



OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS IS LIVE!

Oxfordshire Artweeks is the UK's biggest artist open studios and pop-up exhibition event and runs throughout May. Last year, due to the pandemic, the festival was online only but this year, provided the restrictions don't change, there should be 250 'live' venues operating in a similar way to non-essential shops. Venues in the North and West are open from the 1st to the 9th of May, with other parts of Oxfordshire later in the month, plus more online throughout the festival. See www.artweeks.org for details.



If you are uncomfortable with these arrangements, then please look at the exhibition online. Turning in the lane is difficult, so if you come by car please park at the Village Hall.

Kevin's work will be familiar to many of you. However for those who don't know him please see the article on page 3 where he describes his work and how he got started.

There is a great mix of artists showing in Eynsham (see the map on page 3), and a preview of Kevin's work and theirs can be seen in the Eynsham Art Window, at 66 Mill Street.



Local artist, Kevin Hinton will be holding a pop-up exhibition at his home - Mill Lane House, Mill Lane (opposite the Chequers) - from the 1st

to the 9th of May from 11am to 6pm each day. To comply with Covid restrictions, only one family group of up to four will be able to enter at a time and you will be asked to wear a mask, use the sanitiser provided and respect each other's space. If there are several groups at one time there will be some seating in the garden.

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

How well do you know the candidates who are seeking our support for election on 6th May? You've all received the leaflets through your door telling you their policies. But what are they really like? We asked each candidate the following 4 questions:

1. What makes you get out of bed in the morning?
2. What do you feel passionate about?
3. What have you missed most during this last extraordinary year of lockdowns?
4. What would you take as your luxury item on Desert Island Discs?

See page 6 for their replies.



The Cassington Red Lion welcomed its first two visitors at the re-opening session on Monday 12th April at 2.00pm. Ady Gregory and Bryan Partridge met up to discuss the year's events programme for Cassington Village Hall's promotional schedule. Hopefully the programme will include a comedy evening, a magical night and a bingo session.

Ady and Bryan send out an earnest appeal to the villagers to support these events in capacity attendances. As you will all appreciate, income for the Hall has been extremely limited during the pandemic lockdowns. Thank you all in anticipation of your future support at these events.

"A & B" Entertainment Agents

The village hall committee and the whole village would like to thank Ruth Bakewell for eight years of dedication towards putting on amazing events for the village. She will be missed x

welcome

Anne's CAWner

The lockdown is easing and how lovely it is to see people out and about in our village, as well as in our towns and cities. This is just the weather to be sitting outside one of our pubs enjoying their friendly hospitality.

This month we have local elections, so I hope you enjoy finding out a bit more about your local candidates in the article on page 6. Thanks go to John Hemingway for his report on the village hall, Alex Rogers for his update on the allotments, to Catherine Chapman for a delicious sounding recipe, the team at Churchfields care home for a lovely collage of pictures and our regular contributors.

We have no Recollections this month, as there was too much other news to report, but this feature will return in June so please do send me your memories for future editions.

We welcome back one of our advertisers, Bread and Butter Cafe, at Worton, who are re-opening on 17th May and looking forward to seeing us all again. We are also delighted to include an advert from Totally Shredded a new exercise class that is starting up in the village hall at the end of May.

Finally I must thank all of our existing advertisers who have stuck with us throughout this last year despite, in many cases, having to shut for part of the time. Without their support we would be unable to publish and deliver this newsletter to every house in Cassington & Worton. I encourage you all to support our advertisers if you can.

Please do send me any news or announcements you would like to publicise. Enjoy the sun and the freedom!

Anne x

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BIKE NIGHT 2021 CANCELLED

due to the pandemic the committee have regretfully cancelled bike night for 2021

Derek Waters 1923-2021



It is with much sadness that we announce the death of Derek Waters who passed away peacefully at the JR on Sunday 18 April aged 97.

He was well known by many in the village and we hope to include a more detailed piece on his life in the June issue.

His funeral will be on Tuesday 4 May at 11am and it is being livestreamed via: www.obitus.com

Username: geve0857

Password: 434694

We welcome anyone to stand 'socially distanced' from 9 Bell Lane up and out of the village via Yarnton Road for the funeral cortege from 10.30am. We will celebrate his life together later in the year when we can all gather safely.

Rather than flowers, please consider donating to the Royal British Legion for whom he carried the standard up until only three years ago. You can do this via: www.greensfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notice

He will be greatly missed by all the family.

May stargazing highlights

May 6-7 - Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower.

The Eta Aquarids is produced by dust particles left behind by Halley's comet. These meteors often produce long streaks of light, or trains, that persist for several seconds.

May 11 - New Moon.

The Moon will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

May 17 - Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation.

Mercury will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky. Look for the planet low in the western sky just after sunset.

May 26 - Full Moon, Supermoon.

The Moon's face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Flower Moon because this was when spring flowers appeared in abundance. This moon has also been known as the Corn Planting Moon and the Milk Moon. This is also the second of three supermoons for 2021. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

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Local Artist Kevin Hinton (in his own words)

For those who aren't familiar with my work, it is mostly everyday things drawn in pen, ink and coloured pencil, with individual images and montages available as limited edition prints. Many of the images are from or inspired by the series of daily drawings I began making back in 2018. Having made it beyond the first month I was further encouraged when my sketch of a cheese grater was selected for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition.

John and Sue Hemingway kindly hosted an exhibition of the first year's collection '365 Days and Counting' in the summer of 2019, and I continued drawing every day through to September last year when I reached over 1,000 sketches.

I have since been working on commissions, more involved drawings and practising portraits in oils, some of which will also be on show, including a portrait of a young paramedic which was painted as part of the Portraits for NHS Heroes project initiated by local artist Tom Croft. You can see his work in Wolvercote during the second week of the festival (Venue 151).

See the map below for all the local venues during the first week. I hope you enjoy the festival, in person or online, and look forward to showing you my work.

Kevin Hinton

Freeland

Widely Road
Pigeon House Lane
Garden Centre
Cuckoo Lane to Freeland 2 miles
The Evenlode pub
Old Winney Road
Winney Road
Eynsham Post Office
Mill Street
Pig Lane
St Leonard's Church

to Witney 4 miles
to Twelve Acre Farm 1 mile

OXFORDSHIRE ART WEEKS

For opening times check artweeks.org

Artweeks in Eynsham
Freeland & Cassington 1-9 May 2021

A40 to Oxford 4 miles
B4449
Hawthorn Road
Newland Street
Eynsham
Queens Lane
High Street
to Oxford via Toll Bridge

Beautiful creations by these awesome artists!

- 1 Alison Berrett** - paintings & drawing
2 Newfield Cottages, Twelve Acre Farm, Eynsham OX294BG
- 2 Alison Holmans** - pottery: stoneware & raku
Ros Duffy - glass | **Anne Macdonald** - painting
The New House, Tanners Lane, Eynsham OX294HJ
- 3 Julia Loken** - watercolours
Myrtle Cottage, Tanners Lane, Eynsham OX294HJ
- 4 Peter Shrimpton** - sculpture
The Queens Head, Queen Street, Eynsham OX294HH
- 5 Eric White** - pastel paintings & mixed media
28 Mill Street, Eynsham OX294JS
- 6 Eynsham Art Window** - a showcase for Artweeks artists
66 Mill Street, Eynsham
- 7 Jane Tomlinson & Paul Tomlinson** - drawing & painting
7 Pigeon House Lane, Freeland OX294AG
- 8 Kevin Hinton** - drawing & painting
Mill Lane House, Mill Lane, Cassington OX294DL

Note! COVID security measures will be in place at each venue: frequently cleaning, hand washing, mask-wearing, airy venues, and plenty of space.

Please support your local artists!

Map not to scale of any kind!

Village Hall AGM 23 February 2021

Chair's Review of the Year - John Hemingway
"Not just a building, but building a community".

2020 was a year we'll never forget, and we will each carry with us our personal pandemic memories. For the Village Hall, it was a year of mostly enforced closure. Between lockdowns we did have a few bookings, but there were no events, and committee discussions were mostly about coronavirus risk assessments and precautions. Many sincere thanks to Kathryn Teal for taking the lead on this heavy-duty task.

We were delighted to make the hall available free of charge for the temporary community shop set up by Neighbourhood Watch, which proved so valuable to many people in the village. As well as helping other people, their activities generated a surplus of £418 which they generously donated to the hall. Many thanks to Vicky Thomas-Clarke and team for their enterprise and great support for the community.

We took the opportunity during lockdown to carry out some essential maintenance - a new boiler, hot water taps in the gents toilets, and renewing the emergency lighting. Many thanks to Paul Woolford for very generously giving his time to carry out the plumbing work at cost, and to Matt Terry for the electrical work. We also need to thank the Parish Council for paying £1,000 towards the cost of the boiler.

We did manage to generate some income from hall lettings during the first two months of the year, and in the short period between lockdowns we had a few socially distanced bookings. Total income from lettings was £3,168. This compares with £12,669 in 2019 and we usually take around £1,000 a month in bookings to cover our running costs. Fortunately we have a super-efficient treasurer in Lorna Mills who is always on top of the situation, and we were eligible to claim support from the Government through WODC and received a one-off fixed grant of £10,000 to help cover the loss of income. We were also granted business rate relief, which helped us to reduce our costs. Many thanks to Lorna for sorting out all the paperwork so quickly and effectively.

To generate extra income we normally run events such as the film nights and live shows from touring companies, but none of these were allowed this year, and of course there was no

Bike Night. So our revenue from events and fundraising was zero, but we did receive donations of £90 and the £418 from the community shop. Plus bank interest, investment income and Gift Aid, that made our total income for the year £14,041 - not too far below our income of £16,075 in 2019.

Although closed for most of 2020 and (at time of writing) still closed now in 2021, the hall does continue to cost money. Our expenditure for last year was £12,605 before depreciation, well down on the previous year's costs of £16,745, but within that we spent a record £4,488 on repairs and maintenance to keep the hall in top condition and ready to re-open as soon as permitted.

The end result financially, after allowing for annual depreciation of £3,721 (£3,720 in 2019), was net outgoing resources of £2,284 (£3,651 net outgoing in 2019). Our cash position is still very positive, and we ended the year with almost £1,500 more cash in the bank than at the start of the year. So overall our finances are in very good shape.

We had far fewer committee meetings this year and mostly met remotely on zoom. Many thanks are due to our hard-working volunteers on the committee: Ruth Bakewell (Events), Penny Burroughs (Secretary), Lorna Mills (Treasurer), Bryan Partridge (Vice-Chair and Buildings), Dave Butlin, Sheila Nelson, Bridget Sherlock and Malcolm Teal. We also need to give massive thanks to our hall manager Kathryn Teal and our cleaner Pam Coates for their ongoing commitment. We always welcome new volunteers to join our team, so if you're interested please do get in touch.

Also please consider joining the Patrons of Cassington Village Hall for as little as £10 a year, and you can also Gift Aid your donation to make it tax efficient. The village hall is a registered charity and relies totally on generating its own income to keep the place going. If you value the hall at the heart of our community, making a small regular donation is a great way to help.

Many thanks to everyone for your patience. The hall will return as soon as we are allowed to open and we're sure that it will once again be a very popular community venue. It is a great asset, effectively owned by the village for the benefit of the village.

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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
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<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

MAY 2021

Church services have resumed, in line with the Government's roadmap for easing restrictions. Whilst social distancing restrictions remain, numbers are limited at services in church and should be reserved in advance by contacting the Church Office.

The following services are correct at the time of print, but please check our website www.stpeterschurchcassington.org or contact the Church Office for up to date information.

9.30am on Sunday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th May

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.

On-line streamed services are available every Sunday from 10.30am at
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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.
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Enquiries: Church Office: email stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com Telephone 01865 883325

Holidays and Recreation

Hopefully the "roadmap" will continue and we can start thinking about holidays. We all certainly need a break and it has been great in the last week or so (since 12 April) to enjoy some sun and to just get out. (Jane and I really enjoyed a welcome drink in the Red Lion garden last Sunday afternoon.)

The truth is that we all need some times of refreshment. Time to "recharge our batteries". There is a good biblical prescription of resting 1 day in seven - having time to recover our strength and our mental capacity. Even Jesus is recorded as going off to lonely places to pray and recover from the pressures of his ministry. (Luke 5:16 "But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." P 70 in your Jubilee New Testament)

We all need times of recreation which might be in reading, sport, hobbies, TV, walking, music or just being still for a while. We all need re-creation – making new – and this is what holidays do for us physically and mentally.

However, there is a spiritual element to re-creation as well and re-creation is a major theme throughout the bible. Individually we need that re-creation to re-establish our

relationship with our creator, and the whole earth and creation needs to be re-created.

St Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans (ch 8 p173 in your Jubilee NT) verse 19 "For the creation waits in eager expectation... 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time."

During this time of pandemic, global warming, plastic pollution and ecological devastation we can, I'm sure, identify with this image of the world "groaning". However, the good news of the bible is that eventually there will be re-creation, even for this broken world, but also for us individually in Christ

Jesus says to Nicodemus that he must be re-created ("born again") John 3:7 p104 in your Jubilee NT.

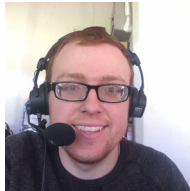
A good night's sleep can be a great refresher of our minds and bodies but sometimes we need a holiday and we need re-creation, no more so than at this current time.

Revd Roger Aston

COUNCIL ELECTIONS - Get to know your Candidates

Max Bell - OCC Candidate

What gets me up is my alarm clock! No matter what you do, the thought of making the world a better place every day (even in small ways), is a pretty good motivator.



Even more than politics - my great love has always been football. I've followed the England men's football team all over the world, including travelling across Russia for the World Cup in 2018. Here's to us going one step better in the Euros this Summer!

My Dad lives in Hull, and I haven't seen him since well before Christmas. Like most people, not being able to see your loved ones is what hits the hardest. Giving him a long-overdue hug is the thing I'm looking forward to most once the rules allow.

I absolutely love the Radio 4 programme Desert Island Discs, so I've thought hard about this for many years! Give me a full-size snooker table, with working accessories any day. I could finally work on my bridge and cueing actions... After a few years with nothing else to do - I reckon it would not only keep me sane, but I could return a half-decent player!

Sean Grace - OCC and WODC Candidate

It's a very exciting time in the Grace household. My biggest trouble is getting to sleep - we are expecting our first child in August and looking to buy a new house very soon!



Having lived in Italy for 5 years and USA for a year I have experienced life in a couple of different cultures. What I really love is travelling, it gives you a new perspective on the life you lead and the community you live in. I'm fluent in Italian (and Chicagoan) but more than that after living in a couple of metropolises I am in love with our countryside, exploring fields, rivers and a nice village pub.

The lockdown has kept me very busy with volunteering and speaking to new people around the Eynsham ward. I have missed being able to travel around the UK. I work with social care finance teams in local government across the UK meaning I get to work with people from Portsmouth to Redcar!

My luxury would be my bike! Nothing relieves the stress of being stuck on an island more than a good cycle ride.

Elsa Dawson - WODC Candidate

You may have seen me around with my beautiful special needs daughter, Elisa. Bringing her up in Eynsham taught me to appreciate the wonderful sense of community spirit in our villages, and the support systems for people like ourselves.



I will never forget the kindness of neighbours and friends leaving me treats while I had Covid, and our Social Worker's concern to provide the right support for Elisa.

I am passionate about equality. I was a gender and diversity specialist in international development. I want to apply this passion to West Oxfordshire, where I have lived for 20 years.

As Councillor, I will promote: Support for community networks helping families recover from the pandemic: The recovery of small businesses post Covid: Housing developments serving local needs for homes, especially adequate social housing, and don't cause additional flooding: A healthy and sustainable living environment: Improved sustainable travel: Better roads, more cycle paths, rail links to Oxford.

Dan Levy - OCC Candidate

I have lived in Eynsham for nearly 20 years, and my family grew up and went to school here. It is a brilliant village, as of course is Cassington.



I went into local politics to try to ensure that the villages continue to be brilliant, to ensure that we have the infrastructure we need (including the A40 of course) and to resist the current County and District Councils' attempts to turn our villages into perpetual building sites. I am one of your District Councillors now, and am looking to be your County Councillor from May 7th. I am pleased that the Lib Dem candidates here, unlike some others, live in the ward.

Outside of politics, I enjoy cycling, going to pubs and watching the mighty Stockport County. The past year of lockdown has been good for the first of these, and it is great to see how many families have ventured out on their bikes. But I am definitely missing the pub and Edgeley Park. And much more importantly, like many people, I have missed being able to visit my parents and my children.

Andy Goodwin - WODC Candidate

My four daughters jumping on top of me wakes me up in the mornings!



I am passionate about bringing people together, creating communities and working in nature; the peacefulness and creativity of weaving willow, and organising RunWythamWoods to raise funds for our local primary school. Playing football with my friends and coaching my daughters to play, seeing their joy and confidence grow.

Wanting to do something about the Tory councils' failure to properly plan for infrastructure before building 10,000 houses along the A40.

Stopping sewage being pumped into our local rivers. Campaign for a light railway from Carterton - Witney - Eynsham - Oxford.

I miss my dad, I lost him in the first lockdown.

I would take a willow stick to my desert island. I'd plant it and within a few years have my own willow plantation.

Ed Roliston - WODC Candidate

My dog gets me out of bed in the mornings. She's quite insistent that it's "time to go" and her special trick involves throwing socks at me. Cassington is a lovely place to walk, so being 'forced' to by the dog is not a hardship. She's a rescue, and a mongrel that might be a husky cross. She can be a bit of a grumpy madam, and she certainly needs her exercise.



During lockdown, I've missed going out for meals or coffee. It used to be easy to walk over to Worton Organic Garden on a Sunday (getting the 'walkies' out of the way!) and have a meal with my partner. But more generally - going for a coffee whilst out shopping, or popping to a garden centre.

My luxury item to take to a Desert Island, would have to be my kindle - I'm a real bookworm, and massively enjoy reading, so a portable library is exactly what I would 'need'. In fact, somewhere isolated and warm with a good book sound pretty close to an ideal holiday! Reading in the garden in the warmer weather was what helped me get through Lockdown last year.

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CASSINGTON ALLOTMENTS

bursts forth into Spring



April has arrived with a high pressure sitting over England and sunny days bringing cowslips scattered along the Cassington "exercise" track and insects such as solitary bees searching for nectar on the allotment. Our gardeners are getting busy, building raised beds, preparing a community plot (come and grow something!), planting, mulching and nurturing seedlings. The wildlife has notably picked up with residents and migrants starting to stake their territories including black caps, dunnocks, chiff chaffs, robins, blackbirds and others. A kestrel regularly hunts for mice, watching over the beds and couch grass from the electricity wires over the central path. Samuel's tadpoles are also getting fat on the juicy algae and plants in his wildlife ponds.

To add to our excitement this month we had a fact-finding visit from Dominic Hare, the CEO of Blenheim Estates. Dominic came to talk to the Allotment Association and walk the site with us to find out a bit more. The meeting was also attended by Hugh Thomas from the Parish Council. The conversation wandered as we walked around but revealed a number of interesting points. First, Blenheim Estates remain determined to build on the Cassington Allotments or elsewhere in Cassington. So, look out folks, the fact a revised plan for the allotments has not appeared does not mean it isn't coming.

Secondly, the minimum size of development that will be imposed on the village is upwards of 40 properties. This is well above the housing needs identified by the recent village housing needs survey and represents a significant increase in the size of the village, more than 10% or 20% if you include the previous two Blenheim Estates developments. The reason for this substantial size of development is viability ("the numbers don't work otherwise"). The meeting in the allotments was followed by a further meeting between Blenheim Estates and the Parish Council to discuss other land in the village that belongs to the estate and which may be suitable for development.

So, the meeting raises many questions, probably more than we started with. Will they, won't they try and build on the allotments knowing the Cassington Allotment Association and the majority of the village are opposed and will fight every inch of the way. Will Blenheim Estates put forward alternative proposals on other land and will these be more or even less acceptable to the current residents of the village? Forty houses will represent the same increase in traffic and pressure on amenities and facilities wherever they go. But could an alternative site be less impactful? A lot to think about for all of us and also for us to consider in the Neighbourhood Plan. There are alternative building sites that do not belong to Blenheim Estates and therefore, again, would not be financially viable for them. So, watch this space villagers, we await further developments (or perhaps hopefully not.....).

Alex Rogers, Chair, Cassington Allotments Association

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Parish Council News

April 2021

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Parish Council meeting

The next Zoom meeting will be on Thursday May 6th at 7.30 pm. Please contact the clerk if you want to attend.

Blenheim proposal for allotment site development.

The Parish Council had a zoom meeting with Blenheim and reminded Blenheim of the opposition to the development of the allotments. Other sites owned by Blenheim are going to be considered by Blenheim and it has been planned that the Parish Council will receive these other options in time for the next PC meeting.

Horsemere Lane and Cassington Lights

The Parish Council had a zoom meeting with representatives for OCC where the closure of Horsemere Lane and the mitigation work at the Cassington Lights were extensively discussed along with other issues. The Parish Council were encouraged to see that OCC are considering these proposals. The Parish Council will discuss this further at the next PC meeting.

Website.

This is almost ready to launch. The site has been sent out to various organisations for comment and these are being considered now.

School crossing/ 20mph zone. (as last month)

The clerk has been in touch with OCC regarding the rollout of this initiative and is awaiting further information.

Tree Planting Recreation field

The Parish Council have received tremendous support for this with now 10 sponsorships coming forward. The contractor has been paid for the trees which will hopefully be planted this month.

War Memorial.

Great news here! The memorial has been given Grade 2 listing with English Heritage. The clerk is working on getting the remedial works approved.

Dog Waste

The dog waste bin near the entrance to the track is now in place.

Neighbourhood Plan.

A report on progress will be recorded at the next PC meeting.

N.B Clerk contact details

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The Parish Council meeting for May 2021 will be on Zoom. See invitation below for further details.

Chairman: Cllr. Hugh Thomas, 20 The Green

Cllr. Julie Perrin, Triwood, 44 Eynsham Rd

Cllr. Barbara King, 9 St Peter's Close

Cllr. Dave Butlin, The Squirrels, Bell Lane

Cllr. Chris Metcalf, 2 The Tennis

Cassington Parish Council

Public Zoom Meeting

Thursday 6th May at 7.30pm

You are invited to attend Cassington Parish Council's 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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Please keep dogs on leads

As lambing continues and we see more Spring babies in the Park each week, we'd like to issue a reminder that dogs must be kept on leads at all time when visiting Blenheim. We aim to create a safe environment for everybody, and the safety of our livestock and resident wildlife is our main priority.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Wild Garlic Pesto (makes one small jar)

50g Wild Garlic leaves*, washed
 30g Hazelnuts, chopped and briefly toasted in a little oil in a frying pan
 30g Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
 80ml olive oil, plus extra to cover
 Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Simple method: Put everything except the oil into your food processor, then blitz. Gradually add the olive oil via the processor funnel.

Traditional method: Finely chop wild garlic leaves, then use pestle and mortar to grind together with the nuts and parmesan. Add olive oil at the end.

Add to jar, popping a dash of olive oil on top to keep pesto covered. Close the lid and store in the fridge. Under the layer of oil, will keep for a few weeks. Alternatively, freeze portions in ice cube trays.

*Note: Wild garlic grows across the UK from late winter until the end of spring. Wild garlic does look similar to lily of the valley, which is poisonous, so please be very careful!

3 Ways With Your Wild Garlic Pesto

Add to a batch of savoury scones - delicious hot from the oven with melted butter

Layer on top of salmon - pop in the oven for a lovely flavoured crusted salmon

Enjoy with your favourite pasta for a simple dinner - do add even more parmesan on top!

WI Meeting

This month our meeting was again held on Zoom and our speaker was Charlie Maynard, Chair of West Oxfordshire Transport Group. He was briefing us on three proposals for the planned rail link between Witney and Oxford.

The first plan could connect into the Cotswold line west of Yarnton and north of Worton and staying well away from the villages but running through open countryside. A proposal was under consideration for a station near the Siemens site in Eynsham.

The second plan for consideration was to lay a new route immediately north of the A40 but that might cause upset in the community if it was too close to gardens.

The third option was to build the track on the south side of the A40 and tie this in to the expansion of the new bus route expansion.

All of these are undergoing a feasibility study with all departments who would be involved and would be expensive and probably take several years to complete. Of the people who were asked for an opinion 97% gave their support for a railway to link Witney and Oxford. Watch this space!

Our next meeting on 20th May will be to discuss this year's W.I. resolutions. At present we are still unable to meet in the village hall, so it will be on zoom.

WHY DO WE BALANCE OUR CHAKRAS?

When we balance the chakras within our bodies the process is mirrored within our inner self.

Our personalities become more rooted, and we become less reliant on external sources to attain contentment. Focusing on opening and cleansing specific chakras as part of our practice enables us to access, unlock and process trauma we may have stored away long-term, no matter how light or severe these memories may be. Meditation, as a means to cleanse these painful obstructions, can only take us so far.

Regular Yoga practice can dissolve the emotional blocks stored in our systems, and freeing our inner selves through mindful movement, which can change our perspective on the world and our place in it. Manufacturing our very own feelings of love and positivity in a low vibrational environment is a very powerful and rare skill to possess.

Blocked chakras can lead to depression and in more pronounced cases, physical illness. Each of our chakras are responsible for and have a direct effect on our lives, both energetically and emotionally. Opening and reliving negative episodes and circumstances of our lives and cleansing the damage that has been inflicted can be a challenging task.

Memories that we may have repressed within the body aren't always pleasant to remember, but allowing this to happen in a safe and loving environment allows us to shed negative associations and triggers to eventually become the best versions of ourselves.

'Our wounds are often the openings into the best and most beautiful part of us' - David Richo. Letting ourselves be vulnerable is the only path to becoming stronger mentally and spiritually. By regularly facing our demons and releasing them safely into the ether, our outlook on life is improved and we can easily control our emotions, and adapt to any situation.

I won't lie to you, liberation cannot be achieved overnight. Freedom requires consistent awareness in day to day life and mindful movement when it comes to our practice. Our higher selves require us to look inward and take responsibility for the way that we act to improve our chances of leading a beautiful and abundant existence.

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Observation

by Stephen Wright

Norwich City have been promoted to the Premier League. Farewell, the Championship. To Luton Town's Kenilworth Road - you will not be missed. We lost twice at you this season, and each time I was stunned by your stands that are falling apart. It's not the end of the world having a rubbish stadium in a nice place, but yours is in Luton.

To Brentford, with your brand spanking new stadium surrounded by roads that are tricky to navigate, we may see you next year, but it will never be the same as Griffin Park - your old ground with a pub on each corner.

Goodbye Stoke City. You are a cold place, and your stadium has stewards who don't know how to let you in or out. I hope I'm not returning to you for a long while.

Coventry City, you're not bad, actually. Coventry isn't the nicest place, but you ground share St. Andrew's with Birmingham and, most importantly of all, provide Bovril. Bovril is quite unpleasant, but at a football stadium in the winter, it's essential.

So long to Wycombe Wanderers and Reading, two clubs close enough to Oxford to allow me to go home and be looked after by Mr. and Mrs. Wright for a few days.

Hello to Anfield, Old Trafford, Stamford Bridge and so on. Please go easier on us this time. Bournemouth, you may be on your way up with us, and if so the Stephen Wright derby shall return. There'll be a plate at Harry Ramsden's with my name on it. Let's be having you.

Woodstock & District u3a

Our monthly speaker meetings continue online. In early April we heard local historian Christine Cox on the Verney family and the history of Claydon House. Final online meeting in the present series (4 May) will feature a retired entomologist to tell us 'All you might ever need to know about slugs'. Meanwhile, u3a's Thames Valley Network continues to offer this and other branches online access to its programme of talks and events.

Activities of our 20-plus Interest Groups have necessarily been curtailed during lock-down. The bi-weekly Walking Group say their walks go on 'with some restrictions'. The Book Group meet monthly by Zoom, having obviously solved the tricky business of keeping distribution of books virus-free.

Wednesday 2 June has been designated national 'u3a Day' when, we hope, we shall be able to celebrate more freely; keep an eye on local media for details.

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2. W S F B A A nice C
3. Y T to M?
4. H L at Y K
5. I G T make H A O he C R
6. W W G W don't N R
7. I L T S O N in T M
8. M T F be W Y!

Answers next month

Answers to last month's expressions and sayings:

1. May You live In Interesting Times
2. Beware The Ides of March
3. The Darkest Hour Is just Before Dawn
4. Ne'er Cast A Clout till May Is Out
5. As Mad as A March Hare
6. Tomorrow Is another Day
7. One Swallow doesn't Make A Summer
8. Rome Wasn't built In A Day

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By Piers Lewis, Garden Consultant..

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<u>Thursday 6th</u>	Local Council elections
<u>Thursday 6th 7:30pm</u> (via zoom)	Parish Council Meeting
<u>Thursday 20th</u>	May CAWN deadline
<u>Thursday 20th</u> (via zoom)	WI meeting

June 2021

<u>Wednesday 2nd</u>	National u3a day
<u>Thursday 3rd 7:30pm</u> (tbc)	Parish Council Meeting
<u>Sunday 20th</u>	June CAWN deadline

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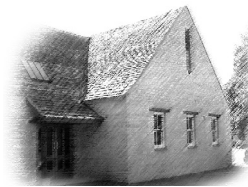
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Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators

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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