

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas



Christmas Windows 2022

Please look out for the following windows springing up around the village for December. Others, not listed here, may also be decorated so keep your eyes peeled!

- Willow Cottage Horsemere Lane
- Bell Cottage Horsemere Lane
- St Peters Church
- The Red Lion Pub
- 2 The Tennis
- 6 The Tennis
- Elmore Yarnton Road
- 3 Foxwell Court
- 8 Bell Close
- 30 Elms Road
- 7 Hollow Furlong
- Churchfields residential care home
- Cassington Village hall (courtesy of Tots and Tinies)



BOXING DAY FOOTBALL MATCH

The traditional Boxing Day football match will be taking place with a kick-off time of 10:30. If you want to play for the marrieds (and we need the players believe me) or the singles then please come along with boots and shin pads ready to play. All are welcome as long as you are over 16 (football ability is optional)



Christmas Walk and Leftovers Lunch

Thursday 29th December, meet on The Green at 10am we will depart at 10.10am and aim to be back for lunch at the Red Lion for 1pm (5-6 mile walk, weather dependant) Please bring leftovers for a bring and share lunch. For more information or to let me know you'd like to join please email Kathryn on humphris4es@btinternet.com

What's happening in 2023?

CASSINGTON CELEBRATES 900 YEARS

Come and join in the fun. The launch date is:

8th January 2023

11.00 am - Celebration service at St Peter's Church with Bishop Gavin and St Peter's School choir

2.00 pm - Unveiling the art spectacular by the children of St Peter's School

2.00 - 4.30 pm - Open house refreshments in the Village Hall and Church Cakes, cream teas, buns, nibbles, drinks and ...

... watch this space, there may be more!

ALL WELCOME - SAVE THE DATE



There will be events throughout the year.

Full details will be in CAWN each month.

For more info contact John on: art@hemingwayart.co.uk or 01865 883991

welcome Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 546th edition of CAWN. I hope you enjoy reading all the festive messages from neighbours and friends.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this edition, and especial thanks to John Hemingway for all the work he has done around the 900 year celebrations next year, which kick off on 8th January. Also my thanks go to Kevin Hinton for producing all the guidance for the photography competition, which will be running throughout 2023. You can read more about that on page 9.

Thank you to Kath Humphris who has organised the Christmas windows, which will be displaying throughout December. These will hopefully provide additional interest for those who are walking off the over-indulgences of this festive period!

If exercise is needed then there is the Boxing Day football match where all are welcome. Then on 29th December we see the return of the Christmas walk and Leftovers lunch, which has been on hold for the last few years. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we can all enjoy a walk and a catch up with friends.

Please remember the copy date for the January edition is early, as it has to be printed before Christmas. So please can you get any contributions to me by Thursday 15th December.

Finally it just remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Anne X

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Thank You

The family of Fiona Vereker would like to thank all those who sent kind messages of sympathy and support in our recent sad loss of Fiona, after a long struggle with Mitochondria It has meant such a lot to us. Thank you all.

December stargazing highlights

Dec 8 - Full Moon.

This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Cold Moon and has also been known as the Long Nights Moon and the Moon Before Yule.

Dec 8 - Mars at Opposition.

This is the best time to view and photograph Mars.

Dec 13, 14 - Geminids Meteor Shower.

The Geminids is considered by many to be the best shower in the sky. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Gemini.

Dec 21 - December Solstice.

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

December 21 - Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation.

This is the best time to view Mercury

December 21, 22 - Ursids Meteor Shower.

The Ursids is a minor meteor shower. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Ursa Minor.

December 23 - New Moon.

This is the best time to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

The Poppy Appeal 2022



The Poppy Appeal collection in Cassington and Worton this year realised £1033.90 thus again exceeding £1000, a commendable total.





The Legion is extremely grateful to the many people who gave so generously. We regret our collectors were unable to accept several donations by card that were offered.

Again this year our Poppy Appeal Organiser Clare Want undertook the donkey work involved in making the Appeal such a success. We thank all the volunteers in recent years who made it possible by visiting every house or for having collecting boxes on their premises. They are (in no particular order):

Debbie Hatwell, Wendy Oscathorp, Laura Massingham, Ellan O'Donnell, Cate Sirkett, Janet Bushnell, Sara Partridge, Carmella Waters, James Martin, Abi Want, Oliver Peasley, Dawn Bowerman, the paper shop, St Peters school, Churchfields, The Red Lion, The Chequers and St Peters Church. (Apologies for any inadvertent omission). If anyone else would like to help with next year's collection please get in touch with Clare.

The service at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday was very well attended and again blessed with fine weather. We thank Garry Peasley for designing and Dan Bakewell from Fineprint for printing the excellent new service cards. As usual, Janet Bushnell provided the accompaniment and Alan Aston the traditional stirring trumpet calls.

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

 To all our wonderful friends and neighbours,
 'Have a holly jolly Christmas' and a 2023 full of peace, love and happiness.
 Lisa and the Harvey Bunch 

Cassington Cafe returns!

After a long break, we are beginning again with a new team, a new menu and on a new day of the week. The time remains the same: 10 til 12.

We will meet on the first Thursday of each month, except in May when the hall is already booked, when we will meet on the second Thursday. We do hope you'll get first Thursdays into your diary and we look forward to our getting together again and making up for lost conversations.

Help! We could do with folk to help us put tables and chairs out and away again. And while we will supply tea, coffee and biscuits, if you can bring some home baking on occasion it would be very welcome. Thank you.

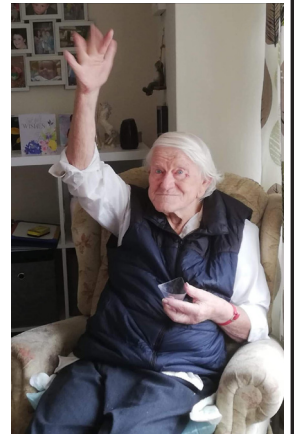
If you want any more information or can offer help, please contact Hugh or Ruth on 01865 880475

NORMAN STANLEY COATES

5.5.31 - 15.11.22

Age 91 years

It is with deep sadness that we bring the news of the sudden death of Norman. He was a popular member of the village community with input over many years into several village organisations. He was also a key member of the BMX track committee, back in the 80's and was actively involved in the building of it, along with his sons and other members of the village.



Thanks to all the lovely people who waved to him as you passed his window, he loved that.

He was a much loved Dad, Gramp and father in law. We miss him dearly.

Blythswood Care Shoebox Appeal



A big Thank You to those who kindly donated money, or filled & decorated shoeboxes with Christmas gifts, for the Shoebox Appeal. Blythswood Care deliver Christmas shoeboxes to vulnerable adults and children in Ukraine, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania and Serbia. This year villagers provided 14 shoeboxes of gifts which is our greatest number to date – your generosity will bring a little happiness to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you again.

Jane Aston

Celebrating the creativity of Cassington

In case you missed this last month ... 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 let me know (no commitment at this stage) and we'll see where we go from there.

Please email me as soon as possible as we'll need to register with Artweeks before the end of the year.

Thank you.

Kevin

kevinhinton@btconnect.com

Eynsham Food Bank

Help Required!

Firstly, a very big Thank You to everyone who has contributed to the Food Bank. Whether that has been as a volunteer packing or delivering food parcels, shelf stacking, donating goods in one of the drop off baskets or donating money. We have now distributed some 6,000 food parcels to over 170 different households across Eynsham, Cassington and Long Hanborough.

Since March 2020 we have spent £39,000 – all on food purchases - and via donations and grants received nearly £43,000. Our current expenditure is running at £450 per week as we support some 50 households. To maintain the service we need to receive almost £2,000 per month.

As the service has expanded we have put the Foodbank within the structure of the Eynsham Good Neighbours Network (EGNN) to facilitate some of the administrative requirements. To ensure we can continue to provide the current level of support - and in anticipation of a growing demand - we need to be able to predict our income. Therefore we are seeking help, by asking for those in a position to do so to make a regular monthly donation to the Eynsham Foodbank. If you can help in this way please see below for the details of the EGNN bank account.

One off donations can be made by cheque or by transfer (Cheques made out to EGNN) or using our GoFundMe website: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/eynsham-heroes-community-support-fund>

Also please note we have now got a dedicated phone line for the Foodbank and its number is 07450 328530. All requests for the service should now use this number. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to making this possible.

Bob Thiele

Tel. 07738063083

Eynsham Foodbank Account details:

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Food Bank News.

Thank you for continuing to support the local food banks via the box at St Peter's Church. We continue to support: Eynsham Food bank (07450 328530)

North Oxfordshire Food Bank (07929721172)

As well as food donations the food banks are increasingly relying on financial donations to "top up" the food boxes with essential items. Please see the news article from Eynsham Food Bank alongside this notice, whom you might like to support with a single donation or regular standing order. (Unfortunately, at the moment this cannot be Gift Aided).

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 01865 880757 or your neighbourhood watch rep.

Thank you.

Eric White ericj_white@yahoo.co.uk

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

You can also watch Mass from many other Churches live or recorded online.

Churchservices.tv

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/>

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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.

DECEMBER 2022

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.

Sunday 4th December
9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 11th December
9.30am Holy Communion
(BCP)

Carol Service
Sunday 18th December 6pm
Celebrate the birth of Jesus
with carols and bible
readings.

Monday 19th December
2.30pm Carol Service
at Churchfields



Christmas Eve Communion
at Churchfields 11.30am

Christmas Eve 'Crib' Service
24th December 3pm
A short child-friendly service.

Midnight Communion
24th December 11.30pm
First communion of Christmas.

Christmas Day Celebration
25th December 9.30am
A traditional Christmas service.

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

If you have particular spiritual needs feel free to contact:

The Vicar: Revd Duncan Fraser Tel: 07810 324088
Enquiries: Church Office: email stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com

Thanks for 23 years of service to St Peter's Church.

Roger Aston, who was 70 in November, has retired from his position as Non-Stipendiary Curate at both St Peter's Church Cassington and St Leonard's Church Eynsham. Members of both churches, but particularly St Peter's, would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Roger, and his wife Jane, for their loyal service over the last 23 years.

Roger and Jane will continue to be active, in the background, in the ministry of the church in Cassington particularly with their ministry at Churchfields and the "Tinies and Toddlers" group. We wish them both a long and happy retirement.

Revd Duncan Fraser and all of St Peter's church family

(If you would like to contribute to a retirement gift for Roger, you may do this on line

<https://stleonardseynsham.churchsuite.com/donate/fund/nkxfowpf>

or contact the church office

stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com (01865 883325)

or put a donation through the door of Keith Turner, 3 Bell Close, Cassington.

Thank you so much.



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)

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

We meet again after Christmas Tuesday Jan 10th

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:

Jane Aston at janeaston53@aol.com Tel: 01865 880757

Ron & Jan Macdonald
wish all their friends and
neighbours a
Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year



ODE TO ST PETER'S CHURCH, CASSINGTON

BELL RINGERS (heard but not seen)

When I think of sounds we love,
There can be many choices.
Early morning birds that sing
The sound of choral voices.

A long awaited telephone call
A friendly voice to cheer us.
The sound of silence when we pray
To our Lord - please hear us.

A shout of "Goal" or "penalty!" Ref
Are sounds we hear from sports fans,
Or at a concert, show or play
Applause from many hands.

All these sounds and many more
Give pleasure to us all
As would the knock upon the door,
When neighbours come to call.

But thinking now of "Churchy things"
Our minds may turn to singers.
Though doubtful that we may re-call
Those hidden CHURCH BELL RINGERS!

Our team of ten are all amassed
And circled in the tower.
With Captain Keith and Helen too
Always there upon the hour.

Precision timed, bells up or down
With hammers and chimes already
To "sally" forth, and be roped in
For ringing nice and steady.

Clare, Martin, George, Alan and Ron
Awaiting Keith's good timing.
Whilst Pete and Bryan and Toby too.
Are ready to be chiming.

Thursday nights are our practice nights
Sunday mornings are for "real"
You will hear us ringing twice a week
This surely must "APPEAL?"

Should you wish to join us
You would be welcome any time
Check with Bryan for details
Then take your turn to chime!

Bryan Partridge.
01865 731253 for details.

*Happy Christmas
to all our friends in
the village and
with best wishes for
a happy and healthy
New Year
Jim, Kathy and family
xxx*



*Mike and Ninon
send Festive
Greetings
and Best Wishes
for 2023 to
everyone in
Cassington
and Worton.*



*Wishing all our friends and neighbours a Very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year
Helen & Adiexxx*



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OH! *the panto* by Mandy Constance

This year Cassington Players are delighted to support the Witney & West Oxfordshire Food Bank



Urgently needed items include: instant coffee, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned veg, long-life fruit juice, squash, tomato ketchup and crisps.

They can only accept non-perishable food items that are still in date, and cannot accept fresh food or home-made goods, or cloths toys or electrical goods for health and safety reasons. Additional items such as toiletries and sanitary products, cleaning supplies, disposable cutlery and paper plates and bowls are also welcomed.

Please bring items to the performance ~ they will be delivered to the project on Monday 19th December





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2023, A Year in Cassington*

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

In case you missed it, next year CAWN will be running a photography competition to capture a snapshot of life in Cassington in 2023 as part of the celebrations of 900 years of St Peter's Church.

To re-cap, 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 plus images and stories from the past, feature in a Commemorative Book we aim to produce to mark this milestone.

The topics are hopefully broad enough to allow you to capture whatever, wherever or whoever is important to you, and between us we can create an exciting record of our village and our community. Here's your first topic ...

JANUARY'S TOPIC

Cassington Celebrates

Entries to chinton260@outlook.com between 1st and 15th January

With name, picture title or caption, and age category please

So, get snapping. What will you be celebrating? Christmas? New Year? 900 Years of Cassington Church? A big birthday? A lottery win? Whatever you celebrate, if it's a snapshot of life in our village take a picture and send it in.

Topics for the year are listed on the right, so get thinking. **You can take your pictures at any time** but, to help us keep things organised, please submit them in the appropriate entry window.

The December topic is 'St Peter's Church' and entries for this can be submitted at any time during the year up to the 15th November 2023 so that we can ensure the calendar is available in time for Christmas.

A reminder and submission details will be published every month, but meanwhile here are the basics ...

- The competition is free to enter and open to anyone living in or associated with Cassington or Worton
- Submissions will be judged blind and there will be prizes
- Entries are to be sent by email between the correct submission dates with all appropriate details to chinton260@outlook.com
- Please see the October 2022 issue of CAWN for more details

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

* Please consider all references to 'Cassington' to include Cassington, Worton and its surrounding countryside.

Topics and submission windows

JANUARY

Cassington CELEBRATES

1st to 15th January

FEBRUARY

Cassington AT WORK

1st to 15th February

MARCH

Cassington GOES WILD

1st to 15th March

APRIL

Cassington COMMUNITY

1st to 15th April

MAY

Cassington ROUND AND ABOUT

1st to 15th May

JUNE

Cassington CREATES

1st to 15th June

JULY

Cassington BIKE NIGHT

1st to 15th July

AUGUST

Cassington CULTIVATES

1st to 15th August

SEPTEMBER

Cassington CARES

1st to 15th September

OCTOBER

Cassington AT PLAY

1st to 15th October

NOVEMBER

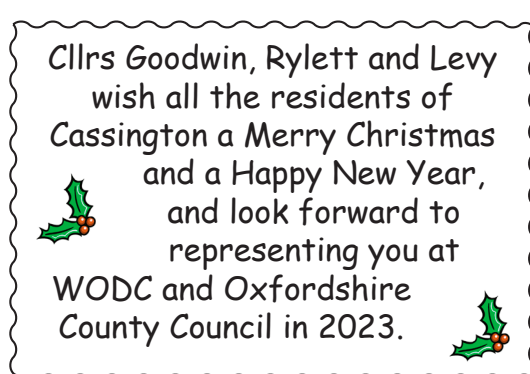
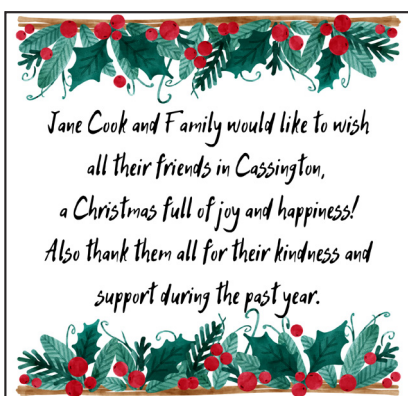
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DECEMBER

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CHURCHFIELDS NEWS

The fun never stops at Churchfields Care Home, we're always up to something and more often than not - quite a lot of things! We hope that everyone is staying warm now as the nights are really drawing in, hopefully cosied up in front of a fire or under a blanket with a good book. At least when the winter comes there is lots to look forward to, and lots to keep us entertained. The occasions come thick and fast in October and November, don't they?!

We had what can only be described as a spooktacular house party for Halloween, where residents sported a few creepy accessories, and got involved in some trick or treating fun and shared scary stories.



On November 5th our residents, staff and lots of family and friends came together for a firework display. There were sparklers, and generations from across our residents' families sharing the joy and enjoying the colours. We're very grateful that we have such an amazing outdoor space to spend time in at this time of year.



Our residents spent an important morning together on Remembrance Day this year, donning their

poppies with pride and participating in a two minute silence to pay their respects. We always find this a poignant day, and are proud to remember all of those that we have lost. And whilst we know it is so important to pay our respects in lots of ways, we also remember that celebrating and revelling in the good times are vitally important to our physical and mental wellbeing.

Throughout the start of November we've been for one or two "COFFEES" at the local pub, a weekly favourite of our residents, but we're not sure why! We've enjoyed a singalong session with Kate, getting crafty making pomanders with our arts and crafts volunteer Debra - thank you ladies!



And the cherry on top has been to celebrate Irene's 91st birthday with a fabulous cake, presents and a good sing song of happy birthday. All of this and December is still around the corner!

Our door is always open for a cup of tea and a chat, whether you'd like to work at our incredible care home or you think we might be a lovely new home for you or a loved one please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can give us a bell on 01865 881440 or drop us an email to manager@churchfieldscarehome.co.uk



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

Neighbourhood Plan

Questions for clarification on the Neighbourhood Plan from the Examiner for the Independent Examination of the Cassington Neighbourhood Plan, David Hogger BA MSc MRTPI MCIHT. This is part of the usual process for Regulation 16 consultation. Responses to the questions are required from West Oxfordshire District Council and the Cassington Neighbourhood Plan Committee and Parish Council by the 6th December, 2022.

Horsemere Lane, Cassington Lights, A40 Development

As many will have seen the Park and Ride at Eynsham has commenced construction. All the hedging has been ripped out and the groundworks are in progress. The A40 development scheme has still not been approved. The Environment Agency is objecting to the scheme. Inflation is also affecting the costs of the plans. At present plan includes duelling from Barnard Gate to Eynsham. However, it is likely that finances will be constrained and the dual carriageway may be lost in part or whole.

Salt Cross

The Salt Cross Consultation has now progressed to the Inspector's Update. Most notable is the Inspector's move to get rid of zero carbon housing meaning that houses will be built to old standards. WODC are objecting to this reduction in the "greenness" of Saltcross and there is hope that net zero provisions will be reinstated.

20mph zone

The 20mph zoning for Cassington has been approved by Oxfordshire County Council. A letter was received by the Parish Council from a Cassington Resident raising questions about the level of consultation for the new speed limits especially with respect to the number of responses to the questionnaire in CAWN. In fact, seven further responses had been received and all were supportive of 20mph zoning although several of these specified a specific area of the village (usually from some part of the Eynsham – Cassington Road (e.g. from Hollow Furlong) to Bell Lane. Cassington Parish Council therefore are in support of the 20mph speed limit. We do, however, note the general level of apathy amongst villagers with respect to responding to important issues affecting the village and ask for more input on important matters regarding safety, quality of life and developments around the village.

Walls both dry stone and pointed

Mr and Mrs Finlay have completed the survey of the walls around the village and have completed a report for the Parish Council. The Parish Council thank them for this excellent and very useful piece of work which is already being put to use. One wall which is now in a poor state of repair is that around the closed burial ground. The wall has been damaged by ivy and a yew tree which is growing next to the wall. Estimates are being solicited to cut back the yew tree. The Parish Council are considering how to rebuild / repair this wall by building around the tree. This will be expensive so funding will need to be obtained. The partially collapsed wall at Bell Lane has been mostly taken down following an enforcement action. Large bags of stone have now being delivered for replacement and rebuilding has commenced.

Botley West Solar Farm Development

Most of you will have had a leaflet through your doors on the development of Botley West Solar Farm, an 840 MW power plant divided across three locations to the west and northwest of Oxford covering 1000 hectares. The development has been proposed by Photovolt Development Partners on land belonging to Blenheim Estates and Merton College. The development covers most of the land lying between Cassington and Bladon and surrounds some of the most well used footpaths to the north of the village. Outline plans for the proposal can be found at: <https://botleywest.co.uk/Home-Botley-West.html>. It is important that Cassington Residents inform themselves of what this project will mean for them and to make their views known to us at the Parish Council and also the developer (Email: info@botleywest.co.uk).

The developer's are holding a Consultation at Cassington Village Hall on the 25th November from 1pm to 6pm. Please attend this consultation meeting if you can. The Phase 1 informal consultation on this proposal will close on the 15th December 2022 so responses are required by then. Further consultations will be held but we note that because of the size of this development it is regarded as National Infrastructure so the Secretary of State will deal directly with this proposal rather than it going through the normal local planning channels. **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!** Respond to the Parish Council and/or to the developers and landowners. The Parish Council will coordinate a response to this development with other Parish Councils and WODC and have already sent a letter to the developers outlining our initial concerns.

Parish Councillors

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

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BLenheim

Blenheim Green Bank: Community Grants and Loans

We are proud to say we are establishing Blenheim's Green Bank, which will offer funds for local, community projects to improve sustainability and/or adapt to climate change. By creating a Green Bank, it will allow us to better measure achievements and make support more accessible.

The Blenheim Green Loans would be provided exclusively to constituted bodies, such as Town and Parish Councils and are for larger scale projects. The Blenheim Green Community Grants are for smaller scale community projects that promote sustainable environmental benefits, such as planting wildflower verges.



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Christmas is fast approaching and for the school, festivities will start in earnest on Friday 2nd December where the school will be holding a Christmas fair. There will be the usual fun and games and a variety of stalls. Please do come along and join in the festive fun and on a more general note, come and have a look at the school to see what we have been up to!

We are very much looking forward to a joint art project ready for the 900 years of St Peter's Church celebrations next year. After several planning meetings, we are really excited to be working alongside some very talented artists in the village to produce a piece of artwork that will be displayed in the church.

We wish everyone in the village a very merry Christmas and thank you for all the support from the community we have received during the course of the year. We really do appreciate all our wonderful friends on our doorstep.

Jon Jeffries
Headteacher



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To all of our Cassington friends
We wish you all a very Happy Christmas!
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Love Emily, Zach, Seren (& Indi xx)



St Peter's CE Primary School Swimming Pool

The school pool has been out of use since 2019 when Covid restrictions did not allow its use.

During this time, key parents who operated the pool no longer have children in the school meaning there is a shortage of manpower and expertise to operate and maintain the pool within H&S requirements.

In the interim, Windrush Leisure Centre has been used for Key Stage 2 lessons which will continue to happen as due to its size, the school pool falls outside end of primary school swimming requirements.

Therefore, Garry Peasley is working directly with David Brown, CEO Eynsham Partnership Academy, with the intention of bringing a community solution to the EPA to decide the next steps for the pool.

Garry will hold an initial meeting with the community in the new year to ascertain support and share ideas going forward.

A date for this will be set in the next CAWN.

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OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

"You do know you work at Spurs, right?" That's the question I was asked when I, a Liverpool fan, expressed that I'd rather Arsenal win the Premier League than Manchester City.

Unfortunately, I've been accidentally upsetting a variety of colleagues this month.

The Spurs Women team threw a surprise 30th birthday party for the captain, one of the players told me. Such a surprising party that even the manager didn't know about it (and wasn't invited), until I told her, it turned out. Entire team thrown under the bus.

Nevertheless, they were happy to debate for my iPhone camera when I posed the question 'Bounty in or Bounty out?', following the news of the Celebration boxes' notable omission.

Alas, our strength and conditioning coach introduced himself to me before asking that I don't publish the video on social media because of the image of our professional athletes eating chocolate.

Only two of them were Bounty in anyway. Animals.

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Recipe of the Month



As more and more people seem to be turning away from the traditional Christmas Pudding here is an alternative just in case! Serve with vanilla ice cream or bay leaf ice cream.

Winter Citrus Tart

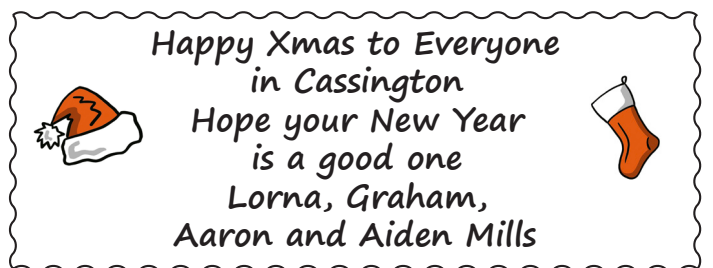
2 or 3 oranges depending on size
1- 2 lemons again depending on size of your tart tin
150g caster sugar
2 table spoons of Cointreau or Calvados – something which will complement the citrus fruits
If you like add in a handful of fat raisins to add flavour and contrast in colour.
50g butter
100g ground almonds or walnuts
75g golden caster sugar
3 large egg yolks (use the whites to make meringues – they also freeze well but remember to put on the jar how many are in there!)
4 drops almond essence
Pastry case – half fat to flour and either egg yolk or very cold water. I usually use 400g flour and 200g butter (or half lard and half butter).

Make the pastry case by rubbing the fat into the flour with a pinch of salt and a decent pinch or two of sugar. Bind with egg yolk or cold water until it comes together into a nice, not too sticky, not too dry dough. Chill for at least an hour

then roll into tart tin. Line with greaseproof paper and baking beans and chill again for an hour or so. Blind bake for 15 minutes at 180° then remove paper and beans and cook for a further five or so minutes to dry out the base. Cool.

Wash the fruit and cut little grooves in the skin of each fruit (this is optional and for decoration) – then cut into VERY thin slices. Put any leftover skin strips and bits and pieces of fruit into a pan with the first amount of sugar and half a pint of water, heat up and dissolve sugar – bring to boil for around ten minutes until you get a lovely syrup. Put fruit slices in a gratin dish or similar and cover with syrup – bake in oven at low temperature for around 2 hrs until really soft. Remove the slices and strain the remaining juices.

Beat the second amount of sugar and butter together as if making a cake, add in egg yolks and ground almonds and essence. Pour into the pastry case and cover with a decorative layer of the fruit. Brush with the juices left from cooking the fruit slices and bake for around 30 mins in an oven at 180°. Lovely served warm with ice cream or room temperature with cold single cream.





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Mains

Traditional Turkey Paupiette with all the trimmings

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Dessert

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TEA TIME TEASER

This month we have the first lines of well known, and perhaps not so well known, carols. Can you work out what they are?

Answers next month

1. W S W their F B N
2. A from T R O G
3. G R you M G
4. D D M on H
5. I S T S come S I
6. I C U the M C
7. S A the W S
8. T F N T A did S

Answers to last month's sayings:

1. Starve A cold, Feed A Fever
2. Revenge Is A Dish Best Served cold
3. As cool As A Cucumber
4. Blow Hot And cold
5. As cold As Ice
6. Catch Your Death Of cold
7. Cold Hands Warm Heart
8. Leave Out In The cold

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

EYNSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Come along to hear beautiful music and sing some carols, at 5pm on Saturday 10th December. Tickets are £5 from Evenlode DIY or info@eynshamchoral.org. This is a short concert with the choir singing pieces by Mozart, Schütz and Dvořák, in St Leonard's Church, Eynsham.

HARMONY INSPIRES

Our Christmas Concert is on Saturday 17th December, 5-7pm at St Michael's Church, Abingdon OX14 1DS. Tickets £10 per adult, available from the church, The Bookstore in Abingdon, or on the night by cash/card payment. Accompanied children under 16 free.

WITNEY MUSIC SOCIETY

The December concert is at 7.30pm on Friday 9 December at High Street Methodist Church, Witney. Featuring the brass quintet Connaught Brass. Tickets (£15, £1 for under 19s) are available online or at the door from 7pm.



*The Bakewells wish you all
a very Merry Christmas xx*



FILM

The next film will be Fisherman's Friends: One and All on Friday 13th January at 7.30pm in the village hall. The film tells the story of the world's most unlikely 'buoy' band! When a group of Cornish fisherman came together to sing the traditional working songs they'd sung for generations, they hoped to raise a few quid for charity. Nobody, least of all the fisherman, expected the story to end on the Pyramid stage of Glastonbury..



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 Tips for December



- Insulate outdoor taps and prevent ponds from freezing
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Thurs 1st - Sat 3rd 7.30pm	Bartholomew Players
Friday 2nd 5.30-7.30pm	St Peter's School Christmas Fair
Saturday 10th 5pm	Eynsham Choral Society concert
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
Monday 26th 10.30am	Boxing Day football match
Thursday 29th 10am	Xmas Walk & Leftovers Lunch
Saturday 31st 5-7pm	Kid's NYE disco Red Lion

January 2023

Thursday 5th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 13th 7.30pm	Film "Fisherman's Friends"
Sunday 15th	Photography competition deadline
Friday 20th	February CAWN deadline

GARDENING

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Technical details for artwork are available on request.

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