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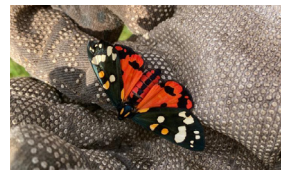
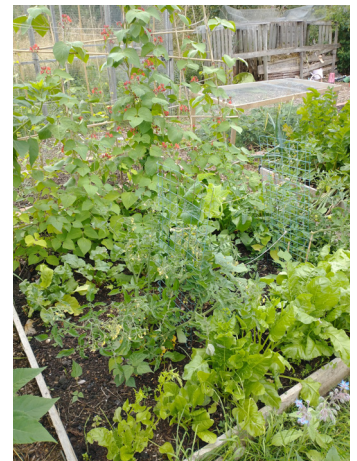
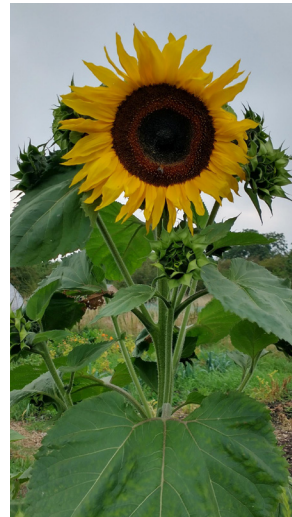
AUTUMN PRODUCE AND WILDLIFE ON THE CASSINGTON ALLOTMENTS



It has been a busy time on the allotments, with a late season glut of fruit and vegetables. Many thanks to Sam Serra and the Allotment Association for some beautiful pictures of some of the wildlife that can be found there, and the produce that has been grown.



Congratulations to Jaime Johnson who has had an article published in Juno magazine extolling the pleasure she gets from her allotment and the campaign to prevent development on the site.



Cassington Advent Windows 2021

During Advent many windows in Cassington will become brightly decorated for others to walk around and enjoy. The aim is to have one new window each day of advent and by the 24th of December have a lovely walk around the village.

If you would like to take part this Christmas please email me humphris4es@btinternet.com for more information and a date.

The dates and addresses of the advent windows will be in December's issue of CAWN.

Many thanks Kathryn.



Please see our virtual Christmas market on page 3, where you will find some ideas for Christmas presents from small local businesses and 2 Christmas markets where you can support the local economy.

Contributions should be provided by 20th of the month. Email submissions (in the body or as a Word attachment) to: 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

Welcome to the 533rd edition of CAWN. The eagle eyed amongst you will notice that this edition is a page shorter than usual. Some of our advertisers have decided not to renew, so we are on the hunt for local businesses who might want to promote themselves in future editions. Please get in touch if you know anyone who might be interested?

We have a few new one off advertisers, in the form of small local businesses selling potential Christmas gifts. See the opposite page for these adverts. We are all being encouraged to shop in a more environmentally friendly manner, so do please consider buying some of your Christmas presents from these companies - and if you do please let them know you saw their details in CAWN.

As always I am grateful to all those who have written articles or sent me news for this publication. In particular thanks to Sam Serra, Jaime Johnson and the Allotment Association for the pictures on the front page, to Carolyn Hinton for her review of Shep Woolley, to Piers Lewis for this month's recipe and to Stephen Wright for his tribute to his Grandad.

Next month is the Christmas edition, in which I like to include Christmas wishes, which is a lovely way to send greetings to your neighbours and friends. So please do email any messages you want included to me, or put a note through my door before the copy date of 20th November.

Anne x

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WREATH MAKING FOR CHRISTMAS...



Deck your doors with boughs of holly this winter.

Enjoy making a door wreath in 'the festive hut' with friends old and new. Create a unique design under my guidance using beautiful foliage, accessories and of course, a bow!

Mince pies and mulled wine are never far away!

I have dates available afternoons & evenings from 1st – 9th Dec (some other dates may be available on request). I think it best to keep a maximum of 4 people per session. So book with friends or solo, it will be fun.

£25 Per person

Don't worry if you cannot spare the time, I will also take orders for delivery. Don't forget a Christmas table arrangement (£15) or a graveside wreath (£25) for a loved one

I really apologise that the prices have had to go up this year but I hope you believe that they are still wonderful value.

Thank you & look forward to chatting with you soon.

Ruth xx

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November stargazing highlights

November 4 - New Moon.

The Moon will not be visible in the night sky.

November 4 & 5 - Taurids Meteor Shower.

The Taurids is a long-running minor meteor shower producing about 5-10 meteors per hour in two separate streams. The new moon means dark skies for what should be an excellent show. Best viewed just after midnight. Meteors radiate from Taurus, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

November 5 - Uranus at Opposition.

Uranus will be at its closest to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated. It will be visible all night long, but it will only appear as a tiny blue-green dot in all but the most powerful telescopes.

November 17 & 18 - Leonids Meteor Shower.

The Leonids is an average shower, producing up to 15 meteors per hour. However the nearly full moon will dominate the sky this year, blocking all but the brightest meteors.

November 19 - Full Moon.

The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Beaver Moon or the Frosty Moon or the Dark Moon.

November 19 - Partial Lunar Eclipse.

The eclipse will only be visible from Pacific rim countries.

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**CHURCHFIELDS CARE HOME
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Saturday the 4th of December 2pm - 4pm
Cassington Village Hall

Everyone welcome: the more the merrier.

We are looking for more stallholders.
If you would like a stall please contact Faye or Karen on 01865 881440

Stalls already booked include:
Homemade jams and chutneys
Wax melts
Soaps
Homemade cakes
Tea, coffee and mulled wine available.

**Christmas Market
Combe Mill OX29 8ET
Saturday 11 December
Open 11.00 ~ 16.00 hrs**

Raffle & Tombola
Free admission & parking
Mince pies & mulled wine
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Contact events@combemill.org or telephone 01993 358694 for more details
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Next month is the Christmas edition.
 If anyone would like to publish Christmas and
 New Year wishes to people in the village please
 send them to cawnceditor@gmail.com before
 20th November 2021.

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
 POPPY APPEAL 2021**



This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 14th November. I am happy to report that after a year when Covid restrictions prevented it, the Poppy Appeal House to House Collection will take place once again.

During the period running up to Remembrance Day authorised collectors, who are well known to most of you, will be calling. In 2019, the last year when we were allowed to collect, the Appeal raised over £1100 in Cassington and Worton – less than in some years but still a most commendable amount for a village the size of Cassington. May I, on behalf of the Royal British Legion, thank all of you who so generously supported the Appeal then, and those who contributed to the collection tins we were able to put out last year. May we once again rely on your generosity.

Today the Legion is still being called upon to give support to bereaved families, and to others who have been severely injured in wars and more recent conflicts. Costs to do this are continually escalating. The Royal British Legion does not advocate war or glorify it, but attempts to relieve the suffering caused by it.

SUNDAY 14TH November
 The usual non-denominational Remembrance Service will be held at Cassington War Memorial commencing at 10.45am. Everyone is invited to this short service which follows immediately after the Service at St.Peter's Church. Please do not leave cars near the Memorial at this time.

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

Crib Festival



The Crib Festival held at St. Peter's church will be returning to inside the building this year, after its Covid friendly wonder about the churchyard last Winter. We are looking for Crib scenes and figures to be on display to the village between 21st - 28th November.

If you have a Crib scene, whether it is quirky, homemade, shop bought or simple, we'd love for you to dust it off and allow us to share it with the Cassington community. It will be back in your home in time to decorate for the Christmas season. If you are able to help us then please contact Carmen on slpfamilies@gmail.com. Many thanks

Food Bank

Are you needing some help?



Are you, or someone you know, finding it hard to provide good healthy food for the family each day? If so, the Eynsham food bank can give you support with regular food supplies. We are here to help. Please contact the food bank directly and confidentially by phoning Bob Thiele 07738063083 or via Revd Duncan Fraser 07810324088 or Revd Roger Aston 01865 880757.

**BLYTHSWOOD CARE
 SHOEBOX APPEAL**



Many thanks to all those who kindly donated money or shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts to send to Eastern European countries. Your generosity is much appreciated and will bring happiness to those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you again Jane Aston

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NOVEMBER 2021

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.
Please continue to observe any ongoing instructions that may be in church.

Services this month

Sunday 7th November – 9.30am Morning Worship



Remembrance Sunday 14th November

9.30am Morning Worship

10.50 am at the War Memorial

Sunday 21st November - 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 28th November

9.30am Holy Communion

6pm Evening Prayer

**On-line streamed services are available every Sunday from 10.30 am at
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If you have particular spiritual needs feel free to contact:
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“I’m all right Jack??”

In most of the main stream religions the “Golden Rule” is promoted, that you treat others as you would like others to treat you”. Jesus, when asked what the greatest commandment was, said that the first is to love God with all that you are but that the second is to love others as you love yourself. (Luke 10:27 page 79 in the Jubilee New Testament) Jesus never said love yourself more than others.

In the lockdowns most people were genuinely sensitive to the needs and anxieties of others but I’m concerned that “restriction fatigue” may now have set in, with most legal restrictions lifted and masks and social distancing having become voluntary.

It’s interesting to observe the wearing, or not wearing, of face masks now. Some folks seem to have consigned their masks to the bin, now that wearing is not a legal requirement. It seems that many have missed the point about face masks –

that they don’t protect you (and never did) but they protect others from you.

Now, with cases rising again, people may well be infectious without knowing. How do others know that you are not potentially infected or a potential threat? How can they feel safer when in your involuntary company?

People who are, or just feel, vulnerable may well be intimidated by the insensitive actions of those not wearing masks coming into close proximity to them, such as on public transport or in shops or even in church.

Let us continue to be sensitive to the concerns and fears of others who may be, or may feel to be, more vulnerable as we head into what may be a very difficult winter. Let us treat others as we would like to be treated if we were in their situation, or if we had their fears.

Revd Roger Aston

Shep Woolley – 25 September

It was great to be back in the village hall with friends and neighbours listening to some catchy music, tapping those toes and laughing with folk singer and comedian, Shep Woolley. Thank you to the Village Hall Committee for arranging and in particular to Bryan who was host for the evening and gracious recipient of a lot of leg pulling!

Shep, ably accompanied by Tim Walker on his violin, kept us entertained with his repertoire of folk songs, rock n roll, sea shanties and many anecdotes from his life in the Navy. We were treated to gems from Elvis, The Beatles, The Everly Brothers and some of his own compositions and it was great to join in the choruses and clap along.

It's been a while since Shep performed and some time since we have had the opportunity to be an audience, but we certainly all grew in confidence and volume as the evening progressed! (Thanks to Bridget and Lorna for the bar!)

Shep interspersed the songs with comic monologues and jokes – my particular favourite:

'Two parrots standing on a perch – one said to the other – can you smell fish?'

I even felt nostalgic when Bryan and Margaret ran the raffle in the interval - how lovely that whatever happens in the world the village hall raffle goes on!

Here's looking forward to the next excuse to all get together again.....

Woodstock and District u3a

u3a

Although it would be rash to imply that things are back to normal, Woodstock u3a's activity has stepped up as Autumn runs on. Our monthly speaker meetings have still been delivered on-line, but we hope that come November we will be able offer a choice – to watch on-line or in limited numbers at our usual meeting place, Woodstock Community Centre in New Road; check our website.

Our October speaker, David Grylls, provided an entertaining talk on differences and similarities between US and British English. November's subject – 'Wheelpower' – will illustrate the potential for changing lives through sport, going back to the first Paralympic Games in 1948.

In October the Branch had a visible presence at what I assume to be the very first 'Woodstock Day'. With the weather on our side, Branch Chair David Duthie and other members manned a stand in Woodstock museum garden, drawing a good number of visitors whom we hope to see return as members.

Much of the continuing interest for members lies in the Branch's score of Interest Groups, who have found ingenious ways to continue through Lockdown. The popular Lunch Group is preparing to tackle an exploratory visit to Adderbury's 'Coach & Horses'.

More detail at www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock.

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Due to the ongoing uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be hosting a charity supper on the Friday evening, but instead will have a regular show on each of the four nights of the run.

We will follow all Government guidance in place at the time of the performance regarding COVID-19 safety measures – please check our website regularly for updates.

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WI News

This month our speaker was Russell Cherry who gave a very interesting talk about the oldest road in England, The Ridgeway. It is believed to be 5,000 years old and runs from Avebury to the west to East Anglia with many spur roads to various towns in between.

There is evidence of many castles and burial sites along the Ridgeway which was used for traders and farmers to transport their goods and animals to markets in various parts of the country. It is built on relatively high ground so that citizens could see if any marauders were making their way to cause trouble. It has an added use in providing protection to the River Thames, just in case the Saxons thought they would chance their luck by sneaking along the river to attack the locals!

King Alfred was born in Wantage and there's a hill not far from there where it's reputed he killed a dragon, and where the blood flowed nothing will grow, not even grass. Guess what - it's called Dragon Hill!

Our next meeting will be on 18th of November when we will have a "suprise speaker" ladies do join us, we would love to meet you.

Maggie Nightingale

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Sunrise walk raises more than £2,500 for grief support charity

A sponsored sunrise walk through our Park in memory of loved ones has raised more than £2,500 for SeeSaw, a grief support charity working with children and young people in Oxfordshire, and our charity of the year. It was wonderful to see how the different groups came together and chatted. It provided an inspirational way to celebrate and remember loved ones while raising money for a fantastic cause.

Jack Savoretti and his wife, actress and artist, Jemma Powell attends launch of our charity photographic exhibition

The Oxfordshire couple, who are great supporters of the charity, attended the event, which is being staged by Zuleika Gallery in our new Stable's Café. It features images by Oxford photographer Joanna Vestey, who was also at the launch. Running until December, and sponsored by Bonhams, MASKED is a series of limited-edition portraits of 24 leading figures in the arts, education, communications and law all portrayed wearing masks.

Christmas at Blenheim Palace, 19th November 2021 – 2nd January 2022

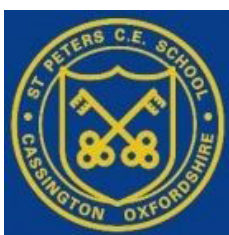
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ST PETER'S SCHOOL



It's been a very busy term and we've had a lot going on since the summer. Please look at our website www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/ - there are lots of photos on the class pages, as well as our new 'Minds that Learn' section!

If you are on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter, please follow our Minds that learn page.

We will have a lot more to say in next month's CAWN, including some very exciting news!

Jon Jeffries
Headteacher

Unlocking....

Minds that learn Hearts that love Faith that gives

SPSA News

It is with huge sadness we have had to cancel the School Christmas Fayre.

However we will be running a raffle so please look out for that in the school newsletter, on the school website and in the December edition of CAWN.



Burford Singers – Autumn Concert

Sunday, 28th November 2021, 7.30pm

Church of St John the Baptist,
Church Green, Burford OX18 4RY

Schubert: Rosamunde Overture
Clive Osgood: Dixit Dominus
Mendelssohn: Hymn of Praise

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Parish Council News

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Previous Parish Council Minutes can be found online at <http://www.cassington-pc.gov.uk>

Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 4th November 2021 in the village hall with full Covid precautions in place. Please contact the clerk if you want to attend.

Neighbourhood Plan.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan has been sent to Planning Department at WODC and we are awaiting the response from them. The committee has another meeting planned for 8th November.

Horsemere Lane and Cassington Lights.

Tracey and Cllr Thomas have a meeting with OCC on 2nd November. But have been advised that the video won't be available until the end of October. Hopefully there will be something to report at the next meeting.

School crossing/20mph zone.

The clerk has been in touch with OCC regarding the rollout of this initiative and is awaiting further information. Update still chasing.
The Parish Council are also asking OCC to move the speed monitor further up Eynsham Road so that it will pick up more car speed as they travel along Eynsham Road. Update still chasing.

War Memorial.

The clerk is still awaiting a response from the War Memorial Trust.

Speed watch

Tracey has been in contact with Yarnton Parish Council and are looking at setting up a joint meeting with Thames Valley Police for camera training.

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. This is still ongoing.

N.B Clerk contact details

Tracey Cameron

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Tel 01993 622750.

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

Save Sandy Lane Level Crossing



Sandy Lane level crossing between Kidlington and Begbroke/Yarnton is under threat of closure. This will result in:

- Increased traffic on the A44
- Impeded access to local facilities
- Impaired community and social activities
- Reduced trade for local businesses

This survey is organized by Yarnton Parish Council. Last year over 2,000 people signed a petition against the proposed closure, but local residents' views are being ignored. We now need to demonstrate that the crossing is important by showing who uses it and why. Please help us to compile this evidence by completing this survey and sharing it with other local residents and businesses. This will help Oxfordshire County Council make an informed decision about the future of the level crossing. You can complete it by accessing it online at <https://tinyurl.com/vc5jbb4> or post to the Parish Council post-box, Yarnton Village Hall. Your data: this survey is anonymous and we are not collecting any personal data that will identify you. Thank you.

Flood Fair

West Oxfordshire District Council will be hosting a Flood Fair in Witney to inform residents about how to prepare and what to do during a flood.

Cllr Norman MacRae, Cabinet Member of Environment for West Oxfordshire District Council said:

"This is an educational event where we will share the types of floods that can occur and who to contact in the event of any, and what type of support each agency or organisation provides. We will also give information on where to find flooding products and other vital resources.

The Flood Fair is open to the public and it will take place in Witney Town Centre on Thursday November 4, 2021 in two sessions from 10am to 12noon and 1pm to 4pm. It will be hosted in the Town Centre Shop on the High street on the corner of High Street and Welch Way. There will be representatives from Oxfordshire County Council, the Environment Agency and Thames Water in attendance.

Through the winter months, a flooding awareness campaign in West Oxfordshire will run to inform and educate residents ahead of, and during, any flooding incidents.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

BEEF CASSEROLE WITH HORSERADISH DUMPLINGS

Ingredients

750g braising steak	2 tbsps plain flour
1 onion	500ml beef stock
2 carrots	250ml red wine
1 parsnip	1 tbsp tomato puree
1 turnip	Rind of one orange
2 stalks celery	1 bay leaf
30g butter	3 good shakes of tabasco
3 tbsps olive oil	2 tbsps chopped parsley
2 cloves garlic	Salt and pepper

For the Horseradish Dumplings

175g self-raising flour
75g beef suet
1 tbsp hot horseradish
Salt and ground black pepper
water to bind

To Cook the Casserole

Peel and cut the onions and crush the garlic. Cut the meat into cubes (about 4cms). Coat the meat in seasoned flour. Heat the butter and oil in a large saucepan and fry the beef in batches to brown the outside. Add the onion and garlic and fry for 3-4 minutes. Add the tomato puree and cook for 2 minutes.

Add all the meat back to the pan, put in the red wine, stock, orange peel and bay leaf. Deglaze the pan, which means scrape the bits off the bottom of the pan into the liquid. Stir well. Bring to the boil then reduce the heat to simmer. Prepare the rest of the vegetables, then add these and the tabasco and seasoning. Cook on a low heat for 2 - 2½ hours.

To Make the Dumplings

Place all the ingredients in a bowl and bind together with cold water to form a firm dough. Shape into balls, then flatten one side slightly and sit on the top of the casserole mix. Transfer to a warmed heatproof casserole dish if you are cooking it in a saucepan. Cook for a further 20 mins. uncovered until the dumplings are golden brown on top.

Remove the bay leaf and orange peel, check seasoning and sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve in a wide soup bowl with mash and savoy cabbage, or just crusty white bread, which is perfect for soaking up the gravy.

Piers Lewis

Does anyone have a recipe you would like to share with readers? I am looking for new recipes for 2022. If you would like to see this feature continue, and you have a tried and tested recipe please send it to:
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A Tribute

by Stephen Wright



The October sun peeked through the swaying leaves, kids were laughing in the school playing field. Granddad got the send off he would have wanted. On behalf of the Wright family, we'd like to thank everyone for your support following the passing of Ian Waters. It's clear he was a man who made many people happy. Here is a shortened version of the speech I made at his recent funeral.

Myself and my brother Daniel like to think about how our well travelled granddad could tell you where every tiny road in Oxfordshire goes with more reliability than any modern sat nav. In fact, technology blew him away when he saw Bell Lane on Google Maps for the first time. He may have also shown disapproval for any live music that we performed by sticking tissues in his ears and complaining that 'you can't hear the words', but despite living a very different lifestyle to my brother and I, it was always a pleasure to spend time with him. Whether we were helping him farm at Hunters Gate and getting to drive the JCB or going to 6 Bell Lane



for lunch every Saturday, granddad was always quick to lighten the mood with a joke or some cockney slang. We can all be inspired by his kindness, loyalty and sense of humour.



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Churchfields News

We are well and truly into the Autumn season now and that means a lot of fun crafting activities have been happening at Churchfields recently!

Residents have enjoyed getting involved in some handcrafted earring making. Everyone involved had an amazing time getting creative and putting together some beautiful, personalised earring designs.



During National Space Week, staff and residents celebrated by creating their very own solar system. Residents took part in painting polystyrene balls in a variety of colours to resemble different planets. Everyone learned lots about the sizes and ages of planets.



Residents also recently enjoyed a surprise visit from Wild Science, who brought a wonderful selection of animals into the home for everyone to meet. Residents particularly enjoyed meeting the hamster, snails, guinea pigs and snakes!

Residents and staff have been very busy with their flower arranging activities recently - everyone in the home loves to get involved in this activity.

Finally, we were so pleased to see that one very special Churchfields resident, Sheila, enjoyed her first ever ride in a convertible car.



Sheila had a ride in a staff member's open top car after she mentioned she had always wanted to do that. Staff took Sheila on a drive through the Oxfordshire countryside, finishing with a visit to a drive through Costa for a lovely hot coffee. Sheila said, "It felt amazing to feel the wind in my hair, I felt so free!"

Churchfields are currently recruiting and looking for individuals who share our commitment and enthusiasm for care. Part time and full time available, including flexible, child friendly hours.



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Thank you to Janine Horgan for organising the showing of the film "Midnight Traveller" on behalf of the charity Refugee Compassion. Janine received the following message from them:

"Thanks Janine for all your help. Everyone was so nice and a few people I spoke to seemed moved by the film. We raised £246 which I'm absolutely chuffed with."

and a Thank you from Janine to Kathryn Teal for all her help beforehand and on the night.

Road to Colditz



Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

23rd November 2021

An Online talk streaming at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd November 2021 with a live Q&A with speakers Rolt Stuart and Thomas Hamilton-Baillie.

Two sons tell of their fathers' hair-raising wartime experiences as prisoners of war in Germany during World War 2; their several escapes, the risks run, the penalty for failure, the privations they suffered and imprisonment in Colditz Castle.

The event will be free to view on the museum website, no registration required, but donations welcomed.

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock, will stream the next in a series of online talks and live Q&As via their website from 7pm on 20th October 2021.

The lecture will be given by retired Colonel Patrick Crowley and cover the story of the dramatic Great War siege of Kut, a fort in small town in what is now Iraq.

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TEA TIME TEASER

This month, we have the first lines from some classic books. But do you know which book and who wrote it?

1. 'It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife'
2. 'The story so far: in the beginning, the universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move'
3. 'You better not never tell nobody but God. It'd kill your mammy'
4. 'I write this sitting in the kitchen sink'
5. 'It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen'
6. 'It was a queer, sultry summer, the summer they electrocuted the Rosenbergs, and I didn't know what I was doing in New York'
7. 'Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again'
8. 'We slept in what had once been the gymnasium'

Answers next month

Answers to last month's animal quotes:

1. You Can't Teach An old Dog New Tricks
2. When The Cat's away, The Mice Will Play
3. Has The Cat got Your Tongue
4. Let Sleeping Dogs Lie
5. Go And see A Man About A Dog
6. To Let The Cat out Of The Bag
7. Not Even Room To Swing A Cat
8. Every Dog has Its Day

Gardening Tips for November



- Hedge trimming
- Cut down Autumn raspberries to the ground.
- Mulch flower beds.
- Prune hard climbing roses.

By Piers Lewis, Garden Consultant.

Military Wives

Friday 26th November.
Cassington Village Hall

Inspired by global phenomenon of military wives choirs, the story celebrates a band of misfit women who form a choir on a military base. As unexpected bonds of friendship flourish, music and laughter transform their lives, helping each other to overcome their fears for loved ones in combat.

Rating PG-13 (Some strong language/sexual references)

John Richards, who shows the films in Cassington, has his own website with details of what's on in Cassington and Eynsham

www.countryscreens.co.uk



CASSINGTON RANGERS RESULTS



Saturday 2nd Oct. we lost 10- 0 away to Donnington in the Oxfordshire junior shield

Saturday 9th Oct. we won 7-1 away to Sherbourne in the Fred Ford cup

Saturday 16th No Game

FORTHCOMING MATCHES

Saturday 23rd Oct. at Home vs Hook Norton Res
2 pm k.o at Elms road Cassington

Friday 29th Oct. away vs Bourton 3rds
7.30 pm under flood lights.

6th Nov No Game

13th Nov. Fred Ford cup 2nd round home vs Charlbury Town

20th Nov. league at home vs Spartan rangers Res

27th Nov. league away to RAF Brize Norton.

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what's on?

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November 2021

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Thursday 4th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 5th 5pm	Fireworks at the Red Lion
Sunday 14th	Remembrance Sunday
Thursday 18th	WI Meeting
Saturday 20th	December CAWN deadline
Sun 21st - Sun 28th	Crib Festival, St Peter's Church
Wed 24th - Sat 27th 7.30pm	Batholomew Players
Friday 26th 7pm	Film 'Military Wives'

December 2021

Thursday 2nd 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 4th 2-4pm	Churchfields Christmas market
Saturday 11th 11am-4pm	Combe Mill Christmas market
Tuesday 14th	January CAWN deadline
Saturday 25th	Christmas Day

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