

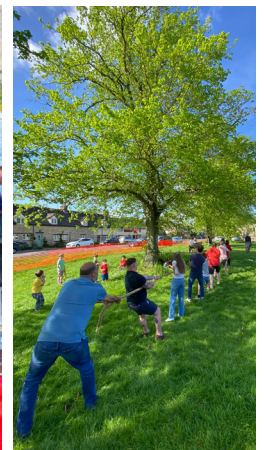
CASSINGTON CELEBRATES THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III



The weekend of the 6/7 May saw Cassington bedecked with bunting in celebration of the Coronation. Congratulations to Bridget Sherlock for her Mad Hatter's tea party display outside Stork Cottage, that won the prize for the best dressed house.

Also thanks and congratulations to all those who organised the party in the village hall on Saturday night, and the street party along Conce Walk on Sunday. Young and old got together to eat picnics and relax in the sun.

Quantities of cake were donated (and enjoyed), all the children in the village received a special coronation mug. The afternoon concluded with a tug of war!



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welcome Anne's CAWNeR

Welcome to the 552nd edition of CAWN, packed full of photographs from some of the recent events in the village.

I do hope you were able to visit the Art Exhibition in the Village hall and church. Here are just a few of the comments left in the visitor's book in the hall: "Impressed by the quality of all the talent here. Superb!" "Bursting with talent!" "Congratulations Cassington. Fantastic and overwhelmed by such talent.". Well done to Kevin Hinton, John and Sue Hemingway, Hannah Farncombe and all the others involved in setting it up.

You should all have received polling cards for the Referendum on 22nd June. Please do read the article by Alex Rogers on page 7 and please do vote as it matters!

We have a busy long weekend on 24/25/26 June, with the Flower Festival and Bell Tower tours and then Bike Night. Please do support these events, and if you can spare an hour or two to marshall on Bike Night it does help the event run smoothly (and it's fun!)

Finally I must say a huge thanks to Clare Want who has organised the distribution of this newsletter around the village for many years. She has now retired and Emily Lemaire has taken her place. Thank you Emily.

Happy Reading!

Anne x

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With special thanks to...

Lorna Mills, Fineprint Witney, Emily Lemaire and her team and to everyone who actively participates in the production of Cassington & Worton News.

DON'T FORGET YOUR CAR PASSES

On 26th June 2023 the road through Cassington will be closed between 3.30pm and 9.30pm. You will only be able to drive into the village if you have your car pass and please approach from the end nearest your house, as access through the centre of the village is very difficult!



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

To find out a bit more about marshalling, or just to learn more about the event, please do come along to our optional Marshall training evening at Cassington Village Hall on Tuesday 13th June at 7.30pm.

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

Cassington Bike Night Committee.

June stargazing highlights

June 4 - Full Moon.

The Moon will be on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Strawberry Moon. This moon has also been known as the Rose Moon and the Honey Moon.

June 4 - Venus at Greatest Eastern Elongation.

This is the best time to view Venus. Look for the bright planet in the western sky after sunset.

June 18 - New Moon.

This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters.

June 21 - June Solstice.

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

FLOWER FESTIVAL

ST PETER'S CHURCH

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SATURDAY 24th JUNE

10.30am until 4pm.

SUNDAY 25th JUNE

10.30am

Celebration service

at 3 o'clock.

With tea in the church grounds afterwards
(or in the church if wet)



Bell Tower Tours – St Peter's Church

Saturday 24th June 2023 11am – 1.15pm



If you missed the chance to see the church bells in action in May there is another opportunity in June during the Flower Festival in church on the above date.

As before, it would be helpful from an organisational point of view if you could

indicate your interest beforehand by e-mailing me on: keithturner878@btinternet.com or calling me on 01865 880492 if you have any questions.



Memories of a dear friend

Pat was a very special person with many gifts and a wide range of skills, yet never pretentious. I think of her as never being bored and never being boring. She did love to watch the tennis. She had a love of poetry and music, and over the years she had made a book of poems she loved. Above all she loved to share things that delighted her - and in so doing increased other people's pleasure. I feel glad to have known her and shared her conversation.

Margaret Bonfiglioli

PATRICIA HUGHES

26th January 1929 - 4th May 2023



Patricia, or Nicky as she was known to her old nursing friends, due to her maiden name of Nicholls, was born on the 26 January 1929 in Erdington, Birmingham to parents Nora and John.

Growing up Pat showed an avid love for literature and books, but her parents wanted something more practical

for their daughter, so they encouraged her to become a nurse instead. Looking after people quickly became one of her greatest passions in life. Upon leaving school Pat went to nursing school at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham. She graduated in 1951 and moved to Oxford to train as a midwife.

Before moving Pat spent some time hitchhiking all around Europe, and on her return she met her husband to be, Iwan, who was training to be Doctor. They married in August 1955. Pat and Iwan welcomed twins Stephie and Sara into the world in January 1957, followed by David the following February, and then Peter came along in 1960.

Pat enjoyed working in Oxford as a nurse and midwife for a few years until 1968 when she and her dear friend Bridget Finnemore founded the 'Opportunity Playgroup for Children with Special Needs'. The playgroup was an instant success. From its first day of operation it provided love, support and encouragement to all the children who used its services.

Once things began winding down at Opportunity Playgroup, Pat and Bridget decided it was time for another project: Doorstep Dishes! This cooking company provided delicious food catering services throughout Oxford city centre. Pat was a great cook and everyone in the family loved her dishes - especially her Coronation Chicken.

The family lived in Yarnton where Iwan practiced medicine at his GP surgery. However, after their children had grown up and moved away Pat and Iwan decided to purchase a beautiful cottage in Cassington with a lovely garden complete with an old wishing well in the middle. Pat spent hours tending to her garden around that wishing well - sometimes she'd just sit there quietly watching the clouds pass by.

Pat was married to Iwan for sixty years, but sadly, months after their 60th wedding anniversary, Iwan passed away.

Pat loved tennis especially John McEnroe and Wimbledon. She loved classical music, reading books of any genre and was a proud member of the Cassington book club. She was an avid listener of BBC Radio 4 and liked to hear about the goings on in the world, in particular politics.

For the last two years of her life Pat was confined to bed at home. She loved having visits from old friends especially June and Rosemary and enjoying a chilled glass of wine. Pat and Iwan spent many happy years in the house overlooking the green and were a big part of village life.

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Flower talk

Flowers are the accompaniment to so many occasions. There are the usual anniversary, weddings, Valentine's Day, and Mothering Sunday. Perhaps personal favourites are added to flowers for the funeral of a loved one, or a simple posey cheers the unwell. We use flowers to 'say' something on such occasions. The flower festival this month, and the service at St.Peter's on Sunday 25th June, will give us opportunity to reflect on why they hold such a prominent position in their lives.

In Jesus' foundational 'Sermon on the Mount,' in Matthew's gospel, he exhorts the gathered crowd "See how the flowers of the field grow." He'd obviously been enjoying the beauty of the meadows and it spoke to him of the love and care God invests in creation. If the fields are adorned with such beauty, will he not also care for our needs? He concludes: 'Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,'

We all find this easier said than done, particularly in the current economic climate, but a moment or two lost in the appreciation of their beauty certainly helps. So perhaps it's not 'Say it with flowers' as much as 'what do flowers say to you'?

Rev Duncan Fraser

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.



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JUNE 2023

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.

Services this month

Sunday 4th June – 11am Morning Worship

Sunday 11th June - 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th June – 5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 25th June – 3pm Flower Festival 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 or
Enquiries: Church Office: email 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)

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:

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

Charlotte Metcalf at candcmetcalf@gmail.com Tel: 07814550878

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.

Thank you.

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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

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

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

CASSINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA

Referendum on the Cassington Neighbourhood Plan

1. REFERENDUM

A referendum will be held on **Thursday 22 June 2023** to decide the following question:
“Do you want West Oxfordshire District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Cassington to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”

2. POLLING HOURS

Polling hours on Thursday 22 June 2023 will be between **7 am** and **10 pm**.

3. APPLICATIONS TO VOTE BY POST OR PROXY

Applications to vote by post, or to vary or cancel existing postal or proxy voting arrangements, must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **5 pm** on **Wednesday 7 June 2023**.

Applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **5 pm** on **Wednesday 14 June 2023**.

Applications to vote by emergency proxy, due to ill health, work commitments or due to loss of your photo identification at this referendum must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by no later than **5 pm** on **Thursday 22 June 2023** telephone the Electoral Services Office (01993) 861410.

All applications regarding absent voting must be sent to the Electoral Registration Officer, Electoral Services Office, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, Oxon, OX28 1NB.

Application forms for postal and proxy voting are available from that address, or visit www.westoxon.gov.uk/elections

4. APPLICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer no later than 12 midnight on **Tuesday 6 June 2023**.

5. VOTER AUTHORITY CERTIFICATE

Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector’s Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **5pm** on **Wednesday 14 June 2023**. Applications can be made online at <https://voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/>

6. REFERENDUM INFORMATION

For information about the poll and voting arrangements, please visit <http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/elections> or telephone 01993 861410. For information about the Neighbourhood Plan please visit www.westoxon.gov.uk/cassington. Neighbourhood Plan documents are available for inspection at The Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney OX28 1NB.

Dated: Wednesday 17 May 2023

Giles Hughes
Counting Officer

The Cassington Neighbourhood Plan The Referendum on 22nd June 2022

Alex Rogers, Parish Councillor

All parishioners in Cassington will have recently received notification of a Referendum on Cassington Neighbourhood Plan. This is the culmination of two and a half years work to develop a local planning policy for the parish and as a nice coincidence 900 years after the completion of St Peter's Church.

In autumn 2020 the village was presented with a development proposal to build over half of the allotments. As a result of this it was realised that the absence of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Cassington meant we had little say over how future development should take place. This included where further building could potentially happen, what buildings should look like and how they should meet best practice with respect to zero emissions as well as what amenities our parishioners considered important and which should be conserved for our future benefit.

The Parish Council at the time, led by Hugh Thomas, decided to develop a Neighbourhood Plan and set up a Committee to decide on what this should look like. This turned out to be a complicated procedure, but simply legislation does not make it easy to put such plans together. The Committee included a representative from the Parish Council (Barbara King) and several parishioners (Jonty Ashworth; Piers Beeton; Ian Finlay; Anne Luttman-Johnson, Alex Rogers). Over the next two years a comprehensive Green Infrastructure Plan and Neighbourhood Plan were developed with the help of a consultancy specialising in the preparation of the necessary documentation for submission (O'Neill Homer (<https://www.oneillhomer.co.uk/>)). I must point out here that a huge thank you is owed to the Committee, the Parish Council and O'Neill Homer as this was a lot of work!

The Neighbourhood Plan includes an extensive historical and economic background to the Parish of Cassington as well as a series of policies aimed to direct development sympathetic to the views of the Parishioners in terms of meeting housing needs, conserving amenities, nature and the general

environment of the village. Policies cover nature recovery, active and sustainable transport, dark skies, the Cassington Conservation Area, a Design Code for building, locally listed buildings, local services and community facilities, zero carbon building, infill development and affordable housing. The plan includes a Green Infrastructure Plan and further information on the details of the Design Code and Net Zero Building. Parishioners can view the Neighbourhood Plan on the Parish Council website at: <https://cassington-pc.gov.uk/document-category/neighbourhood-plan/neighbourhood-plan-neighbourhood-plan/>.

It is extremely important that parishioners familiarise themselves with the Cassington Neighbourhood Plan and vote in the Referendum on the 22nd of June. This plan gives our residents a say over how our village will develop in the future and presents a roadmap as to how future Cassington Parish Councils can help to achieve this vision on your behalf. In an environment where predatory development is rife in the county this is essential. The more of our parishioners that vote to accept this plan the more weight it will carry with West Oxfordshire District Council and planning inspectors. A weak response will mean that developers will be able to justify ignoring the Neighbourhood Plan and do what they please. Your vote really counts so please make the effort to come out on the 22nd June and have your say.



St Peter's Church, 900 years old this year and a Grade 1 Listed Building within Cassington's Conservation Area.

Woodstock & District u3a

Woodstock & District u3a's Annual General Meeting took place in April. Retiring Chair, David Duthie, reported a rise in membership, solid finances and an increasing number of Interest Groups.

In all there are now 17 Interest Groups, ranging from 'Art', to 'Walking'; a Canasta group has just started, one for visits to local Historic Churches is getting under way, and an Embroidery group is also forming.

In formal business, Susan Blackshaw was elected to take over the Chairmanship from David Duthie with Penny Pedley continuing as Treasurer.

Finally, 17 August was pencilled in for a garden party, to be held once more at St. Hugh's in Woodstock.



Women and War:

From the Fringes to the Front Line - New exhibition to tell the stories of women in the armed forces



Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

Exhibition 3rd June - 10th September 2023

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STOP BOTLEY WEST UPDATE

Do you know the latest Stop Botley West news? Go to stopbotleywest.com and look at the new look website. Discover the possible link between the developers and Russian money. See details of what events are coming up this spring and summer. Events coming up in brief:

- The Forever Fields Art Project, lasting till the end of July. Paint, draw or photograph your favourite fields as part of the campaign to protect our fields. Sign up at <https://foreverfields.co.uk>
- June 8th 19.00-21.00 Eco Forum St Mary's Church, Church Green, Witney. Presentation on renewable energy with specific discussion of the Botley West proposals.
- Monday 26th June Bike Night with an information table from your local Solar Action Group.
- July 4th 7.30pm in Cassington Village Hall. Talk by Prof. David Rogers on the Botley West Proposals....a repeat of an excellent talk for the many from Cassington and Worton who were unable to come last time.

Join your local Solar Action Group and help us with making these events work, distributing leaflets, putting up signs and coming up with more ideas!
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Creativity in Cassington

Hopefully most of you will have seen that we had an Art Exhibition in the village last month.

Timed to coincide with Oxfordshire Artweeks in our area, artists and makers in the village were invited to show their work in a community show as part of the year of celebrations of 900 Years of St Peter's Church. The Friends of St Peter's and the Village Hall Committee very kindly sponsored the event and funded the making of a set of display boards to provide more hanging space and a useful asset for the future.

We knew we had artists in the village, but could we fill the Village Hall and effectively over 70 feet of additional wall space? It seemed a tall order but, as the offers of work came in, the answer was clearly a resounding yes. The final show featured over 100 pieces from well over 30 artists and makers in a wide range of media ... painting and drawing in many styles, print making, photography, jewellery, sculpture, origami, textile design, ceramics, floral display, needlecraft and furniture making ... and all of an exceptional standard. We were also delighted to include work by some of the residents of Churchfields Care Home, and a series of posters by members of the School Art Club called 'What we believe' designed to raise awareness of issues important to them.

The show also extended to St Peter's Church where there was another opportunity to see the giant history frieze and characters from the history of the Church created by the

children of St Peter's School to mark the 900 year anniversary, together with a number of sculptures by Godfrey Phillips.

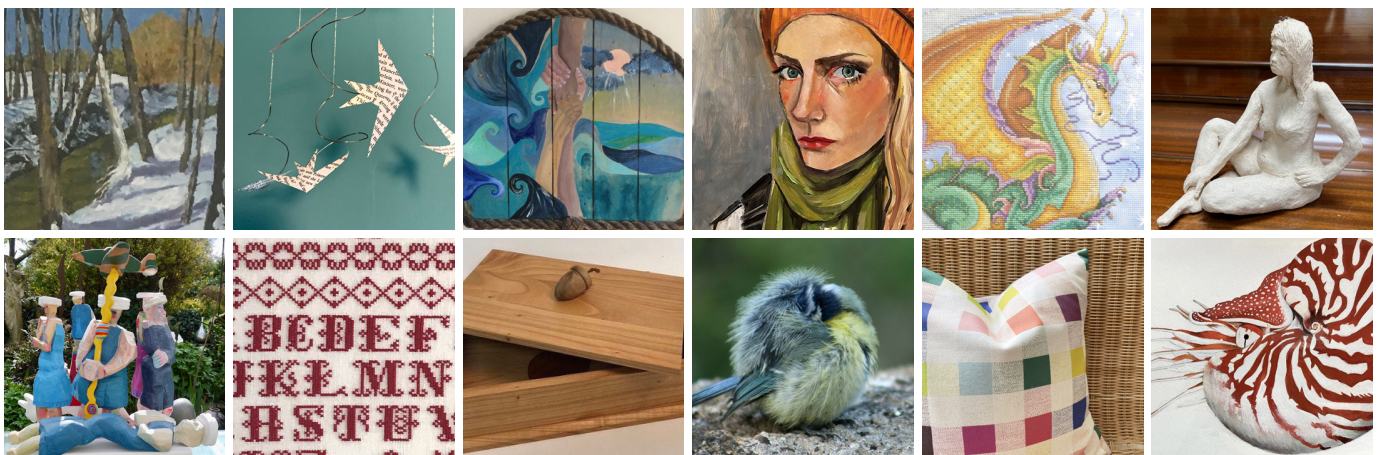
Over the seven days we were pleased to see many visitors from the village and from beyond who had found us through the Oxfordshire Artweeks programme. The extended open evening on Thursday was particularly well attended, possibly thanks to the temptation of 'refreshments'.

Given the many favourable comments from visitors, and the enthusiasm from the artists to collaborate and show their work, I think we can confidently call the show a success.

I'd like to say a huge thank you ... to The Friends of St Peter's and the Village Hall for their support; to John and Sue for providing the expertise in hanging such a diverse exhibition, for all the time they gave, and for finding the remarkable number of tables, plinths and other items which enhanced the displays; to Hannah and Candida for masterminding the careful checking in of all of the work; to all of the artists and makers who showed their work and gave their time to oversee the exhibition; and to everyone who visited and made the show worthwhile.

If you visited or took part, **THANK YOU**. I hope you enjoyed the show and have been inspired to start, continue or try something new. I'm sorry if you missed it, or if you missed the opportunity to show your work. Perhaps we'll do it again :)

Kevin Hinton



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CHURCHFIELDS NEWS



Happy May everyone! Spring is finally upon us and we are enjoying the lovely sunshine, here in Cassington. May has been a month of milestones for us at Churchfields Care Home.

This year, Faye and Gemma from our team are taking on the challenge of 31 miles in May to raise awareness for Dementia UK. Our residents are also joining in on the challenge and so far we have completed half the challenge and raised £130. We are only £20 short of our goal and would really appreciate any donations that come our way. We have a donation box at our reception desk or you can also donate online through our Facebook page.

We are delighted to announce five new additions to our Churchfields family - our new baby ducks! We watched them take their first swim and are loving the quacks around the home.

Our weekly routines are even more fun in the sun! We have enjoyed taking the longer route to our weekly pub quiz and sitting in the sun room with a pint. Mandy, our hairdresser, came for a visit and left us looking fresh for the sunny days and Jo, our fitness instructor, has been keeping us fit with her amazing workout sessions.



We had a great time celebrating the King's coronation. We watched the ceremony on TV and had an amazing time eating scones and drinking pimm's after. A huge thank you to Dr Roberts and his band for entertaining us on the special occasion, we loved the performance.



We are having a great time at Churchfields and looking forward to more sunny days and days out in the local village. We are always happy to welcome people into our loving home for a cuppa and a chat.

If you are looking to work at our care home or are looking for a new home for yourself or a loved one, please call us on 01865 881440, or

drop us a quick email to manager@churchfieldscarehome.co.uk.

In the meantime, please follow us on Facebook to find out more about life at Churchfields.



North Leigh Roman Villa's mosaic

North Leigh Roman Villa will be open on the following dates in 2023 from 11am - 5pm each day:-
 Saturday & Sunday June 24th /25th
 Saturday & Sunday July 22nd /23rd
 Wednesday August 2nd
 Saturday & Sunday August 19th /20th
 Saturday & Sunday September 9th /10th

Details on the English Heritage website: <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/>
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Neighbourhood Plan

The Public Referendum is now scheduled for the 22nd June 2023. Please make time to vote. Please see the website for the Notice - <https://cassington-pc.gov.uk/cassington-neighbourhood-plan-referendum-thursday-22-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.

Yew Tree in the closed Burial Ground

The Parish Council have accepted a quote. As the tree is in the conservation area permission has been sort from WODC. The contractor has to give 6 weeks' notice.

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

W/23/00473/PTEN - Temporary Event Notice - Field South Of Cassington Oxfordshire – 3rd June 2023 - Bar at Music Event - 12:00 - 23:45

W/23/00461/PTEN - Temporary Event Notice - Field South Of Cassington Oxfordshire – 9th June 2023 – 11th June 2023 - 16:00 - 23:00

Other News

- Cllr King was nominated to be Chair of the Parish Council.

- Temporary Road Closure – The Green Cassington please check details on the website. <https://cassington-pc.gov.uk/traffic-regulation-notice-the-green-cassington/>

Parish Councillors

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

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

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

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

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

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on 1st June 2023 @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

Parish Council Meetings for 2023

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

West Oxfordshire District Council News



WODC has released a consultation summary report for its emerging Local Plan, following a 6-week public consultation held from August to October last year. This was designed to give people an early say on what key issues they would like the new Local Plan to address.

The consultation was a great success, with over 5,000 people visiting the consultation platform, and 441 people and organisations responding. There were also 1,143 contributions and comments made, and just under 3,000 people signed up for news updates.

The Council also organised face-to-face events for Town and Parish Councils and stakeholders, where they discussed six primary themes, including tackling the climate and ecological emergency; promoting healthy, safe, strong, and inclusive communities; enhancing the natural and built environment; creating attractive, accessible, and thriving places; meeting the housing needs of all; and cultivating a vibrant, resilient, and diverse local economy.

These events aimed to gather responses on specific measures that the plan may introduce, such as delivering affordable

homes and zero-carbon standards for new buildings. All six themes received strong overall support, along with largely positive feedback on the specific ideas identified under each theme.

The Council's current Local Plan was adopted in September 2018. However, because it is nearly five years old, the Council is preparing a new plan that will extend to 2041.

The public will have further opportunities to contribute. The next consultation is scheduled for the summer and will focus on three things: turning the ideas generated from the last consultation into specific aims and objectives; opening up discussions on how and where the District might develop in the future; and gathering suggestions on potential new land uses such as housing, employment, green space and renewable energy.

Later in November, the Council will gather feedback on preferred policy options and then look to publish a final draft plan between late spring and early summer of 2024.

For more information on WODC's emerging Local Plan and to access the full consultation report, please visit <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2041/>



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OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

Rumour has it that last month's column was, accidentally, a repeat from a previous issue. It's almost like I'm running out of things to say after keeping this up for over seven years.

Thankfully I have stories to tell from a sunny Sunday's date with Deeksha, who I matched with on Hinge and agreed to meet in Camden. Camden is absolutely rammed as crowds gather for cans of free Sprite. People don't normally care about Sprite, but tourists love blocking the pavement for free stuff.

I manage to unwind with a waffle and Nick Hornby's book, *Fever Pitch*, while sitting on Primrose Hill, which provides an excellent view of London's grey skyline.

The time comes to head to The Enterprise pub to watch Liverpool 4-3 Spurs next to an Arsenal fan who hates Tottenham. I nod along politely without saying anything derogatory about the club that pays my salary. I tuck into some lovely fish and chips before heading off to meet Deeksha.

Naturally I only have dessert on our date, where I am wearing bright blue shorts because the buttons fell off my jeans and I possess neither the desire or ability to fix them. Later in the night, I come back from the toilet looking like I've wet myself, having to explain to Deeksha that the hand dryer sprayed the water in an unfortunate direction.

Given that Deeksha is from Qatar, my Manchester United supporting friend Dan says: "Tell her full sale for United or nowt."

PLANT SALE

Saturday 13th May saw the village green turn into a horticultural oasis, as the gardeners of the village descended with their plants and seedlings to sell, and then left weighed down with purchases to plant in their gardens.



Local "celebrity" gardener, Gerald Stratford, (of Giant Veg fame) paid a visit, and the vicar was spotted choosing some greenery as well. The event raised £810 plus an extra £100 donation, which has been split between the Allotment

society and the church for flowers for the festival.

Congratulations to Ninon Linnell and Jaime Johnson for organising the whole event, which was a triumphant success.



ST PETER'S SCHOOL



Despite the weather, we made the absolute best of it with our coronation celebrations in the school hall. Thank you to everyone who donated cake and a massive thank you to our governor Helen Barr and parents Mrs Johnson and Mrs Thomson who kept everyone topped up with copious amounts of tea!

Apple Tree children (Nursery & Reception) sung us a song, including actions, which they performed beautifully. Oak children (years 1 & 2) produced some fantastic art that we were able to display in the hall. Maple (years 3 & 4) gave us a sneak preview of what the coronation would look like through their drama and Willow (years 5 & 6) wowed us with their country dancing. (We even had some parents joining in with the dancing!)

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and for creating a wonderful atmosphere for the children to celebrate the coronation in.

Jon Jeffries
Headteacher

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Apple Tree wrote and sent letters to King Charles and Queen Camilla. They have their fingers crossed for a reply!

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MORE PICTURES FROM THE CORONATION CELEBRATIONS



Looking along Conce Walk before the party started



2nd prize for the best dressed house went to numbers 29 and 42 Eynsham Road



Quantities of cake and the ever popular tombola!



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ukrainian Vegetable Soup

Serves 4

Ingredients

2 good size onions
2 large chopped carrots
3 medium potatoes
A good size knob of butter (or oil)
1 litre chicken stock
Dried dill
Washed and shredded sorrell and spinach
Tablespoon of Flour
Cup of sour cream (plus extra for serving)
Hard boiled egg

Method

Saute onions, carrots and potatoes in butter until soft but NOT brown. Add about 1 litre of good chicken stock and some dried dill and black pepper and perhaps a touch of salt. Simmer until all the vegetables are soft. Add in a really good amount of washed and dried shredded sorrel and spinach. Mix the flour with the cup of sour cream and stir into the soup until slightly thickened and all warmed through.

Serve over a quartered hard boiled egg with more sour cream and fresh or dried dill to taste and a good hunk of country bread! If sorrel is hard to get use just spinach but add a squirt of lemon juice to sharpen it up.

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PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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It's another roll-over

This month we had very few over 16 and no under 16 entries for **Cassington Round and About**, so have decided the competition for that topic is **open for another month**. Hopefully with the better weather you will be inspired to capture some lovely pictures of our village and it's surroundings.

However, we had several under 16 entries for **Cassington Community** which captured the fun of the Coronation picnic, with the prize going to Cadi Jones.

Now might be a good time to keep an eye out for pictures for future topics too. Pictures of **St Peter's Church** can be submitted at any time, and there's no reason that pictures for **Cassington Cultivates**, the August competition, or any of the future topics can't be taken now ... and don't forget to take your phone or camera with you to capture **Bike Night**!

But now is the time to send in your entries for the **June** competition. This month the topic is ...

Cassington Creates

Did you catch a great shot of the Art Show in the Village Hall and the Church? Do you have a creation of your own you would like to share? ... or just get creative!

Please send in your entries for this month's competition **by 15th June** to **chinton260@outlook.com** with your name, picture title or caption, and age if you are under 16.

Unfortunately we incorrectly attributed last month's winning picture. So, **apologies and belated congratulations** go to Ruth Bakewell.

Cassington Community (Coronation Celebrations) by Cadi Jones (13)

Future topics and submission windows

Cassington BIKE NIGHT

1st to 15th JULY

Cassington CARES

1st to 15th SEPTEMBER

Cassington CHARACTERS

1st to 15th NOVEMBER

Cassington CULTIVATES

1st to 15th AUGUST

Cassington AT PLAY

1st to 15th OCTOBER

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

Following on from the spectacular show of artistic talent in the village, we have anagrams of British artists and a piece of their work for which you have the initial letters. Can you work out who the artists are and their works? Answers next month

1. Stocbelan - The H W
2. Meglory - A of T N
3. Mine - E I H ever S W
4. Iflio - N W No C
5. Dimhi - B the T M H is B
6. Runter - The F T
- 7.. Thewhrop - S with T C
8. Skyban - B G

Answers to last month's historical events

1. 1603-1625 James 1 The Gunpowder Plot
2. 1199-1216 John Magna Carta Signed at Runnymede
3. 1558-1603 Elizabeth 1 William Shakespeare was Born
4. 1910-1936 George V First World War
5. 1422 -1461 Henry VI The Wars of The Roses Began with the First Battle of St Albans
6. 1413-1422 Henry V Battle of Agincourt
- 7.. 1837-1901 Victoria The Potato Famine in Ireland
8. 1760-1820 George III Battle of Waterloo



FILM

On Friday 9th June the film will be "What's Love Got to do with it?". For documentary-maker and dating app addict Zoe (Lily James), swiping right has only delivered an endless stream of Mr. Wrongs to her eccentric mother Cath's (Emma Thompson) dismay. For Zoe's childhood friend and neighbor Kaz (Shazad Latif), the answer is to follow his parents' example and opt for an arranged (or "assisted") marriage to a bright and beautiful bride from Pakistan. As Zoe films his hopeful journey from London to Lahore to marry a stranger chosen by his parents, she begins to wonder if she might have something to learn from a profoundly different approach to finding love.

Cassington Cafe

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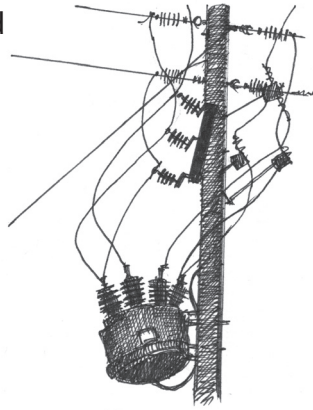
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Dates for your diary

June 2023

Thurs 1st 10am	Cassington Cafe
Thurs 1st 7.30pm	Annual Parish & Parish Council Meeting
Fri 9th 7.30pm	Film "What's Love got to do with it"
Sat 10th 5.30-9pm	Piers Pizza Night
Sat 10th 7.30pm	"The Creation" Eynsham Choral Society
Thurs 15th	Photography competition deadline
Tues 20th	July CAWN deadline
Thurs 22nd	Referendum on Neighbourhood Plan
Fri 23th-Sun 25th	Flower Festival in church
Sat 24th 11-1.15pm	Bell Tower Tours
Mon 26th	Bike Night

July 2023

Tues 4th 7.30pm	Talk on Botley West proposals
Thurs 6th 10am	Cassington Cafe
Thurs 6th 7.30pm	Annual Parish & Parish Council Meeting
Sat 15th	Photography competition deadline
Thurs 20th	August CAWN deadline

For details of Neighbourhood Watch volunteers, County and District Councillors, Village Hall, Pavilion and MUGA booking fees please see the village website:
www.cassington-pc.gov.uk

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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