



# CASSINGTON AND WORTON NEWS

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## **INSPIRED BY THE ART SHOW?**

Why not unleash your creativitity and produce a piece of art for the Forever Fields project or enter the Oxfordshire Museum Art competition. Further details of both events are in this edition.



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For full details of the Forever Fields project, including what is being proposed, what it is hoped to achieve and how to submit your work, please see page 14.

## Don't forget.....

At 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th July Professor David Rogers will be giving a talk in the village hall.

Professor David Rogers is an environmentalist and Professor Emeritus of the University of Oxford. He gave a presentation in April, on the realities of the Botley West Solar proposals. He is repeating that talk for those who were unable to attend.

If you can't make the 4th July talk then he will be giving a further presentation at Bladon Primary School Hall at 7.15 on 29th July.

# welcome

## **Anne's CAWNer**

Welcome to the 553rd edition of CAWN. I hope you are all enjoying this lovely sunny weather. As I write this plans are being made for Bike Night, which will have happened by the time this lands on your doormat. Fingers crossed for a warm sunny evening!

We have a new feature starting this month - details of local walks. Many thanks to Kath Humphris for suggesting the topic and supplying this month's walk. Please do send me your suggestions so I can include them in future editions, enabling people to find new places to visit and walk.

Also in this edition you will find details of local events planned for the summer. Please do support them if you can. There is also the possibility of a garage sale safari round the village, which has been suggested for October. Please let me know if you think this is a good idea and you might have things to sell. We need enough interest to take this forward.

We have lost a couple of advertisers this year, so if you have a business, or you know someone who has a business to promote, then please consider advertising in CAWN. Very reasonable rates and a copy is delivered to every household in Cassington & Worton.

Have a lovely summer and happy reading!

Anne x

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## July stargazing highlights

#### July 3 - Full Moon, Supermoon.

The Moon will be on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun so its face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Buck Moon because the male buck deer would begin to grow their new antlers at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Thunder Moon and the Hay Moon. This is the first of four supermoons for 2023. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

#### July 17 - 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.

#### July 28, 29 - Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower.

The Delta Aquarids is an average shower that can produce up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by comets Marsden and Kracht. The shower runs annually from July 12 to August 23. It peaks this year on the night of July 28 and morning of July 29. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Aquarius, but can appear anywhere in the sky.



#### **RED LION LADIES DARTS TEAM**

The Red Lion Ladies Darts team are holding a 24 hours Marathon commencing at 8pm in the Red Lion on 4th August 2023. We are hoping to raise £900 for St Peters Church and other Charities as our contribution towards the 900 years celebrations.

Do please come and support us.

There will be a raffle and a numbers board is already available for completion in the Red Lion. Raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated (they can be left in the Red Lion). Also you can challenge us to a game for a donation. Sponsorship forms can be obtained from the Red Lion.

Many thanks.





Saturday 22nd July from 12pm
Start of summer holidays funday
Bouncy castles and fun and games for all the family

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

The Chequers Wed 5th July at 7pm



## **Garage Sale Safari Cassington**

Funds are needed to renew the playground equipment.

A provisional date of 1st October 2023 has been pencilled in for a garage sale safari. The safari will be based on selling from resident's driveways. Maps will be provided for buyers to navigate around the village.

Before going ahead, it would helpful if we could gauge interest. It is a three months away. If you could email CAWN on CAWNeditor@gmail.com if you are interested, and if the interest is there plans can move forward.

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#### 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)

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> (last session this term)

We continue after the summer holidays with our first session on Tuesday 5th September.

#### 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.

Please don't forget our local food banks over the summer

If you are able please continued to support via the box at St Peter's Church and/

or via single financial donations or regular standing order. Your donations go to:

Eynsham Food bank (07450 328530)

North Oxfordshire Food Bank (07929721172)

Please phone the food banks direct for details if you wish to support financially. If you need some food support or know someone in need of food support please phone the food banks directly (who will be pleased to help you) 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 of weekday Masses please visit the parish web page https://stpeterseynsham.org.uk/
Contact details:-Parish Priest: Fr Mark Lagorio

Tel: 01865 881613

Email: stpeterschurcheynsham@gmail.com Parish Safeguarding Representative: 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/

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



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

#### **JULY 2023**

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.

Bell ringing will usually take place before each morning service with practice night each Thursday from 7pm to 8pm.

#### Services this month

**Sunday 2nd July – 11.00am Morning Worship** 

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July – 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July – 5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July – 5pm Holy Communion (BCP)

On-line streamed services are available <u>every Sunday from 10.30 am</u> 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 <u>stleonards stpeters@btconnect.com</u>



## **Cassington Cafe**

The Cassington Cafe is on the 6th July, between 10 and 12. There will be no cafe in August, but it will resume again in September. For more information or to offer help, please contact Hugh or Ruth on 01865 880475

## **Cassington Annual Parish Meeting**

6th July 2023

7.30pm after a short Parish Council Meeting at 7pm.

If you are involved in one of the village organisations please could you let the clerk to the Parish Council know if you are going to attend or not. If you are unable to attend, please could you send a report on your organisation to the clerk before the meeting.

Mrs Tracey Cameron

Clerk & Finance Officer for Cassington Parish Council

Telephone: 07496 761398

Email: cassingtonclerk@cassington-pc.gov.uk

#### Get more out of summer!

Sunny days are here, and summer is just around the corner. Our reservoirs, rivers and most underground water sources are at the levels we'd expect right now. We'll continue



to watch this closely across the summer and let you know if this changes. You can help us protect our water sources by using water as efficiently as possible. While you're watering your tubs or filling up the paddling pool, please remember we can have fun in the sun but still use water wisely. This will help keep the taps flowing in our region and save you money if you're on a meter.

#### **BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM**

The Parish Council has received the letter set out below from the Planning Inspectorate, which is an executive agency, sponsored by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. It deals with planning appeals, national infrastructure planning applications, examinations of local plans and other planning-related and specialist casework in England.

The Parish Council have until 13th July 2023 to send in any information that should be considered by those preparing an Environmental Statement relating to the development of the Botley West Solar Farm. If anyone has any particular concerns that they would like included please can they email Alex Rogers on arogers@cassington-pc.gov.uk and copy in the clerk on cassingtonclerk@cassington-pc.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulations 10 and 11

Application by SolarFive Ltd. (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Botley West Solar Farm (the Proposed Development)

Scoping consultation and notification of the Applicant's contact details and duty to make available information to the Applicant if requested

The Applicant has asked the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State for its opinion (a Scoping Opinion) as to the information to be provided in an Environmental Statement (ES) relating to the Proposed Development. You can access the report accompanying the request for a Scoping Opinion via our website: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk Alternatively, you can use the following direct link: http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010147-000009

The Planning Inspectorate has identified you as a consultation body which must be consulted before adopting its Scoping Opinion. The Planning Inspectorate would be grateful therefore if you would:

- Inform the Planning Inspectorate of the information you consider should be provided in the ES; or
- Confirm that you do not have any comments.

If you consider that you are not a consultation body as defined in the EIA Regulations please let us know.

The Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS is entitled to assume under Regulation 10(11) of the EIA Regulations that you do not have any comments to make on the information to be provided in the ES, if you have not responded to this letter by 13 July 2023. The deadline for consultation responses is a statutory requirement and cannot be extended. Please note that your response will be appended to the Scoping Opinion and published on our website consistent with our openness policy. Any consultation response received after 13 July 2023 will not be included within the Scoping Opinion but will be forwarded to the Applicant for information and will be published on our website as a late response.

The Applicant has provided the Inspectorate with spatial data for the purpose of facilitating the identification of consultation bodies to inform a Scoping Opinion (as set out in our Advice Note 7, available on our website). Requests by consultation bodies to obtain and/or use the spatial data for other purposes should be made directly to the Applicant using the contact details below.

In order to support the smooth facilitation of our service, we strongly advise that any responses are issued via the email identified below rather than by post. Responses to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Scoping Report should be sent by email to BotleyWestSolar@planninginspectorate. gov.uk.

Once complete, you will be able to access the Scoping Opinion via our website, using the following link:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/botley-westsolar-farm/

As the Planning Inspectorate has been notified by the Applicant that it intends to prepare an ES, we are also informing you of the Applicant's name and address: SolarFive Ltd.

2 West Street, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, RG9 2DU info@botleywest.co.uk

You should also be aware of your duty under Regulation 11(3) of the EIA Regulations, if so requested by the Applicant, to make available information in your possession which is considered relevant to the preparation of the ES.







Engage every sense on a summer adventure to Britain's Greatest Palace, where there are a myriad of new activities to see, hear, taste, touch and smell. There's only a few weeks left of our Royal Connections: Crowns and Coronets exhibition which features regency-inspired costumes from seasons one and two of Bridgerton, and you can get your floral fix as well as an array of other gardening goodies at the Blenheim Palace Flower Show from Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th June. If you're after something active there will be boating, paddleboarding and kayaking available on the Great Lake from 21st July until 3rd September, and don't forget to enjoy an afternoon tea with a Palace view at Clementine's on the Lawn, our stunning glass restaurant here for a limited time only until Autumn.

## **BLENHEIM**

If you have visited in the last few weeks you will have noticed our colourful new mural covering Flagstaff Gate, which is currently being restored as part of an ongoing £2 million pound conservation project. The mural was designed using images created by thirty young people from Oxfordshire Youth who came to the Palace earlier in the year for a week's workshops of artistic inspiration from the Palace and grounds. The art sessions were led by commissioned visual artist Kate Turnball and the finished mural combines drawings, digital imagery and text such as poetry inspired by the Palace.



On your recent visit to our Estate you may have noticed that some of our grassland areas are looking a little overgrown. This is on purpose! We have intentionally decided to leave these areas of grassland long to support the habitats of bees, bugs and butterflies (and lots of critters) By refraining from mowing some of our grasslands, we are promoting the activity of our natural pollinators as they explore the blooming wildflowers. This has also allowed for the growth of rare native plants such as pyramidal orchids, bird's-foot trefoil, and bee orchids in our Parkland. Don't worry though, our Gardening Team are mowing paths in some of the long grassland areas so you'll still be able to find shade if needed on those hot sunny days.

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

blenheimpalace.com

#### ST PETER'S SCHOOL

As tradition suggests, this term is proving to be a very busy term! We've had all sorts of school

trips. Our youngest children in Reception and nursery visited Warwick Play Village and spent the morning role-playing different jobs; our year 1/2s went to the Oxford University Museum of Natural History to look at dinosaurs and talk about Mary Anning; our year 3/4s had a visit from Zoolab, who came to talk about rainforests and habitats and brought with them, amongst other creatures, a cornsnake, a tarantula, a tree frog and a hissing cockroach! Our year 5/6s had some magical days out riding horses & learning to look after them, alongside taking part in mindfulness activities.

We've celebrated the coronation with art displays, singing, a re-enactment of the service and country dancing, and our school choir sung at Dorchester Abbey as part of a Festival of Voices. This is an annual event which is always a favourite with the children and parents.

We've had a fascinating talk from the Oxford Badger Group, we've dressed up as British wildlife and had a 'design a dino' competition to raise money for our nominated charity – Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue. So far this year we have managed to raise a massive £426 which has purchased an aviary for them to rehabilitate injured & orphaned garden birds before their release.

We've had sports days, both at St Peter's (well done Red Kites!) and also with other Eynsham Partnership Academy schools. There has been a few football tournaments and a cricket tournament and we have a rugby festival and Ultra Olympics coming up.

We have Bike Night on the horizon (which will have already happened when you read this — I hope it was nice & sunny) so a big thank you to everyone for pulling together as a community and supporting this amazing day. It's the school's biggest fundraiser of the year, so we hope there was a good turnout! We also have St Peter's Day and our 50th birthday celebration coming up in the same week. We are hoping to have lots of talks from pupils and staff who used to come here, as well as a display of photos and memories, burying a time capsule, and hopefully digging up an old one! There will be more about this next month.

Over the next 4 weeks we have trips to Christchurch cathedral, Whipsnade Zoo and our surprise end of year trip, which is always paid for by an incredibly generous donation from an anonymous village benefactor. A massive thank you to them! This is always the trip that the children look forward to the most as we are able to do something that our usual funds don't allow. We also have transition days and an iRock concert, which is always very popular.

Thank you to everyone in the village who has supported us

one way or another over the last year. We really wouldn't be who we are without you all! Have a lovely summer, and we'll see you all in September!

Jon Jeffries Headteacher

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#### RECIPE OF THE MONTH



This month we celebrate the glorious cucumber!

#### Cucumbers & new potatoes in the style of Nantes

Serves 4

This is delicious with a piece of salmon or chicken but equally alongside vegetarian mains or as a starter. The original Nantes version probably did not have dill but tarragon, but the dill adds a lovely fresh Scandinavian touch, and a surprising number of people don't like tarragon.

8cl creme fraiche
4 soup spoons of wine vinegar
Chopped fresh dill - as much as you like
2 Cucumbers
10 new (they really need to be new) potatoes
Salt & Pepper

Wash the cucumbers and cut in half - scoop out the seeds and cut the cucumbers into chunky slices - put in colander and sprinkle with salt. Cover and weight the cucumbers leave them for half an hour or so. Then rinse and dry. Meanwhile mix the creme fraiche and vinegar with salt and pepper to taste. Cook the potatoes (steam would be best). When cooked mix the cucumbers in to the potatoes and add the sauce and dill - mix and serve immediately. Really pretty and summery.

Here are a couple of other cucumber recipes which are slightly different and delicious - especially if you grow your own or can get hold of organic cucumbers.

#### Hot cucumber

2 cucumbers
2 oz butter
salt and pepper
1 level tsp sugar
quarter pint of milk
1 egg yolk
2 tbsp double cream
1 oz flour

Prepare the cucumbers in the same way as above. Cook the cucumbers in the smallest amount of water possible to stop sticking adding half an ounce of the butter and the sugar (you can diminish the amount of sugar if you like). Cook for a few minutes until tender. Drain and reserve the liquid. Put in a buttered dish and keep warm.

Melt the rest of the butter and add the flour to make a roux. Add the reserved liquid to the milk to make up about half a pint. Continue making as you would a white sauce. Finally add the egg yolk and salt and pepper and cream to taste. Pour over the cucumber and serve. Nice sprinkled with chopped chives.

This final one is Asian inspired and my father loved these. He ate the whole amount I had made for a party once! They are great as a nibble or alongside Asian style salads.

#### Asian Chilli Cucumber

4 firm Cucumbers

2tbsp salt

2 tbsp brown sugar

2 tbsp freshly and finely chopped ginger

4 dried chilli peppers crushed

1 tsp szechuan pepper

3 tbsp rice wine vinegar

1 tbsp dark soy sauce

4 tbsp toasted sesame oil

sesame seeds

Prepare the cucumbers as above but instead of just using salt use the salt and 1 tbsp of sugar and leave to stand for about 20 minutes. Rinse and dry as above. Put into a pretty bowl with the chopped ginger. Heat the oil and fry the chilli until it has begun (just) to brown. Allow to cool then mix in to the cucumbers with all the other ingredients - taste and serve with cocktail sticks alongside if it is a nibble type affair.

#### **AIR QUALITY SURVEY**



WODC wants residents' views on air quality west Oxfordshire and how it is managed in Witney and Chipping Norton. A survey will run from Monday 5 June to Friday 14 July 2023.

Lidia Arciszewska, Executive Member for Environment said, "Air quality in West Oxfordshire is generally good, with the vast majority of the district complying with the UK objectives set by DEFRA. However, in both Witney and Chipping Norton, the concentrations of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) have exceeded the Government objectives. As a consequence, Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) have been declared in both towns."

In Witney, the AQMA extends the length of Bridge Street and the northern section of High Street, from the junction with Witan Way to Bridge Street. In Chipping Norton, the AQMA extends from Banbury Road, through Horsefair, Market Place, and West Street. To address the elevated NO2 concentrations in both Witney and Chipping Norton, WODC is required to develop an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) for each town.

The AQAPs for Witney and Chipping Norton can be viewed online at yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk/en-GB, or you can view a paper copy at Witney Town Hall, Market Square, Witney, OX28 6AG or The Guildhall, Chipping Norton, OX7 5NJ (open Mon – Fri, 9am – 1pm).

The proposed measures are presented in Section 5 of each AQAP – please send us your comments, either directly to ers@westoxon.gov.uk with the subject 'AQAP Feedback', or complete our questionnaire, found at https://yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/air-quality-action-planfor-chipping-norton-and-witney

We encourage everyone to take part and help us to make sure that the measures we propose are the right ones for Witney and Chipping Norton.

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#### **CHURCHFIELDS NEWS**



Happy June everyone! It is finally summer and we are soaking in all the lovely sunshine. We have been up to some fun this June and are planning lots of summery activities for the next couple of months.

We are pleased to announce that our

amazing staff and residents have successfully completed the 31 miles challenge for Dementia UK and raised funds for people living with dementia. We are so proud of all our residents who have worked hard towards achieving this goal.

We have been taking advantage of all these sunny days by going on walks around the village and making stops for some coffee and cake at The Chequers. We have also been walking around our lovely garden and keeping a watchful eye on our green house. We picked out some fresh cucumbers, lettuce and radish to make a lovely salad for lunch and are looking forward to harvesting more of our fresh produce.

All of us at Churchfields have a big sweet tooth and so for

national donut day, we celebrated by decorating our own donuts. We may have gone a bit too far with the icing and lots of toppings but enjoyed every last bite nonetheless.

We had some visitors at Churchfields who kept us busy with fun activities.





The lovely Debra joined us for some arts and crafts. We used our imagination and made some beautiful collage pictures.

Our favourite musical duo Tickled Pink joined us for a fun afternoon of musical theatre numbers that we love. Neil wowed us with his amazing musical talents and ended his performance

with a fun dance that we all enjoyed.

Sadly, we have had to let our amazing fitness instructor Jo go as she has been offered her dream job. We had our last weekly session with her which was bittersweet. We were sad to see her go but we are delighted for her and wish her all the best for her future.

We are really enjoying the sun and looking forward to more such days in our lovely 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.



#### **Bridewell Gardens**

Open Day

July 16th 2023 11:00-16:00

Visitors are encouraged to explore all parts of the vineyard and walled gardens in high summer when the



gardens are most lush and we hope the sun will shine. From our pop-up cafe you can enjoy the beautiful and peaceful surroundings of the gardens, or bring a picnic to relax in the vineyard and make the most of your day out in this idyllic corner of West Oxfordshire.

The gardens provide the ideal opportunity for children to see a wide range of plants, fruit and veg, spot dragonflies and newts in the pond, and count the chickens roaming the vineyard. Take the opportunity to speak to Bridewell staff and volunteers to find out more about the recovery service and how you can support Bridewell's work. Come and be inspired by the gardens tucked away in this beautiful valley and find out what goes on beyond the walls.

#### **Plants and Produce**

Bridewell produce will be on sale including our acclaimed organic sparkling wine made from grapes grown in the vineyard. There are our high-quality plants, the product of much hard work and attention as part of the day to day activities of the recovery service, caring for and maintaining the gardens.

Dogs on leads are very welcome.



## **Parish Council News**

Previous Parish Council Minutes can be found online at http://www.cassington-pc.gov.uk

#### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Public Referendum is now scheduled for the 22 nd of 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

If anyone would like to volunteer, please email cassington. speedwatch@gmail.com. The Parish Council have also purchased some speed watch signs that will be put at either end of the village and also a mobile one that will be used by the Speedwatch Group.

#### 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/

## **June 2023**

#### **Childrens Play Area**

Please note that the wooden structure in the childrens play area is no longer in use. It has been taped off and there are signs. If people ignore these signs and allow their children to play on it the Parish Council will not be held responsible for any accident that your child may have. Could we please ask that if you have any teenagers, you also remind them of this.

#### **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 6th July 2023 @ 7.00pm in the Village Hall followed by the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.30pm

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

#### **Parish Council Meetings for 2023**

There are no Parish Council Meetings for August 7th September 2023 5th October 2023 2nd November 2023 7th December 2023



- Moss Removal
- Roof Cleaning
- Gutter Clearing
- Patio Cleaning

Contact Jake 07971 669 751 info@mossinator.co.uk www.mossinator.co.uk





#### LOCAL WALKS

#### Port meadow and the Thames path.

Approx distance 4 miles - circular or there and back. Thames path suitable for wheelchairs and buggies depending on weather.

Option of refreshment at The Medley, the Perch or the Trout.

Starting at the Godstow Car park in Wolvercote head through the gate to the old bathing place. There is another kissing gate which takes you out onto port meadow. From here follow the winding river Thames, very often rowers can be watched from the bank and geese, cows, horses and dog walkers will share the green space with you.

Keep going for approximately 2 miles past the marina and there you will find a bridge to cross. Once crossed turn right and stay on the path to the next bridge, cross the river and turn left for refreshment in the Medley. (Pizza, drinks, licensed bar open spring and summer).



Bridge Picture from The Medley Facebook page.



The return walk gives you two choices: you can go back the way you came or you can follow part of the Thames path which is a wide track to Godstow lock and past the remains of Godstow Abbey. This route eventually takes you onto the road. Turn right and go over the narrow bridge past the Trout and along the road to the car park. Again approx 2 miles.

This walk is lovely in all seasons although the car park will be busier in the summer.

## **Forever Fields 2023**

www.foreverfields.co.uk

Creating an Art Archive of 3,400 acres of threatened Oxfordshire countryside. Open to all adults and children, individuals and groups. No previous artistic experience necessary, we want YOUR creative response to our local landscape. Begbroke, Bladon, Botley, Cassington, Church Hanborough, Cumnor, Eynsham, Farmoor, Freeland, Glympton, Long Hanborough, Tackley, Woodstock, Wootton, Yarnton. Did you know?

I We could soon lose almost every field for miles around us...

- If the Botley West solar farm is constructed, up to 3,400 acres of our precious local countryside will be covered with 1.5 million solar panels for up to 40 years.
- It is claimed that at the end of 40 years, this enormous solar farm will be removed.
- Forever Fields 2023 is asking local people to record their experience of these beautiful fields now, because they may soon be lost for decades.
  - The experience can be paintings, drawings, photographs, sound recordings, video and creative writing.



#### What will Forever Fields 2023 achieve?

- 1. A Forever Fields Art Exhibition later in 2023 where the paintings, drawings, photographs, sound recordings and video can be seen and heard by the general public.
- 2. A Digital Art Archive of our precious local landscape in case it is needed as an important reference point in returning the land to green space and countryside in the future.

#### What you need to do next...

- 1. Go to www.foreverfields.co.uk and submit the Expressions of Interest and Permission form. Closing date for registering your interest is July 31st 2023.
- 2. Choose your favourite aspect of our local landscape that could be lost as part of the Botley West solar farm.
- 3. Paint a picture, draw a sketch, take a photo, video or sound recording, write something. Be as creative as you like.
- 4. We will keep you informed of the Forever Fields 2023 Exhibition and Digitisation plans as they develop, so that you know where and when to bring your work for exhibit.
- 5. Thankyou.

Thats it:)

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# 2023, A Year in Cassington

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

With grateful thanks to our competition sponsor

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Thank you for all of your entries. The winner of our June competition

- Cassington Out and About – is Vicky Thomas-Clarke who has captured this charming view of the sunset over the allotments on her late evening dog walk to claim the £15 prize.

You can see the winning picture from our under 16 entrants elsewhere in this months edition of CAWN.

If you only see these in the black and white printed edition, then we can recommend taking a look at the online version where you will be able to enjoy them in full colour. See the front page for the online address.

Next month's competition is **Cassington Bike Night**, and we are looking forward to your entries, but pictures can be taken at any time so while the sun is still shining maybe look ahead to some of our future topics (see the panel bottom right) ... and don't forget, pictures of St Peter's Church, our December competition, can be sent in at any time up to November 15th.

No entries were received for last month's competition - Cassington Creates - but this time the topic isn't being carried over and there will be no prizes awarded.



A late evening dog walk by Vicky Thomas-Clarke

It's time to send in your entries for the  $\textbf{\textit{July}}$  competition. This month's topic is ...

## **Cassington BIKE NIGHT**

Hopefully you were all out with your cameras or your phones on Monday and have some great pictures of bikes, bikers, crowds, burger stalls, crash helmets, bucket shakers or anything else you think has captured the event.

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

#### **Future topics and submission windows**

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

Cassington
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





The insects in Cassington create and continue life (Leila Lee, aged 11)

Thanks to Leila Lee for these delightful photographs of bees. The judges selected the one on the left as the under 16s winner for this month's photo competition but we thought you might enjoy them both. Leila will be receiving a gift voucher for £15 courtesy of P Bruno Car Repairs.

Thank you for all your entries ... keep them coming!



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Alan Aston Roofing Supplies have been in trading since 1st May 1989. We stock all types of roofing materials for flat, tile, slate and industrial roofs. Offering competitive prices with a prompt, efficient and friendly service either by phone our our trade counter. Always trying to satisfy the customer on all orders, large or small.

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We are located at Bell Lane, Cassington, just off the A40 between Oxford and Witney.

#### What's on at the Oxfordshire Museum?

As the weather get warmer and brighter, we are getting busier and busier at the Oxfordshire Museum. We have lots of free fun activities for all ages and everyone is welcome to join in. You are also welcome to visit the Museum if you want to treat yourself in the café or to relax in the garden.

Please visit our website for all the latest news at the Oxfordshire Museum oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshiremuseum.

#### Making an entrance: unseen treasures

Saturday 1 April – Sunday 3 September

From ancient Roman jewellery to Second World War toys, from neolithic axes to nuclear explosion calculators, this new exhibition has it all! Every year the collections cared for by Oxfordshire Museum Service Collection grow bigger and bigger. This exhibition is filled with our favourite artefacts collected in the past ten years. Wander around and engage with an incredible mix of objects from ancient times to the present. This exhibition is not only about the objects, but brings attention to what inspires us, the stories behind the objects. Learn more about how we collect and leave us with your thoughts on what we should collect in the future.



## The Oxfordshire Museum open Art Competition

Submission deadline 9am 21 August

We are asking residents of the county 11 years and older to submit artworks that are inspired by the theme of 'Discovery'. It does not need to be a new piece especially made for the competition and we are accepting almost any type of media. 50 will be selected for an exhibition at the Oxfordshire Museum.

Email: oxfordshire.museum@oxfordshire.gov.uk for details.

#### 'Heads Up'

Friday 14 July 10.30 - 12.30

A free adult art session. Draw, build & Draw; create: use a variety of materials to make heads, faces and fun. It's free and there is no need to book, just drop in.



#### Those were the days

Our reminiscence meetings take place on the first Friday of each month from 2pm to 3.30/4pm in the Coach House at the Oxfordshire Museum. Sessions are free but a donation of £1 per person is very much appreciated. Tea and coffee will be served.

#### Friday 7 July - The Daily Grind

We all have memories of how we joined the world of work: our first pay-packet, workmates, our journey to work, maybe even our first boss! Join us in recalling the best and worst of 'the daily grind'

#### Meet the author

Wednesday 26 July, afternoon event, time to be confirmed The Oxfordshire Museum and Woodstock Library are happy to welcome local children's author and brilliant storyteller, Charlotte Guillain, for reading, questions, and book signing. Though she has over 100 well known titles under her belt, the focus of this event will be on two of her newer non-fiction titles aimed at children aged 4-11: 'The Street Beneath Your Feet' - focusing on the geology, archaeology, and history contained within the layers of earth beneath us every day – and 'What the Macaw Saw' – the story of a scarlet macaw facing poachers, wildfires, and deforestation.

Wednesday 2 August, afternoon event, time to be confirmed We are also happy to welcome Jackie Holderness, experienced author and formerly Education Officer at Christ Church Cathedral, reading 'The Princess Who Hid in a Tree: An Anglo-Saxon Story'. Aimed at children aged 5-9 years. Holderness tells the story of the Anglo-Saxon princess Frideswide who escaped and defeated the wicked king. She would later found a church on the site of Christ Church and become the patron saint of Oxford. In addition to the reading, answering questions, and book signing, there will also be an activity for children to make their own crowns.



## TEA TIME TEASER

This month as we plan our summer holidays I have hidden the names of various countries in the following phrases. Can you find the countries? Answers next month

- Can your animal talk a language?
- 2. How to help an amateur improve.
- 3. Thorough analysis is necessary.
- 4. How to avoid a pipe rusting.
- 5. Have you ever seen such a display?
- 6. The King lives in a very fine palace.
- Can you take him a little bit of food?
- 8. There is a wholesale ban on imports from abroad.

Answers to last month's anagrams of artists and their works

- Constable and the Hay Wain
- 2. 3. Gormley and Angel of the North
- Emin and Everyone I have ever slept with
- 4. Ofili and No Woman No Cry
- 5. Himid and Between the two my heart is balanced
- 6. Turner and the Fighting Temeraire
- Hepworth and Squares with two circles
- Banksy and Balloon Girl

## **Anyone For Tennis?**





member please contact a member of the Sports and Social Committee for details of how to pay. You will then be given the code for the padlock so you can play whenever you like.

#### An Evening of A Capella

From Ballads to Barbershop, a concert brought to you by Synergy, Oxford Harmony and Harmony InSpires, takes place in Wesley Memorial Church, New Inn Hall St, Oxford OX1 2DH on Saturday 8th July at 7.30pm.

Doors open at 7.15pm; tickets are £12, students £8 and children under 16 free.

For more information see:

http://synergysingers.co.uk;

https://oxfordharmony.org.uk;

https://www.harmonyinspires.org

## **Burford Singers – Come and Sing Day**

Saturday, 16th September

Burford School Main Hall, Burford OX18 4PL

A Singing Day with our Conductor Brian Kay. Music for the day includes choruses from Carmina Burana, the famous cantata by Carl Orff. Accompanied by Robin Baggs (piano). Doors open 0930; Workshop starts 1030; performance 16.30; Workshop finishes approx. 1730 Light refreshments provided, but bring a packed lunch.

Adults £20, students £10 (including score hire). Audience free.

Online booking at

https://www.burfordsingers.org.uk/buy-tickets/

Details on our website

https://www.burfordsingers.org.uk/events/

#### OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

Last month I told you about a woman called Deeksha. Here's the latest.

On date number two, we went for a wander around Tate Modern, looking at art and pretending to have an opinion on it. Questioning how much money artists earned for what looked like five minutes of slapping paint on a canvas, I speculated my own life choices.

On date number four (nothing CAWN-worthy happened on number three), we went all the way to Manchester to see The Courteeners. We were staying in a cheap Airbnb hosted by a man called Ozkan.

Unfortunately, Ozkan needed us to come to his office to pick up the keys to his Airbnb. Unfortunately, after finding the office building, we didn't know which company Ozkan worked for. Fortunately, I'm an investigative journalist and frighteningly quickly managed to find the guy on LinkedIn to locate his employer.

We headed to the building's fourth floor, a stranger let us into the office and Ozkan stopped doing some presumably important work to give keys to people he seemingly forgot were staying at his place. His concerningly long nails gave me trust issues.

Thankfully, we made it. We enjoyed the concert and stayed at the Airbnb without any further hiccups, until, in the morning, someone knocked on the door asking for Ozkan. I went into his room and woke him up. He waved at me in an irritated manner.

For Ozkan's sake, I decided not to bother leaving a review for that Airbnb!

#### **Gardening Tips for July**



- Deadhead bedding plants and repeatflowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
- Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
- Give the lawn a quick acting summer feed
- Pick courgettes before they become marrows!
- Care for houseplant while on holiday

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I live in Cassington and I'm available for babysitting or petsitting. I am studying childcare and education at college, have a paediatric first aid certificate and can show references if required.

Please text/call Seren on 07740 184757 or email on lemaireseren@gmail.com

#### **BABYSITTING**

Do you need a (Cassington) babysitter with good references?
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#### SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

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Just message me to discuss your requirements and I hope I can help.

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Thanks xx



#### **GARDENING**

Do you need help with gardening? I am available weekends and school holidays. For more details call Henry on 07496 606993

#### **FILMS**

Cassington Villlage Hall Cinema is closed for Summer break back with a full programme of great films in October.

# what's on?

## Dates for your diary

## **July 2023**

Tues 4th 7.30pm Talk on Botley West proposals Wed 5th 7pm Quiz night, the Chequers Thurs 6th 10am Cassington Cafe Thurs 6th 7.30pm Annual Parish & Parish Council Meeting Sat 15th Photography competition deadline Thurs 20th August CAWN deadline Fri 21st Pizza Night Sat 22nd 12 onwards Summer Funday at Red Lion

# August 2023

Thurs 3rd NO Parish Council meeting or Cafe!

Fri 4th Red Lion Ladies Darts Marathon

Tues 15th Photography competition deadline

Sun 20th September 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.

#### **CAWN Advertising rates**

Village events and fund-raising stuff is free. Simple local services, 'for sales' etc., are also free on the "noticeboard" page/section. However donations towards printing costs welcomed. Suitable commercial businesses are invited to support our community by buying advertising space at the following rates:

1/8 page, £6 (£60 per year) (landscape) 1/4 page, £10 (£100 per year) (portrait) 1/2 page, £15 (£150 per year) (landscape) Full page, £25 (£250 per year) (portrait)

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