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Cassington and Worton News

Update on local development issues

Six months after I was given the honour of representing Cassington and with a General Election upon us, I thought it would be a good time to set out some thoughts about where we are.

The first thing to say is that Cassington is going to be affected by the massive developments happening near it. The Cotswold Garden Village, A40 Park and Ride, the bus lanes, possible closure of Horsemere Lane and redesign of the junction of Eynsham Road with the A40 will all impact on you. The County Council are considering large scale gravel extraction in the land between Cassington and Eynsham – that is the route used by people cycling between the villages.

Cassington and Eynsham are taking more than their fair share of the development of the area. We have been signed up to take thousands of homes as part of the Oxfordshire Growth deal with no guarantee that they will be genuinely affordable for local people.

The Garden Village has the potential to be a brilliant place, but only if people there can get around inside the village and over to Eynsham without having to get in their cars. That means being able to cross the A40 safely and directly. But the A40 is about to be widened with non-continuous bus lanes, and with additional traffic going to the Park and Ride.

It would be nice to be able to report that the new bus lanes will work but few people here think the Park and Ride will make the traffic flow better. And most of Cassington is quite a long way from a convenient bus stop.

I hope that we will be allowed to reconsider our Local Plan in the future – but South Oxfordshire have recently been banned by the Sec of State for Communities from even discussing amending its plan.

I would urge everyone to use the forthcoming elections to make sure that our voice is heard.

Dan Levy

District Councillor:

Eynsham, Cassington and South Leigh ward

West Oxfordshire Cycling Champion.

The Poppy Appeal - thank you!

The Poppy Appeal collection in Cassington and Worton this year realised £1087.64 – less than in some years but still a most commendable amount for a village the size of Cassington

The Legion is extremely grateful to the many people who gave so generously. As usual, our Poppy Appeal Organiser Clare Want undertook the donkey work involved in making the Appeal such a success.

We would like to express our special thanks to all the collectors who make it possible by visiting every house and establishment in the village. We would also like to thank the establishments who agreed to have collecting boxes on their premises.

The service at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday was again very well attended. We were fortunate that the exceptionally heavy rains of the previous few days had relented for Sunday so, as for the last several years, we were blessed with a pleasant, if slightly chilly, autumn day. As usual, Janet Bushnell provided the accompaniment and Alan Aston the traditional stirring trumpet calls.

Future of the Legion in the village

Our Legion Branch is down to the absolute minimum of active members required to continue. Already, committee members are having to fill more than one post each, contrary to the rules. Without us, Remembrance Sunday at the war memorial would not be the same, so we would like to appeal to both existing members to come forward to help us out, and to others, whether ex-service or not, to consider joining. To discuss this, please contact our chairman Derek Waters (phone 881490) or the undersigned.

**Mike Randle, Hon.Secretary, R.B.L. Cassington
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With many thanks to the following people for collecting house to house within our village, or the local business with static collection points. Without all your efforts this would not happen.

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| The Red lion | St Peter's church | Churchfields nursing home |
| The Chequers | | |

Deadline for the January 2020 edition is 7 days earlier than usual,

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2019,

to enable the January edition to be printed before the Christmas holidays.

The magazine will still be distributed around the New Year.

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

I was asked the other day what my rant would be about this month! As I pondered on my reply, I reached a couple of conclusions:

(1) It is the season of goodwill, so no rant, but rather **on behalf of me and mine, may I wish you and yours, a very blessed Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.**

(2) There is a permanent vote of thanks at the bottom of this column to all those involved with this publication, but I wanted to especially thank the team of unsung heroes who faithfully delivery the CAWN to residents every month, faithfully co-ordinated by Clare Want. The village residents are indebted to each of you for delivering this one-sided village conversation.

(3) As a present to myself, I have decided to stand down as Editor of this esteemed publication when the current software subscription runs out on 31 August 2020 and the September edition has been sent to the printers. So if anyone is interested in the voluntary and oft times thankless position of Editor, you have nine months to get in touch and discuss.

Happy reading - and hey! feedback and contributions always welcomed.

Email: CAWNEditor@gmail.com

Kevin

PS The deadline for January edition is Friday 13th December.

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Food waste
Garden waste

Grey week

Rubbish
Food waste

No garden waste collections

Recycling
Food waste

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 | |
| Grey week | |
| Green week | Wednesday 2 Oct |
| Wednesday 9 Oct | Wednesday 16 Oct |
| Wednesday 23 Oct | Wednesday 30 Oct |
| Wednesday 6 Nov | Wednesday 13 Nov |
| Wednesday 20 Nov | Wednesday 27 Nov |
| Wednesday 4 Dec | Wednesday 11 Dec |
| Wednesday 18 Dec | FRIDAY 27 Dec * |
| 2020 | |
| FRIDAY 3 Jan * | THURSDAY 9 Jan * |
| 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 | |

December stargazing highlights

- 12 December: Full moon, called the Moon Before Yule.
- 14/15 December: Geminids meteor shower. Lots of shooting stars, although the moon is quite bright this year.
- 21/22 December: Ursids meteor shower. Only 5-10 shooting stars per hours but close to the new moon, increasing your chances of seeing a Christmas shooting star.
- 26 December: New moon, great for Yuletide stargazing.

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Election Manifestos and Campaign Busses.

(First published in CAWN May 2017.)

It is a blessing and a privilege to live in a democracy (although living under a benevolent dictator might be easier!). However, living in a democracy puts the responsibility on each-and-every one of us to (at least) find out something about the candidates & their policies, and then to use our vote as our conscience dictates. I find it very sad that many people do not vote at all.

The political parties produce their "Party Manifestos" often making great promises, painting a "glossy" future - if only we would give them our vote.

The temptation is to swallow the particular manifesto promises that appeal to each of us, "hook, line and sinker" and be caught like a fish on a line.

However, manifesto aspirations are not rigid promises. The very nature of politics means that there is always room for (and requirement to) compromise. Also, many other factors can change both nationally and internationally that can push manifesto pledges onto the back burner. Very little can be "etched in stone" in politics.

My apologies if I sound rather cynical about politicians. I am sure that many (if not most) have this country and us, its people, at heart. So, let us be grateful for those who are willing to take on this responsibility to act for us.

If party manifestos are just aspirations then by contrast I believe that the biblical promises made to us are solid and unequivocal.

One of the bible "sentences" used at the start of the funeral service is written by St Paul to the fledgling Roman church. He says in chapter 8 verses 38-39: (page 174 in your Jubilee New Testament)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Does this mean that we all have a heavenly home in Jesus Christ – a sort of universalism? I don't believe so – and I don't believe that Jesus ever taught this.

In the run-up to the election we will see campaign buses around the country. If the way to our heavenly home were a bus then we all have the opportunity to travel to our heavenly destination - but we still have to get on the bus!

Just like the voter on election day we are required to be active in the process.

Please don't waste your vote, - or miss the bus.

Revd Roger Aston

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Cassington Sports News

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Looking for a budding sport writer to do a write up for this match for front page of the CAWN in February – the writer will also get to choose the much talked about "Man of the Match". Please make yourself known to the match organisers and the editor asap.

Cassington Advent Windows 2019

We hope you enjoyed last year's windows and will enjoy a walk around the village either each day as a new window appears or in one go to walk off Christmas dinner!

We are supporting Witney and West Oxfordshire food bank so you can either donate online to <https://witney.foodbank.org.uk/> or drop off anything from the list to the decorated box in the Red Lion from the 1st – 15th December to help others this Christmas.

All items must be shop bought and in date. Currently needed: Spam, Corned beef, Tinned meatballs, stew or curry. Milk (UHT or powered) Fruit juice (Long life) Pasta sauces, curry/stir fry sauces. Tinned sponge puddings. Tinned tomatoes, vegetables or potatoes, instant mash. Tinned rice pudding or fruits. Tea bags/instant coffee. Rice (small bags). Soap, shampoo and deodorant.

We hope you have fun spotting the windows and enjoying the displays – thank you to those taking part again this year.

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

December

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday 1st. | St Peters Church |
| Monday 2nd | The Chalet Bell lane |
| Tuesday 3rd | 69 Eynsham Road |
| Wednesday 4th. | The Pavilion Elms Road |
| Thursday 5th | 20 St Peters Close |
| Friday 6th. | Glebe Cottage Horsemere Lane |
| Saturday 7th. | 43 Eynsham Road |
| Sunday 8th. | 7 Bell Lane |
| Monday 9th. | Village Hall Tots and Tinies |
| Tuesday 10th. | 3 Foxwell Court Yarnto Road |
| Wednesday 11th. | 6 The Tennis |
| Thursday 12th. | Elmore Yarnton Road |
| Friday 13th. | St Peters School |
| Saturday 14th | Trewavas Bell Lane |
| Sunday 15th. | 8 Orchard Close |
| Monday 16th. | 14 The Green |
| Tuesday 17th. | Stork Cottage (opposite war memorial) |
| Wednesday 18th | Mill house, Mill lane. |
| Thursday 19th | 21 St Peters Close |
| Friday 20th. | Churchfields Pound Lane |
| Saturday 21st. | Woodland View 4 Lynton Lane |
| Sunday 22nd. | Ivy Dene 12 Lynton Lane |
| Monday 23rd. | 14 The Tennis |
| Tuesday 24th. | The Red Lion and St Peters Church. |

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By Fliss Pusey, Manager

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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

Rotary Club of Eynsham Santa's December Itinerary



All tours will take place between 6.00 and 8.00 pm and for **the Cassington event we will be on the Village green from 6.00.**

Monday 9th - Freeland
 Wednesday 11th - Eynsham Central
 Thursday 12th - Eynsham East

Monday 16th - Eynsham West
Tuesday 17th - Cassington Lights event on the village green. (No tour)

Wednesday 18th. - Long Hanborough
 Thursday 19th - Eynsham Spareacre

Please note that this itinerary is subject to change at short notice, either due to availability of drivers and volunteers and/or the weather.

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Cassington Climate / Eco Group

Next Meeting Weds 4th Dec 8pm The Chequers

The group is a sub group to the already well established Green TEA (Transition Eynsham Area). 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 this areas and priorities drawn up at our next meeting:

- 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.

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Observation

by Stephen Wright

They say absence makes the heart grow fonder, and that certainly rings true once you leave university. When I was at uni, of course I enjoyed spending time with the friends I made there, but, as with many things that become normal in life, you quickly take it for granted. Now that I don't see those folks as regularly anymore, it only makes me appreciate those friendships and look forward to seeing them again even more, so I was delighted to catch up with a couple of old chums in London this past month.

Being in Norwich, I'm naturally a bit out in the sticks, but Jon and Dan both live and work in London. Jon lives in a place called Edgware, very close to where the Channel 4 comedy Friday Night Dinner was filmed, if any CAWN readers have had the pleasure of watching that show. Dan is from Bournemouth but moved to London to start a job at the Daily Mail, which of course I often remind him is not the highest quality newspaper, but everyone starts somewhere. The paper might have a bad reputation, but he is a sound lad.

But I digress. Now that I've brought you up to date on who we are and what we're doing, allow me to tell you about our little weekend in the capital. The first port of call was The Hive, otherwise known as Barnet FC's football stadium, because what's a weekend with the lads without a little bit of the beautiful game? It wasn't the best match, in truth, but it didn't need to be because we were having fun catching up on the terraces, having not seen each other for a few months. It did brighten up towards the end, though. Barnet had been 2-0 down to Woking but brought it back to 2-1. With just minutes remaining, they equalised and made it 2-2, bringing about 'absolute limbs' in the stadium. For older readers, that phrase refers to wild celebrations, often with arms and legs flailing all over the shop. Enjoyable, even though none of

us care about Barnet.

After a night out in Camden, myself and Dan returned to our abode for the night - the cheapest hostel we could find in Hendon. It may have only cost us £20 each and my work colleagues may have tried to dissuade me from staying there because it looked a bit like a prison, but it actually represented very good value for money and we had a decent sleep in our dorm with 19 other random people we had never met! I may be earning money on a full-time job now, but I'm still just as frugal as I was at uni when it comes to spending it. Old habits die hard. I had to look up how to spell 'frugal' there, because I almost wrote 'frugle', which apparently means something very, very different indeed.

On the Sunday, we went to Southbank and enjoyed riding the dodgems and shooting some skittles on the bowling alley at this games room called Namco, under the shadow of a heavily-under-construction, depressing looking Big Ben. I felt that the appearance of the Great Bell and Westminster as a whole in October 2019 accurately reflected our country's political climate, which is to say, it looked dismal. My personal situation was almost equally dismal when my phone ran out of battery and I didn't have a ticket to show the National Express driver to get back to Norwich that evening, because what's a CAWN column without a crisis from me? My phone said it had 11 percent battery left when it died, and I was worried such fake news would prevent me from being allowed to board the coach. However, faith in humanity was duly restored when, much to my relief, the driver simply said 's*** happens,' and allowed me to get on. That was very understanding of him, but it also means that I could have never bought a ticket in the first place, although that would have been very unethical of me. Luckily, three hours or so later I did make it back to Norwich and walked from the bus station back to my house.

A real Christmas miracle! Merry Christmas Cassington!

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Cassington W.I.

I am sorry so many of you missed our meeting this month it was a cracker! Our speaker, Stephen Dawson, was a volunteer with Oxford Preservation Trust for many years and was appointed Development Officer in 2016. He gave such an interesting talk with terrific 'photos of this lovely city on our doorstep. The purpose of the trust, which was formed in 1927, was to preserve and enhance the expansion of the city whilst preserving the best of the old and encouraging the best of the new. Boar's Hill has the best view of the "dreaming spires" also South park. At Marston Hamm the Trust is working to improve punting and restore grassland, at Kennington in the second world war memorial field we can find massive ant hills. Hinksey Meadow has a wonderful display of fritillary in June and at Woolvercote Lakes is now a nature reserve with a community orchard. The trust's biggest project has been restoring Oxford Castle which is open to the public for the first time in 1,000 years and plans for every primary school age child in Oxfordshire to visit the castle and learn its history. There are wonderful buildings to visit too like the Merchant's House in Abingdon built in 1450, the restoration of the Martry's Memorial and Maudlin Bridge. Many interesting features are being uncovered as they work to preserve the covered market. I have probably rambled on enough now but I'm sure you get my gist!

There will not be a meeting in December as we will have our Christmas Party but at our meeting on 16th January Louise Kelly will speak about internet safety.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas from all W.I. members and hope to meet more of you at our meetings next year.

Maggie Nightingale
23 November 2019

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Vicky's After School Club

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Jim and Kathy Thomson & Family
 Wish their friends in the village
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 (A donation will be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities in lieu of sending cards this year)

Happy Xmas and a Happy New Year to all
 Love Lorna, Graham, Aaron, Aiden and Cookie
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We would like to wish all our friends in Cassington a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy & Healthy New Year With best wishes & love from Pam & Derek Waters, Marianne Want and Ken Kerr
 In lieu of Christmas cards our donations this year are going to local charities.

Mike and Ninon send festive greetings to all their friends in Cassington and Worton and wish them a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful 2020.

Individual cards will not be sent but a donation will be made instead to various charities.

Saturday before Christmas
pub quiz
 Sat 21st Dec 8:30pm start
 £2 per person

Please come and support the Red Lion pub charities for the annual prize-winning Party/Price combo - see you there - yule have a great time

The Chequers Inn, Cassington

Christmas Party Menu

Two Courses £16.95 per person
 Three Courses £21.95 per person



Starters

Spiced Parsnip, Carrot & Cumin Soup

Bengali Prawns with Asian Garlic, Chilli & Ginger Sauce

Chicken Liver Paté

Main Courses

Turkey & Bacon Parcel with Pork, Sage & Onion Stuffing served with festive trimmings

Salmon Wellington served with seasonal vegetables

Cajun Sweet Potato Roulade (GF) with Mediterranean vegetables

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding served with brandy sauce

Chocolate & Salted Caramel Cheesecake

Caramel Apple Cobbler

The Chequers Inn Christmas Day Menu



£40.00 per person

Starters

Spiced Parsnip, Carrot & Cumin Soup served with bread

Game & Port Paté served with Winter spiced chutney & bread

Kiln Smoked Salmon Paté served with Marie Rose sauce

Sweet Potato Falafel

Mains

Traditional Roast Turkey with festive accompaniments

Sea Bass served with Mediterranean vegetables

Wild Mushroom & Brandy Sauce Strudel

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding served with brandy sauce

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(Times are changed occasionally so consult the Weekly Newsletter online)

THE PARISH PRIEST : Father Mark Lagorio is happy to receive enquiries by phone on 01865 881613 or email stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com

The Retired Priest : Father Martin Flatman is available on 07719 646790 or email frmartinflatman@gmail.com

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OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve.

Mass with Carols especially suitable for families 5.00pm
Mass like at Midnight but earlier. 8.00pm
Please note that there will be no Mass at Midnight

Christmas Morning.

Traditional Christmas Morning Mass 10.00am

ADVENT begins on Sunday 1st December and as usual one of the children will be asked to light one, two, three and then four candles on our Advent Wreath each Sunday as we get closer to Christmas.

CHILDREN UNDER 8 remember then have their own Liturgy in the Tolkien Room and then rejoin the rest of us bringing forward what they have drawn or created. Parents are welcome to come out with their children and stay with them if they are very little or very shy.



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**St Peter's Church wish you joy and peace this Christmas.
You are warmly welcome to any of our services and events.**

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

DECEMBER 2019

There is usually a service of Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 9.30am.
Prayers at 12 noon on Thursdays.

The church bells will usually be rung between 9.30-10am prior to the 10am service
and may be rung on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

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

Sunday 1st December
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am St Peter's Together

A monthly service suitable for all ages.

**11.30am Holy Communion at
Churchfields Care Home**

Sunday 8th December
10am Holy Communion



Sunday 15th December
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Morning Worship

Wednesday 18th December
2pm End of term Christingle
*For all-ages to celebrate Christ's light
coming into the world*

Sunday 22nd December
2.15pm Carols at Churchfields Care Home
5pm Carols by Candlelight

*A traditional carol service with the chance to sing our hearts out to God
and remember the whole story of Christmas.*

Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24th December
11.30am Holy Communion at Churchfields Care Home
3pm Crib service - Short child-friendly Christmas service
11.30pm Midnight Communion - The first communion of Christmas

Christmas Day – Wednesday 25th December
9.30am All-Age Christmas Celebration
A short service for all ages on Christmas morning celebrating the birth of Jesus

Sunday 29th December
NO Services at St Peter's. 10am Holy Communion at St Leonard's



Cassington Tinies & Toddlers

A Parent/Carer & Toddler group

Cassington Village Hall 10.00-11.30am on Mondays (school term-time)

December 9th – last session of term. Back in January 2020!

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

The group is being run by St Peter's Church in partnership with local parents.

Contact details:

Vicar – Revd Duncan Fraser Tel: 07810324088 email: vicarslp@gmail.com

Associate Curate – Revd Roger Aston Tel: 01865 880757 email: rogera52@aol.com

Children & Families Worker – Carmen Fraser email: cf@stleonardsandstpeters.church

Youth Worker: Olly Shaw email: youth.stleonards@gmail.com Tel: 07539747237 blog: <http://stleonardsyouth.blogspot.co.uk>

Enquiries including weddings, baptisms and funerals:

Church Administrator: Jan Macdonald – Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm Tel: 01865 883325 email stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com

November 2019

Eynsham Park and Ride scheme

Robert Courts and Ian Hudspeth recently announced that additional funding had been obtained to enhance the proposed scheme. It is a pity that the long-ago proposed link road from the A40 to the A44 west of the A34 flyover was not included in the new announcement. Parish Councils along the A40 have tried in vain to get this idea accepted but are not being listened to.

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

Next meeting 4th December at The Chequers. See article Page 9.

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. The Parish Council are awaiting news from the Sports and Social club

Thames Water

The Parish Council have written again to Thames Water reminding them of their defective main and the danger to the village. To date a reply has not been forthcoming.

Drainage and Flooding

Elsewhere there is an article outlining the surface water drainage in the village (*Editor - article held over to Jan edition due to lack of space*).

Web site for the village

The Parish Council have paid the necessary fee for the web site and hoped to have some news soon.

Men's Sheds

There could be opportunity for Cassington to have their own Men's Sheds group. Check out <https://liveswell.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 third notice of this. If there are no takers this month, we will let it pass

Tree planting

The Parish Council have had a suggestion for a tree on the small green on the left as you enter school gates. Nearer to the School than where the Christmas tree was last year.

Parking on Pavements

The Parish Council have received several complaints about parking on pavements. It is dangerous at night for pedestrians and for blind or limited vision people. The Parish Council have asked the police to investigate this. Offenders may find tickets on their windscreens.

Christmas Carols on the Green

December 17th will be the date this year.

Look out for posters soon.

N.B Clerk contact details

Email cassingtonclerk@gmail.com

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Next Parish Council meeting will be 5th December 2019 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Hugh Thomas, Chairman, Cassington Parish Council
20th November 2019


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Eynsham Road Julie Perrin 07599 371930
 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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Village contact list

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 Chemist, Eynsham 01865 881283
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 cassingtonclerk@gmail.com
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 Sports Pavilion bookings (Graham Mills), Cassington,
 cassingtonsport@millsclan.force9.co.uk
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 Waste Collection, WODC 01993 861020
 Village Hall bookingscassingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

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.

| | Weekdays per hour | Weekends per hour |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Village rate | £10 | £14 |
| Non-village rate | £12 | £16 |
| Commercial hire | £18 | £20 |

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- Adults grass football pitch and pavilion £35 per game
- Cricket pitch and pavilion £50 per game
- Tennis court £10 an hour or free if you have a Muga annual pass (June-September)

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If anyone is new to the village and
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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
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(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
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what's on?



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Dates for your diary

Unless shown, events are in the Village Hall

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
- Monday 9th, 10am - 11:30am Cassington Tinies & Toddlers
- Friday 13th, 6-8pm St Peter's School Christmas Fayre
- Friday 13th **EARLIER DEADLINE** January CAWN
- Saturday 14th, 7:30pm Dreams Between "Sam AI Am"
- Sunday 15th, 6pm Dreams Between "Sam AI Am"
- Saturday 21st, 8:30pm Red Lion Charities Pub Quiz
- Thursday 26th, 10:30am Boxing Day Football Match (Fields)

January 2020

- Friday 3rd, 7pm for 7:30pm **NO** Cassington Movies
- Monday 6th, 10 am - 12 noon Cassington Cafe
- Thursday 9th (TBC), 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
- Thursday 16th, 7:30pm Cassington WI
- Monday 20th, February CAWN deadline

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LOCATION: CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL
DATE A: 14-12-19 @ 19:30
DATE B: 15-12-19 @ 18:00
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(CELL) - 07740 281336
£7.00/£5.00 (CONC)



FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Next movie night Friday 7th February

in the Village Hall

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

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

CASSINGTON WI

December Christmas function

Contact WI members
for more information
(great opportunity for prospective
members to meet everyone)

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CASSINGTON CAFÉ
CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday 2nd December 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

