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**Cassington and Worton News**



## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2019



May I on behalf of the Royal British Legion thank all of you who so generously supported the Appeal last year and may we continue to rely on your generosity again this year.

Today the Legion is still being heavily called upon to give support to bereaved families, and to others who have been severely injured in wars and more recent conflicts. Costs to do this are continually escalating. The Royal British Legion does not advocate war or glorify it, but attempts to relieve the suffering caused by it.

### SUNDAY 10TH November

The usual non-denominational Remembrance Service will be held at Cassington War Memorial commencing at 10.45 a.m. Everyone is invited to this short service which follows immediately after the Service at St.Peter's Church. Please do not leave cars near the Memorial at this time.

**Mike Randle**

**Hon. Secretary, R.B.L. Cassington**

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 10th November. The Poppy Appeal House to House Collection takes place during the period running up to that day during which time authorised collectors who are well known to most of you will be calling. Last year the Appeal raised over £1100 in Cassington and Worton – less than in some years but still a most commendable amount for a village the size of Cassington.

### Cassington care home owners cycle to Paris and raise over £15,000 for blood cancer charity

Owners of a care home in Oxfordshire have raised money for Bloodwise, a charity who funds world-class research in blood cancer, by cycling the 500km from London to Paris as their supportive residents watched on.

Owners of Churchfields Care Home, Jane and Gerry Roberts, embarked on their recent journey, departing from London as they biked their way towards Paris, travelling via Folkestone, where they made the voyage across the channel. They then made their way to Abbeville, Beauvais, and finally on to Paris, with the ride taking four days.

As the duo continued on their journey, residents at the home kept track of their progress, using a board to monitor their locations. Each day, Gerry and Jane would send new photographs of different landmarks they'd reached, giving the Churchfields community an opportunity to share in the experience.

Jane and Gerry, with friends, helped raise a staggering £15,000. Jane Roberts commented; "We care for so many people who have been, or are currently battling different forms of cancer. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to raise the profile of this incredibly important charity and to help contribute donations towards much needed and ongoing research."

Continuing, she added; "The support of our residents has been incredibly important to both Gerry and I, and has been

a strong source of inspiration through the more challenging sections of the ride. We're glad it's also given them a fantastic chance to relive some of their fondest memories, and for others, a chance to see parts of the world they've never had a glimpse of before."

The event as a whole featured 160 riders, all raising a grand total of £500,000 for blood cancer research. Cancer of the blood is the 3rd biggest 'cancer killer' and is the 5th most common amongst cancer sufferers making research into the disease all the more important.

To find out more about Bloodwise or to donate, please visit: <https://bloodwise.org.uk/>



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

Effective village communication – what is it? How do we achieve it? I'm talking about a meaningful two-way conversation and sharing of ideas.

Why do I ask? In the Parish Council update under the Men's Sheds item the following sentences have been added to last month's entry: "This is a second notice of this. We will ask a third time next month and if there are no takers will let it pass."

So I ask, is the CAWN the only way to effectively communicate with residents? It's a one-sided means to communicate and it has its place – community groups and valued advertisers believe that, but I don't believe it facilitates a two-way conversation. Equally, posting formal Parish Council meeting minutes on noticeboards or websites is only a one-sided communique. If you want to get a sense of what some of the village think, and it is only a portion, try social media – the recent street light topic showed some residents had some strong (unfiltered?) opinions but few were willing to share those within the pages of this magazine (and that was a protracted process over several months).

Perhaps the answer is to only discuss major, significant issues – such as the eco-group – and get a non-parish councillor to take the lead and organise a village meeting and then use the CAWN as a noticeboard. So how do we discuss minor issues? You could attend Parish Council meetings but the opportunity to discuss issues is limited in my personal experience.

So perhaps I am really asking, once an issue is raised via the CAWN or Parish Council minutes, how do we as a village then effectively talk about, discuss and explore options and agree an approach / direction on the given issue? I'll post this piece on the closed Cassington family group page on Facebook after the start of the month so you can reply or drop an email to CAWNeditor@gmail.com or stop your parish councillor, when you see them around the village, for an old fashioned face-to-face, two-way conversation.

Kevin

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**Green week**



**Grey week**



**No garden waste collections**



Garden waste collections are suspended over the festive period so crews can concentrate on picking up the District's additional waste and recycling.



**Bin calendar**

2019	
Green week	Grey week
Wednesday 9 Oct	Wednesday 2 Oct
Wednesday 23 Oct	Wednesday 16 Oct
Wednesday 6 Nov	Wednesday 30 Oct
Wednesday 20 Nov	Wednesday 13 Nov
Wednesday 4 Dec	Wednesday 27 Nov
Wednesday 18 Dec	Wednesday 11 Dec
	<b>FRIDAY 27 Dec *</b>
2020	
<b>FRIDAY 3 Jan *</b>	<b>THURSDAY 9 Jan *</b>
Wednesday 15 Jan	Wednesday 22 Jan
Wednesday 29 Jan	Wednesday 5 Feb
Wednesday 12 Feb	Wednesday 19 Feb
Wednesday 26 Feb	Wednesday 4 Mar
Wednesday 11 Mar	

**Burford Singers – Verdi Requiem**

**Sunday, 24th November 2019, 7.30pm**  
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**November stargazing highlights**

- 12 November: Full moon, called the Frost Moon.
- 18 November: Leonids meteor shower.
- 26 November: New moon – best time for stargazing.

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## **Roy Partridge - A last "Ramble"**

On 18th October it was my great privilege to take the funeral of my dear friend, and great friend to this village, Roy Partridge. Many of you will have been avid readers of "Roy's Ramblings" in CAWN over the years, many of which have given us an insight into the village of Cassington before our times.

When I take funerals I am usually amazed at the many great things that people have done in their lives and Roy was no exception. Roy was meticulous in planning his funeral and talked through with Annie at Green's Funeral Services and myself what he would like. Annie was amazed at the detail.

I was instructed by Roy to give his last message at the end of the service. It is a quote from St Paul's

letter to the Philippians chapter 4 verses 4-9. (Page 223 in your Jubilee New Testament)

*4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

Revd Roger Aston

### **Roy's Ramblings will be much missed as will Roy himself.**

His outlook on life was practical and based on his faith. Our late brother Francis used to visit June and Roy at the mill where he was made most welcome and in his younger days would help June in the garden and in the kitchen making marmalade. Long chats with Roy sustained Francis as much as June's cooking did!

This friendship was a continuation from the days when our parents were at Eynsham mill and a river based neighbourliness began, never to be lost.

Our condolences to Roy's family and friends.

With best wishes from Ruth and Elizabeth.

### **Roy Partridge**

It was with great sadness that the Parish Council heard of the passing of Roy.

Roy was a former District Councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council. He was very much a hands-on Councillor who with others prepared the village green as we know it today. He constructed the surface water drainage scheme and catchment pond which drains the recreation area as well as protecting Elms Road from flooding.

He left many more legacies of his time with the Council.

Roy loved his village and villagers and up to the very end kept in touch with events in the village.

I personally will miss my chats with Roy who was always pleased to give advice and let me know the history of the village. Rest in peace.

Hugh Thomas,  
Chair Cassington Parish Council.

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## **Cassington Sports News**

### **New Cycling Champion backs residents getting on their bikes**

A new Cycling Champion has been appointed at West Oxfordshire District Council.

Cllr Dan Levy has been tasked with promoting cycling across the District as a healthy and sustainable form of transport as well as listening to the needs of other cyclists.

"We need someone to ensure cyclists are properly looked after and take responsibility to ensure Cllr Dan Levy, Cycling Champion their issues are handled effectively," he said.

Cllr Levy has cycled all his life and was part of the Cyclox pressure group in Oxford. One area he has been working on is ensuring the A40 cycle track is fit for purpose before and after the new park and ride is built.

He will also be working with Oxfordshire County Council as the highways authority to ensure cyclists are given priority on new and existing roads with adequate parking provision, particularly in town centres.

New housing developments will also be priorities for Cllr Levy ensuring provision is made for cyclists.

Other areas will include promoting the District as a cycling destination for tourists, highlighting routes that may not be widely known while he will personally be encouraging his fellow councillors to set an example and cycle as much as possible.

Cllr Levy added: "Ultimately cycling is a healthy and effective form of transport and by getting more people on their bikes we can make a real difference to our communities and the environment."

### **Measures proposed to tackle new development issues**

Action is being taken by the Council to tackle noise and pollution from a growing number of building sites in the District.

Councillors are looking to appoint an officer dedicated to liaising with developers and residents and ensuring environmental regulations are correctly enforced.

Recently there has been a three-fold increase in the number of residential developments in the District which has led to a rise in the number of complaints surrounding noise, dust and mud from existing residents.

Such problems are intended to be contained with the imposition of a construction traffic management plan but

breaches, often minor non-criminal offences, have now meant planning and environment officers' workloads have become unsustainable.

A motion has now been passed by the Council's Development Control Committee which would see the officer ultimately appointed to oversee all new developments.

The intention is to fund the post through developer contributions allocated to community facilities.

Cllr Jeff Haine, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, said: "There has been a major upswing in development across the District driven by the need for more housing and in the future we will have major schemes such as the Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village starting.

"Developers have strict guidelines in which they have to work but increasingly we have seen these being breached. Having an officer who can liaise with developers, council planners and residents can only be beneficial for all sides."

### **Over 400 Visitors to our Roman Mosaics**

North Leigh Roman Villa's mosaic house was opened on 14 & 15 September as part of English Heritage's Open Days weekend. The warm, late summer weather meant that over 400 people enjoyed the beauty of the second and third century AD North Leigh site in glorious sunshine. A new group of volunteers from a range of neighbouring villages, working with English Heritage, staffed the open days. Their plan is to begin a regular pattern of openings for the mosaic in summer 2020.

The first open days by North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers proved very encouraging. Visitors were delighted to see the mosaic, sometimes for the first time up close, sometimes having waited many years to do so. The open days doubled the numbers of people wishing to volunteer at the site, and

raised to over 50 the number of "Friends" of the villa who left a contact email in order to stay informed about future openings and events on site. Donations to improve the site for visitors raised £126. All told a brilliant result on a lovely weekend.

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*By Fliss Pusey, Manager*

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### **Tiny Acorns Continue Legacy of our Ancient Oaks**

Our Forestry Team are busy propagating 3,000 acorns from our unique collection of 900-year-old oak trees. Our park is home to the largest ancient oak forest in Europe and this work is vital to ensure the legacy of these great survivors lives on into the future.

### **New Classroom Opened at Bladon Primary School**

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## This Christmas visit...

### **Living Crafts for Christmas**

14th November - 17th November

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22nd November - 15th December

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## **Cassington Climate / Eco Group**

Our first meeting at the Village Hall on Weds 16th Oct was very well attended. It was encouraging to find we have a great resource of residents that are well experienced and interested to support.

It was decided that our group would become a sub group to the already well established Green TEA (Transition Eynsham Area). This is a local environmental group which has been active for the last ten years, based in Eynsham and includes Cassington and nearby villages. The group at present runs two swap shops and an annual green festival, with their main focus at present on working with the Garden Village and the proposed solar farm to encourage best current environmental and social practices. Green TEA is a member of the Community Action Group Oxfordshire Network and the International Transition Towns Network. By working with Green TEA, Cassington's new group will share the benefits from insurance cover, plus knowledge about and links with other local community groups.

The below summarises the key areas which will be focusing on for the village and ideas around these areas and priorities drawn up at our next meeting:

## **Witney Music Society**

The second concert of the new season will be given by award-winning double bass player Toby Hughes and pianist Daniel King Smith; they'll be performing works by composers including Bottesini, Schumann, Desenclos and Brahms.

The concert is at **7.30pm on Friday 8 November at High Street Methodist Church, Witney.**

Tickets (£12, £1 for under 19s) will be available at the door from 7pm or in advance online or in person from Greenway Antiques or Rapture in Witney. For more information please telephone 01993 702296 or visit the Witney Music Society website [www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk)

- Recycling
- Transport
- Housing
- Education
  - o great steps are being made here already with St. Peter's actively supporting and new initiatives being started – more info to follow next month!
- Energy
- Food
- Bio diversity & green spaces
- Communication

We welcome anyone to join us for the next meeting to support and help discuss ideas. We will also start a Facebook post on Cassington Family group and link to new FB group so ideas and discussions can start ahead of this meeting.

**Next Meeting Weds 4th Dec 8pm The Chequers**

Many thanks for all your support

**Vcky Thomas- Clarke**



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# Observation

by Stephen Wright

There have been all sorts of dilemmas running through my skull this past month, perhaps none more so than the extent to which I should offer my colleagues tea or coffee in the office. You see, where I work, the majority of the departments work within the same open office space. I'm more than happy to offer drinks for my media colleagues, of course, but sometimes the marketing chaps offer me one, so it makes sense to return the favour. But if I'm making drinks for media and marketing, will HR feel left out? Will finance be insulted that I don't have enough hands to deliver them the goods? This is the first time I've had a full-time job and been presented with such a quandary, so any advice would be greatly appreciated.

The good thing about this job is that I'm often not in the office five days a week. The not-so-good thing is that I had to sing an initiation song when I travelled with the Norwich City Under-23s team to Portsmouth a while back. Whenever someone new comes into the fold, be they a player or member of staff, they have to sing a song at the hotel. I had been forewarned about this tradition so I'd prepared to sing Sit Down by James and had done my rehearsals at home. I expected that I'd at least get a backing track, but I wasn't even afforded that luxury, so after we had dinner at the hotel I had to stand on a chair and sing into a HP sauce bottle with 20-30 blokes staring at me, while sober I might add. The things I do for journalism, eh. It actually went quite well and I got the boys joining in so watch this space to see if I drop my first mixtape next month.

Inconveniently, the Norwich U23s manager is called David Wright, as is my dad. You can probably already see where this is going, but I had a call from the football coach the other day and he was asking me what's up.

I replied, "I'm wondering the same thing." He said that he had received a missed call from me, so I clocked that I had tried to ring him instead of my own father. I also accidentally texted him as well, so thankfully the content of the message was nothing too personal. I know it's silly, but both he and my dad are in my phone contacts under the name David Wright, rather than my dad being labelled as 'dad'. Am I the only one who gets OCD about this kind of thing? My mum is under Yvonne Wright in my phone because I like to have everything looking neat and formal! Unfortunately, 'home' messes that up somewhat, but Home Wright would be a bit too weird.

I also now have The Darkness in my contacts list! When I took the job at Norwich, I didn't expect it to lead to me interviewing Justin Hawkins, the lead singer from The Darkness, famous for hits such as I Believe In A Thing Called Love, Love Is Only A Feeling, and Christmas Time (Don't Let The Bells End). However, they had a new album come out recently and I discovered that they are from Norwich and are fans of the club, so it was quite surreal to be interviewing the high-pitched vocalist for 15 minutes over the phone. He sussed me out straight away, noting that I "don't sound very Norwich-y", although to be honest I'm not sure he does either with his posh accent.

In other news, I was saddened to hear about the passing of Roy Partridge last month. The newsletter and the village is certainly a lonelier place without him in it. I went to visit Roy with my granddad not so long ago and it was lovely to see them laughing about all their stories from years gone by. He was flattered when I told him that I read his ramblings, mind you I didn't tell him that I had no choice but to do so when I was editing the newsletter! From my brief visit, he was a lovely man and my sympathies go to the Partridge family during this time.

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## Cassington W.I.

Our meeting this month was terrific. Our speaker Helen Plumb was telling us about gem stones. She studied to be a geologist at university and during her time studying various minerals in different parts of the world was able to find the best places in parts of the world for particular gems which had fascinated her since early childhood. She was working for B.P. at the time who sent her around the world searching for new oil fields so was able to buy gems at their source fairly cheaply and able to sell them for a profit in the U.K. Eventually she decided to take another degree in gemmology and set up her own business in sourcing, selling gems and making jewellery. The qualities she looks for are colour, reflection, durability, and hardness of which diamonds are the hardest so can be polished to reflect light the best. Many of the gems come in a huge array of colours not just the ones we think of. Then we have pearls of which the natural ones produced in oyster shells are more valuable than the cultured ones but they can dissolve if coming into contact with vinegar or lemon juice. Jade comes in many colours and despite not being particularly prized in the west is very valuable in China with Imperial jade being very dark and translucent, diamonds are used to cut jade. Rubies from Burma and Mozambique are hugely valuable, Tourmalines from Brazil come in many colours but turquoise is the best and green garnets from the Urals in Russia were used by Faberge to decorate his eggs and artefacts. Helen brought many sample of gems to show us but in my opinion the best ones were the ones she was wearing!

**Our next meeting on 21st November will be open to everyone as our speaker Stephen Dawson will be telling us about Oxford Preservation Trust and we look forward to seeing you there.**

Maggie Nightingale  
20 October 2019

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## Bartholomew Players present: "Abigail's Party" by Mike Leigh

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Director Gareth Hammond says "I have always wanted to put on this play. It had such a powerful effect on me when I saw it in the 1970's. As the original cringe comedy, it still resonates today with its recognisable characters and their bourgeois attitudes."

As usual, we are partnering with a local Charity for

our Supper Show, Eynsham Pre-School, an Ofsted-rated "Outstanding" Pre-school, caring for and educating children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old. They 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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## WW2 Collections Day Event at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

On **2nd November 2019** Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, the county's only dedicated military history museum, will be holding their We'll Meet Again event, celebrating the museum's WW2 collections and appealing to visitors to share their own military stories and objects with the museum. **The event will run throughout the museum's opening time, 11am to 5pm.**

The museum is preparing a reminiscence display and is looking for local people's stories from the outbreak of the Second World War to the 1980s, which will focus on key moments and memories of Oxfordshire life throughout the decades.

Items recently donated to the museum following appeals include an evacuee's coat, a wedding dress made from a WW2 parachute and an extensive range of diaries, photographs and drawings from a member of the county regiment who was held as a POW.

On the day visitors can come along and share their reminiscences, photographs and objects with SOFO Museum volunteers, some of which could feature in the reminiscence display in the future. The day will also feature a range of 1940s-themed activities, displays and experiences for all ages.

Families will get the chance to handle real WW2 objects from the museum's own collection and take part in a 'Make Do and Mend' activity while discovering what objects can tell about life on the Home Front, or even craft their own gas mask.

A pop-up Gin Bar and 'Iron Rations Café' will cater for adults while children enjoy the many workshops and activities available throughout the day. Local living history groups will provide small displays and interact with visitors, as they portray members of 1st Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and the Oxfordshire Home Guard.

Oxfordshire County Council Music Serve Youth Orchestra, will also play music of the era throughout the day.

**Admission to the museum will be free for the duration of the event, but there will be a small fee (£2.00) for some of the workshops on the day. A full schedule can be found at [www.sofa.org.uk/wellmeetagain](http://www.sofa.org.uk/wellmeetagain)**



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CHRISTMAS ALTERATIONS this year so please note that there will be no Mass at Midnight. Instead it will be earlier at 8.00pm. There will also be our usual Mass at 5.00pm which is especially suitable for families but you need to arrive early for that one if you want a seat. Christmas Morning Mass will be at 10am as usual.

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The church bells will usually be rung between 9.30-10am prior to the 10am service.

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am St Peter's Together**

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**Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**10am Morning Worship**

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**11.30 Act of Remembrance – Churchfields Care Home**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
**10am Morning Worship**

*Preacher at both services:*

*Margaret Thornton*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
**10am Holy Communion**  
*Revd Andrew Atherstone*  
**6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)**

*Keith Jones*

**The Funeral of the late Roy Partridge took place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**



## Cassington Tinies & Toddlers

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## October 2019

### Eynsham Park and Ride scheme

Eynsham, Freeland and Cassington Parish Councils have all made it clear to OCC that the present scheme does not tackle the problem of the congestion on the A40. The current housing schemes to the west are only going to make this the problem worse. It needs a radical approach with firstly the bottle neck at Dukes cut being widened and a relief road built across to the A44 Frieze way roundabout with easier access to the A34.

Charles Mathew our County Councillor is very much of the same opinion and goes further looking at light railway options.

I have personally written to Robert Courts who tells me he backs the Park and Ride scheme but also agrees that other options need to follow on. This is qualified as to when funds are available.

None of the above Councils thinks this is the answer and have requested meetings with the Transport Minister.

### 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.

### Climate Change Group

The Parish Council were pleased to see a good turnout at the first meeting.

There was meeting a few days before hosted by WODC at Woodstock at which we were represented. WODC have appointed an officer specifically for this task and gives groups a sounding board as to what others are doing.

The Parish Council are very much supportive of the group and look forward to it growing to an integral part of the village.

The Parish Council have last month planted two oak trees donated by Charles Mathew on the area in front of the village hall and by the village notice board. Two flowering cherry trees are due to be planted on the corner of Mill Lane this Autumn.

If resident have suggestions of other suitable public land plots for trees, please inform the Clerk and the Parish Council will endeavour to provide the trees.

### Neighbourhood Watch and Speed Watch

No Cold Calling notices for front doors and windows are now available please check with your local coordinator for supplies.

### Solar Panels to the Pavilion

The Sports and Social Club are currently looking into the logistics and the Parish Council have indicated that they will look for Grants once a scheme is established.

### Thames Water

The Parish Council are going to write again to Thames Water reminding them of their defective main and the danger to the village.

### Web site for the village

The Parish Council will soon have a web site which will record the actions of the Parish Council and will be free for other organisations in the village to post news of their events. This is on going and we hope to have more news next month.

### Hedge Cutting Yarnton Lane

The overhanging hedges have now been cut back. The Parish Council would like to thank Guy Pharaon for organising this with adjacent landowner.

### Men's Sheds

There could be opportunity for Cassington to have their own Men's Sheds group. Check out <https://livewell.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Services/3287/Men-s-Sheds-Oxford> Eynsham have been looking at a Repair Shop. If you are interested, please contact the clerk and the Parish Council could arrange a meeting to see what opportunities are available. This is a second notice of this. We will ask a third time next month and if there are no takers will let it pass

#### **N.B Clerk contact details**

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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  
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 The Tennis/Yarnton Road (The Green side up to The Vicarage)  
 Vicky Thomas-Clarke 07917 403976  
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 St.Peters Close ..... Stewart Clifton 01865 880388 /  
 Cate Sirkett 07968 720241  
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 Kathryn Humphries 07786 041381  
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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!



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Cassington. The Tennis  
area. Please let me know if  
you are at all interested.  
Clare Want 731024

**DOG WALKERS**  
Do you have a dog? Do you want it  
walked by two responsible 13yr old  
dog-owners? We are free to walk your  
dog from 3:30pm – 6pm on weekdays  
and 10am-6pm on weekends. Very  
reasonable prices! If you are interested  
please contact Seren on 07740184757 or  
email me at 17bowersser@bartholomew.  
oxon.sch.uk for more information

## AVON CALLING

Hello! My name is Julie Perrin and I am back as  
Cassington's Avon Lady.  
If you would like a friendly and convenient door  
to door service for all your toiletries, make-up and  
luxuries, please contact me any weekday afternoon on  
07599 371930 for your free catalogue.  
I will be pleased to add you to my round.  
Julie Perrin, 44 Eynsham Road

**Is your garden in dismay?  
Looking for a helpful young boy to  
do it for you?**  
Well I can help, I'm in need of a summer job and  
would love to give a helping hand!



if you have any enquiries or want to know my  
availability just call 07840377476



**West Oxfordshire Community Choir**  
**WEDNESDAYS (term time)**  
**7.30 - 9.30pm,**  
**St James Centre, High Street, Stonesfield,**  
**Oxon, OX29 8PU**  
**www.wocchoir.co.uk email: wocchoir@yahoo.**

WOC is welcoming new members this September. The choir  
has been running since 2013 and is open to all West Oxfordshire  
residents with an interest in singing. The group do not learn  
from sheet music so music reading ability is not required.  
Previous singing experience is not a requirement either as the  
choir welcomes singers of all abilities. The choir sing an eclectic  
repertoire of songs from artists such as The Beatles, Coldplay  
and Stevie Wonder, as well as much loved show tunes and easy  
listening classics. Fees are paid in advance on a termly basis  
charged at £6 per week.

(Please note terms range from 10-13 weeks long).

WOC Choir's director and founder, Laura Rudge is a vocal coach  
and singing teacher with many years of experience working  
within the field. Rehearsals always include a gentle physical and  
vocal warm up which gives the choir members a chance to warm  
up their vocal chords and shake of their stresses and strains from  
the day before the full singing begins.

So, if you have been thinking of joining a choir or are looking  
for a friendly bunch of local singers to join, why not come  
along to WOC choir's launch night\* on Wednesday 11th Sept at  
7.30pm and see if WOC choir is for you? Lift share possible from  
Cassington. \*launch nights are free for new participants.



# what's on?



**SPSA**  
St Peter's School  
Association  
CASSINGTON

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 13th December 6-8pm

**Festive Stalls including:**  
cards, books, gift wrap, decorations, wreaths, candles, knitted items, crafts and much more

Seasonal refreshments & Mulled Wine

**Raffle with lots of great prizes!**  
For tickets, please contact the school office.

Secret present room • Games room  
And an appearance by Santa in his grotto!

## Dates for your diary

Unless shown, events are in the Village Hall

## November 2019

- Friday 1st, 7pm for 7:30pm Cassington Movies - see ad
- Monday 4th, 10 am - 12 noon Cassington Cafe
- Thursday 7th, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
- Sunday 10th Remembrance Sunday
- Monday 11th, 10am - 11:30am Cassington Tinies & Toddlers
- Sunday 17th, 12noon - 4pm Jazz Sunday lunch (Chequers)
- Monday 18th, 10am - 11:30am Cassington Tinies & Toddlers
- Wednesday 20th, December CAWN deadline
- Thursday 21st, 7:30pm **OPEN MEETING** Cassington WI
- Sunday 24th - Sunday 1st Crib Festival at St Peter's Church
- Monday 25th, 10am - 11:30am Cassington Tinies & Toddlers

## December 2019

- Monday 2nd, 10 am - 12 noon Cassington Cafe
  - Monday 2nd, 8pm - Cassington Bookworms - venue: see ad
  - Thursday 4th, 8pm Cass'ton Climate/Eco Group (Chequers)
  - Thursday 5th, 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
  - Friday 6th, 7pm for 7:30pm **NO** Cassington Movies
  - Friday 13th, 6-8pm St Peter's School Christmas Fayre
  - Sunday 15th EARLIER DEADLINE January CAWN deadline
  - Thursday 19th, 7:30pm Cassington WI
  - Monday 21st, 10am - 11:30am Cassington Tinies & Toddlers
- Tickets for films and shows from:  
Ruth Bakewell (01865 883512)



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WORLD WAR 2 & HOME GUARD RE-ENACTORS

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YOUR BEST 40s VINTAGE



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## ROCKETMAN

BASED ON A TRUE FANTASY

## FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Cassington Movies 1st November

### Rocketman

in the Village Hall  
Tickets £5 from Ruth 01865 883512. Bar and raffle.

## CASSINGTON WI

Thursday 21 November 7:30pm

### OPEN MEETING

Stephen Dawson

Oxford Preservation Trust



**CASSINGTON CAFÉ**  
CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday 4th November 2019  
10am - 12 noon

### Cassington Bookworms

The next meeting is on Monday  
**2nd December at 8pm.**

In preparation we are reading  
'The Shepherd's Hut' by Tim  
Winton  
All welcome  
For Venue Phone 880740

