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CASSINGTON AND WORTON NEWS

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At the time of this edition going to print a large number of Cassington's youth is in an Oxfordshire field near Steventon, at Truck Festival. This year, returning after two missed years due to COVID, the local event celebrates 25 years of musical entertainment and some readers may previously have attended this much loved local event. This year was extra special for some. Many villagers will recall the Facebook ask to vote for a local band, ex-Bartholomew students, "Danny Mellin" to play at the festival. After shortlisting and voting the band were destined for a big tent at Truck Festival (well maybe not the biggest tent) alongside some big names in the music industry.

An amazing achievement, which was enjoyed by many people on Friday night. The energy of both the performing artists and adoring crowd made the bands appearance at this calibre of festival even more special. Well done lads! And thank YOU for all your votes.

"Danny Mellin" will be playing at Queens Fest in Eynsham on July 30th and the Bullingdon Club, Oxford on September 2nd.
Sara Bolton - proud mum to Elliot, on bass guitar.



PANTO IS BACK....

OH NO IT ISN'T...

YES - really it is! Following the triumph of Camelot three years ago, the truly wonderful Mandy is again setting pen to paper to bring us:

OZ The Panto

You're not in Cassington anymore!

For those who have not been here for a panto before this is an all-village event: you are either performing on stage, working behind the scenes, or joining in as a member of the audience!

If you would like to get involved please email dreamstudios@hotmail.co.uk for more information, or keep a look out for further details in next month's CAWN and/or on Facebook.

All are welcome and no previous experience required. Talent is optional, but the ability to make a fool of yourself is essential!

Dear All,

The dust from Bike Night has settled quickly once again this year, with the village returning to normal as if nothing had ever happened! The village has many new faces, so we thought it would be prudent to explain the structure and financials behind Bike Night.

Bike Night is organised by a small group of volunteer residents who work hard to make sure the tradition of Bike Night is kept alive, whilst also running a safe, fun event that allows the village charities and businesses to benefit financially.

This year, the Bike Night committee spent £3,474.08. This covers public liability insurance, road closures, traffic management and we hire in skips, fire safety equipment, toilets and other small items.



This is funded by attracting local businesses to be part of Bike Night, asking for a donation to the committee. We also shake buckets attracting visitors to drop cash into the buckets and for the first time this year we invested in Chip-and-Pin technology, allowing visitors to donate by card.

Donations from the local businesses raised £3,070.00
Bucket shaking and Chip-and-Pin raised £3,306.52
This gave the committee a surplus of £2,900.00

This is being split between the Village Hall, St Peter's Primary School, The Sports and Social Club and The Church.

If anyone wants a further breakdown of the financials, please do not hesitate to request this by emailing: cassingtonbikenight@hotmail.com

Thanks all the volunteers who help each year.
Thank you!
Your Bike Night Committee

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

welcome Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 452nd edition of CAWN, and a huge thank you to all those who have sent me articles for publication. In particular thanks to those who I hassled at the last minute when I almost didn't have a front page! Well done Elliot's band and thank you Sara for the write up and Lionel for the photo.

Thank you also to Mandy for allowing me to break the exciting news that Panto is BACK! For those who are new to the village you are in for a treat - and I encourage you to get involved. It is very welcoming to all comers and a huge amount of fun is had by all.

On looking through this edition I realise it is quite text heavy. So I wonder if there are any children in the village who would like to draw a picture or two for publication in future editions.

If anyone is at a loose end for what to do over the summer holidays please do encourage your children to draw or paint a view or an object - whatever they like - and either scan and email the picture to cawneditor@gmail.com or put it through my letterbox and I'll scan it. If you want the picture returned please put your address on the envelope and I'll make sure you get the original back.

As always please do continue to email me with any news for inclusion in future editions.

Have a lovely summer!

Anne x

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August stargazing highlights

August 12 - Full Moon, Supermoon.

The Moon will be 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 as the Sturgeon Moon or the Green Corn Moon or the Grain Moon. This is also the last of three supermoons for 2022.

August 12, 13 - Perseids Meteor Shower.

The Perseids is one of the best meteor showers to observe. It is produced by comet Swift-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1862. Unfortunately the nearly full moon this year will block out all but the brightest meteors, but the Perseids are so bright and numerous that it could still be a decent show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight.

August 14 - Saturn at Opposition.

Saturn will be at its closest to Earth and it will be brighter than any other time of the year and visible all night long. A medium-sized or larger telescope will allow you to see Saturn's rings and a few of its brightest moons.

August 27 - 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.

August 27 - Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation.

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.

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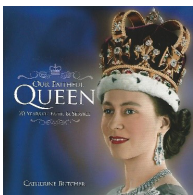
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Promises, Vows and Oaths

How much trust you put in the promises that a person makes depends on how trustworthy and honest you consider that person to be. Chapter 2 of your free book commemorating the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen has the title "Promises" and it's worth reading again if only to look at the wonderful street party photo' on page 16 and 17.

Most of our promises are made in our own names and sadly, however well-intentioned, all of us (self included) break promises in our lives. However, some solemn promises are made as vows, or oaths, in the name of some higher power or authority and have greater significance and greater consequences if broken.

In the "Coronation Oath" the Queen made a solemn promise to "cause Law and Justice, in Mercy, to be executed in all (her) judgements". Mercy is supremely displayed in forgiveness and in her 2011 Christmas broadcast the Queen said: "Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love."

The Queen demonstrated her ability to forgive in an amazing gesture shaking the hand of Martin McGuinness (former commander in the IRA) even after the killing of her 2nd cousin Lord Louis Mountbatten by the IRA.

In most church services we acknowledge our own imperfections in a prayer of confession. In doing so we trust in God's faithfulness and solemn promise, through Christ's sacrifice, to receive forgiveness.

In the bible, in the first letter of John chapter 1 and verse 9, it says.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (page 271 in the 2012 Jubilee New Testament or 261 in the newer addition)

God's solemn promise is to forgive us if we confess our failings trusting in Christ's sacrifice for us and trusting God's faithful promise. God's promise of forgiveness is trustworthy because of who he is and his love for us graciously given. This doesn't mean we can sin all week and confess on Sunday assured of forgiveness to go on sinning all we like with impunity next week! - Acknowledging our sin also involves repenting (literally "turning from" our sin) and asking God's help in doing that.

The Queen is not a "saint" or sinless, and I don't think that she would claim to be, but through God's solemn promise, and Christ's sacrifice, just "another sinner saved by grace".

Our solemn promise should be to try our best to show that same grace to others.

Revd Roger Aston

AUGUST 2022

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.

Services this month

Sunday 7th August – 9.30am Morning Worship

Tuesday 9th August – Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 14th August - 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 21st August – 9.30am Morning Worship

**Sunday 28th August - 9.30am Holy Communion
- 6pm Evening Prayer**

**On-line streamed services are available every Sunday from 10.30 am at
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North Oxfordshire Food Bank (07929721172)

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months before their "best before date").
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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
your neighbourhood watch rep.
Thank you.

THANK YOU REGGIE

At the end of the summer term St Peter's School said a very sad farewell to their longest standing employee, when Reggie Leggett retired from her role as school cleaner. For 36 years Reggie has been cycling through the village to the school each day, and many of today's parents remember her from their time at the school!



Thank you for all your hard work and dedication Reggie. Enjoy your well earned retirement."

Thank you from SPSA



To all the parents both present and past and friends of St Peter's who helped with the various SPSA activities on Bike Night, making it a very successful return event after two fallow years – thank-you!

We haven't got the final total raised yet – we'll update once we know – but we know we've done well, especially considering there were a lot of newcomers this year. It was great to see so many people getting involved.

It bodes well for the future of the SPSA in our quest to raise funds and support the school and all our children in the coming year.

We look forward to planning the next year of events and activities after the summer.

SPSA Committee



The car parking in the field behind Eynsham Road (Perrin's field) on Bike Night raised £542 for Oxford Prostate Cancer Group.

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WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS



The new administration at West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) will be reaching out to residents to help set the Council's priorities as they review the Council's plan for delivering on behalf of residents.

Councillor Andy Graham, Leader of the Council said; "As the leadership for WODC we are very clear that this is your council as the residents of West Oxfordshire, and we want to work more collaboratively with communities and businesses. We have set out nine draft priorities and the consultation will help shape these and make sure they are right for the district."

The Council will be launching the consultation on the priorities in August along with setting up sessions to engage local town and parish councils and local stakeholders for their views. They will then consider the updated Council Plan towards the end of the year and vote on whether to adopt it.

WODC has agreed on a number of projects to receive funding from the first year's (of three years) funding from the Government's recently announced UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The fund will provide WODC with £1million of funding over three years, with £70,000 in the first year, £141,000 in the second year and £789,000 in the third year.

The Government has set clear guidance on how much can be spent in each year and the outputs that should be delivered.

The first year projects proposed include:

The creation of a biodiversity toolkit to help parish councils manage their land to support local wildlife, improving footpaths and other access to the Deer Park South green open space in Witney so residents can better access it.

Creating a short to medium term strategic plan for Carterton
 A feasibility study to look at how we can support market towns and grow those local economies.

A study to see how we can support local rural services such as village shops, pubs and garages to thrive in West Oxfordshire.

WODC is to review the use of its buildings in Witney to improve accessibility for residents, install a new system for viewing council meetings online and make the buildings more efficient. They are looking to move more services to the easily accessible Welch Way offices in the centre of town which should help support the local town centre economy.

The Council will be installing technology in its meeting rooms at the Woodgreen office, enabling meetings to be live streamed so residents can watch online and can engage in local democracy without needing to attend meetings in person.



BLENHEIM ESTATE

A reminder to please keep all dogs on their leads when visiting the Estate and Parkland. With our lambs around it's more important than ever that we keep them safe, we thank you for your cooperation.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Stuffed Courgettes and Sauce Vierge

4 medium courgettes
4 tbsps olive oil
1 small onion or 2 shallots chopped
1 clove of garlic squished
Plenty of fresh oregano, thyme or a mixture of other herbs chopped
100 g of either firm goat's cheese or parmesan or other sharp hard cheese grated
2 tablespoons of breadcrumbs (preferably not white)
Salt and pepper

Sauce Vierge

150ml olive oil
2 garlic cloves very finely squished
350g firm but ripe delicious garden tomatoes diced and with most of the seedy wet bit removed
5 tbsps of balsamic vinegar
Fresh basil

Method

Cut the courgettes in half and make into boats by scooping out as much of the flesh as you can with a teaspoon leaving a firm but not too thick wall to contain the stuffing. Chop the flesh of the courgettes. Saute the onion and/or shallots in some olive oil but DO NOT brown. Add the courgette flesh and lots of seasoning. Cook until tender. Cool.

Mix with the other stuffing ingredients leaving a bit of cheese to sprinkle on top. Put the courgette boats side by side in a gratin dish and fill with the stuffing. Scatter the remaining cheese on top and cook for around 30 mins covered until the final 10 minutes at 180 degrees c.

Sauce

Put the olive oil and garlic in a pan and cook gently until the garlic is soft and squidgy DO NOT brown. Add diced tomatoes and vinegar and cook in the oil for a further 5 minutes. Take off heat and add in the fresh basil leaves torn up into pieces. Season.

Serve the courgette boats hot or at room temperature with the room temperature sauce. Lovely light lunch or supper or starter.



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Parish Council News

July 2022

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Neighbourhood Plan

Leani from O'Neill Homer came to the Parish Council meeting to advise on the next steps. The Parish Council officially voted to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan. This will now be sent to WODC which will trigger regulation 16 this has a consultation of 6 weeks.

Horsemere 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. – Still awaiting

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. There will be a questionnaire in the next issue of CAWN with regards to traffic calming in the village.

Speed watch

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

Walls both dry stone and pointed

Mr & Mrs Finlay have completed the survey and are now doing a report for the Parish Council.

Play Area

If you notice any issues please let the Clerk know.

Parish Councillors

If you wish to contact the Parish Council please email them on:-

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Chris Metcalf – cmetcalf@cassington-pc.gov.uk
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Fix My Street

If you see anything that you think needs reporting please report it to the following address:
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Next Parish Council Meeting will be on 1 st September 2022 @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Clerk contact details

Mrs Tracey Cameron
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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

Dinosaurs are coming to West Oxfordshire!



Parents and children in West Oxfordshire are being invited on a 'roarsome' trail to search for dinosaurs, as part of the Love West Oxfordshire campaign to encourage residents to get out and about, and shop locally.

The trails are running from August 2 to September 4 in Witney, Carterton, and Chipping Norton. As you make your way along the trails you will be able to view videos of dinosaurs in that area along with some interesting facts about that dinosaur. There is a prize draw to win a family day pass at Cogges Manor Farm, every clip viewed of a dinosaur counts as an entry to the prize draw and an opportunity to win a family day pass at Cogges Manor Farm.

Cllr Duncan Enright, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, said, "I'm really excited about the dinosaurs coming to West Oxfordshire! I hope that local families make the most of these excellent trails and come out and find as many dinosaurs as possible.

"It is so important for our wonderful local businesses that people get out and explore the local areas whilst supporting them. The LoyalFree app is a great way to shop and save money at independent shops.

"I'm thrilled that Cogges Manor Farm has offered us this great prize to give away to one lucky family. A great day out for all!"

The dinosaur trails are aimed at children and families but the LoyalFree app also provides trails that are more suited to adults too, such as the Downton Abbey Trail and Witney Historic Sites trail.

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OBSERVATION

By Stephen Wright

"Haha I blame you entirely but it kinda makes a funny story." This is what Tinder date Joanna said to me when I arranged our first date at a Norwich-based pub called Fat Cat. Unfortunately there are multiple Fat Cats, and we did not go to the same one.

As much as these mishaps provide content for CAWN and my next book, I swear I'm not making them happen on purpose.

"I had a small feeling it would cause confusion," said Joanna. "I forgive you. You're a melon though."

I also felt like a melon when I discovered that Sugar & Spice is not in fact a place for delightful Indian cuisine, but a strip club. I'd have been more comfortable tucking into a mixed vegetable biryani, but was excited to spot a pool table at the fine establishment.

Less exciting was the asking price of £50 to use said table due to the opponent being topless. Stick a pair of over the shoulder boulder holders on the... distractions, and we'd have been in business.

In other news, when this issue of CAWN comes out, I will be a week away from the age of 25.

If I'm still complaining about being single in the monthly newsletter by the time I'm 50, please tell me to grow up!

WODC's Response Hub



The Council's response hub was set up at the beginning of the Covid pandemic and has provided support in many different areas across West Oxfordshire. Using the Covid Outbreak and Management fund, the Council were able to create the Resident Support Worker role in April 2021 to build on the work the response hub had been doing since the start of the pandemic.

In West Oxfordshire there are many wonderful food organisations that support residents across the district who are in need of food. Sometimes residents need help late in the day when these food organisations are not open.

Heather McCulloch, Community Wellbeing Manager, said, "One local resident got in touch, late one day, without food in the house. We provided an emergency food parcel which we delivered that day. This face to face visit gave the resident the chance to talk through things a little to help us understand the situation better. We offered reassurance and ideas for sources of support. Our Resident Support worker went on later that day to arrange ongoing support from a local food bank and referral to Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire for benefits advice and food vouchers."

"Whilst doing a routine Test and Trace follow up call, a resident opened up to our staff member and asked us if we could support them as a victim of domestic abuse. With the permission of the resident, we contacted the domestic abuse services and within 20 minutes of the call refuge had been offered."

Since April 2021 West Oxfordshire District Council's response hub has dealt with over 204 requests for assistance, made 136 food bank referrals and made 1032 calls to offer support to those self-isolating due to the pandemic. Whilst the Resident Support Worker role was created in April 2021 to support residents during the pandemic, the Council are pleased to be able to continue this service, to support residents as we recover from the effects of the pandemic, until at least April 2023 when funding will be reassessed.

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CHURCHFIELDS NEWS



Staff and residents at Churchfields Care Home have been lapping up the summer sunshine recently as the weather has begun to heat up and the umbrellas are out in force in our beautiful garden!

Residents have enjoyed picking the summer vegetables we have grown in our greenhouse, along with some flower picking which we have now been placed throughout the home. Flowers always brighten everyones day!



We have also been making the most delicious cheese and sweet biscuits which went down very well with a cup of tea. And the sweet-treats didn't stop there, as we celebrated 4th July American Independence Day with American pancakes and milkshakes!



We've also been busy with a morning full of flower arranging as we took part in Eynsham Flower Festival, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed!

We've had a couple of big birthdays, including a 99th birthday celebration which was filled with laughter, fun and more cake eating!



Finally, a few of us joined the local bikers for bike night recently. Motorbikes flocked to Cassington and took up residence for the evening throughout the village. The residents said it was fantastic seeing all the bikes, eating burgers and washing it down with a well deserved beer!

Don't forget that Churchfields is currently recruiting new care assistants and housekeeping staff. We're looking for individuals who share our enthusiasm for care. Join the professional, friendly, fun and supportive team. We know that our work culture is second-to-none, and that you will love every minute of supporting our brilliant residents. All enquiries of interest are welcome at the home.



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Ringing the changes in Bell Lane, looking back.... and forwards too

By Yvonne Wright

Just over 60 years ago, I was born in 6 Bell Lane, opposite what was then the yard for Trinity Plant Hire Ltd. Next door, where the Bosworth Clinic now stands, was the builders yard for Cox and Bunyan. My grandad was George Cox. When I was very young my dad worked for Cox and Bunyan. He was the digger driver and using grandad's JCB, he dug the foundations for many local properties including St Peter's Close. Grandad also loaned the JCB so that my dad could dig out the hole to create the swimming pool at St Peter's School too. But I digress – this little story is meant to be about Bell Lane!

Previous to working for grandad's company, my dad had been a long distance lorry driver and after a few years of being on the building sites, I think he began to miss being out on the road. Hence, when the opportunity came to become a lorry driver and plant fitter at Trinity Plant Hire, he took it.

Back then, the yard was a sorry looking mess. I remember three rough looking buildings and one of those was an old Nissan hut! Trinity Plant Hire (lets call it TPH), was managed by Frank Hallah and Mary Harmer Dawson. I presume there was once a third party or why call it Trinity? Sadly, anyone who would have known the answer to that is no longer around to be asked.

Mr Hallah and Miss Dawson built the company up here in Cassington but there were also branches in Bridgend, Litchfield and Battersea. The company supplied for hire, dumper trucks, fork lift trucks, compressors, pumps and later, portacabins, to building sites and road building projects all over the country. (I do mean all over the country – it wasn't unusual for dad to do Manchester and back in a day – in a truck that would do no more than 40mph!) The lorry was pale blue but the livery was bright orange on the plant and machinery with a big TPH logo on the side. It was quite normal to be going out on a country drive or on holiday somewhere and spot the glow of orange perched up on a pile of rubble!

So, with business going well, it seems Miss Dawson and Mr Hallah decided to smarten the place up a bit in Bell Lane, and by 1970 the new workshop and office accommodation was built and opened to a great fanfare of publicity.

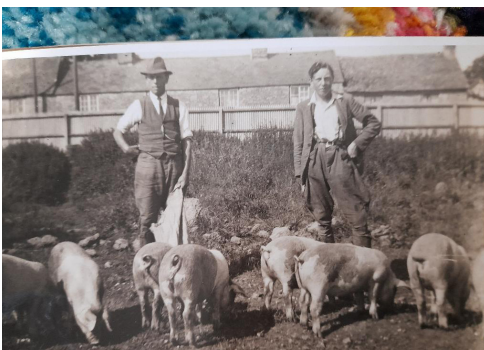
Although it might have been a slight improvement on what went before, he buildings were still blooming ugly! All very square, very grey and very 1970's. Whatever the architect was thinking and how the plans got past WODC, I will never know. And opposite what was at the time a neat little row of Cotswold cottages with barely a car parked outside.

Still, it was exciting for me. Having had grandad's builders yard over the fence as my first playground (I used to get bricks and tiles and build little houses and run in and out of the carpentry workshop just to smell the wood), I now had a new place to play. Not during the working week of course, but on Saturdays, dad would do a bit of overtime for TPH and occasionally we would go out on the lorry and stop at a transport café for something greasy with a cup of tea but more often than not, he would be fettling at his bench in the TPH workshop. If he was mending or servicing one of the smaller machines, he would let me fill in the sticker with the date of when filters were replaced or oil changed. If there was nothing for me to do there I would go in the canteen and wash up the cups and plates that the men had left in the sink and do a general tidy up.

Of course they were different times back then so the workshop only had gents toilets. I remember one day needing a comfort break and as it was only dad and I in the building, he said it would be ok for me to use the facility. I came out asking "what are those funny basins on the wall that don't have any taps?" (Fear not, I did wash my hands in the correct receptacle but my poor dad had to try and explain a few facts to an innocent only child!)

When I got bored with all the workshop activity I used to run through to the offices and pretend to be a secretary. (I still love to work at a desk and make sure everything is orderly and filed correctly!) No one ever complained so I guess I left things neat and tidy. Actually, at the risk of blowing my own trumpet, I probably did have a little more common sense than the lady who was meant to plan all the deliveries that dad had to make. In the end, he called her Miss Take (think about it) because she got the instructions wrong so many times.

Like the time she asked if he could pick up and deliver a compressor to the Bridgend depot and when dad asked where from, she said "in a field somewhere off the M4 near Swindon". Well, that narrowed it down then! On another occasion she wrote down the address of where dad was meant to go, as St Ives in Cornwall because that was the only one she had heard of.



Grandad Waters and Uncle Derek with the pigs on the Bell Lane site, long before TPH was ever thought of



Grand Opening: same spot as Grandad and the pigs



..and then it was gone!

Luckily dad sussed it was more likely St Ives near Cambridge before starting the 8 hour return trip to the West Country. Bear in mind, this was long before mobile phones, sat navs and the like. You had a map and your brain and a few road signs to enable you to reach your destination. Nevertheless, they were such happy days. I always looked forward to my time with dad and for the most part, he was happy in his work at TPH.

Sadly of course, everything has its day. The years went by, Mr Hallah and Miss Dawson became old and retired. The company was bought out I think initially by Cheadle Plant Hire from Manchester and from then on went through many changes.

Then a year before he was due to retire himself, dad was made redundant from the job he had once enjoyed. By this time, my grandad and his business partner had both passed away and the Cox and Bunyan yard was taken over by Fisher and Townsend. For the next 12 months dad worked for them as a handyman so in a way he had gone full circle.

Over the following years, the TPH buildings fell into serious decline and I am surprised that over the past few weeks, so much effort was needed to knock them down. I had thought that a sharp nudge with a digger bucket might do what was necessary, but it seems the structure was a bit stronger than I thought – even though if you walked through the old office building in recent times there was tendency to feel seasick, such was the subsidence!

My dad really wanted to be around to witness the old buildings coming down, as well as the new one going up. Unfortunately, things didn't work out that way. On the 19th August last year, the new owner of the yard opposite 6 Bell Lane tried to call on dad. He was going to get him in the wheelchair and take him round for a look to see what progress was being made. That was the day dad fell and broke his hip for a second time and was whisked off by ambulance to the Horton, never to return home.

6 Bell Lane has been empty ever since and any of you walking by will have seen that not only has the opposite side of the road been a building site for a long, long time, I have also had a skip outside the cottage for many weeks. The cottage is being gutted and it is time to start anew. Everything I knew as child has gone. The house I grew up in is being brought into the 21st century. The yards I once played in are now something else entirely but it's OK.

To be honest, dad would never have coped with it all. He was happy for things to just tick along and he couldn't cope with upheaval. That's partly why the cottage needs so much work now and that's where he and I differed. I embrace change and like to plan for a better, brighter tomorrow.

The cottage will have new life brought into it and one day, hopefully soon, all the building works will be completed both sides of the road and Bell Lane will be clean and once more!

See alongside for a snippet of news about Mary Harmer-Dawson and TPH from 1970 - kindly provided by Yvonne Wright

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In 1970, the Scout Association showed The West Evenlode Scout Group had 1 Scout Troop and 1 Cub Pack.

As well as being one of the Eynsham Carnival parent bodies, the Scout group organised another fundraising event for the first time in 1970 to raise money



to improve the scout hall. The Eynsham Horse Show and Gymkhana was held on Mr Hoskins field on 30th May 1970 from 10am till 8pm. Mrs Harmer-Dawson from Trinity Plant Hire in Bell Lane Cassington donated a cup which was engraved with "Eynsham Gymkhana - West Evenlode Challenge Cup" which would be presented to the winner of the 'Open Jumping' class each year and was won by a 24 year old bay gelding Rubalong owned by Mr Tom Carter and ridden by 14 year old Sarah Povey of Wantage. Over 200 horses and ponies competed in events with over 700 entries into competitions. The accounts show a profit of £162. 13s 11d with additional attractions including a raffle, bowling, bottle stall, Pick a Stick, Roll a Penny and Spin the Wheel. Money was also raised through selling programmes, entrance fees and Ice Cream and Saddlery concessions. You can read the accounts sheet in the slideshow on the right.

SUMMER TERM 2022 (Part One)

by Helen Barr



It was a later walk than usual. All the children had been on school trips. The younger ones had been to Cadbury World. Most of the chocolate had disappeared except for some give-away smears on certain chins. 'We rode in a cocoa bean'. 'All the beans had smiley faces and did thumbs up'. The parents thought this most unlikely but out of a very grubby pocket, a fridge magnet was produced. 'We had our photos taken at the end of the ride. I made mine into a magnet to put next to the

St Peter's one'. There was no answer to that. But given all the stories the children had told about the dogs recently; you can understand why the parents were doubtful.

The older children had been to the museum and the trip was fun. 'We got to touch really old things'. 'Some of them came from Cassington'. The parents pricked up their ears. They'd not forgotten the fiasco over THE FIND. 'Was there anything silver?' 'No, buckets and pots and a clay spoon that was over 1,000 years old'. 'The man was really funny. He kept making us laugh'. 'He looked funny too!'. 'Now, now', said one of the parents sternly, 'it's not nice to make fun of how people look!'. 'But he had no hair – just a black ponytail on the top of his head'. 'He said he'd lost a thumb hundreds of years ago', another child added, 'and one of his ears was green'.

The parents exchanged glances – honestly – the things these children made up. 'He had a weird name too', said the eldest, 'Professor Rune'. 'Professor Rune?' said the potato-gate lady, 'that was the man who wrote to me to say that the packet I sent was empty'. The children ran off to join the dogs in the thicket. The adults kept on walking. Some were thinking about tea, some were talking about how the electric generator had caught fire and they'd had no power for days. But one kept thinking about an envelope with shards of silver, Professor Rune, and a sheep onesie that she had hidden at the back of her wardrobe. She was so wrapped in thought she nearly fell over someone who was bending down to pick something off the path. 'Pineapple weed!' exclaimed the forager triumphantly. She was forever picking things to eat – spent most of their walks bent double, or peering short-sightedly into the bushes. 'We've got some carrot peelings if you're hungry you know', they teased her, 'they're for the dogs, but they will never know!'. 'They have! They really have! Come and see!'

Warily, the parents trudged down to the thicket. While the children's sense of humour was funny, the jokes were beginning to wear a bit thin. One by one, the dogs bounded onto the track like frogs leaping from lily pad to lily pad. There was a groan from the children. No green ears.

'But Mummy, look! Angus has only one ear'. He did. There was no blood, and he didn't seem distressed, but it was true; one of his ears had vanished. Everyone was speechless. Quick as a flash, Honey and Freddie chased him back into the thicket. Angus hated makeovers. That's why he had 'accidentally' got Freddie's tail stuck on a bush and wriggled off his party sheep onesie on a tree. He would have left the other ear too; except he ran out of time. Honey found the ear first; it had fallen, and you might have thought it was a leaf. Freddie quickly stuck it back on Angus's head where it turned black, and all three dogs trotted out to join the others.

Everyone was so relieved; the children couldn't stop talking about ears. All thoughts of their school trips had vanished. The parents walked back in silence. They didn't know what to say. Back home, there was an anxious inspection of Angus's ears. Apart from the odd whisp of dandelion clock, you would never have known that 30 minutes ago, he was a one-eared dog. And then there was a familiar rattle of keys in the door. Hearts sank. In all the kerfuffle, tea had been forgotten.

'Evening all! I knew you'd be late because of the trips. I've picked up a takeaway'.

The MUGA pitch is set up for Tennis. If anyone would like to play there is a fee of £25 for Family membership. Please contact Caroline Morton on cazmorton@gmail.com for details of how to pay and you will then be given the code for the padlock.



There is a hardship fund for those who can't afford the subscription. Please contact Caroline for details.

Woodstock & District u3a



At our July speaker meeting, members were treated to an exposition of 'Body language' by Professor Alan Jones. How we position our limbs, twist or turn our faces, have eyes wide open or half-closed, can convey some emotion: folding one's arms, or buttoning up a jacket, for instance may imply we want to distance ourselves from a companion, or their views (at this point the Professor flung open his own jacket to reveal a dazzling display of flashing coloured lights).

Our next Speaker meeting is on 1 September when ex-Scene of Crimes Officer Chris Turan, will tell us how 'DABS and DNA help track down criminals.' The annual Garden Party is taking place on 11 August at 2pm, in the grounds of St. Hugh's Centre on Hensington Road in Woodstock. Guests are welcome.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the University of the 3rd Age. Groups around the country have been celebrating in varied ways: a colourful anniversary quilt from Manchester, was reported to be on its way to Witney Blanket Hall. Several Branches have been experimenting with 'Walking Cricket' Groups and the Ely branch has established a group for members with hearing loss, teaching basic sign language and lip-reading.

Full details of Woodstock & District Branch are at: www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock.

TEA TIME TEASER

This publication tends to avoid the subject of politics, however this month's teaser is anagrams of some of the UK's prime ministers since 1900. Can you work out who they are and give the years they were in power?

Answers next month

1. Neen Day Thon
2. Sham Jella Ganca
3. Haven Nice Brilla Men
4. Acid and Mover
5. Male Tent Cleet
6. Nor Wild Shoal
7. Now Rob Drong
8. Mod Mary Can Salad

Answers to last month's anagrams of bands and the years they were a headline act at Glastonbury:

1. Coldplay 2002, 2005, 2011, 2016
2. Hawkwind 1981
3. Arctic Monkeys 2007, 2013
4. Metallica 2014
5. Radiohead 1997, 2003, 2017
6. The Boomtown Rats 1985
7. Stereophonics 2002
8. Levellers 1994

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The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens are part of the Cotswolds Conservation Board Conserving, enhancing, understanding and enjoying the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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Old cine film of Cassington

Nick Walker, a nephew of the late Olaf and Sheila Rock, who many will remember from their many years in Cassington, has found a selection of silent cine films among Olaf's things. He has had them digitised and thought that the readers of CAWN might be interested in a couple of them which show scenes of Cassington.

One, from April 1971, shows views of the village, and of Sheila and their first house in St Peter's Close. The second, from 1972, includes more views of the village and the surrounding countryside, including the Red Lion with its village post office, children and villagers watching a hunt and hounds gathered on the green, the school as a building site, and views of the church.

They are around 4 to 6 minutes long and have been uploaded to Youtube. The links are:

1971 (4 minutes) - <https://youtu.be/VB1LbTnp6zs>

1972 (7 minutes) - <https://youtu.be/ibvwct82Kxs>

Do please let us know if you recognise yourself or anyone else.

County Screens, who show the films in Cassington Village Hall, are taking a break over the summer. Films will start again in October and will be advertised in the September edition or can be found on the website:

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September 2022

Thursday 1st

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Tuesday 20th

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- Lift and pot up strawberry runners.

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