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## CASSINGTON AND WORTON NEWS

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## CONGRATULATIONS




To Rita and Francisco Pérez on the birth of their first child Mateo, who was born on Tuesday the 24th of November 2020.


Rita and Fran came to the UK eight years ago from Spain. They moved to Cassington in July 2020, having previously been living in Oxford. Rita works for the NHS as a District Nurse and Fran is a chef at Oxford University, cooking for one of the colleges.

Rita says that Mateo is very happy to start his little life in this village in these difficult times. "As new parents we are over the moon, enjoying the best Christmas present we could have ever asked for."

## The Love and Kindness Trail 2021

14th February is traditionally the day when we tell our nearest and dearest how much we love them. This year we all need some love and kindness so the Parish Council, in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch, have arranged for various houses in the village to decorate their windows. There are 15 windows on the actual trail map, but anyone is welcome to join in the fun by decorating a window. 

Due to a kind donation made by a resident there are prizes available for the best window display and also for each completed trail map with the correct unscrambled words. Hopefully this will add some cheer for all on their daily walks and help raise the spirits, as we flood Cassington with positive images of hearts, rainbows and alike! The displays will be up from Sunday 14th Feb and for all of the next half term week.

See the back page for the map of which houses to visit to spot the hidden letters, and details of the competition and how to enter. Please get your entries for the unscrambled words in by 20th February. The winners will be announced on the Cassington Village Facebook page and in next month's edition of CAWN. 



## **Do you recognise this street?**

We have a new feature looking at Cassington through the ages, with the help of some of our older residents. This month Steve Wright has put together some of his grandfather's memories of the Cassington of his youth. Please see page 14 for further details. If you would like to contribute please contact CAWN editor - see details below.

Contributions should be provided by 20th of the month. Email submissions (in the body or as a Word attachment) to: [cawneditor@gmail.com](mailto: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: Anne Luttmann-Johnson, 3 Foxwell Court, Cassington, OX29 4DW. We look forward to hearing from you.

# welcome Anne's CAWNer

In these difficult times everyone needs a little boost, so welcome to the February edition celebrating love and kindness!

Throughout this edition you will find little messages of love, support and thanks. I apologise to those of you who did not know this was going to be the focus of this edition. I tried to spread the word around, but I know I only managed to reach a small cohort of the village. However if anyone else wants to send a message to someone or thank someone then please email it to me at CAWN editor, or put a note through my letterbox, and I will include some more messages next month.

This is now the fifth edition that I have produced and I hope you are all enjoying the articles I am including. If anyone has any comments on things they would like to see more, or less, of, then please let me know. Also if anyone would like to contribute a recipe to my seasonal recipe column please get in touch.

This month I have introduced a new feature on village recollections. This has been started by Steve Wright interviewing his grandad, and there are more memories which will follow in future editions. If anyone else would like to contribute to this, either with their own memories or by interviewing a parent or grandparent, then please let me know.

This newsletter is only as good as the articles and ideas people send me for publication. So do please keep sending me your suggestions and together we can try and bring a little joy at this time.

Anne x

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## DOG MESS IS EVERYONE'S ISSUE

**There has been a big rise in complaints due to dog mess:**

Walkers & Runners – we all need to use our available spaces safely for exercise

Pushchairs & wheelchairs – these are very hard and time consuming to clean

Other Dogs and Pets – there has been a rise in pet illness locally, which is worrying and costly to owners



**Please clean up  
after your dog**

**This includes ALL PUBLIC SPACES:**

**On the Village Greens, Pavilion & surrounding Playing Field area**

**Public Footpaths – this includes the side grass areas & verges**

**And especially on pavements, paths & drives**

Please make use of one of the Dog waste bins located:

1. Top of Eynsham road near the A40 traffic lights
2. On Eynsham road near Hollow furlong entrance
3. Village Hall Car Park
4. Elm's Road Playing Field & Sport's Pavilion Car Park
5. Pathway from School to Bell Lane (on corner of path to St. Peter's close)
6. By the Old Methodist Church on Bell Lane opposite Lynton Lane Green
7. On Bell Lane, near entrance to the Walters Field

## February stargazing highlights

### Feb 11th: New Moon

The new moon will not be visible so this is the best night for viewing far off galaxies and star clusters. In particular look out for the Pleiades and the Andromeda Galaxy. The Pleiades, sometimes called the 'Seven Sisters' is a cluster of stars easily visible towards the South just after sunset. The Andromeda Galaxy can be seen towards the West just after sunset near the Andromeda constellations.

### Feb 27th: Full Moon

The Moon's face will be will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Snow Moon because there were usually heavy snowfalls at this time of year. This moon was also known as the Hunger Moon, since the bad weather made hunting difficult.

## 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.

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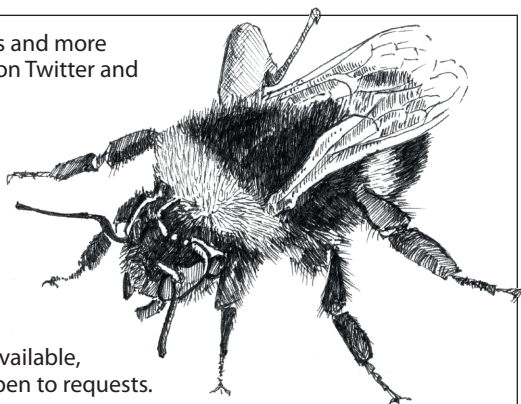
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Tell someone you love them today because life is short but SHOUT it to them in German because it is also confusing. 'Ich liebe dich!



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## AGM

The Cassington Village Hall Committee invites you to the AGM on

**Tuesday 23rd February at 7:15pm via Zoom**

Come and find out what has been happening in the Village Hall over the past year and learn about plans for the future. All Village groups and societies are encouraged to send a representative for election onto the committee and any interested individuals would also be very welcome.

For further information and/or to be emailed the Zoom meeting link please contact [cassingtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:cassingtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

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## Cassington Bookworms

are temporarily suspended until further notice.

## Love is

Finding a bag of shopping on my doorstep, early morning calls just to remind me I'm loved, constant family chat messaging, phone calls, zoom calls, little surprise treats when things get tough, Skype giggles with my girls in Australia, dreaming of family holidays past and future, emergency wine and chocolate drop offs, snuggling down to get another movie and pizza night, being beaten once again playing Wii sports, Lego challenge, jigsaws, Netflix, knowing that I am not alone in all this and you are all always with me and feeling grateful  
Thank you to my beautiful children. Melody, Johnny, Lydie, Job, Kizzy and Frazer x  
I love you



## SPSA News



In the last edition we promised to share our Christmas fundraising efforts with you. Our raffle raised £805.52 which, without holding the Christmas Fayre, is an amazing amount! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets or donated a prize either individually or as part of a business.

The tea towels with self portraits of all the children and teachers on raised a fantastic £530.50 and the Christmas card designs along with other promotional items – gift tags, mugs, bags and more tea towels (with childrens' individual Christmas drawings on) raised £272.50.

In November, we collected for Bag2School, collecting unwanted clothes, shoes etc – we had a mountain of over 90 bags that raised £162. We also had a very generous donation of £200 from the parochial charities of the village – always very much appreciated.

These funds are always put to good use. Right now, the Chromebooks we were able to purchase before Christmas mean that every household has the technology to help with home-schooling, and your generosity means we are ready to support the school for whatever this lockdown might bring.

The SPSA usually pay for a trip to a pantomime or to have an in-school experience and this year we adapted the offering so it could work on a remote basis, hiring Fred the Shed for an online session to each class just before Christmas (when they were still in school). It was very much enjoyed by the children and there were many laughs to be had!

Thank you again to all those who support the SPSA and it's so good to see the school community again showing its resilience to keep the children on their learning paths.

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

## LET THERE BE LOVE!



February is the month of romantic love.

I remember my school days wondering whether I would receive a card from some secret admirer. The stomach would be aflutter as the morning of the 14th dawned, and by the end of the day I would be either despairing or delighted.

This year many have decided that it's not just for the romantics but that it's time to celebrate love full stop: love in our families, amongst friends and neighbours, love in and for our community, nation and world. And why not! In this year of all years it's worth knowing we're loved and letting others know the same, for as humans, our need for love is one of the deepest and most profound needs we have.

The apostle John wrote to the first Christians (1 John 4v7)

that they were to love one another because love is from God. In fact it is his defining characteristic: God is love. Christians believe that we love, as humans, because the one who made us is love: relationships are the most important things in our lives because God is relationship: the Father eternally loving the Son in the joy of the Holy Spirit. St.Peter's Church celebrates, week by week, that we are invited into that loving relationship and to learn and experience more of what it is to live in love from the One who is love.

So, perhaps this February we can shed our British reserve (speaking for myself!) and make the effort to let others know we love and treasure them, and, if you're feeling particularly adventurous, dust the vocal cobwebs off and let out, across the garden fences of Cassington, a joyous: "Let there be love!".

Revd Duncan Fraser

## **Thank You" from the Food Banks please keep donations coming.**

I have again 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.

If you can, you may like to view the message from Eynsham Foodbank on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/t9yRu2EiddM>

We continue to receive donations in the Food Bank box outside St Peter's church. (These are collected daily and go, fortnightly, to the two local food banks alternately.) I also know that there have been many financial donations to both Food Banks from friends in Cassington.

However, there has been an increasing number of families reliant on these food banks and with the new lockdown even more families and individuals are finding themselves in food poverty. So, please continue to support our local

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

Cassington Neighbourhood Watch are also supporting Eynsham Food bank and donations can be made via Vicky Thomas-Clarke at 07917403976

Also, if you, or someone you know locally, is in need of food support please contact the food bank/s, Social Services, Citizen's Advice, Children's Agencies or the local clergy or Cassington Neighbourhood Watch

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



Thank You



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## FEBRUARY 2021

As we entered the latest Lockdown we, very reluctantly, decided that it would be unwise to gather for in-person church services. We are still committed to praying for the community of Cassington and will be keeping the church open for private prayer as much as possible. We may sometimes need to lock the church before and after funerals and will post notices on the door indicating when the church will next be open.

**On-line streamed services are available every Sunday from 10.30am at** [www.stpeterschurchcassington.org](http://www.stpeterschurchcassington.org) or [www.stleonardseysham.org.uk](http://www.stleonardseysham.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. 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 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.

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>

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Chipotle Butternut Squash Soup

Any other allotmenters with a glut of butternut squash this year? I didn't have as big a harvest as in previous years on my plot, but have certainly been left with enough to get our family through the winter. It's so nice to still be eating food that was grown over the summer months; it's like tasting a delicious piece of the sunshine whilst in the depths of winter. This recipe is perfect for warming cold tummies and makes great use of any sort of squash or pumpkin you might have hanging around. It's dairy free, nut free and gluten free, so a great all rounder recipe using store cupboard ingredients. Make this flexible recipe your own by changing up the ingredients based on what's in your cupboards!

#### Ingredients:

1 pint organic veg stock (plus extra for cooking lentils if desired)

1 medium butternut squash

1 onion

4 cloves garlic

A handful of baby plum or cherry tomatoes

1 tin chopped tomatoes

1 tsp ground coriander

1 tsp cumin seeds

Approx. 2 tbsps chipotle paste (or use a mix of approx 1 tsp each: chilli powder\*, smoked paprika, cumin, oregano, onion powder, brown sugar and a good pinch of salt and pepper)

1 cup dried red lentils

1/2 cup frozen sweetcorn

1/2 block tofu, cubed (or use mushrooms, extra cubes of squash, cubes of potato or chicken if you're carnivorous! Substitutions need to be ready-to-eat as this is added towards the end of cooking)

Large handful spinach fresh or frozen

\*if you don't like heat, you can use extra smoked paprika and less chilli powder, just adjust to your taste.

#### Method:

- Prepare veg stock and heat a large pan with a little oil. Also, simmer red lentils in a separate pan until tender (about 10-15 mins) \*I cooked the lentils in extra veg stock but water is fine.

- Gently sauté chopped onions for a few minutes until they have a little colour, then add chopped squash and crushed garlic. Sauté for another few minutes.

- Add spices (including the dry chipotle mix if you're not using ready-made paste) and tomatoes and cook for a minute or two more.

- Add the hot veg stock, chipotle paste if using, and simmer gently until veggies are tender.

- Once squash is tender, add the tin of tomatoes and warm through for a minute or two. Blend until smooth (or to desired consistency).

- Lentils should now be cooked. Combine them with the blended soup, tofu cubes, sweetcorn and spinach in a large pan. Warm through until hot, and spinach nicely wilted.

- Serve the chunky soup in bowls. Delicious with hunks of warm crusty bread.



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## Making every child wild

Don't worry folks—it is not as bad as it initially sounds! I have written in CAWN before about the importance of outdoor learning in terms of the educational and wellbeing benefits that it brings to young (and older) people. Children that are connected to nature are happier, healthier and more creative. Any villager who has witnessed the enthusiasm shown by the children during 'forest school' sessions run by Anna Houghton will recognise this. And for others it will explain the appearance of circles of tree stumps and a living willow wigwam in the school grounds!.

With this in mind, a few of us villagers have got together with the Head and staff of St Peters primary school and the Cassington Village Eco-Group to begin to look at ways in which we can make nature a part of every child's school time. The best way to do this will be through providing opportunities for wildlife-based learning activities inside and outside the classroom. So what do we have in mind?

The school grounds are potentially an outdoor learning haven – there is plenty of outdoor space which, with some inputs from us, we can elevate to good quality wildlife areas with loads of opportunities to encourage the school children to get up close and personal with nature. We have identified two key projects with which to begin the process.

The first is to provide two wildlife hedges within the grounds. The first will be a newly planted hedge, 80m in length, along one of the school boundaries. The second hedge will follow an existing (60m) hedge line around the pond which currently has major gaps due to an historic lack of maintenance resulting in some major gaps which we will "fill in". Currently there is a national initiative to encourage schools to plant wildlife hedges within their premises, with the sponsors providing the necessary whips (young trees), stakes and trees guards free of charge!

The school has applied to the initiative, requesting enough native hedgerow species to create/reinstate the hedges – a sum total of 1500 trees. Whilst the overall aim is to get the school children to maintain the hedges, using them to familiarise themselves with the species present and the plants and animals that come to depend upon them – in the first instance the whips will need to be planted.

This is a "grown-up" job and in order to get the project off to a good start we will be looking to put a St. Peters "Wild Force" team together to get the job done quickly and safely.

The second project is linked to the pond itself, the aim being to get it into a position where it can serve as an outdoor learning tool for the staff and children at the school. This is something of a bigger (and more expensive) job. Cassington is a "hot-spot" for a very rare species – the great crested newt, and in the first instance we will have to observe all of the necessary precautions linked to working on a site which potentially houses the newts. Once we have undertaken the necessary surveys and received permission to progress with the work, there are several large tasks to complete. In an ideal world we are aiming to re-profile/desilt the pond itself, remove a significant amount of the shrubs which are shading the pond, re-pollard the large willow and to create a walkway and pond-dipping platform from which the staff and children can work safely.

So there is lots to do and we will be coming back to you with a request for help with the tasks at hand. Several of you have already indicated your willingness to get involved – thank you so much for your offer – but we will need more, as many hands... Our ambitions are compounded by the current restrictions in place, but hopefully by the time for the hedge planting to begin things will have eased a little.

Stay safe  
Stew Thompson

Happy Birthday baby girl and best friend forever  
You are always so smart and so very, very, clever  
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When all around can't give them, you still do  
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# Parish Council News

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 on February 4th at 7.30 pm. Please contact the clerk if you want to attend.

## Blenheim proposal for allotment site development.

The Parish Council have not heard further from Blenheim Estates.

## Horsmere Lane and Cassington Lights

It is very frustrating but despite many attempts by Charles Mathew no further information has been received regarding the Bus Lane. It is understood that contractors have begun installing their site office and storage facilities close to Wolvercote.

## Website.

The clerk has received the web site details and the site can be accessed to load up information. The clerk will work on this over the next month with a view to publishing. The clerk still needs good quality photos of the village.

## School crossing/ 20mph zone.

The clerk is looking into the recently announced mandatory 20mph zones around schools. It is hoped we can get this instigated as soon as possible.

## Tree Planting.

The Parish Council have received agreement from the Sports and Social club to plant indigenous trees along the southern boundary of the recreation field. On inspection it looks like 6 semi mature trees would fit the bill. Quotes are being obtained.

## 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.

# January 2021

## Dog Waste

The Parish Council has bought more signs to put around the dog walking areas. On the agenda for our next meeting is the consideration of putting a further dog waste bin at the entrance to the track up to the farm.

## War Memorial. (same as last month, work in progress)

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

## Neighbourhood Plan.

The clerk is arranging the first meeting (via zoom) in February. The Parish Council have appointed a professional body to guide the Parish Council representatives through this process. The fees will be the subject of a grant.

## Defibrillator by Village Hall.

New Batteries and Pads have been purchased and the unit is now fully operational. Should residents need the use of the defibrillator they should let the responders for the Ambulance service know that there is a defibrillator close by and they will give a code to unlock the unit. Comprehensive instructions are with the unit. The Ambulance service will be aware of the unit as it has been registered by the Parish Council. Weekly inspections of the unit are being carried out.

## Housing needs survey

The Parish Council have just received the results of the survey and will be discussing it at our next meeting.

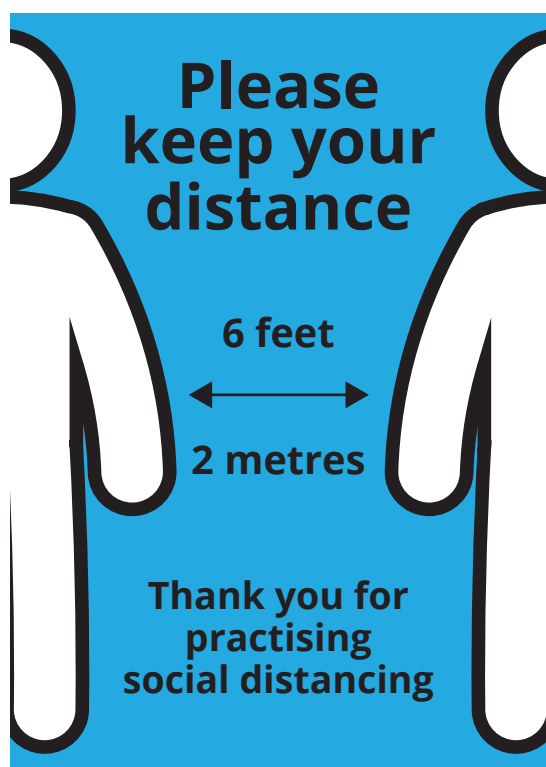
## Worton Entrance flooding

WODC are in contact with the owner of the land between Jericho Farm and Thames Water entrance and are hopeful this ditch will be cleared soon. Thames Water have also been contacted with a view to clearing drainage and culverts under the entrance.

## N.B Clerk contact details

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**Public Zoom Meeting**  
**Thursday 4th February at 7.30pm**

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## NEWS FROM ST PETER'S SCHOOL

At St Peter's, our vision is 'Unlocking... Minds that Learn, Hearts that Love, Faith that gives' and our 12 values help us work towards this. The children are really good at talking about these and explaining what they mean and how they live by them – we even have our own school song to help us remember (see the home page of the website to hear it). The final piece of the puzzle was an image to encapsulate the vision and values and we are extremely pleased to present a picture that Lily-Rose Harvey kindly designed for us. This image will now appear around school and remind us to be those helping hands.



Now we are back in lockdown, learning has once again moved online. As with the first lockdown, we will be sharing what we are doing on our blog:



<https://st-peters-cofe-primary-school-cassington.secure-primariesite.net/lockdown-wont-keep-us-down-21/>

Here you will find videos of collective worship, assemblies, and photos of the children doing all kinds of fun and exciting things. Please visit regularly and if you feel so inclined, we would love to see any contributions that you wish to send. Please email the office at: [office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk)

Jon Jeffries  
Headteacher

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

A pants poem of love for Anna Price  
(#there's only one Anna Price)  
Oh how galloping fast we approached 17th  
December: braced and Lyric Theatre-bound as a pre-  
birthday treat to see Six! and alas 'twas not to be.  
With good-will-10% box office-voucher-in-hand, we  
rebooked for Valentine's day matinée performance -  
alas seats H18 and 19 will still not feel our buttock  
presence  
Third time lucky - said that a lot recently Nannie  
Potpot - always with a smile in the face of  
adversityyyyyy - By Hook or by crook we'll get to see  
Six!  
Hark! Until then, pray know that you light up our  
lives and we all love you (and your  
cooking) dearlyyyyyyyy  
Love Mum



## Recollections of Cassington

What's it like to live in Cassington for the most part of 94 years? Over Christmas, Steve Wright interviewed Ian Waters, his grandad, to find out.



While much may have stayed the same, the Cassington of old had an operating railway, shops and even a food delivery service! "They had one joined onto the Bell and one at the Lion," Ian said, detailing the local shops. "They had a mobile shop that used to come around. We always had a good fire going and in the winter the delivery man would come in and have a cup of tea. He didn't want to go back out again! He was going around North Leigh and places at ten o'clock at night with ice creams! It was a different world."

Tuckwell gravel pits were in Bell Lane (located opposite the cottages, where the salvage yard and Bosworth clinic are now, and behind the old Bell Inn). They shut the pit away behind galvanised fencing but we used to go and play out there and get in trouble. 'Don't do this, don't do that'.

Harry Tuckwell used to come out with the wages on a Friday for the fellas that worked there. 'Please Mr. Tuckwell, can we have a ride in your motor car?' 'I'll give you a ride in my motor car if you keep out of my pit,' he said. 'Alright Mr. Tuckwell.' It was an old Morris with a dickey seat on the back. Three or four of us would clamber in there and he might take us to Yarnton but we'd have to walk back! We used to walk back and we were chuffed because we did get in the pit.

Around that time in 1934 the A40 was built. All the lorries going to Oxford or London came through Witney and either had to go through Eynsham or Cassington and Yarnton. Of course, when the A40 was built that was a wonderful thing.

The railway was built before my time. There was story that someone thought they knew where the railway was going to go and planted an orchard there so they could claim compensation when it was built but they got it wrong and the line was a bit further over. The trees were there though, over the other side from Horsemere lane. Pop used to go and pick apples there but I expect it's all gone now.

There was a bridge then over the Evenlode, I think it's still there and one over the canal but I think that got taken away but you could go right down to Fairford on the train. You used to get down to the railway with a horse and cart or walk down to the station and get the ticket at Yarnton when the train stopped there. It was different altogether. That's all gone.

Steam engines always had a driver and a fireman. Sometimes, they would drive and steer at the same time and they used to move a lot of English timber. I'd see them come up through Oxford with a trailer on the back and three trunks about 50 or 60 foot, the driver pulling that lot on his own. If anybody was in the way he'd be on that old whistle. There were a lot of decent fellas about then.

\* The picture on the front page is of swans in Bell Lane in 1951

\* The picture above is a young Steve with his grandad.



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As we find ourselves together in this new national lockdown, the Neighbourhood support team and Cassington Parish Council are here to help during this time of worry and uncertainty, which many residents may feel during the Coronavirus pandemic. We appreciate that many residents may need to shield, self-isolate and or social distance from family and friends for a pro-longed period of weeks. We are here to help and we have a network of volunteers available and regularly communicating to each other. We understand that we are all facing different issues and challenges. Please do let us know if you need some additional help and support for you and your family. Hopefully many of the previous challenges are easier this time. However, if you are struggling PLEASE DO REACH OUT FOR HELP.

Grocery shopping – Supermarket online slots are more widely available than before. Also both Bonners Grocers and Bartlett’s Butchers can deliver direct to your door (see Bonners advert in CAWN or contact us to help explain). We can also try to help with urgent / emergency items.

Eynsham Food Bank – we have strong connections and have made donations to support this facility. We can help set up weekly deliveries if any resident is struggling with food poverty at this time. Please contact us and we will act in confidence to help and support you.

Staying positive and well – We can always offer a friendly ear and someone to talk to reassure and give helpful positive advice for physical and mental health. It is a tough time for many and we are working on new village ‘socially distance & safe’ opportunities and activities to combating loneliness and make us feel connected and safe together.

### COVID 19 VACCINATIONS:

Eynsham / Long Hanborough Surgeries are working very hard to get the vaccination process in place to meet the government target to vaccinate all over 70’s, key workers and vulnerable / shielding by mid Feb. The Windrush medical centre (next to Witney hospital) started early Jan and Long Hanborough Surgery started Wed 13th Jan. If you are in the target groups for early vaccination before 15th Feb, you should hopefully be contacted by the surgery very soon. The surgery is asking people not to phone to enquire about vaccinations, as they will contact you when appointments are available. The phone lines need to be kept available for all patients seeking medical care, and extra calls cause delays for all. If anyone cannot visit the surgery home visits can be made. If this is an issue, please contact us as we can look to help with transport arrangements, if needed.



#### Neighbourhood Support Leaders

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Julie Perrin	07599 371930
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2. There's N L L Y L A N Other C G M M L
3. Never B H Someone B M U
4. C A I L O M L A of Y
5. H Sweet I I T B L B Y
6. I H Y D Mind T I P Down I W H W L I While Y I T W
7. L A T Stars, L H T Shine F Y A E Y D
8. I Y Fall I W C Y, I'll B W...T A T

Answers next month

Answers to last month's motivational speeches:

1. Never In The field Of Human Conflict Was So much Owed By So Many To So Few

Winston Churchill in Parliament 20th August 1940

2. I Have A Dream that One Day This nation Will Rise Up and Live Out The True meaning Of Its Creed

Martin Luther King at a Civil Rights March in Washington DC 28th August 1963

3. If You Don't Know How To fix It, Please stop Breaking It  
Severn Cullis-Suzuki aged 12 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

4. Human Rights are Women's Rights and Women's Rights Are Human Rights

Hillary Clinton at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995

5. Ask not What Your Country Can Do for You - Ask What You Can do For Your Country

J F Kennedy at his inaugural address 20th January 1961

6. We Must Raise Our Daughters Differently. We Must Also raise Our Sons Differently.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie at TEDxEuston in December 2012

## CASSINGTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL NEWS

As some of you will have found the MUGA is currently locked and unavailable for use. This is following Government guidelines. As soon as we are permitted to open it again we shall.

To my beautiful great nanny  
(Mavis Bowerman)

Roses are red  
Daffodils are yellow  
I wrote you this poem  
To say hello  
I love you lots and lots  
Love from tommy tucks  
Xxx

To my favourite  
Nan and Gramps  
much hugs  
kisses and love  
just wanted  
to remind you  
how much I care  
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tommy tucks xxx

Mum, I've got some friends  
Of each and every kind,  
But a better friend than my mother  
I'll never, ever find!  
I'm so happy you're my mummy!  
I love you. From Lisa Fleetwood xxx



## Woodstock & District U3A

u3a

Nervously navigating from Tier to Tier each day, it seems that members of Woodstock & District University of the 3rd Age (u3a) continue to show considerable ingenuity and application in pursuing their varied interests. Monthly Speaker Meetings are now on-line. On February 2 we have a biographical study of Hardit Singh – a Balliol graduate and WWI fighter pilot - while March 2 promises an account of growing up in post-WWII East London by Jeff Rozelaar. A more rural theme on 2 April when Christine Cox will reveal the Verney family and Claydon House. Non-members are welcome to virtually attend meetings, courtesy of Zoom. Visit the Woodstock U3A website to access a free link to the talk.

As always, the bulk of activities take place in the 20-plus Interest Groups of the Branch. Those doughty Recorder players continue to provide the rest of us with recipes and household hints in the intervals of their daily practice. Still on the musical front, I sadly missed December's 'Ukulele Day', organised by the U3aA Thames Valley Network (TVN). And, on 20 January TVN is scheduled to offer on-line advice on improving the composition of your photographs. Check [u3atvnetwork.org.uk](http://u3atvnetwork.org.uk).

Finally, if all goes well, Wednesday, 2 June 2021 should see the first-ever National U3A Day: watch this space!

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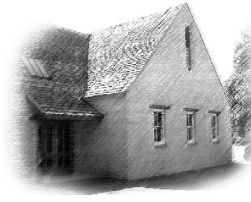
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Thomas (and his sister Abi) sang in the last village Pantomime, which is when I first met him. If you went to the last Carol service, you would hear his beautiful boy soprano voice singing the first verse of "Once in royal David's city" and then.....the pandemic struck.

The next time I heard of him was when I realised that it was Thomas who kept Bill and I in touch with the outside world delivering our newspapers. Not just for a couple of days, or a week or a month but EVERY morning around 7.30am, in the daylight sunshine, in the freezing cold, in the pouring rain and in the dark, the Daily Telegraph and The Times come through the door of a couple of old fogies he, probably not realising just how much it means to us during these hard times of Lockdown, that he will be there.

As a Mum who had sons many years ago who used to deliver morning papers and milk, I know what it takes to get out of bed regardless of the weather EVERY day when he doesn't have to.

THANK YOU THOMAS



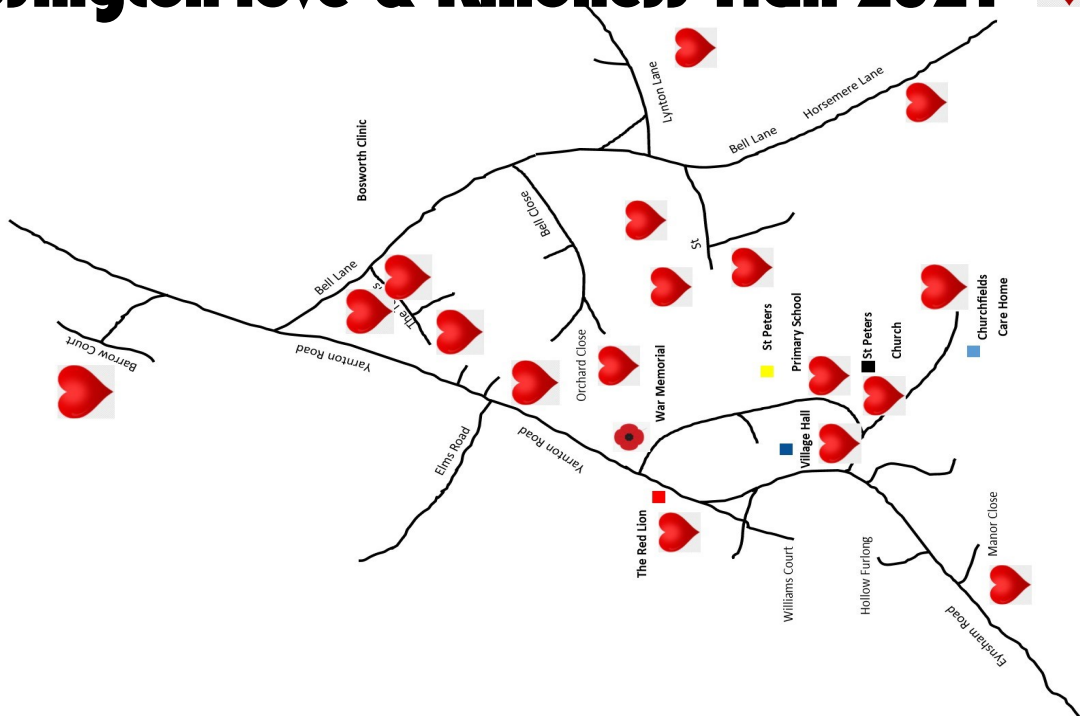
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## ♥ Cassington love & Kindness Trail 2021 ♥



# what's on?



Dates for your diary

## February 2021

Thursday 4th 7:30pm (via zoom) Parish Council Meeting

Sunday 14th Love and Kindness Trail commences

Saturday 20th March CAWN deadline

Tuesday 23rd (via zoom) Village Hall AGM

## March 2021

Thursday 4th 7:30pm (tbc) Parish Council Meeting

Saturday 20th April CAWN deadline

## 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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## Gardening Tips



### Jobs for February

1. Clean pots and greenhouses ready for Spring.
2. Dig over vacant plots ready for planting.
3. Plan vegetable crop rotations for the coming season
4. Start forcing rhubarb for an early crop
5. Put out food and water for hungry birds



## Cassington love & Kindness Trail 2021



- |                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Glebe Cottage- Horsemere lane | 9. Barrow Court                |
| 2. 21 St Peters Close            | 10. Foxwell End - Yarnton Road |
| 3. 20 St Peters Close            | 11. 27 Eynsham Road            |
| 4. 14 St Peters Close            | 12. Churchfields Care Home     |
| 5. 4 Orchard Close               | 13. St. Peter's Primary School |
| 6. 4 Lynton lane                 | 14. Village Hall               |
| 7. 14 The Tennis                 | 15. The Red lion Pub           |
| 8. 6 The Tennis                  |                                |



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