



Saturday 6th May 2023 The Coronation of King Charles III What's on in Cassington



Friday 5th May

Best Dressed House Competition!

Decorate your houses and your street.
Judging will take place on Sunday morning
Prize giving at the Sunday street party
Help needed to decorate the Hall on Friday and
Conce Walk on Sunday morning

Celebration at St Peter's School

from 1.30pm.
Tea party with Country Dancing
More details to follow.

Saturday 6th May

Coronation Garden Party

Churchfields Care Home 2 - 4pm
Cream Tea
Live Music by Doctor Roberts
Dress: Fit for a king (prize for the best)

Family Friendly Party

7.30pm - Midnight in the Village Hall
Music, Games and Dancing
Pay Bar

Sunday 7th May

"St Peter's Together for the Coronation"

Join us at St Peter's Church for a family friendly service to celebrate the coronation and to pray for King Charles.

11.00 - 11.45am Sunday 7th May

Coronation Party

Saturday and Sunday May 6 & 7
Drinks and finger food from midday onwards
The Chequers Inn

Street Party

in Conce Walk

(The lane to the Church - in the village Hall if wet)

2pm - 5pm

Free tea, coffee, squash
Donate a cake for the Cake Table
Bring your own picnic
Cash tombola and Street games
Wear Red, White and Blue
Children Fancy dress with prizes!

welcome Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 551st edition of CAWN, with full details on the front page of all the events that are taking place to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. I do hope as many of you as possible are able to come to these festivities, and that you will be able to decorate your houses and streets for this wonderful occasion.

Also in this edition you will find details of the next series of events celebrating 900 years of the church, and I very much hope you will be able to attend the Plant sale on 13th May, and possibly take a tour up the Bell Tower. The week after that the village hall will be full of art works produced by some of the amazingly creative people we have living in this village. So please go along and support that.

On page 16 you can read how our village school has been rated Excellent by the assessors carrying out the Statutory Assessment of church schools. You will also learn about the book that is being produced to celebrate 50 years of the school in its current building. If you or your children attended the school please do dig out your old photos and memories and help create this souvenir edition.

Finally you will see a further plea for Marshalls for this year's Bike Night on Monday 26th June. If you are around that night please do consider volunteering for a couple of hours to help support the biggest fundraising night of the year.

Happy Reading!

Anne x

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May stargazing highlights

May 5 - Full Moon.

The Moon will be on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun so its face will be fully illuminated. This moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Flower Moon, the Corn Planting Moon and the Milk Moon.

May 6 & 7 - Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower.

The Eta Aquarids is an above average shower, capable of producing up to 30 meteors per hour in the Northern Hemisphere. The nearly full moon will block out all but the brightest meteors. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Aquarius, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

May 19 - New Moon.

The Moon will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

May 29 - 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 morning sky. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

PLANT SALE

Calling all gardeners!

We are thrilled to announce a Plant Sale in celebration of 900 Years of St Peter's Church, Cassington:

Saturday 13th May,
on The Green at 11am – 1pm.

This is a joint venture between St. Peter's Church and the Cassington Allotments Association and proceeds will be shared between both groups.

We have a small team of growers and would welcome a donation of plants/seedlings that we can sell on the day. Please label your plants and bring along by 10am on the day of the sale.

Any queries please email

Jaime jaime.johnson@outlook.com or

Ninon Ninonlinnell@gmail.com

Coming up:

Look out for more details of the Flower Festival this June, with arrangements being on display in the church.



Bell Tower Tours – St Peter's Church

Saturday 13th May 11am – 1pm



As part of the 900th Anniversary celebrations in 2023 we are opening the bell tower for tours and demonstrations at the same time as the Plant Sale is being held on the Green between 11am and 1pm.

Please note that children under 16 will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Those with mobility issues should be aware that access to the tower is by way of a spiral staircase which has 40 steps, some of which are uneven. If you wish to access the belfry to see the actual bells then this is reached via a steep flight of wooden steps.

Tours are free of charge but any donations to The Friends of St Peter's are welcome. There are plans to hold a further open day in the summer so if you can't make it on 13th May watch out for details in CAWN.

Numbers will be limited (10 people per tour) so to avoid disappointment book your place by e-mailing me at keithturner878@btinternet.com, stating which tour you would like to participate in and how many are in your party. Tours start at 11am (after a short ring by members of our team) and then every half hour until 1pm.

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CASSINGTON BIKE NIGHT

26 JUNE 2023

MARSHALLS WANTED

Bike Night is confirmed for Monday 26th June and is a great event that supports so many of the businesses and groups in our village.

If you can spare an hour or two on the night to keep bikes moving and pedestrians safe please email Dan Bakewell at CassingtonBikeNight@hotmail.com

No experience needed, please do help if you can, it does feel great to be a part of it.

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The servant King?

This month sees the coronation of King Charles and the Queen Consort. I'm sure you knew that! The service is set to be full of pomp and tradition. One tradition stretches back thousands of years in Judeo-Christian history as the King is anointed with consecrated oil. David, of Goliath fame, the youngest of his eight brothers, was anointed with oil as a sign of God's choice as King of Israel. He wasn't the obvious choice but we learn from the narrative that "people look at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7.

The Hebrew for 'anointed one' is 'messiah', and in Greek (the language of the New Testament) it's 'christ'. The link to Jesus is clear. He is the one anointed King of kings and yet, surprisingly, his throne was a cross. He forever changed what we expect from someone who rules. It is not about privileges and power to demand your way. Jesus emptied himself of these. Rather, the pattern of his kingship is servanthood and self-giving love.

So whatever the outward appearances of the coronation, join us at St Peters to pray that the new King would follow Christ's path in having the heart of a servant.

Every blessing,
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The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.

Please note the changes to the service pattern and times at St Peter's:

Services this month

Sunday 7th May – 11am St Peter's Together

All are welcome to this family friendly Celebration Service for the Coronation

Sunday 14th May - 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st May - 5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 28th May – 11am Holy Communion

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

If you have particular spiritual needs feel free to contact:

Vicar – Revd Duncan Fraser 07810 324088 / vicarslp@gmail.com

Enquiries: Church Office 01865 883325 / stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com



CASSINGTON TINIES & TODDLERS (Tinies Café) Summer 2023

A Parent/Carer & Toddler group

Cassington Village Hall 1.30 – 3.00 on Tuesday

(other than where stated, term-time only)

May 2nd, 9th, No session 16th (ARTS WEEK), 23rd, No session 30th (Half Term)

June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th,

July 4th, 11th (last session this term)

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

This group is being run by St Peter's church Cassington with local parents

For more information please contact:

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Food Bank News.



THANK YOU for your continued support of our local food banks via the box at St Peter's Church and/or via single financial donations or regular standing order.

We support:

Eynsham Food bank (07450 328530)

North Oxfordshire Food Bank (07929721172)

As well as food donations the food banks increasingly rely on financial donations. Please phone the food banks direct if you can support in this way. If you need some food support or know someone in need 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.

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

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Churchservices.tv

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

<https://www.youtube.com/user/Godzdogz>

YOUR POTENTIAL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Nicholas Goodwin - Green

I have lived in Eynsham since moving from Yarnton 17 years ago. My children attended Bartholomew School; and now it's my oldest grandchild. I have worked with computers for the University of Oxford, I cycle regularly but I am grateful for the new H2 bus service. I have attended church in Cassington and Eynsham - a good place to live with many thriving community groups and a strong awareness of green issues.



Last year's elections brought an important change to the Council; the Green Party, Liberal Democrats and Labour group agreed to form the 'West Oxfordshire Alliance' to work for everyone in West Oxfordshire. They have funded community groups helping people with the increasing cost of living and pressured Thames Water to reduce sewage leaking into the river but there is so much more to do. Please use your vote to ensure the effort continues.

One important issue locally is the plan for a huge solar farm. The need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels is important but local bodies, including the District Council, need to have a say in its development. Insulating our houses and putting solar panels on roofs could reduce demand for energy and cut our cost of living. To find out more about the local Green Party visit westoxon-greens.uk.

Dan Levy - Liberal Democrat

I have enjoyed living in Eynsham for nearly 20 years with my wife and two children, who went to school at Bartholomew. I have been one of the District Councillors for Eynsham, Cassington and South Leigh for 4 years. Since May I have been the Cabinet member for finance at WODC. I have used my finance background and expertise in large businesses to manage WODCs overall budget to ensure the best value of services are delivered for residents. I am committed to ensuring that any developments are in line with the needs of Eynsham and Cassington residents. That means infrastructure before building and holding Thames Water to account.



New development must not be just for the benefit of large landowners, whether that is housing, commercial premises or new solar farms. I am a committed supporter of getting a rail line between Witney, Eynsham and Oxford. I have played an active role in ensuring that WODC plays its part in combatting climate change and biodiversity loss, and in opposing attempts by developers to water down their obligations to be net zero. I am a campaigner for better facilities for cycling in Oxfordshire. And most importantly I have been able to support residents who have needed assistance in areas such as housing.

Ricardo Silva - Reform

I was born in Brazil. Since 2016, Eynsham has been the place I proudly call "home". My academic background is law, but I have been working as a software engineer most of my life.

I am standing by Reform UK. I believe in common



Sean Grace - Conservative

I'm a hardworking and motivated new father and I work for a software company in the social care sector. I'm also studying towards a MBA at Oxford Brookes and I am always looking for ways that I can give back to our local community and make sure you have a strong voice.



In my spare time I like to enjoy trips with my family and I love taking part in the local Park Run, playing golf and read books.

Some of my local contributions have been initiating the Eynsham covid response and neighbourhood WhatsApp groups, along with helping to raise awareness of the community larder, reporting potholes using the FixMyStreet app and helping develop simple websites for local businesses free of charge.

I really do care passionately about preserving a sense of community, improving local infrastructure (e.g. road surfaces, day care centers and waste collection services), and supporting young families, as I know first hand how challenging this can be.

We've had years of Liberal Democrat representation locally and nothing has sadly improved. Your vote on Thursday 4th May can change this. I hope I can count on your support!

Jacob Withington - Labour

I work at the John Radcliffe Hospital. In my spare time I enjoy swimming, reading, and volunteering at the community café The Gatehouse which supports the homeless community.



After growing up in Worcestershire, where I fell in love with the countryside, I studied Physics at the University of Bath. I was then elected to represent the students at Bath. I have gained great experience in being an elected representative, pursuing projects to improve my electorate's experience, using their views to inform my decisions, and seeking out their relevant issues for me to address. I have seen how the government's failures have resulted in local people suffering, I want to help the area thrive, pushing for climate action and reducing inequality.

I want to ensure everyone is represented and the council works best for all. I will make sure Eynsham & Cassington's voice is heard at the council level, pushing for a freeze on council tax, improved traffic management, and ensuring Salt Cross benefits the area. Unhappy with our bus services, want more support for our high street: whatever your views, I want to hear them and make the area work best for all!

CASSINGTON ... let's get together to celebrate the Coronation



SATURDAY 6th MAY

**Family-friendly party
in the VILLAGE HALL**

7.30pm to Midnight

GAMES

DANCING

MUSIC

PAY BAR

Courtesy of the Red Lion

SUNDAY 7th MAY

**Street Party in
CONCE WALK ***

2pm to 5pm

**BRING YOUR
OWN PICNIC**

**FREE TEA
COFFEE AND
SQUASH**

**STREET
GAMES**

**DONATE A
CAKE FOR THE
CAKE TABLE**

CASH TOMBOLA

* The lane down to the Church
In the Village Hall if it's wet

WEAR YOUR RED WHITE AND BLUE

Fancy dress for children plus a **prize** for the best fancy dress outfit on Sunday

Solar Farm and flooding in Cassington

Historically Cassington has flooded at the top end of Elms Road. Some 40 years ago a scheme was designed to stop water from the fields and ditches above Cassington flooding the village. This water came mainly from the fields that drained into ditches each side of the "Track" that leads up to Purwell farm. The scheme consisted of putting a balance pond in the corner of land above the allotments to check the flow of water during heavy rainfall. This has, for the most part, worked. The fear now is if the fields are covered in glass then the discharge into the pond will rapidly run through the balance pond and send this water through the village ditches and drains, potentially flooding adjacent properties.

More than ever it is important that ditches and drains are kept clear. Mr Henman, tenant at Purwell Farm, has, in the past, been very diligent with the ditches that drain down to the pond. It is hoped the new managers are also diligent.

History of other ditches has not always been good. A ditch which runs the length of one side of the allotments, adjoining the houses on the north side of the allotments, is not clear. The clearing of this ditch should be prioritised as it has the potential to carry 50% of the discharge from the balance pond. The remaining 50% will follow the course behind the pavilion towards the long drain behind Elms Road properties on the north side. Both of these ditches and drains eventually meet up at the end of Elms Road in large ditch with a grille that protects the drain heading off to open ditches adjacent to Bell Close and St Peter's Close,

and then on to the open ditch in Horsemere lane. The water course eventually discharging in the Thames the other side of the A40. The environment agency annually clears the drains and ditches from Horsemere lane up as far as the recreation ground car park.

There are 3 main water courses in the village: the main one being the discharge from the balance pond. Next is one in Mill Lane which, for the most part, runs underground, before discharging into the fields at the bottom of Mill Lane. From the open ditch in the field, it should discharge into a drain under the A40 where it should by ditch reach the Thames. The drain under the A40 is blocked.

The third water course is Batimer Ditch which runs from the fields to the north of the road to Bladon. From Yarnton Road it runs across land toward the Thames by ditch and drain. There has never been a problem with this water course as it is well maintained.

It is important that we assess the potential risks of flooding to the village for two reasons. Firstly, Global warming means we are likely to experience more rainfall, sometimes with flash flooding. Secondly, if solar panels are installed, the same scenario is likely to occur.

We need to engage with Landowners through the Parish Council and get blocked drains and ditches cleared. Landowners have Riparian duties to maintain ditches and drains adjacent and the through their land. If we get the ditches and drains running efficiently we may stand a chance of not flooding.



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Royal Connections Crowns and Coronets

Sunday 19th March - Sunday 30th July 2023

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The Palace's close connections to the monarchy will be showcased with an exhibition of previously unseen artefacts, crowns, coronets, robes and photo albums including dresses and costumes from the hit Netflix series Bridgerton and The Crown as well as from the award-winning ITV drama Victoria. The exhibition will also feature an ornate crown worn by Queen Anne which has undergone conservation and will be on public display for the first time.



BLENHEIM ESTATE

We are pleased to announce that we have now opened our new community path, with entrances in Long Hanborough and Bladon. The path can be used by anyone from walkers to cyclists, including buggy users as well. The route meanders across part of our picturesque estate so why not seize the opportunity to enjoy the local flora and fauna as you follow the river and enter the woodlands? The path leads into the Parkland and is approximately 1.5 miles long. The new community path is part of our new network of permissive pathways which have been designed to provide greater access to the wider estate.

Keep up-to-date with our news and latest events by signing up to our newsletter at

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CHURCHFIELDS NEWS



Over the last few weeks, staff and residents at Churchfields Care Home have been keeping busy with lots of spring activities, celebrations and excitement at the home.

Firstly, everyone thoroughly enjoyed our Easter celebrations. Our residents enjoyed an array of activities, from Easter egg hunts, to Easter bonnet making. Lots of fun was had and plenty of hot cross buns were consumed.

Some of our residents have been enjoying the sunshine on our patio-balcony area, whilst others have been harvesting the rhubarb and planting sunflowers and marigolds. This month we also enjoyed a visit from Chloe's Mobile Farm, who brought our residents so much joy. We welcomed Norman the donkey, Ronnie and Reggie - the little lambs and three beautiful bunnies. We can't wait to welcome them back in the summer for another morning full of fun and cuddles!

There has been a tremendous amount of cake-eating here at Churchfields as we have been celebrating some very special birthdays. Most recently, everyone enjoyed celebrating Beryl's 102nd birthday at Churchfields! There was lots of love, laughter and smiles from all of us at Churchfields whilst celebrating this special day.



We also celebrated our much-loved resident, Gladys', birthday here at Churchfields. She had a fabulous day full of excitement, laughter and joy.

We are looking forward to a lovely, fun and active spring here at Churchfields, whilst beginning plans for the warmer months of summer.

Churchfields is currently recruiting for care workers and housekeeping staff. We're looking for individuals who share our enthusiasm for care. Join the professional, friendly, fun and supportive team. We know that our work culture is second-to-none, and we know that you will love every minute of supporting our brilliant residents.



All enquiries of interest are welcome at the home. Successful candidates will benefit from excellent training opportunities, a high staff to resident ratio, strong leadership, and supportive management.

Contact care home manager, Chris Stimpson at Churchfields to find out more about these exciting job opportunities, call 01865 881440 or email manager@churchfieldscarehome.co.uk.

In the meantime, please keep following us on Facebook to see how daily life continues at Churchfields!



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Bank Holiday Waste & Recycling Collections 2023/24



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Waste collections during bank holiday weeks are running a little differently.

This year, crews will be working on the early and late May bank holidays, the extra May bank holiday given to mark the Coronation as well as the August bank holiday. This will mean, rather than running a day late, all waste and recycling collections during these weeks will take place as normal. Therefore please put your waste and recycling containers out on your usual collection day ready for our crews from 6am.

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Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council have received the Regulation 18 Decision Statement from WODC which includes the recommendation from the examiner. Electoral Services have scheduled the public referendum for 22nd June 2023

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.

Dog Waste

A new general/dog waste bin is going to be installed at the bottom on the track by Williams Court. The Parish Council are going to ask WODC to move the general waste/dog waste bin that is by the small green at the end of Little Lane on Bell Lane to be moved to a better position. Still waiting for a response.

Yew Tree in the closed Burial Ground

The Parish Council have tried to get 3 tenders for pruning the Yew Tree as it is affecting the wall and we need to have the ivy removed.

Blenheim

Merilyn Davis from Blenheim came to give a talk on her work within the Community. She is looking at ways that Blenheim can help communities by possibly offering services or advice.

Botley West Solar Farm

Please look at the Parish Council website for any new update and any links to other action groups. <https://cassington-pc.gov.uk/planning/botley-west-solar-farm/>

Fix My Street

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

License to Planning

16/06/23 – 18/06/23 - Street Record A40 Section From Eynsham To Cherwell District Boundary Cassington – Planning Ref W/23/00242/PRMA

29/04/23 – 29/04/23 - Field South Of Cassington – Private Party – Planning Ref W/23/00245/PTEN

26/06/23 – 26/06/23 – The Chequers Inn, Cassington - W/23/00351/PTEN

Parish Councillors

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

Barbara King – bking1@cassington-pc.gov.uk

Chris Metcalf – cmetcalf@cassington-pc.gov.uk

Alex Rogers – arogers@cassington-pc.gov.uk

Graham Mills – gmills@cassington-pc.gov.uk

Stewart Thompson – sthompson@cassington-pc.gov.uk

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on 2nd February 2023 @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

Parish Council Meetings for 2023

2nd February 2023

2nd March 2023

6th April 2023

4th May 2023 – Please note that it will take place in St Peters School

1st June 2023 – Annual Parish Meeting followed by The Parish Council Meeting (planning & finance only)

6th July 2023

There are no Parish Council Meetings for August

7th September 2023

5th October 2023

2nd November 2023

7th December 2023

Oxfordshire Electric Vehicle car club pilot launches

An Oxfordshire-wide pilot of electric vehicle (EV) car clubs has begun, with fourteen new car club EVs being launched across Abingdon, Banbury, Bicester, Eynsham, Henley, Kidlington, Oxford, Thame, Witney, Wallingford and Wantage. These shared vehicles – operated by CoWheels, Enterprise CarClub and Thame EV Hire Club - will be available for people to use on a pay-per-use basis that provides a convenient and affordable alternative to individual car ownership, as well as providing an opportunity for petrol and diesel drivers to try an EV without any long-term commitment.

Oxfordshire County Council has coordinated the pilot and facilitated the arrangements between participating councils, car club operators and chargepoint operators. The EV car club vehicles will mainly be based at Park and Charge hubs in District Council car parks, and Oxford City Council are also introducing a new EV car club based at the Energy SuperHub at Redbridge Park and Ride.

Whilst car clubs have seen great success within Oxford, little has been tested outside of the City. The aim of this pilot project is to demonstrate the demand for car clubs in more urban and rural areas and test the business models for non-city EV car clubs. The hope is that if successful this pilot will help inform future EV car club roll-out strategy for the County and pave the way for more EV car clubs across Oxfordshire in the future.





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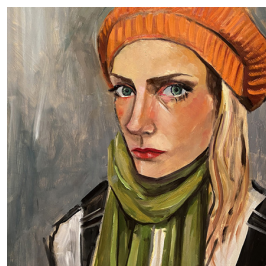
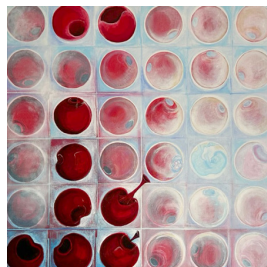
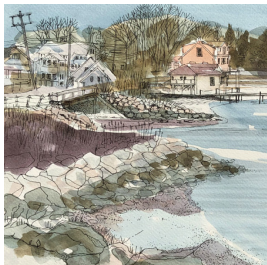


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ST PETER'S SCHOOL



Fantastic news! The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report for St Peter's school has now been released and is available to view on our website.

<https://www.st-petersoxon.co.uk/siams/>

Along with Ofsted, this is a really important inspection for us as the inspector seeks to establish how we as a church school enable pupils and adults to flourish. We were graded 'Excellent' in all areas which is a huge achievement for the school. The key message in the report is 'St Peter's School exemplifies what it means to be an excellent Church school. The extraordinary impact of its Christian vision can be seen at every turn.'

So much hard work and dedication has gone into the school vision and values by so many people. The way in which the children take opportunities within school for the benefit of others was noted in the report. From looking after the rescue chickens, to raising money for charity, for child-run lunchtime clubs and the multitude of Pupil Leadership Groups, the children really do make the school what it is. The staff drive the vision and values and our Revd Duncan Fraser has huge commitment to the school. Duncan has helped us develop so much of what we do and we thank him for helping the school community become the people we are. Governors play a crucial role in establishing and maintaining the heartbeat of the school and we get so much support and volunteer help from parents and the

community in general. In summary, the strength of this report is down to the combined efforts of so many people and I am extremely proud and humbled to be a part of such a fantastic community.

As mentioned in the last CAWN, this year marks the 50th anniversary of St Peter's School on its present site and we will be having celebrations in the summer term to mark this. The date for this is Friday 30th June. We want to produce a 50th anniversary book with photos and memories from past pupils, families, teachers and the community. In essence we are asking for you to dig through your photo albums, take a trip down memory lane and provide us with one photo and 50 words about an experience that was particularly memorable. We will then use these to produce a souvenir book which we hope will be a lovely keepsake for the village. Please hand in your contributions to the office or email to office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk

We also have the King's coronation coming up, and you are invited to the school on Friday 5th May from 1.30pm in the afternoon. More details to follow but expect the likes of a tea party and country dancing.

We hope to see you at one of these forthcoming events, but in the meantime, enjoy reading the SIAMS report!

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There was a great turnout at Cassington Village Hall on 3rd April to hear Prof. David Rogers, an environmentalist and Professor Emeritus of the University of Oxford, who spoke to us about some of the realities of the Botley West Solar Proposals. His talk was very informative and made us much more aware of the wider implications for us and for the country as we try to embrace Green energy.

Although there was standing room only, only two dozen of us were from Cassington. So we are asking him back on 4th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Do put the date in your diary and try to be there. He has a lot to tell us that we need to know, and we hope that together, having learned much more about the project, we can make our views known to those who make the decisions that will impact us all.

On a practical note, Stop Botley West really needs serious funding if we are to make a serious difference. Please do go online at stopbotleywest.com and make your donation, at the top of the Home page.

Thank you.



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PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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The judges were split on the winner for last month's competition – **Cassington Community**.

There were some lovely moments captured for the archives but, after much deliberation, the prize goes to Sara Bolton for her picture 'Hands of Friendship' which the judges decided was the most original interpretation of the topic. Many thanks to all who entered.

We had no entries from the under 16s, so **we are extending the Cassington Community deadline to 15th May for the under 16s**

– hopefully the Coronation celebrations will provide the inspiration needed. No extra prize for over 16s, but please do send in your Coronation pictures for the record and for next months CAWN.

Please send in your entries for this month's competition **by 15th May** and help us to capture a snapshot of life in Cassington during 2023.

Hands of Friendship by Sara Bolton

DOUBLE WINNINGS
With no under 16 entries in April there will be two chances to win in May, so get your entries in for 'Community' and for 'Round and about'

It's time to send in your entries for the **May** competition.

This month it's an opportunity to capture the village and it's surroundings as the topic is ...

Cassington Round and About

Entries by **15th May** please, to chinton260@outlook.com with your name, picture title or caption, and age category

Future topics and submission windows

Cassington CREATES
1st to 15th **JUNE**

Cassington BIKE NIGHT
1st to 15th **JULY**

Cassington CULTIVATES
1st to 15th **AUGUST**

Cassington CARES
1st to 15th **SEPTEMBER**

Cassington AT PLAY
1st to 15th **OCTOBER**

Cassington CHARACTERS
1st to 15th **NOVEMBER**

ST PETER'S CHURCH
Any time up to **15th November**

Pictures can be taken at any time, but please send them in the submission window for the topic you are entering. **Pictures for the December competition, St Peter's Church, can be sent at any time before the 15th November.**

Don't forget, there is a prize of a £15 gift voucher each month for both under and over 16 categories, courtesy of P Bruno Car Repairs

TEA TIME TEASER

This month attention is focussed on the monarchy. Who was the King or Queen in the following years and what was the event that happened during their reign for which you have the initial letters?

Answers next month

1. 1603-1625 The G P
2. 1199-1216 M C S at R
3. 1558-1603 W S was B
4. 1910-1936 F W W
5. 1422 -1461 T W of T R B with the F B of S A
6. 1413-1422 B of A
7. 1837-1901 The P F in I
8. 1760-1820 B of W

Answers to last month's celebrities' children

1. Apple & Moses – Chris Martin & Gwyneth Paltrow
2. Silas & Phineas, – Justin Timberlake & Jessica Biel
3. Poppy Honey, Daisy Boo, Petal Blossom, Buddy Bear & River Rocket – Jamie Oliver & Juliette Norton
4. Rumer Glenn, Scout LaRue & Tallulah Belle – Bruce Willis & Demi Moore
5. Blue Ivy, Rumi & Sir – Beyonce & Jay-Z
6. Lyra Antarctica & Jupiter – Ed Sheeran & Cherry Seaborn
7. North, Saint, Chicago & Psalm – Kim Kardashian & Kanye West
8. Moon Unit, Dweezil, Ahmet & Diva Thin Muffin – Frank Zappa & Adelaide Gail

OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

In February, I got the opportunity to giveaway four complimentary tickets to Spurs Women v Manchester United at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Who would be the lucky recipients of the golden tickets?

Well, a few days before the game, I'd had a colonoscopy at the Manor Hospital in Oxford. One of the nurses who helped me through the procedure is a Spurs fan, so I got back in touch with the hospital and offered them to her. Unfortunately, she was working on the day of the game and unable to attend.

A shame, because I was looking forward to seeing her again and referring to her as the woman who stuck a camera up my bum.

Instead, I sent them to the old Poole Town Ladies manager, who made me their Head of Media back in 2017, as a six-year overdue thank-you for giving me a leg up in the industry.

Josh and his friends enjoyed the game but, as far as I'm aware, he hasn't been looking up my bum. At least I hope not.

Gardening Tips for April



- Protect tender plants from late frosts
- Earth up potatoes and urgently plant any remaining
- Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month
- Regularly hoe off weeds
- Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges
- Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs

Cassington Cafe

In May the Cassington Cafe is on the second Thursday of the month, which is 11th May, between 10 and 12. For more information or to offer help, please contact Hugh or Ruth on 01865 880475

Bell Ringing

Church bells will usually be rung between 9.00 and 9.30am before the services each Sunday, and each Thursday between 7.00 and 8.00pm for our weekly practice.

FILM



On 12th May the film will be "A man called Otto". This is a remake of the fantastic original film adaptation of the novel "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman (2015 Swedish film "A Man Called Ove" directed by Hannes Holm).

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what's on?

Dates for your diary

May 2023

Wed 3rd 7pm	Pizza and Quiz in the Chequers
Thurs 4th 7am-10pm	Local Council Elections
Thurs 4th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (in the School)
Sat 6th 7.30pm	Coronation Party in the Village Hall
Sun 7th 2-5pm	Coronation Street Party along Conce Walk
Thurs 11th 10am	Cassington Cafe
Fri 12th 7.30pm	Film "A Man Called Otto"
Sat 13th 11-1pm	Plant Sale on The Green
Mon 15th	Photography competition deadline
Mon 15th - Sat 21st 11am-5pm	Art display for Arts Week
Sat 20th	June CAWN deadline

June 2023

Thurs 1st 10am	Cassington Cafe
Thurs 1st 7.30pm	Annual Parish & Parish Council Meeting
Thurs 15th	Photography competition deadline
Tues 20th	July CAWN deadline
Mon 26th	Bike Night

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

Neighbourhood Watch

This a reminder to residents to re-join our Village Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp group. Here are the details if you wish to join and keep alert to issues affecting our community.

Please contact admin for the group Sara on 07930 307298 or Nav 07989 527835.

More to follow on creating a community coordinator role for Neighbourhood Watch in due course.

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