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ROGUE TRADERS IN VILLAGE UPDATE

Over recent times, residents in Cassington and surrounding villages have been experiencing an ongoing issue with door to door sellers. They visit in groups and carry large holdalls selling various household items. They often present themselves as part of a rehabilitation program for ex-offenders. We can confirm that this program is NOT recognised or supported by the Police. Also any such traders require a Pedlars licence from WODC and these groups NOT have a licence to sell door to door.

They have been given the term 'Nottingham Knockers' as the concept originated from this region and the groups 'door knock' to obtain custom. The Police have advised AGAINST purchasing from these individuals. There is reported evidence that these groups target elderly and vulnerable residents. They often use intimidation & harassment and can cause damage to property if residents rebuke their offers. Also there is an increase likelihood of burglary and doorstep crime when these sellers visit an area.

It is thought that often the actual sellers get very little or none of the cash they receive from their sales. The money is taken by a group leader who may or may not offer lodging and food in return. This process under investigation by the Police but hard to prosecute effectively. If you wish to support, we suggest using regulated schemes in place to support crime rehabilitation.

If any local residents experienced harassment or intimidation during the last visit on Thurs 7th March, Police request this is reported REF 7th March CRIME NO 960. The PCSO team keen to arrange visits to reassure any concerned and vulnerable residents.

In summary, both the Police and Neighbourhood watch groups strongly advise NOT to communicate with these individuals and NOT to purchase.

COLD CALLING PROCESS TO ALERT VILLAGE

1. As soon these sellers are seen in the village, we ask everyone spreads word

ASAP. Communication via either WhatsApp or Facebook NHW group is great, as it quickly alerts a large group instantly. Details for both groups below.

2. Any of the local NHW coordinators should then (under directive of Inspector Steve Hookham) call 999 so they can notify patrols try to attend (resource allowing). The Police are very keen to catch these people as part on ongoing investigation

3. Local NHW coordinators will then as quickly as possible visit any elderly / vulnerable to inform them (as likely they won't have access to Social Media or other online alerts).

4. All residents are then informed that these people are active in the village and we strongly advise NOT to answer the door and NOT to purchase goods.

5. If anyone receives any intimidation or finds sellers attempting to enter property, they should call 999. Local NHW coordinator will ensure they have their contact / mobile numbers for them to call if required too.

We would also like to suggest applying the 'No Cold Calling stickers' to front door of properties. These act as an effective deterrent and residents displaying these stickers should not receive any unwanted calls from sellers. Please let your local NHW coordinator know if you would like a sticker and we will distribute once received by PSCO team.

Long term, we wish to establish 'No Cold Calling Zone' for whole of the village. This work is ongoing with Trading standards and NHW & Parish council have identified as a priority matter.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE ALERT scheme – we suggest all residents join to be kept updated with all local Police alerts. Details and form to complete can be found on line or a smaller copy on page 9.

Cassington NHW groups:

What's App group NHW – please text 07917403976 with name to be added to group.

Facebook – Search Cassington NHW group and request to join

[Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators](#) - list on page 17

Many thanks

Vicky Thomas- Clarke & Julie Perrin – Cassington NHW Coordinators



Planning for this year's Cassington Bike Night is well underway. We would like to invite anyone who wishes to know more about this village event to a meeting on Wednesday 17th April in the Red Lion at 7.30pm. 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 24th June.

Dan Bakewell will be coordinating our marshal schedule once again, please do email him if you can help for a short or long stint on the day dan.bakewell@gmail.com

Hope to see you on 17th April. If you cannot make it, you can email any questions to Martin. ritchie@oracle.com or humphris4es@btinternet.com

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

The Mission statement of the Neighbourhood Watch reads:

"Our aim is to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen.

Our vision is that of a caring society that is focused on trust and respect in which people are safe from crime and enjoy a good quality of life. Neighbourhood Watch is about making sure that fewer people feel afraid, vulnerable or isolated in the place where they live."

One site suggested "Basically, you and the scheme members could help:

- ☑ promote home security and other measures to reduce crime
- ☑ encourage members to report suspicious activity to the Police
- ☑ support vulnerable people in the community and help them avoid becoming victims
- ☑ encourage neighbourliness and closer communities.

Recently someone (not me!) approached the Parish Council about the installation of street lamps but the matter was dropped due to objections from other residents. Was there a possible compromise - a few street lamps on the main road through the village to allow speed humps being installed at strategic points and possibly facilitate CCTV coverage of village exits to improve security?

Day time security will require the on going vigilance of those who work in the village, work from or in the home or are retired. If you are able to assist do get in touch with your neighbours, join the social media groups and let Julie Perrin or Vicky Thomas-Clarke know of your availability - many hands make light work.

Till next month - happy reading.

Kevin

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Village Hall AGM 18 February 2019 Chair's Review of the Year "Not just a building, but building a community"

2018 was another year of steady progress for the hall. We maintained our pattern of bookings at almost exactly the same level as the year before, made some modest improvements to the facilities for hall users, and kept up with the demand for regular minor maintenance that's needed throughout the year. Many thanks to all our users, our donors, our volunteers, and our hard working team of committee members who made it happen. The hall continues to be a very popular community venue and a great asset, effectively owned by the village for the benefit of the village.

Our income from hall lettings for the year was virtually the same as the year before at £14,313 (£14,528 in 2017). We continued to organise successful events for the village including the monthly cinema screenings of recent releases and live performances from touring theatre companies, and although our total revenue for events and fund raising activities such as Bike Night was around a thousand pounds lower this year at £2,823 (£3,854 in 2017), the associated costs were a thousand pounds lower too at only £416 (£1,442 in 2017). So as well as providing a popular service for the village, our events also make a healthy profit, which is good news. Our income from donations was lower at £285 (£982 in 2017) but we received no major one-off donations this year, and this is a more usual level of regular donations. If we then add a little bank interest, investment income and Gift Aid, our total income for the year was £17,832 (£19,415 in 2017).

Looking at the costs of running the hall, our expenditure before depreciation was £15,079 this year, which is up on the previous year's figure of £13,654. Although we had no major refurbishment costs in 2018, we spent £2,040 on minor repairs and maintenance, which is much the same as the previous year's £1,946. We also invested approximately £5,000 in a hundred much-needed new chairs for the hall. Our many thanks are due to Bryan Partridge in particular for his hard work in sourcing the new chairs and undertaking the painstaking consultation process to get to the right

answer. We were pleased to be able to donate the best of the old chairs to the Sports and Social Club.

So the end result financially, after allowing for slightly higher annual depreciation this year of £3,881 (£2,964 in 2017), was net outgoing resources of £1,128 for the year. That's the first time in three years that we've had an overall outgoing rather than incoming result, but our cash position is still very positive and the finances in good shape. To start the new year rolling, in the first week of January 2019 we had the main wooden floor professionally refurbished at a cost of some £2,000 to help keep the hall in top condition for all users.

Our hard-working volunteer trustees for the year were Ruth Bakewell (Events), Penny Burroughs (Secretary), Lorna Mills (Treasurer), Bryan Partridge (Vice-Chair and Buildings), Carol Mitchell (Parish Council, resigned during the year), Bridget Sherlock, and Di Williams. Very sadly, we also need to note the great loss of Frank Nelson in April 2018. A long-standing trustee of the hall, his wisdom and support are much missed. At around the same time, we were also very sad to lose our former long-serving treasurer Bill Arthy.

We are delighted that Malcolm Teal has continued to volunteer his services to the committee, even though he needed to stand down as a trustee during the year. This was to avoid any potential conflict of interest when we recruited Kathryn Teal in June as our new booking secretary and manager, following Nicky Copelin's decision to resign from this post in March 2018 to focus on her new NHS career. We wish Nicky well and owe her many thanks again for her outstanding long service.

Thank you Kathryn for all your hard work in your first year, and thanks again to Lorna Mills for stepping in during the gap of two months as acting booking secretary as well as treasurer. Thank you too to Rebecca Copelin our cleaner, and to those expert volunteers within the village who often fix things as needed without charge, in particular Dan Bakewell, Graham Mills, David O'Donnell, Matthew Terry and Paul Woolford.

We always welcome new volunteers to come and join our Committee, so if you're interested please do get in touch.

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Sure enough, 6 weeks on, the leather uppers had ripped at one of the lace holes and the soles had split.

Don't you hate it when your 'other half' is right!

Anyway, it's Easter time. Easter is about the need to pay the full price. The cross on your hot-cross-bun is a reminder that our sin and shame had to be paid for in full and that there was no other way than through Christ's death on the cross. There is no way in our own strength, or even in our most 'goodness' that we could achieve this 'on the cheap'. This is the basis of the Christian faith but this 'coin' has another side. As Good Friday moves to Easter Sunday the resurrection shows us that sin and death are defeated.

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Roy's ramblings

April 2019

I'm very sorry folks but this month's Ramblings will just be a short note to say that unfortunately there will be no Ramblings. I have had rather a nasty fall at home and have multiple bruises and quite a badly skimmed arm. Luckily nothing appears to be broken but I just don't feel up to much typing.

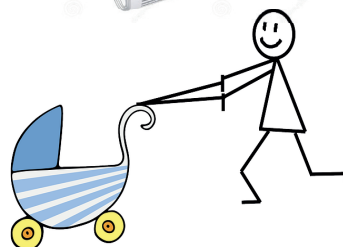
God bless you all and remember to start and end your day with a prayer. Faith is such a great help when things are not going just as you had hoped.

Roy Partridge

Please email your updates and news of sporting achievements by Cassington residents to the usual email address CAWNEditor@gmail.com. Aunt Sally leagues, darts competitions, football teams, judo,



Heads Up - Calling out to all budding engineers/cart builders/pram pushers - time to get planning & building!



Cassington Sports & Social Club will be holding a **Pram Race** on the afternoon of **Saturday 15th June** as part of the **Playing Fields 65th anniversary celebrations**.

The idea is to enter a team of two plus your pram/cart/trolley (or any form of wheeled contraption you can come up with!)

It will be a race around the playing fields with one person being pushed along in said 'pram' to the halfway point and then they must swap round for the second half.

Course length will be different for Primary children, Secondary children and Adults - with prizes for the winning teams.

Top tips:

'Pram' must have at least one wheel, but no pedals or motors.

Each team member must push for half the course each, so think whether both team members can push each other.

Fancy dress relating to the 1950's encouraged, but not obligatory.

The middle of June sounds ages away but it will soon come around, so get planning and have fun! Details on how to enter will follow in the next CAWN.

East Oxford FC Monthly Update

Recent results:

- Lost to Oxford Leys in the Semi - Final of the Doug Hobbs memorial cup.
- Lost to chequers in the league.

Last three fixtures:

30/03 Home - Oxford Leys

06/04 Home - Masons Arms

TBC Away - Oxford Brooks uni

Three big games remaining can potentially finish third in the league depending on our last three results including a big game against Oxford Leys which will determine if they will win the league.



The Cassington Kickabout every Wednesday evening is cancelled for the foreseeable future

Cassington Sports News

Hockey Thursdays **7.30-8.45pm**

Cassington sports and social club members free, non members £1 per person per week.

It is all abilities, children need to be accompanied by an adult and over 8.

Play at own risk, please bring a hockey stick, gum shield and shin pads.

Sports and Social Club News

Well it is now official. Cassington Sports and Social Club has become a charity. Generally this will have no impact on the way we run - we shall continue to look after the facilities at the Playing Fields and, of course, continue with the much needed work improving and maintaining the Pavilion. However it does mean that if any tax payers want to make donations to us we can now claim gift aid, and at 25% of the value of the gift, it is well worth having!

Since last month we have been busy and we are pleased to confirm that an order has now been placed for the new playground. We've been very fortunate to receive funding from Cottsway, Tescos, the Cassington Parish Council and West Oxfordshire District Council in addition to money the Sports & Social Club have raised from events held over the last few years towards this project. We would like to thank these organisations for their contribution, everyone who has supported the fundraising events over the years and particular thanks to the Parish Council for their help in making this project happen.

The items of play equipment that have been purchased are a zip wire, a pod swing, a double perch and a pirouette. The new playground will be located in the far right corner of the playing fields behind the MUGA pitch and green gym and we hope it will all be installed in May or June this year.

Anyone who has been up to the Playing Fields recently will have seen we now have a path along the edge of the field, which is gently sloped up to the front door of the Pavilion providing better access for all, especially wheelchair users and those with buggies. In the Pavilion we are in the process of upgrading the toilet and shower facilities. The work to lay new flooring in these areas will be carried out at the beginning of April. There will be new benches in the changing rooms and new lighting throughout the hall. The loft is being insulated and you will have seen in last month's CAWN that we are arranging for a skip to take away the junk (or is it valuable treasure) that has accumulated over the years. We don't have a date for this yet, but when we do we would appreciate all the help we can get clearing it out.

As you will have seen, in the last edition of CAWN, we are planning to hold a Family Fun Day celebration at the Playing fields on Saturday 15 June, so please do make sure you have the date in your diary. We are planning to start at around 3pm and continue until 8pm or thereabouts. We will be selling hot dogs and burgers from the barbecue from about 5.30pm and teas, coffees, cold drinks and possibly something stronger will be available all day. We shall be holding an official opening of the new playground area and equipment, and other sports and activities will be running throughout the afternoon, including rounders, hockey and of course a tug of war. There will also be a "pram race" - see the advert elsewhere in this edition.

This is your charity, so do please get involved and support us if you can. We all know what a wonderful village this is, and we are doing our best to keep it that way. Sports and Social committee meetings are open to all and we welcome anyone who wants to join and help run this charity. We usually meet on Sunday evenings in the Red Lion. Our next meeting is on Sunday 7th April at 9pm. So do come along and get involved! .

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By Celia Clark, Coordinator

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Or let local artist John Somerscales get you Drawing with Confidence. John is a patient tutor of people of all abilities: one of his students on a recent workshop declared "I would happily do it all over again it was so good!"

You can also learn how to make Piped and Zipped Cushions with Sue Hazell, or a delicious four-course summer menu with chef Sophia Matthews – these are usually fully booked so call early to reserve a space.

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Observation

by Stephen Wright

After admitting last month that I almost cost my friend Todd his job, this month I played a part in helping him fracture his wrist, so all is still going well. Technically it wasn't my fault, I merely invited him to come and play 7-a-side football. I didn't know he was going to fall over and get severely injured! The university gave him a two-month extension on his dissertation deadline because of it, so if anything, I feel as though I've done him a favour.

I thankfully haven't experienced such physical discomfort myself this month, but did go through emotional pain when I was told that my Tinder pickup line wasn't as good as I thought it was. I ran it by a few people, and many felt that my opening message "were you born on a farm, because you look like you can raise a c__k," really wasn't appropriate. The joke is on them, because I had to delete Tinder to make room on my phone storage, and since then I've dated someone who I met in the real, offline world; mind-blowing I know.

When I wasn't busy injuring friends and 'sliding into DMs,' I took the time out of my day to write a 'diss track.' I appreciate all of this vocabulary may be very confusing to some of CAWN's older readers, so allow me to explain.

A couple of my course-mates at university wrote a diss track – basically a song with a music video in which they call out a bunch of other people on the course in the hope of getting a response. I didn't think it was really my forte, but one morning while lying in bed the lyrics just came to me. I

subsequently wrote the song, booked out a radio studio at uni so I could record it (in the booking notes I said I was doing an interview for my dissertation), and then filmed a music video with my videographer friend Rowan.

It was all, to be truthful, a real waste of time, but it was also a lot of fun, and ended up receiving positive reviews such as "this is the best thing I've seen this week, possibly this year," and "you'll look back on that in your late twenties and think 'what on earth was I doing?'" I never thought my talents lay in rapping, but it could prove to be the beginning of my song-writing career.

Back in the real world, a local FM radio station called Hot Radio for some reason decided to take all of my nonsense seriously and allowed me to broadcast a two-hour show on their airwaves around Bournemouth and Poole. It was pre-recorded, which allowed me to sit in my own car and listen to myself on the actual radio, which was surreal and bizarre in equal measure.

To top it all off, I had another visit from Harry Redknapp this month. I had just parked my car at work and was walking towards a football pitch when the king of the jungle pulled up in his Range Rover, leaned out the window, and said "excuse me mate, could you move those cones for me so I can park my car?" I was never going to say no, so I duly obliged, to which he responded with "top man" – a reference I have now put on my CV.

I'd like to say that story ended there, and we could all ignore the fact that I had just let Harry Redknapp park where an ambulance was supposed to park if, say, someone was to fall over and fracture their wrist. The moral of the story? Cones are there for a reason. Don't move cones.

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Cassington W.I.

This month's meeting was our A.G.M. and supper. We heard reports of the past year from our President, Secretary and Treasurer - all of them positive and encouraging for the year ahead.

We also elected a committee for the coming year which was pretty much the same as last year's with the exception of our President. Glenda felt that various obstacles were taking up more time than she could give to address both private life and W.I. so asked if she might stand down. She was thanked for all her work and we elected Sheila Nelson as our new President.

After the meeting we sat down to a delicious supper prepared by various members and delicious wine to wash it down. It was a lovely evening all round.

Next month's meeting will be on 18th April when the speaker will be Elizabeth Rowe talking about the painting in Keble College called "The Light of the World" which should be well worth hearing. Why not join us ladies!

Maggie Nightingale
23 March 2019

Family and friends of
Catherine/Kate Best nee Putt
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THE EASTER TRIDUUM is the three great days at the end of that week

HOLY THURSDAY 18th APRIL : MASS of the LORD's SUPPER 8.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 19th APRIL : LITURGY OF THE PASSION 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 20th APRIL : THE EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER 8.00pm

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OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS of THE LORD'S SUPPER commemorates this event. The Priest washes the feet of some of the people and then Mass (the Ceremony of the Bread and Wine) follows. We then move to our Garden of Gethsemane where people take it in turns to Watch in Prayer till Midnight following the request of Jesus to his disciples to "Watch and Pray". They fell asleep and were only woken when the soldiers came and arrested Jesus.

GOOD FRIDAY reminds us how our failures hurt others and most of all hurt God, as we think of him suffering and dying nailed to a cross. OUR LITURGY at 3.00pm includes a Reading of the whole of that story as told in the Gospel of St John, followed by Solemn Prayers and a time for all to come forward and kneel at the foot of the Cross in sorrow and thanksgiving that God loves us so much.

HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT is when Easter begins. OUR LITURGY starts 8.00pm outside with the Easter Fire and the Easter Candle and then, lighting our own candles, we process into a darkened Church to listen to a series of Readings, before Easter really begins as the Lights go on, the Bells are rung, and we celebrate our First Mass of Easter.

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APRIL 2019

There is usually a service of Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 9.30am except 16th April.
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.

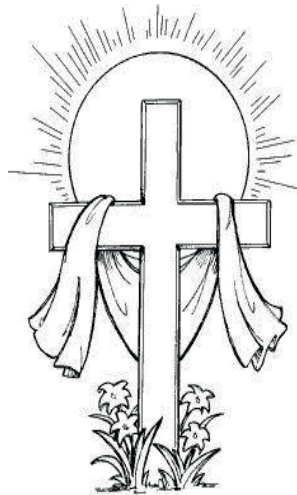
A memorial service and the interment of ashes for the late Catherine (Kate) Best will take place at St Peter's on Friday 12th April at 3pm.

Sunday 7th April
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Morning Worship
Revd Roger Aston

Palm Sunday 14th April
10.45 Combined Churches Service
at St Leonard's Church, Eynsham

Maundy Thursday 18th April
9.30am Holy Communion
Revd Duncan Fraser

Good Friday 19th April
2pm Last hour of the Cross
Revd Roger Aston



Easter Sunday 21st April
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Revd Duncan Fraser
10am Morning Worship
Revd Andrew Atherstone
11.30am Holy Communion
at Churchfields Care Home

Sunday 28th April
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Parish Council News

March 2019

Horsemere Lane Closure and A40

The consultation process has been revisited because of an error in the previous consultation and results should be available next month.

The Parish Council have highlighted their concerns of the extra traffic that will use the Cassington Lights at a meeting with our MP Robert Courts on the closure of Horsemere Lane. Robert Courts has promised to take this up with Oxfordshire County Council highways.

There is a need to change the sequencing of the lights and also a new slip road for traffic toward Oxford.

Benches on the Green.

Two benches have been installed on the Green and a further bench will soon be installed outside the Red Lion.

Watermain flooding

Thames Water have had a senior manager investigate the problems and solutions around the two water mains and have concluded that the valves so far installed are enough to handle any future fractures in the mains. The Parish Council are not happy with this solution and will be writing to Ofwat to seek their opinion.

Fix My Street

Residents are reminded that blocked gullies, drains, overgrown vegetation and potholes can be recorded on the OCC website at Fix My Street.

Sports Pavilion

Further progress has been made this month and hopefully the new flooring to the changing rooms and toilets will

be installed next month. A grant of £5000 was received from Blenheim this month which will enable other planned further improvements to be made.

Neighbourhood watch

In this issue our coordinators will be highlighting the need for residents to be very vigilant with doorstep sellers. A pedlar's licence issued by WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT Council is required to sell at your doorstep. Police have advised not to buy this way as history has shown an increase in crime following visits. Please read carefully the advice in this issue by our Neighbourhood watch group.

Housing needs Survey

The Parish Council will shortly be carrying out a housing needs survey to ascertain how many people and families are looking for local housing. Please make sure you are on WODC list if you need housing.

N.B Clerk contact details

Email cassingtonclerk@gmail.com

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**Next Parish Council meeting will
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Hugh Thomas
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 Mill Lane and Pound Lane Sara Bolton 07930 307928
 The Green and Alms Houses Nav Dey 07989 527835
 The Red Lion/The Green (Pub side) Jan Faulkner 01865 881371
 Elms Rd/Yarnton Rd (house up to Pub side) Sally Britton- 07962 177221
 & Emily Lemaire - 07507 599230
 Barrow Court/Yarnton Rd (up to Bell Lane) Nicola Jeeves 07930 888664
 The Tennis/Yarnton Road (The Green side up to The Vicarage)
 Vicky Thomas-Clarke 07917 403976
 Bell Lane (down to St.Peters Close) Sam Jones 07465 426943
 Bell Close & Orchard Close - co-ordinator required. Temp Sam or Cate
 St.Peters Close Stewart Clifton 01865 880388 /
 Cate Sirkett 07968 720241
 Lynton Lane Yvonne Wright 07952 732416 /
 Kathryn Humphries 07786 041381
 Horsemere Lane (St.Peters Close onwards) Stacey Norton 07717 874552

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 cassingtonclerk@gmail.com
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 cassingtonsport@millsclan.force9.co.uk
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Cassington, then and now

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Sports & Social Club

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General hire prices are as follows:

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Adult grass football pitch and pavilion
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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
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Oxfordshire County Council statement on the B4044 community path

Mar 21, 2019 08:24 am

There has been much media coverage in recent days about funding bids and plans for a cycle path along the B4044 between Oxford and Eynsham. The response we have been providing to media outlets is below and explains why we have not been able to pursue funding for this cycle path for the Housing Infrastructure Fund. As we explain, we continue to want to deliver the scheme.

Our original proposals included the B4044 Community Path within the business case. Through the process of developing the bid we need to provide evidence all the scheme package elements we seek funding for meet and contribute to the funding criteria.

We were required to provide evidence as to how the B4044 Community Path would unlock new homes which would not otherwise be built without it being in place. It is our assessment, that if challenged, we would not be able to adequately demonstrate that it is essential to the delivery of housing at Witney and Eynsham (or elsewhere in Vale of White Horse). For this reason the scheme would not meet the Housing Infrastructure Fund criteria. Based on this information the council has taken the

difficult decision to remove the B4044 Community Path from the package of measures in the Housing Infrastructure Fund business case.

The council proposes to identify internal revenue funding to continue to develop the scheme design along the same timeframes as proposed, as if Housing Infrastructure Fund funding was being sought. It is therefore proposed that the design will continue to take place during 2019/20 with a key output to ensure the design is cost effective and value for money.

Progressing the design now will ensure that a scheme for the B4044 Community Path is ready to submit to future funding opportunities as they arise, where the scheme meets the criteria. By having a 'shovel ready' scheme, funding opportunities that have short time frames can be applied for, which is often the case with external funding sources.

We understand this change of approach will be a disappointment to those who have long campaigned to see the cycle route constructed as soon as possible. Throughout this process we will keep stakeholders engaged and seek their views as the design work progresses.

Dates for your diary

Unless shown, events are in the Village Hall

April 2019

Monday 1st, 10 am - 12 noon Cassington Cafe

Monday 1st, 8pm Cassington Bookworms - see advert

Thursday 4th, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday 5th, 7pm for 7:30pm **No** Cassington Movies

Sunday 7th, 6:30pm for 7:30pm Red Lion Bingo

Sunday 7th, 9pm Red Lion Sports & Social Committee

Saturday 13th April 1-3pm Eynsham Lib Dem drop-in

Wednesday 17th April 7:30pm Red Lion Bike Night update

Friday 19th April Good Friday

Saturday 20th May CAWN deadline

Monday 22nd April Easter Monday

Tuesday 23rd April Opening after school club

Monday 29th, 10 am - 11:30am Cassington Tinies & Toddlers

May 2019

Thursday 2nd, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday 3rd, 7pm for 7:30pm Cassington Movies

Monday 6th, 10 am - 12 noon Cassington Cafe

Monday 20th June CAWN deadline

Churchill hospital lost contract to carry out cancer scans

I discovered this week that despite its international reputation for cancer care, the Churchill hospital has lost its contract to carry out cancer scans to a private company, who will set up the scanners at two new locations which are yet to be revealed. I must admit I was disappointed to hear this news for several reasons. First and foremost, like many of you I suspect, I have had friends who have benefited enormously from the skill and expertise of the staff in in the Churchill oncology unit who rely heavily on the 3D scanner, which helps the medical staff spot tumours and monitor treatment regimes. If the scanners go then it is safe to assume that those staff and their skill will too. Second, we need to ask where the new service will be provided? As I write, friends from Taunton stayed with us last night in order to attend a medical appointment in Oxford today - would you be happy with a similar kind of arrangement if you needed a cancer scan? Finally, and perhaps most ominously, specialist cancer doctors at the Churchill, said they have "concerns about the potential impact on the safety and quality of patient care at the loss of the current PET-CT service at the Churchill". If you have a view on this can I urge you to share it with our MP Robert Courts as a matter of priority. He can be contacted on robert.courts.mp@parliament.uk

Thanks for listening. Stew Thompson

what's on?

BINGO

Many thanks to everyone who came along to our bingo evening to raise funds for Helen & Douglas House. It was lovely to see all ages (with a bit of maths there for the kids!)

We raised an amazing £445 which is already with the charity!!

Also thanks to all those who braved the bingo balls and ventured onto the stage to take a stint at calling - it's not as easy as it looks. And obviously it wouldn't be a Cassington event if everyone didn't stay at the end to help clear up - more thanks!

So now there just the little matter of a marathon to run simple!

Love Ella & Jane xx

If you'd like to sponsor us to help the brilliant Helen & Douglas House here's the link

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ella-jane-bishop>



FUTURE MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 3rd May
No Movie Night in April

Stan & Ollie

Tickets £5 from Ruth 01865 883512. Bar and raffle.

Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm.



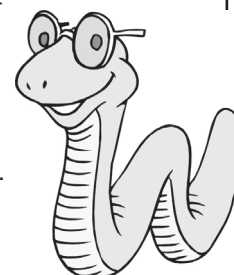
CASSINGTON CAFÉ
CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday 1st April 2019
10am - 12 noon

Cassington Bookworms

In preparation for the next meeting on **Monday April 1st** and we will be discussing 'The Cut Out Girl' by Bart Van Es.

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