

# CASSINGTON & WORTON NEWS

News and views from the parish of Cassington and Worton

April 2018 (#490)

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## A CALL TO ACTION (and a fitter community)

Cassington Sports and Social really need your support to help us maintain and improve the facilities at the Elms Road Playing Fields.

Two years ago, together with the support of the Parish Council, we upgraded the playing surface of the tennis courts to enable a greater variety of sport to be played on it. This new Multi-Use-Games-Area (MUGA) surface is suitable for 5-a-side football, tennis, hockey, netball, etc., but it comes at a cost. The surface will need replacing in 13 years time, so we are now having to set aside £2,075 per year to be able to fund this when the time comes. We are also setting aside £700 per year for the playing field grass mower for when it too needs replacing.

In addition we have annual expenses totalling around £4,000 per year for insurance, electricity, water, floodlights, licences, mower servicing, diesel, etc. just to keep the playing field mown and the facilities open and available for anyone to use.

At the moment we receive income from teams from outside the village paying to hire the MUGA and the football/

cricket pitches. Tennis Club members also contribute a membership fee. This goes towards our expenses, but we still have to fund raise for the majority of what we need.

We are looking to replace the summer months tennis membership with an annual household membership of £50. All the money this raises will go towards meeting our annual expenses, and will enable members to use the MUGA throughout the year, at no additional expense. Even if you are not particularly sporty we would love you to join and help support this valuable village asset. We will continue to fundraise for necessary improvements to the Pavilion, and additional playground and outdoor gym equipment.

Membership forms and information will be available at the Official Opening of the Outdoor Gym and Family Activity Day on Saturday 21st April, 2-4pm, Elms Road Playing Field and Pavilion, or by emailing **membershipcsc03@gmail.com**.

Please help us to keep this wonderful amenity available for future generations.

## CALL TO ACTION – final few days to free the airspace

The current deadline to submit comments to the CAA is 5th April, but due to the parish council not been informed for the airspace changes, we will struggle to get any other comments in on time. We hope they might extend the deadline in view of their amazing inefficiency. Jane Randle, a Cassington resident, ([jane6.randle@btinternet.com](mailto:jane6.randle@btinternet.com)) will be available after the 2nd April and happy to advise/help. The more responses we have the more likely it is that changes will be made.

We need to consider noise: increase due to change of airspace from Class G, to Class D: between Cassington and the Hanboroughs; overlap of Brize Norton and Kidlington due to traffic overhead Cassington; expansion of London Oxford Airport should they be granted all the airspace they have requested – runway extension, more larger commercial aircraft. The requested Class D airspace is such that corridors of (Class G airspace open to all) between London Heathrow Airspace (Class D) and Brize Norton and Kidlington, used

by a large number of light aircraft, gliders, microlights etc will be come more dangerous with increased risk of collisions. Please do send your comments.

### **References**

#### **General Aviation Alliance web site:**

<https://gaalliance.org.uk/>

#### **London Oxford ACP:**

[http://www.oxfordairport.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/171213-70893\\_017\\_loa\\_acp\\_consultation\\_document\\_issue\\_1.pdf](http://www.oxfordairport.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/171213-70893_017_loa_acp_consultation_document_issue_1.pdf)

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Contributions should be provided by 20th of the month. Email submissions (in the body or as a Word attachment) to: [cawneditor@gmail.com](mailto: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 couple of points this month:

Firstly - how to communicate effectively with the whole village. The CAWN is a monthly means of communication, but you have to plan ahead and it may not be bang up to date. Many in the village use FaceBook groups (Cassington Family Group, Red Lion, Cassington Sports & Social, Cassington then and now, Cassington NHW, Cassington SPSA, Cassington Players and perhaps others. Not everyone is on FaceBook. There's a WhatsApp group for Neighbourhood Watch. Are these effective and are they inclusive? Oh and don't forget the two village noticeboards....what style of communication works for you?

Secondly - the new outdoor gym...we need to use it so it doesn't become an expensive white elephant. To be honest, I personally think it is too public, too exposed for my unfit self and I probably need some moral support to get that toned summer look! Anyone else feel the same? Do get in touch.

Finally - May 3rd we could be voting for a new WODC councillor and possibly 5 Parish Councillors. No disrespect to current councillors but some were co-opted on and don't have a mandate from the village residents. Nominations close April 6th at 4pm. A warm welcome to our new parish clerk, Tracey Cameron, who lives in Carterton.

Till next month - happy reading.

Kevin



### Letter to the Editor

*Thank you for including my piece in March edition of CAWN.*

*I accept the editor's right to make changes but I could not understand the change of title. It seems to me "A Lost Domain" is a set phrase which I adapted to "The Lost Domain" (of Cassington understood). "The Last Domain" surely makes no sense.*

*Sincerely  
David Chamberlain*

*Editor: Mysincere apologies - it was an inadvertent typo when typing up your hard copy submission into a digital version, nothing intentional or even an artistic difference of opinion.*

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Reserved seats: £32, £26, £15 - Full time students and under 18s -half price; carers for disabled audience members – free of charge.

**Burford Singers website <http://www.burfordingers.org.uk>**

Online booking will be available from April 6th to June 22nd, via a link on the website above. The Burford Singers Box Office at the Mad Hatter Bookshop, High Street, Burford will be open from April 6th to June 21st.

### 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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## Easter Foolishness

This year Easter Sunday falls on 1st April which is of course April Fool's Day.

One of the all time classic 'April Fool' hoaxes was made by the BBC in 1957 when a 3minute item was broadcast during the serious current affairs programme "Panorama".

Spaghetti was very new to the British dining table in the 50's and the mini-documentary showed the harvesting of the spaghetti from the spaghetti trees in Switzerland. The well produced mini-documentary was accompanied by a commentary given by the highly respected news commentator Richard Dimbleby (father of David Dimbleby and 3 other siblings).

This April Fool hoax is really worth seeing and can still be found on Youtube and millions in Britain were taken in by it. - Spaghetti trees! – how stupid! – when we all know that spaghetti is the long roots from the spaghetti mushroom...

In the bible, in St Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth, he says this in chapter 1 verse 18: "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God".

And in verse 25: "For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."

(These verses can be found on page 184 in your Jubilee New Testament - given to each household in the village at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.)

Jesus death on the cross on Good Friday seems like more than foolishness. It seems like sheer insanity! But, on Easter Sunday morning Jesus doesn't break forth from the tomb shouting "April fool!" The risen Jesus calls Mary Magdalene by name outside the tomb: he shows himself to his disciples and eats with them; he allows the doubting Thomas to feel his scars. This was no hoax. He was really dead but is now really alive. In his death Jesus paid the price for our sin but in his resurrection he proved that he had conquered death and given us the hope of heaven.

This is the "foolishness" of God shown at Easter.

Happy Easter

**Revd Roger Aston**

PS: "Where do chocolate Easter eggs come from?"...  
"Chocolate Easter hens of course!"

**East Oxford Mens FC are now calling Cassington home for the rest of the season. Keep an eye on the Cassington Sports & Social Facebook Group page for more updates.**

**Next home match Saturday 31st March 2pm kick off if you want to support**

**West Bladon Cricket Club are also calling Cassington home for this season. First few home games are:**

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The Telegraph called it "a cracking comedy – cunningly constructed, thematically rich and above all blissfully funny".

The Guardian said it "becomes a brilliant expose of bourgeois self-deceit, brought to a pitch of squirming social embarrassment".

Director Gareth Hammond says "I am always looking out for engaging play scripts that press all the buttons. The quality of Tim Firth's writing is outstanding, making it a joy to realise this story on stage. There is humour aplenty, but with darker undercurrents also emerging in the

clever plot. We have assembled a very talented cast to bring the colourful characters to life. We had our most successful show ever with Calendar Girls a few years back, so hope to put on another cracker this time.

As usual, we are partnering with a local group for our Charity Supper Show. This time Eynsham Community Primary School PTA will assist us in organising the evening in return for a share of the profits. We look forward to seeing you!

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## Roy's ramblings

April 2018

I have a big moan to start with: partly my fault : I got Andy to tidy up a very good young Ash in the school fence (Church end) because, as things are going, Ash trees, like Elm's, will be a thing missing from the countryside. Unfortunately, someone cut it down – it was the only good tree round the school pond. I did not tell anyone.

The lovely Ash tree inside the right hand side of the Church path I saved many years ago, when I used to mow the Church grass. The person who did it could not have been a country person – it would have grown up in the fence – we made room for it.

At our bible study meeting, it was suggested we write a letter to God. You may want to try it sometime. I found it very difficult to get started, but once I did, it got very involved. I started thanking God for things that happened many years ago. Gradually you realise they were not all just good luck. Then something happens, the memory gets working. You think "I was in a bit of a fix" and sort of said "God I could do with a bit of help", and the problem sorted itself out.

The most vivid of the early memories was going home, when I lived with Mum and Dad, and found my Mum in big trouble. This was not just luck, I was sent there. It was only God that could have done it, when I was building the business up, how odd things just fell into place. I have said many times, I did ask him to find me a girl, I was getting a bit desperate, I was working all hours, day and night, had drifted away from church – and a very pleasant young lady turned up with a Morris Minor – little did I know my future had arrived, she soon brought me back into the fold.

We were lucky we managed to purchase the Mill property, it all fell into line... when we decided to get married we both said it must be close to the business. I talked to Mr Hedges who was most helpful, we managed to finance it, we were both hard up. You see we knew we could cope, because we had God with us, He brought June all the way up from Essex, so it had to be right.

Don't forget try a prayer each day to start, sorry if I have repeated myself.

The peace of God be with you all. Roy

PS I forgot to thank the Head teacher for all her good work. Also a poem for Mothering Sunday (better late than never)

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*A mum is God's love in action,  
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By Celia Clark, Coordinator

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*Weekly courses start again after Easter and include yoga, pilates, badminton, Tai Chi, and Zumba Gold, plus watercolour, Italian, Spanish, and acoustic guitar (please ring to check experience levels required in these four subjects).*

*Our 2018-19 programme will be available on our website and via email from mid-July. (We reopen after Easter holidays on 16 April).*

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## Reflections of a Retiring Headteacher

I have been going through a succession of last events and activities as I head towards my retirement as headteacher of St Peter's at Easter. This will be my last CAWN entry after nearly eight years of meeting that deadline of 19<sup>th</sup> of each month. Surprisingly I have not found this an onerous task! In fact at times it has been particularly joyous as I relive the excitement of events that have taken place that month. I thought that as this is my last article I would look back at some of the events over the past 8 years and over 70 articles to recall some of the most significant events.

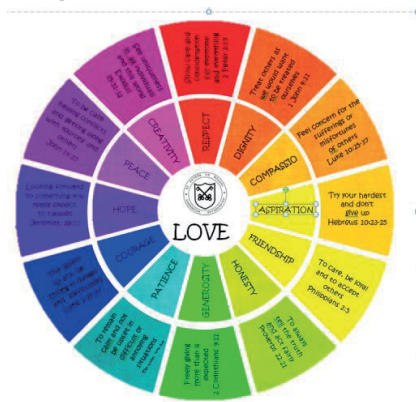
My very first CAWN article was about the older children's residential visit to Yenworthy in 2010. I particularly remember this as one of the classteachers broke her ankle on the moor and had to go to hospital, subsequently being off work for six weeks. Music, and singing in particular, has always been a passion of mine and in November 2011 I took the school choir to the Albert Hall in London to sing at the Youth Prom. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved including the parents who hired a coach to take them to London. I remember sitting in the choir area by the organ in the Albert Hall and watching the children's faces as they took part in the singing. Singing 'Land of Hope and Glory' at the end of the concert was truly special.



One of the strengths of this school is the involvement of governors and over the years I have worked with many supportive and generous people. Every year the governors join us for our Christmas Dinner and I have reprinted this photo of Rev'd Morey Andrews tucking into the turkey in December 2013. The governors are the unsung heroes of the school, and considering they are all volunteers, work tirelessly, attending meetings, briefings, training, doing learning walks, talking to staff, talking to the head, talking to parents. I would like to say thank you to them all.



You may spot Kevin Hinton in the next photo taken from Book Week in March 2013 - he's the Big Bad Wolf. I did say that governors got involved! You may also spot me dressed as the wicked queen with Mrs Howe and Ms Bennett. Staff here have always thrown themselves into the challenges that have come along whether dressing up or improving the learning in the school. Again I have been blessed to work with teachers and support staff that have given unstintingly, following my vision of a happy, friendly, learning school with a strong Christian ethos.



2014 was a very significant year for us with the Nursery Unit opening in March and becoming part of the Eynsham Partnership Academy in June. Both events took a great deal of hard work to bring them to fruition. The opening of the Nursery Unit was particularly wonderful with the Bishop of Dorchester officially performing the ceremony and blessing. There was also a huge cake, balloons and lots of singing from the school choir.

In September 2015 we launched our new set of 12 values with input from children, staff, governors and parents. Each half term one of the set of values is used as the theme for our Collective Worship, positive behaviour management and in the classes to reinforce our ethos. Having now completed the two year cycle I can say that the impact has been significant. The children nominate each other as having shown the value as part of our Celebration Assembly on Friday morning and there is never a shortage of children wanting to show that they understand how to live the value. We were incredibly pleased to achieve an outstanding grade in October 2015 following our

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools visit. One statement in the report made all the hard work worthwhile: *'The statement in the aims 'Above all, make the best of the gifts God has given you as a unique individual' is meaningful in this school; it is not just words. Teachers have a strong shared vision based on this aim and they translate this into care and consideration for all pupils. The aim has encouraged all teachers to work together to provide a rich academic curriculum as well as many other activities designed to support pupils' personal development.'*

In 2016 the school's results in Key Stage One and Two were above National, as were the phonics results and in April 2017 following the OFSTED inspection we achieved a good overall with outstanding personal development, welfare and behaviour. The report that followed was very positive and, for me and the school community, the confirmation of a successful school.

I have tried to keep this short, and there are many more events that I could include, but I would like to finish by saying thank you to all of the people of Cassington who, over the years, have supported the school and myself.



## Cassington W.I.

Our meeting on 15th March in the village hall was primarily to select our committee for the coming year. Our treasurer Sheila Nelson was able to deliver a positive report on our finances and after discussing other business we voted in the new committee and Glenda Appleton agreed to continue as our president. We then sat down for our annual supper of jacket potatoes with delicious fillings and our usual lovely apple pie with cream. It was a very lively, sociable and thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Our **next meeting will be on 19th April** when our speaker will be telling us about medicine in Roman times which should be very interesting. We always welcome new members so if you think a talk sounds interesting, why not join us and see if it "floats your boat"

**Maggie Nightingale 18.03.2018**

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## UP DATE ON A40 IMPROVEMENTS AND WEST OXFORDSHIRE GARDEN VILLAGE (near Eynsham)

The Oxfordshire Growth Board has welcomed the Government's confirmation that two of the county's bids to the Housing and Infrastructure Fund (HIF) are progressing through to co-development.

Detailed business plans will now be developed for the £300 million of transport infrastructure investment that will help bring forward the Didcot Garden Town and West Oxfordshire Garden Village, **near Eynsham**.

If agreed, the investment would substantially improve the county's transport infrastructure, including a new river crossing at Culham and an upgrade of the A40. The improved infrastructure would enable the development of new living and employment areas using sustainable design principles, including improved cycling provision.

Oxfordshire County Council, the county's transport authority, submitted the funding applications last September as part of a package of infrastructure investment needed to allow the development of new garden towns and villages across the county.

The announcement comes on top of the recently agreed £215 million Oxfordshire Housing & Growth Deal, which will fund transport improvements and more affordable housing.

**Didcot Garden Town** – £171m is sought for transport improvements including a Didcot Science Bridge and A4130 dual carriageway, a new river crossing at Culham and Clifton Hampden Bypass. This would support the delivery of over 22,000 homes in Didcot,

Culham, Harwell and Berinsfield. Additionally up to £70m of cycle and other sustainable transport improvements are proposed for inclusion in the bid plan.

**West Oxfordshire Garden Village** – £135m is sought for further upgrades to the A40, building on existing schemes and based on the approved A40 Long Term Strategy including development of the Rapid Transit network and additional highway capacity on A40 transport corridor. This would support the delivery of over 10,000 homes in Witney & Carterton, and around Eynsham.

**The North of Oxford bid** for infrastructure to support the delivery of 5,570 homes in Woodstock, Begbroke/Yarnton and the Northern Gateway, was not successful **at this stage**.

The Oxfordshire Growth Board comprises the six councils: Cherwell District Council, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and West Oxfordshire District Council, together with and the county's Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP).

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## Observation by Stephen Wright

It's been a strange month in many ways. As a student, there is always the dilemma of what to tell and what not to tell one's parents regarding one's university escapades. For instance, I have kept it under embargo until CAWN's street date that I went on a couple of dates this month with a girl who I met in a club (it is possible!). I'm sure this is a sensible way to break the news.

For the first one I thought I would take her somewhere nice – maybe Aruba which is a nice cocktail bar with a balcony by the beach – before she suggested Weatherspoons. In hindsight, at least we set the bar low. It's important to see what you can get away with to develop an understanding of whether McDonald's would be an acceptable date destination as well. Nevertheless, for date number two I upped the ante and took her to Pizza Express, and by upping the ante I mean I paid for it with my 2 for 1 voucher because I'm a student.

For whatever reason, I didn't feel that there was much of a spark (but I did feel slightly mugged and out of pocket!) despite our best efforts, so this particular avenue has not led to the promised land, I'm sorry to say. Tune in next month for more tales of what could have been in romance with Steve.

Elsewhere, it has also been a strange month in terms of the weather. Being suddenly snowed in for a few days meant that we

could all procrastinate a bit more instead of using the valuable time efficiently to do productive things we wanted more time to do. Either way, mother nature could not stand in the way of me and my clubbing comrades who mustered up the courage to go on a night out despite the snowy, icy conditions. It wasn't too difficult although, on the way home from the club, at every three-minute interval I would hear a scream and see a pair of legs on the ground as my friend Luke tumbled on the ice once more.

We thought it would be sensible to treat the period as something akin to a post-apocalypse, so ventured to Lidl to stock up on basic goods. Unfortunately, we were walking too slow and carefully and Lidl closed early so we had to make do with the frozen chunky breaded cod fillets leftover in our inventory.

Even with the snow cleared up, we had another less-than-relaxing post-clubbing experience when I arrived back at my house one night to find one of my housemates crying because she had lost her ID. I was on the phone to the taxi company asking if it had been left in any of their vehicles. The next morning, she sent us a message saying it was stuck to one of her other cards all along. I don't think I have ever face-palmed so hard in my life.

Perhaps the strangest part of this bizarre month is that Jacqueline Wilson announced she's writing a new Tracy Beaker novel. A guilty pleasure, my dad never wanted to let me watch Tracy Beaker because he thought I would turn into a little brat. Well, now I'm 20 and I can turn into a big brat. So there.

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**SUNDAY 29 April 2017**  
**Events start at 10.15 am**

**Blenheim 7k, 1 mile junior run and 4 miles on wheels,  
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Other local charities with large groups of supporters include Sobell House, Helen & Douglas House, See Saw and the mental health charity Restore which is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a team of 40 runners.

All finishers receive a medal and there will be trophies for the winners as well as for first team and a school challenge trophy. Entry includes entry to the palace grounds for the participant and their supporters (a bargain if you have a car load!)

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EASTER LASTS FOR FIFTY DAYS so although Easter Sunday on April 1st is the special day, every Sunday throughout April is an Easter Sunday and the great Easter Candle which was brought in at the Easter Vigil on the Saturday Night (March 31st) stands alight in the sanctuary declaring the joy of Jesus alive for us in this new mysterious way.

SIX TEENAGERS are preparing for Confirmation at the moment and deepening their understanding of their faith in the process. We are looking forward to a visit from the Archbishop of Birmingham in early June when he will confirm them.

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Prayers at 12 noon on Thursdays.

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



### 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*

### Sunday 8 April

**10am Holy Communion**

*Revd Chris Sugden*

### Sunday 15 April

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am Morning Worship**

### Sunday 22 April

**10am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**followed by the**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

*Revd Duncan Fraser*

**11.30 Holy Communion at**

**Churchfields Nursing Home**

### Sunday 29 April

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10.45 Morning Worship**



### TINIES & TODDLERS

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# Parish Council News

## **March 2018**

### **Beech Hedge in the cemetery**

The Parish Council have placed an order with a contractor to cut this hedge back to the boundary. This will allow proper access to adjacent graves. It is hoped the work will be completed on Monday 2nd April

### **Defibrillator at the Village Hall**

Residents are reminded where it is located. The Parish Council are going to check with the Ambulance service to see if they do report the location to those in need of the location.

### **Manor Farm Development**

The Parish Council have had a meeting with the contractor and a photographic survey made of the adjacent entrance road, the greens and all surrounds including the adjoining properties. Demolition of the barns will start once all the conditions of planning are agreed and statutory notices put in place. The contractor confirmed that workers cars will be accommodated on site and would not congest roads and local car parks. Construction of the houses will continue through the summer with an approximate finish time 12 month from the start. Both the Parish Council and adjoining property owners have established lines of communication with the contractors.

### **Oxford Airport and Brize Norton RAF station**

Both airports have consultation documents out which are changing air traffic space. The documents are extensive and have many items that require expert opinion to comprehend.

The village is fortunate to have a resident who is an expert

and willing to advise. Before our next meeting we hope to formulate a response.

### **Council Elections**

Residents are reminded that Parish Council elections will take place on May 3rd. Residents wishing to stand for election can obtain forms from the Clerk. Nominations close on April 6th at 4pm. Notices of the election will be posted on the notice boards in the village.

### **Public meeting with County Councillors**

On April 10th at 2pm to 4pm there will be a public meeting with our County councillor and 4 cabinet members at Eynsham Sports pavilion where members of the public and Parish Councillors can raise matters of concern.

### **New Parish Clerk**

The Parish Council are pleased to announce our New Parish Clerk. Tracey Cameron has taken over from David Casey. The current email address below will remain the clerks email address. David has kindly agreed to work with Tracey during the transition and we are extremely grateful for this. We will miss David, his work and advice has been exceptional

### **Clerk contact details**

Email [cassingtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:cassingtonclerk@gmail.com) Tel:01993 622 750

## **Next Parish Council Meeting is Thursday 12th April 2018 at 7.30pm at the Village hall.**

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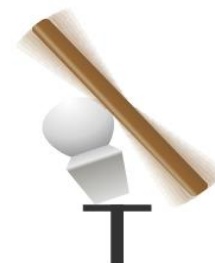
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**Sports & Social Club**

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## SWEET CHILD (Dream On)

by Mandy Constance

April 27, 28, 29 (see advert and booking info)

Please note this play may not be suitable for very young children - please contact for details.

## THE THREE MUSKETEERS (Dream Between)

By Karen Letts

(MAY Fri 11<sup>TH</sup> 7.30 pm Sat 12<sup>TH</sup> 7.30 pm Sun 13<sup>TH</sup> 6.00pm)

Swash-buckling adventure and 17th century French love story. Will the evil Cardinal overthrow the monarchy? Will D'Artagnan get the girl and become a musketeer? Will the kings guard be able to fight their way out of a paper bag? Come along and find out!

## The 39 Steps (Adult Dream Group)

By Simon Corble and Nobby Dimon

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> times to be confirmed

A stiff upper lip comedy version of John Buchan's classic spy thriller. Follow the adventures of our handsome hero Richard Hannay as he grapples with spies, secret agents and beautiful women!

## Dates for your diary

Unless shown, events are in the Village Hall  
**After 15 years Nicky Copelin is taking a break from managing bookings for the Village Hall - please contact Lorna Mills 07711489463 or email cassingtonvillagehall@gmail.com. Thank you Nicky for your service to the village, it's been appreciated.**

### April 2018

<u>Monday 2nd</u>	<b>Easter Monday</b>
<u>Monday 2nd 10 am - 12 noon</u>	Cassington Cafe
<u>Friday 6th, 7pm for 7:30pm</u>	Cassington Movies
<u>Monday 9th 8pm</u>	Cassington Bookworms
	<i>see advert on this page for venue</i>
<u>Thursday 12th, 7:30pm</u>	Parish Council Meeting
<u>Saturday 14th, 9pm</u>	Sports & Social Pub Quiz in Red Lion
<u>Thursday 19th, 7:30pm</u>	Cassington WI
<u>Saturday 21st, 2pm - 4pm</u>	Green Gym opening at Elms Road Sports Field
<u>Fri 27th - Sun 29th</u>	DreamOn Youth : Sweet Child

### May 2018

<u>Thursday 3rd</u>	WODC + Parish Council elections
<u>Friday 4th, 7pm for 7:30pm</u>	Cassington Movies
<u>Monday 7th 10 am - 12 noon</u>	Cassington Cafe
<u>Monday 7th 2pm - 4pm</u>	Aunt Sally fun day at Red Lion
<u>Thursday 10th, 7:30pm</u>	Parish Council Meeting
<u>Fri 11th - Sun 13th</u>	Dream Between : Three Muskateers
<b><u>Thursday 17th, 7:30pm</u></b>	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>

## 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?



### **CASSINGTON MOVIES** **6th APRIL 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 2nd April 2018**  
10am - 12 noon

### CASSINGTON WI

Thursday 19 APRIL 2018 - 7:30pm

Medicine in Roman Times



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

