

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU MA'AM

On Thursday 8th September 2022, after 70 years as our Head of State, Queen Elizabeth II passed away. As the nation mourned, funeral plans were dusted down and arrangements were made for people to pay their respects in a variety of ways. Some of the residents in this village made the journey to London to file past the coffin at the Lying in State, or to leave flowers at Buckingham Palace, or join the crowds thronging the capital for her funeral.

Margaret Partridge was one of those who went to London for the Lying in State. Having travelled to Barnet on Wednesday night, by 7am on Thursday she was on the tube heading for London Bridge. The queue was 2.3 miles but the sun was shining and she had taken a shooting stick to rest on.

During the six hour queue Margaret became "buddies" with her queueing neighbours, especially the lady who had come prepared for the long wait and entertained everyone by producing from her copious bag, bunches of bananas, bags of apples, Penguins and also sandwiches.



Margaret in green on the left

There was airport security on the way in, where Margaret's brand new lipstick was confiscated in case she decided to scrawl graffiti on the walls! Once inside Westminster Hall it was silent and serene. Margaret was struck by the very smallness of the Imperial State Crown, the orb and the sceptre.



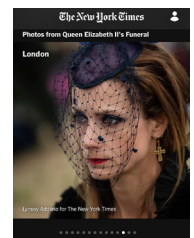
Margaret concluded her visit walking through Green Park, where people had laid flowers round the base of the many splendid trees. Some of the messages from children were particularly poignant and touching.

Amy Hemingway went to London on Monday wanting to be part of the crowd lining the route for the funeral. However the procession route was already full by 9am, as more people came than expected, so everyone was being redirected to Hyde Park

Although there were tens of thousands of people watching the 10 large screens that had been erected in Hyde Park, there was no noise, just an air of utter sadness and loss, combined with the unspoken question of what happens next. The silence was punctuated by cannon fire once a minute, followed by the desolate bong from Big Ben.

Watching the service, which was taking place in Westminster Abbey, under the grey overcast sky was very moving, and then, as the strains of the Highland lament played on the bagpipes died away, the sun came out and the mood lifted.

Later that day Amy found herself featuring on the front page of the New York Times, after Lyndsey Addario, from the New York Times saw her in the Park.



AND THE BELLS TOLLED....

The arrangements for ringing of church bells upon the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II have been in place for some time as part of the overall protocol for this sad occasion. As soon as her death was officially notified on 8th September our Guild circulated details again and we were able to prepare the following ringing in accordance with the approved schedule:



Friday 9th September – Tolling of just the tenor (largest bell) half-muffled for around 50 minutes from noon.

Monday 19th September – All 6 bells rung, half-muffled, for some 40 minutes prior to the funeral. Some call changes and simple method ringing were used in addition to the sequence known as 'Queens'.

We were also able to mark the Proclamation of King Charles III on Saturday 10th September by ringing all 6 bells unmuffled at 11 am. Ringing was again limited to call changes and simple methods with the addition of the first ringing by the current team of the sequence known as 'Kings'.

The ringing team involved in the above events from Cassington Tower were: (left to right) George Hunter, Bryan Partridge, Martin Ritchie, Helen Turner, Alan Thornton, Keith Turner and Clare Want. Assistance was also provided by Pete Butler from Eynsham Tower.

We have received positive feedback from the village and the whole team felt honoured to be involved in marking such an historic event.

Keith Turner

welcome Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 544th edition of CAWN, which appears to be rather text heavy. However please don't let that put you off reading the various articles that have been submitted this month.

In particular you will find a piece from County and District Councillor Dan Levy on what the 2 Councils are up to and how we can all have our say. There are a number of ongoing consultations that are still open for comment, so please do respond to these on issues that are of concern to you.

One issue that has been on-going for many years, is the speed of traffic through the village. On the back page you will find a survey commissioned by the Parish Council seeking views on what the appropriate speed limit through the village should be. If this is a matter of concern to you then please complete and return it either to a Parish Councillor or you can put it through my letterbox and I'll ensure they get it.

Also in this edition you will find further details of ideas that have been put forward to celebrate the 900th anniversary of the Church. If you have any thoughts or suggestions then please do let either John Hemingway or me know.

Finally I must thank Margaret Bonfigliani on sending me an original poem about an event she remembers from her childhood. I hope you enjoy reading it and perhaps it will inspire someone else to write something for a future edition.

Anne X

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to those that supported our stall of cakes and handmade items last month. We raised £156 which has been shared between Macmillan Cancer Research and Red Cross-Ukraine. Abi and Megan



October stargazing highlights

October 7 - Draconids Meteor Shower.

The Draconids is an unusual shower in that the best viewing is in the early evening instead of early morning like most other showers. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Draco, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

October 8 - Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation.

This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the eastern morning sky.

October 9 - Full Moon.

The Moon will be fully illuminated.

October 21, 22 - Orionids Meteor Shower.

The Orionids is an average shower producing up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Orion, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

October 25 - New Moon.

The Moon will not be visible in the night sky.

October 25 - Partial Solar Eclipse.

Sadly not visible in the UK. Best seen from central Russia!

Easter 2023 trip to Ranthambhore's tigers & Jaipur

As some of you already know I have a long association with Ranthambhore tiger reserve in central India, having taken trips there for over 20 years to visit the reserve and its wildlife. The pandemic put visits there on hold, but fortunately things are now back to normal and I thought it would be nice to make a trip from our village next Easter if enough people are interested.

If you would like to hear more then please drop me a line on sthompson@brookes.ac.uk and subject to numbers I will organise a more detailed event to outline what is in store! It is difficult to give even a ballpark figure for the total cost at this stage, as it depends how many people are in the party and what options and hotels are selected. So if you are interested please get in touch and come along to the meeting where I can give you more details and price options.
Stew Thompson



Oxfordshire Community Land Trust

This non-profit organisation is committed to creating permanently affordable homes in the city of Oxford and all over the county. Their first scheme, Crofts Court, is due to be completed by summer 2023. The design seeks to achieve high levels of energy efficiency including PV solar for each apartment in order to promote sustainability and minimise energy bills for residents. The intention is also to set rents at levels within the Local Housing Allowance and therefore, technically, affordable to everyone.

In October of 2022, there will be an opportunity for social investors to invest in the project to make the scheme more cost effective, known as a Community Share Offer.

For more information go to: <https://www.oclt.org.uk/>.

Choir seeks accompanist

Following several years of silence we're pleased to say that Cassington Singers are back ... but we are still looking for a regular accompanist. If you can play piano, are free on a Monday evening between 7.30 and 9.00pm, and would enjoy helping a friendly bunch of enthusiastic people sing a mixed repertoire of traditional and contemporary music we would love to hear from you.

Ideally you will have some experience of working with a conductor and accompanying singers in rehearsal, but if you don't but are keen to develop these skills don't let that put you off.

If you think you can help, please contact Elspeth Ferriday either by email at elspethferriday@hotmail.com, or calling 01865 880100 or 07796 536113.



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“We will meet again”

Queen Elizabeth II was possibly the most recognizable woman in the world. Millions will have watched, with me on television, her funeral. Above all the pageantry and spectacle of the state funeral one thing that struck me was that many of the hymns, Bible readings and prayers were the standard hymns, readings and prayers of a traditional church of England funeral service.

Tomorrow I will be taking the funeral of a lady who is not famous by worldly standards and little known outside her family and friends. Yet we will say the same prayers and have the same bible readings. The same promises of restoration and resurrection, in and through Christ, apply to the lady tomorrow as much as for the Queen today, and apply to all of us.

I am really pleased to know that Jesus Christ came to “seek and save the lost” (Luke 19:10 p91 in the Jubilee New Testament or p89 in the new edition) and was the friend of sinners, befriending outcasts, the humble, and the lowly of heart. I’m please because it reinforces the truth that we are all of equal value to God - whether rich or poor, king, queen or pauper, whatever nationality or worldly status.

I don’t want to belittle the Queen or anything that she has done or achieved. The Queen’s life has been a glowing example of dedicated and sacrificial service which we should

all admire and aspire to emulate, and her sincere faith in Christ has been clear to all. However, it is good to know that in Christ there is no favouritism. St Paul says in the bible writing to the Christians in Galatia, “So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” (Galatians 3: 26-29 p211 in the Jubilee New Testament or p206 in the new edition.)

Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, in his sermon at the Queen’s funeral reminded us of a line from a Christmas carol “Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.” The message is that we all, through faith in Christ, can be equal heirs of the Christian promise and heirs of the resurrection hope that our queen believed through her faith in Jesus Christ.

Justin Welby, reminded us of the basis of that faith being in the death and resurrection of Christ ending with the quote of the queen “We will meet again”. That is the Christian hope for all who trust in him.

Revd Roger Aston

PS There are a few copies of the book Our Faithful Queen available in church (£1) and also free copies of the New Testament of the bible.

PLEASE BRING A SMILE THIS CHRISTMAS

This year's shoebox appeal is now operational and shoeboxes will be going to many, very needy, people in Eastern Europe (including Ukraine). Shoeboxes can be filled with items for a girl, boy, teenager, woman, man or elderly woman. Leaflets on what to put in your shoebox can be found in the Food-Bank box outside St. Peter's Church and inside the porch. If you would like to know more about this appeal please contact Jane Aston by phoning 01865 880757 or by emailing janeaston53@aol.com.

Completed shoeboxes to be delivered to Jane Aston at 9, Bell Close, Cassington before the end of October. Please support this worthy cause.

Thank you.
Jane Aston



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)

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)

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OCTOBER 2022

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.

Services this month

Sunday 2nd October – 9.30am Harvest Celebration

Sunday 9th October – 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Tuesday 11th October – 9.30am Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 16th October - 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 23rd October – 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd October – 6pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 30th October – 9.30 Holy Communion



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Our Food Bank collection box is at the entrance of St Peter's Church Cassington we are supporting:

Eynsham Food bank (07738063083)

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Please donate tins and dried foods (that are at least 6 months before their "best before date"). Donated items can be placed in the box by the church door where a full list of appropriate items can be found.

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.

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Cassington Celebrates 900 years

Henry Was Here!

So we have a new King - Charles III - and perhaps one day we'll welcome him to Cassington too. Kings have been here before!

When St Peter's was built 900 years ago, King Henry I was here to see for himself the new church that was consecrated by his very close advisor Bishop Robert Bloet in 1123. Back then the forests of Woodstock were royal hunting grounds and King Henry I was a regular visitor to his hunting lodge there, 600 years before Blenheim Palace was built.

We've had at least two other Kings here too ...

Throughout next year ...

Many thanks to volunteers across the village who are already planning special events for 2023, with lots going on for all ages. Here's a rough outline of some of the plans so far:

8th January 2023

Celebration events at the church and village hall, with St Peter's School children

February/March/April

Bell ringing event and tours up the church tower
Concert at St Peter's with singers from Christ Church cathedral

May

Village plant sale on the Green with the Allotment Association
Oxfordshire Artweeks for Cassington artists of all ages in church and village hall
Village history exhibition
'No Mow May' and launch of new eco projects

June

St Peter's Day Flower Festival and competition
Bike Night
'Talking histories'

July

Sports Day on the playing fields or Green
Beer festival at the Red Lion
Summer event at Churchfields



Cassington around 1930-40. Can you spot where it is?

September

Open air drama and music evening around the village and churchyard

Aunt Sally at the Red Lion, Church v Pub

October/November/December

Harvest Festival

Great Cassington Bake-Off

Remembrance Day, Advent and Christmas events

Please tell us **YOUR IDEAS** and get involved!

Monthly photo competition and A Year in Cassington

Don't forget that CAWN will be running a special monthly photo competition starting in January 2023. More details to follow in November CAWN. The plan is to capture all aspects of life in the village and to produce a special commemorative book based on all the photos entered. So make your own mark on history and grab your place in the book by sending in your photos of life in Cassington 2023.

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Recipe of the Month

So here we are in autumn which means all sorts of deliciousness – mushrooms, pumpkins, chestnuts oh I could go on, but I will stop and suggest a couple of things to do with pumpkin and other squashes.

Pumpkin or Squash Gratin

First a gratin loosely based on one using celeriac (which is also gorgeous), porcini mushrooms and pumpkin or butternut squash.

Take dried mushrooms and soak in hot water with half a mushroom stock cube or a teaspoon of mushroom stock powder to intensify the flavour. Meanwhile slice an onion and saute gently in butter with a clove of garlic which you have squashed slightly with a knife. Do not brown. Add a good handful of thickly sliced fresh mushrooms (chestnut if possible).

Skin the pumpkin or butternut squash (I don't always do this with butternut but for this one I think you should) and slice as thinly as you are able. When the mushrooms have given up most of their liquid, and the onion is soft, pile everything, including the porcini and their stock, into a buttered gratin dish. Mix well so the vegetables are tumbled together.

Pour over a mixture of double cream and crème fraiche seasoned generously with black pepper and a little salt

(remember the stock if you used it will be salty). Sprinkle with grated gruyere and parmesan and bake in a gentle oven 170c for about 40 minutes until the pumpkin is soft and the cheese nicely browned. Very good with a sharp green salad and crunchy baguette on the side.

And as you may be lucky to get hold of a spaghetti squash and you have the oven on (use every inch of oven when you can to save electricity) here is a really simple dish for another day.

Spaghetti Squash Carbonara

Cut a cleaned squash in half and remove the seeds. Put in a baking tray and oil lightly and season well. Cook for about the same time as the gratin above (40 mins) until the strands of 'spaghetti' can be freely removed with a fork. I like to use these strands as a carbonara style bake.

Put the strands of the spaghetti squash in a buttered dish and pour over a well seasoned mixture of one egg, double cream (I know, I know not traditional) and some crème fraiche into which you have added some grated parmesan and Emmental and, if you eat meat, some nice crisped up pancetta or bacon.

This can be baked the same day or up to a couple of days later (at 180c for about 15 mins) or stashed in the freezer. The 'spaghetti' is also good served with any other pasta sauce. Or just butter, garlic, parsley and parmesan – I could go on!

OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

Greetings from the capital. The monthly Observation column now comes to you two hours closer to home, after I moved from Norwich City to Tottenham Hotspur at the start of September. You'll be pleased to know I've been doing my best to make friends in London.

After exploring a small amount of Hampstead Heath on foot, I strolled into a pub called The George, near Camden, to watch the Dutch Grand Prix and Manchester United v Arsenal. I was on my own, but as the pub filled up, an old man and his foreign friend asked to sit on my table and bought me a couple of pints. I look forward to seeing them again the next time I desire free alcohol.

A few days later, I was at a pub in Hackney, and interrupted a conversation at the bar to ask "do I detect a Geordie accent?"

"I'm from Scotland," the man replied. Networking isn't easy.

Thankfully, my colleagues have taken a liking to the fact I look like former Spurs defender Jan Vertonghen, so of course my name is now Jan in the office. I'm not as good as Jan at football but I am eating like him, because at the training ground we get to eat the same nutritious meals as the players.

It's a bit of a step up from Morrisons meal deals and, as much as I miss my friends in East Anglia, I was well and truly fed up with hoisin duck wraps.



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What are your Councils Doing?

By Dan Levy

It is easy to get the impression that things happen around our villages that aren't for the benefit of residents. This has been true in the past with some decisions. For example, although the A40 improvements will give Cassington a better bus service and quicker traffic access onto the A40, clearly the main benefits are for people from further afield. However, both the councils on which I serve, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) are committed to better consultation following the changes of administration. We want to hear from residents, businesses and parish councils. The loudest voices aren't always the most representative, and the more who take part, the better a consultation can be.



Oxfordshire County Council Consultations

Some of the OCC consultations have had their final dates extended, including the A40 plans, following further work on the environmental aspect of the schemes. Also under review are the transport plans for central Oxfordshire, which covers the city centre and neighbouring places, including Eynsham and Cassington. Central to these plans are the use of bus gates to prevent through traffic in the city centre. For the avoidance of doubt everywhere in the city will still be accessible by motor car. This means that those who opt to drive rather than using public transport, the P&Rs or active travel (walking, wheeling and cycling), will need to use the ringroad and go in on the right road depending on where they are looking to arrive. I think these plans will go a long way towards easing congestion, improving bus times and making it safer and quicker to cycle. OCC wants to hear from residents and businesses who may be affected because the plans can be altered to make them better. OCC consultations are at <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

West Oxfordshire District Council Consultations

WODC has a new administration, following the elections last May. There are two consultations under way, to help with key strategic direction. Firstly, there will be a new Council Plan, setting out the objectives that the council is looking to achieve, including things like creating a vibrant community and ensuring that we combat climate change.

In addition, we are creating a new Local Plan. This is the framework which informs planning policy, and which we need to ensure that planning law doesn't give developers the power to do what they want regardless of the needs of residents. It determines where new houses might be built, and where they are not permitted. The new Local Plan will cover the period up to 2041, replacing the existing one, which has a 2031 end point, and is now out of date. Both Plans are key to how West Oxfordshire will look over the forthcoming decades, and your input is vital.

WODC has an easier and more usable consultation platform. <https://yourvoicecounts.commonplace.is>

Salt Cross Area Action Plan Consultation

The Area Action Plan for the Salt Cross Garden Village, as amended by the Planning Inspector, is open for consultation until 5 November. Key changes relate to reducing the commitment to Net Zero and assessing the cumulative cost of making the Garden Village as good as it could be. It is a WODC plan, but less good than WODC wanted, so this is an opportunity for residents to comment and, we hope, persuade the inspectorate.

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Electoral Commission.

Coming up will be a review of the seats on the County Council, instigated by the Electoral Commission. It is designed to ensure that each seat has the same number of electors. It's possible that Cassington may be affected, as it was, I think, last time there was a review. Please watch out for the invitation to contribute.

Contact Us

You can always get hold of your councillors if you have concerns or issues. For WODC things, there is me, Andy Goodwin and Carl Rylett, and for County things me. I know that Cassington's parish councillors are also keen to hear from residents. Nearly all council meetings are held in public, OCC meetings are viewable (and you can contribute to them) online, and WODC ones will be streamed in the near future.

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Neighbourhood Plan.

We are now in Regulation 16.

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. – Still awaiting contact

20mph zone.

This is now out for Consultation. Please see the Public Notice for details on how to comment. It has to be done by 2nd September. All the documents are on the website. Please could you complete the questionnaire that is in this month's CAWN. The Parish Council are very interested in the views of the residents.

Speed watch

This has been going very well with plenty of people being caught by the Speed Watch Group with letters going out and a few with visits from the Local Police

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

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 6th October 2022 @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Clerk contact details

Mrs Tracey Cameron

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Could it be a trick of the light or do things really go “bump in the night”?

BLenheim

In April 2022, we began the first dredge of Queen Pool in over 100 years, removing enough silt over nine months to fill Wembley Stadium to the top! Dredging is the removal of silt from bodies of water. Silt is fine grains of rock, smaller than sand, that build up over time: 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. The project is using a wet dredge technique.

We have three diggers set on a floating platform which moves slowly across the full surface of the lake, dredging over the course of about nine months. Along with the diggers are six hoppers which go backwards and forwards, bringing the silt from the platform to land. (We had a local competition to name our Hoppers with names such as ‘Reg who likes to Dredge’ and ‘Mallard’ being selected). The removed silt is being relocated up to Great Park, where we are creating a landform (a hill or mound) over 16ha. This land will then be returned to grassland.



BLenheim ESTATE

We’re incredibly excited to announce that we have started a new app project with Natural England, the University of Oxford, Oxfordshire County Council, the Ramblers, Greenspace Hack and Editions Systeme D to explore opportunities for crowdsourcing measurements of path quality.

The app is currently in testing so we are looking for members of the public to use it when they are out and about on walks in the countryside!

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August 1944 Forestry Camp

Moments are
 When not understanding
 Cracks your little shell -

He was there suddenly
 Out of the trees
 At the edge of the shade
 Stood looking.
 A man
 Custard coloured hair
 Rosy faced
 More boy than man.

Chocolate coloured clothes
 Kind of brown all-over suit
 Ill fitting for such a hot day
 Scratchy wool

The big boys with axes
 Wore shorts.
 He wasn't one of them
 Came from somewhere else.

In his hand
 Upside down held by the feet
 Swung an owl.

It seemed sleepy - quite alive
 Plummage soft as soft:
 A tracery of amber drops
 Like rain
 Against white feathers

It didn't seem a bit upset
 Just sort of biding its time
 Powerfully quiet and still.
 I knew it was an owl.

Where had he come from in the wood?
 Such a large gentle lad.
 Lacking that dangerous zest
 The others had as they
 Chopped down trees
 Pit props for the mines
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That's Hans the German Prisoner
 Someone said
 He works at Tweddell's Farm.

by Margaret Bonfiglioni

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SPSA News



We hope everyone has had a nice summer. Earlier in the year we reported on a successful Bike Night but didn't quite have all the figures in. We can now report a net profit of £4728.13 which includes our share of the bucket shaking money. This is fantastic news after two fallow years and will be a valuable extra fund for the school as they plan their spending for the coming year.

We are meeting on Wednesday 12 October at 7.30pm in the Red Lion to discuss our plans and ideas for the coming school year, including our AGM. We do also have a vacancy for a Secretary which is not as taxing as it sounds.

Please come along and join us for a drink and a chat – and see how you can help with much-needed extra funds for the St Peters children.

SPSA Team

Soldiers Of Oxfordshire Museum



Soldiers of
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Museum

7pm, Thursday 27 October 2022

Online talk exploring the experience of Oxfordshire men fighting in the Great War's 'forgotten army' in Salonika.

Speaker Alan Wakefield is a curator at the Imperial War Museum and author of Under the Devil's Eye: Britain's Forgotten Army at Salonika 1915-1918.

Free to view, donations are encouraged.

<https://www.sof.org.uk/whats-on/salonika/>

SPORT IN CASSINGTON

West Bladon Cricket Club

End of Season Report

WBCC have very nearly finished their 5th year playing at Cassington and as always, we would like to extend our thanks to the Sports and Social Club Committee for all their hard work maintaining the pavilion and facilities. We genuinely love playing our cricket here and there has been lots of support from the players over the season helping with mowing, maintenance of the square and wicket, and repairs and upkeep to the machinery. We often receive compliments from visiting teams about the ground and overall set up, and it's a pleasure to be part of it.

The club has done very well on the field this year. We have played 22 games, winning 15 of them including a club record 9 in a row! As always, we very much operate an open-door policy for new players, there is no selection panel or minimum standard required, just an enthusiasm for competitive but fun Sunday cricket. To this end we have welcomed several new players this season, and if anyone ever fancies a game then just stroll along on a Sunday or contact us via the details on our team website.

It always seems a little unfair to pick out individual performances when we pride ourselves on being a team where we genuinely always do our best to make sure everyone either bats, bowls or often both, and as such everyone always contributes something. However, with just one game to go here are a few of the highlights from the scorebook this season:

The batting has generally gone well this season with Ash

Horne achieving the highest score of 82 not out. D.Floyd and A. Hambridge both managed to knock up identical scores of 74 not out (though not in the same game) and T. Poole got a very nice 71 including ten 4s and two 6s. Plenty of other very useful scores in there too and lots of people with very healthy batting averages.

The bowling has also gone well, with a tussle at the top of the table between J. Barber and S. Edwards to see who will finish the season with the most dismissals, both already having past the 20 wicket mark. A. Walker leads the field in terms of economy, which is no surprise given the outstanding accuracy of his bowling, and as always, the spinners have also racked up a fair few wickets each with W. Dale, S. Poole and T. Valentine all showing healthy returns for their efforts!

Ahead in the fielding stats, and no surprise given he is allowed a pair of gloves, is our wicket-keeper Gary Doggett who does an excellent job for us each week behind the stumps. Gary is also our chief groundsman and puts in countless hours every week to make sure we have a nicely prepared wicket to play on. On behalf of all the players thank-you Gary!

So that's almost it for the season, as I write this, we have just one game left to go, and with the evenings beginning to draw in and autumn on the way it will soon be time to reseed the cricket square and put it to bed for the winter. All that will be left to do will be a gathering in the Red Lion sometime over the winter for our Awards Night where we can all look back on another cracking season, and then before we know it, April will have come around, the mowers will be back out and we can start it all again!

Ash Hambridge
Chairman WBCC

Cassington Rangers Football Club

Our season has started and on Saturday the 03/09/2022 we played and beat Milton reserves F.C 6-0

Goals scored by:

Jason Blackman	Jordan Lyne
Max Gallagher	Ross Lewington
Daniel Bourton	And an own goal

Our second game on 17/09/2022 didn't happen due to Freeland Reserves not being able to raise a team and we get the points. So we played a friendly at home vs Stonesfield Reserves and won 9-0

Goals from:

Tyler Walker 3	Lewis Hooper 2
Will Morris	Ben Kibble
Neal Hobday	Daniel Bourton

Our up and coming fixtures are:

24/09/2022	Away vs Brize Norton (league)
01/10/2022	Away vs Horton (cup)
15/10/2022	Home vs Hatherop Reserves (league)
22/10/2022	Away vs Kingham

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TEA TIME TEASER

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Answers next month

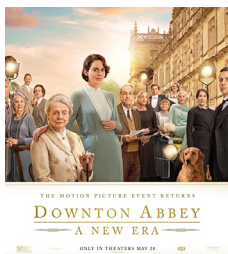
1. Almablor (1 word)
2. Pebornd Carest (3 words)
3. Lower Wejcn (2 words)
4. Daswe Lincorst (2 words)
5. Ramsh Gannid (1 word)
6. Tibanarin (1 word)
7. Than meat nailon (2 words)
8. Yostal Cora (2 words)

Answers to last month's song lyrics:

1. Teacher's Pet from School of Rock
2. Be True to your School – The Beach Boys
3. Wonderful World – Sam Cooke
4. We're going to be friends – the White Stripes
5. It's getting better all the time – The Beatles
6. Rock'n'Roll High School – the Ramones
7. School's Out – Alice Cooper
8. Don't Stand so close to me – the Police

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.



CAWN Advertising rates

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Gardening Tips for October



- Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
- Cut back perennials that have died down
- Divide herbaceous perennials
- Prune climbing roses
- Renovate old lawns, or create new grass areas by laying turf
- Divide rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts



Cassington Traffic Calming Measures – Your Opinions Requested

Alex David Rogers Cassington Parish Councillor

During the development of the Local Village Plan many villagers expressed concern about the speed of traffic through Cassington, especially in areas where the road and footpaths are narrow. I have also been told about a number of near misses involving vehicles and children crossing the main road through Cassington, especially associated with dropping off of pupils from school buses. In addition, our volunteer speed monitoring patrol (thanks folks!) has recorded persistent speeding through the village, including some vehicles driving in excess of 40mph. As you may be aware Cassington is one of the villages now being considered for 20mph speed limits, but it is time that we considered whether other measures may be necessary. Therefore, we would be very grateful if residents of Cassington could fill out the following questionnaire so that the Parish Council can get an idea of what might be feasible and desirable in the way of traffic calming measures. Please return to one of the Parish Council or to the Clerk of the Parish Council by post or email (this survey will be made available on the web).

1. Do you think that there is an issue with speeding through Cassington village?
2. Are there particular areas of the village where speeding vehicles represent a hazard to pedestrians or other road users?

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what's on?

Dates for your diary

October 2022

Saturday 1st 6pm Harvest Barn Dance and Supper
Thursday 6th 7.30 Parish Council Meeting
Friday 7th 7.30 Film: Downton Abbey: The New Era
Saturday 8th 7pm Charity Race Night, Eynsham Village Hall
Wednesday 12th 7.30 SPSA meeting, Red Lion
Friday 14th 7.30 Witney Music Society concert, Witney
Thursday 20th November CAWN deadline

November 2022

Thursday 3rd 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting
Sunday 20th December CAWN deadline
Sunday 27th 7.30pm Burford Singers, Burford

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3. Are there other areas around the village that are hazardous as a result of speeding?

4. Do you agree that a 20mph speed limit should be imposed through the whole village or part of the village (please specify where)?

5. Do you have further suggestions for traffic calming measures that would be appropriate for the village (specify type of measure and place).

6. Do you have suggestions of further measures that may improve the safety of pedestrians or other road users (other than traffic calming)?