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Cassington and Worton News

*** HORSEMERE LANE ***

An apology

Last month I wrote an article in frustration that on reflection included comments that were too personal, and I'd like to apologise to those affected. I feel the article from the residents of Horsemere Lane in this edition better reflects the current position and recognises the efforts the Parish Council

are making to balance the different viewpoints across the village.

I believe the closure of Horsemere Lane will now be funded by the A40 bus lane scheme. Separate to this, the Remain Open of the lane has cost approximately £1000. Not sure the break down or who pays for that?

Name & Address withheld

A note from residents of Horsemere Lane

In 2014 Oxfordshire County Council indicated an intention to close Horsemere Lane. As residents of the lane we fully supported this idea, the lane is legally a Restricted Byway, unsuitable for the approximate 500 vehicles that use it each day, predominately non-villagers seeking a quick access point onto the A40. It is frequently used by lorries above the 5-tonne limited, and by vehicles using it in the wrong direction to escape traffic on the A40. The Parish Council ran its own village survey in 2016 which resulted in them unconditionally supporting the planned closure.

A lack of funds and the proposed works on the A40 resulted in nothing further happening until OCC undertook a formal consultation process in 2019. A number of responders to the consultation expressed concerns about the impact of 500 vehicles a day needing to use the traffic lights junction, causing queues back into the village along the Eynsham Road. The Parish Council amended its position to fully supporting the closure of Horsemere Lane subject to mitigation works being undertaken at the A40 junction to improve the number of vehicles exiting the village at each sequence change of the lights.

As villagers, whilst still fully supporting the closure of Horsemere Lane, we have never wanted it to inconvenience other villagers. In reality we suspect that many of the 500 cars will find easier and quicker rat-runs and will avoid the village entirely, however we do fully support the position of the Parish Council who have a difficult role to play in trying to represent and accommodate the views of the whole village. The A40 bus lane developments are progressing, closing Horsemere Lane seems to remain a part of those plans and now OCC are recognising that mitigation works will be required at the main Cassington junction. Overall this seems a good result for the village, facilitated by the position of the Parish Council working to protect the interests of all villagers.

The longevity of this process (2014!!) has, at times, led to frustrations that nothing is happening. The world of local politics appears bureaucratic and cumbersome but we recognise that our local Parish Councillors understand that world better than we do, and appear to have navigated a route that will ultimately provide a solution that works for the entire village and we remain fully supportive of them in this process.

10th FEBRUARY 2020

STATEMENT FROM CASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Horsemere Lane Closure

1. Cassington Parish Council (CPC) are not the highway authority. Decisions regarding road closures are the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and not CPC.
2. Following the result of the village survey conducted in 2015. CPC agreed to recommend to OCC that they trigger the formal consultation process regarding the closure of Horsemere lane (HL) refer to minutes of CPC meeting date 5th November 2015
3. CPC's position, as reported in the minutes of PC meetings (refer to minutes of CPC meeting April 2019) is that OCC should provide a slip road and make changes to the phasing and timing of the lights at the A40 junction with Eynsham Road to allow for the extra traffic that may result from the proposed closure (mitigation measures).
4. During the formal OCC consultation CPC wrote to OCC requesting the implementation of the mitigation measures as part of the closure of HL
5. Following the consultation, CPC were invited to attend a meeting with OCC on 12 September 2019. During the meeting, CPC confirmed their position regarding the implementation of the mitigation measures. At the meeting OCC decided to defer the closure of HL pending... <https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=931&MIId=5738&Ver=4>

6. CPC have always maintained that the payment for the closure of HL and any associated works should be paid for by OCC. CPC does not have funds for roads, and has not collected any funds for roads.
7. OCC received £3,000 from a levy on the Manor Farm development for the closure of HL. CPC had no control over the amount levied, nor how the money was spent.
8. CPC received almost £20K as a section 106 payment on the Manor Farm Development and together with another £5K from a separate Blenheim grant spent the £25K on improvements to the Pavilion and subsidiary improvements around the recreation ground.
9. The PC is formed of members of the community elected by the community and its purpose is to represent and to serve the interests of the community. PC meetings are held in public, with members of the community encouraged to attend meetings. Minutes of the meetings are published in CAWN and are displayed on parish notice boards.
10. Any complaints regarding the conduct of the PC or individual Parish Councillors should be addressed to the Parish Clerk who can be contacted at cassingtonclerk@gmail.com
11. Any requests for information regarding the business of the PC should be addressed to Parish Clerk who can be contacted at cassingtonclerk@gmail.com

See Also Page 3 for comment from Councillor Mathew

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

Back in December I wrote

“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 ditor, you (now) have (six) months to get in touch and discuss.”

Whilst a handful have asked why, no one has expressed an interest in the position. But hey! The crunch point is still 6 months away....

What's the future of the CAWN? The Parish Council have declared a climate emergency, so does the CAWN go digital, leaving trees growing to tackle the climate? But what about those not online? Perhaps a small number of photocopied editions are placed in key venues around the village where folk can gather to read, discuss and socialise? Going digital would help financially and allow the Parish Council to use funds elsewhere in the community. I really am not sure what the answer is – that's for the incoming editor to decide.

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

Email: CAWNEditor@gmail.com

Kevin

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** HORSEMERE LANE **

Councillor Mathew comments

I have given below a brief synopsis of the Horsemere Lane saga, in which I have been involved for a considerable time and corrects some of the misleading information in the February 'Letter to the Editor'. I would be grateful if you would publish this in March..

Charles Mathew

Oxfordshire County Councillor for the division of Eynsham

My recollection of the Horsemere Road closure discussions are-

I was contacted by David Tole(OCC Highways) in 2014 to inform me that they were closing Horsemere Road to through traffic. My reaction was to ask whether the Parish Council had been consulted and suggested they should be.

There followed over the next few years detailed discussions within the village and in particular the effect on the exit from Eynsham Road at the Cassington lights was a matter of concern.

All the way along, OCC had been continuously encouraged by Cllr Mathew (publicly and privately) and the Parish Council to build within the A40 Road plans a slip road at the Cassington Lights to allow cars to go left onto the A40, thereby relieving any queue at rush hour.

Eventually this resulted in a RTO appearing in the Oxford Times, to which there were objections (Jan.2019). The Delegated Cabinet Meeting at OCC arranged for was cancelled at the last moment (Feb.25th.2019)as OCC said their lawyers had problems. Further discussions led to the new Delegated Cabinet meeting on September 12th. , which took place, and it was at this meeting that the Chairman stated that the closure should not go ahead without the said slip road being built. Cllr Mathew reiterated his repeated wish for that slip road. Cllr. Yvonne Constance, the responsible OCC Cabinet Minister residing, then deferred any decision and asked the OCC officers to revisit the 'Slip Road' issue. Subsequently I have sent update requests to OCC on this issue and have had no response (see below).

At no time did the Chairman of the Parish Council state at the OCC meeting that they opposed the closure nor that they had changed their opinion .

The situation remains that Cassington Parish Council and Cllr Mathew await news from OCC Highways on the future of the slip road onto the A40.

Charles Mathew

Editor's note: Councillor Mathew had earlier written pointing out the mis-spelling of his name in the February article for which I apologise.

March stargazing highlights

March 9: Super Full Moon The best time to enjoy the first Super Moon of 2020 will be right after moonrise when the Moon is close to the horizon. March 2020's Super Full Moon is also the Worm Moon, named after earthworms that tend to appear around in this time in many locations in the Northern Hemisphere.

March 20: March Equinox 03:49 GMT The March equinox is the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and the start of fall in the Southern Hemisphere by astronomical definitions.

March 24: Micro New Moon A New Moon will take place at the same time as the Moon is farthest from the Earth on its orbit. A New Moon cannot be seen from the Earth.

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I'm Red Faced!

Did you spot my mistake in my February CAWN article? I said that the first 5 of the Ten Commandments are about our relationship with God. I must apologise because it is the first 4 commandment (not 5) that are to do with our relationship with God. The remaining commandments are about our relationship with other people. The first four are: 1) Love God and no other, 2) don't worship idols, 3) don't misuse God's name and 4) keep the sabbath day holy.

Thank goodness for Jesus who, when asked what the most important commandment was, condensed all 10 commandments into just two. Jesus said that the first and greatest commandment is to love God with all that you are. Then he said that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. (Matthew chapter 22 verses 34-40 page 28 in the Jubilee New Testament)

You can visualise these two commandments as a cross: the upright (love God) and the cross beam (love others). The

upright is of course bigger than the cross beam (Jesus says that loving God is the first and greatest commandment) but the upright then supports the cross beam (to love others). Loving God commits us to loving others – or should do.

However, elsewhere in the bible it says: "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. (1 John 4:20).

March 1st is the first Sunday of Lent. Lenten fasting is a discipline that some people take seriously (or not so seriously) for the 40 days before Easter. However, instead of fasting or giving up something, Christians often take on extra prayer, Bible reading, charitable giving or charitable actions. In the remaining days of Lent before Easter why not try the Lent challenge to do one good deed to help someone you don't know each day.

Revd Roger Aston

Thames Trio Jazz at The Chequers

Dear Sir,

We defied Storm Ciara the other weekend to go out for Sunday lunch at The Chequers, and what a good decision that turned out to be!

Not only did we enjoy good food and wine, but were unexpectedly entertained to an hour or two of nostalgic music from the Thames Trio Jazz Group.

The time passed all too quickly, and the only pity was that no doubt because of the weather forecast there weren't too many other people there to share our enjoyment.

We shall certainly look forward to The Trio's return!

Bill and Fredrica Craig
Foxgloves, The Green

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We are very lucky in this village to have some excellent sports facilities and we would welcome any suggestions as to improvements or additions to the facilities we look after. As we mentioned in last month's CAWN we are continually looking for ways to raise money for the maintenance and upkeep of our sports and exercise equipment, so if you have any ideas please do bring them to the meeting. We need to raise around £4,000 per year just to keep going!

If you are unable to attend the AGM, but have any thoughts or suggestions for us then please do email them to us at: cassingtonsport@millsclan.force9.co.uk

Have you heard about the new WIZARD?

He's here to help but not through magic! Have you ever wondered in which bin to place an unwanted item? For example a torn or stained T shirt. In Blue Planet II, David Attenborough made us all aware of plastic waste but did you know that a third of all clothes in the UK end up in the wrong bin/(WRAP).

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BUT REMEMBER if you don't want to dispose of the T shirt, you can also mend it yourself or take it to a repair cafe. The next one is on 7th March 2-4.30pm in Eynsham village hall. Or cut it up for cleaning cloths, dolls clothes or patchwork.

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NB. If anyone doesn't have access to the internet, I am happy to look up an item for them on the Waste Wizard. Just phone me on 01865 880685.

Helena Nielsen

Cassington Climate/Eco group.

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Patrick Barkham 11 Feb'20 The Guardian

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Under English common law, rights of way do not expire but the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 required all rights of way to be recorded. The Ramblers is calling on the government to extend the deadline for registering historic paths by at least five years.

The walking group Ramblers is calling on walkers, historians and map enthusiasts to use its new mapping site to identify missing footpaths.

The online tool divides the official map into 150,000 1km squares so users can compare historic and current maps side by side, spot any differences and submit missing paths.

Once mapped, Ramblers will recruit volunteers to make applications to restore paths to local authorities before the 2026 deadline.

Jack Cornish, the project's manager, said: "Our paths are one of our most precious assets. They connect us to our landscapes – ensuring we can explore our towns and cities on foot and enjoy walking in the countryside – and to our history and the people who formed them over the centuries.

"If we lose our paths, a little bit of our past goes with them. This is our only opportunity to save thousands of miles of rights of way and time is running out."

Some lost paths are still in use, while others have become overgrown, but all were omitted from the "definitive" maps of 140,000 miles of paths that councils were required to draw up in the 1950s.

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<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>
<i>Anyone Can Sing</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>18.30-19.30</i>

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£15,885 Raised for The Archway Foundation

After a year-long fundraising initiative, our staff handed over a giant cheque to The Archway Foundation, an Oxfordshire loneliness charity, after being chosen as our Charity of the Year for 2019. The Archway Foundation was established in 1982 to help relieve some of the distress caused by loneliness; offering support, friendship and a listening ear.

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The Art of World War II to go on display at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

A new exhibition of artwork, both produced during and depicting scenes from the Second World War, will go on display at the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock, from 5th March to 7th May 2020.

The *Art of World War II* exhibition has been curated from John Noot's personal collection of work, gathered together during his career as an art collector and dealer for more than 40 years. The pieces themselves form a history in pictures of the Second World War, but give incredibly personal perspectives reflecting a varied range of experiences before, during, and after the conflict. Through the work of artists of the time, visitors can see the war unfold 'as it happened'.

Visitors to the exhibition will be able to see a view of Dunkirk as troops are evacuated, painted by a nephew of Winston Churchill, John Spencer Churchill, reflecting what he had witnessed during his own army service. The artists would return to England to inform his uncle personally of the need for boats to assist in rescuing the troops there. Elsewhere, the plight of both evacuees and refugees is seen as artists of the time depict the many people displaced by war, such as those coming to Britain as part of the *Kindertransport* rescue programme in the build up to the Second World War.

The artists whose work is included in the collection range from skilled amateurs to professionals, from those already renowned at the time to those who would go on to make a name for themselves in a post-war world. A sketch by Eduardo Paolozzi, better known as a pioneering pop-artist, contrasts newly arrived American troops with a typical Oxford scene of a student cycling through the city with the famous skyline as a backdrop. The artist faced discrimination and later internment under the Enemy Aliens Act, along with many of his family, because they had moved to Britain from Italy. The exhibition also features art from *Vogue* fashion illustrators forced to flee Paris, and *Beano* cartoonists that turned their hand to cartography to aid General Montgomery in North Africa.

Collector John Noot also knows how wide-reaching the impact of the war was on a personal level, having grown up in wartime Britain. He was seven years old in 1939, and remembers clearly many nights in air raid shelters and his father's service with the Local Defence Volunteers after work (later to become the Home Guard, or 'Dad's Army'). These lived experiences inspired him to gather the collection throughout his own career, which will now be put on display for the first time in Oxfordshire.

The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum is open from Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 11am-5pm and Sunday 2pm-5pm. The county's only military history museum is located in the grounds of the Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock.

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Observation

by Stephen Wright

January saw Norwich City have a string of unforgiving away days, including trips to Preston North End, Manchester United and Burnley, so we weren't in the highest of spirits at the start of February when we had to cap it off with a five hour drive to Newcastle. We were even less thrilled to discover that the first two people to have been diagnosed with coronavirus in the UK were being kept in Newcastle, having stayed at a hotel in Leeds - something my boss had chosen for us to do the night prior to match-day.

Speaking of my boss, who happens to be a chap I worked with at Bournemouth, remind me to never hint to him that I'm looking for something to do in the evening. We were in the office one day when my colleague Liam was talking about his friends outside of work, to which I replied "ah yes, mates, I remember them" (to illustrate the point that all of mine from university are nowhere near Norwich). Unfortunately, my boss saw that as an opportunity to invite me for a run, foolishly assuming that me complaining about my social life or lack thereof meant that I wanted to do physical exercise.

In fairness, I'm not that lazy. I play football every week and spend a lot of mental energy thinking hard about going to the gym, but regretfully I am also prone to combining my ASDA shop with a trip to the Golden Arches. I fear it could get to the point I begin to recognise the mums and their crying offspring in there. When I used to travel away with the Norwich academy teams they would pile up boxes of Domino's pizza for the coach journey back (maybe that's why they're not very good at football), to the

extent that I actually got sick of it, but having not consumed such doughy delights for a few months now, I find myself missing them. Absence does indeed make the heart grow fonder, be it in a man's relationship with a woman or pizza.

Unfortunately, the closest I've come to dating a woman of late was third-wheeling my colleague when he met a girl for the first time who he'd been speaking to on Tinder. He asked me to come with him to the pub where she was and that he'd buy me a drink. The only words I heard were 'pub' and 'drink', and I didn't factor in how awkward it would be tagging along to his first meeting with red-haired Meg. Guinness in hand and surrounded by University of East Anglia students, I wistfully reminisced fondly of my uni days and how quickly they flew by, before I was suddenly brought back down to earth when I noticed I was stood next to my newfound pair of love-birds snogging. That didn't take long. I'd like to say I was a good wingman, but realistically I just nodded along to their conversations and pretended to be interested.

Back at work, I got called into the boss' office the other day, and by the boss I mean *the* boss - head coach Daniel Farke. I felt somewhat sheepish, like a student who was in trouble, as he told me to 'take my position.' I was interviewing him following the renewal of a player's contract, and after he had spent three minutes and eight seconds answering my first question, I told him that should be enough. We then discussed Storm Dennis, and how it might once have been named Storm Denise had gender equality not intervened. We can't exclusively associate women's names with bad weather, he told me. Quite right.

If all that went way over your head I don't blame you. It really is a world away from Cassington here at Norwich City FC.

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This month we had an open meeting which meant we had several visitors which was lovely and our speaker, Howard Drury, gave a talk about famous women gardeners. The 'photos were wonderful and he was so knowledgeable and even had "mood music" to accompany his talk.

Many women were great garden designers and famous for their specialised breeding of particular plants. For instance **Pearl Sussman** specialised in breeding miniature pelargoniums and won a staggering 52 RHS gold medals, including 7 at Chelsea! **Beatrix Havegal** started Waterperry Gardens and won gold at Chelsea for her strawberry Royal Sovereign. Of course **Vita Sackville-West** is famous for the gardens at Sissinghurst where she produced gardens within a garden. **Frances Perry** loved breeding variegated plants but was also the person who started the "Dig for Victory" slogan during WW2. **Constance Spry** was famous for her wedding floral displays and flowers for the Coronation, not to mention developing Coronation Chicken for the official lunch at the celebration. **Lady Salisbury** started organic gardening at Hatfield House in 1948 and was the driving force starting Prince Charles's interest in organic. To my mind **Christine Facer Hoffman** was one of the most interest because she was a highly qualified scientist in medicine research but is now a very famous garden designer all around the world and many of her designs include a medical symbol. It really was a most enjoyable evening.

Our meeting next month will be our AGM with supper after.

Maggie Nightingale
21 February 2020

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Huge congratulation to Clare. Our newest recruit at #Eynsham Fire Station, having completed her 2-week basic training today (which is something to be proud of). This is the start of a very exciting, challenging and rewarding career as an on-call firefighter with Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service (Official). Can't wait to see you out on the truck at your first incident - we'll be there for you as you continue your journey. Welcome to the family Clare - from all the crew.

If you think you could become an on-call firefighter like Clare, we're still recruiting. So please drop by the station on a Tuesday night 1900-2100 for a chat. Or check out <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncallfirefighters> #OxonOnCall #OnCall #Firefighter

Evening and weekend appointments are available here or at another nearby NHS service.

Speak to reception or visit nhs.uk/GPaccess to find out more.



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.

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Take your seats with caution! Aristocratic buffoon Bertie Wooster has hired the theatre for the night to present his one-man show detailing a recent and rather spectacular series of misadventures, including the theft of a novelty cow creamer and a narrow escape from unwanted matrimony.

The only trouble is Bertie hasn't worked out who's going to play the parts. Will the show be a disaster? Will the scenery stay upright? Or will his trusty manservant Jeeves step in and save the day?

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Jeeves and Wooster in Perfect Nonsense was created by the Goodale Brothers, adapted primarily from P.G. Wodehouse's 'The Code of the Woosters.' After hugely successful runs in the West End, it won the 2014 Olivier Award for Best New Comedy.

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THE HALL (The Tolkien Room) is available for hire with a lovely outside area where people can sit or walk, and children can play. To book contact the Parish priest as above.

LENT began on 26th February and Easter is in early April so the whole of this month is a time for doing our personal spring clean for God. The best way to do this is to take on something extra – an extra bit of money given to charity – an extra time of prayer in church or at home – or turning a walk into a prayer walk. Here at St Peter's we provide things to help people with this

OUR CHARITY is the CAFOD (The Catholic Fund for Overseas development) and we have a special day for this cause – the **CAFOD FAST DAY on Friday 6th March** – and then we bring what extra money we have raised for our **CAFOD COLLECTION on Sunday 8th March.**

EXTRA PRAYER might mean choosing a Weekday Mass to come to or taking the WALK WITH ME BOOKLET that is available and using it at home. There is also a **LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE on Tuesday 17th March** when a number of priests will be available to hear Confessions.

THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE SHARE might be another way to mark Lent. **Every Wednesday at 10.30am after the 10.00am Mass.** We look at the Bible Readings for the following Sunday and share what they are saying to us, whilst Father Martin & Mrs Frances Flatman explain a few things.

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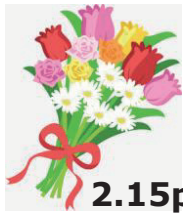
The church bells will usually be rung between 9.30-10am prior to the 10am service.
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Sunday 15th March
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10am Morning Worship
Revd Roger Aston



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10am A traditional celebration for Mothering Sunday
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2.15pm Mothering Sunday Celebration at Churchfields Nursing Home
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6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 29th March

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10am Morning Worship *Preacher - Derek Foster*



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February 2020 **Precept**

Web site

The Parish Council have explored several options and as is with all things you get what you pay for. The Parish Council are keen to move this forward quickly and have resolved to take a more expensive option in the belief we will get a web site the whole village can engage with.

Climate Change

A report to the Parish Council was received at the last PC meeting. The Parish Council in line with many other local councils declared a Climate Emergency. The Parish Council are fully behind the plans set out by the local group.

Horsemere lane.

See separate statement elsewhere in this edition

Tidy up of the area in Church lane

Tender documents are being prepared for this work which it is hoped will start in the Spring.

Tree planting

The Parish Council are looking for suitable sites

The precept has been set to follow inflation figure for the previous year

Lease for the Playing field

The Parish Council and the Sports and Social club are currently in the process of signing the new lease. e village hall at 7.30pm.

N.B Clerk contact details
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Next Parish Council meeting **will be on the 5th March 2020 at** **7.30pm at the Village Hall**

Hugh Thomas, Chairman, Cassington Parish Council
19th February 2020

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Cllr. Julie Perrin, Triwood, 44 Eynsham Rd
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 & Emily Lemaire - 07507 599230
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 Vicky Thomas-Clarke 07917 403976
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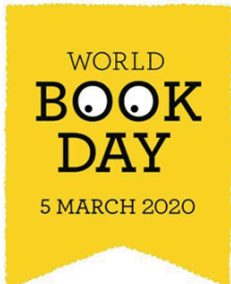
Calling all Cassington mums, dads and carers
We would like to invite you to join our friendly local group on Facebook. Search for Cassington mums' group and send a request to join. It's a great way to meet new people, keep up-to-date with what's going on, and get involved in lots of fun social stuff 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).

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Village Halls*

'Wonderful Villages' Photo Competition



Running Now!

Ends 15th 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>

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) - Registration Number 308386

Dates for your diary

Unless shown, events are in the Village Hall

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
Monday 9th, 10am - 11:30am	Cassington Tinies & Toddlers
Saturday 14th, 8:30pm (Red Lion)	Charity Pub Quiz
Sunday 15th, 8:30pm (Red Lion)	Sports & Social Club AGM
Monday 16th, 10am - 11:30am	Cassington Tinies & Toddlers
Thursday 19th, 7:30pm	Cassington WI AGM
Friday 20th,	March CAWN deadline
Saturday 21st, 8pm	Flock Comedy
Sunday 22nd, 6pm	Jeeves & Wooster
Monday 23rd, 10am - 11:30am	Cassington Tinies & Toddlers
Monday 30th, 10am - 11:30am	Cassington Tinies & Toddlers

April 2020

Thursday 2nd, 7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 3rd, 7pm for 7:30pm	Cassington Movies
Monday 6th, 10 am - 12 noon	Cassington Cafe
Friday 10th	Good Friday
Thursday 15th, 7:30pm	Cassington WI
Monday 20th,	May CAWN deadline

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



FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

This month Friday 6th March

JUDY

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 3rd April



CASSINGTON WI

Thursday 19th March 2020

AGM followed by supper



CASSINGTON CAFÉ
CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday 2nd March 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

