



## Care Home residents monkey around

Residents at Churchfields Care Home in Oxfordshire were delighted to receive a visit from some cheeky guests.

Two squirrel monkeys, named Antonio and Tia, took a day out from their zoological home in Chipping Norton to visit residents at the home in Cassington.

Studies have shown that caring for an animal has proven health benefits. With this in mind, residents were able to pick up, cuddle and feed worms to the very lively furry monkeys.

Stephanie Eley, Manager at Churchfields Care Home, commented: "Residents and staff alike were enthralled by the monkeys, who were using the home as their playground.

"They were so friendly, and we know how beneficial animal therapy can be for older people, especially for those living with dementia."

Residents at the care home regularly enjoy visits from animals, including 'pat dogs' and the star penguins that appeared in the local news last year.

Resident Muriel commented: "I was eager to ask the keepers about the age and names of the monkeys, and also what they ate. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn." Eve added: "I couldn't believe how agile they were, and I loved seeing them jumping about."

Jim Clubb from Heythrop Zoological Gardens commented; "Our common squirrel monkeys are regular visitors to care homes. We have been told by both specialist therapists and the

staff at these homes that residents/patients benefit immensely from the visits.

"Likewise, we have seen nothing but positive results with our squirrel monkeys. They are naturally intelligent and social animals that live in their large multi-generation captive-bred breeding colony back at our zoo.

"Being trained animals they are very familiar with human beings and interact with them on a daily basis throughout their day as well as performing their natural behaviours in their specially constructed homes. Animal training provides mental stimulation and promotes more confidence in zoo animals.

"Visits to these homes provides a natural extension and variation in their enrichment programmes."



## **HORSEMERE LANE** **Letter to the Editor**

In 2016, OCC disclosed they were to close Horsemere lane in Cassington, this was stopped by our cllr Charles Mathews until we had a village vote and consent. So, we had a village vote and an overwhelming result to close the lane. After 4 years, yes 4 years of meetings, design, local consultation and a traffic survey with the transport department, we moved to close Horsemere Lane as per recommended by the Transport Department. We where suddenly presented with a potential bill for approximately £6000 to provide the gates, signage and OCC's consultation process. Even though OCC wanted the lane closed we suddenly had to pay. The Parish Council agreed to use and support the closure by utilising the Blenheim Sec106 building money from the large development in the village to pay for the consultation. The villagers reluctantly raised the money (£2600) for the physical works and signage. The cabinet member presiding on the consultation was advised by our Parish Chairman not to close the lane, minutes read as below. "Hugh Thomas for Cassington Parish Council confirmed that while there was a level of support for closure this was an important access route out of the village with 500 cars currently using Horsemere Lane. That traffic would have to go somewhere with closure inevitably causing an increase

in traffic at the traffic lights." and "Mr Thomas responded that in that case the Parish Council could not support the prohibition and would want Horsemere Lane to remain open." Our Parish Council decided traffic would be too busy passing their houses as traffic may block up from the traffic lights. There is no evidence to prove this and if traffic would find other routes. The vast majority of the parish council live in that end of the village. So, the parish council misled us of their intentions and unfortunately wasted £3000 of village money as they decided to change their minds and decided their ideas TRUMPED what villagers voted for and OCC Transport department recommendations. As Parish Council members are voted in by villagers you would think it's their primary responsibly is to deliver what people voted for. This wasn't complicated like BREXIT, but we have lost over £3000 because the Parish Council decided to go with their own ideas even though the law dictates they have to disclose their own interest which they have never done. The lane had become plagued by massive potholes which where mended two weeks ago but unfortunately have already been ruined, the lane cannot take the amount of traffic as it wasn't designed for. Large vehicles and normal traffic belongs on the main roads not Horsemere Lane / Bridal path #welldone #wasteofmoney

**Name supplied but withheld as requested**

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# welcome

## Kevin's CAWNer

February – it's a leap year this year!

I gain another notch in my timeline.

It's also Valentines and like marmite, you either love it or hate what it stands for these days.

It's the first of the super moons this month – the Snow Moon – will we see any this year in Cassington? It's also another gathering of the village Eco & Climate Change group who are keen to find champions for key topics (see page 9).

Preparations also commence for Cassington Bike Night 2020 and they are looking for residents to get involved in the preparations for the annual event.

February also marks the start of Annual General Meeting season – I've had my say on this season in the past and I just hope residents who desire to influence, guide and develop this village will step up and get involved in the various village groups. It seems people are very good at taking one step back to critics on the side lines rather than stepping forward to constructively effect change.

In talking about change, there is also a threat to village traditions based on a comment about the Boxing Day football marrieds vs singles football match. Can tradition be saved? Can it be allowed to evolve?

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

Email: CAWNEditor@gmail.com

Kevin

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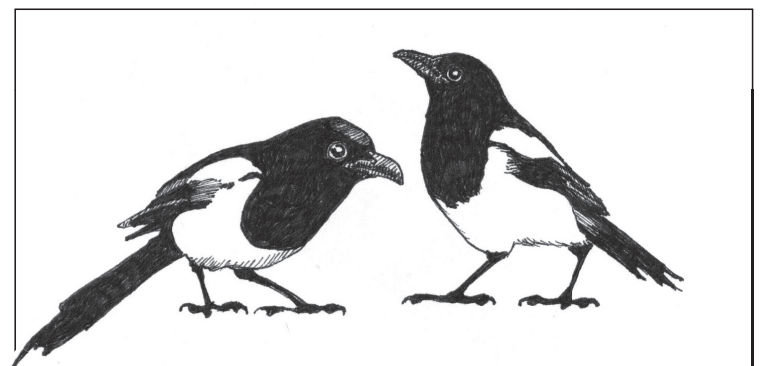
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## February stargazing highlights

**February 9 - Full Moon, Supermoon.** The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Snow Moon because the heaviest snows usually fell during this time of the year. Since hunting is difficult, this moon has also been known by some tribes as the Full Hunger Moon, since the harsh weather made hunting difficult. This is also the first of four supermoons for 2020. The Moon will be at its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

**February 10 - Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation.** The planet Mercury reaches greatest eastern elongation of 18.2 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky. Look for the planet low in the western sky just after sunset.

**February 23 - New Moon.** The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

### Boxing Day Football Match Marrieds 1 – Singles 5

The annual married versus singles match this year took place on a very wet and therefore heavy pitch at our lovely Sports complex – a key factor in the outcome some might offer. The marrieds got off to a flying start with the tenacious Piers Beaton finishing off a flowing move with a well-placed shot low down wide of the keeper. Unfortunately for the older team this was something of a wakeup call, requiring Carl Osgathorp to roll back the years in terms of his defensive prowess, ably assisted by keeper Robbie Baughan who put paid to a good number of scoring chances by the younger opposition. As the first half wore on, the youth, vitality and skill of the singles were clearly going to be the making of a difficult morning for the (largely) over 50's. Despite this, the marrieds fought on bravely, with the ever busy John Bishop doing all he could to even out the differences between the two teams, accompanied by a (surprisingly!) measured performance from Marcus Copelin. Inevitably the marrieds began to capitulate under the barrage of quick fire attacks, principally from the quick and talented Elliot Bolton and Will Price, the latter scoring the goal of the day via a mazy run expertly finished with a rocket of a left foot shot. Throughout the game the singles were cajoled by the ever-present Stevie Rippington who is due a special mention for his efforts in pulling together the singles team once again – thanks Stevie (can you find some less talented/quick ones next year please!). And so the game came to a close with the singles running out the worthy 5-1 winners, in doing so bucking the trend which had seen the marrieds win comprehensively in the previous few outings.

As always the game was played in the very best of spirits, with many of the marrieds clearly coming out of what has obviously been a long retirement to put in a shift that we are sure the majority will have felt for the next few days! Thanks to Graham Mills for a VAR free refereeing performance of the highest calibre. Finally, a big thanks to all who took part, especially those who came along to support – remember folks – keeping village traditions like this is what makes our little community so special – see you all next Boxing Day!

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## RECYCLING MADE EASY

## Who or what do we love most?

Back last summer I was left almost drooling over a 500cc Manx Norton at the Isle of Man motor museum.



What do you and I hold most dear? Our family, our health, our garden, a particular football team, our car (or motorbike) or even Elvis. All of these may be good in some degree (with the possible exception of Elvis!)

Well, how well do you know and keep the 10 Commandments? There is "don't murder", "don't cheat on your partner", "don't steal", "don't tell lies about others", "honour your parents"... How are you doing so far? Pretty good I guess for most of us.

However, there was once a rich young man who asked Jesus what he should do to get eternal life. Jesus said, "don't murder, don't cheat on your partner, don't steal, honour your parents (and love others)".

The man said, "I've done all this."  
Jesus reply was, " Sell all your precious stuff, give the money to the poor and follow me".

The rich young man just couldn't do it and went away sad.

Jesus was clever in the Commandments that he quoted to the young man. He highlights the things that the young man wanted to hear, the things that affirm him - and we too can be guilty of only wanting to hear what affirms us.

Yes, it's true, the 10 commandments include loving others by not murdering, or cheating, or stealing, or telling lies and honouring your parents. BUT these are not the first and most important of the 10 commandments. These only cover Commandment 6 to 10.

Commandment 1 to 5 are all about putting God first, not yourself or anything else.

So Jesus exposes the young man's failure - he loves his stuff and money more than anything else. They are his god. He has made them his idol, holding them most dear, and worshipped them.

Jesus' disciples realise that this is a hard lesson and ask "who then can be saved". Jesus says that on our own we can't, but only with God's help.

You can read the story in Matthew 19 verses 16-26 (p 23 in your Jubilee New Testament)

**Revd Roger Aston**

## Rotary New Year News

A very Happy New Year to you all! And, a very BIG thank you to all who donated so generously to Rotary charities over the Christmas holiday. Our Santa's Sleigh expeditions were thoroughly enjoyed by elves and residents alike, although the weather could have been kinder! We do apologise if there were some families expecting to see Santa who were disappointed. There was at least one evening when everything just got too soggy!

Between the Santa tours and the charity collection at the toll-bridge we raised a considerable sum towards next year's charities so if you know of any clubs, groups or local good causes who

are in need of financial help, please do contact us to see how to access our funds.

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Some of the money raised will be used to provide further defibrillators in and around the village. We're looking forward to seeing the fruits of our labours when our "Purple for Polio" crocus appear in February. As well as the patches of colour near the toll-bridge roundabout we should see some appearing at the A40 traffic lights.

Our next event will be a **film and supper night on Saturday, March 14th**. Choice of film still to be decided, but we will announce it via Eynsham Online as soon as we can.

We wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2020.

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## SAM AI AM theatre review

Imagine a time in which anything in your world can be upgraded via scientific technology – including young people! Well that is exactly what happened when the cast of the latest offering from Dream Between of Dreams Studios got together – they imagined that time, setting their storyline against a backdrop of climate breakdown and the attendant environmental degradation that accompanies it. The play was self-cast with significant inputs from all involved giving a result which both provoked thought and debate.

Central to the story was Sam, expertly played by Hannah Buckner, who challenged the audience to consider the consequences of technologies' possible impacts to mankind – her stark reminder to all that she needed good old-fashioned Beatles style "Help". The question here is why did she need help? The audience were in no doubt why – her engineers had done their best to rob her of all human traits – but had not quite succeeded. The perpetrators of this crime against mankind, albeit in the name of scientific "progress", were wonderfully portrayed by the Professors Jefferson (Eva Ospina), Suckling (James Martin), Quantik (Joban Dey) and Frankham (Zoe Rogers) – clinical and cold-hearted to a scientific man or woman! We have to commend the Professors on their performance in terms of the dialogue and monologue they had to deliver on occasion throughout the play – complex (and sometimes long) elements tackled with aplomb.

But who was to expose the wrong doings of this well-intended scientific intervention? The heroes of course! And we had so many to choose from. Any piece of skulduggery requires exposure by a team of committed super sleuths determined to let the world know the truth. Enter Gail and Harry, Dreams' very own Mulder and Scully confidently played by Amelia Bolton and James Fox. Throughout their scenes the two managed to deliver an appealing blend of detective urgency sprinkled with a little bit of infatuation, giving a lighter twist to an otherwise sombre tale. There were even a few damp eyes evident throughout the audience at James' final exit. Testament to their commitment and conviction.

Despite the dark storyline, however the audience were given hope by the "youngsters" the confident Ali (Thomas Want), 'voice of an angel' Bee (Seren Lemaire), reliable Frankie (Oli Lewis), supportive Don (Shannon Jennings), reassuring Chris (Katie Leach), and the mind-boggling Elfie (Freya Rogers). She was quite the handful for her poor mother, Mrs Elfred (Maia Buckner), who played the oblivious parent with an appropriately light touch, and, like Ella Tompkin (Mrs Clarke and Lee), carefully managed her two distinct roles, also playing Marty.

The aforementioned Seren Lemaire sang 'To Be Human', originally recorded by the Australian Sia for the soundtrack to the 2017 superhero film 'Wonder Woman'. The message 'To be human is to love' was appropriate for this festive season as the village of Cassington and proud parents and friends came together to celebrate the skills of these young superheroes and their very special drama mentors Mandy and Rich Constance. The script and futuristic technological setting were simply Wonder-ful! Thank you, all.

## Peter Panto theatre review

Just when we thought we had exhausted the dramatic talents of Dream Studios, those lucky enough to get to Peter Panto on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th December had still further festive treats (Oh no they didn't! Oh yes they did!). With verve and vigour this young, young cast pulled off a festive extravaganza. The lively Lost Children, Monday through Saturday, were ably managed by Peter's Wendy. They met the challenge of the dastardly, though dapperly clad, Captain Hook, and his devious array of bandanna-wearing pirates, with much uproarious chasing and screeching around the stage. What japes! The unflinching help of fairies, Lunar, Solar and Tinkerbell with their foot stamping and upside down leg wobbling brought further festive fun and magic! Audience participation to save Tiger Lily's mother's knickers obviously gave away her whereabouts -oops, but with a Peter Pan cast so varied as to include an array of animals including a sloth, a cat and a reindeer, it looked as though the starring role of the crocodile was in some danger... oh no it wasn't! We ticked and tocked to the end of the production and are pleased to announce that good overcame evil. Oh yes it did!

Many thanks from all of your audience and congratulations to all of you for your exuberant energy levels and your abundant enthusiasm!

**Sports and Social**

## Sports and Social Club News

Can you believe it is almost a year since Cassington Sports and Social Club became a registered charity? We have football and cricket clubs playing matches regularly and the MUGA pitch also has bookings. We have improved access to the Pavilion, with the laying of a concrete path, and we continue to improve the facilities within the Pavilion. The new play equipment was installed last year and we hope you are enjoying using it.

This all requires money and we continue to rely on the generosity of you all to look after these wonderful facilities and improve them when we can. Each year we ask those of you who want to use the MUGA pitch, for either tennis in the summer or other sports during the rest of the year, to become members. We hope that those of you who joined last year will renew your membership again this year and perhaps some of you who didn't join will think about it. How many of you made New Year's resolutions to lose weight and get fit? Well we have just the facilities you need for that, plus you can have fun at the same time.

For those of you who want to support us, but don't play sport, perhaps you might consider making a donation to us. We can help you to set up a standing order should you wish to do this, and if you are a tax payer then you can gift aid your donation which means we can recover 25% from HMRC at no extra cost to you!

We have been making plans for events this year, which we hope you might enjoy. On Sunday 3rd May we are holding a Bake Off competition and tea party at the Pavilion. Further details will follow in the April edition of CAWN, but all you budding bakers out there can start trying out your favourite recipes in anticipation.

This summer we are also planning a Cassington Olympics with some excellent sports that are not being played at the event in Japan. So look out for more details of that event in due course. We are also investigating other fun ideas and if anyone has any suggestions then do please speak to one of the committee or email us on [cassingtonsport@millsclan.force9.co.uk](mailto:cassingtonsport@millsclan.force9.co.uk)

We are due to have an AGM in March to which everyone is welcome. Details will be included in next month's edition of CAWN. Please do come along, support us in any way you can or just use our wonderful facilities.



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Come and find out what has been happening in the Village Hall over the past year and learn about plans for the future.

All Village groups and societies are encouraged to send a representative for election onto the committee and any interested individuals would also be very welcome.

For further information please contact  
Penny Burroughs, Secretary of the Cassington Village Hall Committee.

## Community Education at the Marlborough School, Woodstock

*By Fliss Pusey, Manager*

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<i>Yoga with Klara</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>19.30-21.00</i>
<i>Spanish Beginners</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>17.00 18.30</i>
<i>Yoga with Wendy</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>16.30-18.00</i>
<i>Tai Chi</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>18.15-19.15</i>
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15 February - 13 April

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# Observation

by Stephen Wright

2019 was a year in which I graduated from university with a degree in journalism, interviewed some of my favourite bands at Reading Festival and got my first full-time job in sports journalism. The purpose of this shameless bragging isn't just to show off, but to illustrate that perhaps none of this would have happened had I not started editing the Cassington & Worton Newsletter back in 2016. After reading that Kevin will be stepping down from his position as editor later in 2020, I wanted to encourage anyone with a passing interest in journalism to consider giving it a go, because you never know where it will take you! One minute you'll be crying because the software you use to design the newsletter keeps crashing, the next you're crying because you're reporting on Norwich City losing 4-0 at Old Trafford!

Jokes aside, it's a great opportunity to get practical experience designing and editing a newsletter, and experience is far more valuable than a degree in this industry according to everyone I have spoken to, so that makes me feel really good about having studied for three years and looking forward to paying my student loan back for the rest of my life.

As for Norwich, they can't seem to buck the yo-yo trend of getting promoted to and subsequently relegated from the Premier League, a trend which has cursed them for decades. So, what's it like working for the club at the foot of the table? Well, thankfully I'm not a Norwich fan, so I don't really care, but obviously I want the club I work for to win more than they lose. In my opinion, the players are lucky to have the fanbase that they have at Norwich, because after getting trounced 4-0 by Manchester United they were still making all the noise and supporting the squad, even though they probably think it will be in vain.

We're lucky, in the day and age of billionaire owners who are so out of touch with their club's fans, that ours is run by Delia Smith and Michael Wynn-Jones. I

saw Delia at Old Trafford the other day, and she asked my colleague Liam which way it was to the stadium, despite the fact we were stood right next to it.

A very classy gesture occurred recently when a Norwich fan called Barrie sadly passed away and left £100 in his will to buy a round of drinks for the players - you might have seen the story in the national news! We responded by getting the team to take a picture at their pre-match dinner with a toast to Barrie. Of course, some people love to complain, commenting that the players were drinking water, not beer, and that they can't have spent £100 on water.

1. How do they know it wasn't vodka?
2. Do you really think Premier League players will drink beer before a game in 2020?
3. It wouldn't have looked great to take a picture of the team after the game, as some suggested we should, on the sesh having lost 4-0.

While getting relegated from the Premier League won't be good news, one positive spin is that we won't have to put up with VAR next season. From my perspective, VAR has ruined football this season, because fans are better off staying at home watching the game on TV, as they're less informed on what's going on in the ground. Seeing a goal go in and not wanting to celebrate it because you're worried it will be chalked off for offside has destroyed the soul of the sport, so we won't miss it next season.

Imagine having VAR in the Cassington Boxing Day match. Unfortunately, I wasn't at said fixture in 2019 as I had the thrilling alternative of watching Norwich lose 1-0 at Aston Villa after we had hit and killed a pheasant on the drive to Birmingham. But from my past experience, if we did have VAR in Cassington, that match would almost certainly end 0-0. Every goal would be disallowed for offside and Marcus would likely see red for diving, serious foul play, or claiming that Ben was diving. Still, I was glad to hear that the singles won comfortably in 2019, and the correlation between me not playing for them and them claiming victory suggests to me I should never take part in the match again. Well done lads, don't get married.

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**Our next meeting on February 20th Howard Drury will speak about Famous Women Gardeners and will be an open meeting so do come along, you may find it very interesting.**

In the meantime we will be having our post Christmas lunch in one of the local pubs on 23rd January, see what you're missing! Anyway, we hope to see some of you next month.

Maggie Nightingale  
19 January 2020

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# Cassington Birds

## by Alex Rogers (Cassington Eco-Group)

Last summer, lying in bed early one morning I heard a strange but distinctive “qwork” come through the window. That, I thought to myself, sounds like a raven, but I’ve never seen one in Oxfordshire. Sure enough, a few hours later when sitting in the garden reading, I heard the sound again.

“qwork”

I looked up and there was the midnight black, broad winged corvid so familiar to fans of Game of Thrones. The first raven I have seen in Cassington.

In the 16th century it was illegal to kill ravens and red kites, another bird that has made a big come back to Oxfordshire, because of the service they provided to humans through removal of rotten carcasses. Somehow, in subsequent years, these birds became looked upon as vermin and were persecuted to the point where they largely vanished from the UK (see Joe Shute’s wonderful book *A Shadow Above* for a more in depth discussion).

These are not the only spectacular birds that live with us in Cassington. Anybody in the village who sleeps with the windows open at night may have heard the tawny owls calling to each other to establish territory. The males produce the classic “hoo hoo” whilst the females reply with a screechy “keewik”. I have heard three or more owls calling at once, sometimes from the trees immediately behind the house. It is the large trees in Cassington that are key to the presence of these nocturnal hunters right in our midst and actually quite a wonderful aspect of our village.

There are other day time hunters around as well. In the autumn of 2019, we were made aware of a falcon lying on the gravel outside the house. Zoe, my daughter, who has always been fascinated by birds, immediately charged outside and picked up the bird. Her face full of wonder she looked up and exclaimed “A sparrowhawk”.

It was a spectacular bird, with a brown back, pale speckled front, bright yellow eyes, sharp talons and beak. For some reason (probably in a chase) it had nose-dived into the gravel on our drive and knocked itself senseless. We put it in a cardboard box in the garden and half an hour later it had recovered and flown off. I have seen these birds dashing across the roads in Cassington and also through the garden trying to catch smaller birds from our feeders. During the summer you may also hear the distant “pee-ow” of a buzzard and a quick scan of the sky will soon reveal several large birds of prey circling on a thermal floating across the village.

We encourage birds into the garden by feeding them. This is quite a commitment as once you start you have to keep on feeding them. This is because as their natural food sources have declined in the countryside as a result of changing agricultural practices, use of pesticides and urban development they have come to rely more and more on what we do locally to encourage wildlife. I sat at my desk just the other day and saw 7 goldfinches, with their stunning red faces and black and yellow wings, 4-5 bright green greenfinches and several chaffinches. Robins, dunnocks, blackbirds, wood pigeons, jackdaws and even the odd blackcap also visit. Birds nest in the garden in the ivy, wisteria and rose bushes, and our garden is very small! There is also nothing I like better than sitting in the garden on a summer’s day watching and hearing the screaming swifts and house martins wheeling around our houses (although sadly swifts are in major decline).

In short you will be amazed to see what lives around you if you take time to watch and listen.

So, to complete this piece what can you do to encourage birds in Cassington. I have the following suggestions:

- Set up some bird feeders, being aware to ensure they are safe from pet cats. We normally feed ours with sunflower hearts (good general feed) and nigella seeds (attractive to goldfinches). Buying seed in bulk over the internet is the cheapest way to get it. We also have fat balls up in winter (robins and jackdaws like these).
- Supply birds with water, they love a good water bath but again ensure it is safe from predators and kept topped up.
- Plant to attract birds. Trees and shrubs are great for nesting birds especially if they provide dense cover and are protected from the worst of the weather. Trees and shrubs that supply fruit and berries are also great food sources.
- Don’t use pesticides. Garden organically and avoid chemicals which can kill insects which many birds depend on. A patch of wildflowers can really encourage insects which birds love and finches will even take seeds directly from plants like sunflowers and cosmos late in the year.
- If you’re very keen you can think about setting up nesting boxes or even get some swift nest boxes for your house.
- Finally, join the RSPB, go bird watching locally (Otmoor is fantastic – guaranteed marsh harrier sightings and we’ve seen bittern, kingfishers and hobbies there). Contribute to the RSPB Garden Bird Watch. Join your local Wildlife Trust or muck in with the local Cassington Eco Group!

Personally, I’ll be keeping my eyes peeled. I’ve just read on the BBC news that a sea eagle (white-tailed eagle) has taken up residence in Oxfordshire!

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**ASH WEDNESDAY (26th February)** is the day when Lent starts and we go to Mass to have a mark of ashes placed on our foreheads as a sign of our sorrow for past failings and our determination to get closer to God and further from our own selfish pleasures. **Mass at St Peter's is at 10.00am and 7.00pm.**

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## **January 2019**

Parish Council meeting for January was postponed. Our next meeting will be Feb 6th February 2020 in the village hall at 7.30pm.

Items currently for discussion at the next meeting are:

- \* Web site
- \* Climate change
- \* Neighbourhood watch
- \* Horsemere lane and  
the proposed new Park and ride.
- \* Tidy up of the area in Church lane
- \* Tree planting
- \* Precept
- \* Lease for the Playing field

The Parish Council would like all who attended the Christmas Carols evening. It was a pity that the

weather did not cooperate, but the event was still a success with special thanks to Duncan who led the event.

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## **Next Parish Council meeting will be on the 6th February 2020 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall**

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20th January 2020

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**HELP US HELP YOU**  
WHEN YOU NEED IT

Late evening surgeries are rotated between the Eynsham and Long Hanborough surgeries and are normally held once a week. Days of the week will vary. Appointment times are between 18.30 and 19.45. At each session there is a GP and a HCA or Nurse. Appointments are to be prebooked and are not for urgent matters.

Sue Rayfield  
Eynsham Medical Group

**STAND UP COMEDY**  
Four Pro Comedians

**FLOCK COMEDY**

A FUNDRAISER FOR  
ST PETER'S SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION

**Saturday 21 March 2020** 8:00pm (doors 7:30pm)

WAYNE THE WEIRD    ADRIAN LANCINI    SAMANTHA DAY



**DUNCAN OAKLEY**

THE VILLAGE HALL  
The Green, Cassington  
OX29 4AX

tickets **£15**  
from St Peter's School Office  
or [suzilewis42@gmail.com](mailto:suzilewis42@gmail.com)  
or online from [www.flockcomedy.com](http://www.flockcomedy.com)



#FOLLOWTHEFLOCK



## Charity Film Night

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March



EYNSHAM VILLAGE HALL BACK LANE OX294QW

DOORS OPEN 6:45 FOR 7PM START

TICKETS £12.50 TO INCLUDE 2 COURSE SUPPER

AVAILABLE FROM EVENLODE DIY, Ruth Spencer 01865 881025, Roy Wilkinson 07970 227364

Rotary Club of Eynsham

HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF EYNSHAM

WITH JOHN RICHARDS EYNSHAM CINEMA

All Profits to Local Charities

The Marlborough Church of England School  
Shipton Road, Woodstock, Oxon OX20 1LP  
Tel : 01993 811431 Fax : 01993 813530  
Email : [recruitment@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk)  
Website : [www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk)



Principal : Mr Andrew Hanlon

This is an 11-18 mixed comprehensive school of 1050 pupils situated 8 miles north west of Oxford.

### EXAM INVIGILATORS

We are seeking to recruit a number of local people to act as invigilators for public examinations during two periods: the middle of May until the end of June for the Summer Exam Season and for Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) for two weeks in November. This work may appeal equally to professional people who have retired and those who have experience of working with secondary age children. Applicants will be organised, have excellent interpersonal skills, be calm and logical, able to work as part of a team and be able to show initiative. Training will be provided.

Applicants will need to be available during these exam periods. The work will be divided into sessions either in the morning or afternoon. Pay will be by casual claim at £11.20 per hour.

To apply, please complete an Associate Staff Application Form available on our website and/or contact Mrs C. Joyce, Examination Manager on 01993 811431 ex 234 for further details.

The Marlborough School is committed to safeguarding the safety, well-being and security of its pupils. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a DBS check.

Closing Date for Applications: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

The Marlborough C of E School  
Shipton Road, Woodstock, Oxon OX20 1LP  
Tel : 01993 811431 Fax : 01993 813530  
Email : [admin.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:admin.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk)  
Website : [www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk)



### Teaching Assistant (full-time or part-time)

Hours : Monday – Friday, term time only, up to 28.1 hours per week  
Salary : G4 Pt 04-05: £18,426 - £18,795 pro rata  
(£11,655 - £11,888 actual for 28.1 hours per week, term time only)

### Start : As soon as possible

Due to the promotion of a colleague, an opportunity has arisen to appoint one or two Teaching Assistants to our SEN Team. There is flexibility to consider full time (28.1 hours per week) or part-time hours, depending on the candidate(s).

This is an interesting and rewarding role and is an ideal opportunity for either a graduate seeking to gain experience prior to embarking on a teacher training qualification or for someone with experience and suitable qualifications interested in working with young people. The successful candidate(s) will be able to motivate our pupils to meet their full potential and will have some experience of working with young people. Teaching Assistant support in improving the outcomes for pupils is highly valued.

### The role will involve:

- Supporting pupils with SEN, either in the classroom or in a learning resource base, with their educational and social development;
- Ensuring pupils' access to classroom activities;
- Building and maintaining successful relationships with pupils;
- Contributing to discussions concerning pupils with SEN to inform planning and for review purposes;
- Assisting, as appropriate, pupils with SEN in a range of activities outside the classroom eg school trips, exam support as a scribe or reader;

In return we offer candidates: fantastic students; a culture based on shared values; committed, professional and well-qualified colleagues and good professional development opportunities and support.

Further details and an application form are available on the school's website and TES website. Only applications completed on the school's or TES on-line application form will be accepted. Prospective candidates are welcome to contact Lisa Cox, HR Manager on 01993 811431 ex 273 or by email [recruitment@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk) with any queries.

Closing Date for applications: 9.00 am, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The Marlborough C of E School and The River Learning Trust are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and preventing extremism. All staff are expected to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. The River Learning Trust is an equal opportunities employer and we welcome applications from a range of backgrounds to represent diversity in line with our schools' community.

## Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators

The aim of Neighbourhood Watch in our village is to look out for one another, keep everyone safe and bring all sections of our community together. Please find below list of NHW co-ordinators with contact details.

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

## what's on?

### VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS



For information, and to book the Village Hall, contact:

Kathryn Teal, 07964 726843 or email  
 cassingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Don't forget ... When you book the Village Hall you can make use of our wireless broadband connection – ask Kathryn for details when you make your booking

[cassingtonvillagehall.org.uk](http://cassingtonvillagehall.org.uk)

### Village contact list

Allotments, Cassington..... 01993 882590  
 Bartholomew School, Eynsham..... 01865 881430  
 St Peter's Church Cassington ..... 01865 883325  
 Chemist, Eynsham ..... 01865 881283  
 Dentist, Eynsham ..... 01865 880047  
 Fire Station, Eynsham ..... 01865 881337  
 Flooding, WODC ..... 01993 861000  
 Gas Leaks ..... 0800 111 999  
 Library, Eynsham ..... 01865 880525  
 Medical Centre, Eynsham ..... 01865 881206  
 Pest Control, WODC ..... 01993 861060  
 Play Area Repairs, Parish Council,  
 cassingtonclerk@gmail.com  
 Red Lion, Cassington ..... 01865 881371  
 Sports Pavilion bookings (Graham Mills), Cassington,  
 cassingtonsport@millsclan.force9.co.uk  
 St Peters School, Cassington ..... 01865 880443  
 The Chequers ..... 01865 882620  
 Waste Collection, WODC ..... 01993 861020  
 Village Hall bookings .....cassingtonvillagehall@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

- Muga hire £22 per hour
- 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)

Please email Graham on for all enquiries and bookings  
 cassingtonsport@millsclan.force9.co.uk

### CAWN Advertising rates

Village events and fund-raising stuff is free. Simple local services, 'for sales' etc., are also free on the "noticeboard" page/section. However donations towards printing costs welcomed.

Suitable commercial businesses are invited to support our community by buying advertising space at the following rates:

1/8 page, £6 (£60 per year)	(portrait)
1/4 page, £10 (£100 per year)	(portrait)
1/2 page, £15 (£150 per year)	(landscape)
Full page, £25 (£250 per year)	(portrait)

Technical details for artwork are available on request.

All material included at the discretion of CAWN. Any surplus will be passed to the Cassington Parochial Charities to support our community.


# noticeboard

FOR LOCAL SERVICES, 'FOR SALE' OR SIMILAR NOTICES, PLEASE SEND COPY (BY EMAIL IDEALLY) TO THE USUAL ADDRESS. APPROPRIATE NOTICES ARE FREE, AND ARE PLACED AT OUR DISCRETION.

**HATE IRONING?**  
Then Take It To Elsie  
@ 15, Elms Road, Cassington  
Tel. 01865 882168 for further details

**PORTRAIT ARTIST**   
Full time artist working from studio in Cassington.  
Commission a drawing/ painting – any subject/ media, from life or photos.  
email: amy@hemingwayart.co.uk  
web: www.amyhemingway.com  
tel: 01865 883991  
**GIFTS | WEDDINGS | BABY | FAMILY | PETS | HOME**

**Calling all Cassington mums, dads and carers**  
We would like to invite you to join our friendly local group on Facebook. Search for Cassington mums' group and send a request to join. It's a great way to meet new people, keep up-to-date with what's going on, and get involved in lots of fun social stuff too – both with and without the kids!  
If anyone is new to the village and would like a friendly chat to introduce themselves and their families, feel free to contact Vicky (07917 403976; vickyt@pink-sky.co.uk) or Jess (07852187079; lefevrejessica@yahoo.com).

 Do you know there is a free service to Cassington residents that will take you to the doctors' surgeries at Eynsham or Long Hanborough?  
Run by volunteers, this is available by phoning  
Sheila Nelson on 880740 or Pat Vereker on 880693  
Please give us as much notice as possible  
Unfortunately we are now unable to offer transport to hospitals for routine outpatient appointments. For these please contact the patient transport number 0300 100 0015 or Volunteer Link Up 01993 776277

I'm Ella, a young girl in the village, who will come and do glitter and henna tattoos for your events! I will be free most weekends and holidays, and am able to travel a reasonable distance, please email me at ella.johnson@live.com or message me at 07539916507 for more details.

**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

## JAZZ SUNDAY LUNCH

The Chequers Inn, Cassington, OX29 4DG  
Sunday 9th February 12.00-4.00

Munch your lunch to the melodic music of

## Thames Trio

Jazz standards from The Great American Songbook

Terry Hutchins (guitar)  
Della Thompson (bass)  
Terry Parsons (drums/vocals)

- \* Delicious Sunday roasts
- \* A la carte menu
- \* Cosy ambience
- \* Relaxing mellow music

Enquiries/Bookings: thechequersinn-cassington.com

Tel: (01865) 882620



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IDEAL FOR BEGINNERS OR WOMEN WANTING TO GET BACK IN TO THE GAME

WE'RE A BRAND NEW FRESH TEAM, LOOKING TO BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION OF WOMEN OF ALL LEVELS. CREATING SOMETHING FUN AND DIFFERENT, ALLOWING US TO SHOW WHAT WOMENS FOOTBALL IS ALL ABOUT!



Contact Details  
Steph  
07856542692  
info@eastoxfordfootballclub.com



# what's on?




**Love Your Village,  
Love Your Village Hall!**  
*Celebrating 100 Years of  
Village Halls*

## 'Wonderful Villages' Photo Competition



Running Now!

Ends 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020!

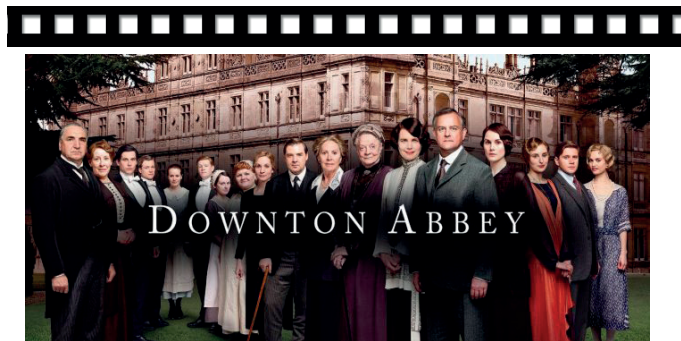
**Win up to £1000 for your Village Hall and  
£500 for the photographer!**  
**Submit Your Entry & Vote For Others.**

**Open to ALL RURAL UK Village & Community Halls.**  
**Entry is FREE. No purchase necessary.**

**Details of prizes, theme and entry dates are in the  
RULES available from our Facebook page:**  
 <https://facebook.com/AlliedWestminster>

**AND on our website detailing free rebuild valuations:**  
 <https://villagehallsurvey.com>

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**FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT**  
 This month Friday 7th February  
**DOWNTON ABBEY**  
 in the Village Hall  
 Tickets £5 from Ruth 01865 883512. Bar and raffle.  
 Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm.

**NEXT MONTH'S MOVIE**  
 Friday 6th March



**Dates for your diary**  
Unless shown, events are in the Village Hall

February 2020	
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, 10am - 11:30am	Cassington Tinies & Toddlers
Mon 17th - Fri 21st	Half-term break
Thursday 20th, 7:30pm	Cassington WI
Thursday 20th,	March CAWN deadline
Monday 24th, 10am - 11:30am	Cassington Tinies & Toddlers
Tuesday 25th, 7:15pm	Village Hall AGM
Tuesday 25th, 7:30pm (Red Lion)	Bike Night Committee
Wednesday 26th, 8pm (Chequers)	Eco / Climate Group
March 2020	
Monday 2nd, 10 am - 12 noon	Cassington Cafe
Monday 2nd, 8pm	Cassington Bookworms
Thursday 5th, 7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 6th, 7pm for 7:30pm	Cassington Movies
Thursday 19th, 7:30pm	Cassington WI
Friday 20th,	March CAWN deadline
Saturday 21st, 8pm	Flock Comedy
Sunday 22nd, 6pm	Jeeves & Wooster

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

**CASSINGTON WI**  
**An open meeting - all welcome**  
**Thursday 20th February 2020**  
**Famous Woman Gardeners**  **INSPIRING WOMEN**  
**with Howard Drury**


**CASSINGTON CAFÉ**  
 CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
**Monday 3rd February 2020**  
 10am - 12 noon

**Cassington Bookworms**  
 Next meeting is on  
**Monday 2nd March at 8pm**  
 In preparation we are reading  
**'The Wall'**  
**by John Lanchester**  
 All Welcome.  
 Venue: The Old Manor,  
 Cassington

