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CONGRATULATIONS ADAM and REBECCA

Paul and Julie Woolford are delighted to announce the marriage of their son Adam to his beautiful wife Rebecca.

The ceremony and reception took place at the Bodlian Library, Oxford on 3rd July 2021 at 5pm. The weather was kind and the venue was stunning for such a wonderful and happy event.

The happy event happened - 3rd time lucky due to Covid cancellations! Due to Covid restrictions attendance was limited to 42, made up of family and very close friends.

Adam lived in Cassington with his family from 1993 until 2015, when he and Rebecca bought a house together and he moved away .

He has worked at Worton Farm for Camerons Accountants since 2008 , where he still works now.

We wish the new couple much luck and happiness in their new life together.



FOOTBALL MANIA!

Well what a month it was! And didn't they do well? After such a difficult time the English men's football team united the country, and even those of us who have never watched a football match (your editor included) switched on for the final. That goal in the first 2 minutes was sheer genius!

Although it wasn't the result we had all dreamt of, they did us proud, and it certainly bodes well for the World Cup next year. Tickets were like gold dust, but our very own Sean Osgathorp bought his early on, so he and Luca were there to soak up the atmosphere and cheer on our brilliant young team.

COME ON ENGLAND!



welcome

Anne's CAWNeR

Welcome to the 530th edition of CAWN. I am very happy to have a beautiful wedding picture for the front cover. Congratulations to Adam and Rebecca who finally tied the knot after having to cancel 2 previous attempts! If you have a wedding, a birth, an anniversary or any other celebration please let me know as I would love to feature your happy day.

Life does seem to be slowly returning to a new normal, with various events taking place this summer, as you will see throughout this edition. I do hope as many of you as possible will come along to the Cassington Picnic at the end of the holidays. It will be a good opportunity to have fun with old friends, and welcome some of the new people who have moved into the village over the last year and a half, and have not had a chance to attend any village events.

Thank you to all those who have sent in articles for this month, and thanks to Kevin Hinton for some more of his drawings that are illustrating the Cassington Picnic advert, as well as other articles in this edition.

Later in the year I would love to feature adverts for local businesses selling items that might make nice Christmas presents. So if you know of any local business please can you let me know, so I can speak to them, and maybe we can all support the community when doing our Christmas shopping this year.

Anne x

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JEAN CUTTS

1932 - 2021

Jean passed away on 11th July in the care home to which she had moved following a deterioration in her health in 2018/19.

Her family have asked us to inform friends from the village who may have known her during the almost 50 years that she lived in Bell Close.

During her time in Cassington she was a regular with the WI, art group and St Peter's church.'

St Peter's After School Club

We currently sourcing games, toys and equipment such as dressing up, small world toys, lego, board games anything crafty, children's magazines and outdoor games from ages 4 up to 11.

If you are having a sort out over the summer, please let Louise Judd know, who will collect any items, via Facebook or ljud3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk

August stargazing highlights

August 2 - Saturn at Opposition.

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

August 8 - New Moon.

The Moon will be on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky.

August 12, 13 - Perseids Meteor Shower.

The Perseids is one of the best meteor showers to observe, producing often very bright meteors. The shower peaks on the night of August 12. The moon will set early leaving dark skies for what should be an excellent show. Best viewing after midnight. Meteors radiate from the constellation Perseus, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

August 19 - Jupiter at Opposition.

Jupiter will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be visible all night long. A medium-sized telescope should be able to show you some of the details in Jupiter's cloud bands. A good pair of binoculars should allow you to see Jupiter's four largest moons, appearing as bright dots on either side of the planet.

August 22 - Full Moon, Blue Moon.

The Moon will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Sturgeon Moon because the large sturgeon fish of the Great Lakes and other major lakes were more easily caught at this time of year. It has also been known as the Green Corn Moon and the Grain Moon. Since this is the third of four full moons in this season, it is known as a blue moon. This rare calendar event only happens once every few years, giving rise to the term, "once in a blue moon."

CASSINGTON PICNIC

Cassington Sports and Social Club
and
Cassington Parish Council
invite you to a picnic on the
playing fields
on Saturday 4th September
3pm - 6pm

Bring your own picnic rug and picnic
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Drinks, cakes and cream teas can be
purchased at the event
Sports and games available
including rounders, sack races,
tug of war,
Raffle and tombola
Paint a pebble competition
Acknowledgement of the new trees



PAINT A PEBBLE COMPETITION

During the holidays find a pebble,
paint it and bring it to the picnic
on 4th September where judging
will take place.

Age Categories: Primary School,
Secondary School, Adult

Gardening Tips for August



- Water early or as late as possible as some plants do not like morning sun and water on their leaves.
- Cuttings can be taken from shrubs.
- Cutting back herbaceous plants to the ground will encourage new growth for the autumn, so long as they are watered.
- Dead head all roses unless they produce hips for Autumn colour.
- Soon start looking at buying daff bulbs and next season bulbs.
- Keep low sided bowls of water on your terrace for birds and hedgehogs.

By Piers Lewis, Garden Consultant.

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Observation

By Stephen Wright

Hugging random strangers during a global pandemic, permitting people to take selfies with me because I look like Liverpool and Scotland defender Andy Robertson, and bringing a tin of baked beans to the pub for their food bank. Thank you for the memories, Euro 2020.

When I wasn't watching football almost come home last month, I was exploring Norfolk with the male contingent of the Wright family, otherwise known as my brother and dad. If you ever visited Blackpool (I'm sorry) and thought 'I wish there was a smaller version of this unpleasant place', we can recommend Great Yarmouth. The screeching babies on 'Pleasure Beach' served as a welcome reminder to never have children.

The next day we continued to explore Norfolk by going to the cinema to watch Fast & Furious 9, having never seen any of the previous eight. It was entertaining enough, but the slingshotting of a car from one cliffside to another suggested you shouldn't go into it looking for realism.

A few days later I walked 22 miles for charity and that felt very real. 'Coastal challenge' made it sound quite nice, but there was only so much motivation my third packet of Haribo coke bottles could give me by the 16th mile of sand.

Now, club football is back. I thought I'd seen the back of Sheffield United when they got relegated in May but we decided to arrange a friendly with them, so it's back to Bramall Lane I go to remind their fans to 'enjoy the Championship', as they had so lovingly told me twelve months prior.

WI NEWS

This month our W.I. went to a country house near Morton in Marsh called Sezincote. We went by car and had a guided tour around the beautiful house which had been built in the early 19th century. The house was the idea of Colonel John Cockerell, who came back to England having made a fortune in the East India Company. He died in 1798, three years after his return, and the estate passed to his brother Charles, who had also worked for the company. He commissioned his brother Samuel, an architect, to design and build an Indian house in the style of a Mogul palace with an onion shaped dome, verandas and beautifully decorated hand painted rooms of Indian scenes.

The grounds were also beautiful with Indian statuary like elephants and lush lawns as well as areas left to naturalise with wild flowers, all of it gorgeous and so tasteful. There were several ponds formed from natural water springs in the grounds and a lovely semi-circular orangery where we were able to have a drink and various homemade cakes. I think what made it so lovely is the fact that the family who own it still live there and use all the rooms as their home.

After our visit we went to a garden centre almost opposite for a delicious lunch and I am very pleased to report that I resisted the temptation to buy any more plants, as I don't have room for more. It really was a lovely visit and I would recommend it but probably not for very young children.

Our next meeting will be a garden party in a member's garden on 5th August

Maggie Nightingale.

SPSA NEWS

What a year it's been! Especially fundraising wise, where we have had to think outside the box a little!



We had a wonderful success with the 100orMoore challenge which raised over £1500, sheer hard work and positivity from the children, Well done to them.

July brought us a bout of hot weather and we introduced "Frozen Fridays". 4 Frozen Stations were set up for each individual class bubble and we sold a variety of ice lollies

from them. We haven't yet counted the amount raised but approx. over £100 raised which is amazing.

I think having something cold to look forward to was very much welcomed by children and parents alike!



We hope to run some in-person events in the next academic year, fingers crossed.

Louise Judd
Co-Chair

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AUGUST 2021

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.
Please continue to observe any ongoing instructions that may be in church
regarding the use of face masks, hand sanitizer and distancing.

Services this month

Sunday 1st August – 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th August – 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 15th August - 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 22nd August – 9.30am Morning Worship

29th August - 9.30am Morning Worship

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If you have particular spiritual needs feel free to contact:
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Could you live without cats and a limit on your booze.

As I write the sun is shining and the sky is blue.
Seeing the sun and blue sky always cheers my soul and
revives my spirit but seeing the sun is a gift that some do not
have for months of the year at a time.

Longyearbyen is the most northerly town /
settlement (of over 1000 people) in the world and is in
Svalbard a Norwegian archipelago roughly half way between
the northern coast of mainland Norway and the north pole.
Longyearbyen has many unique laws. Notable examples
include a ban on cats, a restriction on how much alcohol
an individual can purchase on a monthly basis, and a
requirement that any individuals venturing outside must
carry a rifle for protection against polar bears.

Of course they do get to regularly see the
spectacular northern lights (Aurora Borealis) - but could you
stay sane during the long polar night without seeing the sun
for months on end?

People suffering depression often talk about being
in a "dark place" or under a "dark cloud".

During the pandemic there has been an increase in
depressive illness. Being without the sun for months on end

would depress me - although I wouldn't be too concerned
about the ban on cats.

A dear elderly friend of mine who has recently died
once said to me that he couldn't understand how people
can face their own mortality without any faith – without any
hope.

I guess during the long polar winter people living in
Longyearbyen have the assurance that the sun will return.
The Christian faith proclaims that there is "light at the end
of the tunnel" that however dark the situation is there is a
hope, steadfast and certain. The prophet Malachi in the Old
Testament of the bible looks forward to the coming of the
Messiah, the Christ, saying.

"But for you who revere my name (God's name), the sun of
righteousness will rise with healing in its rays."

This "Sun of Righteousness" is Christ whom the
church proclaims the as Son of Righteousness but not just
the Jesus Christ who lived 2000 years ago, died, rose again
and went to heaven but the one who will return at the end
of the age to gather his own.

I hope that you too can enjoy some summer sun as
you read this.

Revd Roger Aston

Memoirs of a Plant Fitter **Trinity Plant Hire, Bell Lane, Cassington.**

I worked at TPH in the early 70s, which is now 'Alan Aston Roofing Supplies & Oxford Salvage', as site fitter, come 'dogs body' because I was the youngest. I was given the pleasure of laying down in the mud whenever a machine broke down in the wettest and dirtiest part of the site. That said, I loved the job, which enabled me to travel and see many parts of the UK, albeit from the inside of a Bedford CF Van, stinking of engine oil and red diesel.

There was a good gang of blokes working there. Vernon (Tiddler) Green who was workshop Foreman, ex RN 'stoker, Ian (willy) Waters, Paddy Connors the best engine rebuilders and fitter the world had ever seen. An ex Rolls Royce indentured mechanic he never stayed long - that's another story. His position was filled by an ex RAF vehicle mechanic, myself Pasquale (Poly) Bruno. I was christened Poly by Paddy. It had nothing to do with parrots, but was short for Polystyrene. Only Paddy knows to this day why he called me that. Then of course there was John (Jonny) Bruton who, not for the want of trying, tried to instil some sense into me, and to this day I am still eternally grateful. Roger Straiton Plant Manager, Jeff Turner who was one of the directors and not forgetting the 2 lorry drivers, although to this day the names still elude me.

I remember the day the 2 new CF vans arrived, one a 2.3 litre Petrol, the other an 1800 petrol, my eyes lit up, thinking, as I was working at Head Office I would naturally have the 2.3 litre petrol, and 'Bridgend depot' would take delivery of the 1800. No such luck! I had the 1800 because I was told Wales had 'Mountains and Valleys' and I would need the extra power that the 2.3 litre would deliver for the afore mentioned Welsh terrain. That van gave me more trouble, when I had the misfortune of driving it, than any other vehicle I have ever owned past or present.

Every morning I would set off for my first callout and without fail after about 6 miles the engine would cut out. This went on until the warranty expired, and was never sorted. One of many gremlins with that van, was when the two bolts holding the starter motor assembly together came loose, just leaving the nose cone of the starter attached to the engine. But 'perseverance' was my middle name, and I carried on with that van until I left for pastures new.



There were occasions when I was in the workshop, Tiddler Green would send me out to the 'Red Lion' to get what he called 'his breakfast'. Now being naïve, the first time I went I thought it was a 'bacon and egg sarnie'. Not on your nelly! It was a quart bottle of Bells which Paul Smith, the Landlord, had already wrapped in a brown paper bag, telling me, "Don't let anyone see it or it would get Tiddler into trouble". As I arrived back Roger stuck his head out of the Plant Office window shouting "You got Tiddler's breakfast then!" Everyone in the workshop burst out laughing.

Tiddler would sip from the bottle all day in between trying to overhaul dumper gearboxes, differentials and answering the phone. Needless to say Jonny and I would have to install the parts that Tiddler left out at the end of the day.

My working day consisted of traveling from site to site repairing dumpers, mixers, forklifts and a vast array of other machinery, which was on hire to the many contractors of the time. Some of the friendliest people I came into contact with during my time as site fitter were the 'Irish' labourers. They would bend over backwards to help me, and pull 'dead machines' out for me to carry out the necessary repairs.

Best years of my life, it taught me a lot about life and people.
Pasquale Bruno

CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Entertainment and Events

It is with much pleasure that we announce our ability to welcome new bookings again, and give full assurance to all our clients (old and new) that all necessary precautions are in place to comply with Governmental rulings for safety needs as recommended in recent news bulletins and statements, and media announcements.

Our hiring agreements will outline the need for clients to be aware of their responsibilities in terms of complying with covid safety precautions.

The Committee is now actively looking to put together a series of entertainment events, and all enquiries for parties, village shows, exercise classes etc. etc. will be very welcome.

Regretfully the hopefully planned "Tales from the Woods" production in September cannot now be held. However, we are looking to contract with The Badapple Theatre Group to bring "ELEPHANT ROCK" to Cassington next year.

Other events are being considered and will be advertised in due course.

The very popular monthly Friday evening Cinema shows are planned to start up again in October.

We do ask that all Villagers support the Hall as extensively as possible in coming weeks, in order to ensure that we get our revenue stream back on target as quickly as possible.

The Covid impact on the hall has been very serious in terms of loss of income, whilst we have needed to maintain all of our fixed expenses. Please do look out for announcements of forthcoming events, and do all possible to support us with your attendance.

Thank you all very much in anticipation of your support, we look forward to seeing you in the hall in the near future.

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Our recent dry stone wall repairs have revealed interesting finds

The Estate Maintenance and Conservation team have been busy repairing sections of our nine-mile park perimeter stone wall, using traditional methods handed down for centuries. The team have uncovered several interesting finds which give us an insight into our past, including coins, clay pipes and even a pocket watch.

Local candlemaker wins our start-up business award

We're pleased to announce Littlemore Candle Company are our 2021 start-up competition winners. Molly Stevenson from Long Wittenham started out making candles as gifts for friends and family but, with the support of her mum Yvonne, Molly decided to switch from hobbyist to entrepreneur and has gone on to forge a successful brand from a favourite pastime. We remain committed to providing local start-up businesses with support and a busy marketplace to showcase their products. Shop online at littlemorecandleco.co.uk

We recently uncovered an original guide to North Leigh's Roman Villa

Deep within our archives, amongst uncatalogued papers from the 1950s, Palace Archivist Dr Alexa Frost recently uncovered an original guide to North Leigh Roman Villa, believed to have been the Duke of Marlborough's personal copy, written by architect Henry Hakewill who excavated the villa in 1813. The guide reveals details of the luxurious villa that have been lost in the 200 years since its excavation, including a beautifully ornate mosaic floor.

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When the going gets tough, Cassington gets going!



In what feels like the longest of school years, we have made it to summer! We simply could not have done it without the amazing support of parents and the wider community; the feeling of 'we are all in this together' is the golden thread that has woven through every aspect of school life.

The children have done incredibly well. Whether learning at home or at school, they have adapted brilliantly and after 17 months of disrupted learning, through a combined effort of school and home, any gaps in the children's learning have been minimised. This is a testament to the collaboration that we have achieved together.

While there have not been any official annual assessments which are published nationally, we did still assess the children, under test conditions, as we would do in any other year. It is a great shame that the 100% phonics pass rate in year 1 and the 100% combined pass rate for Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of Key Stage 2 will never be officially recognised. The important part though is that we are confident the children are as fully prepared as possible for the next stage of their learning.

September is going to bring some changes for us. Julie Howe, who has been teaching at the school for over 20

years, is retiring, and Dan Long, who has been with us for 9 years, is moving on to be Deputy Head at West Witney Primary School. We thank them both for their long service and for all they have contributed to St Peter's during this time.

Hopefully you will have received our appeal for funds letter from the children (including free fridge magnet!). While the children have responded brilliantly and made the best from the learning disruption, there are things that we are very keen to do for them, so we are off to a flying start in September. A huge, HUGE thank you to everyone who has donated so far – every pound is truly appreciated and takes us a step further towards providing what the children need. It has also been lovely to read the personal notes some people have sent with their donation explaining their connection with the school – there are clearly some cherished memories of St Peter's amongst the community.

To make a donation, please visit <https://www.givey.com/stpeterscovidbounceback> or you can drop a donation directly in to the school office during term time.

The children and staff at St Peter's all wish you a happy, safe and hopefully sunny summer.

Jon Jeffries
Headteacher

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WYCHWOOD FOREST FAIR

The annual Wychwood Forest Fair will go ahead this year on Sunday 22 August at Foxburrow Wood, Witney from 11am–5pm.

Celebrating West Oxfordshire’s rural traditions, conservation work and heritage, the Fair highlights rural activities and arts and crafts while raising money for conservation charity the Wychwood Forest Trust, formerly known as the Wychwood Project. This year’s family-friendly event will include pony rides, falconry, ferret racing, rural crafts displays and arts and crafts, along with a bar and live music area.

Foxburrow Wood, this year’s venue, was purchased using proceeds from previous Forest Fairs. Today the community wood is progressing well in its transformation from agricultural field into thriving nature reserve.

Same charity, new name

Based in Witney, the Wychwood Forest Trust is a conservation charity working to restore a thriving mosaic of habitats in the historic Wychwood area—today’s West Oxfordshire. The charity manages six nature reserves in the historic Wychwood area, and works with community groups to monitor and support local wildlife. A decade after merging with the ‘Friends of Wychwood’ to form the independent charity the ‘Wychwood Project’, the charity changed its name in July 2021 to become the ‘Wychwood Forest Trust’. The charity’s new website is available at: <https://www.wychwoodforesttrust.co.uk>

A historic Fair

Founded in 1796 by three Methodists living in Finstock, the Wychwood Forest Fair has a long history. Intended as a calmer counterpart to the annual Witney Feast, as the Fair grew in reputation and scale it transformed into a raucous event, aided by a legal quirk meaning it operated outside parish jurisdiction.

Following a spate of rowdy incidents in the 1830s, the Fair was condemned and prohibited, and once the 1853 Parliamentary Act of Disafforestation placed the historic Wychwood Forest under private ownership, the Fair was banned for good.

The Wychwood Forest Trust revived the Forest Fair in 2000 to celebrate the rural traditions, arts and crafts, and conservation work taking place in the area historically part of the Wychwood Forest—120 square miles of today’s West Oxfordshire. The modern fair is a peaceful, family-friendly event that looks back to its 18th-century origins.

The Fair in 2021

To keep the event safe, this year’s Fair will be more open air than previous years. Large, closed marquees will be replaced with open-air gazebos and tents, and visitors will have more space than usual to spread out. The Wychwood Forest Fair is also encouraging advanced bookings to help monitor numbers: tickets purchased in advance cost £8, but on the day cost £10, under-16s are free.

“We’re just so happy it can take place again after a fallow year,” adds Miranda. “We’ve had a flurry of donations of second-hand books, offers to volunteer, and positive comments so we’re feeling really good about it. Thank you everyone for supporting us and bring on 22 August!”

Tickets for the Forest Fair are available at <http://wychwood-project.mitingu.com/wychwood-forest-fair-2021>.

Please contact miranda@wychwoodforesttrust.co.uk if you are interested in volunteering at the Fair or donating second-hand books.



Bridewell Open Day

Sunday 12th September 2021
11am-4pm

Bridewell Gardens is a flourishing and imaginative walled garden and vineyard where people recovering from enduring mental illness can rebuild their lives in a safe and supportive environment.

Its features include a large pond in the cottage garden; an avenue of roses and apple trees; a knot garden; raised vegetable beds; a soft fruit cage and a herb wheel.

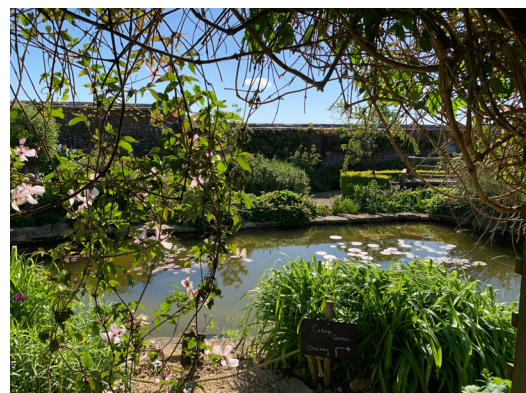


We look forward to sharing our beautiful gardens with you at our last Open Day of the year.



Pop-up café in the garden for tea and cake. Plants for sale, juice, chutneys and our organic sparkling wine. Make a day of it and bring a picnic blanket and relax in the vineyard with friends and family. Dogs on leads are very welcome.
Sunday 12th September 11am-4pm

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July 2021

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

Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday September 2nd at 7.30 pm in the village hall with full Covid precautions in place. Please contact the clerk if you want to attend. There will be no meeting during the holidays in August

Neighbourhood Plan.

The plan is well under way and hopefully later in the year the plan can be submitted to WODC for comment. You are encouraged to read the document produced online at the village website Cassington-pc.gov.uk

Horsmere Lane and Cassington Lights.

The Parish Council continue to have meetings with OCC on the design of the junction and are presently waiting a modelling of traffic flow at peak times. Once received it will be put on the website for general comment.

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. Update still chasing. We will get the reduced speed limit of 20 MPH which is now being rolled out throughout Oxfordshire, when? Our new County Councillor is chasing.

Speed watch

There has been one volunteer come forward. We will need more volunteers for this to start.

Website.

The site is up and running. Please log in and contact the clerk, who is the administrator, if you have comments or content to add.

War Memorial.

The clerk is currently talking to both English Heritage and the War Graves commission about the repairs needed to the column. We will need their support and permission to continue with the works. Work in progress.

Tree Planting Recreation field

The clerk is receiving requests from other residents, and it hoped in the autumn a further planting can take place along the northern boundary of the recreation field. Please let the clerk know as soon as you can as it is likely we will only have space for 6 trees this time.

Road's maintenance

Potholes adjacent to School house and the war memorial are due to be filled by the Parish Council. This road is not adopted by OCC. The Parish Council will it seems have to pick up this maintenance going forward.

Walls both dry stone and pointed

The Parish Council intends to produce a register of all the walls in the village. Almost all are protected by planning however a register will offer further protection of this important aspect of our village.

Grant by A40 contractors

The contractors have offered help with community projects The Parish Council have suggested help with the proposed well on the allotments. If you have other suggestions, please let the clerk know.

Youth Club

Our County Councillor has received an initiative to set up clubs in the area. Any parent interested in this please contact the clerk who will give further information

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Chairman: Cllr. Hugh Thomas, 20 The Green

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Cllr. Barbara King, 9 St Peter's Close

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Do you have a Guppyfriend?

July was plastic free month when we were all encouraged to reduce our use of plastic. Asking the shop assistant on the cheese counter in a local supermarket to put my purchase in the brown paper bag I gave her worked well, and gave me an opportunity to open a conversation about plastic with her, another customer and the person on the checkout.

Those of us who watched David Attenborough's TV documentary on plastic pollution in the ocean will be aware that it takes 450 years for a plastic bottle to start to break down and then it only disintegrates into smaller and smaller plastic particles ending up as microfibres that are less than 5mm. The answer is to use tap water and if you think you can taste the chlorine in it put it in the fridge for half an hour with a cover over it.

One of the things I've learnt from taking part in annual plastic free months is that large supermarkets will take large plastic bags that would otherwise end up in landfill or locally in the incinerator at Ardley. These include the bags covering toilet and kitchen rolls; bags containing fresh or frozen fruit and vegetables; the plastic strip around string bags of oranges; plastic carrier bags; and bags containing sliced bread.

If you know of any others, please let me know. Just look for the recycling logo and the words "recycle with bags at large supermarkets." You can of course avoid buying anything in a plastic bag if you shop at the Market Garden in Eynsham. Just take your own containers or use their paper bags.

Which brings me to the Guppyfriend. When we wash synthetic clothing, particularly fleeces in a washing machine, several million tiny plastic fibres are released. These are then washed out into rivers and oceans, pick up toxins and get ingested by fish. So, if you eat fish, you may well be eating part of your own clothes! Buying a guppy bag and placing your clothes made out of non-natural materials in it prior to washing is one way of greatly reducing the microfibres that are released.

Other methods include washing at lower temperatures, reducing the spin speed and filling the machine. Air dry rather than tumble dry and keep clothes for longer as more microfibres are released in the first few washes.

July may have passed when you read this, but reducing our use of plastic is something we should try to do throughout the whole year.

Helena Nielsen.

Churchfields News

As we move into summer, and football almost came home, life in Churchfields remains busy and enjoyable.

Churchfields residents came together to celebrate the Euro 2020 football final, swiftly followed by Wimbledon, and then moving onto the golf!



We have been keeping active and fit with our own keep fit sessions with Joanne and Gizmo (her dog). Many cuddles and treats for Gizmo were enjoyed. His visits help make our week.

As the summer temperatures start to soar, we have been keeping cool with lots of lemonade and ice cream, while also making full use of our water pistols. We particularly enjoyed catching staff unawares, and Steph, our lovely manager, got absolutely drenched!

One lovely lady enjoyed an outing to the Wildlife Park to celebrate her birthday. Others have enjoyed relaxing in our beautiful gardens or keeping cool indoors with crosswords and games.

Life at Churchfields remains vibrant,



with our resident's remaining happy and living an active life. We are already looking forward to our next outing and are busy making summer plans.

Churchfields is open and taking new residents. We have clear policies and procedures

in place to do this safely, and most importantly a highly competent, well trained and well supported care team.

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Cassington Neighbourhood Plan Moves Forward

As readers of CAWN will be aware large-scale development is going on in West Oxfordshire. Our village is not isolated from the national drive to build houses, both in terms of proposals to build within the village and the indirect impacts of what is going on elsewhere, including increased traffic, pollution, loss of amenities as well as of biodiversity.

To ensure that the village has an opportunity to have a say in its future a team of villagers, together with the Parish Council and consultants Oneill Homer have been working on a Neighbourhood Plan. The end product is a document that sets out planning policies for Cassington village and its immediate surroundings, that are then used to help decide whether to approve planning applications within the village.

This process is now nearing its conclusion with the completion of a Green Infrastructure Plan, a Neighbourhood Plan Policies document and an analysis of villager's views on what we want for the village. On the 26th June we presented the Green Infrastructure Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan at the Village Hall. About 30 members of the village attended but do not worry if you have missed this event as the Green Infrastructure Plan presentation and a questionnaire about villager's views are available on the Parish Council website (see <https://cassington-pc.gov.uk/>).

The next stages in this process will be completion of the documentation and the process of acceptance of the Neighbourhood Plan by the Parish Council. The plan is then submitted to West Oxfordshire District Council for approval

and adoption, pending any revisions requested.

The work does not stop there. The Green Infrastructure Plan is a consultation document for the Neighbourhood Plan but contains an array of information and

recommendations on the network of green spaces, access routes, wildlife habitats, landscapes and historic features that make our village what it is. Whilst this is an aspirational document and not everything in it may be attainable, Green Infrastructure Plans have been used to support funding bids and to help people make important improvements to their local environment. So, over coming months groups within the village will be looking at how to implement some of the measures outlined in the Green Infrastructure and Neighbourhood Plans. Please look out for opportunities to join your fellow villagers in improving where and how we live, for the benefit of all.

It just remains for me to thank the members of the Cassington Neighbourhood Plan Committee (Jonty Ashworth; Piers Beeton; Ian Finlay; Barbara King; Anne Luttmann-Johnson) Oneill Homer, the Parish Council and for special contributions from Stewart Thompson, Matt Britton and Richard Constance.

What fun it has been!

Alex Rogers





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Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock, have launched a campaign to help build a life-size Anderson Shelter. The campaign runs

for seven weeks with a goal of £2,000 to build and install the display.

Anderson shelters were used in the Second World War by families as a place to hide when air raid sirens sounded, warning of a potential bomb attack.

The project aims to expand upon the ways in which visitors learn about conflict and engage with the county's history through an interactive environment. Already installed at the museum is a model trench which was built with help from local Cadets when SOFO first opened in 2014.

The air raid shelter experience will become part of SOFO's WW2 education sessions which teach about the changes to life at home during wartime, while regular visitors will be able to enjoy it during our opening hours. We will use the handling materials in our reminiscence work which helps participants explore their memories of the past in a safe and welcoming environment.

Only through the support of the community can the museum continue to provide unique and engaging connections to the county's wartime heritage.

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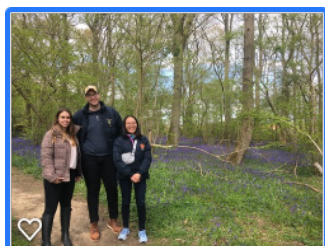


Rotary Scholars enjoy the English Bluebells

The Eynsham Rotary Club has been hosting a Rotary Global Scholar from California, who is being sponsored to study at Oxford University. Kelsea is studying "access to law" here in the UK. In the US affording any sort of legal advice is beyond the means of so many people. They don't have anything like our Citizens' Advice Bureau, so she is hoping to go home with ideas that can alter this situation. One of our members is involved in the CAB so he was able to show Kelsea how this system works.

She has been unlucky enough to be here throughout the pandemic, so her time in the UK has been somewhat different from what we would all have hoped. She has been a regular and very welcome guest at our twice monthly meetings conducted via Zoom, but as soon as we were allowed, we arranged a visit for her and another Rotary scholar to explore a little of the English countryside.

Bluebell woodland is special in the UK, but rare to non-existent in other parts of the world, so we thought they would enjoy seeing this spectacular sight at its peak. They arrived in Hanborough by train and we walked through Pinsley Wood to take tea in an English country garden. I think they were suitably awed by the carpet of blue and hopefully enjoyed the tea almost as much.



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2. I G T S I M pocket, G T G S I M F
3. I T S when T W I H, Y C S right U A T T S
4. S A T livin' I E
5. O I I T sun, W T M by M F H
6. I W took A H, T S T T C
7. S dreams R A T S B O T S N

Answers next month

Answers to last month's football phrases:

1. I wouldn't say I was the best manager in the business, but I was in the top one! - **Brian Clough**
2. Footballers these days often have to use their feet. - **Michael Owen**
3. We didn't underestimate them. They were just a lot better than we thought. - **Sir Bobby Robson**
4. In football everything is complicated by the presence of the opposite team. - **Jean-Paul Satre**
5. Football is a simple game; 22 men chase a ball for 90 minutes, and at the end the Germans win. - **Gary Lineker**
6. My wife doesn't like football. One day she called me ten minutes before a game to find out where I was. - **Peter Crouch**
7. If you eat caviar every day it's difficult to return to sausages. - **Arsene Wenger**
8. You don't have to love me. You don't even have to like me, but you will respect me. - **Jose Mourinho**

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If you would like more information please contact the club secretary James Finnigan via email (secretary@yarnton-blues.co.uk).

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Tofu Kebabs (Serves 3)

I've been vegetarian for 5 years and BBQs are always slightly tricky territory. The increase in better veggie burgers and sausages has been great but these tofu kebabs are perfect as something different (and they can also be cooked under the grill). The marinade gives the tofu loads of flavour and spices it up a bit.

The marinade:

Olive Oil (enough to generously cover the tofu)
400g Firm tofu (Cauldron Foods or Tofoo work best)
3 or 4 cloves of garlic (crushed or chopped very finely)
1 1/2 tbsp Paprika
Salt and Pepper
Fresh basil (or 2 tsp dried)

The Kebabs:

½ Red onion
1 red pepper
1 large courgette
6 Long wooden or metal skewers
Oil
Seasoning

1. Put the olive oil in a large bowl with the paprika, seasoning, basil, and garlic
2. Chop the tofu into largeish cubes (they need to be big enough to stay on the skewers) and mix gently into the marinade, covering it completely
3. Cover the bowl and leave for at least an hour in the fridge (the longer it sits, the more flavour it'll have)
4. Chop the veg into chunks, again big enough to stay on the skewers
5. Alternate putting the veg and tofu on the skewers, use onion at the start and end of each to stop it sliding off and aim for about 2 or 3 pieces of tofu per kebab
6. Drizzle some of the leftover marinade on the kebabs
7. Grill or barbeque for 10 – 15 mins, letting the tofu crisp up and the veg cook through
8. Serve with wraps, pitta bread or couscous and a sauce or dip of your choice

Eleanor Fancourt

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Friday 20th

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September 2021

Thursday 2nd 7:30pm

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