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**Cassington and Worton News**

## The Mongol Rally 2019 The Caspian Three

We The Caspian Three, Kanhai Dalal, 21, (Rosehill), Toby Lindenbaum, 21, (Wheatley) and Chris Noton, 45, (Cassington) are doing an intercontinental drive called the Mongol Rally. But it will not be a comfortable trip – we will travel to Mongolia and Russia – via Europe, Turkey, Iran and the Stan's – in a 1.2 litre Nissan Micra which was given to us by a sponsor. The Mongol Rally is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; we will experience cultures contrasting Europe in the west with the east. We will see some of the most beautiful landscapes and meet the most amazing people we're likely to ever meet.

The Mongol Rally is different to other rallies in that there is no set route nor support. Instead, participants decide how they will travel across Europe and Asia themselves. Teams who sign up for the rally must raise a minimum of £1,000 to participate. Half of the money goes to the rally's official charity, Coolearth, and the other half goes to a charity of the team's choice, in our case Oxford Mind.

Sponsors have donated a car, a car stereo - Oxford Car Audio, tyres from Motorline Nissan and various outdoor stuff from WS Army Surplus, medical treatment from Oxspines Osteopathy, mental training from One Hypnotherephy both from Wheatley. The list goes on, including new air conditioning - Wootton Trucks in Abingdon, stationary - Fine Print Witney, charcoal - Oxford Charcoal, tyre valves - Charlett Tyres Yarnton, raffle prizes - Halfords, Harley Davidson UK & also getting in there with the big boys THE RED LION Cassington. Help with fuel and repairs along the way are by Nicolas Jones Residential Lettings, Turners Estate Agents, Ecobee Cleaning, One Hypnotherapy, QI Associates and Katheryn for our CB radio. We have received a lot of support already and we've only been planning for three months. We've managed to get things sorted quickly with peoples help. Many thanks for all the donations already.

My two friends and I will set off from Cassington, drive to Goodwood and travel through Europe before meeting a convoy of ten other drivers also going through Iran and then onwards, the only problem is that Toby hasn't driven since passing his test three years ago. Kanhai and Toby are both currently studying to be doctors in Leeds which I am most



grateful for. They're trainee doctors so they'll keep me alive while I'll keep the car spluttering on. We are due to set off on our four-week adventure on July 21st. I'm super excited to set off and can't wait to be cruising through the Pamir highway in our totally unsuitable car.

To be fundraising for Oxfordshire Mind along the way too is epic, it's going to be quite a ride. We're winging it but also having a bit of organisation - but all in all I'm more excited than anything. I'm not wondering when we'll break down because that's all part of it – the question is, how many times will we break down?

And then the twist, we drive back... or I might fly... the car is not going to be sold but hopefully reused for future fund raising and shenanigans.

For more information and to keep up to date with our adventure and fund raising, go to our Facebook page Mongol Rally The Caspian Three

If you wish to help with raffle prizes, or even sponsorship there are 3 different ways; Coolearth & Oxford Mind, or help with the cost of petrol & repairs! Please just email me; [notonchris@hotmail.com](mailto:notonchris@hotmail.com) and I'll send you the correct link.

## Cassington in the dark - a reply

This is in reply to the Person/Persons who wrote a letter to the Cassington News with regards to no street lights in the village.

Did you not notice that there was no street lighting before you moved to the village (Spec Savers comes to mind)? There is plenty of surrounding villages that do have street lighting.

I have lived in the Village all my life – in fact I was born here and it does not bother me and probably does not bother the

rest of the villagers having no street lighting. Cassington is a lovely and unspoiled village with a very good community, so why try and change it.

Vanessa Goodman - Resident of Elms Road

## Editor's note

My sincere apologies to the author of the May article - I had inadvertently left off their name, they did not intend to submit an anonymous article. The author's name is Jamie Hamilton, also a resident of Elms Road.

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

Have you heard this riddle?

**Question:** In a bacon and egg breakfast, what's the difference between the chicken and the pig?

**Answer:** The chicken is involved, but the pig is COMMITTED!

But is the pig really the committed one in this riddle? Well, let's take a look at each and see.

### The Pig

For the pig to be a part of the bacon-and-egg breakfast, the pig has to be slaughtered. No one asks the pig if it would like to be slaughtered. The pig certainly doesn't volunteer for this. Some might say that the pig was born to be your bacon but I'll bet the pig would disagree. The problem with being slaughtered is that the pig can only be slaughtered once. This is like a person that may start out strong but quickly fizzles out and looks for the next cause/project within a short time ...or worse, they stay. Is this real commitment?

### The Chicken

For the chicken to be part of the bacon and egg breakfast, the chicken only has to do what is in its very nature - its passion. The chicken was born to lay eggs. The chicken doesn't know how not to lay eggs. You don't even have to ask for the eggs, the chicken just does it. The best part is that the chicken will continue to lay eggs for as long as she is physically able. This is like a person that gives you years of sustained superior performance because they have found their passion and revel in doing it everyday. Is this real commitment?

(Forrest Lupu, MBA PMP SSGB December 2014)

Till next month - happy reading.

Kevin

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I seem to have a lot to say, firstly I have had two fits of depression. It is like falling in a hole you can't find the way out of. I feel sorry for folk with no back up like me – a first class carer and a wonderful family. I do not know what caused it – never mind – it has gone over.

Secondly, I understand Blenheim Palace intend to build on the Allotments eventually. With the very dry time we are in, it will be OK but not if we go back to normal weather. The water coming off the hills will cause them problems. I got a ditch dug across the top of the playing field which stopped Elms Road flooding. There is an old gravel pit I drained it into. I don't think it has been done ever since. And don't forget the water mains bursting.... It all adds to the fun – I can see Elms Road flooding from the back...

The usual question I have – what will they do with the sewerage? I can't see the mains taking it.

The Evenlode river is so low, the ducks have to walk in places. I have lived here since June 4th 1960 since we were married and I have never seen it so low – not in the summer. I suppose the lack of dredging helps now – as I have said before not if we get a lot of rain, a lot of folk will get flooded.

Don't forget that prayer a day all helps. The Peace of God be with you.

**Roy Partridge**

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**8th June 2019**

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 Songs of Praise usually the 2ND SUNDAY of the month, 3.00pm  
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Mozart: Overture to the Marriage of Figaro  
Bob Chilcott: Dances of Time  
Shostakovich: Piano Concerto no 2  
Alexander l'Estrange: Songs of a Rainbow Nation  
Beethoven: Choral Fantasia

**Sunday, 16th June 2019, 7.30pm**  
**Church of St John the Baptist**  
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Burford Singers with

Maria Marchant – soloist, Shostakovich Piano Concerto  
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Full details and booking form available on our website

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Details are also on the Burford Festival website at  
<https://www.burfordfestival.org/>



## Can you guess what this is?

"The spikey bit on Concorde's nose"

Technically, I think it is there to soften the sound of the sonic boom - but I might be wrong!

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## Do you read Tee-Shirt Slogans?

Some brand names and tee shirt slogans I find really objectionable – or am I just getting old and grumpy? The French Connection UK (FCUK) logo I do find offensive, but I have almost got used to this one.

However, some time ago I saw a man (in Witney) picking up his young children from school wearing a tee-shirt emblazoned with “FCUK for England”. I also more recently saw a young mum with her children on the bus wearing a sweatshirt with the same message. To my shame I didn’t go and challenge either of them over it. How can someone think that this is appropriate? I personally think that this is offensive and outrageous but also, in both these cases, it gives a very unhelpful message to impressionable young people and a very negative parenting role model.

Another tee-shirt which I saw recently was while shopping in Sainsbury’s. A man was wearing a tee-shirt with a trail of bare footprints on it and the slogan “Barefooting”. I thought it unusual but then, seeing the man a second time, realised that he was shopping in bare feet. When I got home I did a search on “Barefooting” online to find that there is a movement of people who have given up wearing shoes and socks completely and going

“barefooting” all the time.

Of course, over the centuries, and even in our current age, many if not most of the world population go bare foot and it is maybe a minority of us who wear smelly socks and shoes.

In Jesus’ time many would have gone bare foot or in simple sandals and it was commonplace in more wealthy households to have a servant or slave who would wash the feet of guests when they came to visit. St John records in his Gospel that, at the last supper with his disciples. Jesus wrapped a towel around his waist and proceeded to wash the feet of his followers. (chapter 13 -page 119 in your Jubilee New Testament) Peter was particularly indignant that Jesus should do this menial task for them. Peter found Jesus’ actions offensive and outrageous. However, Jesus said and showed that he had come to serve and not to be served and instructed them to do likewise saying, “Now I, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do what I have done for you”. What Jesus said and did may have been offensive and outrageous but contrary to the parents above He gave the disciples and us a very positive role model to follow in the service of others.

Revd Roger Aston

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After June 15<sup>th</sup>: Reduced rate for Cassington residents **£55 per family** includes £5 key deposit. £85 per family for non Cassington residents includes £5 key deposit.



### Bike Night Marshall Information Evening

Thank you to all who have volunteered, we still do need more more people so if you can spare an hour or two on **Monday 24th June** please do email dan.bakewell@gmail.com. No experience needed and it does feel great to be a part of the event. We have lots of village slots, but are still looking to fill some slots keeping an eye on things at the A40 and Yarnton road closures, if you are up for an hour or two at either of these then please just let Dan know.

Information Evening - if you have volunteered, or would just like to find out more, please come along to our pre-event information evening on **Tuesday 11th June, 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion** at the Playing Field. The evening will cover general information about the event, plus important safety and site information. This information will all be sent by email as well, so don't worry if you can't make the 11th, and don't let it stop you volunteering on the 24th.

Many thanks

Cassington Bike Night Committee

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## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June Programme of Events

**From 3pm:**  
Teas, cakes and bar

Register for Pram Race

Football and hockey

**3.30** Tug o' war

**4.00** Official Welcome

**4.30** Pram Race

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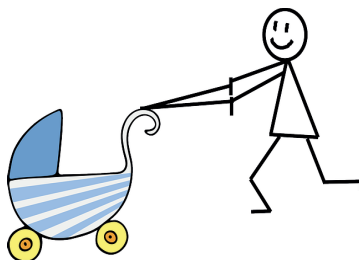
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## **EAST OXFORD FOOTBALL CLUB (Home venue Cassington Sports Field)**

Pre/season starts in July for us. We're just  
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season.

On the 15th we will actually be holding a  
friendly against us to whoever wants to take part! :)

**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 15<sup>th</sup> June** as part of the **Playing Fields  
65<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**VILLAGE CLIMATE CHANGE  
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**THURSDAY 6th JUNE  
- Village Hall - 7:30pm**

The Parish Council are very keen to develop a village Climate Change Plan and Vicky Thomas-Clarke has volunteered to help set up a Cassington action group to help formalise a local plan along with other local residents.

Please contact Vicky if interested or to send along your details and any ideas and suggestions - email [vickytk@pink-sky.co.uk](mailto:vickytk@pink-sky.co.uk) - and anyone interested is invited to attend a short meeting before the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 6th June.



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### **Commemorative poppy-planting ceremony to be held in Woodstock by students of Marlborough School**

As part of The Marlborough School WW1 Project, Woodstock Then and Now, the school's art department have been working on an idea which ties in with the centenary of the Treaty of Versailles, in remembrance of the soldiers that fell in the Great War.

A group of students have been making poppies which will be 'planted' in the grounds of Oxfordshire County museum, as part of a formal ceremony in conjunction with the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum on 28th June 2019. The poppies will remain on display to the public at the site until 24th July 2019.

Invited guests will include Alice Hipkiss and Isabel Wheeler, the Marlborough students behind the project, and individuals with connections to the town's fallen soldiers, but all are invited to watch the ceremony which will be held at 11am on 28th June. SOFO Museum previously supported Woodstock Then and Now, exhibiting Alice and Isabel's work in 2018.

Following the formal proceedings, Marlborough students will facilitate an art installation, based on paper poppies, which will reflect visitors thoughts on remembrance, as part of the national Kids in Museums Takeover Day event, at SOFO Museum. They will also guide visitors around the county's military history museum, which currently features exhibits such as Oxford: The War and the World 1914-1919, offering an insight into Oxford's international connections during WW1.

Discounted admission prices will also be offered to those visiting the museum between 11am and 1pm on 28th June.

### **Community Education at the Marlborough School, Woodstock**

By Celia Clark, Coordinator

*This month, we're sharing some insights from our home herbal tutor Angie Woodard. She says: "Being outside is well-known for lifting your mood but with a little extra know-how, you can get even more health benefits from specific plants in your local area."*

*One great plant to grow is Yarrow (Achillea Millefolium). People often plant this for its appeal to insects but did you know it has medicinal purposes too? Made into a tincture, it can be used for cuts and wounds, or steeped in natural oil, it makes a handy bug spray to keep away the mosquitoes.*

*If you're despairing of the weeds in your lawn, many of those are more useful than you think too. Plantain (Plantago Spp) can be made into a salve for bumps and bruises and is even better than dock leaves for those nasty nettle stings. Try spotting it next time you're out: you'll realise it's always growing somewhere nearby."*

*If you'd like to learn how to identify and use many other locally growing plants like these, join Angie on our 4-week Summer Foraging and Herbs course starting Monday evenings from 24 June.*

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### Community Orchard

Today (Friday 10th May) the trees for the community orchard were planted.

The orchard is on the Manor Farm development north west corner.

There are ten trees apple pear and cherry.


There is also an extensive planting plan for the development

which will be planted as the houses are completed.

I have had several requests from residents for a community orchard which this orchard will help to meet part of this request.

Hopefully we can expand on this with a group looking into climate change and village involvement.

**Hugh Thomas - Parish Council**




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**Vicky's After School club will be opening on Tuesday 23rd April at St Peter's Primary School, Cassington**

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Visit our website

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## Thank you

**The SPSA would like to thank everyone who supported the comedy night back in March. It was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all and we raised an excellent £850 which will be used to benefit the children of the School.**



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## Observation

by Stephen Wright

Three and a half years after my first CAWN entry, I have now finished my journalism course at Bournemouth University. I hope you've enjoyed some of the insight I've given you into student life, and for those of you who went to university once upon a time, I hope my tales have rekindled fond memories.

The other day, my friend Todd asked me if I could answer the door to collect his McDonald's delivery, because he was getting worried that the delivery driver, Boujour, would judge him for ordering McDonald's four days in a row. That's the kind of thing I'll miss.

At the time of writing, I'm applying for a plethora of journalism jobs. I've been rejected by some and secured interviews for others, so all being well I'll be able to inform you of some success in the next couple of months. If I can't get a job in journalism immediately, maybe delivery driving wouldn't be such a bad time-kill. My housemate Hayley said Deliveroo drivers have to do time trials to show that they can get the job done at a good speed. That sounds quite fun, and I always used to enjoy doing my paper round in Cassington. Don't get me wrong, I wouldn't really want to graduate from university and then deliver pizzas for a living, but I do enjoy driving.

Early in May, I drove to Cardiff from Bournemouth, which

was a long old trek, to see a band with some friends from college. That was when I realised that every Welsh word looks like it was made by someone smashing their head on a keyboard. Allow me to illustrate...

- Uaosfkjv
- Sbigoglys

Can you tell which one is a real Welsh word, and which one I just made by smashing my head on a keyboard?

But I digress. In other news, I was fortunate enough to play football at Vitality Stadium this month – the Premier League ground where AFC Bournemouth play every other week. It was part of a staff match, one in which we realised just how hard it is to play on such a huge pitch. The turf itself was lovely to run on, but had much less charm to it than the Boxing Day swamp found at Cassington playing fields in Winter. Regardless, it was a lot of fun, even though we were playing in an empty stadium. As much as I would love it, it made me dread what it would be like to be playing in front of, in this case, 11,000 fans judging your every move.

Anyway, fingers crossed that, even now that university is over, I will still have plenty to tell you about in this column in the coming months. Otherwise, I guess it will have to become The Tales of an Uber Eats Driver. No-one wants to read that.

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## Cassington W.I.

This month our meeting was an opportunity to discuss a couple of the resolutions put forward by the Federation which is an annual event.

One resolution up for discussion was the subject of cervical testing particularly amongst young women as the numbers being tested seems to have fallen dramatically in the last few years. The vote to support this resolution was unanimous.

The second subject for discussion was the question of more buses being available, particularly in the rural areas of the country. This was a lively discussion with a certain amount of cynicism amongst members about the government agreeing to pay for more services. As a result it ended with a split vote with several members wanting a discretionary vote until all the W.I. representatives have a chance to discuss it at a meeting later in the year.

Several of our members were unable to attend the meeting for various reasons but as usual we had a lovely evening.

**Our next meeting on June 20th will be to hear Chris Caddy talk about The National Parks of England and Wales which should be very interesting.**

Maggie Nightingale  
19 May 2019

## Cassington Bookworms

We are a small group who meet every six weeks to share our thoughts on the latest book we've all agreed to read.

In the past year we have read nine books, mainly modern novels from different parts of the English-speaking world. They are Larkinland (Jonathan Tulloch), Dubliners (James Joyce), Little Fires Everywhere (Celeste Ng), A Gentleman in Moscow (Amor Towles), The Lie of the Land (Amanda Craig), Changing Places (David Lodge), The Music Shop (Rachel Joyce), Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine (Gail Honeyman), and Cut Out Girl (Bart van Es). Most of us enjoyed all these works, the only exception being Dubliners which we found generally unappealing. Some of us also went to Blackwell's in Oxford to hear Bart van Es speak about Cut Out Girl, this being one of our favourites, along with Eleanor Oliphant and A Gentleman in Moscow.

The discipline of reading a prescribed book within six weeks ready for our next session means that we are introduced to a range of literature that we might not otherwise come across or choose, but still leaves time for our own preferences in between.

Our meetings are invariably convivial as well as interesting. Often someone will point out something that has passed the others by, or offer an unexpected insight. No special expertise or knowledge of literary criticism is required, just a pleasure in reading and talking about books.

We meet on a Monday at 8.00 and new or occasional members are welcome.

Information about dates and titles are published in CAWN.

**Della Thompson - May 2019**

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But the 28th April was just the culmination of lots of things. It was the final part of a long and often amusing winter and one which we couldn't have got through without all the amazing support we received.

So thank you for sponsoring us, shouting at us in the streets, coming to our events, offering advice, clothing and massages. For coming to London, for running a mile or two with us, for calling us bonkers! All of these things and more have made this the most amazing experience for us both, one that we can never repeat but will always be our 'mother and daughter' moment.

For me I can retire now, Ella however will have another one or two in her but not just yet.

Oh, and we have raised just over £4,000 for Helen and Douglas House - thank you all so much. Picture Page 19

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**TWO WEEKS LATER on Sunday 23rd June** is the day when we give thanks for God's great gift of himself to the Church in what we call Holy Communion. Jesus gave his disciples bread at the Last Supper saying that this was his body. **In Latin the Body of Christ is "Corpus Christi", and so that is the name of this great Feast.**

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

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am St Peter's Together**

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**6pm Prayer Meeting**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**10am Holy Communion**

*Revd Roger Aston*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day**

**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am Morning Worship**

*Revd John Underwood*

**2.15pm Father's Day at  
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*Revd Roger Aston*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**10am Holy Communion**

*Revd Andrew Atherstone*

**6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)**

*Revd Duncan Fraser*

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**10am Holy Communion**

*Revd Duncan Fraser*



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# Parish Council News

**May 2019**

## **Horsmere Lane Closure and A40**

Oxfordshire County Council have advised that the closure proposal has been further delayed.

## **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. With the growing season well underway please report any overgrown vegetation.

## **Sports Pavilion and Recreation Field**

Work is almost complete and should be ready to showcase on the 15th June celebrations. An order has been placed for further equipment sponsored by the Sports and Social club.

## **Housing needs Survey**

Reminder from last news

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.

## **Speed watch**

Further to last months request for volunteers none were forthcoming. If you are concerned and would like to assist, please let the clerk know.

## **Neighbourhood watch**

Plans are still being formulated to get the village as a

“no cold calling area”. Window stickers are available for residents to put near their front door. Please let the clerk know and we will endeavour to get a sign to you.

## **Solar Panels to the Pavilion**

Investigations will be made shortly after some information was provided. More help is required if you have knowledge.

## **Manor Farm**

The fruit orchard was planted this month with some substantial trees. The orchard will be open to all villagers.

## **Climate change**

Before the Parish Council meeting on the 6th June the Parish Council will host a meeting where concerned villagers can get together to see if the village can in some way tackle this problem. All are welcome. Meeting will start at 7.30pm. Parish Council meeting will follow.

**N.B Clerk contact details**

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**Next Parish Council meeting will be 6th June 2019 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.**

Hugh Thomas  
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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!



### Sports & Social Club

With the pavilion having gone through a big transformation, we are now ready to hire it once again for small or large events. We have had weddings in the past with a marquee and even a big top on the playing field. Please do get in touch if you would like to hire it or know of other sports teams that need a place to train or play.

- Cassington Sports and Social club pavilion hire prices.

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**CASSINGTON WI**  
Thursday 20 May 7:30pm  
Chris Caddy talk about  
The National Parks  
of England and Wales 

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Hello! My name is Julie Perrin and I am back as  
Cassington's Avon Lady.  
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I will be pleased to add you to my round.  
Julie Perrin, 44 Eynsham Road

Is your garden in dismay?  
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Well I can help, I'm in need of a summer job and  
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if you have any enquiries or want to know my  
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**Kevin Hinton**  
A sketch a day through 2018 and other work

**Private View – Saturday 6th July, 6 to 9 pm**  
Wine and nibbles – meet the artist

Continues Sunday 7th July, 2 to 6 pm

🐦 See more on twitter @planetkev

**HEMINGWAYART**  
Pennwood House, Pound Lane, Cassington OX29 4BN  
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## Dates for your diary

Unless shown, events are in the Village Hall

### June 2019

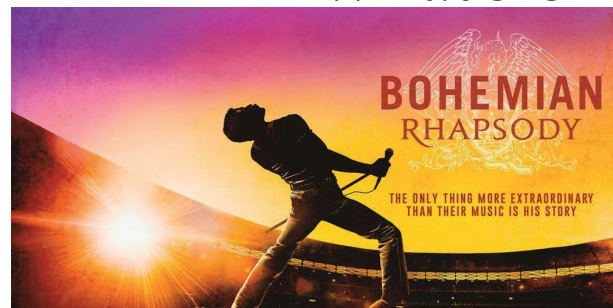
Monday 3rd, 10 am - 12 noon	Cassington Cafe
Thursday 6th, 7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 7th, 7pm for 7:30pm	Cassington Movies
Monday 10th, 10 am - 11:30am	Cassington Tinies & Toddlers
Tuesday 11th, 7:30pm (Sports Pavilion)	Bike Night Info
Saturday 15th (Sports Field)	65th Anniversary event
Monday 17th, 10 am - 11:30am	Cassington Tinies & Toddlers
Monday 17th, 8pm	Cassington Bookworms - see advert
Thursday 20th, 7:30pm	Cassington WI
Thursday 20th,	July CAWN deadline
Monday 24th, 10 am - 11:30am	Cassington Tinies & Toddlers
Monday 24th, 4pm onwards	Cassington Bike Night

### July 2019

Monday 1st, 10 am - 12 noon	Cassington Cafe
Thursday 4th, 7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 5th, 7pm for 7:30pm	<b>NO</b> Cassington Movies
Saturday 6th, 2-4:30pm	Open Garden Fundraiser (see ad)
Saturday 20th,	August CAWN deadline

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

## what's on?



### NEXT MOVIE NIGHT Friday 7th June

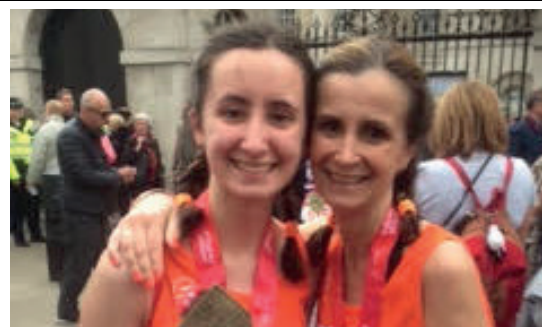
## Bohemian Rhapsody

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

### FUTURE MOVIE NIGHT

After the June movie above  
Cassington Movies will take a summer  
break returning first Friday in October

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 6th May 2019  
10am - 12 noon

### Cassington Bookworms

Our next meeting is  
Monday 17th June at 8pm  
In preparation we are reading

'The Silence of the Girls'  
by Pat Barker  
Phone 880740 for venue  
All welcome





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## CASSINGTON

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### **ALL DAY BREAKFAST**

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### **LUNCH**

Tuesday to Saturday, 12 – 3pm



### **SUNDAY LUNCH**

12 – 4pm



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