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## CASSINGTON AND WORTON NEWS

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# CONGRATULATIONS

Ron and Jan Macdonald are delighted to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Fiona, to Ollie Watts.

Fiona grew up in Cassington and attended St Peter's School, Bartholomew School and Cherwell Sixth Form followed by University in Southampton, where she has lived ever since. This is where Fiona and Ollie met through mutual friends in 2016.

Ollie grew up in Andover and went to college in Basingstoke where he completed an advanced apprenticeship in engineering.

Fiona is currently a senior social work practitioner for Hampshire Children's Services Department, and Ollie is an electrical engineer mainly based in central London. Ollie and Fiona are still living in Southampton with their one-year-old black Labrador, Barney, who is the apple of their eye.

We very much hope there will be wedding bells in Cassington church next year!



Congratulations to Lisa and Tom Fleetwood on the birth of their second son William Charles Fleetwood, who is named after Lisa's Dad. Wills couldn't wait to arrive, and was born on Saturday 8th January at 9.12am, 5 weeks early! He weighed 4lbs 8 oz.

As he was so small both Lisa and Wills spent a few days in hospital. His big brother Tommy was delighted to finally meet him when he came home on Thursday 13th January. Tommy is being a fantastic and very helpful big brother, enjoying lots of snuggles and even helping with Wills' feeds.



## AND CONGRATULATIONS

To Steven Dey who was part of the team that unearthed the biggest Ichthyosaur fossil skeleton ever found in the British isles.

It was covered in the BBC documentary "Digging for Britain" which was shown on Monday 11th January.

See the full story on page 7.

Contributions should be provided by 20th of the month. Email submissions (in the body or as a Word attachment) to: [cawneditor@gmail.com](mailto:cawneditor@gmail.com). Photographs should be supplied as separate attachments, not placed in the Word file. Typed or clearly handwritten submissions may be posted to: Anne Luttmann-Johnson, 3 Foxwell Court, Cassington, OX29 4DW. We look forward to hearing from you.

# welcome

Anne's CAWNeR

Welcome to the 536th edition of CAWN. I want to say an huge thank you to all those who responded to my request for new writers.

Most notably this month is a new section - story corner! We have the first installment of a tale set in Cassington, but from a different group of residents! I shall leave you all to discover more later on in this edition! My grateful thanks to Helen Barr, who has taken on this mantle.

My thanks also go to Steven Dey, who was very involved in the excavation of the largest ichthyosaur that has ever been found in Britain. One episode of "Digging for Britain" covered this discovery and Steven has supplied us with the inside story.

I want to thank Bryan Partridge, who has taken up my challenge and written a poem. I also want to thank all the regular contributors for continuing to send me interesting reports on the various groups in the village, and articles that many will find informative and relevant.

At the back of this edition you will find a survey about electric vehicles. Please do fill this out as requested on the survey, as this will be valuable in our attempts to live more sustainably and protect our environment.

Finally I do urge you all to read the article next to this piece about the consultation on alterations to the A40. It looks as if access to and from the village may be seriously affected by these plans. The PC have responded, but individuals can also send in their comments.

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.

## A40 Consultation

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) have published their latest consultation on the widening of the A40. This affects the Cassington junction and lights, and Cassington Parish Council are concerned about how these changes will affect access to and from the village.

The Parish Council have written to OCC and encourage all members of the village to look at this consultation and contact the Council if they also have concerns. It can be found on the Cassington website under Parish Council: Documents: Application: OCC ref: R3.0151/21 <https://cassington-pc.gov.uk/documents/application-occ-ref-r3-0151-21/>

In particular the PC make the following points:

- OCC are not going to allow a left-hand slip lane from Cassington on to the A40
- They have taken away the right-hand turn coming from Oxford into Cassington. Meaning that cars will have to cross the A40 or wait till the lights turn red before they can enter Cassington.
- The Parish Council have spoken to OCC with regards to this and will put in their consultation decision.
- The Parish Council do not believe that the video model OCC have used is a fair representation of the number of vehicles that use the A40 in the morning and in the evening.
- OCC has applied a compulsory purchase order to various properties with land by the A40. This will result in trees and bushes being removed.
- The Parish Council are also concerned with what OCC will use to reduce the noise of traffic.

## February stargazing highlights

### February 1 - New Moon.

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

### February 16 - Full Moon.

The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun so its face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Snow Moon because the heaviest snows usually fell during this time of the year. Since the bad weather made hunting difficult, this moon was also known as the Hunger Moon.

### February 16 - Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation.

The planet Mercury reaches its greatest western elongation of 26.3 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 morning sky. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

## BOXING DAY FOOTBALL MATCH

Boxing Day saw the return of the traditional Married v Singles football match. Elliott Bolton, for the Singles, scored the first goal but the end result was 9-4 to the Married team.

Well done to all those who played. It was good to have some new recruits to the Singles team, but they need more players for next year!!



## JOHN PERRIN (JP)

4th May 1958 - 10th January 2022



Sadly we report the death of John Perrin (JP) on 10th January 2022, after a short illness. His funeral is on Thursday 27th January at 1pm. A full obituary will be published in the March edition of CAWN.

## ARTISTS REQUIRED

Oxfordshire Community Foundation "Let's Create Jubilee Fund" is offering grants for art projects during the Platinum Jubilee weekend.

Cassington Sports and Social Club are considering the possibility of applying for a grant to either paint a large mural on the garage wall facing the playing fields car park, or around the base of the MUGA pitch.

Is anybody interested in joining a steering group to organise this, design the mural, help apply for the grant and co-ordinate the volunteer painters to create it?

Anyone interested please contact CAWN editor at: [cawneditor@gmail.com](mailto:cawneditor@gmail.com)

## CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Cassington Village Hall Committee invites you to the AGM on Tuesday 15th February 2022 @ 7.15pm in the Village Hall. Join us and find out what has been happening in the Village Hall during the past year and our plans for the hall in the future.

All Village groups and societies are encouraged to send a representative for election onto the Committee and any interested individuals will be warmly welcomed.

For further information please contact: [cassingtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:cassingtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

NB: This date is provisional dependant on Covid guidelines

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Melody and Charlie Stack on the birth of their little boy Laurie Michael, on 11th January 2022. Melody is the eldest daughter of Janine Horgan. She emigrated to Australia 7 years ago, so Janine rarely sees her grandchildren. Luckily they have been able to keep in touch via WhatsApp video calls, and the



whole family are hoping to make it back here for a visit sometime this year.

Anna (2) and Rosie (5) looking after their new brother Laurie.

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## POETRY CORNER

### Community Support in 2022

Who might write a poem?

A question posed by Anne (Editor)

This question set me thinking

I wonder if I can?

Surely it's only a matter of words  
That takes up a little time  
As long as the words somewhere along  
Make up some sort of rhyme?

How about if we think of Cassington  
The village where we abide  
Impacts on us during the last two years  
The dreaded Covid to survive!

If we look at our community  
It seems we're all aware  
Of the absence of villagers in our social lives.  
Surely we really, really care

The Village Hall has tried so hard  
To keep it's doors open to all  
St. Peter's Church has obeyed all the rules  
To encourage folk to call.

The Chequers has remained available  
And so has The Red Lion Pub  
We also have the opportunity  
To support the S & Social Club.

So, what can we do in the coming months  
To come "alive" again?  
Whilst observing Covid rules and risks  
That surely is quite plain

It would be great to see our community  
Come alive and be "reborn"  
PLEASE SUPPORT our village clubs  
And keep a watch on CAWN.

by Bryan Partridge

### Food Bank Appeal

With higher inflation and rising energy bills more people are in food poverty and using our local food banks. Please contribute (regularly if you can). The collection box is at the entrance of St Peter's Church Cassington. We are supporting: Eynsham Food bank (07738063083) North Oxfordshire Food Bank (07929721172) Please donate tins and dried foods (that are at least 6 months before their "best before date"). Donated items can be placed in the box by the church door where a full list of appropriate items can be found along with some hand steriliser for your safety. If you would like to support these food banks financially, or if you need some food support or know someone in need of food support please phone the food banks directly at the numbers above or contact our clergy Duncan Fraser (vicar) 07810324088 or Roger Aston (curate) 01865 880757 or you neighbourhood watch rep. Thank you.



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Many thanks to AED Donate for the Defibrillator that has now been installed at the front of the Pavilion.

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build people up in Christ and share his love with others

## FEBRUARY 2022

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 6<sup>th</sup> February – 9.30am Morning Worship**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 9.30am Midweek Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 9.30am Morning Worship**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**9.30am Holy Communion**

**6pm Evening Prayer**

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

If you have particular spiritual needs feel free to contact:

*Associate Curate – Revd Roger Aston Tel: 01865 880757*

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### **Storm Damage**

by Revd Roger Aston

The large overgrown sycamore tree that dominates our relatively small garden suffered substantial damage during our tornado back at the end of October. Strangely our “50ft weed” (apologies to anyone who loves sycamores) has a preservation order on it so our repeated requests over the last 15 years to have the tree pruned have always been refused. However, due to the storm damage, approval was now given to make safe, reshape and reduce the crown of the tree and the tree surgeons have just completed their work. So as the saying goes. “it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good”.

The tree now looks in much better shape and good for regrowth (as well as letting a bit of light into our garden). Pruning, whether of sycamore trees, roses or other plants generally encourages good growth and the pruning of our tree reminded me of something written in the “Letter to the Hebrews” in the bible. Hebrews 12 verses 1 & 2 (page 256 if you still have a Jubilee New Testament)

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

No one would run a race in front of a great audience with their coat and hat on, or with ropes around their legs. So, we are encouraged, in our race of life, to prune ourselves - getting rid of the “storm damage of life” that we have accumulated. This “storm damage” may well have given us unhelpful attitudes and habits that hinder us in living life to our full potential. The writer says we need to throw them off - we need to prune ourselves - and fix our eyes on Christ. Why? So that we can run the race with perseverance - and in verse 3 the writer says “so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

After 2 years of pandemic, recent wars and disasters it would be easy to grow weary and lose heart but let us focus on the path in front of us, pruning the “dead wood” in our lives and fixing our eyes ahead.



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## OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

When this copy of CAWN drops through your letterbox or pops into your e-mail inbox, I should have finished dry January. I say should, because I am writing this on the 14th, so am not even halfway through, but so far, so good.

I decided to do dry January this year primarily because, when the clock struck midnight on New Year's Eve, I couldn't find my beer. After seeing in 2022 at a friend's flat in Bournemouth, Todd, Dan, Jon and I spent part of New Year's Day playing crazy golf. Can you guess who won both games? That's right, it was Tiger Wright Sober Steve over here, already sick of ginger beer after his third order while his friends enjoyed lagers.

Alarm bells rang when, while cooking a delightful chilli con carne a week later, I realised I had used red wine stock paste in the recipe. I put a poll on social media to determine if this meant I had failed dry January, and the public voted unanimously in favour of yes. However, enough people got in touch to let me know that alcohol cooks out, so I'm choosing to believe them.

To be honest, I'm not finding it that difficult, so dry February may also be on the cards, and if I can go an entire year without drinking, Cassington Singles might actually stand a chance in 2022's Boxing Day fixture at Elms Road Arena. Unless Marcus chooses to be the Married's 12th man again because 'he doesn't count'.



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## The Rutland Sea Dragon and me

This concerns my 2021 work on the biggest Ichthyosaur fossil skeleton ever found in the British isles. It is popularly known as the 'Rutland Sea Dragon' but it is actually an 'Ichthyosaur Temnodontosaurus Trigonodon'; a 180 million year old marine reptile from the Jurassic era. It was found in January 2021 at a nature reserve in Rutland by Joe Davis, Conservation Team Leader at Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust. He noticed some vertebrae (bones from the spine) sticking out of the mud after they partially drained a reservoir there. He called in the experts and by the summer they were ready to uncover it and extract it from the mudstone.

My involvement started at this time. I run ThinkSee3D Ltd, a specialist 3D digital heritage business that creates digital and physical 3D educational and exhibition content for museums and universities with clients including the British Museum, The NHM, the V&A, the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and many others (see thinksee3d.com or @thinksee3d on Twitter). I was asked to join the Rutland project to 3D scan the ichthyosaur so there would be a permanent 3D digital record of the specimen as it looked in the ground. This would be used by scientists to study the beast but also it would be used to show the public how it looked once the dig was done.



I was also told to bring a trowel, because they suspected this thing was big and they needed everyone to help uncover it. I spent 2 days working on it and I loved every minute. Above I am pointing at a limb bone I had just discovered. The whole dig was filmed by the BBC and featured in an episode of 'Digging for Britain' which was shown on Mon 11th January (now on iPlayer).

When it was uncovered the lead experts, Dr Dean Lomax and Dr Nigel Larkin, measured it and confirmed what they already suspected, that this was an exceptional specimen, historic in fact. At 10 metres, 33 feet, long it was the biggest ichthyosaur that had ever been found in the British Isles after over 200 years of discoveries.

The famous early palaeontologist Mary Anning found some of the first of these beasts in the Dorset cliffs in the early 19th century. It was at this time they were named Ichthyosaurs (which translates as fish-lizards). This monstrous reptile was an apex predator that dined on smaller Ichthyosaurs, ammonites and squid-like creatures. In some ways it would have resembled a giant dolphin but with a tail more like a shark. As part of my work I created some reconstructions to give an idea of how it would have looked when it was alive.



After the dig was finished I created a detailed digital 3D model of the whole skeleton and then we decided to create a 1 to 1 scale image of it to help in the conservation and for public engagement activities. I remembered that Cassington's own Dan & Ruth Bakewell run Fineprint Ltd, a printing company that, amongst other things, can print large banners. As it turns out Fineprint can print 10m x 2m banners! Below shows the banner hanging in the conservators workshop with the image of the 3D model I created. Fun fact for photographers, this is a 1.2 gigapixel image! In front, is the specimen itself, covered in plaster jackets (this is how they remove specimens from the field safely). It is awaiting more funding to conserve it but this will likely happen over the next year. Eventually this historical find will be housed in a museum in Rutland but it will be a few years yet.

If you are interested in this subject, you probably know that Cassington and much of Oxfordshire sit on similar Jurassic rocks as those in Rutland with many marine reptiles and even dinosaurs having been discovered in this area. A particularly nice Pliosaur (another marine reptile) can be seen in the natural history museum in Oxford. It was found between Cassington and Yarnton some years ago!

Steve Dey, 1 Church Lane



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## Tree Planting Starts on Nine New Woodlands

The first of 270,000 trees are being planted on our Estate as part of a project, in partnership with Morgan Sindall Group plc, the construction and regeneration group, to create nine new woodlands. Throughout December around 30,000 trees were planted at a site known as the River Dorn Wood including hornbeam, lime, sycamore, wild cherry, oak, Norway maple, alder and beech.

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## Battlefields and Baroque Exhibition: The story of the 1st Duke of Marlborough

In 2022 we'll be celebrating the Duke's life, family and achievements with an immersive exhibition of interactive displays, tours, battle re-enactments, and other activities for all the family. Step back in time to the Palace of the 1700s and marvel at the exquisite clothing, food, games, and music that the 1st Duke and his Duchess would have loved.

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Hunters Chicken

Serves 4

#### **Ingredients**

4 Chicken Breasts  
175ml Cola  
2 red/orange peppers (deseeded and roughly chopped)  
4 garlic cloves (minced)  
150ml Chicken Stock  
250g Passata  
1 tbsp dark soy  
1 tbsp Worcestershire Sauce  
1 tbsp Balsamic Vinegar  
1 red chilli – (deseeded & finely chopped - however hot you like it - I normally use mild)  
1 tbsp Smoked Paprika  
4 rashers of smoked bacon  
4 pieces of mozzarella

#### **Method**

1. Pour the cola into a medium size saucepan. Place over a high heat and bring to the boil. Cook until it has reduced by two-thirds and looks syrupy.

2. Pre-heat the oven to 200C/Fan 180C or Gas Mark 6  
3. Add the red peppers, red chilli, garlic, passata, chicken stock, soy, balsamic vinegar, Worcestershire sauce and smoked paprika to the saucepan.  
4. Reduce to a medium heat and simmer for 10 minutes or until the peppers have become soft.  
5. Blend the mixture to a smooth paste  
6. Carefully wrap the chicken with the bacon and place them in an oven proof dish, seam side down. Place the mozzarella on top of the chicken. Pour the sauce over the chicken and put in the oven for 20-25 mins or until the chicken is cooked through.

I normally serve with basmati rice

Tracey Cameron



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# Parish Council News

January 2022

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## Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd February 2021 in the village hall with full Covid precautions in place. Everyone is welcome to attend

## Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council approved the Neighbourhood Plan at the January 2022 meeting. This means that the plan has now started Regulation 14. All local Utilities, Neighbouring Parish Councils and Businesses as well our local MP and District Councillors, now have the opportunity to read it and comment.

## Horsemere Lane and Cassington Lights.

The Parish Council as well as Cllr Levy have a meeting with OCC on 13th January to discuss the model video of Cassington Lights. Feedback will be given at the February meeting.

## School crossing/20mph zone.

The Parish Council has had a reply with regards to the 20mph campaign and has been advised that it is with officers who will make a decision shortly. 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 for by the Parish Council.

## Speed watch

Thames Valley Police have advised that any training will be online. We need to have someone who will be initial lead for the Speed Watch Group who will set up the group online through Thames Valley Police. If you would like to help out please email Tracey who will forward you the details.

## 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 know 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.

## Play Area

A new toddler swing will be purchased and installed hopefully within the next few months depending on the supplier.

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

## EYNSHAM HERITAGE DAY

Saturday 19th March 10.am till 4.pm

Cassington was just far enough away from Eynsham and its powerful Abbey so as not to be under their sway. Perhaps it was because it was on the other side of the River Evenlode and thus developed separately, or more likely because in 1086 Cassington's overlord became William of Conqueror's half-brother Odo, Bishop of Bayeux! Nevertheless, those who live in Cassington might well be interested in the history of their neighbour from whom they so narrowly kept free!



Indeed, there's an awful lot of history in Eynsham, but much of it is underground or hidden in local houses, or in the Museum Store in Standlake. That's why a group

of us in Eynsham, led by the Curator of Archaeology for Oxfordshire have planned a day when a lot more of that history can be made visible. This will include an exhibition in the Bartholomew Room in the Square. There you will be able to see many of the things that were dug up during the Eynsham Abbey Archaeological Dig that took place some 30 years ago as well as other stones and coins that people have found in various places in the Village over the years.

During the day there will be at least two guided Tours. One will be of the Abbey Site, and the other round the Village pointing out some of the stones from the Abbey that can be found built into the older houses and walls after the Abbey was dissolved in the 16th Century.

By the way, the Abbey was enormous and very important. In 1186 for example King Henry II rode over every day from his palace at Woodstock for a Council where the holy monk Hugh (later to be St Hugh) was made Bishop of Lincoln, so we must assume he rode through Cassington on his way there and back?



On the day, we also hope to have an event for children, as well as some stones that they can actually touch and hold, and maybe some kind of Quiz or Treasure Hunt. We are hoping that by the time the day takes place the permanent Eynsham Museum will be up and running so that some of these items plus explanatory Boards on our Village's history, will be displayed permanently.

We are awaiting approval from the Charity Commission for this exciting project so look out for news of this on Eynsham Online <https://eynsham-pc.gov.uk/> or in Cassington and Worton News.

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## ST PETER'S SCHOOL



As we start the new term, there has been so much going on in and around school. The Pupil Leadership Groups are really starting to take off and the children are thinking about the actions they want to achieve by the end of the year. This year's groups are: Happiness, Wellbeing and Values, Charity Leaders, Climate Change and Biodiversity Leaders, Events Leaders, St Peter's Fish Leaders, St Peter's Chickens Leaders, and the Cool Climateers. We will celebrate what they have achieved in future editions of CAWN!

Last Wednesday it was our great honour (pun intended) to welcome Judge Burgher to our school, live from her court in Birmingham. She is a judge in the family Court and she agreed to talk to us as part of our 'People Who Inspire Us Project'. The children were hanging on her every word as she described her life from very humble and poor beginnings. She



Her Honour Judge Burgher

said that she never thought, and nobody else would have ever thought that she could have become a judge. Her message to us was that we really can be anything that we want to be. We would dearly love members of our community to be a part of this, so if you think you have a story to tell that would inspire the children, please get in touch.

As part of our work on spirituality, Duncan Fraser has talked a lot to the children about what this means. We are all agreed that it's a very difficult concept, but pictures and stories can help us. We decided on the concept that if our body is a boat that sails on the ocean of life, then our spirit is the rudder which helps guide us to making healthy choices for ourselves and others.

We will be having an art competition in school to depict what spirituality means to us and we looking forward to sharing this with you.

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## Churchfields News

As we settle into the New Year, staff and residents at Churchfields Care Home have been resting, relaxing, and taking part in lots of winter activities. Recently, everyone has enjoyed catching up with one another, but most of all with their loved ones. The residents have particularly enjoyed giving Benji lots of cuddles, whilst taking selfies.

In the last month, we held a Pamper Day session within the home, with residents enjoying gentle massages, and having their hair and nails done. Residents have also become a dab hand at making chocolate covered marshmallows, as they have all enjoyed becoming chocolatiers this month.



The Churchfields Bar area has had a lot of use recently, with residents delighting in a tipples of an evening, whilst enjoying a chat and card games. Residents have missed their visit to the local Cassington pub, The Chequers, during lockdown, but fortunately Churchfields built their onsite public house two years ago at the residents' request. Residents mentioned they wanted somewhere 'cosy to sit', enjoy a drink and also to socialise. The drinking hole is open all day and residents can order any drink they like, at any time.



This comes as more care homes are now being urged to open onsite pubs after staff have revealed they boosted residents' morale during lockdowns, according to [carehome.co.uk](http://carehome.co.uk).

Churchfields Activities Coordinator, Faye Tanner, said; "Residents love to use the area to socialise, chat with friends and relax. When families visit the residents, they often use the area to play cards, board games or dominoes.



"The bar is a central part of the home and it is used by everyone. For us, it is extra special because it was built and designed around our residents' requests. It's become even more valuable now because of the pandemic and we are able to bring the atmosphere of the pub into the home, in a safe environment."

As well as the bar area, our new summer house is up and running, and we are busy getting ready for planting in the spring. Barry is also hard at work preparing our allotment for all our favourite vegetables and summer fruits.



Don't forget that Churchfields are currently recruiting for new care assistants and looking for individuals who share our commitment and enthusiasm for care. Join our professional, friendly, fun and supportive team, and in return you will

receive a fulfilling career. All enquiries of interest welcome. Successful candidates will benefit from excellent training opportunities, high staff ratio, strong leadership, and supportive management.

Contact Steph Eley at Churchfields to find out more about these exciting job opportunities, call 01865 881440 or email [manager@churchfieldscarehome.co.uk](mailto:manager@churchfieldscarehome.co.uk). In the meantime, please keep following us on Facebook to see how daily life continues at Churchfields!

## WI NEWS

Firstly I must apologise for giving wrong information last month with regard to our speaker. In fact this month we had the pleasure of John Richards telling us about "The Magic of Movies" and that's just what it was, magical.

We had a full house this month with several village members joining us. John told the history of silent film from The Gold Rush starring Charlie Chaplin in 1925, to Goldfinger with Sean Connery in 1964, The Godfather with Marlon Brando, up to The Full Monty and many classics before and after. There were so many stars included like John Wayne, Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Judy Garland to name but a few, and for some of us it was a nostalgic trip down memory lane. Many of these old movies are repeated on television, and during the festive season some of us loved seeing them again for the umpteenth time, including yours truly.

Our next meeting will be on February 17th when our speaker will explain the pastime of quilting.  
Maggie Nightingale

## Woodstock and District u3a



The Branch's January speaker meeting featured Alan Jones, who provided what he described as 'a fantastic journey of discovery round your body.' And, indeed, in no more than 40 minutes, he rattled through such fundamental matters as how our skin is a uniquely good water-proof, the strength of bones (better than concrete) and the unmatched speed of signals zipping through our nervous system.

The Branch's next Speaker meeting (Thursday 10th February 2. p.m.) should be available both on-line and in person at Woodstock's St. Hugh's Centre on Hensington Road. The speaker will be wildlife photographer Tom Way, his subject 'Wildlife on your doorstep'. As always, check our website - [www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock).

Meanwhile, most of the Branch's individual interest Groups are meeting in person but keeping to current regulations. Several Groups meet in the Guide/Scout hut in Hensington Road car park while others look forward to Spring and the possibility of outdoor meetings. Full details, as always, on the Branch website ([www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock)).

## TREASURE HOUNDS

by Helen Barr

It was another drizzly day. Scraps of sun whimpered into the gloaming. There was a ping on several mobiles (no, it wasn't NHS test and trace!).

'Anyone going up the track?'

A jangle of leads followed. Bobby and Percy fell over each other, racing for the front door. Freddie bounced around the sofas, knocking all the cushions to the floor. Lottie looked up from her water bowl, ears twitching, while Honey pawed excitedly at her gate. Sadly, Luna and Bambi were not free. Angus ran round and round the table. Despite the time it took his human to catch him, Angus was first out. He trotted obediently until it came to the turning to the allotments. Then he sat down.

'Where are they?'

His human tried to coax him up the track. Angus just sat. He was waiting for his friends.

Then out of the thicket bounded Freddie, followed by Lottie. And then there were Bobby and Percy, tails like excitable bunting. Bobby high fived with Freddie and Lottie; and they all (apart from Percy who was sniffing a branch) then jumped on Angus. What a brilliant game! Round and round they went. Sometimes it was Lottie underneath, but mostly it was Angus. Freddie jumped over and under them all, while Bobby supplied running commentary. Lottie had just rolled over so that Bobby could lick her tummy when Honey raced onto the scene. It was a good job that no-one else had decided to go out for a walk; the track was a tumble-dryer of dogs.

The humans carried on walking, checking from time to time that none of the dogs had done a runner.

'What's for tea everyone?'

Fish pie, jacket potatoes, roast chicken, vegetable curry, pasta.

The smallest human (and he was very much the smallest) was on a mission: to get even muddier than he'd got yesterday. He had even more energy (if that was possible) than all the dogs together. He slid down the BMX track and splashed his wellingtons in the water. Then he smeared mud on his face so that no-one could see him. He'd learnt the word 'camouflage' the day before.

But the dogs could see him. They all raced towards him. First Freddie leapt over him, then Honey. Lottie ran down the slope and scrambled to the other side. Bobby went with her, as ever. Percy was sniffing another branch. Angus didn't like mud, but he was not to be left out. Closing his eyes, he did the biggest jump of his life and landed in the field. Not too much mud on his coat. Unlike the smallest human and his dog friends.

The bigger humans didn't want the dogs on the field, so they whistled them back. One of them could do the loudest whistle you'd ever heard. (Apparently she is also an ace limbo dancer). Smelling treats on the other side of the BMX, the dogs came hurtling back over the smallest human who still had his hands over his eyes so that no-one could see him.

All of them were back except Angus. He had wanted to jump over to be with the others. But he was frightened of the water and scared to jump back. The smallest human started

chanting his name and crawled muddily back up the BMX. The bigger humans joined in (the chanting - not the BMX skid). It was touch and go. Would one of the humans have to slither down and coax him back? And then Angus summoned all his courage, closed his eyes to the filthy mud, and did his best long jump ever. Even better than Greg Rutherford on Super Sunday in the Olympics.

All the humans sighed with relief. Night was falling, and they had tea to get on with. They were just nearing the gate when suddenly, all the dogs stopped. Noses twitched; tails spiralled like toilet brushes. As one, they raced into the thicket. All the whistling in the world couldn't get them back. Perhaps there was a squirrel, or a deer?

There was no option. The humans had to follow them. Fortunately, one of them had a hat with a light in it, and two of the others had torches. It wasn't hard to spy them, even if some human coats got small tears from the thorns and some faces got scraped by the branches. There they all were - in a circle. In the centre was Honey: digging and digging and digging. Freddie joined in. Bobby supplied commentary on proceedings. The other dogs watched.

The humans edged closer. Several of them were rewarded with a face full of mud for their efforts. Freddie and Honey had very strong legs and fast. The smallest human was delighted. No-one could ever see him now.

One by one, the dogs were caught. Disconsolately they allowed themselves to be put back on their leads. Tails drooped. But what was so interesting? What were they digging for? One of the humans went over to what was now a very deep hole. She shone her torch. There was something glinting. Worried that the others would be waiting, she quickly sifted the soil. They probably wouldn't be able to find the place in the morning. 'I won't be long', she called, 'I think the dogs have found something'.

It turned out to be an old ring pull. But just as she was about to turn away, she saw something else. Carefully, she extracted it. It was very small; clearly just a shard of something much bigger. But it reminded her of something, and it was certainly not made of aluminium.

She re-joined the others who were now quite anxious to get back home.

'I may have found something important', she said. 'I'll let you know in the morning. It's quite tiny, but it might be the start of something big'.

There were no jacket potatoes that night.



Picture by Lila Batt



## TEA TIME TEASER

This month we have anagrams of countries. Can you work out which countries they are, and then what they all have in common?

Answers next month

1. LAMIAW
2. WNATBOAS
3. TAIUAR
4. AEKUNIR
5. GAPYRUAA
6. BMAZBEWI
7. ALSO
8. LUSEBAR

Answers to last month's New Year traditions:

1. Walking around with an empty suitcase. COLOMBIA
2. Eating one grape for each strike of midnight. SPAIN
3. Throwing old furniture out of the window. SOUTH AFRICA
4. Smashing plates and other china. DENMARK
5. Dressing up as dancing bears. ROMANIA
6. Throwing water - having a water fight! THAILAND
7. Cutting an apple in half to read the pips. CZECH REPUBLIC
8. Jump in the ocean at midnight and jump 7 waves. BRAZIL

## Gardening Tips for February



- Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
- Chit potato tubers
- Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches
- Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
- Prune wisteria
- Prune hardy evergreen hedges
- Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
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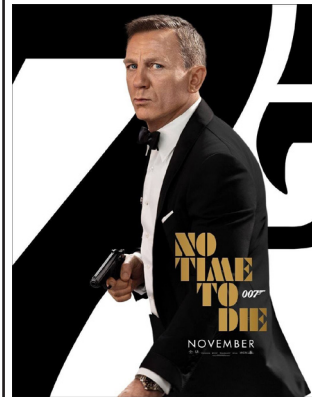
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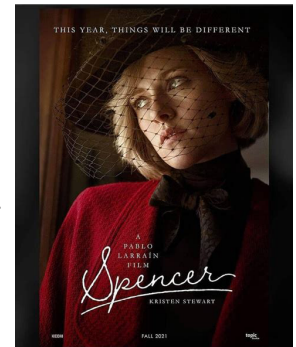
On Friday 18th February the new James Bond film "No Time To Die" comes to the village Hall.



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.

On Friday 4th March the film will be "Spencer".

During her Christmas holidays with the royal family at the Sandringham estate in Norfolk, England, Diana Spencer, struggling with mental health problems, decides to end her decade-long marriage to Prince Charles. Starring Kristen Stewart, Timothy Spall and Jack Nielen.



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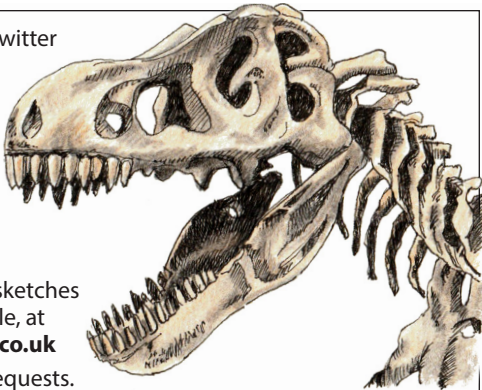
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# what's on?

## Dates for your diary

### 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

### March 2022

Thursday 3rd 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 4th 7pm	Film 'Spencer'
Saturday 19th 10am-4pm	Eynsham Heritage Day
Sunday 20th	April CAWN deadline

For details of Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, County and District Councillors, Village Hall, Pavilion, and MUGA booking fees please see the village website: [www.cassington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.cassington-pc.gov.uk)

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## **VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ELECTRIC VEHICLE SURVEY**

One of the main barriers currently preventing Oxfordshire residents making the switch to electric vehicles (EVs) is a lack of charging infrastructure. As a first step to exploring the possibility of installing EV charge points in the village, we would appreciate your help with the following questionnaire. Please circle the most appropriate answer.

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Q1 Do you currently own or lease any of the following? Select all that apply

A petrol or diesel powered vehicle (indicate number per household)

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A fully electric vehicle (indicate number per household)

Q2 How often do you use your current vehicle(s)?

- (a) 1 – 2 times a week
- (b) 3 – 4 times a week
- (c) More than 5 times a week

Q3 Approximately, how many miles do you drive each week?

- (a) Under 50
- (b) 50 to 150
- (c) 151 – 250
- (d) Over 250

Q4. What type of parking do you have at your property?

- (a) Private drive
- (b) Private garage
- (c) Designated street parking
- (d) Shared off-street parking
- (e) No parking

Q5 How likely are you to own an EV:

- (a) In the next year:    very likely      possibly      not very likely      definitely will not
- (b) In the next five years:    very likely      possibly      not very likely      definitely will not
- (c) In the next ten years:    very likely      possibly      not very likely      definitely will not
- (d) Not applicable – already own/lease an EV

Q6 Please rank the following factors in terms of their impact in terms of deterring you from purchasing/leasing an EV. Use a 1 – 6 scale, where 1 is the most influential and 6 the least.

- (a) Cost of vehicle
- (b) Limited charging facilities
- (c) Unsuitable for lifestyle/family requirements
- (d) Inconvenience
- (e) Limited choice of vehicles
- (f) Technical challenges e.g. limited battery charge (distance you are able to travel before recharging)

Q7. If you were to use an electric vehicle, other than at home, where would you be most likely to charge your vehicle if charging facilities were made available?

- (a) Place of employment
- (b) Local train station
- (c) Village Hall car park
- (d) Supermarket car park