



# welcome Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 545th edition of CAWN. The nights are drawing in, reminding me that the next edition is the Christmas one, when I like to include people's Christmas wishes. So please send me your messages to your friends and acquaintances and let's make it a truly festive edition.

This month I want to say a huge thank you to Roger Aston, who has been writing a piece for each edition for as long as I can remember, and certainly throughout my editorship. In his article this month he explains that he will be stepping back from some of his duties, and this is his last article for CAWN - at least for a little while. So thank you Roger for all your contributions.

This does mean that there could be a vacancy if someone has a burning desire to become a regular contributor. Please contact me if you have an idea of something you would like to write about each month.

On page 9 of this edition you will find the details of the photographic competition that will be running throughout next year. Please keep these rules somewhere handy, if you think you might enter - and I do encourage as many of you as possible to send in your pictures throughout the year.

Finally, I am delighted to include a poster for the village pantomime, Oz the Panto, which is coming to a village hall near you next month! If past pantomimes are anything to go by this will be riotous fun, so get your tickets now, before they sell out!

Anne x

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## November stargazing highlights

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The Taurids is a long-running meteor shower producing about 5-10 meteors per hour. The nearly full moon will block out all but the brightest meteors. Best viewing will be just after midnight from a dark location. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Taurus, but can be anywhere in the sky.

### November 8 - Full Moon.

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

### November 8 - Total Lunar Eclipse.

Sadly this eclipse will not be visible in the UK.

### November 9 - Uranus at Opposition.

The blue-green planet will be at its closest approach to Earth and its face will be fully illuminated by the Sun and will be visible all night long. This is the best time to view Uranus; but it will only appear as a tiny blue-green dot in all but the most powerful telescopes.

### November 17, 18 - Leonids Meteor Shower.

The Leonids produces an average of up to 15 meteors per hour at its peak. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Leo, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

### November 23 - 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.

## Christmas Wishes

Remember to send your Christmas messages to the village for inclusion in the December edition by 20th November

### Celebrating the creativity of Cassington

As part of next year's Cassington 900 activities we are hoping to include a celebration of art and craft in Cassington, ideally as part of Oxfordshire Artweeks in May.

There are several ways we could do this, depending on how many are interested in taking part. You don't need to be an Artweeks exhibitor and you don't need to have a lot of work to show, just an interest in taking part.

So, if you paint, draw, sculpt, model, make jewellery, turn, whittle, knit, or craft and create in any way and would like to be part of the celebrations, please email me (no commitment at this stage) and we'll see where we go from there.

Thank you.

Kevin

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## A friend in need is a friend indeed

This is a strange saying. If you or I were in need and someone helped us they would certainly be a friend to us, the needy. But the saying implies that if we befriend someone when they are in need then they are a friend to us, the helper – it suggests a friendship the opposite way round. We are blessed in the action of helping them!

Sunday 6th November will be the last time that I will preach at St Peter's church as licensed "Associate Curate" to Cassington and Eynsham having reached 70 years of age. However, I will be leading the Remembrance Day services on 13th. Also, in the new year, I am sure that I will still be involved in church occasionally and still be allowed to do so as a "retired minister". However, the text for my last service as curate is the well-known, "Parable of the Good Samaritan" (Luke 10 verses 25-37 page 79 In your Jubilee New Testament or page 77 in the later edition).

A religious teacher in Jesus' day wants to know who the "neighbour" is that he is supposed to love (according to their Jewish law) to get eternal life – as well as loving God that is! In answer Jesus tells the parable which we often call the "Parable of the Good Samaritan". Jesus talks of a man who gets robbed, beaten up and left for dead. In the story two of his own race "pass by on the other side". One is a priest and the other a Levite who know the law well. But it is a hated and despised Samaritan, of an alien race, that actually helps the victim at his own cost.

Jesus asks the religious teacher which of the three people in His story was the neighbour to the victim. He says "The one who had mercy on him." Notice that he can't even bring himself to say the name "Samaritan" because they were a despised race. Jesus says to him "you do the same".

We are all called to love God and love our neighbour, and our neighbour in need may not be someone that we actually know or even like. They may be local and of the same race, or far off in a distant country, not of our race or creed.

I believe that we are blessed by blessing others – not as a payment we deserve, but by God's grace in the joy of doing His will in helping others in need.

Also, in a way, the Samaritan in the parable shows us an image of Christ. Christ who reaches out to us who are in need and alienated from God by our sin and who brings healing and restoration at his own cost.

Revd Roger Aston



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**Services this month**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**9.30am Morning Worship**

**6pm Memorial Service for the Bereaved at St Leonard's in Eynsham**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)**



**Remembrance Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

**9.30am Morning Worship**

**10.45 am at the War Memorial**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November - 9.30am Morning Worship**

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

**9.30am Holy Communion**

**6pm Evening Prayer**

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This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 13th November. The Poppy Appeal House to House Collection will take place once again.

During the period running up to Remembrance Day authorised collectors, who are well known to most of you, will be calling. Last year the Appeal raised £1,121 in Cassington and Worton – a most commendable amount for a village the size of Cassington. May I, on behalf of the Royal British Legion, thank all of you who so generously supported the Appeal then, and those who contributed to the collection tins we put out last year. May we once again rely on your generosity.

Today the Legion is still being called upon to give support to bereaved families, and to others who have been severely injured in wars and more recent conflicts. Costs to do this are continually escalating.

The Royal British Legion does not advocate war or glorify it, but attempts to relieve the suffering caused by it.

**SUNDAY 13TH November**

The usual non-denominational Remembrance Service will be held at Cassington War Memorial commencing at 10.45am. Everyone is invited to this short service which follows immediately after the Service at St.Peter's Church. Please do not leave cars near the Memorial at this time.

Mike Randle  
Hon. Secretary, R.B.L. Cassington



# CHECK BEFORE YOU CHUCK

## WHAT YOU CAN AND CAN'T RECYCLE



Residents living in West Oxfordshire are asked to check the suitability of their waste for recycling before it goes in the blue-lidded wheeled bin or, in the case of glass, the black kerbside box, as the District Council lends its voice to this year's national Recycle Week (17-23 October).

The focus of the latest campaign by Recycle Now encourages householders up and down the country to 'get real' about recycling, in a push to keep up the quality of materials which can be simply and effectively reprocessed and to recycle more of the right materials more often.

The campaign is also highlighting the problems of putting unwanted items into the kerbside recycling purely in the hope that they will get recycled down the line and advises that putting in too many of the wrong things, can result in entire loads being rejected by the companies that reprocess the waste.

Councillor Lidia Arciszewska, Cabinet Member for Environment at West Oxfordshire District Council, said: "This year's Recycle Now campaign is about encouraging residents to use their kerbside services correctly to help the environment. West Oxfordshire's residents are some of the best recyclers in the country with around 58% of what is collected from homes going on to be recycled or composted. This is a great achievement and shows just how dedicated residents are when it comes to recycling.

"However, Recycle Week is an opportunity to highlight some of the issues that putting the wrong items out for recycling, or presenting them incorrectly, can cause.

"While collecting recyclables all together in a wheeled bin makes using the service easier for householders, this does mean that crews are unable to check everything which is being presented. It's only once the materials end up at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), where the items will eventually get sorted out, that we can gauge the quality of what has been collected. Needlessly transporting materials not destined for recycling costs time, wastes fuel and has implications for the environment and the sorting process. We're asking residents to get behind this year's campaign and check beforehand if they are unsure of what items are suitable to be recycled."

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Some of the most problematic items found in the Council's recycling bins are plastic sacks and carrier bags, plastic film, food and textiles.

To support the efficient recycling of materials residents are reminded that recycling must be put loose into the wheeled bin. As part of the separation process, recycling is loaded onto a conveyor belt where different methods - typically magnets, currents, and optical sorting - will be used to identify different materials and mechanically separate them back out. Bagged recycling disrupts this.

Stretchy plastics, such as bags and plastic film, also create an issue as they can easily catch in the mechanisms of the equipment at the MRF and cause the sorting process to be held up or halted until the troublesome items can be removed. This costs a lot of time.

In order to be reused or reworn, textiles must be dry but also clean. Therefore, any unwanted clothing and paired shoes should be bagged, with handles tied, and left beside the recycling bin on collection day.

Residents who are uncertain about what items are currently accepted by the District Council or how they should be presented are encouraged to visit the Council's web pages: <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/what-to-put-in-your-bin/>

Oxfordshire Recycles' Waste Wizard online tool can help householders find the right way to recycle hundreds of their unwanted items including items not currently collected by the District Council: [www.westoxon.gov.uk/wastewizard](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/wastewizard).

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# 2023, A Year in Cassington

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

In 2023 Cassington celebrates 900 years of St Peter's Church. To mark this nonacentennial landmark CAWN will be running a photography competition to capture a snapshot of life in Cassington in 2023.

Starting in January 2023, there will be a new topic each month with prizes for the best photographs in both under 16 and over 16 categories. Twelve of the winning photographs will feature in a calendar for 2024 and, together with many of the other entries and images and stories from the past, we aim to produce a Commemorative Book to mark this milestone.

There will be a prize each month for the winning entries. Good quality photographs would be great, but more importantly we would like to capture moments in the life and spirit of our village, so a great snap taken on your phone will stand as good a chance of winning as something technically 'better'.

The aim is to have the calendars produced in time for Christmas next year, and the books will be available as soon as possible in January 2024. Look out for more details during the year. Topics and entry dates will be announced in CAWN. Further details can be found in the competition rules below.

**We hope you will all join in the competition and help us to create an exciting record of Cassington in our time.**



### Who can enter?

- 1 The competition is free to enter and open to anyone living in or associated with Cassington or Worton during 2023.
- 2 Entries must be the work of the entrant and be taken in 2023.
- 3 Entrants will be considered to be in the under 16 category if they have not reached their sixteenth birthday at the time the photograph is taken.
- 4 Winners of monthly prizes are still allowed to enter again in other months.
- 5 If appropriate, and if not already a winning photograph, the same image can be entered for more than one monthly topic.

### How do you enter?

- 6 Entries should be sent as email attachments to: **chinton260@outlook.com** and must be submitted by the entry date for each month's competition as advertised.
- 7 Entries should be submitted in jpeg format and be of good quality but a manageable size (approx 2 to 4mb would be fine, and most photos taken on a mobile should be good enough). If available, higher-resolution versions could be supplied for publication if appropriate.
- 8 Photographs can be cropped and adjusted for image quality but should otherwise be 'genuine' – not retouched or manipulated to create illusions or deceptions, or have elements added or removed.
- 9 Entrants may submit up to four images each month.
- 10 You should include in the covering email; your name, contact details and a title or caption for your picture. If entering in the under 16 category, please also supply your date of birth.

### What else?

- 11 Before submitting your entries you should obtain the permission of people featured in your photograph for it to be entered into the competition and for it to be published in CAWN, the calendar and the book (or the permission of parents or guardians for photos of minors). This is not necessary for crowd scenes, but if some individuals are prominent the same rules apply.
- 12 As a record of life in Cassington in 2023, it would also be valuable for people to be identified by name, and very useful if this can be done when your picture is entered.

- 13 Be nice. Be positive. Please respect everyone's property and privacy. Do not trespass, and do not submit images which others may find intrusive or offensive. Any such images would be disqualified from entry and the photographer may be barred from the competition as a whole.

### How will the competition be judged?

- 14 There will be a panel of judges: Anne Luttman-Johnson (editor of CAWN); Kevin Hinton (past editor of CAWN); Zoe Rogers (to give us a more youthful perspective).
- 15 The images submitted each month will be assessed 'blind' for quality, originality and interest, for how they best illustrate the topic of the month, and how they will contribute to a visual record of Cassington in 2023.
- 16 Where insufficient entries have been received, or a suitable winner cannot be found, the judges reserve the right to withhold the monthly prize, and where necessary select entries from other months for publication.
- 17 As ever in these sort of competitions - the decisions of the judges are final.

### What could I win?

- 18 Winners in both the under 16 and over 16 categories each month will receive a gift token to the value of £15 courtesy of a generous sponsor (sponsors to be confirmed).
- 19 The winning entries, and possibly those of the runners-up, will be published in CAWN. Overall winners will feature in the calendar, and many of the entries may be published in the Commemorative Book.
- 20 Winning entries chosen for the calendar will also receive a free calendar and, if published, a free copy of the Commemorative Book.

**By entering the competition you will be deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions, obtained appropriate permissions, and to have granted permission for your images and information provided to be published in CAWN, in the Calendar for 2024, in the Commemorative Book and in associated displays and promotions.**

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# ST PETER'S SCHOOL



The start of the new academic year has been exciting, busy, and fun across the whole school.

Some recent highlights include our youngest children in Apple Tree class making bread as one of their Milestone Moments. Linking to our value of generosity, the children took the bread home to share with their families – so many life lessons in one experience!

Our Year 1 and 2 children in Oak class culminated their class topic with a Fire of London day which involved dressing up in period costume (including some children coming dressed as the fire!) and making models of Pudding Lane before recreating the fire by setting their buildings alight on the playground!

Year 3 and 4 in Maple class had Stone Age day where they invited 'The History Man' to give a first-hand experience of what life was like in the Stone Age. Children developed their pre-historic art skills, learned how to grind wheat and barley, and attempted making fire by rubbing sticks.

Year 6 visited Rewley Road Fire Station for a Junior Citizens course. This was an extremely valuable experience going through real life scenarios such as calling the emergency services in the event of an accident and identifying how they can keep themselves safe at rivers and near rail tracks for example. Just before Christmas year 5 and 6 will be going on residential for a week to Yenworthy in Devon.

We have organised the new Pupil Leadership Groups for this year. Have a look at our website for the targets each

group wants to achieve this school year (<https://www.st-petersexon.co.uk/pupil-leadership-groups>). We will focus on the achievements of one group each month and this month we can report that the chicken leaders are doing a fantastic job of caring for our rescue chickens who are now enjoying a new, and much happier life, with us at St Peter's! We now have eight chickens in total, with three being rescued last week.

In previous years, our chosen charity to support has been the Marine Conservation Society which. This year we have changed to Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue (<https://www.oxfordshirewildliferescue.com>) which is very appropriate for the children at St Peter's. Our youngsters have a genuine passion for wildlife and have loved being involved in our new pond, for example. At lunchtimes, children independently make their own bug houses and animal hospitals where worms can convalesce in peace!

Christmas is coming! Our Christmas fair is planned for Friday 2nd December and we would love you to join us. There will be craft stalls, raffles, games, refreshments and lots more. We are also hoping for a visit from Father Christmas himself! Covid largely stopped us in our tracks with how much we could share what we do with the community, so we are very happy to open our doors to you once again to come and join in the festivities and have a look around! We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Jon Jeffries  
Headteacher

Unlocking...

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## CLIMATE AND ECOLOGY BILL



West Oxfordshire District Council passed a motion to show its full support for the Government's Climate and Ecology Bill at a meeting of Full Council on 19 October 2022.

If passed the Climate and Ecology Bill will call on the Secretary of State to publish and lay before Parliament a strategy to set a limit to, and reduce carbon emissions and restore and expand natural ecosystems within 12 months of the Act being passed.

The Council has also committed to write to the cross-party campaign group Zero Hour to express its support for the Bill and asking MP Robert Courts to also show his support.

Andrew Prosser, Cabinet Member for Climate Change added, "We have already committed to action to shape a district where the climate and ecology is at the heart of everything we do."

"We have pledged to achieve carbon zero by 2030, and are determined to achieve this target at a local level. But, we need an overarching national strategy to make a collective and real difference to climate change."

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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 have been a few changes in the project. – Still awaiting contact.

### 20mph zone.

The Consultation for the 20mph has now closed and we await the decision from OCC.

### 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.

### Dog Waste

The Parish Council have been advised that there has been an increase in dog waste around the village. We are aware that WODC have removed the dog waste bin at the bottom of the track by Williams Court. Tracey is trying to find out

why it was removed. In the meantime, can you please remember to take your dog waste home or put it in the nearest bin. Leaving it on the bushes or not picking it up is very irresponsible and disrespectful to the rest of the village.

### Parish Councillors

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

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### 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 3rd November 2022 @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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We are pleased to share an exciting update on our Lake Dredge...we have now removed 100,000 cubic metres of silt from the Queen Pool! Altogether there is 300,000 cubic metres to remove which means we are now a third of the way there. Silt is fine grains of rock, smaller than sand, that build up over time. The silt in the Lake had built up so much (the last dredge was over 100 years ago) that the water is currently only 30cm deep, however it should be around two metres to support the existing ecosystem and the creatures who depend on it. The silt is being removed by leading wet civil engineering firm Land & Water who maintain and enhance the UK’s network of waterways.



## BLLENHEIM ESTATE

### Digital Pathways

Across our Estate we are updating our permissive pathway signs to include a QR code. In this exciting project we’ve joined forces with Natural England, the University of Oxford, Oxfordshire County Council, the Ramblers, Greenspace Hack and Editions Systeme D. A series of QR codes will be located on posts along the route allow people to feed back on the current state of the pathway, its suitability for different uses and to report any issues. In addition to logging details, you can also scan the codes to get more information on your surroundings, conservation projects, nearby points of interest, local wildlife and seasonal changes.

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## CHURCHFIELDS NEWS

We are well and truly into the Autumn season now and there is something very special about this time of the year. A crisp autumn breeze, crackling log fires and the spectacle of green leaves turning rich reds and yellows.

Our residents kicked off the month by celebrating the Harvest Festival, which included a variety of fun-filled activities such as decorating the home, singing hymns, enjoying traditional harvest dishes and connecting with community groups.



We embraced the Harvest Festival's charitable side and donated non-perishable tinned food and goods from the kitchen, and delivered them to St Peter's Church, to help those in the community who might be struggling with the day-to-day cost of living.

The autumn booster rollout began this month and to ensure the safety of our residents, we were joined by Doctor Kemper to administer our fifth Covid booster ahead of winter.

And dare we say it, our residents spent a morning making their first batch of Christmas cards, a lot of fun was had by all!



The fun continued as we welcomed our favourite visitors into the home. We enjoyed a sing along with Tristan, a communion and service with Roger, and a spot of yoga with Muna. Everyone enjoyed our burlesque session with Sara from Butter Cross productions. As always, we're super grateful for all our visitors who continue to provide endless entertainment for our residents.

The sun has been plentiful, so a few of our residents have grabbed their fleeces, along with a cosy blanket, and enjoyed their daily dose of vitamin D.



We now look forward to the thrill and enjoyment of Guy Fawkes' bonfire night. Autumn is the perfect time of year for celebration.

Churchfields are recruiting; looking for individuals who share our commitment and enthusiasm for care. Part time and full time roles are available, including flexible, child friendly hours. You will benefit from excellent training opportunities, a high staff ratio, strong leadership and supportive management. Contact Churchfields to find out more about these exciting job opportunities by calling 01865 881440 or email [manager@churchfieldscarehome.co.uk](mailto:manager@churchfieldscarehome.co.uk).

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November 2-4pm in the village hall. In the meantime, please keep following us on Facebook to see how daily life continues at Churchfields

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# Recipe of the Month

Although chestnuts are a little pricey a few go a long way and provide plenty of nutrition. First off a lovely, smooth soup with some crisp bacon or pancetta to add texture (if you are vegetarian some parmesan crisps or kale crisps would be just as delicious).

Then, as November includes stir up Sunday, a chestnut stuffing to stash smugly in your freezer to serve alongside the turkey – make this one towards the end of November. A vegetarian version is easy – switch out the bacon for fried mushrooms or smoked tofu cut into strips and fried off. This stuffing can then be used to make a vegetarian main course.

## **Chestnut Soup**

**with bacon/pancetta crisps or crispy kale/parmesan crisps.**

500g cooked chestnuts  
1 large carrot chopped  
1 litre chicken or vegetable stock – not too strong in taste  
Good knob of butter and a tablespoon of olive oil  
Small bunch of sage leaves  
5 or 6 shallots chopped (or one large Spanish onion)  
2 cloves garlic, roughly squashed  
Salt and pepper and a pinch of chilli flakes

Saute the shallots and garlic until soft and golden. Add the chestnuts and stir around until coated in oil and butter. Pour in the stock, add a sage leaf or two and simmer for 20 minutes until everything is really soft. Remove the sage leaves and blend until really smooth, check the seasoning and add more stock if you like.

Parmesan crisps – simply sprinkle a good helping of grated cheese onto a silicon sheet and pop in oven until melted and slightly golden around the edges – remove and allow to cool before using.

Kale crisps – remove the thick stems and put the leaves in a bowl with a tiny bit of salt and some oil – using your hands, smooch everything together so all the leaves are coated. Pop on silicone sheet into oven at 180 degrees and cook for around 15 mins – cool before using – this is when they crisp up.

This is a rich soup so best followed by a crisp green salad dressed with walnut oil vinaigrette served with some goat cheese and walnuts.

## **Chestnut stuffing**

This could be easily converted into a nut roast en crouete by taking out the sage (add whichever herbs you fancy – thyme, herbes de provence etc) upping the number of chestnuts and adding some walnuts, hazelnuts and dried cranberries. Cook in a loaf tin, allow to cool and wrap in puff pastry brushed with egg wash before cooking.

125g Breadcrumbs  
450g cooked chestnuts  
50g Smoked Lardons / mushrooms or smoked tofu  
1 Egg  
1 large onion chopped finely  
50g melted butter  
Seasoning and sage or thyme or a mix of both – be generous it needs a fair amount of flavour.

Fry the onion as for the soup – not brown but nicely soft. Add the chestnuts broken into approximately quarters. Fry the lardons/mushrooms or tofu until well browned. Add to onions and other ingredients in bowl. Give everything a really good stir. To test the flavour cook a morsel and taste it. This freezes really well but do wrap it up properly – I put it in the dish I intend to cook it in but if you can't do that just a freezer box or bag is fine.

To cook put in the oven at 180 degrees for about 30 minutes – this depends on the form you have decided to cook it in – don't let it go dry.

## **BARN DANCE & HARVEST SUPPER**



The Barn Dance and Harvest Supper laid on by the Church and the Village Hall Committee on Saturday 1st October was an extremely successful event, enjoyed by old and young.

The Larkrise Ranters Ceilidh band got everyone onto the dance floor with their toe tapping songs, and their caller expertly cajoled even the most reluctant dancers into potential Strictly stars!

There was a fine spread of bread, cheese, pies and tarts and a well stocked bar to keep everyone going!



Thank you to all those who supplied and laid out the food, and to those who so ably manned the bar.

The money raised was split between the Church and the Village Hall, helping to cover the rising cost of maintenance.

Thank you to all those from the Church and the Village Hall Committee for putting on such a fun evening. Hopefully this will now become an annual event!





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Residents of West Oxfordshire are invited to Waterways Day on Friday 18 November from 9.30 to 17:30 at West Oxfordshire District Council offices at Woodgreen, Witney.

Cabinet member for Environment, Cllr Lidia Arciszewska said, "River pollution and flooding issues are close to the hearts of the vast majority of our residents. We are hosting a Waterways Day to bring together major local stakeholders and experts to give the residents of our district an opportunity to hear about the current state of our watercourses and to learn how to restore their broken ecology and how to manage them to prevent flooding."

The talks will be held in two sessions:

### Morning

Richard Aylard - Thames Water

Ashley Smith – Windrush against Sewage Pollution

Eoghan Concannon - Evenlode Catchment Partnership /Wild Oxfordshire

Prof Richard Harding – Campaign to Protect Rural England, Oxfordshire

### Afternoon

Nick Mottram - Oxfordshire County Council

William Wareing - Witney Flood Mitigation Group

Lisa Lane – Bucks, Berkshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

David Green - Blenheim Estates

There will be ample opportunities for Q&A and discussions.

Participating organisations will also man stalls to give residents the opportunity for direct interaction with the experts. These include: Blenheim Estates, Berks, Bucks & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust, Campaign to Protect Rural England (Oxfordshire), Evenlode Catchment Partnership/ Wild Oxfordshire, Oxfordshire County Council, Riverside Gardens, Wychwood project, Thames Water, Windrush Catchment Partnership, WASP - Windrush against Sewage Pollution, William Wareing - Witney Flood Mitigation Group.

Residents are encouraged to register their interest via the Eventbrite page but anyone can turn up on the day as well. Residents are welcome to submit questions prior to the event via our online form until 3 November 2022. The Environment Agency (EA) is unable to attend the event so residents are invited to submit their questions for them which will be given to the EA in advance and responses provided on the day.

Full information on the event can be found on the council's website at <https://westoxon.gov.uk/WaterwaysDay>. This includes timings for the talks and parking information.

## TEA TIME TEASER

As the weather gets colder this month we have phrases and sayings to do with the cold or things that are cold! Can you work out what they are?

Answers next month

1. S A cold, F A F
2. R I A D B S cold
3. A cool A A C
4. B H A cold
5. A cold A I
6. C Y D O cold
7. Cold H W H
8. L O I T cold

Answers to last month's anagrams:

1. Balmoral
2. Orb and Sceptre)
3. Crown Jewels
4. Windsor Castle
5. Sandringham
6. Britannia
7. National Anthem
8. Royal Ascot

## CONGRATULATIONS

To St Peter's team who won the pub quiz on Saturday 22nd October. Many thanks to Quizmasters Stephen Petty and Chris Price for setting a fun quiz which was enjoyed by all.



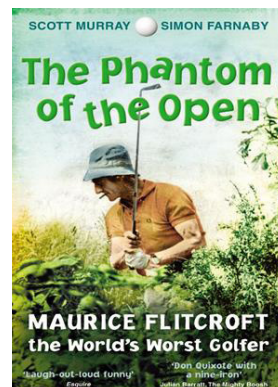
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The second concert of Witney Music Society's new season is a piano recital by Alexander Soares, a BBC Music Magazine Rising Star. His programme 'A European Odyssey' includes works by Schumann, Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt. The concert is at 7.30pm on Friday 11 November at High Street Methodist Church, Witney.

Tickets (£15, £1 for under 19s) are available in advance online or on the door. For more information, telephone 01993 898020 or see [www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk)

## FILM

The next Film at Cassington, Friday 4th November, will be The Phantom of the Open a great line up of stars: Mark Rylance, Sally Hawkins, Rhys Ifans. Cert: 12A



The film is based on the true life story of golfer Maurice Flitcroft whose performance at the 1976 British Open Golf Championship made him a legend...it's a comedy with a philosophical message..highly recommended.

## Gardening Tips for November



- Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds.
- Raise containers on to pot feet to prevent waterlogging.
- Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year.
- Prune roses to prevent wind-rock.
- Plant out winter bedding.
- Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well.
- Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem.
- Stop winter frost damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks.
- Put out bird food to encourage winter birds.

## OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

After recently joining Tottenham Hotspur's women's team, I'll be spending much of this season at Leyton Orient's Brisbane Road, where we'll be playing our home games throughout 2022/23. Head coach Rehanne wants to make the ground a fortress and a really difficult place to come to, but with limited parking and multiple trains it's already a logistical challenge for yours truly.

I've been asked to become the voice of Brisbane Road by making the announcements over the PA system to the fans who are at the games, so if you happen to have a Sky subscription and see that Spurs Women are playing at home, tune in to hear my dulcet voice breaks.

My main concern is that, given I will also be in charge of the Spotify playlist for the stadium music and I don't have Spotify Premium, I'll end up playing adverts on the airwaves. It would be particularly problematic if, during an upcoming Remembrance Day fixture, I went to play The Last Post and Spotify jumped in with an upbeat promo during a minute of reflection. I know we want more eyes on women's football and increased coverage, but I'd rather not go viral with a blunder like that. Fingers crossed!



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# what's on?

Dates for your diary

## November 2022

Thursday 3rd 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 4th 7.30pm	Film "Phantom of the Open"
Friday 4th - Sunday 6th	Mini Gin Fest, Red Lion
Saturday 5th 7pm	Fireworks at the Red Lion
Friday 11th 7.30pm	Witney Music Society
Friday 18th 9.30am - 5.30pm	Waterways Day, WODC
Sunday 20th	December CAWN deadline
Saturday 26th 2-4pm	Churchfields Fair, Village Hall
Sunday 27th 7.30pm	Burford Singers, Burford
Wednesday 30th 7.30pm	Bartholomew Players

## December 2022

Thurs 1st - Sat 3rd 7.30pm	Bartholomew Players
Friday 2nd 5.30-7.30pm	St Peter's School Christmas Fair
Thursday 8th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 15th	January CAWN deadline
Thursday 15th 7.30pm	Oz the Panto
Friday 16th 7.30pm	Oz the Panto
Saturday 17th 2pm and 7.30pm	Oz the Panto
Sunday 27th 7.30pm	Burford Singers, Burford

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