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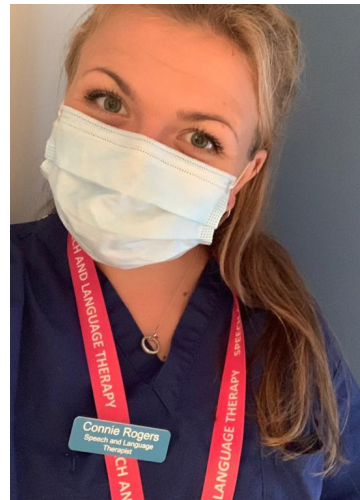
There are few people who would argue that 2020 has not been a difficult year for everyone. This is especially true for young people, whose education and training has been seriously disrupted. In this edition we want to pay credit to all those young people, who have not only coped with these difficulties, but in many cases had remarkable achievements. In particular congratulations are due to four brilliant young women. They all graduated this summer: three with first class degrees and the fourth graduated as a doctor.



Bethan Humphris started her education at Cassington pre School playgroup. She went on to St Peter's Primary School and then Bartholomew School, Eynsham. She graduated this summer with a first class BSc (Hons) in Bioscience from Nottingham University. She is now studying for a Masters at Reading University

to become a physician associate.

Fern Hinton also attended St Peter's pre-school Playgroup and Primary School, and Bartholomew School, Eynsham. She studied at the University of East Anglia, graduating this summer with a first class BA (Hons) in American Studies. She is now doing a Comics Studies Masters focussed on Visual storytelling also at UEA.



Connie Rogers graduated in July with a first class BSc in Speech and Language Therapy from Reading University. She immediately started work at the John Radcliffe Hospital in a Temporary Covid post working on the acute adult wards looking after patients with strokes and other acute neurological

illnesses and some Covid patients.

After 6 years training Miranda Rogers graduated for the second time, and is now Dr Rogers. She studied at Somerville college Oxford (BA BMBCh), and did all her training in Oxford hospitals. Owing to the pandemic she came back early from her elective in New Zealand and she was graduated early to help with Covid pressures.



She spent a couple of months on the paediatric ward at the John Radcliffe but is now working at the Bristol Royal Infirmary as a junior doctor.

Finally Congratulations to all those who gained GCSEs and A levels this summer. Good luck to pupils moving from Primary to Secondary education and to all those who have left school and are now starting jobs, training or further education; especially Aaron Mills, Ella Bishop and Rebecca Copelin, who all started at University this Autumn.

# welcome

## Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 520th edition of CAWN and my first edition! I shall start by apologising for any glitches, gaps and other mistakes that you may spot in this edition. When I agreed to take on as the editor I had no idea what was involved in creating a publication, so I have had a very steep learning curve in how to use the software. I must give huge thanks to the very patient Kevin Hinton, whose assistance has been invaluable.

I also want to give thanks to the previous editor Kevin Burroughs, who kept the show on the road for 4 years. I hope I can keep up the standards he set and continue to provide you all with useful and interesting information.

I am delighted to have been able to feature four of our outstanding young people on the front page. I would like to make this publication about the people in our village and I am sure there are many others that we could praise and celebrate. So please do send me your news - births, engagements, marriages, exam and job success and deaths. I want to feature them all.

I would also like to thank Sara Bolton, Bridget Sherlock, Stew Thompson, and the regular contributors who have all sent me articles for this edition.

Happy Reading

Anne

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## October stargazing highlights

### Oct 1: Full Moon

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### Oct 7: Draconids Meteor Shower

Best seen in early evening radiating from Draco.

### Oct 13: Mars at Opposition

Mars will be brighter than at any other time of the year and visible all night long.

### Oct 16: New Moon

The new moon will not be visible so this is the best night for viewing far off galaxies and star clusters.

### Oct 21/22: Orionids Meteor Shower

Best seen after midnight radiating from Orion.

### Oct 29/30: Southern Taurids Meteor Shower

Best seen after midnight radiating from Taurus.

### Oct 31: Full Moon

This is also known as a Blue Moon as it is the second full moon of the month.

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We have already been asked to attend an event at a primary school, so if anyone has a Christmas event, at a school, village hall, or other appropriate space, where they think it would be useful and beneficial for Santa to attend, please do get in touch through our general contact email address: [info@eynshamrotary.org.uk](mailto:info@eynshamrotary.org.uk)

With best wishes from us all to you all.

# Food Banks, Harvest and Gleaning

Firstly many thanks to all of you who have generously been donating to our local food banks via the box outside the church door. More on this below.

This time of year is traditionally 'harvest time' but sadly many, if not most of us, (even in semi-rural Cassington) have little contact with the production of our food. Our food may largely come from the supermarket and, regardless of the season, we have learned to expect a full range of fruit and veg; fish and meat; tinned and frozen foods.

In more agrarian times whole communities would labour to bring in the harvest and then celebrate with thanksgiving, both their work completed, and the bounty of the earth.

There is a lot about harvesting in the Bible. The Old Testament book of Ruth is a story of a young woman who had been widowed and was also a foreigner in the land but was able to survive because of the generosity built into the laws and traditions of the time as laid down in the book of Leviticus.

Leviticus 19:9-10 'Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the Lord your God.

People didn't just provide for those in need when they felt like it but it was built in to the system. It was planned giving. The farmer didn't regret the loss because what was given away was never regarded as his to start with.

Ruth gathered the grain that had been deliberately left for her. She gleaned behind the harvesters and received a great blessing besides.

Today I want to encourage you to be thankful to God and to our farmers, to our food producers and to our food retailers for the food that we enjoy.

However, I also want to challenge you, at this difficult time for so many families who are relying on food banks, to please



give regularly (if you are able).

Please donate non-perishable foods with over 6 months 'best before' dates.

The donations from our food box are collected daily and then fortnightly taken, alternately, to:

Eynsham Food bank (07738063083) and North Oxfordshire Food Bank (07929721172)

It is great to receive any donation but I would encourage those of you who can to provide a regular glean, a planned gift, to bless those in these hard times. - Why not buy something extra each week to give to the food bank?

Lastly, if you would like to support these food banks financially, or if you need some food support or know someone in need of food support please phone the food banks directly at the numbers above or contact our clergy Duncan Fraser (vicar) 07810324088 or Roger Aston (curate) 01865 880757.

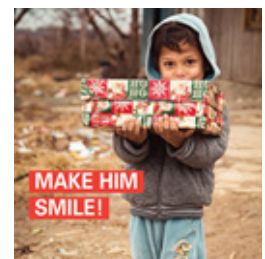
**Revd Roger Aston**

## BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL

PLEASE BRING A SMILE THIS CHRISTMAS

This year's shoebox appeal is now operational and shoeboxes will be going to many, very needy, people in Eastern Europe. Shoeboxes can be filled with items for a girl, boy, teenager, woman, man or elderly. Leaflets on what to put in your shoebox can be found in the Food-Bank box outside St. Peter's Church. If you would like to know more about this appeal please contact Jane Aston by phoning 01865 880757 or by emailing janeaston53@aol.com.

Completed shoeboxes to be delivered to Jane Aston at 9, Bell Close, Cassington before the end of October. Please support this worthy cause.



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**Services this month**

**Tuesdays weekly at 9.30am – Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 10am HARVEST CELEBRATION OUTDOORS**

*Everyone is welcome. Chairs will be provided but bring your own if you prefer.*

*We will be collecting non-perishable items with at least a 6-month shelf life for the Food Banks (see article Food Banks, Harvest and Gleaning).*

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October - 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October - 9.30am Service followed by  
Annual Meeting for Parishioners & Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**25<sup>th</sup> October - 9.30am Service of the Word (CW)**

**On-line streamed services are available every Sunday from 10.30am at [www.stpeterschurchcassington.org](http://www.stpeterschurchcassington.org) or [www.stleonardseynsham.org.uk](http://www.stleonardseynsham.org.uk) with resources for the whole family.**

In partnership with St. Leonard's our children's and youth work continues.

Do contact us if you would like further details.

A phone line where anyone can phone in at any time to listen to our latest services is available on **01865 965018**. There are no additional charges for those who phone in.

St Peter's church continues to pray for the community of Cassington at this difficult time. Also please know that the clergy are still available at the end of the phone (or by email) for any pastoral concerns and/or issues for prayer.

If you have particular spiritual needs feel free to contact:

*The Vicar – Revd Duncan Fraser Tel: 07810 324088 or*

*Associate Curate – Revd Roger Aston Tel: 01865 880757*

*Enquiries: Church Office: email [stleonards\\_stpeters@btconnect.com](mailto:stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com)*

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On the Website you can click on Newsletter to see more details of Covid Regulations with a

message from Father Mark and also see Father Martin's weekly Homily/Sermon on YouTube.

Our Church is OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASS but only on Saturday night at 5.00pm and Sunday morning at 10.00am.

Everyone has to be masked and appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures are in place with stewards on duty to make sure everyone keeps to the Regulations. Capacity is limited so the Church only opens 15 minutes before each Mass and it is possible that if you come at the last minute there might not be room for you.

**BLLENHEIM**



## An update from us...

Blenheim Art Foundation have unveiled a major solo exhibition inside the Palace by acclaimed British Artist Cecily Brown. Running until 3rd January and free for all Annual Pass holders, the exhibition is comprised entirely of new work created in response to the Palace's history as an English country estate.

During lockdown Richard from our Estate Team had the idea to turn a disused piece of Estate land into a chaos vegetable garden with the help of local farmers and gardeners, including CoVeg. His first harvest was donated to local cause Waste2Taste, and was made into delicious, healthy meals for those in need.

The new collection at Park View, Woodstock is launching this October, including our first Shared Ownership and Affordable Rental homes in this new community. To be the first to see the new collection, visit [blenheimestate.com/parkview](https://blenheimestate.com/parkview) and sign up to our mailing list.

Make sure to keep an eye out on our website for some spook-tacular activities this October Half Term!

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# Observation

by Stephen Wright

The football season is back in full swing, meaning my mood throughout the week is dictated by eleven millionaires over whom I have no control. Our 2020/21 season began with a trip to Kenilworth Road to face Luton Town.

I'm not sure if any of you readers have ever been to Luton Town, but it's quite a strange stadium, and by strange I mean terrible. It's bizarrely located, so you find yourself walking around a housing estate with the entrance to the ground down someone's back garden.

Once inside, things don't get much better. Cobwebs adorn the press box and low-roofed toilets to act as a 'welcome back down to Earth from the Premier League you spoiled brat', while one stand appears to be falling apart with little desire to fix it.

To make matters worse, we lost 3-1, but thankfully I redeemed the weekend by visiting some friends from university in London. These are the friends I have alluded to previously, who live in Earlsfield and visit swans as part of their daily routine.

We naturally visited the local boozer and felt worse for wear the next day, before I almost missed my coach back

to Norwich because I was too busy playing Mario Kart.

To bring you up to the time of writing, today I worked at Norwich City 2-2 Preston North End - a significant game because 1,000 fans were allowed inside Carrow Road for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Having the fans back, after visiting soulless stadia for the last few months, felt surreal and even emotional, with chants such as 'is this a library' being sarcastically sung on the terraces.

Just being able to hear them abuse the referee and say how much the opposing players are terrible - the irresponsible behaviour brings back a sense of normality.

While the enjoyment of my job can be swung by footballers, my housemate Christie has to put up with irritating customers at the Cosy Club restaurant where she works. I haven't seen her much lately, but I hear her most nights coming through the front door and sighing, so I don't blame her for choosing to move away.

At least she's not the only one with difficulties to overcome; I began using sudocrem to try to improve my skin condition over lockdown and it worked quite well. My mum sent me back to Norwich with a new tub, but apparently didn't realise that it was the variety of sudocrem exclusive to nappy rash treatment, which I've been rubbing all over my face.



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## THANK YOU!

We are certainly not short of wonderful examples in Cassington of friends and neighbours who have gone the extra mile in support of others in this extraordinary year. It shouldn't come as a surprise really, given the warm and wonderful community of which we are privileged to be a part. Let's face it, in 'normal times' – if we can remember that far back – we've been able to come together as a community for so much. We've had the advantage of St Peter's school and St Peter's church. We've socialised together at 'The Red Lion' and 'The Chequers', not to mention regularly eaten our way around the Cassington safari! We've used the sports facilities and the play equipment on the field. We've attended Cassington Café, any number of classes and activities, and watched films, theatre and panto in the village hall. Furthermore, as if this wasn't enough, we've been able to hire the facilities of the village hall and the pavilion for our own significant celebrations over the years.

Now that the children are back at school, the students are returning to university and we are being encouraged to return physically to the workplace, there is at least a sense that things are tentatively moving on, although of course fears

around a second wave of Covid-19 remain. So, as we cautiously watch our community re-opening some of its previously closed doors it might be a good opportunity to thank all those in the village, including those on or associated with the many committees, who are making this possible. They so often have the unenviable task of attending zoom or socially distanced meetings, keeping on top of relevant health and safety regulations, ever-changing government guidelines (and all of the extensive documentation that goes with that) and then have to be creative and innovative within the inevitable compromise.

So often, much of the time and effort of individuals goes unnoticed and this article is initially prompted by the sterling work of Kathryn Teal, the booking secretary of the Village Hall whose meticulous commitment over the last few months towards opening the village hall safely and effectively has been very evident to those on the committee.

Do you know of anyone else who has perhaps gone unnoticed yet is making a significant difference within the community? Perhaps we could hear about them in future issues of CAWN. For now though, thank you Kathryn.

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# Parish Council News

September 2020

Previous Parish Council minutes can be found online at <http://www.wospweb.com/site/Cassington-Online/Parish-Council.htm>

The Parish Council had a very brief meeting in September.

**Website.** The Parish Council have decided on a format for the web site. It will be a comprehensive site which will be available for village groups to add content. It is hoped that over the coming months the website will be up and running. The Clerk would be pleased to receive high resolution images of the village to add to the website.

**Tree Planting.** Two flowering cherry trees will be planted on the land in Church lane that has recently been cleared and seeded

**Dog Waste.** This continues to be problem. The Parish Council has not received any reports on offenders

**War Memorial.** The Parish Council are looking to raise funding via the precept which will mean a slight increase next year. The clerk is investigating possible other sources of funding.

**Land in Church Lane.** The area has been mowed for the first time and an order placed for posts to be erected roadside to match those outside residences opposite.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** The Parish Council are looking to produce a local plan for the village. It will be independent of the Parish Council and will require volunteers to join the group. Independent guidance will be available through OALC.

## TV Licence expired? Direct debit cancelled?

This article aims to share the one of the common online or email scams in the UK, TV licence fraud and what you can do if it has affected you.

Some people receive an email, text message or letter from account that claims your direct debit is cancelled and unless you make an immediate payment your TV licence is cancelled. The email suggests it has your licence number and 'click here' to make a payment. These emails can look very convincing and make you believe it to be true.

But before you click do check the official website for help and advice .....the information below is copied from the official website.

<https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/faqs/FAQ288>

### What are the main things to look out for?

Genuine TV Licensing emails include your name and/or part of your postcode. Many scams simply use your email address or say 'Dear Customer'.

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## Cassington Parish Council Public Zoom Meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

You are invited to attend a Cassington Parish Councils first Zoom meeting.

An agenda will be published on the notice board 4 days before the meeting

If you are unable to make the meeting but wish to make a comment please email me at [cassingtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:cassingtonclerk@gmail.com)

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4238322327?pwd=b1FvVit6aGJOZ28renFxQ1BaN2ltZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 423 832 2327

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Please note that everyone will be muted on entrance to the meeting. This is so only one person can talk at a time otherwise no one will be able to hear what's being said.

If you would like me to email you the invitation please contact me on the email address above.

We hope you can join us.

Cassington Parish Council

The clerk continues to deal with the day to day matters and if any residents have a question please do not hesitate to contact her.

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Unless things change, The Royal British Legion will not permit us to have the usual parade with our Branch Standard at the village war memorial service on Remembrance Sunday this year.

If we receive any information that changes the situation we will announce it on the village notice boards and if in time, in the November edition of CAWN.

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## RECYCLING MADE EASY

### Salt Cross Garden Village Draft Area Action Plan (AAP)

You will be aware that land to the north of the A40 near Eynsham is allocated for development in the West Oxfordshire Local Plan in the form of a new garden village. Known as 'Salt Cross,' the garden village will be led by a new Area Action Plan (AAP). The District Council has now prepared a final draft version of the AAP which it proposes to submit to the Secretary of State for independent examination. Before the AAP can be submitted, it must be published for a statutory period of public consultation which is running for 8-weeks from Friday 28th August 2020 until Friday 23rd October 2020

The draft AAP and a range of supporting documents have been published on the Council's website at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage). Paper copies will be made available in the following libraries which have re-opened following the Covid-19 crisis: Carterton Library, Chipping Norton Library, Eynsham Library, Witney Library and Woodstock Library.

For information on library opening times please visit: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/reopening-libraries>. Should more libraries re-open during the 8-week consultation period, paper copies will be made available in those locations accordingly.

We would very much welcome your comments on the draft AAP and these can be made in writing, or by way of electronic communications.

The options for responding are set out below.  
Online: register at <http://planningconsultation.westoxon.gov.uk>  
By completing and returning the AAP standard response form which can be downloaded at [westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage](http://westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage)  
By sending an email to [policy@westoxon.gov.uk](mailto:policy@westoxon.gov.uk)  
By writing to Planning Policy Team, West Oxfordshire District Council, Elmfield, New Yatt Road, Witney, OX28 1PB

As the consultation relates to the submission draft AAP, comments should be focused on three main issues; whether the AAP is 'legally compliant', whether it is 'sound' and whether the Council has complied with its statutory duty to co-operate. Further information is set out in a guidance note which is available to download at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage)

Any representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:

- the submission of the AAP for independent examination under section 20 of the Act,
- the publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the AAP under section 20 of the Act;
- the adoption of the AAP.

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## Time for a GCSE in Natural History?

Not a week goes by when we are reminded of the demise of the natural world. Usually we are transported to far flung corners of the planet, subjected to harrowing images or reports of high-profile species such as tigers or rhino's in free fall as far as their numbers and distributions go. This was certainly the case last week when the guru of natural history TV presenting (Sir David) served up a sobering reminder of the scale, pace, and causal agents of the world's biodiversity loss in his documentary "Extinction".

However, what most of us do not realise is that the situation is the same here in the UK, with scores of species only currently present at a tiny fraction of their former population size and extent. What is equally as concerning is that in the vast majority of instances, these losses are showing no signs of slowing down. Quite the contrary. They are speeding up! Whilst some optimists point to recent colonisation in the UK by a handful of species, overall, we are losing many more species than we are gaining. As a result, a quarter of UK mammals and nearly half of the birds are at risk of extinction - many within the next generation. Depending on your age, the species in such desperate decline today are the common species that you grew up with - hedgehogs, hares, bats and many birds such as tree sparrows, skylarks and grey partridge to name but a few that were part of my youth.

It is my job to think about what needs to change to begin the reversal of this scary situation and obviously it is a multi-faceted problem. But one thing I come back to time and time again is the need for us all to re-engage with the natural history of the UK. Perhaps more importantly, I feel we need some vehicle to get kids to engage with the outdoors. It is a well-researched fact that kids spend far too much time indoors (thanks Xbox and Play Station!) and are less connected to nature as a result. Let me expand upon this in a bit more detail. A recent study of a thousand 5 – 16 year olds revealed that over 80% could not identify an oak leaf, 65% had no idea what a kingfisher looked like and 22% did not know what a badger was! Consequently, we have a perfect storm brewing for the wildlife of the UK - the less we engage with it, the less we know it. The less we know it, the less we will care if it disappears.

For me, a good start would be to have a GCSE in Natural History on the school curriculum. Central

to that GCSE would be classes devoted to the identification of our wildlife and the techniques that enable us to do this. This I feel is fundamental – you can only save the planet if you are first able to identify what it is that we are losing. What we might do to reverse the loss cascades from this. If you think about it, you only really form a relationship with something by giving it a name. Think about anything you "love" – a motorbike or perhaps a singer or band – it doesn't really matter. The more you know about your "love", the more you understand it, the more you cherish it, and ultimately the more you protect it.

Good progress is being made with the idea. I was recently on a panel to help shape early thinking about what a GCSE in Natural History might look like. The really good news is that the UK exam board OCR is developing a proposal for a new GCSE in Natural History! Obviously there is still some way to go and it is important that we hear from anyone with a view on this possibility – we need to make sure that we put something in place that is fit for purpose for kids, parents and teachers. If you want to let me know what you think/suggest – ping me an email ([sthompson@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:sthompson@brookes.ac.uk)). For me it is simple - it is time we put nature back at the very heart of education.

Stay safe

Stew Thompson

**Growing Green in Eynsham Sunday October 4th 11.00–4.00**

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- Allotments / Peace Oak
- Transforming Eynsham
- Eco houses - experts
- E-bikes and cars
- Children's activities
- Plant and veg swap

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- Come in your own groups
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- Bring a cup for apple juice tasting



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2. T M C spoil T B
3. T A T wait F N M
4. Out O T F P into T F
5. M H make L W
6. A B I T hand I W T in T B
- 7 T F of T S I M deadly T T M
8. T D hour I J B D
9. A N I A good A A W
10. A A A day K T D A

Answers in next month's edition.



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After our belated start to the season, WBCC have been making up for lost time. Fortunately, the weather has been on our side, and given that September has been so kind to us, we have made the decision to extend the fixture list and squeeze every last drop out of the summer. The plan, if the weather holds, is to play through until the first weekend of October, about 3 weeks later than we usually play, and lots of other clubs have made the same decision.

As for the cricket itself, it has been going rather well. We have won our last 4 competitive games on the bounce, and there have been lots of excellent individual performances. We have also been up to Herefordshire for a "mini tour". We try and tour every year to different parts of the UK, and generally play three games back-to-back on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Unfortunately, this year our tour was cancelled due to the Covid restrictions that were still in place at the time, so as some minor consolation we organised a weekend away. On the Saturday we didn't play any cricket at all. In fact, we all played golf! There are many keen (and some less keen) golfers in the club, and so day one of our tour this year was a Stableford golf competition played at the lovely, if hilly, course at South Herefordshire. Well worth a visit if you are into golf and ever out that way. On Sunday, more traditional cricket tour activities resumed with a game at the

## Gardening Tips

### Jobs for October



1. Divide herbaceous perennials and cut back those that have died down
2. Move tender plants into a greenhouse or conservatory.
3. Prune climbing roses.
4. Renovate old lawns or create new ones by laying turf
5. Finish collecting seeds to plant next year.

## CASSINGTON SPORTS NEWS

**The tennis nets will be coming down at the start of October to enable the MUGA to be used for football training**

### October Football Fixtures

- 3rd - Ducklington (Away)
- 10th - Kingham (Away ~ Cup)
- 17th - Aston (Home)
- 24th - NO GAME
- 31st - FC Ascott Rangers (Home)

Cassington Rangers won their home game on Sat 19th September against Chadlington Reserves 6-0.

Jason Blackman	3
Joshua Clarke	1
Nathan Prestidge	1
And an own goal.	

enormously picturesque ground on the edge of Sheepscombe Village, Gloucestershire. It was an excellent afternoon of cricket, played in a very friendly but competitive manner and well worth the trip.

September also sees us play our "Clive Williams Memorial" game. Clive played for us for many years and sadly passed away, long before his time, a few seasons ago. Every year since then we have played a game for a small trophy that bears his name. The format for the day is essentially the oldest members of the club, versus the youngest, in a mini test match format of two, twenty over innings each. It is also a day when we welcome back players that have moved away, or can no longer play on a regular basis to come and have a game of cricket with us for the day, so it is always a very social occasion. The "youth" versus "experience" format, is always an interesting one, and as a member of the latter I can proudly say we manage to come out on top (just!).

As ever, we always welcome new players, of all abilities, and if you fancy giving it a go then all the details are on our website, just search for West Bladon Cricket Club, or just wander down on a Sunday and come and say hello.

<https://westbladoncc.wixsite.com/cricket>,

**Ash Hambridge (Chairman, WBCC)**

## 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 contact details for the NHW co-ordinators:

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Mill Lane & Pound Lane	Sara Bolton	07930 307298
Church Lane	Nav Dey	07989 527835
The Green & Williams Ct	Emily Osgathorp	07795 143140
Elms Rd & Foxwell Ct	Sally Britton	07962 177221
Barrow Ct	Nicola Jeeves	07930 888664
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Bell Cl & Orchard Cl	Carol Conway	07789 534456
St. Peter Cl	Cate Sirkett	07968 720241
Lynton Ln & Bell Ln (small green)	Kathryn Teal	07964 726843
Horsemere Lane	Stacey Noton	07717 874552

**Charles Mathew - Oxfordshire County Councillor**  
*charles.mathew@oxfordshire.gov.uk*  
**01865 882205**

**Dan Levy - West Oxfordshire District Councillor.**  
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St Peter's Church Cassington	01865 883325
Chemist, Eynsham	01865 881283
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Village Hall bookings <i>cassingtonvillagehall@gmail.com</i>	

## Information

### VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS



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- Tennis court £10 an hour or free if you have a Muga annual pass (June-September)

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# what's on?

Dates for your diary

Unless shown, events are in the Village Hall

## October 2020

Monday 5th 4pm (venue tbc) Cassington Bookworms

Thursday 8th, 7:30pm (via zoom) Parish Council Meeting

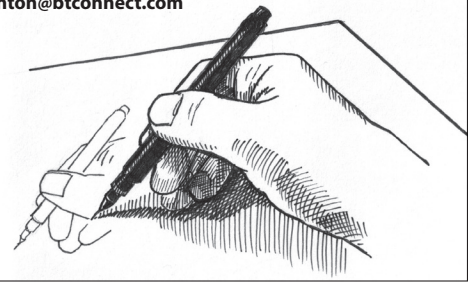
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## CASSINGTON WI

**Meetings cancelled temporarily**



### **Cassington Bookworms**

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and will discuss

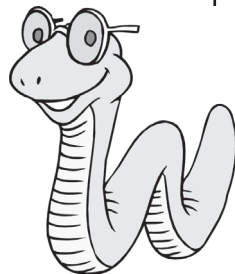
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CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

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**Cassington Sports and Social**

Sports and social club that organises events to upkeep the field, muga, pavilion and play equipment.

**Cassington Players**

A page originally set up for anyone involved in the village panto Sleeping Beauty back in 2013 and subsequent productions by the village drama group.

**Cassington, then and now**

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