortwave and aimed principally at English speakers across the British Empire. Programmes in German started on 29 March 1938, and by the end of 1942 broadcasts were being made in all major European languages. It was based at Bush house in the Strand and, apart

from a few temporary moves, finally moved to Oxford Circus.

We were told of his many experiences meeting some very famous people and also how the service was such an aid and comfort to many, including people such as Ghandi, Terry Waite, John McCarthy and Nelson Mandela. A very important link with the outside world.

Our speaker had been to the Falklands to cover the recovery after the war ceased and then to the Argentine to interview! He had followed the Presidential election of Ronald Raegan in 1981 .what an experience that was! He had covered the Middle East especially in Jerusalem; Africa during the Referendum in 1994, He had been up the Khyber Pass , and Berlin before and after the Wall came down. There were many other news situations and he had met so many fascinating people.

It was an enthralling talk that we won't forget for a long time. Linda Kimber gave the vote of thanks; the raffle was drawn and won by Sheila Nelson and refreshments served by Linda and Maggie.

Next month, 15th March in the Village Hall at 7.45 the Annual meeting followed by supper.

Jane Cook 16.02.2018

Sports & Social Club update

We are pleased to update you that we have received funding to install an outdoor gym at the playing fields as part of the playing fields improvement project. Huge thanks to Sport England for providing the grant to make this possible. The gym has now been installed and is available for all to use. Four pieces of gym equipment have been provided and are located behind the MUGA pitch. They include a stepper, a cross trainer, a high pulley a and chip up & dip bar. The equipment is for the use of individuals aged 14+ and over 1.4m in height. Each piece of equipment has a sign to explain how to use it and also comes with an app to monitor your progress. We are will arrange a launch event which will be publicised in due course. See below a drawing of the proposed location of the new playground and

the current green gym location.

The fundraising target for the whole project is an ambitious £53,800 of which we have raised £28,025 but have a long way to go. We have fundraising events planned and grant applications in progress. More on this over the coming months.

You will have noticed the increased use of the playing fields by local sports teams. We have a variety of other villages using the fields and the MUGA pitch for matches and training, including Freeland, Stonesfield and Hailey. We also have a team who will be using the cricket pitch in the summer.

Sports and Social have the following events coming up:

3rd March - Mardi Gras Ball in the village hall. We have a few tickets remaining, contact suzilewis42@gmail.com to reserve yours asap.

14th April - Pub quiz in the Red Lion



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Observation by Stephen Wright

Living in a house with one guy and three girls has been a real eye opener to just what girls are like. Whilst they may seem glamorous on the outside, they are also capable of blocking the toilet with a massive poo.

Some of the stereotypes are definitely true. Case in point: the length of time it takes for them to get ready for a night out. Whilst I – your basic meat and potatoes Fray Bentos kind of guy – can literally be ready in 20 minutes (have shower, insert contact lens, style hair, put on un-ironed shirt), the girls truly do take decades. Josh isn't much better, as he agonises over which floral bandana to adorn.

I've also found myself in the situation of being Head of Media for Poole Town Ladies, so now I'm learning more about grown women as well as young adults. Having put a lot of time and effort into preparing for my first game, of course it was postponed due to the weather, so we all went to Nando's. It was quite surreal going for a meal with seven women, but the chicken was as tasty as ever so I didn't care.

Sometime in mid-February, I just felt that I needed to get away from it all, precisely five and a half hours away, as I ended up doing a work placement at Chesterfield Football Club. Nick, the Head of Media at this club, offered me the chance to stay in his guest house,

because he assured me it would be cheaper than staying in a hotel. If I had known it would be cheaper because the wi-fi didn't work, the shower didn't work, the oven didn't work, and the toaster didn't work, I think I'd have opted for the hotel.

It turned out to be a brilliant week, truth be told, even if I was out of touch with the rest of the world, smelly, starving, and not eating toast. I was given a lot of responsibility and never got bored, as is often the case on work experience when the employer hasn't prepared anything for the student.

Regardless, you'd be surprised how much football journalism involves going to schools and churches. I was tasked with putting together a promotional video for the club's Community Trust, which was fun and a good way of getting out of the office each day. The purpose of our school visits were to film some of the players delivering an assembly, as well as a P.E. session run by the club. Nevertheless, I fear the impression it sends out when I tell people that on my work placement I went to a primary school with a camera and filmed children.

All in all then, it was a very worthwhile experience and you, the residents of Cassington, were given this column as a result of the long journey home from Chesterfield to Bournemouth. Having said that, whoever decided to make me interview a Swindon fan for a programme feature when I am from Oxford can go spend a week in Nick's guest house.

Oxfordshire County Council agreed its budget today (13 February)

following a five hour meeting of all 63 county councillors.

Key points include:

- * Finances are sound compared to other councils, with difficult decisions taken previously
- * Council tax rise will deliver extra money for adults and children's social care
- * Proposal to extend £500,000 contribution for homelessness for an extra year in 2019/20, subject to consultation
- * 10-year programme to improve transport network and release more money for road maintenance
- * £15,000 for each of the 63 county councillors to spend on local priorities in their area

Councillor Ian Hudspeth, Leader of Oxfordshire County Council, said in part:

Investment in affordable homes and tackling homelessness

In addition to the £155 million for planning and delivering improved infrastructure, we have been given £60 million to deliver more affordable homes across Oxfordshire.

The affordable homes won't come overnight, but homelessness is becoming a national problem, and Oxfordshire has its share of the problem.

I propose that we continue to fund homelessness support for an additional year in 2019/20 by £500,000. This will be subject to the current consultation on supported housing, and discussions with our City and District colleagues.

Community say in local spending

In this budget, I want to make sure that communities have a say in how money is spent.

To achieve this, I am proposing a Councillor Priority fund. This will be £15,000 a year for each councillor this year and next.

If successful, I would like to see the fund grow to give greater decision making to local members as they understand their divisions the best.

I would encourage members to work with others in their locality. Perhaps they could find match funding to gain greater spending power.

I know that residents are concerned about highways so that may be where most of the funds will be spent.

But the money could also be used for day centres, community bus projects, children's centres, village hall or homelessness projects.

It will be the members who make the decisions, in consultation with their communities.

I also propose to commit £25,000 on improving partnership working with parishes and town councils, which already do so much in their communities. Together, we can do more.

Finally, there will be £30,000 set aside for World War One commemorations to mark the centenary of the Armistice in 1918. I welcome views on how that money can be most appropriately spent.

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HOLY WEEK begins with the celebration of Palm Sunday on 25th March when we will all have to get up early (as the Clocks go forward) so as to get to our Sunday Mass and be given a Palm Cross to remind us all of the entry of

Jesus into Jerusalem riding on a donkey whilst the crowds shouted Hosanna and waved palm branches.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM is the three great days at the end of Holy Week when we solemnly celebrate the crucial events of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

HOLY THURSDAY (29th March) is the day when Jesus celebrated the Last Supper and told his disciples to take the Bread and the Wine and to know that in them he would be always present for them. Christians have followed this command through the Centuries, and so when people ask why do Christians have to go to Church, the answer is that Jesus told us to on this night.

THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER is at 8.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY (30th March) is the day when Jesus was killed on the cross dying at the Ninth Hour which is 3.00pm our time. So we celebrate this event solemnly on this day with a service which is called THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION. It is always held at 3.00pm.

HOLY SATURDAY (31st March) Easter begins in the dark on this night with the Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter. The Easter Candle is lit from the Easter Fire and carried into the darkened Church. After readings from the Bible, Easter proper begins, all the lights and candles are lit and the decorated Church appears in all its glory to celebrate Easter.

THE EASTER VIGIL is at 8.00pm

THANK YOU for supporting your local school! Time to sign up and get the chance to win each month!



Did you attend St Peter's School?! Do you have grandchildren at St Peter's School? Does your neighbour go to St Peter's School?

We're so lucky to live in a village where the school is at the heart of the village – providing fantastic education and a thriving community for all of our children. The St Peter's School Association (we're a PTA!) is a group of parents and teachers supporting the school by raising funds for things that wouldn't otherwise be possible – this year we've funded school trips, bought IT equipment that starts children on the way to programming, funded lifeguard training and have replaced the 35-year old play equipment on the school field!

In these increasingly tough times with budget cuts all around us, not just in education, it's more vital than ever to support the school through fundraising – to ensure that the children, no matter what their background or circumstances – can have access to school trips or additional experiences that give them curiosity into other areas of life, be it theatre, history, art or sport.

You can help - today! Sign up to our "60 Club" and get the chance to win £30 each month!

It's easy to support the school with our "60 Club" monthly draw:

- You pay £1 per month to enter, payable in advance for 2018 as £12
- Your number will be allocated to you
- The SPSA draw a number each month as the winner for that month
- The winner gets £30 and the SPSA retain £30 to support St Peter's School.

For the 2017 draw, some wonderful villagers signed up to support – THANK YOU! Do sign up today and support our local children at school! **The first draw will take place on March 6th 2018.**

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The church is open daily as a place of quiet and escape from everyday pressures.

MARCH 2018

There is usually a service of Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 9.30am except 27 March.
Instead there will be 9.30 Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday 29 March.

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 4 March

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd Duncan Fraser

10am Morning Worship

Revd Roger Aston

Mothering Sunday 11 March

10am ST PETER'S TOGETHER

Revd Roger Aston

A traditional celebration for Mothering Sunday
with posies being handed out.

All are welcome – bring family and friends



2.15pm Mothering Sunday Songs of Praise at Churchfields Nursing Home

Revd Roger Aston

Sunday 18 March

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd Chris Sugden

10am Holy Communion

Revd Duncan Fraser

Maundy Thursday 29 March

9.30am Holy Communion

Good Friday 30 March

2pm Last hour of the Cross

Palm Sunday 25 March

NO Morning Services at St Peter's today

**10.45 Combined Churches Service at
St Leonard's Church, Eynsham**

6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Revd Roger Aston

Easter Sunday 1 April

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am St Peter's Together

Easter Celebration

All are welcome – bring family and friends

Revd Duncan Fraser

**11.30 Holy Communion
at Churchfields Nursing Home**

Revd Roger Aston

Tuesday 27 March

**1.30pm St Peter's School end of term
Easter service**

TINIES & TODDLERS

March 12th, 19th, 26th



A Parent/Carer & Toddler group in Cassington Village Hall 10.00-11.30am (term-time)

Toys, crafts, songs & refreshments for under-fives and their carers.

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Contact details:

Vicar – Revd Duncan Fraser Tel: 07810324088 email: vicar@stleonardsandstpeters.church

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EASTER FLOWERS

We shall be decorating St Peter's Church for Easter on Saturday 31st March as from 10am. If anyone would like to help, give flowers, foliage or a donation; it would be very much appreciated. Easter is early this year; therefore flowers from our gardens will not be plentiful so we will need to buy from the florist.

Any enquiries, please contact Liz Henman 881303

Parish Council News

February 2018

Horsemere Lane

Still awaiting action from Oxfordshire County Council.

Speed watch

Our speed watchers have started the new year campaign and have done speed watches at Worton as well as at the end of Bell Lane and by Hollow Furlong. Reports on the speeding vehicles have been sent the police for action.

War Memorial

The Parish Council have employed a Surveyor to oversee the works. It is hoped the work will start in the Spring.

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. Reports on suspect vehicles going around the village have been reported to the police.

Play area at the recreation field.

The remedial works have been completed and new adult exercise equipment is in place. The Sports and Social Club will report on this shortly.

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 had hoped to have more news on grants for the pavilion and new play equipment on this in this publication. Progress is being made and hopefully we will have good news on this soon.

Allotments water supply.

The Allotment Association are currently pursuing the possible installation of a well. The Parish Council hope to offer support once plans have been submitted.

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 and hedges

The Parish Council are getting reports from specialists to see what pruning is necessary. It is hoped to appoint a contractor this month to cut back the beech hedge in the cemetery.

New Parish Clerk

The Parish Council hope to announce a New Parish Clerk in next months issue.

Clerk contact details

Email cassingtonclerk@gmail.com Tel:01993 891 347

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

Hugh Thomas
Chairman, Cassington Parish Council
20 February 2018

THE LAST DOMAIN

Encounters with two recent visitors to Cassington led me to mention the excavations to the east of our village. They were astonished to learn about the settlements from the Neolithic period, almost 6,000 years ago.

Those of us who were living hereabouts in 2005 had the opportunity to attend the Open Day and to see first-hand some of the results of the excavations. This followed the publication, in 2004, by Oxford Archaeology of the three 'monographs' which may have been overlooked by villagers. This monograph related to the medieval and Saxon settlements in the landscape between Yarnton and Cassington. Thus, the first to be published relates to the nearest period to our own, although even so from the fifth century AD to the post-medieval era. In 2011 came the second monograph covering the Iron Age and Roman Period. In the recent past the series was completed by a third volume – on the Neolithic and Bronze Age settlement and landscape; it has a publication date of 2016 but has only just become available.

All three volumes, under the general editorship of Dr Gill Hey who led the excavations, are written in a lucid, very approachable style and include many illustrations and maps. The later, more technical sections are wonderfully detailed for the professional archaeologist but the early chapters are well within the scope of the general reader. These are, however, not your typical library books. Monograph 39 alone weighs 3.25kgs / 7 lbs and has 776 pages, so it is hardly bedtime reading!

To the consternation of West Oxfordshire residents, each volume is entitled "Yarnton", yet the back cover clearly

states "a rich, pre-historic landscape was unexpectedly revealed on the Thames floodplain (on the gravel terrace) during investigations in advance of the gravel extraction in the parishes of Yarnton and Cassington". More than one third of the excavated site lies within the present parish, and the 2005 extension is unquestionably in Cassington. The latter is more significant for the late Bronze Age settlement as the remains were more evident and ordered than elsewhere to the east and the excavations of the 1990s; chapter 2 of Monograph 39 focuses on this site. The early settlers moved around, unconcerned about the right to roam – which means little to the present landowners either.

There are many aspects of the three monographs to admire but two final observations must suffice. First, the beautifully presented illustrations remind us how wooded the whole area was before clearance for the settlement. Secondly, there is no chance of seeing the site now. Much of the area has been used for landfill or left as a huge lake, which may one day, one hopes, be opened to bird watchers, walkers and others with an eye to our historical roots. For the time being – short of hiring a drone – we must rely on the written accounts.

We should be grateful for the publications by Oxford Archaeology and to the library service for making available (in Witney, Oxford or Kidlington) two of the three volumes. One must add that the sum of £29.95 for the latest title is not exorbitant by today's standards – less than the cost of two hard-backed novels. Let us be proud of our heritage and admire our distant forbears for their ingenuity in their land use.

David Chamberlain

**Cassington Village Hall
Management Committee**

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Chairman's Report to the AGM

2017 was a year on the 'up' for the hall. Bookings were up, our income was up, our costs were up, and our net balance was up too. So all in all, another successful year. Many thanks to all our users, our donors, and our hard working team of committee members who make it happen. The hall continues to be a very popular community venue and a great asset for the village.

Our income from hall lettings for the year was up by almost 3% at £14,528 (£14,132 in 2016), continuing the trend back to our 2014 high point of £14,928. Our revenue from fund raising events was up by an amazing 44% at £3,854 (£2,673 in 2016). As well as providing a popular service for the village, our events also make a profit, which is good news. Our income from donations was up by over four times at £982 (£210 in 2016) but still below our recent record of £1,360 in 2015. So together with bank interest and Gift Aid, our total income for the year was up by almost 14% at £19,415 (£17,057 in 2016).

We spent more this year too, and our expenditure before depreciation was up by over 13% at £13,655 (£12,033 in 2016). After allowing for annual depreciation of £2,964, that leaves net incoming resources of £2,796, up 36% on the £2,060 net result in 2016. So in cash terms we again improved our healthy position and finished well up on the year.

Although we had no major refurbishment costs in 2017, there was a steady stream of spending on minor repairs and maintenance, week in and week out behind the scenes. In total we spent £1,946, that's 89% up on the £1,029 spent on repairs and renewals in 2016. Our

many thanks are due to expert volunteers within the village who helped to fix things without charge during the year, in particular Dan Bakewell, Marcus Copelin, Graham Mills, Matthew Terry and Paul Woolford.

Our hard-working volunteer trustees for the year were Ruth Bakewell (Events), Penny Burroughs (Secretary), Lorna Mills (Treasurer), Frank Nelson (Buildings), Bryan Partridge (Vice-Chair), Carol Mitchell (Parish Council), Bridget Sherlock, Malcolm Teal and Di Williams. During the year we sadly said goodbye to Kathryn Teal who had been hall cleaner since 2008. Thank you again Kathryn for all your hard work over the years, it was greatly appreciated. But we were delighted to welcome Rebecca Copelin as our new cleaner, and a massive thank you as always to our dedicated and long-serving booking secretary Nicky Copelin. Great thanks are due to the whole team.

The village hall is a registered charity and relies totally on income from bookings and donations to keep the place going. We receive no state subsidies and depend on the goodwill, time and energy of many volunteers. The hall is effectively owned by the village and run by the village for the benefit of the village. We always welcome new volunteers to come and join us, so if you're interested please do get in touch.

We launched the Patrons of Cassington Village Hall over a year ago to help us continue to plan for the future, and the scheme has started to work well. If you value the hall at the heart of our community and wish to see it kept in the best possible condition for everyone to enjoy, both today and tomorrow, then please consider joining us. You can become a Patron for as little as £10 a year, and you can also Gift Aid your donation to make it tax efficient. So please do consider becoming a Patron in 2018.

**John Hemingway
13 February 2018**

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6th April 2018

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- Flooding, WODC 01993 861000
- Gas Leaks 0800 111 999
- Library, Eynsham 01865 880525
- Medical Centre, Eynsham 01865 881206
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- Play Area Repairs, Parish Council,
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- St Peters School, Cassington 01865 880443
- The Chequers 01865 882620
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**Cassington,
 then and now**

Interested to see how Cassington has evolved over the years? Or do you have any old photos of the village you wish to share? If so, search 'Cassington, then and now' on Facebook and feel free to join the group!



VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS



For information, and to book the Village Hall, contact:
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Don't forget ... When you book the Village Hall you can make use of our wireless broadband connection – ask Nicky for details when you make your booking
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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). 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.

- General hire prices are as follows:
- Pavilion £10 per hour.
- Adult grass football pitch and pavilion £35 per game.
- Cricket pitch and pavilion £50 per game.
- Tennis court £10 per hour. (April to September)
- MUGA £22 per hour .

We will keep you updated on our development plans but if you have any specific ideas, please email suzilewis42@gmail.com.

CAWN Advertising rates

Village events and fund-raising stuff is free. Simple local services, 'for sales' etc., are also free on the "noticeboard" page/section. However donations towards printing costs welcomed.

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the kids!
If anyone is new to the village and
would like a friendly chat to introduce
themselves and their families, feel free
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Need a babysitter?
I would be happy to help!
Just phone 01865 883545
Lorna Petty (16)
£5 an hour

Cassington sports and social pub quiz

- A. Are you available on Saturday April 14th?
- B. For a 9pm Start in the Red Lion?
- C. Have you got a team of 6 or are you
willing to join one?

£2 per person - all welcome.



Cassington Community Day
Saturday 21st April 2018
12-4pm

Elms Road Playing Field and Pavilion



Come and join us
make new friends & connections
and try new things!



Cream Teas & Neighbourhood watch info in Pavilion
Local Business displays & activities
Kids Activities
Green Gym sessions
Timetable of sport activities
Tug of War and lots more!



If you would like to get involved as local organisation or would like to showcase your local business or skills, please contact below to discuss or reserve free spaces,

Email: Vicky Thomas vic1576@me.com

what's on?

Dates for your diary

Unless shown, events are in the Village Hall

March 2018

- Thursday 1st, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
- Friday 2nd, 7pm for 7:30pm Cassington Movies
- Saturday 3rd, 7pm start Sports & Social Spring Ball
- Monday 5th 10 am - 12 noon Cassington Cafe
- Tuesday 13th, 7:30pm Bike Night planning (in Red Lion)
- Thursday 15th, 7:30pm **WI : AGM & Supper**
- Friday 23rd, 2pm St Peter's Pre-School Stay & Play
Venue St Peter's School
- Friday 30th **Good Friday**
- Saturday 31st, 10:30am Easter Flowers in the Church

April 2018

- Monday 2nd **Easter Monday**
- Monday 2nd 10 am - 12 noon Cassington Cafe
- Thursday 5th, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
- Friday 6th, 7pm for 7:30pm Cassington Movies
- Monday 9th 8pm Cassington Bookworms
see advert on this page for venue
- Saturday 14th, 9pm Sports & Social Pub Quiz in Red Lion
- Saturday 21st, 12noon-4pm Neighbourhood Watch
Community Day at Elms Road Sports Field

Tickets for films and shows from:

Ruth Bakewell (01865 883512)



CASSINGTON MOVIES

2nd March 2018

Goodbye Christopher Robin

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 March 2018
10am - 12 noon

CASSINGTON WI

Thursday 15 MARCH 2018 - 7:30pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

followed by supper



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.



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

Cassington Bookworms

Our next meeting is not until April 9th at 8pm.
For discussion: 'Larkin Land' by Jonathan Tulloch

All welcome.

Phone 880740 for venue

