

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Margaret Olive Frances Collier

100 years old on 14th June 2022



Margaret Collier was born Margaret Hedges on 14th June 1922. Her parents lived in Osney Mead, Botley. She had an elder brother and two younger sisters. As the eldest of the girls she did all the errands. She remembers getting milk from the cows, which she carried home in a little metal pail.

There were two shops at the end of the street, where she would be sent if something was needed.

On one occasion she recalls being sent to buy sauce. She bought HP sauce, which she tasted on the way home, as the bottle was not sealed. When she got home she was told to take it back as her father wanted Daddy's sauce. As it was obvious there was some missing from the bottle, where she had tried it, she filled the bottle with puddle water, so the shopkeeper wouldn't know!

Margaret left school at 15 and became a florist, in the covered market in Oxford. When war broke out she, and the other girls in the florists, would be sent up on to the roof of the covered market to look out for German incendiary bombs.



Eventually she was called up as her job as a florist was not considered essential work. She went to de Havilland where she worked as a sheet metal worker mending Spitfires. It was while she was there that she met her husband Lovell Stuart Collier, known as Richard or Dick, who was an electrician also working on Spitfires.

They married in 1945 and went to live in Adelaide Street, off Walton Street. Their daughter Janet was born in 1950. They later moved to Wolvercote, and then in 1959 they bought a bungalow in Eynsham Road, Cassington.

Subsequent house moves took them to Horsemere Lane, and for a time out of the village. In 1988 Margaret moved in with her daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Nick Clarke, where she has her own little house at the back of theirs.

Margaret has 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, who all live in Cassington.

CONGRATULATIONS MA'AM

This month we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11, and we acknowledge her 70 years of selfless devotion and duty to this country. There will be celebrations all over the country during the first weekend in June, so we do hope you enjoy the activities that are happening in the village.

Please do support the party on Saturday night and the tea party on Sunday afternoon. Full details can be found on page 3.



Back in 1977 the country celebrated the Queen's Silver Jubilee and the festivities in



Cassington included a carriage race which took place on the school playing fields and was won by Tina Perrin, pushing Angie in her very stylish wheelbarrow carriage.

Everyone got into the spirit by designing their own red, white and blue hats! A party was held on the green outside the houses along Eynsham Road.



Everyone was celebrating, including the local bobby! Many thanks to Tina and Angie Perrin for finding these wonderful photographs. Let's make 2022 a similarly memorable year.

welcome

Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 450th edition of CAWN, which is dedicated to the Jubilee celebrations and all things Royal. I have very much enjoyed putting this edition together and speaking to some of the older members of our community about where they were when the coronation took place. I have also spoken with some of those amongst us who have met the Queen or members of the Royal Family, and in many cases they have provided little vignettes of their experiences. You will find these memories throughout this issue. Thank you to all those who sent in their memories, and particularly to the residents of Churchfields Care Home, for sharing some of their stories.

A number of our older residents recalled events from war time and the 1940's, including some wonderful pictures of Mr Garbey Youth Club Fete at Cassington Feast Weekend, towards the end of the war in the 1940's provided by Marjorie Quainton. I am also most grateful to Tina Perrin for the photos of the Silver Jubilee that you will have seen on the front page.

It was a huge pleasure to interview one of our oldest residents, Margaret Collier, who is about to celebrate her 100th birthday: an impressive achievement. I came away with such a wealth of stories. I am sure I shall have to devote future issues to events from Cassington's past.

I hope you enjoy this edition, and I hope to see you at one or other of the events that have been planned for the Jubilee weekend.

Anne x

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MARSHALLS WANTED

After a couple of quiet years, the roar of motorcycles will return to Cassington on Monday 27th June 2022 and we are still in desperate need of some marshalling support.

If you can spare an hour or two on the night to keep bikes moving and pedestrians safe please email Dan Bakewell at CassingtonBikeNight@hotmail.com

To find out a bit more about marshalling, or just to learn more about the event, please do come along to our optional Marshall training evening at Cassington Village Hall on Monday 13th June at 7.30pm.

No experience needed, please do help if you can, it does feel great to be a part of it.

Cassington Bike Night Committee

June stargazing highlights

June 14 - Full Moon, Supermoon.

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 Strawberry Moon because it signaled the time of year to gather ripening fruit. It also coincides with the peak of the strawberry harvesting season. This moon has also been known as the Rose Moon and the Honey Moon. This is also the first of three supermoons for 2022. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

June 16 - Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation.

The planet Mercury reaches greatest western elongation of 23.2 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 morning sky. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

June 21 - June Solstice.

The June solstice occurs when the North Pole is tilted toward the Sun, which will have reached its northernmost position in the sky and will be directly over the Tropic of Cancer. This is the first day of summer (summer solstice) in the Northern Hemisphere.

June 29 - New Moon.

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

PLATINUM JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND EVENTS



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or bring your own

Prize for the Best Crown!

Games include:
Treasure Hunt, Tug of War,
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Rounders, giant outdoor games

If it is raining then tea will be provided in the Pavilion - but numbers are limited to 100 at any one time! Please check village Facebook page on Sunday morning



At the time of the coronation I was living in Rotherham, Yorkshire, working as a teacher in a secondary school. I was 18 years old. I remember it was a big occasion and I went to London, with a friend, for the day. We walked from the station into the centre of London where there were crowds of people.
Janet Barnes



What's On at The Red Lion

Friday 3rd June

Queen's Jubilee celebration Garden party
Family fun in the Red Lion garden
Bouncy castle
Bbq 3-5pm
Pimms bar (inside pub)

Saturday 4th June

Queen's Jubilee Garden party
Family fun in the Red Lion Garden
Big Bouncy slide and Inflatable Garden games
Bbq 3-5pm
Pimms bar (inside pub)

The Cassington Clan What were they thinking?

Team captain Angela Jameson with Lucy Brincombe, Catherine Chapman and Jo Chesterton are training for a triathlon-with-a-difference in the Brecon Beacons on June 11th. In the dawn to dusk event, The Cassy Clan will cycle a total 55 miles, canoe two miles and hike an 8-mile round trip to summit Pen Y Fan, the highest mountain there.

'It's a weekend away' one is thought to have gasped, staggering up towards Henman's Farm. 'A spa would have been easier', someone else muttered.

They are raising money for Action Medical Research, which funds vital research into diseases that devastate the lives of sick and disabled babies, children and young people. If you'd like to support them, you can do so here:
<https://www.justgiving.com/team/cassyclan>
Thank-you!



I was 6 years old at the Coronation and I remember it was a very exciting day. It seemed as if everyone had the day off work. We were living in Shropshire and we had a TV with a 9 inch screen. Someone made a big square magnifying glass which was put in front of the screen, so we could all see it. All the neighbours came in to watch. I remember I wore a red, white and blue dress.
Cassie Lloyd.



If these walls could speak

900 years ago Henry I was on the throne of England. He became King just thirty-four years after William the Conqueror won the battle of Hastings. And 900 years ago St.Peter's Church, Cassington, was consecrated by Bishop Robert Bloet, the Bishop of Lincoln with charge of Eysham Abbey, on 9 Januray 1123 for use as a place of Christian worship. That was all a long time ago!

The present congregation of St.Peter's is keen to celebrate this landmark in a variety of ways throughout the year 2023. This is also an opportunity for us all, whatever our faith background, to celebrate the community of Cassington that has gathered around St.Peters across the changing centuries. As I sit in the church writing this article I wonder: 'If these walls could speak, what stories would they tell?': tales of joy, marriages and new births in Cassington, mourning as loved ones are lost, political upheavals, times of tragedy and triumph, times of scarcity and times of blessing.

Plans are beginning to take shape for celebrations but there is plenty of opportunity to come up with some ideas and join in. John Hemmingway is chairing the 900 years committee and would love to hear your ideas.

The walls of St.Peter's have been witness to the life of this community across the centuries, but they cannot speak. That task is left to us.

Massive thanks to everyone who's given so far.

Our target is £750 from Cassington, and here's the link to our donation page:

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John Hemingway



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JUNE 2022

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.

Services this month

Sunday 5th June (Pentecost) – 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 12th June - 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

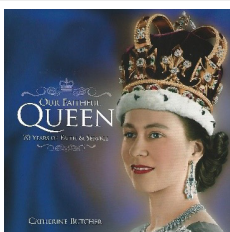
Tuesday 14th June – Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 19th June – 9.30am Morning Worship

**Sunday 26th June - 9.30am Holy Communion
- 6pm Evening Prayer**

**On-line streamed services are available every Sunday from 10.30 am at
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Whatever you think of the monarchy as an institution, or any other individuals in the royal family, one thing that the vast majority of people in this country can agree on is the devotion to duty of our current Queen.

The young Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor took on a role that she never expected, but that circumstances thrust upon her. She, however, committed herself to the task with the promise of her devoted service which she has, ever since, sacrificially given. Driven by her sense of calling and devotion, and her strong Christian faith, our Queen has earned our admiration and our respect.

To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen the members

of St Peter's church Cassington are pleased to provide a free copy of this, beautifully illustrated, commemorative book to every household in the village. The book highlights the motivation, faith and prayers of the Queen leading up to her coronation and over the years. Members of the church will deliver the books during the week of the Jubilee. Please enjoy and keep your copy with our best wishes.

On Sunday June 5th at 9.30am we are having a special, family friendly, Jubilee service at St Peter's Church giving thanks for our Queen and her service – please join us.

Revd Duncan Fraser, Revd Roger Aston and all at St Peter's church.

P.S. At the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 every household in the village received a commemorative New Testament of the Bible which we have often referred to in CAWN. Unfortunately these are no longer in print but if you have moved to the village since then, or have lost your copy, then you can pick up a free copy of a New Testament from the church.



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I was living in Stapleton/Hanham, Bristol when the coronation took place. I was 12 years old. We didn't have a TV, but I remember my Mother took me to the cinema where we watched it. I remember going to

a big street party.
Ursula Stunt



In 1940 I volunteered for the army. Once the war ended I started testing lubricating oil. At first I lived in East Ham, London. Later I moved to Vauxhall, and I became a manager at the aviation department at Heathrow. On the day of the coronation I was working, fuelling the aeroplanes because of all the visitors from other countries.

John Kemp



I don't remember the Coronation, but I have been to Buckingham Palace. In 2006 I was awarded an MBE for services to the community, which was such a lovely surprise. It made me cry. I was delighted that it was

Prince Charles who was presenting the awards that day, as he is my favourite of the Royals.
Maureen Tweney

Children and Military Lives Exhibition Stories of Adventure, Family, and Exile



The exhibition running from 2 June to 24 November 2022 at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock explores the experience of children of serving military personnel and also children who have been affected by conflict, historically and contemporarily.

To bring this exhibition to visitors, Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum have partnered with Little Troopers, a charity which supports all children who have parents serving in the British Armed Forces. SOFO Museum has also collected accounts from children of the 1950s to 2000s, whose parents were part of the British forces.

Also included in the exhibition, the unique photo series War Toys vividly brings to life the effects of war on children living in conflict zones around the world. Acting as their own art directors, children often living in refugee camps are given the opportunity to depict real scenes from their experiences using toys and the local terrain.



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Blenheim Palace Flower Show 24th-26th June

A riot of colour, fragrance and weird and wonderful plants, the 20,000 square foot Grand Floral Pavilion forms the centrepiece of the Show and features the UK's finest nurseries and growers giving expert advice and gardening ideas.

Visitors can enjoy Garden Talks with experts and enthusiasts, fabulous food and drink as well as more than 300 exhibitors, an outdoor Plant Village and live entertainment throughout the weekend.

The Blenheim Palace Flower Show is the perfect place to discover your favourite plants, flowers and an array of gardening goodies from unique garden gazebos, greenhouses and arbours to beautiful flowers, gardening sundries and hundreds of other products.

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Cassington Allotment Spring Plant Sale

The sun shone for our first allotment event this year, in welcome contrast to 2021's rather wet occasion! The long spate of frosty nights and very dry April meant that some of our seedlings weren't quite as big as we'd hoped, but we still sold lots of fabulous plants to happy customers. There were strawberries, sweetcorn, salads, beans, brassicas and more, as well as lots of lovely ornamental flowers. Visitors came from as far as Burford and we had so many lovely comments about how beautiful the site is. It was lovely too, to see so many young children taking an interest in the plants and enjoying the visit.



Along with the cake and tool sale (special thanks to all the generous help and donations) we raised a whopping £276.59 which will really bolster the funds of the Allotment Association. We have lots planned for the future including more open days and events, an improved community garden and some fruit tree planting. Watch this space for more exciting news from the plots.



A final huge thanks to all the growers and helpers on the day, particularly the Johnson kids who gave up their Saturday to help. There is a Facebook Page for Cassington Allotments you can 'follow' and please do share photos and updates of how your plants are doing in the Cassington Village Facebook group. We would love to see where our seedlings ended up!



I have always had huge admiration for the Royal Family. During the war the King and Queen were much loved and respected for the way they shared in the hardships and rationing, and stayed in London as a focus of loyalty and comfort. I always felt a special connection to the Princesses because I was named Margaret Ann Elizabeth.

The King was my hero and I thought he was very brave speaking in public, taking on something he was not naturally good at. I considered him as handsome as my father, and obviously better at tennis! My four year old self thought the war would soon be over if the King challenged that nasty shouty Mr Hitler to single combat. It was obvious the King would win, but it never seemed to happen.

My admiration for our Queen grows with age. Her father died young and she too had to take on the Royal role before her time. She shows great courage in being a sitting duck for snipers when on horseback during the Trooping of the Colour. My Irish friends deeply appreciated her visit to Ireland. Her intuition in knowing when to stay silent in prayer, and one friend was moved to tears with her choice of green outfits.

She has not been spared the hazards of family life or political vagaries, but she shows the creative wisdom of her long experience, and we should not underestimate the influence she is able to have on national affairs.

Margaret Bonfiglioni

SPSA News



We raised an amazing £1133 (correct at writing) by running the #100 challenge (inspired by Captain Sir Thomas Moore) again this year following its success last year. Many thanks to anyone who took part to take on their own mini-challenge and raise funds for the school – it is always gratefully appreciated.

Just before Easter, we sent the children the usual Easter Egg Hunt – finding laminated eggs around the school field to be traded in for chocolate eggs – a little Easter treat!

For Bike Night we will be running a BBQ again, serving burgers, hotdogs and cold drinks, along with the helmet store and hopefully cafe. I know we already have some help from outside the school community, but we will welcome any help if you have a desire (or skill) to be involved in any of the above, please contact us via the school office.

Garry Peasley and Louise Judd (Co-Chairs)



We were living in Oxford when the coronation happened. It was a big event. We had a TV at home so we were able to watch it as it happened. I don't remember going to any street party. Years later I met the Queen at Windsor when my son Martin was given an OBE. It was a great day but I forgot to curtsy to the Queen!

Sheila Woodley

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Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee has received the reply from WODC and there are a few changes that need to be made.

Horsmere Lane and Cassington Lights.

The Parish Council are still awaiting a reply from OCC with regards to the Bio-Diversity meeting. It seems that there has been a few changes in the project.

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 decide shortly. No decision has been made yet.

Play Area

The zip wire has now been fixed. If you notice any issues please let the Clerk know. WODC have moved the bin in the play area and there should be a new bin placed in the car park for people to use to for dog waste.

Walls both dry stone and pointed

Mr & Mrs Finlay are working in the register. They hope to complete in within the next 3 months. Depending on the weather.

Speed watch

This has been going very well with plenty of people being caught by the Speed Watch Group

Parish Council Elections

We now have 3 new Councillors to join Cllr Metcalf and Cllr King. These are Cllr Mills, Cllr Rogers and Cllr Thompson.

Clerk contact details

Mrs Tracey Cameron
Email cassingtonclerk@cassington-pc.gov.uk
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Monday 08:15 – 11:15
Tuesday 11:00 – 14:30
Wednesday 09:00 – 12:00
Thursday 10:45 – 14:15
Friday 11:30 – 12:30

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

You stated in your Welcome to the May CAWN that you thought there had not been a Parish Council election in living memory. Whilst I accept that may be true for the great majority of those now living in Cassington, nevertheless there is still a small (and sadly dwindling) number of us who can recall the need for elections in the 1970's and 80's during which time I had the privilege of being elected Chairman. Indeed there was sometimes a little canvassing so keen were people to serve on the Parish Council.

The monthly meetings were regarded as one of the village highlights. The hall (then vastly different to today's hall) would be full and, if there was something controversial on the Agenda, it would be packed. One parishioner always brought her knitting and another would fall asleep soon after the meeting began and sometimes had to be woken up at the end.

If, just after a meeting began, the double doors at the end of the hall were flung open and Buller Hatwell entered, usually closely followed by Grand Pa Partridge (Roy's father),

one knew that the meeting was likely to be both long and heated with much finger pointing and "just you listen to me" resounding around the hall. Usually the outbursts were aimed at either the Vicar (Rev Peter Wilkins) or myself, which the rest of the attendees found highly amusing, but we all ended up as friends - until the next time!

Whilst I am sure the new Council will not have to face such occasions it is good to know that there is a renewed interest in serving the Parish as a Councillor, for today's problems are so much greater than previously. They deserve and, I hope will receive, the support of more of the village at their meetings than has been the case over the last few years.

Finally to the applicant who was not successful in the election I would like to offer thanks for standing and hope that he will not be put off standing again on the next occasion.

Good luck to the new Council.

Mike Linnell.

Thanks to Tina Perrin for this poster.

NOTICE OF POLL

Election of Parish Councillors for the Parish of **CASSINGTON**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

- A Poll for the Election of Parish Councillors for the above named Parish will be held on **THURSDAY, the SIXTH day of MAY, 1982, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.**
- The number of Parish Councillors to be elected for the Parish is **FIVE**.
- The full names, in alphabetical order, and other particulars of the Candidates remaining validly nominated, and the names of the Proposers and Seconders who signed the respective Nomination Papers are as follows:

CANDIDATES					
Surname	Other Names (in full)	Description (if any)	Home Address (in full)	Proposer	Secunder
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LINNELL	Michael John	Solicitor	Farways, Worton Road, Cassington, Oxford	J. MacRae	J. Butterworth
MACRAE	Joan Mary		16, The Tennis, Bell Lane, Cassington, Oxford	Pat Evans	Daphne F. A. Russell
PARTRIDGE	George Roy	Independent	The Mill House, Eynsham Road, Cassington, Oxford OX2 1DB	E. L. Hale	J. D. Waters
PERRIN	Robert Cyril	Bricklayer	67 Eynsham Road, Cassington, Oxon	M. E. Rogers	Robert MacDowell Daniels
ROGERS	Martin Eric	Farmer	Wharf Farm, Eynsham Road, Cassington, Oxford OX2 1DB	H. J. Humphries	W. D. Newport

- The situation of the Polling Stations and description of the persons entitled to vote thereat are as follows:

POLLING STATION: Village Hall, Cassington	All Qualified Electors on the Register of Electors for the Parish of Cassington
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CHURCHFIELDS NEWS



Over the last few weeks, staff and residents at Churchfields Care Home have been keeping busy with lots of spring activities, celebrations and excitement at the home. Firstly, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the long-awaited return to our local pub,

The Chequers. The residents particularly enjoyed sipping on their coffees and having a good old catch-up!

Some of our residents have been enjoying the sunshine on our patio-balcony area, whilst others have been refilling the bird feeders and admiring our beautiful homegrown petunias and geraniums.

We also celebrated our much-loved resident, Ursula's, birthday here at Churchfields. She had a fabulous day full of excitement, laughter and joy.



Everyone in the home also got involved with V.E celebrations and reminiscing through the use of our mojo arts and crafts kit - a specialist kit for older people to enjoy, and it always goes down a storm at Churchfields!



We are pleased to share that we will also be borrowing the Cycling without Age Trishaw soon - so keep an eye out for us around the Cassington village as we plan to have a ride out and about!

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OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

The penultimate week of April was quite something. Back home for a week off work, I drove an electric BMW, beat Dad and Dan at go karting, and shook hands with the drummer of Status Quo.

I'm sure John Corgan was star struck to finally meet his drumming idol. The truth is, I dropped my sticks more than I've had hot meals when I used to play in a band. That could partially be because I don't heat my meals properly. Not only have Norwich City been relegated, but the office microwave has broken, so it's a very trying time.

As for romance this month, a woman who wasn't hitting on me said "I'm not hitting on you but you have very pretty eyes," and my dental nurse said "you have great bone structure," which is obviously something I work very hard on.

Hard work is also how I'd describe my first kayaking experience. Peaceful and relaxing it was not for a man lacking muscle, despite his great bone structure and very pretty eyes.

But I'm a man of the people, so I agreed to be interviewed by a Bournemouth University student for their dissertation. Unfortunately, when the people are eight minutes late, it creates a poor first impression.

Which is exactly what I created when I went speed dating and told an attractive Irish woman that I didn't like her hometown of Dublin because a man tried to steal my pizza when I went there.

Maybe I should just remain single.



At the time of the coronation I was living in Weston-on-the-Green. I got married in 1949. My daughter was born in 1950 and my son in 1951, so they were both very young. In the village hall there was a TV, and all the village came there to watch it. It was very exciting. One child had whooping cough, and all the other children caught it.

There was still rationing. Food was hard to get, and village life was quite crude in those days. There were no fridges or freezers. We had a pantry on the cool side of the house. Grandma rubbed vinegar on the meat to stop it going bad. We used to heat the water in a copper.

I never met the Queen, but I did go to London for Princess Margaret's wedding. We went up the night before and stayed on the Mall in order to be in the front row. We took a small bottle of brandy to help us keep warm!

Gladys Peat

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Recipe of the Month

Coronation Chicken

The original Coronation chicken was invented by Constance Spry and Rosemary Hume, who was the founder of the Le Cordon Bleu cookery school. It was made for the banquet following the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. The original dish is basically cooked chicken with a simple curried mayonnaise dressing.

Since then the recipe has been adapted by chefs and home cooks, so that in some cases it bears little resemblance to the original. One major difference is that in those days it was not easy to buy fresh curry spices in the UK, so the original recipe calls for curry powder. Of course these days many people mix their own curry spices, but here is the original recipe!

Ingredients

Cooked chicken - (see 1. under Method)
Dried apricots
Mayonnaise
Whipped cream
Olive oil
Curry powder
White onion (or shallot)
Red wine
Bay leaf
Lemon juice
A pinch of sugar
Salt & pepper

Method

1. Poach the chicken in a big pot of water with a carrot, a bay leaf, a splash of wine, a little fresh thyme and parsley, and a few peppercorns for 40 minutes. Then when it has cooled chop into pieces.
2. Heat the olive oil in a large frying pan over medium-low heat.
3. Add in the onion, bay leaf and curry powder and gently cook for 2 minutes.
4. Add in the tomato paste, red wine and water and bring to a gentle boil.
5. Pour in the lemon juice and a pinch of sugar, then season with salt and freshly cracked black pepper to taste.
6. Simmer for 2 minutes, until the sauce is slightly reduced, then remove from the heat. Strain the sauce through a fine sieve and allow it to cool.
7. Once the sauce is cold, you can fold in the remaining ingredients.
8. In a large bowl mix together the prepared sauce with the mayonnaise, chopped apricots and whipped cream or you can use creme fraiche.
9. Add in the chicken chunks, optional almond flakes, and gently mix all the ingredients together.

There are many different ways to serve Coronation chicken. Some suggestions are in a sandwich, with a green salad, with rice, or on a baked potato.

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You ask for connections with the Royal family - I don't have any on the Queen but I have information when she was a child. Elizabeth and Margaret spent a lot of their summer holidays at Blenheim when they were children.



My father, Charlie Quinton, used to spend a lot of time helping Mr Day at his farm on the Burley Road (Mr Cooks now). The children from Blenheim used to ride their fairy cycles down to see Mr Day's sister who was housekeeper. They came to see the cats & kittens. They played havoc getting in the way, especially at hay making, when they would be jumping on the carts and having rides.



The Dukes son's 21st birthday was just after the war, and all the young of the villages connected to Blenheim were invited. A coach was laid on, and as the local lads had just demobed it was a very happy party. Elizabeth and Margaret were there. Barrels of beer had been provided on the terrace, so it became very lively! Ginger Warne bet Jessie Bowerman he wouldn't ask Elizabeth for a dance, so of course he did! It ended up being a great time for all with the Blenheim crowd.



These photos are from Mr Garbey Youth Club Fete at Cassington Feast Weekend, towards the end of the war in the 1940's
Marjorie Quinton

North Leigh Roman Villa: Mosaic Openings this Summer

Following a very successful Easter holiday opening of the Roman mosaic at North Leigh Roman Villa, here are the dates of future mosaic openings over the Summer:

The mosaics will open 11am - 5pm on:

Sun June 12;

Sat July 23 and Sun July 24;

Wed August 10; Sat August 20 & Sun August 21;

Sat September 17 & Sun September 18 - See mosaic clean in action this weekend.

For more details about openings and access to the site (which can be arduous if you have mobility issues), please visit:

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THE SILVER PIN 2

by Helen Barr

Sun streamed through the open doors of the Great Hall. Frith was teaching the village children to read and write.

He had been in Creston for months now. The whole village had assembled for the moot to decide his punishment. Frith was made to stand on his own in the middle of the hall. Rune made a long speech, but no-one could make head nor tail of it. Then Gilden padded into the middle and sat down by Frith. One by one all the other dogs followed. They made a circle around the prisoner. A small black dog was pointing the wrong way and two others forgot to sit down but the message was clear.

Alfwin turned to his wife. 'It is for you to decide'.

Froda stepped forward. Her voice was like a pure stream rippled with glinting fish.

'We have a choice between death and distrust or kindness and friendship'. She saw how the dogs were shoulder to shoulder in their circle. 'Welcome, Frith, to Creston.'

A great cheer went up. It almost tore the roof off. 'A feast! A feast!' they all cried. Swarthy the Blacksmith punched the air, which was a bad move as he still felt a bit giddy from the night before. The dogs wagged their tails and chased each other round the hall.

Remembering the letter he'd drawn in the dust of the cowshed, Frith asked if he could start a school to teach the girls and boys letters. And to paint and to work with cloth. In the northern kingdoms, he explained, the men and women made beautiful tapestries and clothes.

'But where shall we find all the materials?' asked Froda.

'I know a bloke' said Rune. They turned to him to ask more, but he had already disappeared.

The next day the great hall was filled with paper, crayons, pencils, cloths, and yarns. Frith was astonished. At Ayensham they had used feather quills and ink from soot to write on parchment. He had never seen such fine wools.

Rune winked, 'Job lot! Fell off the back of a lorry!'

Froda raised her eyebrows.

'Sorry!', said Rune, 'lorries haven't been invented yet'. There was no point asking further.

The school thrived. Wynn was perfect at drawing letters though they came out back to front. Frith taught him to embroider. Wynn did the designs from the back of the cloth, and they were outstanding. Wynn's sister, Leffa, hated the sewing; and the dogs kept running off with the yarns. But she was so good at letters she was soon helping Frith teach the younger children.

'My sister loved letters', said Frith, as Leffa patiently untangled a bright red scribble.

'I didn't know you had a sister'.

'She must still be in the north', sighed Frith, 'I think she went to Lindisfarne with my mother'. His hand went to the leather pouch that never left his side.

'Lindisfarne?'

'O I know Lindisfarne', piped up Rune. They had not realised he was there. 'The island that's cut off by sea for half the day. You can hardly step across the causeway for the seals and otters'.

Leffa and Frith just stared. 'Google maps' said Rune. Leffa

and Frith stared harder. 'Ah', said Rune, 'Google's not been invented yet'. And with a bounce of his curly pig tail he was off.

He was gone for weeks. That wasn't unusual. More and more children – and their parents - came to the school. Wynn had made funny coats for the dogs for winter. Leffa could now read stories to the children. Jedda, Swarthy's daughter, made beautiful pictures. Frith was happy, though Wynn sometimes noticed a sadness pass over his face when he touched the pouch at his side.

Autumn had come with drizzle, but the school was sunnier than ever. One morning, there was a huge knocking at the door. Before anyone could answer Rune bounced in like a rabbit that's eaten too many carrots. One of his ears was now as green as his hand.

'Brought someone to see you'.

He took the arm of the young woman beside him. She looked very nervous. Gilden trotted over and licked her hand. She knelt to stroke him.

'Go on then', said Rune, 'we haven't got all day'.

Everyone in the hall stopped what they were doing. Some of the crayons and wools fell from the benches. But the dogs were as still as statues. The woman unclasped a small leather pouch from her belt. She drew out something shiny.

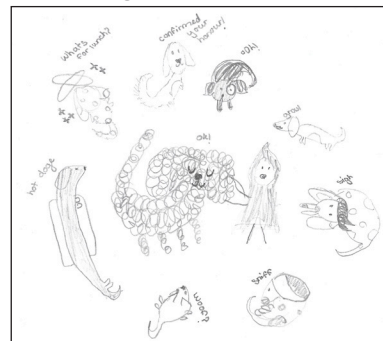
'Is there anyone here that has a silver pin like this one? She held it up. It was no longer than her finger but sparkled so brightly it was like she had a halo round her hand. No-one in Creston had anything so precious.

Frith's heart was pounding. His hands were shaking so badly he could hardly undo the strings of his leather pouch. He walked slowly towards the young woman. 'Like this one?' he asked in a voice that quavered.

The pins were identical. Each had the shape of a sea otter welded into the top. Frith and the young woman could not speak for weeping. They embraced.

Rune cleared his throat, 'Allow me to introduce Freya, daughter of Arnskir, sister of Frith.

He rubbed his green ear. And vanished.



Picture by Lila Batt



I was living in Oxford at the time of the coronation. I had friends who lived in Leytonstone. I went to see them and then we all went to central London and stood in the Mall. We took a picnic and made a day of it. I saw the Queen in her carriage. There were also lots of soldiers on horseback. Some of them were not used to riding horses so they fell off! It was very crowded. We were too far down the Mall to see the Queen on the balcony. In the evening we went back to my friends' house and had a party.

Elaine Jackman

TEA TIME TEASER

This month we have expressions and sayings to do with Royalty? Can you work out what they are?

Answers next month

1. A C may L A A K
2. I T K O T B T one E M I K
3. K O the R
4. L like A K
5. A P among M
6. T P behind T T
7. Take T K S
8. S D M P will C

Answers to last month's colourful expressions:

1. Once In A Blue Moon
2. To Paint The Town Red
3. The Pot Calling The Kettle Black
4. To scream Blue Murder
5. To Be Green with Envy
6. To look As White As A Sheet
7. To see It In Black And White
8. See The World through Rose-Tinted Glasses



My father worked for the railways and when the Queen was crowned I was in London also working for the railways. I don't remember the coronation, but I did meet the Queen during the war when we were both ambulance drivers.
Claire Perrin



I met Nigel in Portsmouth Dockyard when my father was Manager of the Dockyard. I was about 18 years old. Nigel was a young mid-shipman. He had passed out top of his class at Dartmouth, where he was awarded the sword of honour. Prince Philip chose him to be his page at the coronation, which meant he had to hold Prince Philip's train as he went up the aisle. Nigel was a very modest young man - he didn't say he had had this honour - one of his friends told me.

I remember going out with him in his sports car which was a kit car. It was an open top car with no door, so we climbed in over the top. We had a lot of fun for a short time - but being in the services he went to sea and that was it.

I don't have a good memory of the coronation, possibly because we were busy moving from Bath to Portsmouth that year, and we didn't have a TV. I think we listened to it on the radio. I wanted to go to London with a friend and stand in the street, but my parents wouldn't allow it.

I do remember watching the Queen review the Fleet in the Royal Yacht at Spithead. Many people were able to watch it from the shore, but we were lucky enough to go out in a small boat from the Dockyard and get a closer look at the proceedings. I can't remember which year, but it was after the Royal Yacht Britannia was commissioned in 1954. It was possibly one of the first occasions the new yacht had been seen. A naval architect colleague of my father's was one of the main designers which was rather exciting.

I did go to a Buckingham Palace garden party one year. My father was invited along with my mother and unmarried daughters! So my two sisters and I all went.
Rosemary King

Forthcoming Films



On Friday 10th June the film will be "Death on the Nile". Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot's vacation aboard a glamorous river steamer turns into a terrifying search for a murderer when a picture-perfect couple's idyllic honeymoon is tragically cut short. Set against an epic landscape of sweeping Egyptian desert vistas and the majestic Giza pyramids, this tale of unbridled passion and incapacitating jealousy features a cosmopolitan group of impeccably dressed travelers, and enough wicked twists and turns to leave audiences guessing until the final, shocking denouement.

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Cinema nights are ongoing, and we will keep you well informed of future plans via CAWN.

Thank you all once again for your support.
Ady and Bryan.(A and B) Enterprises.



I had just joined the Air Force at the time of the Coronation. I rose up through the ranks and became a Squadron leader. I was fortunate to be selected for the Queen's Flight, which subsequently became the Royal Squadron. This meant I flew the Queen and Prince Philip around the World.
Joe Sharp



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June 2022

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Saturday 4th 8pm	Platinum Jubilee Party
Sunday 5th 2.30pm	Village Tea Party
Friday 10th	Film "Death on the Nile"
Saturday 18th 7.30pm	Bartholomew Players Murder Mystery
Monday 20th	July CAWN deadline
Monday 27th	Bike Night

July 2022

Thursday 7th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 8th	Film "The Duke"
Wednesday 20th	August CAWN deadline

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Gardening Tips for June



- Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds.
- Mow lawns at least once a week, but leave some uncut for wildlife
- Pinch out side shoots on tomato plants.
- Harvest lettuce, radish, salad and early potatoes
- Stake tall or floppy plants
- Prune spring flowering shrubs
- Shade green house to keep cool and prevent scorch

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