

CONGRATULATIONS CLAIR and CLARK



Photograph courtesy of Kellie Scott

Paul and Julie Woolford are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Clair to her new husband Clark McAllister. The wedding took place on Thursday 9th December 2021 at Larchfield estate, Lisburn, which is near Clark's home in Northern Ireland. For those of you who watched the series "Marcella" Larchfield Estate was featured in the series.

Clair lived in Cassington with us from 1993 until she went to Keele University to study and train as a physiotherapist. The newlyweds now live in Crawley, Witney .

We wish them love and happiness always

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

CASSINGTON ADVENT WINDOWS 2021

Have you all enjoyed walking round the village seeing all the advent windows light up each night. Or maybe you waited until Christmas Eve and saw them all on the final light up night. Either way we were treated to some lovely displays this year. Many thanks to Vicky Thomas-Clarke for the collage of windows she has photographed.



CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED!

Are you a Budding Writer?

Would you like to write a regular column for CAWN?

Have you any suggestions for articles you would like to see this year?

Do we have any aspiring Agony Aunts (or Uncles) out there?

If you answered Yes to any of these questions then please get in touch with the editor - see details at the bottom of the page.

welcome

Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 535th edition of CAWN. Thank you to all those who have contributed to this edition. Although activities have been severely curtailed this year I hope you enjoy reading about some of the village events that were able to take place in December.

You will have seen, on the front page, that I am hoping to find some more contributors this year. So please do let me know if you have something to say that might be of interest to others.

In an attempt to find new content I have introduced a new feature - Poetry Corner. I am now issuing a call to all you budding poets. I know you are out there, secretly composing your poems - be they serious odes and epics or trite little ditties. I have started the ball rolling with one of my efforts on page 4, and I look forward to receiving contributions from others.

Our Village Hall entertainment officers - Ade and Bryan (aka A & B Ents) have some wonderful ideas for entertainment this year, as they have set out on page 9. Hopefully restrictions will be eased sufficiently to let these go ahead and they will be supported by the village.

As I write this the news reports say that Covid cases are rising, so I hope you all had a happy and Covid free Christmas. It just remains for me to say a Happy New Year to you all. I am sure we are all hoping that this year we shall finally see an end to the restrictions caused by the pandemic, and our lives can return to some semblance of normality.

Anne X

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With special thanks to...

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

Have your say on West Oxfordshire District Council's budget before 12 January 2022.

Residents and businesses in West Oxfordshire are being urged to give their views on the District Council's spending plans as it prepares its budget for the next financial year.

WODC is responsible for local services such as waste collection, planning, licensing, housing, parking and leisure with the county council delivering other services such as maintaining roads, adult social care, education, children's services and public health.

The budget consultation is available on the WODC website at <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/budget/> . Residents can also fill in a paper copy by visiting the council offices in Woodgreen, Witney.

Gardening Tips for January



- Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding it for mulch
- Clean pots and greenhouses ready for spring
- Dig over vacant plots that have not been dug already
- Disperse worm casts in lawns
- Inspect stored tubers of Dahlia, Begonia and Canna for rots or drying out
- Prune apple and pear trees
- Start forcing rhubarb
- Plan your vegetable crop rotations for the year.
- Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds

January stargazing highlights

January 2 - 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.

January 3, 4 - Quadrantids Meteor Shower.

The Quadrantids is an above average shower, with up to 40 meteors per hour at its peak. The moon will set early in the evening leaving dark skies for what should be an excellent show. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Bootes, but can appear anywhere in the sky

January 7 - Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation.

The planet Mercury reaches greatest eastern elongation of 19.2 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view Mercury since it 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.

January 17 - Full Moon.

The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Wolf Moon because this was the time of year when hungry wolf packs howled outside their camps. This moon has also been known as the Old Moon and the Moon After Yule.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Some of you will have seen the lovely wreaths adorning people's front doors during this festive period. Many of them were made at the Christmas wreath making classes that



Ruth Bakewell ran, at the beginning of December. Great fun was had by all, with a huge choice of foliage that Ruth had collected from her garden, friends' gardens and even hedgerows!



Thank you Ruth

FESTIVE AFTERNOON

AT FOREST SCHOOL UNDER THE TREES

Congratulations to Kath Humphris, and her Forest School partner Alex, for a wonderful afternoon, on Saturday 11th December, under the trees making wreaths,



wire stars, soap and candles.



The afternoon started with a warming mug of hot chocolate laced with Baileys. We then moved to

around the camp fire where we tried the various activities on offer. By the



end we all had a selection of goodies to take home, along with a lovely memory.



Thank you Kath

SCHOOL RAFFLE THANK YOU!



Thanks so much to everyone who supported the SPSA's Christmas Raffle. With the absence of the School Christmas Fayre, we really wanted to make it a success, and with your help we did, raising more than £1,400.

Congratulations to all our winners below and the local businesses and unnamed individuals for donating the prizes! Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Lou Judd and Garry Peasley, Co-chairs of the SPSA

Night for 2 at the Courtyard by Marriott, Oxford - C Want
£100 gift voucher from The Creation Theatre - N Alam
£50 gift voucher at Back Lane Tavern, Woodstock - G Taglis
£50 gift voucher from Jack Draws Your Pet - J Griffiths
Family ticket for 4, Blenheim Palace - A Bond
1 adult + child ticket Cotswold Wildlife Park - Jenny/Karen
Gin hamper from The Red Lion - L Edwards
Season ticket for 2 at Waterperry Gardens - C Hill
4 Tickets to Bicester Heritage's Sunday Scramble - M Linford
Family day pass at Cogges Farm - The Johnsons
The Governors' Christmas hamper - A Jones
£25 voucher for Bibury Trout Farm - B Wagerfield
4 tickets to Hatton Country World - B Wagerfield
4 Tickets to Sprouts Play Barn, Millets Farm - R Miles
Family pass to see Oxford City Stars play at home - N Curtis
Family ticket to the Oxford Bus Museum - C Taylor
£20 gift voucher, Queen's Head, Eynsham - V Melivojevic
£20 gift voucher, The Bayleaf, Eynsham - P Taylor

Free MOT tests, P Bruno Car Repairs, Eynsham - L Ashworth & S Miller

Box of five cheeses from the Hatwell family's Renegade Events Group - The Chestertons

Hamper - A Jones (yes, another one!)

£20 gift voucher from Serenity - K Taylor

£25 Sainsbury's voucher - Malcolm, Red Lion

Hamper of Christmas goodies from Lyall and Co - A Morgan

Dog hamper from The Red Lion - Maya K

Beer from the Little Ox Brewery - George, Eynsham Road

Big Veg book, signed & written by Gerald Stratford - N Curtis

S'mores to your doors kit from Forest School Fun & Under

the Trees - B Wagerfield

Nativity Art Box from Jessie's Art Shed - Maya K

£10 gift voucher from BodyTalk, Eynsham - N Alam,

£10 voucher from Bartlett's Butchers - H Thomas

Dr Who Tardis paint kit, The Pottery Place, Witney - H Want

£10 discount on MOT, P Bruno Car Repairs, Eynsham -

L Winstone & Rev, Red Lion

£5 gift voucher from Eynsham Cellars - K Mills

A shake plus topping, The Shake Shop, Witney - P Potter

Bottle of Prosecco from The Red Lion - S Osgathorpe

Bottle of red wine from The Red Lion - D Baxter

Versace perfume - D Williams

Adrienne Vittadini watch / bracelet - C Wickson

Dairy Milk Freddo & Friends chocolate - John, Red Lion

Box of Family Circle biscuits - R Elgar & S Miller

Shortbread Assortment - A Jones

Tub of Quality Street chocolates - S Kelly

Tub of Heroes chocolates - D Troup

Tub of Celebrations chocolates - S Thompson

POETRY CORNER

I wrote this poem in 2008 for my then 9 year old niece to read at her grandfather's funeral.

My Grandpa

My Grandpa's seen a lot of things,
Or so he always said,
And yet when he was growing up
There was no internet.

He never had a mobile phone,
An ipod or a Wii;
A different world it must have been
When he was young like me.

He used to walk to school each day,
And play out in the street,
And cakes and buttered scones with jam
Were eaten as a treat.

And one day when I'm old and grey,
Grandchildren at my knee,
The stories that I tell them
Will be Grandpa's legacy.

by Anne Luttmann-Johnson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Could you spare an hour or two every few weeks to help clean the church. We need 2 people every week to clean the church on a rota basis.

If you are interested please contact Ninon Linnell on 01865 881330 or at ninonlinnell@gmail.com

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.

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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.



WI News

This month we had our annual Christmas party at the lovely home of one of our members, Margaret Partridge and her husband Bryan. We were greeted with a welcome glass of mulled wine before exchanging Christmas cards and caught up with each other's news. We had all taken along some food and as the baked Camembert was warm decided to have some food. It was delicious, as you can imagine, and afterwards we played a couple of games, which caused much laughter and was interspersed with several members reading poems and prose relating to Christmas food.

Our next meeting will be on 20th January when our speaker will talk about Views from the Colonies and Empire. She is from Oxford University and it sounds really interesting. We also meet at 10.30am on the first Tuesday of the month at the Bread and Butter cafe, Worton for coffee and/or a light lunch.

Maggie Nightingale

St. Peters Church Cassington Bell Ringing Team

Why not start the New Year learning a new skill? Bell ringing is fun, and the current team very much enjoy the activity and the fellowship of the sessions. We are not asking for full commitment at this stage, but just an interest in joining us on a Thursday evening to see what is involved in the activity of bell ringing, experience the fun that we enjoy, and see if this appeals to you?

It is proving very difficult to field a full team for ringing the bells prior to Sunday morning services. So, we are publishing this PLEA!! Can anyone please consider joining the team (maybe past ringers), or are there any "volunteers" who would consider joining the team and being prepared to turn up on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm for training sessions? We can offer lots of help, both here at Cassington and other venues in the Diocese where training sessions are available.

Please get in touch with our Tower Captain Keith Turner on 01865 880492 or Bryan Partridge (team member) on 01865 731253.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your response.
BRYAN PARTRIDGE.

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For details on Covid-safe worship, other news, and links for live screening, please visit the parish web page.

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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.

JANUARY 2022

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.

Please follow the instructions in the porch regarding the use of hand sanitizer and masks.

We look forward to welcoming you to any of our services. In order to continue to provide a safe environment we encourage the use of the hand sanitizer provided when entering and leaving the building.

We also respectfully ask you to wear face masks in church other at all times. A safer area with better ventilation, strict use of masks and social distancing rules is available at the rear of the church if you are or are anxious about being more vulnerable.

Sunday 2nd January Morning Worship 9.30am

Sunday 9th January Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 9.30am

Tuesday 11th January Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 9.30am

Sunday 16th January Morning Worship 9.30am
Holy Communion at Churchfields Care Home 11.00am (TBC)

Sunday 23rd January Holy Communion (Common Worship) 9.30am
Evening Prayer ("Evensong") 6.00pm

Sunday 30th January Holy Communion (Common Worship) 9.30am

Church office: stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com 01865 883325

Vicar: Revd Duncan Fraser 07810 324088 . Associate Curate—Revd Roger Aston Tel:01865 880757

They think it's all over! It is now!! - (Oh no it isn't!!!)

But I'm not talking about football or even Formula 1! I'm talking about Christmas.

Many of us, encouraged sadly by shops and media, have been conned into believing that Christmas starts in mid November (or even earlier) and then that it's all over after Boxing Day or, at the latest, New Year's Day. I even know of people who take their Christmas tree down before Christmas day!

Christmas Day is the beginning not the end of Christmas. The 12 days of Christmas start at Christmas Day and end at midnight on 5th January (which is "12th night"). The next day (6th Jan) is Epiphany, celebrated as The (3) Kings Day in many countries, when presents are exchanged (rather than on Christmas day). At Epiphany we celebrate the visit of the Magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus (maybe 2 years after his birth!). See Matthew chapter 2:1-12 page 2 if you have a Jubilee New Testament

At Epiphany we also celebrate Jesus being revealed (or manifested) as Christ or Saviour to all people, not just to the Jews. (The Magi were almost certainly not Jewish).

Christ's work as Emmanuel (God with us) starts here, it doesn't end here: even at, or after, Christmas; or on, or after, Epiphany; or even on, or after, Easter.

Happy Epiphany
Revd Roger Aston

THANK YOU

to the Parish Council for the lovely Christmas tree that stood on the green and to Ellen O'Donnell and Kate Rogers for the beautiful decorations.



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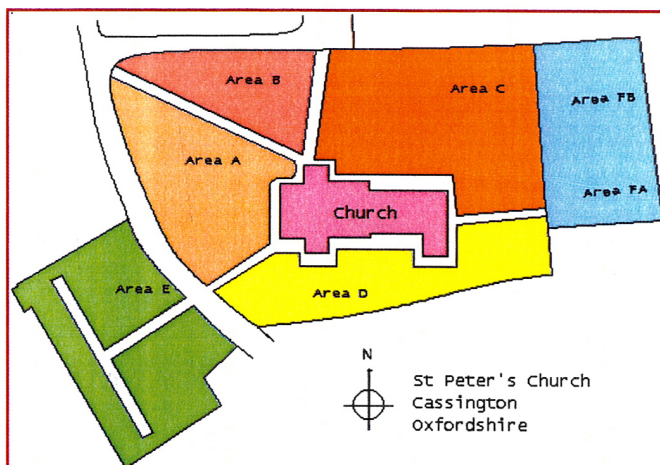
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(There are a few plots which were reserved several years ago which will be used when required.)

Area C is being used for current burials.

Area D is being used for current interment of ashes.

Any person living in the parish of Cassington at the time of death is entitled to be buried in the churchyard. A one-off fee is charged 'for the right of burial' at the time of death and a plot is allocated by the church office. (This charge also applies to reserved plots.)

Payment of the fee does not give the purchaser permission to do anything they please with the plot as there are statutory regulations for the use of churchyards and the erection of memorials (including size and type of stone), for which permission must be obtained from St Peter's Church. There are additional restrictions in Areas C&D.

Fees collected by the church are transferred to the Parish Council which is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the burial grounds, although family members/friends are encouraged to tend individual's graves.

Graves should be ground levelled, clear of vases, pots, plastic flowers, ornaments etc. in order to keep the area looking tidy and enable the use of mowers and strimmers.

Enquiries regarding new burials and burial records should be directed to the Church Office: 01865 883325
Email: stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com

Enquiries regarding the maintenance of the burial grounds should be directed to the Parish Clerk: 01993 622750

Email: cassingtonclerk@cassington-pc.gov.uk

St Peter's Church, Cassington
and the Parish Council of Cassington
December 2021

AMENDED NOTICE

In the last edition of CAWN a regulation 14 notice was published concerning the Neighbourhood Plan, which assumed the Parish Council would approve the draft and allow publication for comment. However the Parish Council deferred approval until the January meeting to allow further time for perusal of the various documents. An amended notice is now published below:

Regulation 14 Notice:

Cassington Village Neighbourhood Plan

Notice is hereby given that the Cassington Village Neighbourhood Plan, Green Infrastructure Plan, Design Code and Analysis of the Village Survey relating to the first two documents are due to be published on the Cassington Parish Council Website at: <https://cassington-pc.gov.uk/> under the link Parish Council / Neighbourhood Plan on 10th January 2022

The Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory document which lays out guidance and suggested management of future development in Cassington Village. The Green Infrastructure Plan details the history of Cassington Village, the green infrastructure in and around the village as well as a variety of issues of importance to the residents, landowners and others with an interest in Cassington. The Green Infrastructure Plan is intended to inform the Neighbourhood Plan but also covers issues not covered by the Neighbourhood Plan and planning in general. The Village Survey was aimed to garner views from the residents of Cassington on matters related to how they would like to see the village develop in the future. The Design Code appraises the main village settlement, and its content has informed the design policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

We request that anyone who lives, works or carries on business in the neighbourhood area of Cassington Parish should read the Neighbourhood Plan, Green Infrastructure Plan, Analysis of the Village Survey and the Design Code and, should they wish, respond to the plan and associated documents by email to: cassingtonclerk@cassington-pc.gov.uk or in writing to Ms T Cameron, 25 Lilac Way, Carterton OX18 1JH by the 28th of February.

The Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Committee would appreciate comments of support, additional suggestions or criticisms of the plans in order to include as wide a body of opinion on the plans as possible. The documents can be provided in hard copy for people without access to the internet. Requests for hard copies should be sent to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

The documents related to this notice are:

Neighbourhood Plan:

Green Infrastructure Plan:

Questionnaire and Analysis of the Village Survey:

Design Code:

Kind Regards

Parish Council &

Cassington Neighbourhood Plan Committee

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New Year Resolutions

New Year is traditionally the time that people make resolutions. Generally these resolutions are to give something up, like smoking or drinking, or to try and achieve a goal, such as losing weight. But where does this tradition come from?

4,000 years ago the ancient Babylonians were the first recorded people to hold New Year celebrations, although these were held in mid March, when the crops were planted. During a 12-day religious festival known as Akitu, the Babylonians crowned a new king or reaffirmed their loyalty to the reigning king. They also made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. These promises are, perhaps, the forerunners of our New Year resolutions. If the Babylonians kept to their word, their gods would bestow favour on them for the coming year. But if they failed to keep their word, then they would fall out of favour!

In ancient Rome the Emperor Julius Caesar introduced a new calendar in 46 B.C. which declared January 1st as the start of the new year. This honoured Janus, a two-faced god who symbolically looked back into the previous year and forwards into the new year. The Romans would promise good behaviour for the year ahead, whilst making sacrifices to Janus.

In the Middle Ages knights would renew their vow to chivalry by placing their hands on a live or roasted peacock. The annual "Peacock Vow" would take place at the end of the year, as a resolution to maintain their knighthood values.

In 1740, the English clergyman John Wesley, who founded Methodism, created the Covenant Renewal Service, most commonly held on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. These services are also known as watch night services. Now popular within evangelical Protestant churches, especially African American denominations and congregations, watch night services held on New Year's Eve are often spent praying and making resolutions for the coming year.

Despite the tradition's religious roots, New Year resolutions are now, predominantly, a secular practice. Instead of making promises to the gods, most people make resolutions to try and "improve" themselves.

Events such as COP26, and numerous weather related disasters, have made us all increasingly aware of the issue of global warming, and it is incumbent upon each of us to do our bit to try and save our planet. So why not consider a New Year resolution this year to try and do something for our planet? Perhaps you can recycle or reuse items better, maybe cut down your consumption of meat or dairy – perhaps have a meat free meal once or twice a week, cut down on the number of plastic bottles you buy and look for food and drink in more sustainable containers, plant a tree, walk or cycle rather than drive somewhere.

There are lots of things we could all do if we set our minds to it. So maybe that should be our collective New Year Resolution. After all, in the words of a well known supermarket chain, "Every Little Helps"!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Anne Luttman-Johnson

Observation

by Stephen Wright

Last month, I played in a staff football match at Norwich City with coaches and the sporting director at the training ground. It was a chance to impress and get scouted for the first-team, so I had a rubbish game and missed lots of good opportunities, which is why I'd fit in perfectly.

For mum's birthday at the end of November, the Wright family were joined by our Scouse cousins, Pat and Sue. I can understand most of what they're saying nowadays, unlike when I first met them, but it's best to just smile and nod in the right places.

It was certainly more civilised than last night, when I went out with colleagues as one of them had left after eight years at the club. We like to play a game that uni students will be familiar with called Picalo. It's a drinking game app on your phone that suggests inappropriate things for you to do, and if you don't do them you have to drink.

I don't know if any of you have ever kissed your boss' chest or squeezed his left nipple, but thankfully mine saw the funny side of such questionable activities.

Looking ahead, I'm hopeful of taking part in Cassington's Boxing Day match this year so I can showcase my lack of fitness to all 12 spectators who brave the Winter conditions for what is traditionally a 10am kick-off. I remain a single man, so let's beat the married males.

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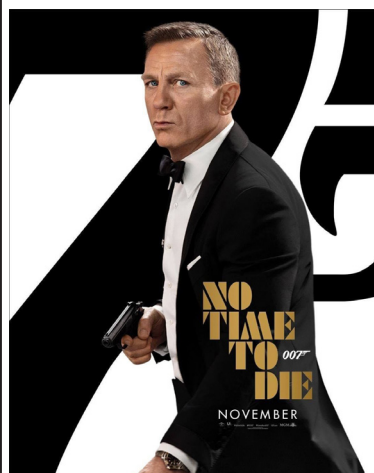
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ENTERTAINMENT FOR 2022

in the Village Hall

On Friday 18th February the new James Bond film "No Time To Die" comes to the village Hall.



In No Time To Die, Bond has left active service and is enjoying a tranquil life in Jamaica. His peace is short-lived when his old friend Felix Leiter from the CIA turns up asking for help. The mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist turns out to be far more treacherous than expected, leading Bond onto the trail of a mysterious villain armed

with dangerous new technology.

Our other ideas for next year are.. A Bingo Night. An "open mike night" a race meeting night. A Magic Night (great success some years ago), an accoustics evening, possibly looking again at a Ceilidh evening, a Moscow Jazz Night and maybe a Danceband?

All of these ideas are in the melting pot, and we have decided to wait until January before firming up any events.

However, we have taken a decision to book The BadApple Theatre Group for Sunday May 8th at 7.30pm. The production will be "Elephant Rock" suitable for Family Groups and Adults.

<https://www.badappletheatre.co.uk/show/elephant-rock/>

We are still a little cautious re the Covid situation, and will make constant reviews.

A & B Ents.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

At the time of writing there are no lockdown restrictions so hopefully you have managed to share your cheeses with family/friends but if you still have some cheese to use up here are some ideas other than cheese on toast!

First of all, hard cheese freezes well - grate it first then pop it in a suitable container or bag then pop into the freezer to use on top of pasta, pizza or add to soup and sauces.

If you are ready to use the cheese you could try one of the following recipes:

Cheesy pasta bake

Almost all pasta tastes better with lots of cheese, so make a white sauce (flour/butter/milk/pepper) and add any amounts of leftover cheese to use up.

To up the flavour add a teaspoon of Dijon or English mustard if you have it.

Add to just cooked pasta with any additional leftover ham/turkey along with broccoli florets and bake until bubbling.

Serve with extra grated cheese.



Cheese fondue

One for the kids - not a formal fondue but make a white sauce like above and add your cheese remnants. Serve with just about anything chopped to fit on the end of a fork and dip! Raw pepper, leftover cooked potato, tomatoes, turkey, ham or mushrooms work well as does crusty bread.

Cheese, veg, potato tortilla

'Spanisly' version of bubble and squeak. If using up leftover vegetables (sprouts, broccoli, leeks) and potatoes slice them prior to adding to a non stick frying pan with some butter. Warm through and crisp up the edges before adding:

6 beaten eggs

leftover cheese (blue cheese would work well in this recipe) salt and pepper and if you like some chilli flakes

Cook for 10 minutes on a low heat until the egg is set. A few minutes under the grill with an extra sprinkle of cheese makes it extra tasty.

Serve in large slices with a salad or with a fried egg and baked beans for brunch.

Other leftover ideas, not just Christmas/New Year food, can be found online at LoveFoodHateWaste.com

Enjoy... the diet starts next month!

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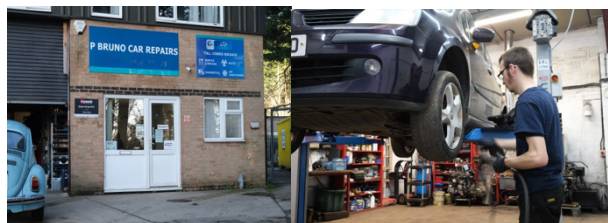
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Parish Council News

December 2021

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 6th January 2022 in the village hall with full Covid precautions in place. Everyone is welcome to attend

Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council has decided to wait until the January Parish Council Meeting before making its final decision on the Neighbourhood Plan. This will mean that the Reg 14 will need to be put on hold.

Horsemere Lane and Cassington Lights.

Tracey had a meeting with OCC on 24th November to go through the next planning application stage. Tracey has also requested that the Parish Council have another meeting with OCC with regards to a model video of the Cassington Lights.

School crossing/20mph zone.

Tracey has now applied to OCC to have the speed limit reduced to 20mph. Hopefully we will get a response by the January meeting. 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.

The Parish Council would also like to know peoples' views on traffic calming through the village. If you have any views or suggestions, please email the Clerk and this will be

discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. Please note that any traffic calming installed in the village will need to be paid by the Parish Council.

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. – This is still ongoing.

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

The Parish Council would like to ask if anyone in the Village would like to volunteer to do the wall survey. It will mean going round the village taking photos and measurements of all the stone walls. – if you are interested please contact the Clerk.

N.B Clerk contact details

Tracey Cameron

Email cassingtonclerk@cassington-pc.gov.uk

Tel 01993 622750

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Cllr. Julie Perrin, Triwood, 44 Eynsham Rd

Cllr. Barbara King, 9 St Peter's Close

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If anyone would like to sponsor a tree, please contact the clerk. The trees that we have are:

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Betula albosinensis 'Fascination' (Chinese Red Birch) 150L Container 20-25cm Clear Stem 450-500cm tall £269.14

Liquidambar styraciflua 'Worplesdon' (Sweet Gum) 150L Container 20-25cm Clear Stem 400-450cm tall £365.00

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Woodstock & District u3a



The Branch's final speaker meeting of 2021 was held on 8 December in a venue previously unused by us – St. Hugh's church hall in Hensington Road, which proved to be modern, convenient and comfortable. With attendance still sadly, but understandably, affected by Covid, the number in the hall reached around 25, with more logging in to the simultaneous on-line transmission.

Our speaker, locally based art historian Lizzie Rowe, took as her theme 'Art as Therapy', illustrating this with a succession of brilliant reproductions of the work of Masters from Brueghel and others up to the present day, showing how they have produced artwork that exemplifies or

stimulates emotion or feelings including humour, reflection, 'peace and quiet'.

Future speaker meetings will again be at St. Hugh's hall, but on the first Thursday of the month at 2 p.m., starting on 6 January; best to check the Branch website for up to date information (www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock).

Meanwhile, just as important to members as the monthly speaker meeting is the work of our 20-odd Interest Groups from 'Art' (now regularly wielding their brushes in the Hensington Road scout hut) to the intrepid Walkers, who, having 'greatly enjoyed the Autumn colours' they say, will now doubtless be stepping out again - maybe at a seasonably brisk pace?

Chris Sladen

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Churchfields News

It's that time of year again where the Staff and Residents at Churchfields Care Home have been busy enjoying some Christmas festivities!

Residents loved partnering with their local primary school, St Peter's, to choose the best Christmas card design. Churchfields wanted to work with the local community by running a competition with primary school pupils to find their perfect Christmas card. The residents were amazed with all the designs that were sent in and placed Bella Thomas-Clarke in first place with her very sweet reindeer design.



Residents also enjoyed making their own Christmas treats this year, filling the home with some beautiful festive aromas. They also loved producing their own Christmas jam.



Staff and Residents also got involved in some wonderful carol singing this month, whilst busily turning the home into a winter wonderland.

For the local Christmas Market, Churchfield's residents were busy making their own Christmas jewellery, Epsom salts, and hot chocolate bags to sell on their stall. All the money raised was donated to the Residents' Fund, used to support events and activities at the home.



Everyone at Churchfields would like to say a huge thank you to our local community, families and friends, who attended the market, and helped make it such an enjoyable success. See the bottom of this article for more pictures of the market and some of the stall holders.

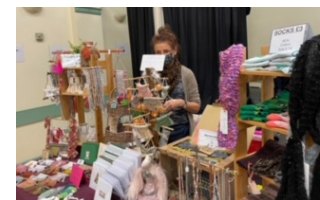
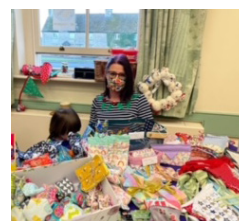
Don't forget that Churchfields are currently recruiting and looking for individuals who share their commitment and enthusiasm for care. Join their professional, friendly, fun and supportive team and in return you will receive a fulfilling career in 2022.

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Around the World Different countries have traditions to welcome in the new year. Here are some of them, but do you know which country follows each of them? To make it easier I have given the countries below:
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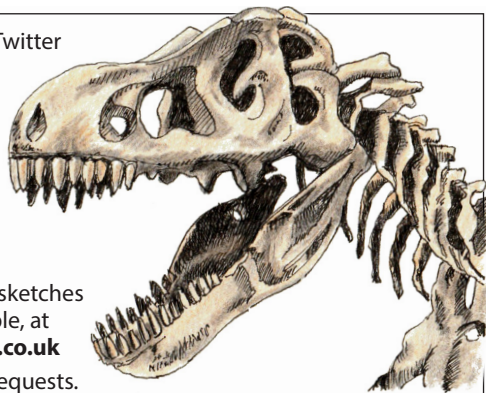
1. Walking around with an empty suitcase.
2. Eating one grape for each strike of midnight.
3. Throwing old furniture out of the window.
4. Smashing plates and other china.
5. Dressing up as dancing bears.
6. Throwing water - having a water fight!
7. Cutting an apple in half to read the pips.
8. Jump in the ocean at midnight and jump 7 waves.

Answers next month

Answers to last month's names for Father Christmas:

1. Kanakaloka - **Hawaii**
2. Ông già Noel (Christmas old man) - **Vietnam**
3. Baba Chaghaloo - **Afghanistan**
4. Uvliin Uvuu (Winter Grandpa) - **Mongolia**
5. Ziemassvētku vecītis (Christmas old man) - **Latvia**
6. Julemanden (Christmas Man) - **Denmark**
7. Naththal Seeya - **Sri Lanka**
8. Viejito Pascuero (Christmas old man) - **Chile**

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Dates for your diary

January 2022

Thursday 6th 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 20th

February CAWN deadline

February 2022

Thursday 3rd 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 15th 7.15pm

Village Hall AGM

Friday 18th 7pm

Film "No Time to Die"

Sunday 20th

March CAWN deadline

Monday 28th

End of consultation period for Neighbourhood plan

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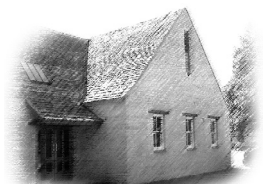
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