

### CONGRATULATIONS

**PHOEBE and RICHARD**

**JOHNNY and LIBBY**



Phoebe O'Donnell and Richard Smith were married on 8th July at Daylesford Farm.



Johnny Horgan and Libby Insch met at Bartholomew school 16 years ago. Whilst at school they formed a band, The Scarlett's with a group of friends playing gigs all over Oxford.

They went off to uni with Libby studying art at Nottingham Trent and Johnny photography at Portsmouth. After finishing Uni Libby went off to Ohio to work for Abercrombie as a graphic designer and Johnny during this time went off travelling to Australia for a year on a work permit visiting his sister Melody. On Libby's return from America they moved to work in London sharing a flat together in Clapham. Eventually they moved back to Oxford.

After spending all their free time converting their beloved van, The Rhino it was finally ready to start their adventure around Europe and UK. Half way into their trip they returned home for a short while before flying out to visit friends in Costa Rica and then set off for a second part of their travels in the van meeting numerous new friends along the way.

Once home again wedding preparations began and Johnny and Libby finally tied the knot at a beautiful ceremony at Cherwell Boathouse on Sat 22nd July. It was the most magical day and a fun weekend spent staying altogether in a large house locally with all their friends. Johnny's best man was his brother Job who made us all so proud and Best Men were his good friends Hugo and James Kelly

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# welcome Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 555th edition of CAWN. For the second month in a row the front page features not one but two weddings. It is always so nice to be able to bring you happy news, so please do keep sending me your announcements of births, engagements and marriages.

As ever this edition is full of events that are being planned for September and October. Hopefully there is something for everyone, so please do come along and support your fellow villagers if you can.

I am constantly on the look out for new businesses who might like to advertise with us, especially if you are based in the village. Do get in touch if you are offering a service you would like to promote - we have very reasonable rates!

Similarly I am always keen for new ideas for articles that might be of interest, or contributions towards existing features. For example if you have found a lovely local walk you would like to share then please let me know.

Finally thank you to all those who have contributed to this edition, either on a one off basis or as one of the regular writers. I always enjoy and appreciate your articles, and without you I would find this job very hard!

Happy reading!

Anne x

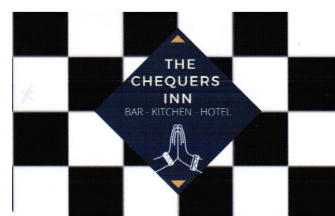
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## With special thanks to...

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

QUIZ NIGHT  
AT THE  
CHEQUERS  
Wed 6th  
September  
at 7.30pm



## CASSINGTON SAFARI GARAGE SALE

Sunday 1st October  
10am - 4pm

Registration fee of £10 per pitch. Pitches can be shared with neighbours. Please contact [cawneditor@gmail.com](mailto:cawneditor@gmail.com) for further details by Sunday 10th September to enable a map to be produced and sold. Funds raised will go towards new play equipment.



## September stargazing highlights

### September 15 - New Moon.

The Moon will not be visible in the night sky.

### September 19 - Neptune at Opposition.

The blue giant planet will be at its closest approach to Earth. It will be brighter than any other time of the year and will be visible all night long. However due to its extreme distance from Earth, it will only appear as a tiny blue dot in all but the most powerful telescopes.

### September 22 - Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation.

The planet Mercury reaches greatest western elongation of 17.9 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon in the morning sky. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

### September 23 - September Equinox.

The Sun will shine directly on the equator and there will be nearly equal amounts of day and night throughout the world. This is also the first day of Autumn in the Northern Hemisphere.

### September 29 - Full Moon, Supermoon.

The Moon's face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Corn Moon because the corn is harvested around this time of year. This moon is also known as the Harvest Moon. This is also the last 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.



# 900th Celebration Events for September

Save the dates!

## 10 Sept 5pm – “The Cassington Tales”

A Promenade Play of five ‘factional’ scenes from Cassington village life during the last 900 years, at locations around the village. Written and directed by Mandy Constance. The audience will move from scene to scene to enjoy the entertainment, concluding with merriment in the Village Hall.

Tickets on sale soon.???????

## 15 - 27 Sept “Cassington: Moments from the Past”

A fascinating exhibition of photographs, paintings, documents and memorabilia showing life and times in Cassington village and farms over the centuries.

In St Peter’s church, free entry.

## 30 Sept evening – The Cathedral Singers of Christ Church

For the very first time in history, the magnificent Cathedral Singers will perform for us in St Peter’s. Christ Church has been our Patron since the 1540s.

This mixed-voice choir is one of the most active choirs of its type in the country. Its repertoire spans from Renaissance polyphony to new music.

Tickets £10, available from Jan Macdonald on 01865 880006 or janmacdonald78@aol.com

## SPEEDWATCH

The Cassington Speedwatch group is grateful to all those who volunteer. In July there were 8 sessions resulting in the following being reported to the Police.

No. Sessions:	8
Total Vehicles:	973
Total Offenders:	223
Fastest Offender:	52mph
Total Over 30mph:	96
Between 24 & 30mph:	127

## Cassington Red Lion Ladies Darts Team

Made £1,550 at their 24 hour marathon  
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£250 to Helen and Douglas House

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Massive congratulations and my huge personal thank you to the Red Lion Ladies' Darts Team - Pauline, Mandy, Lyn, Pat, Tracey, Kath, Ann and June - for raising an amazing £900 for St Peter's Church as we celebrate 900 years. Their 24-hour darts marathon over the 4th and 5th August was a magnificent achievement with a brilliant result, and the team raised additional money for other charities too. Our sincere thanks also to Jan Faulkner and the Red Lion for hosting the event.

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## September!

September! A month festooned with bouquets of freshly sharpened pencils, as Tom Hanks once said. It may not be back to school for all of us but it still feels like a bit of a restart following the slower days of summer. Routine returns and our minds are reapplied to productivity and progression: industry resumes. The beginning of September, however, can give us a double dose of that 'Monday feeling' and we count off the days until the next break.

Anyone who has struggled to find work at times, however, realises that work is actually a good thing. In the bible, work is seen as profoundly good. Humanity is created to work in the garden (chapter 2) and to take responsibility in the world all before things begin to go wrong (chapter 3). And contrary to popular notion, work continues in 'heaven' for the people of God. Swords are beaten into ploughs for a reason!

So I will be praying for a renewed energy for us all and a sense of joy in our work and responsibilities, either employed, in the home or community.

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands" PSALM 90 v17.

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Parish Safeguarding Representative:

Eric White [ericj\\_white@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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.

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<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

### SEPTEMBER 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.

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

#### Services this month

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – No service at St Peter's  
10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at St Leonard's, Eynsham

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September - 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September - 5pm Evening Prayer



The Harvest Festival will be held at 3pm on Sunday 8th October

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:

The Vicar – Revd Duncan Fraser Tel: 07810 324088 or  
Enquiries: Church Office: 01865 883325 / [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)

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numbers above or contact our clergy  
Duncan Fraser (vicar) 07810324088 or  
Roger Aston 01865 880757 or  
Your neighbourhood watch rep.

Thank you.



#### CASSINGTON TINIES & TODDLERS (Tinies Café) Autumn 2023

##### A Parent/Carer & Toddler group

Cassington Village Hall 1.30 –3.00 on Tuesday (other than where stated, term-time only)

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, NO SESSION 26<sup>th</sup>,

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, NO SESSION 24<sup>th</sup> (Half Term) 31<sup>st</sup>

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>,

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> (Last session for 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](mailto:janeaston53@aol.com) Tel: 01865 880757

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

## Cassington Cafe

Cassington Cafe is back on Thursday 7th September at 10am  
in the village hall.

For more information or to offer help, please contact Hugh  
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# 2023, A Year in Cassington

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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**A Huge Marrow – by Sara Taylor**

Thank you all for your entries for **Cassington Cultivates**. We had a great mix of images, many of which may make it into the Commemorative Book to mark this special year in our village. Our prize winners each captured a different aspect of life in Cassington. They are Sara Taylor for 'A Huge Marrow', above, and Phoebe Dunne for her picture of the work of cultivation on a larger scale, 'Busy Farmer'.

This month's competition is **Cassington Cares**. What to photograph may be a little less obvious, but we're sure you will find a way to capture this important aspect of life in our village. Remember, for this and the next couple of topics, if your entry is of people you need to ensure you have their permission to share the picture or, for children, the permission of their parents,



**Busy Farmer – by Phoebe Dunne (14)**

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

### **Cassington Cares**

Entries by **15th September** 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 AT PLAY** 1st to 15th **OCTOBER**    **Cassington CHARACTERS** 1st to 15th **NOVEMBER**

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**



## **BLenheim PALACE**

### **Autumn Fest at Blenheim Palace Saturday 30th September - Sunday 1st October**

Autumn Fest is back at Blenheim Palace with a bounty of activities, workshops and speakers to engage all in nature, sustainability and community. This year we are delighted to work alongside Humanimal Trust, the amazing charity founded by Professor Noel Fitzpatrick.

As well as highlighting our connection with nature, sustainable food and craftsmanship, the architects of Autumn Fest will be looking to Professor Noel Fitzpatrick, the event's headline speaker, to learn how our relationship with animals is a bond that benefits everyone.



## **BLenheim ESTATE**

We are pleased to share that our Lake Dredge restoration project has now been completed! Having not been dredged in over 100 years, the Land & Water team have worked tirelessly around the clock alongside the Blenheim team at Queen Pool collecting over 300,000 cubic metres of silt and restoring it back to its original depth.

You may notice our hoppers around for the next few months as we initiate the cleaning process. Following the conclusion of this phase the lake walk loop will re-open in upcoming months. We are delighted that the Finest View has now been restored to its full beauty and can continue to be enjoyed by generations to come.

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# Local Walks

Continuing our theme of nice local walks here is one from the Oxfordshire County Council website. It particularly made me laugh as it recommends doing it during the drier season - May to September! That may not be relevant this year, however as we are all hoping for a drier and sunny September this may be the time to go!

After leaving the town through the old Abbey grounds and walking on through fields and meadows and along a stream, you join the Thames Path at Pinkhill Lock where, in 1791, the old flashlock was replaced with a pound lock. The return walk along the Thames leads you towards the elegant Georgian Swinford Toll Bridge, built in 1767.

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## Circular Walk: Eynsham I – Pinkhill Lock – The Thames Path Approximately 4 miles (6.4km)

Please note —This walk can be waterlogged during the wetter seasons. It is best undertaken following dry weather between May and September.

**1** BL from car entrance of car park into Clover Place. TL almost immediately down Wastie Lane (a narrow walled footpath) to Acre End Street. TL, then immediately TR into Station Rd.

**2** After approximately 350m, TL onto right-hand branch of footpath and follow the brook into the playing field. Straight on, following right-hand field edge to a footbridge on the right. Go over the bridge and cross the bypass with care. Go through kissing gate into field.

**3** BL across field to bridge in far left corner. Go diagonally right across next field to kissing gate. Bear diagonally left across third field to kissing gate, then follow brook on your left to gate onto Pink Hill Lane.

**4** TL, over iron bridge along lane. Do not follow lane as it bends right but carry straight on through gap in hedge and cross large field lengthways heading for the far right corner near telegraph pole.

**5** TL onto field edge path with hedge on your right. At waymark post, TR through wooded strip along stream. Go through a kissing gate and head straight across field to bridge. Cross bridge and TR along path to kissing gate. BL across field to bridge over Pinkhill weir.

**6** Follow the Thames Path, left over the weir, go straight on through the trees and over Pinkhill Lock to gate. TL along the Thames Path riverside to a bridge, then follow brief diversion to the B4044 road.

**7** TL along the road for approximately 80m, passing the 40mph sign. TL again to the Caribbean Marina. At the bottom, TR along river bank and follow it to Swinford Toll Bridge.

**8** Cross under bridge and TR up path up to road. TR with care over bridge to Eynsham. Continue to follow road to roundabout and go straight over into Eynsham. BR at road fork past St Leonard's church. Cross road into narrow enclosed footpath back to car park.

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## Electric Street Sweepers

The job of keeping the towns of Carterton and Woodstock clean will be greener following the purchase of two new fully electric street sweepers by West Oxfordshire District Council as the authority strives for greater sustainability to benefit the local environment and the communities it serves.

The sweepers are the latest additions to the Council's growing fleet of fully-electric vehicles as it continues to champion greener transport choices. Investing in low-carbon vehicles is just one way the District Council is rising to the immense

challenge of becoming a carbon neutral local authority by 2030, well ahead of the UK Government's 2050 target.

Benefitting from lower servicing and maintenance costs and cheaper fuel, the running costs of the vehicles should be less than the end-of-life diesel sweepers they replace.

Part-funded through West Oxfordshire District Council's New Initiatives Fund, the vehicles will be used by Ubico to support the street cleansing functions it carries out on behalf of the District Council.

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## CHURCHFIELDS NEWS

Happy August everyone! As the summer days continue to bless us with some sunshine here and there, the residents of Churchfields Care Home have been making the most of this time engaging in some fun outdoor and indoor activities.

August began with some lovely walks around our beautiful garden, where our residents stopped to smell the flowers and enjoyed each other's company. Some of them also enjoyed picking ripe tomatoes from our garden beds and watching our Barry cut the lawn expertly.

Days out in the sun ended with some quality time spent



on the patio where tea, cake, and conversations flowed freely. While some spent their time reading, others enjoyed some playtime with Milo, a 15-week-old sausage dog, who melted hearts and gave the best cuddles!

Our residents attended their holy communion service given by Roger and Jane. The morning transitioned

to a harmonious sing-along session that filled our home with some tunes. Later in the day, our fitness instructor Chris led another great keep fit session that left everyone feeling energised.

One thing our residents love is a good game night - and we have held quite a few of them this month! Laughter filled the air as our residents brought out their inner child to play with a ball pit. Collecting balls to match nets turned into a hilarious challenge, resulting in more balls on the floor than in the nets.



Our residents also enjoyed a lively game of bowling, resulting in laughter and shared victories. Mischief ensued when a game of nerfs broke out and everyone got involved, even our chef! Some of our residents went head-to-head at the weekly pub quiz and engaged in some friendly competition.



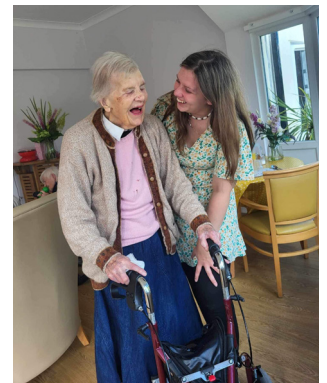
The rest of our residents' leisure time was spent doing creative activities like water-colour painting, puzzles, and more. Some of them also had a pamper session, courtesy of Mandy, our most talented hairdresser, who gave them lovely makeovers.

We are looking forward to the last few days of sun this August, hope you all enjoy the rest of summer with your loved ones! With each passing day, the sense of community and

friendship continues to grow at Churchfields. If you'd like to be part of our wonderful community, do drop by 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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Previous Parish Council Minutes can be found online at <http://www.cassington-pc.gov.uk>

There was no Parish Council meeting in August. One thing to report is that the big piece equipment in the Play Area has now been removed and that the Parish Council are now looking at grants and options to replace it.

### 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)  
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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

7th September 2023  
5th October 2023  
2nd November 2023  
7th December 2023

## STOP BOTLEY WEST

- Thank you for keeping yourself informed about the plans for solar panels across all our fields.
- If you have not seen it, the Inspectorate's response to the Scoping Report from the developers is available for you to read. Go to [stopbotleywest.com](http://stopbotleywest.com) and find it under Learn More and then Scoping Responses. PVDP has been given a lot of work to do before resubmitting, but they aim to reapply by the winter, so we have to be alert to what we can do before then.
- In the very near future, between mid September and mid October, the developers will have another Consultation for us in the Village Hall. As soon as we have the date it will go on the village Facebook page and we will also do everything else we can to alert you. (If you are not on Facebook, why not join for a short while just to keep up to speed on this. Ask for help from [ruth@atherstone.net](mailto:ruth@atherstone.net) if you don't know how to join and someone will come to you.) Please come to the Consultation and see the details of what is being planned and voice your opinions. It is really important that we all have our say.
- There will be more we can do once the developers make their final submission to the Inspectorate. We will let you know when and how. In the meantime please check out the Cassington PC response to the scoping review. It has specific points related to Cassington residents that you may want to take up with PVDP during the consultation. This is available at: <https://cassington-pc.gov.uk/documents/cassington-parish-council-response-to-scoping-report-for-botley-west-solar-farm-june-2023/>

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## They rocked! Double Parked, Red Lion, Cassington.

I can honestly say as musical parenting support goes this was a step up from the scratchy violins and group musical performances in the school play! Not just because of the range of refreshments on sale but it was great to see so many people in the Red Lion, from the village and beyond, listening to local talent on a warm summer's evening. The band did covers of songs across the generations ending with a personal favourite and fitting end 'does your mother know?' Well as I'm writing this I can confirm, yes I do!

Saturday 19th August, the garden of the Red Lion - a great show enjoyed by all with more to come ....

Double Parked are on tour and play at The Yeoman in Freeland Sat 9th September, if you want to hear more, but will be back in Cassington soon.

Photo credit Sam Gundry.



## RECIPES OF THE MONTH

So summer is nearly over and you've probably spent all your cash for the month on holidays, outings and suncream so a good time to be using what is in season and cheap but most importantly delicious.

This is a sort of 'tapas' kind of a meal, the type you want to prepare with friends or family and then eat outside with a glass of wine in hand. The savoury parts can be used as a main course simply by using larger quantities and adding green salads; or they can simply be nibbles with drinks.

### Goats cheese salad with honeyed pears

(for about 4 people)

#### **Ingredients**

Log of natural not cindered fresh goats cheese

Good country bread sliced not too thick

Walnuts

Honey - now if you are using honey here (you can miss it out) it's important to use a 'savoury' honey - something like chestnut or pine - or at least a one flower honey. You don't want to be using honey which is just sweet, it needs a bit of character.

Walnut or olive oil

Pears

Butter

#### **Method**

For the pears - peel and cut into slices, put into a pan with some butter and a tiny amount of honey. Cook gently, adding water if it begins to stick before the pears are cooked. Cook until tender but not mushy, and the liquid has disappeared from the pan. Put to one side.

Cut the goats cheese into slices about double the thickness of a pound coin and organise on the bread slices covering as much as possible. Top with pieces of walnut then drizzle with a combination of honey and oil. Sprinkle with pepper. Grill for a few minutes until the cheese has melted deliciously and the walnuts are golden.

Serve with the pears on top or on the side and, if you like, a green salad made with walnut oil dressing. You can replace the nutty elements with hazelnuts.

### Smoked fish sauce

#### **Ingredients**

Whipping or double cream

Chopped capers

1 Lemon

Horseradish sauce

#### **Method**

Whip the cream and add chopped capers, lemon zest and a drop of lemon juice and a spoonful or so to taste of horseradish. Mix well and serve with smoked salmon or smoked trout and cucumber dill salad.

So summery!

### Tomatoes on bread (otherwise known as bruschetta)

I know, I know, this is one you probably know but it does get overlooked for more exotic fare and it really is the best way I can think of to celebrate tomato season.

#### **Ingredients**

Here the tomatoes play the leading role so they have to be GOOD. Ripe but not squashy, full of flavour and colour - do not bother with your namby pamby supermarket tomatoes these need to burst with flavour and texture.

Fresh basil

Garlic

Baguette sliced into pieces about two pound coins thick

Delicious green, peppery olive oil

Salt and pepper

Mozzarella, or burrata if you can find it

#### **Method**

For the tomatoes - cut into cubes (this is rustic so don't be fussy please) taking out the stem and some of the seeds - it doesn't want to be too soggy. Put in a bowl, sprinkle with salt, olive oil, torn basil, black pepper and a small clove of grated garlic. This can sit for up to half an hour before serving. DO NOT PUT IN THE FRIDGE!

Put the bread on a shallow baking tray and drizzle with olive oil. Either grill or bake until it is just turning golden. When cool enough to handle rub each piece (one side only) with a peeled garlic clove - you want to taste the garlic but not overpower.

If you are feeling fancy you can make liquid basil heaven by taking a BIG bunch of basil without any tough stalks, then pureeing them in some olive oil - it does look very pretty.

Divide the tomato mixture on each slice of bread and top with basil puree, torn pieces of mozzarella and basil leaves. A grind of black pepper and it's done.

### Peach Pudding (or savoury)

Oh, a good peach is such a treat but quite hard to find. If you have some peaches that aren't quite nirvana on their own try this - not so much a recipe as an idea.

#### **Ingredients**

One (or more if you like) peach per person.

Knob of butter per peach.

#### **Method**

Cut the peaches in half over a baking dish to save any juice. Remove the stone. Fill the pits with a knob of butter for each half (add a sprinkle of brown sugar if they are not sweet enough). Now for the tricky part - take one sprig of lavender and one of lemon thyme for about six peaches. Strip the flowers from the lavender and leaves and flowers, if any, from the thyme. Rub between your fingers to create a sort of dust and sprinkle over the peaches. Bake for about 10 mins at 180 degree c. They are good to eat on their own but you can add cream or ice cream (vanilla, olive oil or honey for example). For a savoury version use blue cheese, and some strips of parma ham but no sugar and no lavender - very good with a green salad.



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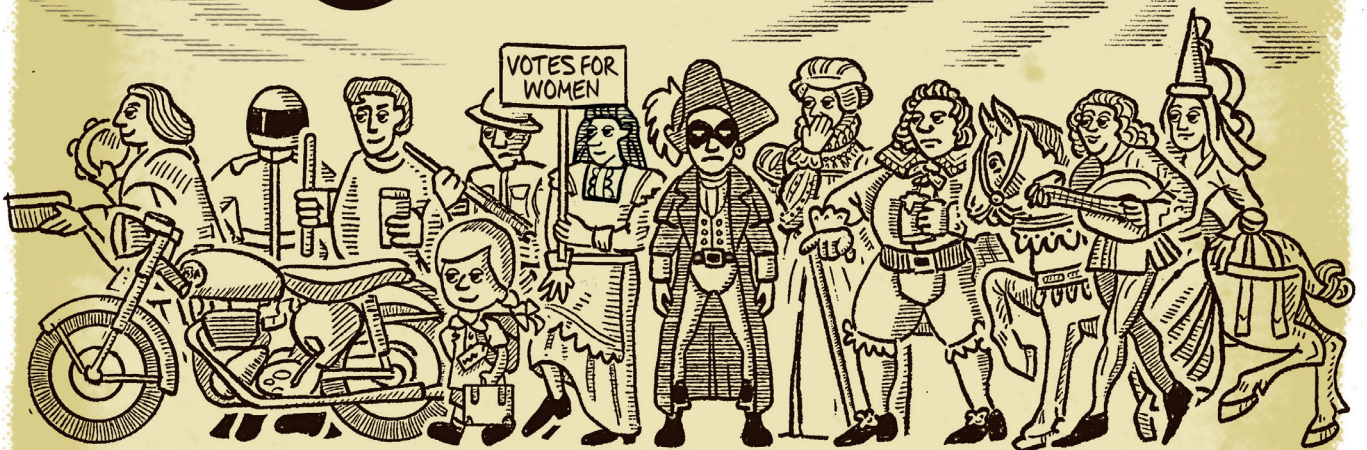
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# The Cassington Tales

## 10th September 2023

Dear Friends.

As celebration of the 900 years of St Peter's Church, The Cassington Players will be putting on a promenade play around the village.

### How it Works

The audience will meet at 4.30pm in The Village Hall to collect tickets and maps and will be divided into groups (of about 30). Each group will then be taken by their guide to start their journey at one of five locations around the village.

The scenes will be approx. 15 minutes in duration and will cover different periods in history. At the end of each scene the audience will then travel with their guide onto their next location. Along the way you will be offered drinks and snacks and raffle tickets as part of your ticket price.

At the end we will all meet together in The Village Hall for an immersive audio -visual round up and some home grown entertainment. There will also be a food truck in attendance for you to buy hot refreshments at the end of your journey.

If you would like any further information please email [dreamstudios@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dreamstudios@hotmail.co.uk)

### WODC warn of danger from Lithium-ion batteries



Following an incident at West Oxfordshire District Council's Witney depot last month, the Council is warning residents of the risk of incorrectly disposing of lithium-ion batteries, as increasing numbers of fires starting in refuse and recycling vehicles and at waste sorting facilities are reported nationally.

According to research by Materials Focus, the organisation behind the national Recycle Your Electricals campaign, more than 700 waste-related fires are responded to each year by the emergency services due to the unsafe disposal of batteries, many of which are hidden inside electrical equipment.

The use of lithium-ion batteries is becoming more and more commonplace and can be found in a range of electrical and electronic items, including rechargeable items like mobiles, cameras, toothbrushes, laptops and e-cigarettes.

Residents can recycle small electrical and electronic items by placing them in their black box. Due to their small size, vapes should be placed inside an envelope or ideally an old plastic bag and left on the lid on top of the blue-lidded recycling bin ready for collection. Household batteries should be recycled in the same manner.



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### FILM

October (date to be announced)  
Mild-mannered pensioner Harold Fry (Jim Broadbent) takes a stroll to the postbox one bright Devon morning. But for some reason he can't bring himself to post the letter. It's just a few stunted lines on headed notepaper, a reply to his old friend and former work colleague Queenie (Linda Bassett), who, he learned recently, has terminal cancer. Then a chance encounter in a petrol station gives Harold a new purpose: he decides to walk from Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed, where Queenie is receiving palliative care in a hospice. It's an act of faith: he believes that by plodding through the B-roads of rural Britain he can save her life.



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## Woodstock and District u3a

As summer marches on, Woodstock u3a activities continue. Our July speaker meeting welcomed David Hughes who entertained and educated us in the mysteries of wine growing – and drinking. - and how we can all buy wine that is both pleasant to drink (always with food, David stressed), and doesn't break the bank. Perhaps, he suggested, the best value for money can be got from New World vineyards, but worldwide mass-market producers offer uniform, predictable, highly drinkable wine – often with 'mouth watering flavours'. As to wine tourism, however, David was less enthusiastic, suggesting that most European vineyards offered a poor 'visitor experience'.

The Branch's next meeting with an invited speaker is on 7 September when our guest speaker will be Steven Tonkin; his subject: 'Right Light at Night' - yes, your guess is as good as mine: come along to be enlightened – 2pm St. Hugh's, Hensington Road, Woodstock.

Most, if not all, of the Branch's subject groups have continued to meet through the summer, the recorder players, for example, in the conservatory of a hospitable member in Kidlington, the play readers in a Woodstock garden. The recently formed Historic Churches group has ticked off another interesting local example – St. Bartholomew's in Yarnton: plenty more to come yet!



## Come and Sing



### Burford Singers – Come and Sing Day

Saturday, 16th September  
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## TEA TIME TEASER

This month we have some homophones for you! These are words that sound alike, but have different meanings and are spelt differently. Can you find the homophones that fit these definitions?

Answers next month

1. Pick/Masticates
2. Sluggish/Blackthorn
3. Agreement/Crammed
4. Vile/Bird
5. Careless/Deficiencies
6. Route/Indelicate
7. Chop/Colour
8. Sphere/Cry lustily

Answers to last month's travel expressions

1. Paddle one's own canoe
2. Asleep at the wheel
3. Off the Beaten Track
4. Cross that bridge when we get to it
5. Whatever floats your boat
6. Take someone for a ride
7. On a wing and a prayer
8. There's light at the end of the tunnel.

## OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

Well ladies and gentlemen, after 26 years, I have finally got a girlfriend, albeit one that snores very loudly. With her investments in nasal strips, ear plugs, lavender sprays, Nytol tablets and herbal tea that should help me sleep at night. I have to respect the effort to combat the issue. I never expected this to be the thing my mum and I have in common with our partners - but here we are.

If you live in Lynton Lane and spend all day every day staring out your window, you'd have seen me bring Jenna to meet the family for her birthday in August. After a nostalgic trip around the Oxford University colleges she once studied at, we ate fish and chips on my parent's camper van and played Scrabble. I smugly beat Jenna and my parents at the board game, despite only studying a BTEC at the City of Oxford College myself.

We have also watched Doc Martin at my place and I bought her a wooden spoon with Ainsley Harriott's face on. Romance isn't dead

## THE SPY PRINCESS



Soldiers of  
Oxfordshire  
Museum

The best-selling author Shrabani Basu will be giving her 'Spy Princess' talk at Ditchley Park at 7pm on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Shrabani Basu is the best-selling author of Victoria and Abdul. Spy Princess tells the story of Noor Inayat Khan GC a Second World War secret agent codenamed 'Madeleine'.

Based on interviews with her family, colleagues and secret service records, Shrabani Basu traces the journey of Noor Inayat Khan from her early life in Paris as a writer and a musician to her recruitment by the British secret service, her valuable work for the Allies, and final death in Dachau concentration camp in September 1944.

As her circuit collapsed around her, she remained the last link with London and refused to abandon her post despite the dangers. She was posthumously awarded the George Cross for her extraordinary bravery, and France honoured her with the Croix de Guerre.

This talk has been organised in celebration of the life of Major Tom Shannon, a friend of Basu and former Trustee of the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, who sadly passed away in August 2022. Proceeds from ticket sales from this event support Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust. It is planned to be the first in a series of lectures held in his memory.

The co-founder of Oxford Metrics, Tom had served as a Reservist in the Australian Army, and in the Territorial Army in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Alongside his Trusteeship of the county's military museum, he was secretary of the Army Benevolent Fund in Buckinghamshire and a long serving chairman of the Oxford Club.

The venue for this event will be the magnificent Ditchley Park, with the ticket price including a donation to the museum, as well as drinks and canapes.

Tickets can be purchased from the museum website, with virtual tickets to watch the event live online also available for those unable to attend in person.

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## Gardening Tips for September



- Divide herbaceous perennials
- Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals
- Dig up potatoes before slugs damage them
- Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway
- Keep up with watering of new plants using rainwater or grey water if possible
- Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting
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# what's on?

Dates for your diary

## September 2023

Wed 6th 7.30pm	Quiz night in the Chequers
Thurs 7th 10am	Cassington Cafe
Thurs 7th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 8th 5.30pm - 9pm	Pizza by Piers
Sun 10th 4.30pm - 7pm	The Cassington Tales
Fri 15th	Photography competition deadline
Fri 15 - Wed 27th	Moments from the past exhibition, Church
Wed 20th	October CAWN deadline
Sat 30th pm	Cathedral Singers of Christchurch, Church

## October 2023

Sun 1st 10am - 4pm	Safari Garage Sale
Thurs 5th 10am	Cassington Cafe
Thurs 5th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat 7th 6pm - late!	Harvest Barn Dance and Supper
Sun 15th	Photography competition deadline
Fri 20th	November CAWN deadline

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