

### CONGRATULATIONS MADDY AND JAMES



On the 24th June, Maddy & James tied the knot. They were married in Woodstock town hall with guests enjoying a glass of bubbly on the courtyard after the ceremony. The party then came back to Cassington and the afternoon and evening were spent in the field with Tipi tents, Aunt Sally, dancing, more bubbly and then fireworks to complete the occasion.

The weather was absolutely perfect, blue skies and glorious sunshine from start to finish. The field looked wonderful, as all our visions came to life, after lots of hours of work! But the true star of the show was Maddy... she looked stunning and her smile shone from start to finish.

We welcomed James officially to the family, but really he has been a very big part for many years. It sure is a day that Maddy, James, Dan and I will never forget.

Ruth

### Cassington 900 Promenade Play



**Sunday 10th September 2023**

To celebrate the 900 years of Cassington we are planning to produce and perform a new play based on periods of Cassington history

The Cassington promenade play will involve 5 short scenes in different locations around the village. The audience will move from scene to scene and will access the story at different places simultaneously. The play will culminate in the Village Hall before heading back to the church for a BBQ and music.

#### Everyone is welcome to get involved

We need:

- Actors to learn & perform a very short script (20 mins)
- Coordinators/ administrators/ committee members
- Stage managers at each location
- Designers /builders/ decorators
- Audience

Tickets and further information will be announced soon. If you would like to be part of this project, we would love to hear from you. Please email: [dreamstudios@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dreamstudios@hotmail.co.uk) or speak to Mandy or Lorna.

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# welcome Anne's CAWNeR

Welcome to the 554th edition of CAWN. We have some lovely pictures from the Flower Festival and Bike night that both took place at the end of June. Many thanks to Dan Brett for the wonderful drone shots of Bike Night, and thanks to Amy Hemingway for the lovely pictures of the flowers.

Having said, last month, I was hoping to feature a local walk each month I am sorry don't have one for you this month. However please do send me your suggestions and hopefully I can reintroduce this topic next month.

I should explain that the recipes each month are being sent to me by a friend who is a keen cook, and the accompanying comments are hers and not mine! (It was her Father who ate all the cucumbers - not mine!) If anyone else has a recipe they are keen to share please do send it to me.

This is the summer holiday's edition, and many of you will be away at some point, but you will see there are events on, so please do support these if you are here. The Red Lion Darts team would love to be cheered on as they attempt their 24 hour darts marathon on 4th August. Then on 19th August the band "Double Parked", featuring our very own Elliot Bolton, will be entertaining us - definitely a night not to miss.

Have a lovely summer and 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.

## SPSA News



As you all know, Bike Night was at its busiest, and we had a fantastic evening raising £4731.83 from our stalls. The profit from the BBQ was £3756.68, Café £681.35 and Helmet Store £404.00 – all great results. Add into that our share of the bucket money, and overall SPSA made just over £6100 – a record.

However, it's no mean feat and is testament to all the hard work put in by everyone involved – current and past parents and pupils, staff, villagers and friends – thank you everyone for your efforts! We look forward to putting the funds raised to good use!

Our AGM is on Tuesday 10th October at 7.30pm in the Red Lion – please come along to find out more about what we are up to.

SPSA Committee

## August stargazing highlights

### August 1 - Full Moon, Supermoon.

The Moon will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Sturgeon Moon because the large sturgeon fish of the Great Lakes and other major lakes were more easily caught at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Green Corn Moon and the Grain Moon. This is the second 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.

### August 10 - Mercury at Greatest Eastern Elongation.

This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the evening sky. Look for the planet low in the western sky just after sunset.

### August 12, 13 - Perseids Meteor Shower.

The Perseids is one of the best meteor showers to observe, producing up to 60 bright meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by comet Swift-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1862. The shower peaks this year on the night of August 12 and the morning of August 13. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Perseus, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

### August 16 - New Moon.

The Moon will not be visible in the night sky.

### August 27 - Saturn at Opposition.

The ringed planet face will be fully illuminated by the Sun. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long.

### August 31 - Full Moon, Supermoon, Blue Moon.

The Moon will be on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This is the third 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. Since this is the second full moon in the same month, it is sometimes referred to as a blue moon.



## 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.



**25 - 27th August:** Gin Festival

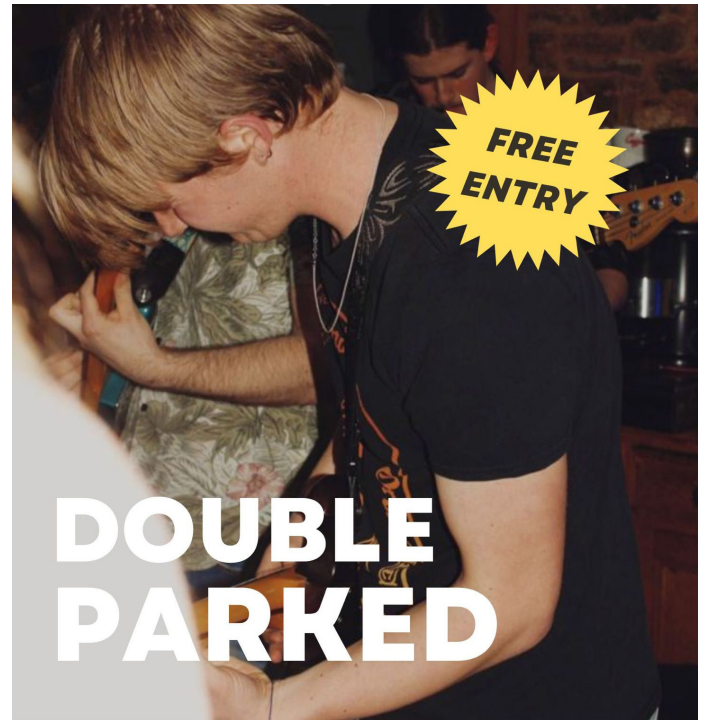
**August Bank Holiday Monday 28th**

Beach day at the Red Lion

Bouncy castles, fun and games from 12pm

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Fish 'n' Chips 3pm till 6pm



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# FLOWER FESTIVAL - 23rd - 25th JUNE 2023



Many thanks to everyone in village who supported our Flower Festival for St Peter's Day, with special thanks to all the talented flower arrangers who created such amazing and unique displays.

It was wonderful to see so many people there, and to enjoy together such a colourful and joyful celebration of our 900th anniversary.

Ninon Linnell  
Chair,  
The Friends of St Peter's Church



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You can also watch Mass from many other Churches live or recorded online.  
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<https://www.youtube.com/user/Godzdogz>





# St Peter's Church

PARISH OF CASSINGTON

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

## AUGUST 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 6<sup>th</sup> August - 11am Morning Worship**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August - 11am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August - 5pm Evening Prayer**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August - 11am Holy Communion**

**On-line streamed services are available every Sunday from 10.30 am at  
[www.stpeterschurchcassington.org](http://www.stpeterschurchcassington.org) or [www.stleonardseynsham.org.uk](http://www.stleonardseynsham.org.uk)**

If you have particular spiritual needs feel free to contact:  
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*Enquiries: Church Office: email [stleonards\\_stpeters@btconnect.com](mailto:stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com)*

### 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.

### School's out for the summer!

It still fills me with a sense of joy and freedom. Perhaps because my various jobs have always reflected the rhythm of the year. This is not true for everyone, but I expect we will all be glad to have quieter roads in the morning for a while!

Whatever our circumstances, it is worth being reminded of the importance of taking time out for relaxing and restoration. It gives us an opportunity to remember our life's priorities, ensuring that we are living deliberately rather than merely reacting to the pressures around us.

In the bible, the theme of rest is central. Humanity's first activity is to rest on the Sabbath day and there is a repeated call to enter into God's 'rest'. Jesus' invitation in Matthew's gospel (11v28) cannot be clearer. *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*

In the summer months I pray we are all enabled to heed this call and to learn what it is to be truly at rest.

every blessing,  
Duncan  
Duncan Fraser  
[vicarslp@gmail.com](mailto:vicarslp@gmail.com)  
Benefice of Eynsham & Cassington



### CASSINGTON TINIES & TODDLERS (Tinies Café) A Parent/Carer & Toddler group

No sessions during August

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

For more information please contact:

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Charlotte Metcalf at [candcmetcalf@gmail.com](mailto:candcmetcalf@gmail.com) Tel: 07814550878

# BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM

## Thank you

- To all those who helped at the Cassington Solar Action stall on Bike Night. We gave out hundreds of leaflets and had good conversations with hundreds of bikers, so we hope this might have raised more awareness of the issues of Botley West Solar Farm.
- Also to all of you who turned out to hear Prof David Rogers in July. Do share what you learned with friends and family wherever you can.

Please sign Richard Courts' petition opposing BWSF, if you have not already done so.

<https://www.robertcourts.co.uk/botleysolarfarmpetition>

Robert will present the petition, on behalf of the people of West Oxfordshire, in the House of Commons Chamber, meaning it will appear in the Order Paper and subsequently Hansard, and will also receive a written response from the Government. You can read more about this type of petition, here: <https://guidetoprocedure.parliament.uk/collections/yCD55HjZ/paper-petitions>.

This petition is in addition to the one on Stopbotleywest, which is intended for Downing Street. Please go on the link for Robert's petition and add your name. Every single voice counts!

We have some large waste bin stickers, which will make a strong statement every bin day!! If you live anywhere along the Eynsham/Yarnton road through the village, or along Bell Lane, where they will make the most impact, please do collect one or two from the box outside the front door of 9 The Tennis and join the visual protest.

The Scoping Report to the Inspectorate was submitted in June and responses sent in from Parish and District Councils in mid July. We hope you were able to write to the Parish and District Councils to give the your responses to the Scoping Report. The response from Cassington and Worton Parish Council can be downloaded from the village website at: <https://cassington-pc.gov.uk/documents/>

A huge thank you to the Parish Council, and in particular Professor Alex Rogers for preparing this excellent document.

Now let's keep our protests active until the next step in the process.

## SPEEDWATCH - Can you Help?

Are you fed up with drivers speeding through the village? Can you spare an hour once a week/fortnight/month? If so please consider joining your neighbourhood speedwatch team. The more volunteers we have the more drivers we can report, and the fewer sessions we have to cancel due to unavailability of volunteers.



Sessions last for one hour during which three people are needed: one to point the speed gun and two to write down the details of the offending car, including the speed, the time, the registration number and the make and model of car.

The commitment is not onerous and will be tailored to your availability. But most of all pointing the speed

gun at the approaching traffic is fun and gives an enormous sense of power!! As you can see it is also a good laugh!

So why not come and join our merry band?

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### **Blenheim Palace Adventure Play Quest – Saturday 8th July to Friday 1st September**

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## BLENHEIM

Back in June we held our annual Start-up Competition at Blenheim Palace, which launched in 2018 to support and mentor local businesses. We are thrilled to share that the winner was Sally Dear, founder of children's clothing brand Ducky Zebra. Her bespoke designs, which are vibrant and eco-friendly, aim to inspire confidence, kindness and break gender stereotypes for babies and children up to 6 years old.

Keep an eye out for Sally's extraordinary collection, soon to be available in our Blenheim Palace shop.



## BLENHEIM ESTATE

Our Gardening Team have been working hard restoring the Secret Garden, which has always been a cherished part of our visitors' experience. It was established in 1954 and was originally the 10th Duke's secret sanctuary, showcasing various woodland species alongside flowing water and winding pathways. Over time, the space had become overgrown, and nature had begun to take its course. A fence has now been erected around the perimeter to keep wildlife out and ensure the plants in the Secret Garden can thrive. Why not take a peaceful walk there on your next visit to see the changes for yourself?

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# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On Thursday 6th July 2023 the Annual Parish Meeting took place in the village hall, following the regular monthly Parish Council meeting. There were reports from most of the village organisations, and a short summary of them is set out below.

## Almshouses and Parochial Charities

Poors Piece, our land in the Burleigh Road, will shortly be let to a new tenant following David Henman's retirement after many years. As a result of a rather poor rating for each Almshouse flat, given by the Energy Performance Certificates late last year, the trustees agreed to have the roof of the whole property renewed with increased insulation, which would afford an opportunity to inspect the timbers and replace and treat where necessary. At the same time the chimneys would be repaired. It was thought the last time any serious work was carried out to this area was over 50 years ago! This work will involve the erection of scaffolding and the provision of a skip so I apologise for any inconvenience that might be caused.

## The Church

Our main focus this year has been on celebrating the 900th Anniversary of St Peter's, with the major launch event in January, the Plant Sale on The Green with the Allotments Association, the special Mothering Sunday events in the church and village hall, the community Artweeks show in the village hall, and the Flower Festival in the church. Many thanks to everyone for all your support, especially the children of St Peter's School for creating the wonderful large scale 900 Years of Cassington painting still hanging in the church. The life size figures from history will return in the autumn! The next date for your diaries is Sunday 10 September with a promenade play on village history by Cassington Players, at locations around the centre of the village. Don't forget the monthly photo competition in CAWN too. Keep on sending in those great images!

## Speed Watch

Since we started Speedwatch on 3rd March 2022, up to 31st May 2023 - whilst the 30mph limit was in place - 684 vehicles have been reported to TVP:

Over 50 mph: 8  
45 – 50 mph: 17  
40 – 45 mph: 104  
35 – 40 mph: 555

We have been enforcing the 20 mph from 3rd June 2023 and are reporting vehicles travelling over 24mph. Unfortunately – due to Volunteer availability - we only managed 2 sessions in June - Saturday 3rd and Sunday 11th - so traffic volumes were lower than weekdays.

Vehicles reported to TVP in June: 71

25 – 30 mph: 47  
31 – 35 mph: 17

Over 35mph: 7 – the fastest being 47 mph

The number of vehicles driving at 30mph and over has dropped significantly but approximately 30% of all vehicles are still traveling at speeds between 25 and 30mph. Hopefully this will reduce over time.

## Sports and Social Club

Cassington Rangers hired the field for their football matches, as well as training sessions and in the summer West Bladon Cricket team hired the field for cricket matches. The MUGA was hired by Cassington Rangers, and the following youth football teams: Combe Juniors, Witney Vikings, Eynsham Football Club and Kidlington Garden City Football Club for their training over the winter months. In the summer the MUGA was made available for individuals to play tennis. The Pavilion was hired four times for birthday parties, for band practice sessions and Slimming World had a regular weekly hire. 11 households took out membership of the MUGA which enabled them to play tennis during the summer.

We ran 3 events this year. On 4th June 2022 we held a Party for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and the following day, 5th June 2022, we held a tea party for the Jubilee to which the Parish Council contributed. These two events raised £349.07 (the party) and £125.15 (the tea). On 5 November 2022 we sold burgers, hot dogs and chips at the Red Lion firework evening, raising £306.36. Bike Night returned and we raised £2,470.79. We also received £155 in donations from villagers as a result of an appeal in CAWN, and we were able to reclaim £26.44 in Gift Aid.

In total our income for the year amounted to £8,712.81. Our expenditure was £4,553.83, of which more than half was for electricity usage, particularly for the floodlights in the MUGA. We continue to maintain and build upon our cash reserves. This is to ensure that we can meet large known future capital expenditure. £14,525 (out of a target of £31k) is currently set aside for the replacement of the MUGA surface, £1,500 for green gym repairs and £5,600 is set aside for replacement of the mower. (In June 2023 we did replace the mower for £7,800, but the details of this will be in the 2023/24 report.)

## Village Hall

Last year the village hall finally got back to business as usual after the problems of the pandemic. Bookings were up, events returned, and our costs were up in line too, but we still had a very good year financially and the bank account is in good shape for the future. Looking ahead, our next big improvement to the hall is likely to be the installation of solar panels on the roof, a project currently under active consideration.

We gave huge thanks to Kathryn Teal for her many years of service as our dedicated hall manager, and a very warm welcome to Pam Coates who has recently taken over the role. Many thanks to all our customers for your support in using the hall.

## CAWN

The village newsletter, CAWN, continues to be printed and delivered monthly to all the houses and businesses in Cassington and Worton. Please continue to send the editor any items for inclusion or suggestions for future items of interest.

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## CHURCHFIELDS NEWS



Happy July everyone! We have been spending a lot of time outdoors in nature and in the company of our lovely friends at Churchfields. We made the most of the sunny days earlier this month and hope we have more warmer days this summer.

We love spending time in our beautiful garden and harvesting all the fresh produce. We enjoyed some delicious lettuce and tomatoes from our garden in sandwiches at supper one evening.

At Churchfields we all love celebrations and good food. On 4th July, we celebrated American independence day. We decorated our home with American flags and enjoyed our American themed lunch of burgers, fries and homemade coleslaw and ended on a sweet note with some delicious New York cheesecake!

We celebrated Pina Colada Day by making our own cocktails which were a real treat.

On Wednesday mornings we enjoy visiting our local pub - it is always nice to sit down with our friends for a drink and enjoy some lovely company and conversation.



When we visited our local Cassington Cafe this month we were surprised by the St Peter's Primary School choir as we enjoyed a cup of tea and some delicious cake.

We welcomed some visitors at Churchfields in July. Kieran joined us one afternoon and played some wonderful tunes on his keyboard as we sang along. Roger, Jane and Duncan joined us for Holy Communion to celebrate St Peter.

At Churchfields, we are always looking for ways to make our residents' time at the home more enjoyable and fulfilling. We host a monthly residents meeting to discuss new activities, changes to the menu and more. We are looking forward to all the new and exciting changes ahead of us!

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](mailto:manager@churchfieldscarehome.co.uk).

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## Neighbourhood Plan

The Referendum took place on the 22nd June 2023 and the vast majority of the village voted in favour of the Plan. This now means that the Parish Council and WODC can use the Neighbourhood Plan for any Planning Decisions in the Parish.

Votes for Yes – 192

Votes for No – 4

Turnout 32.9% of the village electorate turned out to vote. The Parish Council would like to thank the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group for their hard work and especially Cllr Alex Rogers for the time he dedicated to writing the Green Infrastructure Plan.

## Speed watch

If anyone would like to volunteer, please email [cassington.speedwatch@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## 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/>. The Parish Council has submitted its response to the Botley West Solar Farm - EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation

## Fix My Street

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

## Play Area

As people will have noticed, the play unit has been removed. The Parish Council felt that this was the best policy as it has become unsafe for children to use. The wood is rotting, and parts are starting to become soft in places. They are now looking at what can be put in its place. This maybe done in stages depending on grants and what money the Parish Council have. If you have any ideas of equipment that you would like to see, please email the clerk.

## Parish Councillors

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

Barbara King – [bking1@cassington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:bking1@cassington-pc.gov.uk)

Chris Metcalf – [cmetcalf@cassington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:cmetcalf@cassington-pc.gov.uk)

Alex Rogers – [arogers@cassington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:arogers@cassington-pc.gov.uk)

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Stewart Thompson – [sthompson@cassington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:sthompson@cassington-pc.gov.uk)

Please note that there is no Parish Council Meeting in August

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on 7th September 2023 @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Clerk contact details: Mrs Tracey Cameron

Email: [cassingtonclerk@cassington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:cassingtonclerk@cassington-pc.gov.uk)

## Parish Council Meetings for 2023

There is no Parish Council Meeting in August

7th September 2023

5th October 2023

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## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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Cassington Bike Night by Megan Martin

Thank you all for your Bike Night entries. We had a bumper crop, but our junior prize goes to Megan Martin who captured some classic bikes and the atmosphere on our village green, above, with Matilda Bishop taking the over 16 prize with the delightful portrait of one of our many happy visitors, left.

Next month competition is **Cassington Cultivates** and we are hoping you will have captured Cassington looking at its best (entries by 15th August please). But remember, 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.



Bike Night by Matilda Bishop

### Is your garden (field, hanging basket, allotment) blooming?

Help us capture a snapshot of this year in Cassington by entering the **August** photo competition ...

## Cassington Cultivates

Entries by **15th August** please, to [chinton260@outlook.com](mailto:chinton260@outlook.com) with your name, picture title or caption, and age category

### Future topics and submission windows

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

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

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

**Cassington ST PETER'S CHURCH**  
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 dust from Bike Night has settled quickly once again this year, with the village returning to normal as if nothing had ever happened! The village has many new faces, so we thought it would be prudent to explain the structure and financials behind Bike Night.

Bike Night is organised by a small group of volunteer residents who work hard to make sure the tradition of Bike Night is kept alive, whilst also running a safe and fun event that allows the village charities and businesses to benefit financially.

Each year, the Bike Night committee pays for public liability insurance, road closures, traffic management and we hire in skips, fire safety equipment, toilets and other small items. This year was no different and the committee spent £3,262.92, which is funded by attracting local businesses to be part of Bike Night, and asking for a donation. We also shake buckets and wave Chip and Pin pads attracting visitors to donate.

Donations from the local businesses raised £3,145.00. Without our local businesses the event would not be able to run and raise money for all the local charities so big thank you goes to:

**Debbie Hebborn, Crazy Horse, Mary Hatwell, The Chequers, Mr Ice Cream Van, Stewart Davidson Photography, Sam Hatwell, Parish Council for paying for the St John Ambulance and Kings Two Wheels.**



This gave the committee a loss of £117.92. The committee will bank £222.23 of buckets to help with preparations of Bike Night 2024, so the balance of the money raised from bucket shaking and chip and pin is £4,963.12. This is being split across the Village Hall, St Peter's Primary School, Sports and Social Club and The Church.

The village and individual charities raised over £12,000 this year so worth getting involved. If anyone want to help next year please contact Dan Bakewell at [dan.bakewell@gmail.com](mailto:dan.bakewell@gmail.com)

Once again we would like to thank all the volunteers who help each year.

Thank you  
Your Bike Night Committee



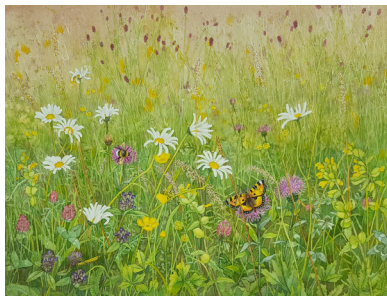
# Forever Fields 2023

[www.foreverfields.co.uk](http://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.

As soon as I heard about this project, I was excited to get in touch with my artist friends. All passionately paint, draw and talk about the natural world. They all see their art as a record of a moment in time, for present generations to see and relate to, and future generations to see what it was like. The pleasing outcome is when life has changed with natural growth and one can delight in the power of nature. The distressing outcome is when the scene of the painting no longer exists or can ever exist again.

Julia Loken's painting is of 'Long Mead Meadow', a natural flood plain in the fields up stream of Eynsham Toll bridge. This is a very rare and valuable site: 1500 years unchanged. Managed for hay it harbours wild



Long Mead Meadow by Julia Loken 2021 [www.loken.co.uk](http://www.loken.co.uk)

and rare wildflowers and complex ecosystems, that are part of ongoing studies, monitoring their sustainability. Along with other productive pastures nearby Long Mead has been designated to be dug up to lay connecting cables for the solar farm. Any digging will cause irreversible damage.

Alice Walker paints the wharf stream water meadow on the other side of the road from Long Mead. Its plant diversity is clearly present in its flora and fauna and wildlife, including otter. This is also designated to be dug to carry cables. The disturbance will be another tragic loss.

Eric White paints land of ploughed fields and pastures. The walk is a favourite and he has painted it before when the seasons' change. Each season gives way to new life and changes in the landscape. The land is productive; providing food that is locally grown and sustainable. The wildness of the footpaths, benefit the crops growing in the fields and provide food for the insects, birds and mammals.



ForeverFields Eynsham by Eric White 2023 [www.ericjohn-white-art.com](http://www.ericjohn-white-art.com)

Jane Tomlinson worships the diversity and productivity of the land as our ancestors did. Her picture is entitled 'The Green Man brings Spring to Chapel Meadow'. Every year as winter wanes, spring brings new life and nature visits and passes through her garden. From the bees and insects that pollinate her flowers to the bird life that nest and feed from her garden to the mammals that visit her pond for a drink.

The Green man and the fairies maybe fictional yet they highlight that nature needs seasonal markers and diversity. Wildlife thrives when it can move safely from one food source and shelter to another. Remove the vegetation and you take away the opportunities for plant and animal life.



"The Green Man Brings Spring" by Jane Tomlinson © 2023 [www.janetomlinson.com](http://www.janetomlinson.com)

The expected life span of the solar panels is 40 years after which it is said they will be removed and the land restored to how it was. In 2060 there will only be a few who have a memory of what the land was like and they will be elderly. In 2060 those who are making the decisions today to erect the solar panels will no longer be here to take responsibility to put it all back as it was. Is this a problem we want to leave to our children, because we didn't think it through?

As a solution to the energy crisis, Solar Power can be viable and sustainable. It can be placed on the roofs of houses and industrial sites. The money that has gone toward land purchase, installation of the panels and cables and ongoing maintenance could be used towards subsidies. We should promote the original use of solar (the Sun), 'to work naturally'. We must encourage a diversity of plants that harness the sun's energy through photosynthesis. They put nutrients back into the soil, take in the carbon dioxide and give off oxygen. The maintenance of green spaces will not only benefit the natural world, but our own wellbeing — physical, psychological and spiritual — too.



Wharf Stream Meadow by Alice Walker 2023 [www.alicewalkerart.co.uk](http://www.alicewalkerart.co.uk)

## Forever Fields 2023 is open to everyone:

The artists work shown here is exceptional, but it is not what we expect from everyone.

- Paintings, drawings, photographs, sound recordings, video, written words/poetry, 3D sculpture or installations, which will be on display in an exhibition later in 2023.
- This will create a Digital Art Archive that can be used in the 2060's as a reminder of what may be lost and should be reinstated.

## What you need to do next...

1. Go to [www.foreverfields.co.uk](http://www.foreverfields.co.uk) and submit the Expressions of Interest and Permission form before the end of August.
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 plans as they develop, so you know where and when to bring your work for exhibit.

Abridged from an article by Alison Holmans, who is supporting Forever Fields 2023 [www.foreverfields.co.uk](http://www.foreverfields.co.uk) Instagram @foreverfields2023





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# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Savoury Cheesecake

This is something I had been meaning to make for a long time - I think the first recipe I read was in a Delia Smith cookery book. Then, a few weeks ago, I happened to have all the ingredients, serendipity, and gave one a go.

### Ingredients

- 1 cup crushed crackers, ritz crackers were suggested but I think as long as you choose savoury biscuits most will work even perhaps digestives
- 4 or 5 tablespoons melted salted butter
- 16 ounces cream cheese - if you like you could use one which is herby or garlicky
- 8oz crumbled blue cheese - if you don't like blue cheese use a crumbly cheddar grated or other strong flavoured cheese you like
- 1 cup sour cream or creme fraiche
- 3 large lightly beaten eggs
- 1/3 cup whole milk (you may not need all of this)
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper

### Method

Crumble biscuits or crackers and mix with melted butter. Press into a greased 9inch springform cake tin. Bake for about five to ten minutes at 180°C until lightly coloured. Allow to cool.

Mix everything else (except milk) in a blender and process for a minute or so until smooth. Here you need to decide whether it looks too sloppy (this is tricky and depends on the size of your eggs and the types of cheeses you use). Add milk if you think it needs a little bit more liquid. Be generous with seasoning. I like to add a bit of dried dill if not using blue cheese and lots of pepper and no salt if I am.

Pour your mix over the base and bake in a Bain Marie for around 45 mins. It needs to be just set - not too firm. Remove the cake tin from the water bath and leave to cool on a wire tray for at least half an hour. Either remove from the tin now or cover carefully and leave in fridge overnight and remove the following day. It does need a few hours, preferably overnight, before serving.

What is particularly good is you need to make this a day in advance, so you can use it for parties, picnics anything when you need to be prepared ahead. Serve with some crunchy, crispy salad and you have a lovely, summery meal.

### Gardening Tips for August



- Prune wisteria
- Collect seeds from garden plants
- Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
- Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as available
- Keep ponds and water features topped up
- Feed the soil with green manures
- Cut out old fruited canes on raspberries
- Deadhead flowering plants regularly

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## TEA TIME TEASER

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Answers next month

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2. A at T W
3. Off T B T
4. C T B when W G T I
5. W F your B
6. Take S F A R
7. On A W A A P
8. T L A T end O T T

Answers to last month's countries

1. Can your ani**MAL TALK** a language?
2. How to hel**P AN AMATEUR** improve.
3. Thoro**UGH ANALYSIS** is necessary.
4. How to avoid a pi**PE RU**sting.
5. Have you ever seen su**CH A** Display?
6. The King lives in a very fi**NE PALACE**.
7. Can you take hi**M A** Little bit of food?
8. There is a wholesa**LE BAN ON** imports from abroad..

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## OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

Since my CAWN column has now become the place where I tell you all about my dating life, allow me to introduce you to Jenna.

Born exactly one week after me, Jenna agreed to meet at a nice little pub in St Albans called The White Hart Tap. A couple of drinks later, and when the sun had gone down, we went for a walk to the nearby Verulamium Park.

After the date, her friends rightly pointed out that it was quite bold of her to go to a park in the dark with a man she had just met who, in their words, "could have been an axe murderer." But Jenna said it was either because I was so trustworthy or she was so naive and that was settled.

On our second date, I realised she was a keeper when she decided to come to St Albans City's pre-season friendly against Maidenhead United with me. She tells me she's not a keeper because she has "terrible hand-eye coordination."

Taking Jenna to her first ever football match was a delight because she asked questions such as:

"Are the people off the pitch allowed to shout at the people on the pitch?" and

"Where are all the women?"

Unfortunately, I suppose the game didn't give her enough of an itch to return because, instead of attending this weekend's unmissable friendly against Ebbsfleet United, she is deciding to get her nails done

## WBCC Season Update

We are approaching the halfway point for the season and despite the less than perfect summer weather wise, we have managed to get a game in almost every week.



So far, we have played 9 games and won 8 of them! A fine start to the season and there have been plenty of standout performances along the way.

N. Hambridge hit 30 runs against Oxford United Hospitals to become the highest ever run scorer for the club, overtaking S. Poole. This achievement was short lived however as S. Poole managed to forge back ahead the very next game. This could be a bit of a tussle for a few weeks to come! S. Poole also took a fine catch away at Ascott-Under-Wychwood to become the first member of the club to take over 100 catches!

As you might imagine, with such a good winning record so far this season there have been quite a few notable contributions both with bat and ball. N. Angus (101\* and 68) and D. Floyd (105\* and 78) both have centuries and half-centuries to their names, while R. Clish (50\*), N. Hambridge (70\*), T. Valentine (93) and R. Wastie (53\*) have all passed the fifty mark.

The usual format for our games is limited overs matches and the bowlers are usually restricted to bowling 7 or 8 overs each per game, which means that bowling duties get shared around amongst the team. S. Edwards, one of our opening bowlers has picked up 6 wickets so far this season, while R. Wastie has 7 and our Vice-Captain J. Barber has 8. In the lead for wickets taken though are B. Dale with 11 (best figures of 7-0-18-3) and S. Poole with 12 wickets (best figures of 7-1-27-3).

We all really enjoy playing our cricket at Cassington and are forever grateful for the effort put in by the Sports and Social club for maintaining all the facilities and equipment. Our thanks also must go to Jan and everyone at the Red Lion for their hospitality after our home games!

If any readers would like to come along to play (all abilities warmly welcomed), or even just to watch, our full fixture list and contact details are all available on our website which is kept up to date by the fixtures secretary. It can be found at [westbladoncc.wixsite.com/cricket](http://westbladoncc.wixsite.com/cricket).

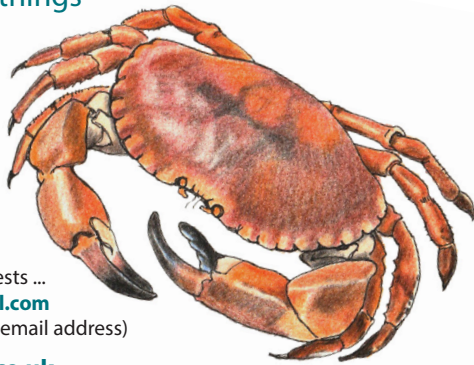
Our next major event aside from regular matches is our annual tour, and this year we are off to Carmarthen in Wales. Edited highlights of that to follow in later reports!

Ash Hambridge  
Chairman WBCC

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# what's on?

Dates for your diary

## August 2023

|                     |                                    |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Thurs 3rd           | NO Parish Council meeting or Cafe! |
| Fri 4th             | Red Lion Ladies Darts Marathon     |
| Tues 15th           | Photography competition deadline   |
| Sat 19th            | Double Parked at the Red Lion      |
| Sun 20th            | September CAWN deadline            |
| Fri 25th - Sun 27th | Gin Festival at Red Lion           |
| Mon 28th from 12pm  | Beach Day at Red Lion              |

## September 2023

|                    |                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Thurs 7th 10am     | Cassington Cafe                  |
| Thurs 7th 7.30pm   | Parish Council Meeting           |
| Sun 10th 5pm - 7pm | 900 Promenade Play               |
| Fri 15th           | Photography competition deadline |
| Wed 20th           | October 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](http://www.cassington-pc.gov.uk)

## Cassington Cafe

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

## Pizza by Piers

There will be no pizzas in August, but production will resume again in September. See September CAWN or Facebook for further details.

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