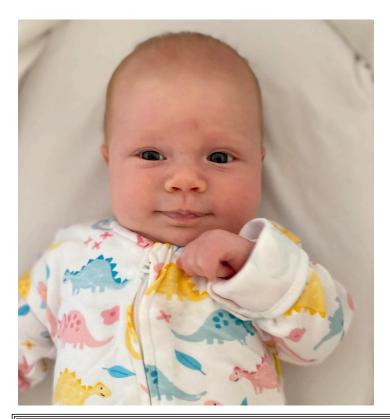


SEPTEMBER 2022 (#543)

CASSINGTON AND WORTON NEWS

Previous editions can be found at www.cassington-pc.gov.uk

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME



Sarah & Jake Boardman, who recently moved to the village, have welcomed their first baby daughter - Isla, who was born at the JR on the 15th June, weighing 7lb 8oz. Please do say hello if you see them out and about, they can usually be spotted walking with their Sprocker Spaniel - Mylo!

OZ the PANTO

Coming soon to a village hall near you (16th, 17th, 18th December 2022)

If you would to join us as part of the cast, crew or choir please come along to our first meeting and script reading on Friday 9th September at 7.30 pm (CVH). All welcome. No experience necessary.

If you would like an acting part in the show, please let me know asap so that I can write you in!

Mandy - dreamstudios@hotmail.com



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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 Luttman-Johnson, 3 Foxwell Court, Cassington, 0X29 4DW. We look forward to hearing from you.

welcome Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 543rd edition of CAWN, full of suggestions for ways you can get involved in village activities.

It is lovely that panto is coming back, and a separate group are looking for singers to start up the Cassington Choir again. There are also more serious roles that need filling, such as the vacancy for a trustee for the Parochial Charity, which is not an arduous role, but is very necessary.

I am delighted to publicise the initial plans for a year of festivities, as we celebrate 900 years since the church was consecrated and the village of Cassington was well and truly on the map! See pages 6 and 7 for how to get involved.

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have spotted that this edition is 2 pages shorter than usual. Over the last year we have lost a few advertisers, and although we have gained new ones, on the whole their adverts are smaller. That does mean less income, so if anyone would like to take an advert please do email me.

This edition sees the final installment of Helen Barr's story. If anyone else would like to contribute a piece of original writing, please get in touch.

I am delighted to report I have found a regular source for seasonal recipes. My friend Sue, an excellent cook, will be sending me a monthly contribution, inspired by what is growing in her garden.

In the meantime please do contact me with details of any celebrations or events in your family, so I can include these in CAWN.

Anne X

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CONGRATULATIONS

To all the young people in the village who took public exams ('A' levels, GCSEs and degrees) this last year, and have just received their results. Good Luck with whatever you are doing next!



September stargazing highlights

September 10 - Full Moon.

The Moon will be on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun so its face will be will be fully illuminated. .

September 16 - Neptune at Opposition.

This is the best time to view and photograph Neptune, as it will be at its closest to Earth and fully illuminated by the Sun.

September 23 - September Equinox.

This is the first day of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere.

September 25 - New Moon.

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

September 26 - Jupiter at Opposition.

The giant planet will be at its closest to Earth and fully illuminated by the Sun. This is is the best time to view and photograph Jupiter and its moons. A medium-sized telescope should show you some of the details in Jupiter's cloud bands. A good pair of binoculars should allow you to see Jupiter's four largest moons, appearing as bright dots on either side of the planet.



ELECTRIC CAR CHARGER

Cassington's first electric car charging point is now available for use at the Chequers pub. Charging at 22kw per hour. Please bring your own lead to connect to your car. The cost is £10 per hour of charge. To use the charger speak to Babu at the Chequers.



Would you like to sing?

A growing number of people have shown an interest in starting the Cassington Choir

again. If you would like to sing too, it would be great to meet you. We're planning a preliminary get-together to discuss when, where and what we might like to sing on Tuesday 13th September in the back room of the Chequers from 7.00pm.

For those who don't remember the choir, it is a mixed group which meets once a week to enjoy singing together,

probably in the evening, and possibly in the church (it's big enough and they have a piano). We sing a variety of songs from show tunes and popular, to country and traditional. None are too challenging, and we all learn together so don't worry if you can't read music - you will definitely not be the only one.

If you are interested or have any questions please email me at kevinhinton@btconnect.com or just come along on the night. All you'll need is a little beer money, and maybe an idea of what you would like to sing.

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If you are able please give what you can, regularly if possible. Our collection box for food donations 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 (with 6 months "best before date").

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.



CASSINGTON TINIES & TODDLERS (Tinies Café) Autumn 2022

A Parent/Carer & Toddler group

Cassington Village Hall 1.30 –3.00 on Tuesday (other than where stated, term-time only) Tuesdays Sept 13th, 20th, 27th, WEDNESDAY 5th Oct, no meeting Tues 11th,

meet again Tuesday Oct 18th,
(No session Oct 25th Half Term)

Tuesdays Nov 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd (no meeting 29th)

Tuesdays Dec 6th, 13th (last session this term)

Toys, crafts, songs & refreshments for under-fives and their carers.

This group is being run by St Peter's church Cassington with local parents For more information please contact:

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

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The Church of St Peter's is here as a fellowship to worship God, build people up in Christ and share his love with others

SEPTEMBER 2022

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.

Services this month

Sunday 4th September – 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 11th September – 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Tuesday 13th September – 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 18th September - 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 25th September – 9.30am Holy Communion - 6pm Evening Prayer



The Harvest Festival will be held at 9.30am on Sunday 2nd October

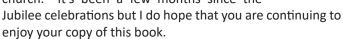
On-line streamed services are available <u>every Sunday from 10.30 am</u> at <u>www.stpeterschurchcassington.org</u> or <u>www.stleonardseynsham.org.uk</u>

If you have particular spiritual needs feel free to contact:

The Vicar – Revd Duncan Fraser Tel: 07810 324088 or Associate Curate – Revd Roger Aston Tel: 01865 880757 Enquiries: Church Office: email stleonards stpeters@btconnect.com

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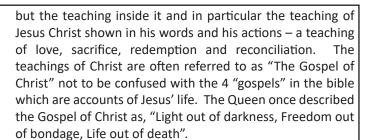
This is the title of chapter 3 of the free book "Our faithful Queen" that each household received from the members of St Peter's church. It's been a few months since the



With inflation rising and a cost-of-living crisis we all have to make choices about what we buy. - What is it we really need? Or put another way, if you had to sell all that you have to make ends meet, what would be the last thing that you would sell? What do you treasure most?

During the coronation service the Queen was presented with many very valuable symbols of monarchy encrusted with jewels and gems but she is also presented with what is described in the service as "the most valuable thing this world affords" - she is given a bible.

Jane and I have a very old, large family bible but this "book" is, of itself, not very valuable. What is of value is not the book



As well as the book "Our Faithful Queen" can I encourage you to read one of the accounts of Jesus' life and teaching in the bible. The shortest is that written by Saint Mark in his "gospel" (page 38 in your free New Testament). It takes about an hour and a half to read in one sitting or read it over several days. The value of the bible is not having it, but reading it, and living it.

Revd Roger Aston

PS: There are still free copies of the New Testament in church which you are welcome to take and/or you can visit biblegateway.com and search on "Mark 1" in the New International Version to start reading Mark's gospel online.

Throughout next year...

Cassington Celebrates 900 Years!

So let's celebrate. The kick-off will be Sunday 8 January 2023, 900 years to the day since St Peter's Church was officially opened for worship. What happened that day back in 1123? Well, we may have had a very special guest, but that's a piece of village history for next time.

How different it would have looked then; just meadows, fields and farms, with Worton and Cassington both much the same size. The church has played a central role in the life of the village ever since, and 2023 is an auspicious year. Some of you may well still be around for the 1,000th anniversary. But if you don't think you'll make it until then...

...2023 is the year to be here!

Please send us your ideas and get involved. Volunteers across the village are already planning various fun events and activities to happen between January and December, so tell us what you'd like to happen and we'll do our best. The children at St Peter's School will be involved in some special projects. There will be music, sport, food, drink. There will be drama. Comedy or tragedy? We don't know, it's a mystery. So watch this space every month and let's get ready to celebrate 900 years together.

MONTHLY PHOTO COMPETITION

CAWN will be running a special feature every month, and we're planning a monthly photo competition starting January 2023. Details will be published later this year, and the more photos you enter the better.

CASSINGTON, THE BOOK

We're also planning to produce a special commemorative book using the photos entered for the competition - *A Year In Cassington*. So make your own mark on history and grab your place in the book by sending in your competition photos of life in Cassington 2023.

SHARE YOUR HISTORICAL PHOTOS

If you have old photos of life in Cassington from the last 100 years or more, please get in touch with us on cawneditor@gmail.com or John Hemingway: art@hemingwayart.co.uk / 01865 883991. You can also post event suggestions and share thoughts on the Cassington Village Group on Facebook.



St Peter's School was built by the church and opened around 1853. It was in use until the new school was built in 1973.

Pictured top right: Oxford Journal Illustrated with original caption, 11 February 1914.

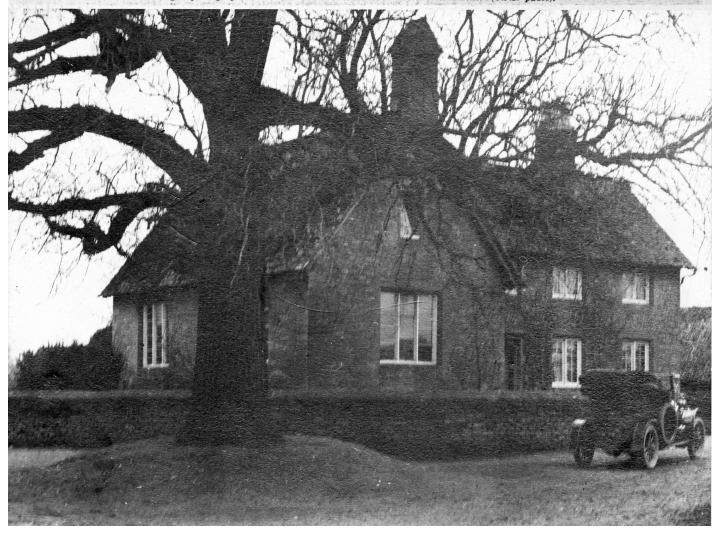
Bottom right: 'Cassington Church of England School from the road, with a car,' 20 December 1910.

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ENTERTAINMENT AT CASSINGTON SCHOOLS.



On Thursday and Friday evenings the scholars of Cassington Schools gave an enjoyable entertainment in the schoolroom to their parents and friends. The above flashlight photograph was taken at the conclusion of the entertainment.—(O.J.I. photo).







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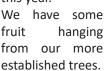
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NEWS FROM THE ALLOTMENTS

It has been a dry and hot year like never before. However we've had some good things to report.



Plenty of frogs have been found this year.





We've had new tenants starting to establish their plots.

CASSINGTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

The Trustees are looking for an additional Trustee to assist in the administration of this Charity which was created many years ago. The position is not very onerous as the Trustees normally only meet twice a year but are responsible for maintaining and managing the four Almshouse flats, the adjoining garden ground and two small parcels of agricultural land in addition to ensuring the wellbeing of the Almspersons.

Any interested person should please contact: Michael Linnell (Chairman) mjlinnell38@gmail.com 01865 881330.

Salt Cross Garden Village



The Planning Inspector has responded to West Oxfordshire District Council on the Area

Action Plan (AAP) for Salt Cross Garden Village. The AAP sets out the framework for how the Salt Cross Garden Village should be a landscape led development, taking into account key factors such as affordable housing, protecting the environment, active travel and business growth.

Views will be sought on the proposed changes through a full public consultation — the timing of which will be confirmed as soon as possible. For more information on the Garden Village please visit: https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/salt-cross-garden-village/

Help to Build register

Salt Cross Garden Village aims to provide for self build opportunities. Residents will soon be able to register their interest to be able to build their own custom built home at Salt Cross. A 'help to build' scheme has been launched by government, to find out more please go to - https://www.ownyourhome.gov.uk/scheme/self-build-portal/

Community Development Facilitator for Salt Cross Eliane Pony can assist with enquiries. She can be contacted here:-eliane.pony@westoxon.gov.uk

OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

The book I wrote and won't stop going on about went down well, but not everyone appreciates it. Having successfully made a book sale to a woman on Bumble, the dating app gave me a warning for using their software for commercial use and that I should 'consider this a yellow card.' In a rather sassy, passive aggressive tone, Bumble told me 'that's what billboards are for.'

So when the sequel to my book, Observation: Over The Shoulder Boulder Holders, is advertised in Times Square, Bumble can consider that a last minute winner.

Bumble disapproves of my book, and I disapprove of the city of Hull, where I recently drove three and a half hours to to watch Norwich lose 2-1. In fairness, it was a beautiful journey through Lincolnshire on a sunny Friday evening, but my arrival in Hull's under-construction Premier Inn was met with 'what brings you to Hull?' A polite way of saying 'why on earth are you in Hull?

To find a pool table, of course, but the residents weren't welcoming. One 'members only' snooker club and 'private party' Red Lion later, I accepted that the city of culture did not desire visitors.

I'm pretty sure I'll never go there again, and I'm here to tell you that you don't need to either. It's got nothing to do with the lack of book sales I've had in Hull.





Wonderful Wildflowers

On your walks around the Estate and within the Palace grounds you may notice that lots of our wildflowers have started flowering! In partnership with Rowse Honey, we have planted over 50 acres of wildflowers which provide a much needed food source for our pollinator heroes.



From a right royal dress up, to battles and duels, to bugs and butterfly trails. Explore the parkland, discover the formal gardens, and get lost in our Marlborough Maze. Join us for a summer jam packed with magical activities for all ages.

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In April 2022, we began the first dredge of Queen Pool in over 100 years. Dredging is the removal of silt from bodies of water. Silt is fine grains of rock, smaller than sand, that build up over time. This usually accumulates around one-two cm a year, but during severe storms deposits can reach up to 20cm. The biggest threat comes from the lake's significant build-up of silt: the water is currently only 30cm deep when it should be around two metres to support the existent ecosystem and the creatures who depend on it.

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Recipe of the Month

Here is one for those hot summer days when cooking is a mad idea but you want something a bit more substantial than a salad. It is one to make when one of the stars of the summer seaon, the tomato, is at its best.

Summer Tomato Tart

Take a sheet of bought puff pastry and spread it out on a baking sheet. Smear generously with pesto. Lay on top overlapping slices (not too thick) of delicious, ripe, firm tomatoes. Season with salt and pepper and a sprinkle of parmesan. Cook for around 15 mins in a hot oven (190 c°) until bubbling. Tear some fresh basil leaves over and a swirl of rich, green olive oil et voila!!

You can of course make the pesto yourself and even the pastry (although for this tart I never do). It is nicer with home made pesto but a good store bought one is more than acceptable. Serve with a fresh green salad. You can ring the changes by popping some slices of goats cheese on top as well but to be honest the simpler it is, if the ingredients are good, the bettter it is.

Homemade Pesto

Mix together basil leaves, lightly toasted pine nuts, garlic, parmesan, black pepper and olive oil in a blender. It keeps in the fridge but you need to pour olive oil on top to stop it discolouring.

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Parish Council News

August 2022

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

Neighbourhood Plan.

This is now with WODC to trigger Regulation 16

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

20mph zone.

This is now out for Consultation. Please see the Public Notice below for details on how to comment. It has to be done by 2nd September. All the documents are on the website. 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. On a further note the Parish Council would like to extend it's thanks to Mr Henman for offering to water the trees on the recreation ground.

Parish Councillors

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

Barbara King – bking1@cassington-pc.gov.uk
Chris Metcalf – cmetcalf@cassington-pc.gov.uk
Alex Rogers – arogers@cassington-pc.gov.uk
Graham Mills – gmills@cassington-pc.gov.uk
Stewart Thompson – sthompson@cassington-pc.gov.,uk

Fix My Street

If you see anything that you think needs reporting please report it to the following address https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on 1st September 2022 @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Clerk contact details Mrs Tracey Cameron Email cassingtonclerk@cassington-pc.gov.uk Tel:07496 761398

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

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CASSINGTON PARISH) (20MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 20**

NOTICE is given that Oxfordshire County Council proposes to make the above order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers.

The effect of the order – in order to help improve road safety on local roads, following concerns raised by the Parish Council - is to introduce a 20mph speed limit throughout Cassington, replacing the existing 30mph speed limits in their entirety, leading out to the following points:

- 1. Eynsham Road its junction with the A40,
- 2. Horsemere Lane a point 115 metres southeast of its junction with St Peters Close,
- 3. Yarnton Road a point 242 metres northeast of its junction with Bell Lane.

The Oxfordshire County Council (Cassington Parish) (Restricted Roads) Order 2001 will be revoked/replaced as necessary. Documents giving more details of the proposals are available for public inspection online by visiting: https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Hard copies may be made available on request.

Objections to the proposals and other representations specifying the grounds on which they are made may be sent in writing to the address below by the 2 September 2022. The Council will consider objections and representations received in response to this Notice. They may be disseminated widely for these purposes and made available to the public.

Traffic Regulation Team (Ref: CM/12.6.152) for the Corporate Director for Environment & Place, Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND. Email: christian.mauz@oxfordshire.gov.uk, Telephone 0345 3101111).





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CHURCHFIELDS NEWS



The heatwave that swept across the UK has been in full swing over the last few weeks and staff and residents at Churchfields Care Home have been keeping cool in our purpose built Cassington care home!

Residents have enjoyed taking a trip down to our beautiful fairy garden to see what creatures lie there! We also picked some flowers along the way to put up in the home. Flowers always brighten evervones day!

We also would like to say a big thank you to Emily at Wild Science for bringing a fantastic selection of animals to see us

recently! Our residents really enjoyed learning lots of facts

about the animals and having cuddles (with the cuddly ones!)

beautiful sunflower blooming.



We've particularly enjoyed welcoming Roger to the home recently who has joined us for a sing song! Everyone loves Roger.

Our lovely resident, Claire, turned 101 years old this month! There

was lots of chocolate cake consumption and smiles, laughter and fun for Claire's birthday. We've also enjoyed an ice lolly or two to keep us all cool during the hot weather!

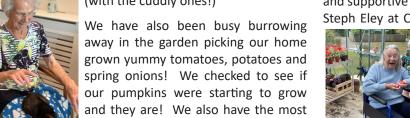
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SUMMER TERM 2022 (Part Two) by Helen Barr

It was an even later walk today because of the heat. Everything was brown and dry. 'Even my sunflowers have died'. 'My water butt is empty, and my courgettes have fried'. The forager, who had just eaten a very sour crab apple, reached for some of the damson plums, only to find they had burnt to a crisp.

The children were full of beans. Professor Rune had come and given a talk at the school. He told them the story of the Creston Silver Pins; how they had come from the north, and how they had helped Frith find his sister. And then how they nearly caused disaster when a thief came and threatened the Great Hall. But the dogs had saved the day by biting Stalgest's legs and howling so horribly that he covered his ears and dropped his sword. 'And that', said Rune, 'was why the people of Creston broke the pins and buried them in the thicket with their beloved dog Gilden when he died. The treasure that reunited brother and sister nearly destroyed the whole village'. With those words, the lesson ended, and the children took Professor Rune to see the chickens.

One of the walkers was very quiet. Professor Rune had sent an email to ask if she was free to meet him after his talk. He told her the story of the Creston pins too. 'But there's one thing I didn't tell the children', he said. 'When the dogs dug in the thicket, and you sent The Find to me, the envelope wasn't empty'. He reached into his pocket, 'it contained this'. He handed her a silver sweet wrapper. 'Remember when you were posting this, and the dog gobbled up what you thought was silver foil when you moved the papers from the table?' 'Er,... yes. I think I remember, but it was months ago now'. 'Were you wearing your glasses?' 'No; I put them on after to read a recipe. I'd made a mistake with some chillies the last time'

Rune laughed out loud and rubbed his green ear delightedly. 'So what do you think happened?' She thought for a while. There could be only one explanation. The dog had eaten the pins and she had sent a twisted sweet wrapper to the museum. She blushed as she remembered her relief when there was a glint of silver in the poo bag she had deposited in the bin. She looked over to the dog who was oblivious to proceedings, lying flat on the floor like a duck-billed platypus. 'So I put The Find in the poo bin?' Rune laughed uproariously, causing the dog to open one eye but then sink back into hot sleep. 'The best thing you could have done', he said. 'What do you think would have happened if there'd been an archaeological dig in the thicket? I'm sorry I told you the envelope was empty, but I thought it was best to explain in person when all the fuss had died down. Must be off now; Charles the First is hiding in a tree'. And with that, he vanished.

She had spent the rest of the day trying to take in what had happened and was still deep in thought when, as usual, the children rushed up to tell them what was happening in the thicket. 'The dogs have found something amazing; come and see'. The bigger humans expected the dogs to bound onto the path as usual, with nothing amazing happening at all. But

one of them remembered Angus's missing ear. 'The dogs are not coming. We have to go to them'. The children led the way. There was quite a bit of grumbling with the scratches and the stingers. The dogs had gone right past the brambles to the heart of the thicket. 'See, see', cried the children. All the dogs in a circle. They were sitting upright as if waiting for a treat. All eyes were on what was in the middle. A few tails were thumping happily. The children were running round excitedly and tugging at the bigger humans to come into the centre. For there, in the middle, was a painted stone statue. Of a dog, but unlike any dog you'd ever seen. It's body was a mix of brown and orange. Two legs were white and two were cream. It's head was golden; one ear was chocolate coloured; the other was green. And it had a black curly tail like a pig. There was some writing on the plinth. 'Mummy! What does it say?' asked the youngest human (yet to finish Keystage One Reading). 'Friends. It says Friends', she replied, too dazed to say more. 'How did that get here?' they all asked. The Potato-gate lady thought she caught a glimpse of a black ponytail and green ear deep in the thicket. But as she was wearing the wrong glasses, she wasn't sure.

It took a long time for everyone to get back home. Partly because of the heat, but mostly because they were so baffled by what they had seen. No-one had started tea. And no-one was really sure what on earth was happening. 'Does anyone want any dandelion leaves?' asked the forager, 'they're excellent in a salad!'

THE END



TEA TIME TEASER

With the new academic year starting we have song lyrics with the theme of school or eduction. Can you work out what song they are from and who sang them originally.

Answers next month

- 1. And if you wanna be a teachers pet
- 2. Be true to your school
- 3. Don't know much about geography4. Back to school, ring the bell
- 5. I used to get mad at my school (No, I can't complain)
 6. I hate the teachers and the principal
- 7. My school's been blown to pieces
- 8. Strong words in the staff room

Answers to last month's anagrams of UK Prime Ministers:

- 1. Anthony Eden
- 2. James Ćallaghan
- 3. Neville Chamberlain
- 4. David Cameron
- 5. Clement Attlee
- 6. Harold Wilson
- 7. Gordon Brown
- 8. Ramsay Macdonald

Film

The Film on 7th October will be Downton Abbey: A New Era. The story 🚽 line involves the Crawley family going on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa.



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The Branch's regular programme of monthly meetings with outside speakers resumes at 2.30pm on 1 September, either in person at St. Hugh's centre or remotely by Zoom, when Chris Turan, former Scene of Crimes Officer, will explain how 'DABS & DNA' help detect criminals.

Then, on 6 October, James Taylor will illustrate 'Highlights of the Russell Cotes Art Gallery', which opened in Bournemouth 100 years ago.

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what's on?

Dates for your diary

September 2022

Thursday 1st Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 3rd Megan and Abi's Charity Sale
Friday 9th Panto Read through in village hall
Tuesday 13th Cassington choir in Chequers
Tuesday 20th October CAWN deadline

October 2022

Saturday 1st Harvest Barn Dance and Supper Thursday 6th Parish Council Meeting Friday 7th Film: Downton Abbey: The New Era Thursday 20th November 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

GARDENING

Do you need help with gardening?
I am available weekends and
school holidays.
For more details call Henry on
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Gardening Tips for September



- Divide herbaceous perennials
- Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals
- Net ponds before leaf fall.
- Clean out cold frames and greenhouses ready for use in autumn.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs.

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