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Cassington and Worton News



HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE



Cassington Advent Windows 2020

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

We are once again supporting Witney and West Oxfordshire food bank. This year, at the time of going to print, we are unsure if lockdown will ease and whether the Red Lion will be open. If it is Jan is happy for donations to be dropped off in the box from 3rd -15th December. If not you can donate online at www.witney.foodbank.org.uk/donate or most supermarkets have a food bank box. All items must be shop bought and in date. Witney currently need: Spam, Corned beef, tinned meatballs, stew or curry, tinned pies, washing powder, Christmas chocolates, mince pies, soap, shampoo and deodorant.

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

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

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| Tues 1st | The Old Methodist Chapel (Alley off Bell Ln) |
| Wed 2nd | Mill House, Mill Lane |
| Thurs 3rd | 3 Foxwell Court, Yarnton Road |
| Fri 4th | St Peters Church |
| Sat 5th | Glebe Cottage, Horsemere Lane |
| Sun 6th | 7 Hollow Furlong |
| Mon 7th | 9 Bell Close (Tots and Tinies) |
| Tues 8th | 7 Bell Lane |
| Wed 9th | The Chalet Bell Lane |
| Thurs 10th | 20 St Peters Close |
| Fri 11th | Willow Cottage Bell Lane |
| Sat 12th | St Peters Primary School |
| Sun 13th | 8 Orchard Close |
| Mon 14th | Elmore Yarnton Road |
| Tues 15th | Stork Cottage opposite war memorial |
| Wed 16th | Bell Cottage Horsemere Lane |
| Thurs 17th | 3 Barrow Court |
| Fri 18th | 7 St Peters Close |
| Sat 19th | Churchfields, Pound Lane |
| Sun 20th | 6 The Tennis |
| Mon 21st | Woodland View 4 Lynton Lane |
| Tues 22nd | 5 Barrow Court |
| Wed 23rd | 14 The Tennis |
| Thurs 24th | The Red Lion |



In the absence of the normal Church service, due to renewed lockdown restrictions, many residents took part in a Cassington Poppy walk for Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2020. Throughout the village, houses decorated their windows with Remembrance displays and many personal tributes to family members. Donations towards the Map of the walk were made to The Royal British Legion in their collection box at the Elms Road Paper shop. Many thanks to Geraldine and Ian for helping with this.



Contributions should be provided by 20th of the month. Email submissions (in the body or as a Word attachment) to: cawnceditor@gmail.com. Photographs should be supplied as separate attachments, not placed in the Word file. Typed or clearly handwritten submissions may be posted to: Anne Luttmann-Johnson, 3 Foxwell Court, Cassington, OX29 4DW. We look forward to hearing from you.

welcome

Anne's CAWNer



Welcome to the Christmas edition of CAWN. In these strange times I am delighted to bring you all a little festive cheer. Throughout this edition you will find messages from families in the village. You will also find a selection of seasonal images. Many thanks to Kevin Hinton for

supplying these. I hope you enjoy spotting them all!

Thank you is due to so many people for the information you read and view in the following pages. In particular I must thank Vicky and James for the Remembrance Day windows collage on the front page and the Hallowe'en photos on page 6. Windows seem to be a bit of a theme in this edition. Well done to Kath Humphris for organising the advent windows again this year, and you will see the location of each one on the front cover, so they should be easy to find when you are out and about.

I would also like to thank Graham and Derek for sports news, Roger and Vicky for food bank and Neighbourhood Watch details, Alex for the allotment campaign update, Emily at St Peter's School and the SPSA for their news and of course Nugrug for her contribution!

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!

Anne x

SANTA'S VISIT

The Rotary Club of Eynsham is hoping to be able to help Santa with his Christmas duties, but at present we are receiving contradictory information regarding what form this might be allowed to take.



We have provisionally arranged for Santa to visit Cassington village hall car park on Wednesday 16th December. Details of this visit and, if we are allowed, the street tours will be published in Eynsham Online so that any last minute adjustments can be updated regularly. Please check the website to find out what will be happening where and when.

The Poppy Appeal



This year, in spite of Covid-19 restrictions preventing us making the usual house to house collection, the Poppy Appeal collection in Cassington and Worton realised £575.70. This is more than half the total collected last year. We placed collection points and poppies inside the usual premises with the agreement of the owners. The one collecting the most was in "The Paper Shop". Obviously in Cassington we prefer reading to drinking, but we would like to thank all the establishments who agreed to have collecting boxes on their premises.

The Legion is extremely grateful to the many people who gave so generously. Our Poppy Appeal Organiser Clare Want organised the collection points and the counting and banking of the proceeds.

Due to the restrictions the service at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday could not be held. The usual wreaths were laid on the memorial in separate ceremonies.

Mike Randle, Secretary, R.B.L. Cassington

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With special thanks to...

Lorna Mills, Fineprint Witney, Clare Want and her team and to everyone who actively participates in the production of Cassington & Worton Newsletter.

December stargazing highlights

Dec 13: Geminids Meteor Shower

This is the considered to be the king of the meteor showers. The best viewing will be after midnight. Meteors radiate from Gemini but can be seen anywhere in the sky.

Dec 14: New Moon

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

Dec 21: December Solstice and Ursids Meteor Shower

A minor meteor shower with meteors radiating from Ursa Minor

Dec 21: Rare Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn

These two bright planets will come so close together they will appear to make a bright double planet. Look to the west just after sunset.

Nov 30: Full Moon

The Moons face will be full illuminated. This was known by the Native American tribes as the Cold Moon. It has also been known as the Long Night's Moon and the Moon before Yule.

Village Notices

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Festive wishes to all our friends in Cassington, we wish we had seen more of you in 2020! Take care of yourselves, here is to a happy healthy 2021. Sara, Lionel, Elliot & Amelia Bolton x



HOSPITAL TRANSPORT

Anyone who needs transport to hospitals for routine outpatient appointments please contact the patient transport number 0300 100 0015 or Volunteer Link Up 01993 776277 (there may be a charge).

THANK YOU STEWART

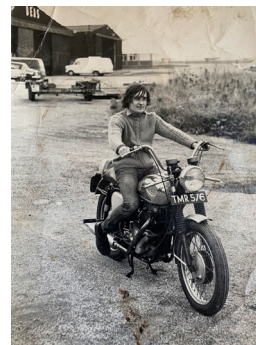
The children and staff of St Peter's School would like to thank Professor Stewart Thompson for an incredibly kind donation of a wildlife camera for our grounds. We hope to introduce the children to a regular host of birds and animals that visit our extensive site throughout the night. We can't wait to use it. Thanks Stewart for helping us to inspire the next generation of scientists!

ANTHONY DEREK ROOM 'TONY' 1952 – 2020

Tony Room passed away on 7th October 2020.

He is survived by his wife Carol, their children Jonathan, Daniel and Andrew and grandchildren Elsie, Hope, Evelyn and Noah.

He was a great engineer who followed in the footsteps of his father by working on aeroplanes most of his life. Yet he was fascinated by engines of all kinds including cars and bikes. He loved living in Cassington and being able to see the British bikes on a Monday night.



He loved music, of all genres. It was not often that you found him without any music playing nearby, and our lives will be quieter and less melodic without him. He enjoyed wildlife and took great delight in the birds that came into his garden to eat from the birdfeeder he always kept well stocked. Mostly we will miss his kindness, something he showed to so many people.

Donations can be made in his honour to Sobell House via the following link
<https://tonyroom.muchloved.com/>

The family would like to say thank you for the wonderful support that has been shown by so many people in the village.

PLASTIC BOTTLES/ECOBLOCKS

Sadly, the garden centre at Cutteslowe Park is not collecting any more plastic filled bottles. Please do not deposit any more bottles over the wall at 70 Eynsham Road. Loose plastic just has to go into the grey bins from now on. Thank you for your efforts in the past to save bits of plastic from getting into the food chain. I hope that you can continue in your efforts to avoid polluting our environments.

Merry Xmas to all our friends in Cassy and beyond. 2020 can do one, roll on 2021 when we can enjoy our village together again. Graham, Lorna, Aaron, Aiden and Cookie xx

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“Thank You” from the Food Banks – please keep donations coming.

I have been asked to pass on a big “Thank you” from both the North Oxfordshire Community Food Bank and the Eynsham Food Bank for the recent generous donations from Cassington. In recent weeks the box outside St Peter’s church has received large amounts of donations enabling us to support both of the two local food banks alternately with multiple bags of canned and dried food as well as cash donations fortnightly.

However, there has been an increasing number of families reliant on these food banks and, with the run up to Christmas, even more families and individuals are finding themselves in food poverty.

Eynsham Food Bank (Eynsham Larder) is running an appeal to provide Christmas Boxes for needy families for Christmas – see details alongside this article.

Please continue to support the food banks by leaving non-perishable foods (with at least a 6 month use by date) in the box outside the church door. Financial donations can be made directly by contacting North Oxfordshire Community Food bank on 07929721172 or Eynsham Food Bank c/o Bob Thiele 07738063083.

If you, or someone you know locally needs support, please contact the food bank/s, Social Services, Citizen’s Advice, Children’s Agencies or the local clergy.

Further details from Duncan Fraser (vicar) 07810324088 or Roger Aston (curate) 01865 880757.

Thank You



LET'S MAKE SURE THERE'S ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE THIS CHRISTMAS

Eynsham Community Larder

Christmas Food Boxes Appeal

ADD SOME CHRISTMAS TREATS TO THE BASKETS IN CO-OP, SPAR, TESCO OR THE MARKET GARDEN BEFORE 7 DECEMBER OR GIVE ONLINE AT GOFUNDME.COM/FEYNESHAM-COMMUNITY-CHRISTMAS-BOXES-APPEAL

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SUPPORT

As we go into winter, and possibly further periods of lockdown, all of the Neighbourhood watch team continue to offer our help and support to those residents in need. Hopefully many of the initial issues with food availability and travel restrictions have eased. We have set up regular weekly home deliveries from both Bonners (Green Grocer and other provisions) and Bartlett’s Butchers (Meat, Eggs and many other goods). Also we understand Milk and More Milk service has availability for new customer slots. We hope that these provide an alternative to Supermarkets deliveries if needed. Eynsham Pharmacy also offer a delivery service, which is quick and easy to set up for home deliveries.

However we recognise the coming months could prove difficult and challenging again. Please do contact us, if you do need help with supplies. Unfortunately the Cassington

regular volunteer driver services aren’t currently available due to their need to shield. However we do have some options available for those in need, so please contact us if you need help.

Eynsham Food Bank is also a good friend to the village. We have worked together to help any residents that need additional help with food and supplies at this time. Please do reach out to us if this would help and we can arrange home deliveries to be made. You can contact your local NHW co-ordinator or Vicky and Julie. Any requests for support would be treated in confidence and we would be very happy to assist getting help to those in need.

Lastly we appreciate that this extended period of isolation for many residents has been tough and feelings of loneliness or low mood are very common. Again we are here to help and happy to provide regular check ins and conversation.



Christmas greetings to all our friends and neighbours in Cassington this year and may 2021 be a very different year for us all! We will support Gatehouse in lieu of usual festivities.
With love from Bridget and Stewart



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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 a weekly Homily/Sermon also showing how to view it on Youtube.

Our Church is OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASS on Saturday night at 5.00pm and Sunday Morning at 10.00am. Everyone has to be masked and hygiene and social distancing measures are in place with stewards on duty to make sure everyone keeps to the Regulations. Capacity is limited. The Church opens 15 minutes before each Mass so it is possible that if you come at the last minute there might not be room for you. So far there has always been room for everyone.

The Christmas Masses will be the same as last year:
Christmas Eve 5.00pm and 8.00pm. Christmas Day 10.00am.
Christmas Masses are by ticket only. There is limited seating capacity. Please contact Father Mark to request a ticket. It will be on a first come first served basis – with regular parishioners given priority.

Father Mark, the Parish Priest, still says Mass privately every weekday. You can always contact him to ask for special prayers. Just remember that you are being prayed for. You can also watch Mass from many other Churches live or recorded online.

Churchservices.tv
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/Godzdogz>



The Church of St Peter's is here as a fellowship to worship God,
build people up in Christ and share his love with others.

DECEMBER 2020

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily. There are clear instructions regarding the use of the church including permitted areas, and hand sanitizer is provided for everyone using the church. Social distancing and COVID safe procedures are observed for services.

On-line streamed services are available every Sunday from 10.30am at
www.stpeterschurchcassington.org or www.stleonardseysham.org.uk Tel: 01865 965018

Christmas at St Peter's

Christmas is coming but not as we know it. Our festive events in the community are having to take a different shape, our gatherings will be smaller, but our celebrations needn't be muted. For, the meaning of Christmas remains the same. The birth of Jesus means that God is with us and God is for us. He travels with us through the thick and the thin, our joys and our sorrows, our struggles and our success. So we are invited once again, in the midst of uncertainty and concern, to celebrate each other, to celebrate our community and to give thanks to God for Jesus, the light of the world. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Revd. Duncan Fraser

Crib Trail from 28th November

Come and explore a trail around the outside of the church and find images of special Crib / Nativity Scenes finding out why they have a special meaning for their owners.

Christingle – Sunday 13th December 2.30-5pm

(4pm on video via web site followed by Zoom) We will prepare bags with everything you need to make a Christingle and the video on our web site will explain the Christingle and how to make it, as well as some carols and songs to sing along. Please let us know in advance if you would like to participate by signing up via Eventbrite using the code or this web link <https://bit.ly/3f90P5I> and you will be able to collect your bag from the church porch in advance.



Carol Service – Sunday 20th December 5pm

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with carols and songs sung by our church musicians or recordings. Numbers will be restricted and places will need to be reserved.

Christmas Eve 'Crib' – Thursday 24th December 2.30-4pm

More details will be available nearer the date via St Peter's School, social media and our web site.

Midnight Communion – Thursday 24th December 11.30pm

First communion of Christmas. Numbers restricted and places will need to be reserved.

Christmas Day – Friday 25th December 9.30am

Traditional Christmas service in church. Numbers restricted and places will need to be reserved.

There will also be a Carol Service and Christmas Day Service on line.

Due to the uncertainty of our times any of these events may be changed at any time.

If you would like to receive regular updates about our activities you can sign up using this link:

<https://bit.ly/35p0Jnx> or visit our web site: stleonardseysham.org.uk/

or contact church office: stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com 01865 883325

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Beating Lockdown Blues: The Green Heart of Cassington Update on the Blenheim Estates Development Proposal

With winter sinking its very wet teeth in you would think all would be quiet on the Allotment Front. Quite the contrary. I was there last weekend and a host of allotmenters were spreading muck, building raised beds and clearing areas to grow even more. This is also the time for planting garlic. Samuel Serra's wildlife camera has been capturing foxes and deer foraging at night-time when a whole different world awakes in the absence of humans when the sun sets.

Likewise the Green Heart of Cassington has also been busy this week. We are collating the statements published in CAWN and posted to all residents in Cassington. I have been incredibly impressed by many of the comments made by my fellow villagers from children, and whole families all the way to our most senior residents. Major concerns include massive overdevelopment, traffic, parking, flooding and loss of such an important community asset and a haven for wildlife. The Save Cassington Allotments petition has now been signed by over 8,600 people. An article is also on the way in Land Magazine.

Some of you may also be aware that the Parish Council met with Blenheim Estates to express their many concerns with the proposed development. The recording of this meeting is available from the Parish Clerk if you wish to listen. Blenheim Estates were clearly optimistic that they could deal with most of the concerns such as parking, flooding, etc. and appeared adamant that they were allowed to build on Green Belt land because of new government legislation with regards to affordable housing and also that the development would remain at the present size. They also appeared baffled that everyone thought this was a development of rental homes. Clearly, their representatives were not aware of the text in their own pamphlet: "These homes are managed and cared for by Blenheim Estate Homes and offered at 40% discount to market rental".

We are preparing a formal objection to the planning proposal when it comes as well as now also seeking to list the Allotment as an Asset of Community Value and looking into the importance of the allotments to wildlife. In the meantime, I sincerely thank everyone who has signed the pledges and to anyone who has not signed but would like to it is not too late. Please let us know and we will collect them or place them in the first Greenhouse on the right in the Allotment.

I must also thank all my fellow allotmenters who are working incredibly hard to fend off this development especially Julie, Jaime, Nav, Steve, Samuel, Simon, Simon, Austin and Guy! May Cassington allotments thrive for another 100 years!

Alex Rogers, Chairperson, Cassington Allotment Association

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Ron & Jan Macdonald



HALLOWE'EN WINDOWS

Many thanks to all who took part decorating windows for the Pumpkin trail over Hallowe'en weekend. Some very creative and fun displays were made and much fun was had by young and old alike! In total £40 was donated to Eynsham Food Bank from the proceeds of the Pumpkin Trail Map. Many thanks to Jan Faulkner for helping distributing the maps from the Red Lion Pub and holding the donation pot.



CASSINGTON SPORTS NEWS

Unfortunately we have had problems with the padlock, so apologies to anyone who has not been able to open the gate of the MUGA. The padlock has now been repaired and should work with the existing codes.

FOOTBALL NEWS



Provisional December Fixtures:

- 5th - Carterton Town 'B' (Away)
- 12th - Wootton Res (Home)
- 19th - Siege (Away)

Hopefully training to re start on the 2nd December at Cassington

TRADITIONAL BOXING DAY FOOTBALL MATCH

Currently all football has been cancelled. However, we are still hoping that the traditional Boxing Day football match can be played with a kick-off time of 10:30. Assuming we are allowed to play, with current restrictions in place we are not allowed to use the pavilion, teams are supposed to turn up already in kit and ready to play. To accommodate this we are proposing that we all just colour co-ordinate our tops so if you want to play for the marrieds (and we need the players believe me) then please wear a red top. If on the other hand you wish to play for the singles then please turn up in a blue top. Obviously keep an eye on government guidelines as well as Village social media pages where we will keep you posted about this fixture.

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NEWS FROM ST PETER'S SCHOOL

A few highlights from this term's newsletters. Please see the website for more details and photos!

<https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/>



Anti-bullying activities

During the last month it has been anti-bullying week and to help raise awareness, the children engaged in lots of activities. On Monday 16th November it was 'Odd Socks Day' where many of the children and staff came in wearing odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique! We raised an amazing £74 which will go to the Anti-bullying Alliance who produce many of the materials that we have been using this week. The next day, Carmen Fraser led collective worship and shared a story of a boy who was made to feel bad because he could not ride a bike; we learned how important kindness is. This was followed up on Wednesday where the children were read a book called 'Weslandia' where a child, Wesley, used what made him different to change the bullies' attitudes and open their eyes to a better way! Through showing them kindness and letting them play his games, they became great friends.

David Attenborough inspired projects

Our class based, David Attenborough inspired, environmental projects are starting to gather pace and after listening to all the children's ideas, we now have a plan for the year! Each class will take specific actions to educate themselves and others, and bring about lasting change at school. This term, Willow will be learning about deforestation and palm oil and are working on a class project to raise awareness; Maple class are investigating overfishing and pollution of the seas and are having a poster competition to encourage people to make good environmental choices; Oak will be investigating what animals live in our forest school and how we can encourage more creatures to make the site their home; and Apple will be feeding the birds over winter and making a place for our local hedgehogs to hibernate. Mrs Houghton (Forest School Leader) is investigating with the SPSA (St Peter's School Association) the possibility of having trail cameras and bird box cameras on site so we can observe St Peter's creatures as the seasons progress. We will be keeping the website updated with the children's progress, so please do visit <https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/pupil-leadership-groups/> where you can also see the plan for the whole year.

Jon Jeffries
Headteacher

Unlocking...
Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives



Stephen, Hazel, Lorna and Richard Petty wish friends in Cassington a very Happy Christmas

COUNTDOWN TO THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thanks so much to everyone who has generously donated to the St Peter's School Association's (SPSA) Christmas Raffle. We have some great prizes, including family days out – even a night away – along with a range of treats, which we all deserve after the year we've had.



If you'd like a chance to win a prize and help raise money for the school, please email SPSACassington@gmail.com by December 11 with 'Raffle' in the subject and we'll get back to you with payment details. Tickets are £1 each and will be drawn on December 14. Thank you!

MORE ABOUT THE SPSA

The SPSA is run by parents and carers of pupils at St Peter's School to help fund different activities and equipment for the school. Unfortunately, our usual fundraising was derailed this year with lockdown, including - of course - Bike Night, discos, the swimming pool and the Spring/Summer and Christmas Fairs.

Every year, we provide £500 to each class to subsidise trips and visits. We give all the children in Years 1 to 6 a trip to see a Christmas Panto, and we'll also help pay for other things the school might need.

For example, last year we purchased 15 chrome books to make up the 30 needed for a whole class to learn with them. They proved invaluable for home-schooling during the first lockdown. We've recently purchased 10 more to add to the school's additional 20, so there are now enough for two classes to use them in their learning – and enough so that no child from Year 1 upwards would miss out if we found ourselves home-schooling again. We have also ordered three new mini ipads for Apple Tree staff so they have the technology needed for any home-schooling, and to better record and keep parents up to date on the pre-school and reception children's learning.

Of course, the children aren't getting what they normally would right now, but we're committed to making the most of the current situation and for them to have new experiences and learning opportunities. The panto is not possible this year, but instead we have arranged for an online show, tailored for each class. We want to be ready to help minimise any disruption that Covid might bring, so the children continue to flourish in our very special village school.

Thanks for your support!

Louise Judd and Garry Peasley – (Co-chairs of the SPSA)

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Parish Council News

November 2020

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

Parish Council meeting

The next Zoom meeting will be December 3rd at 7.30 pm. Please contact the clerk if you want to attend.

Blenheim proposal for allotment site development

Blenheim have been made aware the Parish Council does not support their proposal.

No further communication has been received from Blenheim.

We understand a road survey is taking place.

The Parish Council have made the observation on its validity during this second lock down.

Horsemere Lane and Cassington Lights

The Parish Council have received notice that a planning application has been made for the Bus lane and Park and Ride.

There appears to be no mention of Horsemere Lane or the Cassington junction.

The Parish Council have written to OCC asking for clarity on this.

Website

The Clerk is working on this and hopefully in the New Year it will be up and running.

The clerk still needs good quality photos of the village

School crossing/ 20mph zone

The Parish Council have been gathering views and information.

Discussion will be part of our next Parish Council Zoom meeting.

Parish Council work

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.

Dog Waste

This continues to be problem.

The Parish Council has still not received any reports on offenders

The Parish Council would like to have a logo for the village. If anyone is interested in helping design one please contact the clerk at Cassingtonclerk@gmail.com



*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas. we are donating to Prostate Cancer UK in lieu of sending local cards
With love
Rob, Angie & Holly (Mills) x x*

To all our friends and neighbours in Cassington and Worton, Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and better times in the New Year,
lots of love from Caroline, Neil, Abbie & Tom
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Tree Planting

The four trees have now been planted as planned.

War Memorial

Quotes are being asked for the remedial works to the main column.

Once the quotes are received investigation will then follow to see what grants are available.

It does look like the remainder of the money will have to come from a rise in the precept.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council have agreed to ask the consultants who presented at the last PC meeting to help with this. The clerk is formulating plans to get the grant in place to pay for the plan.

The Parish Council will have one representative on the steering group. 4 residents have come forward expressing an interest in joining the group. Please let the clerk know if you want to join this group.

Defibrillator by Village Hall

A recent inspection has found that it to be inoperable. It will be removed and serviced during December.

Housing needs survey

By the time you receive this publication you will have received an envelope with the survey

Worton Entrance flooding

Both WODC and OCC are looking at solutions to improve the drainage around this junction.

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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Cassington Parish Council **Public Zoom Meeting** **Thursday 3rd December at 7.30pm**

You are invited to attend a Cassington Parish Councils 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

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Our Bursary Supports Eco-Friendly Village Refill

Our charity and community bursary fund is helping local business, The Village Refill, deliver earth-friendly household cleaning and body-care products to Woodstock and the surrounding villages. Thanks to a £3,000 grant, founders Maya Ellis and Krystina Reynolds, have purchased an electric van, which will allow them to expand their growing business. Shop online at thevillagerefill.co.uk

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We love Christmas at Blenheim Palace and we are so happy that even though 2020 has been a difficult year, the good news is Christmas will still be happening, although a little differently this year. But don't worry we haven't gone all Baa Humbug... For 2020 we cannot offer joint tickets for the Palace and Light Trail. Book your tickets and time slots separately at blenheimpalace.com/christmas

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Observation

by Stephen Wright

Now we're in the thick of the Championship season and Norwich are playing games most Tuesdays and Saturdays, I'm blessed with more and more stories to tell. The end of September saw us travel down south to Bournemouth, my former stomping ground. Ahead of the game, I went on a nostalgia trip of my old house and university campus, before hastily trying to get a taxi back to the hotel I was supposed to be checking out of at 11am.

I may have earned my kip on the drive back to East Anglia, but sleep is something I was deprived of on the following away day. A week later, Fulham's Craven Cottage was the destination for me to cover Norwich City's Under-23s team. The Cottage is one of those English stadia people refer to as having character when they mean it's old and bad, to the extent that one of the stands had been demolished altogether.

After the game, I was able to stay on my friend's sofa in the nearby suburb of Earlsfield. Sleeping on a sofa is unlikely to provide the best quality of kip anyway, but even more so when one of the housemates decides to get up and do the dishes at 3 o'clock in the morning. 'How dare you wash every appliance under the sun while I'm trying to sleep here in your flat even though I'm not paying any rent,' I thought.

Thankfully, my mood was lifted when I returned to Norwich only for Wayne Rooney to bend a free-kick over our wall in the 87th minute and give Derby County a 1-0 win against our first team. Cheers, Wayne.

Norwich City wasn't the only sinking ship I was aboard last month. Back in Oxford, I found myself reaching over the landing of 3 Lynton Lane to literally dust off some cobwebs, while my mum had her arms around my waist to make me feel like an incredibly tinpot Kate Winslet. Of course, I didn't go on to have the romance with my mum that Winslet had with Leonardo DiCaprio, even if I am from Norwich.

As for last month's clangers, there were a few. I went to Shoreditch to play darts at a 'Flight Club' for a friend's birthday (very enjoyable, by the way). Upon arriving, my friend asked me if I wanted a Corona, Peroni or IPA, to which I replied 'yes', as if demanding all three. A few hours later, I left his flat before calling him to say I couldn't find my glasses, only to realise they were in fact on my face.

Thankfully I'm not the only one making baffling decisions. Someone threw up in the aisle of the Oxford Tube back to the city of dreaming spires, before Norwich announced that they were allowed to broadcast a live screening of the game against Rotherham in a room inside the stadium, despite not being able to let fans into an open-air environment to watch a match live. It's truly a strange time to be alive. Merry Christmas!



Ian, Yvonne, Dave and family would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their kindness and support this year, during what has been a very difficult time for most people. We truly hope there is light at the end of the long, dark tunnel and 2021 will bring health and happiness to all. This is when 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year' is not just a flippant greeting - it really means something! Best wishes everyone x


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You are now able to book your Christmas delivery slot on the website. We are also offering Christmas Hampers, at mixed prices to accommodate all budgets.

A very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all. Love from Jane, John, Ella, Matilda and Alexander Bishop xx



Christmas is cancelled?

Boris can't cancel Christmas – can he? We have always celebrated Christmas – right? Well no! In the 1600's Oliver Cromwell's parliament banned Christmas as a holiday. Celebrations were outlawed and it was illegal in any of the English territories to even go to church for a special service on Christmas day.

The puritan argument centred on the fact that there was, and remains, no evidence in the bible of Christ's birth in midwinter, let alone Dec 25th. Furthermore, there was also great concern that the festival had been taken over by immoral revelry and general excess. (Not much change there then.)

However, the ban was short lived and when the monarchy was restored under Charles II so was the celebration of Christmas. (However, it is interesting that the Christmas ban in Scotland remained law until 1957!)

In contrast to our current pandemic, during Cromwell's ban of Christmas shops and businesses were ordered to stay open and treat the day as an ordinary working day without feast or fanfare.

The church today has embraced the general celebration of Christmas (although it is not universally accepted by all Christian denominations for the same reasons as in the 1600's) However, even with the potential of several vaccines becoming available for mass inoculations very soon this Christmas is likely to be very different for most of us. BUT...

CHRISTMAS IS NOT CANCELLED!

Christmas is the celebration of the incarnation of God in Christ. God, in Christ, becoming man, to reveal himself to us. Furthermore, Christ also becoming our redeemer & Saviour, to restore us in relationship with Him - this is worth a great celebration of thanksgiving.

How we will celebrate this Christmas may be very different this year – maybe a much smaller turkey? – but let us stay in contact with friends and family using all the modern communications at our disposal. Let us continue to remember our neighbours, and the poor, and disadvantaged, both near and far. These are good and important things even if how we do them may be different, but the key message of Christmas is not different - God coming to us to live amongst us, and to save us, in the person of Jesus Christ.

You may like to read again the account of Jesus' birth in Luke's gospel chapters 1 and 2 (page 62 in your Jubilee New Testament.) The angel said to the shepherds, "...Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah (or Christ), the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:9-12

Lastly, this Christmas will be difficult for many people. If this Christmas is difficult for you, for any reason, then the church is still open (for as long as we can keep it so), and clergy are available. (Clergy details are on the St Peter's Church page)

Happy Christmas,

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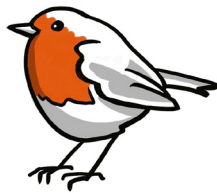
1. R T Red N R
2. O Come A Y F
3. H Y A Merry L C
4. F of N Y
5. H T H A Sing
6. I W I Could B C E
7. T H And T I
8. S C I Coming T T
9. A I W For C I Y
10. A In A M

Answers next month

Answers to last month's film titles:

1. One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest
2. The Bridge on the River Kwai
3. It's a Wonderful Life
4. Some Like it Hot
5. From Here to Eternity
6. Raiders of the Lost Ark
7. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
8. The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
9. Close Encounters of the Third Kind
10. The Silence of the Lambs

*We wish everyone in Cassington and Worton A very healthy and Happy Christmas and all our best wishes for 2021
Dawn and Pete Bowerman,
Betty Bowerman,
John Floyd and Jan,
Elsie and Colin Floyd*



We would like to wish all our friends in Cassington a Very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.
With love from
Pam & Derek Waters,
Marianne Want & Ken Kerr.
In lieu of Christmas cards we are making a donation to local Charities

Instead of sending cards this year, we've made a donation to Liberia Chimpanzee Rescue & Protection. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas!!

We would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to people who help us out, year in, year out.

We couldn't do it without you. (You know who you are!)

Emily, Zach, Seren & Indi xx

Hi there fellow Cassington dwellers,



My name is Nugnug Bolton and I live with fellow creatures at St Peter's Close. I moved here in August from Phoenix Cottage when my humans there felt that to give me and my flock some space from each other was for the best.

Joining the coop with Greyzie Price was tricky at first, and so my new humans afforded me the space of going free-style beyond the coop. Greyzie and I get on much better now and whilst there's mutual respect there, this has improved since we have found our own spaces to inhabit. Me in the long grass, laying eggs willy nilly in the somewhat Bohemian landscape (sometimes a barking 4-legged creature seeks them out and snaffles them, leaving two shell-halves intact and unharmed - quite extraordinary!); Greyzie roosting high in the trees above the coop, coming down for morning grain and occasional warm porridge - a family favourite! I'm grateful to those Finches and other creatures who pass me their veg peelings and to the human Humphris who brings our staple sacks of layers' mash before the previous one runs out. I did also relish pecking at the pumpkin flowers from a magic seed gifted to all small humans by someone wonderful called Tommy...

Having read a few issues of CAWN, since my house move, I feel moved to write with some cheer for the fellow one-, two-, three-, four-legged creatures of Cassington, wherever you may reside at present.

I can still hear the church bell for comfort and am glad it hasn't changed to suit the strange human daylight saving hours. And I have discovered that the simple things in life, if you can take time to reflect on them, perhaps in a calm pause from the world's chaos, those simple slow things in life can bring great joyfulness, even in our trickiest moments.

So perhaps we all need a bit of space to feel at home and to let our true feathers find their natural habitat. And that's probably ok. Then whilst change, ageing, passing seasons and growth might be tough, they can also do us good and allow us to work through life's bumps and bruises to find peace and joy.

Merry Christmas one and all - stay safe, stay strong, stay you xx

Nugnug



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WODC Rubbish News!

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2020

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Wednesday 21 Oct	Wednesday 28 Oct
Wednesday 4 Nov	Wednesday 11 Nov
Wednesday 18 Nov	Wednesday 25 Nov
Wednesday 2 Dec	Wednesday 9 Dec
Wednesday 16 Dec	Wednesday 23 Dec

Grey week

2021

MONDAY 4 Jan *	SATURDAY 9 Jan *
FRIDAY 15 Jan *	THURSDAY 21 Jan *
Wednesday 27 Jan	Wednesday 3 Feb
Wednesday 10 Feb	Wednesday 17 Feb
Wednesday 24 Feb	Wednesday 3 Mar
Wednesday 10 Mar	Wednesday 17 Mar
Wednesday 24 Mar	Wednesday 31 Mar
THURSDAY 8 Apr *	Wednesday 14 Apr
Wednesday 21 Apr	Wednesday 28 Apr
THURSDAY 6 May *	Wednesday 12 May
Wednesday 19 May	Wednesday 26 May
THURSDAY 3 Jun *	Wednesday 9 Jun
Wednesday 16 Jun	Wednesday 23 Jun
Wednesday 30 Jun	Wednesday 7 Jul
Wednesday 14 Jul	Wednesday 21 Jul
Wednesday 28 Jul	Wednesday 4 Aug
Wednesday 11 Aug	Wednesday 18 Aug
Wednesday 25 Aug	THURSDAY 2 Sep *
Wednesday 8 Sep	Wednesday 15 Sep
Wednesday 22 Sep	Wednesday 29 Sep

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December 2020

Thursday 3rd 7:30pm (via zoom) Parish Council Meeting

Friday 11th SPSA raffle tickets returned

Sunday 13th Christingle Service

Monday 14th SPSA raffle drawn

Tuesday 15th December CAWN deadline

Wednesday 16th Santa's visit at village hall

Saturday 26th Boxing Day Football match (Fields)

January 2021

Thursday 7th 7:30pm (tbc) Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 20th February CAWN deadline

Gardening Tips

Jobs for December



1. Insulate outdoor taps and prevent ponds from freezing
2. Prune apples and pears, but not if trained against a wall.
3. Prune acers, birches and vines before Christmas.
4. Take hardwood cuttings.
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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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Horsemere Lane	Stacey Noton	07717 874552

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Cassington Village Group

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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

Interested to see how Cassington has evolved over the years? Or do you have any old photos of the village you wish to share? If so, search "Cassington then and now" on Facebook and feel free to join the group.

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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
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St Peters School, Cassington	01865 880443
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