

CONGRATULATIONS

to Hannah Farncombe, whose painting of her son Louis, aged 12, won first prize in the Oxfordshire Museum Open Art Competition on the theme of "Discovery".



In a moment of reflection on the beach Louis was discovering the feel of the sand and water. He was also on the brink of adolescence about to discover what his teens and adulthood held for him.

CASSINGTON SAFARI GARAGE SALE

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1ST OCTOBER
10am - 4pm**



Please see the map on the back page for the venues of the properties taking part. Raising funds for new play equipment by the Pavilion..

Forever Fields Open Art Exhibition

Worton Hall, Worton Park

Launch Event: **6pm – 8pm Friday 24th November 2023**

Exhibition open: **10.30am – 7pm Saturday 25th**

10.30am – 4pm Sunday 26th November 2023

Free entry

For more info go to www.foreverfields.co.uk
Contact us on foreverfieldsproject@gmail.com

The Forever Fields Project Team is very excited to announce the Open Art Exhibition. Showcasing people's creative response to our countryside, we are celebrating the beauty, productivity and bio-diversity of the fields and settlements that will be lost for 42 years under solar panels if Botley West Solar Power Station is built.

The cafe at Worton Kitchen Garden will be open throughout the exhibition.

The estate has kindly donated the hosting of the exhibition at the Hall.

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welcome Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 556th edition of CAWN, jam-packed with news and articles. There was so much to go in this edition that I had no space for a local walk or the lovely pictures of his wild flower garden sent to me by Pas Bruno. Hopefully they can be included in the November edition. Also in November I shall be including an obituary for Mike Linnell who did so much for this village, and who died suddenly at the end of August.

The attempt to build the Botley West Solar Farm rumbles on, and there is an article on page 9 informing you how you can still submit your views and register for updates. Professor Alex Rogers has kindly agreed to speak to us on the issue and why it is so important for us to be involved and respond to the consultations. It is not yet a done deal and we can influence the outcome if we want to! I encourage you to listen to what Alex has to say on the subject.

On a lighter note this editon contains reviews of two recent events: The exhibition in the church: Cassington: Moments from the Past and the Cassington Tales. Thanks to John Hemingway for the exhibition and to Stewart Thompson for his review of the Cassington Tales. Thanks also to Pas Bruno for his photographs of both events.

Hopefully this editon will land on your doormat in time for the safari garage sale on Sunday 1st October. Please do support this if you can.

Happy reading!


Anne x

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October stargazing highlights

October 7 - Draconids Meteor Shower.

The Draconids is a minor meteor shower. It is unusual because the best viewing is in the early evening instead of early morning. Best viewing will be in the early evening from a dark location. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Draco, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

October 14 - New Moon.

The Moon will not be visible in the night sky.

October 21, 22 - Orionids Meteor Shower.

The Orionids is an average shower. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Orion, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

October 23 - Venus at Greatest Western Elongation.

This is the best time to view Venus since it will be at its highest point above the horizon. Look for the bright planet in the eastern sky before sunrise.

October 28 - Full Moon.

The Moon's face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Hunters Moon. It was also known as the Travel Moon and the Blood Moon.

October 28 - Partial Lunar Eclipse.

During this type of eclipse a part of the Moon will darken as it moves through the Earth's shadow. The eclipse will be visible throughout all of Europe.

Ninon and the Linnell family want to thank all those that sent cards, letters, flowers or helped on the day of Mike's funeral.

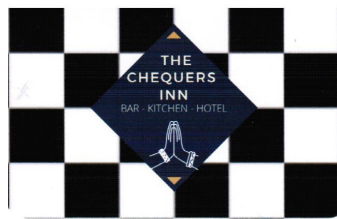
Mike loved this village, and he would have been overwhelmed with the support and kindness everyone has shown to the family.

The Christians vs The Lions

The annual spectacular combat of The Christians (church) vs The Lions (Red Lion, Cassington) at Aunt Sally will take place on Saturday 7th October at 2.00pm in the Colosseum in Rome garden of the Red Lion in Cassington.

This is a ~~deadly~~ serious family, fun event. All are welcome. Please put the date in your diary now - ~~togas~~ raincoats optional.

**QUIZ NIGHT
AT THE
CHEQUERS**
Wed 4th
October
at 7.30pm



Cassington Cafe

Cassington Cafe is back on Thursday 5th October at 10am in the village hall.

For more information or to offer help, please contact Hugh or Ruth on 01865 880475

MICHAEL JOHN LINNELL

28.11.1938 - 31.8.2023



Peacefully at home on 31st August 2023, aged 84 years. Much loved husband of Ninon, beloved father of Rob and the late Anthony, generous gramps of Harry, Hamish and Kiera, loved brother of Bridget and special father in law of Jane.

A full obituary will follow in the November edition.

St Peter's Church & Cassington Village Hall

Back by popular demand



HARVEST BARN DANCE & SUPPER

7th OCTOBER 2023

Doors open 6pm - late

Live music in the Village Hall with The Larkrise Ranters Ceilidh Band
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Food Bank News.

Harvest Time! Time to be thankful for blessing we have and generous to those in need.



Please give generously to our local food banks via the box outside St Peter's Church (or if full place inside the porch) and/or via single financial donations or regular standing order. Sadly we cannot pass on fresh produce but please give tinned and dried foods and other groceries which need to be well within their "Best Before" date.

We support:

Eynsham Food bank (07450 328530) Supporting Cassington and Hanborough residents as well as Eynsham.

North Oxfordshire Food Bank (07929721172)

As well as food donations the food banks are increasingly relying on financial donations. Please phone the food banks direct if you can support in this way.

If you need food support or know someone in need please phone the food banks direct or contact our clergy

Duncan Fraser (vicar) 07810324088 or

Roger Aston 01865 880757

or your neighbourhood watch rep.

Thank you.

Take Time to Rest

September can be a bit manic. Long forgotten are the quieter days of August. There are things to catch up with after the break, things to put in place for another academic year, children to be settled into new experiences, new shift patterns, new drives for productivity and efficiency. We can easily let the business of life overtake us. So it's important to learn to take a breather amidst it all.

Rest is central to the Judeo-Christian heritage but not one that we even remotely mastered. During a particularly busy period Jesus told his disciples, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (Gospel of Mark 6.31). He himself would regularly retreat from the demands of the crowds "to desolate places and pray" (Gospel of Luke 5.16). His entire mission might even be summarised by his invitation to: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Gospel of Matthew 11.28).

In this 900th year of celebration, whatever your outlook on life, St. Peter's Church is a great place to do this and is usually open for this purpose. Or perhaps it's a corner of the garden, or a favourite chair. Wherever it is, a moment of quiet rest grounds us, re-orientates us and gives us the strength to carry on.

Rev Duncan Fraser

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

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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

OCTOBER 2023

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.

Services this month

Sunday 1st October – 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th October – 3pm Harvest Celebration (see below)

Sunday 15th October - 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd October – 5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 29th October – 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

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



HARVEST CELEBRATION AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

Sunday 8th October at 3pm

followed by afternoon tea

For all ages – everyone welcome

Contributions of non-perishable items will be gratefully received for local Food Banks. A list of items can be found on the North Oxford Food Bank web site.

Financial donations can also be made directly to:

North Oxfordshire Food Bank

<https://www.givefood.org.uk/needs/at/north-oxfordshire/>

Eynsham Food Bank

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/eynsham-heroes-community-support-fund>

If you have particular spiritual needs feel free to contact:

The Vicar – Revd Duncan Fraser Tel: 07810 324088 or

Enquiries: Church Office: email stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com

PLEASE BRING A SMILE THIS CHRISTMAS

This year's shoebox appeal is now operational and shoeboxes will be going to many, very needy, people in Eastern Europe (including Ukraine). Shoeboxes can be filled with items for a girl, boy, teenager, woman, man or elderly woman. Leaflets on what to put in your shoebox can be found in the Food-Bank box outside St. Peter's Church and inside the porch when open. If you would like to know more about this appeal please contact Jane Aston by phoning 01865 880757 or by emailing janeaston53@aol.com. Completed shoeboxes to be delivered to Jane Aston at 9, Bell Close, Cassington before the end of October and by the very latest Sunday 4th November. Please support this worthy cause. Thank you.
Jane Aston



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)

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

Nov. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th,

Dec. 5th, 12th (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:

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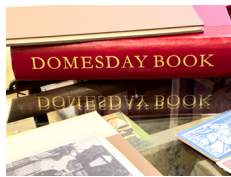
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CASSINGTON: MOMENTS FROM THE PAST

It was a pleasure in September to welcome so many visitors to the church for our exhibition of old photographs, documents, and village memorabilia. It was busy throughout the ten days, and great to meet people spending a long time in viewing the materials and sharing their own stories.



The exhibition was organised by the Friends of St Peter's Church, and we owe special thanks to two people who have long connections with Cassington but don't live here - Robert Bruce and Carol Richmond. Between them they provided all the photographs taken by the BBC in the 1940s, newspaper articles from the 1950s, detailed family history information, and even a copy of the Domesday Book!



Within the village we also owe great thanks for photographs and scrap books to Ray Elger, Yvonne Wright, Tina Perrin, Ruth Bakewell, Pat Evans, Jan and Bill Faulkner, Geraldine and Ian Bowerman, Janet and Basil Bushnell, and all those who kindly lent wedding and baptism photographs. Many thanks too to Carolyn and Kevin Hinton, Jan Macdonald, Amy Hemingway, David O'Donnell and Keith Turner for their practical support in preparing the exhibition materials.



A key question raised by many is 'What about the future?', and why don't we create a village archive not just to store moments from the past but also important moments from the present? So this is something we're going to explore further and if you have any experience in setting up archives please do get in touch with CAWN.

What do we want people to be able to look back on when St Peter's celebrates 1,000 years?

With many thanks for your support,
John and Sue Hemingway

FILM

Friday 13th October

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.



ST PETER'S SCHOOL



Welcome to the first school update of the year. It has been a strong start with the children showing much enthusiasm for not only their classwork, but also the extra opportunities we have on offer. We love to encourage children to be leaders of the school and they have the chance to apply to one of our Pupil Leadership Groups.

The groups that children can lead are:

- Pupil Voice Leaders
- Charity Leaders
- School Environment Leaders
- Events Leaders
- St Peter's Fish Leaders
- St Peter's Chickens Leaders

We will keep you updated in future months with the targets the children have set themselves. Last year the children rescued 3 chickens, planted numerous fruit trees to make our orchard, harvested vegetables that were used in our school kitchen, cared for our pond, organised some truly ambitious events and raised a lot of money for charity. It will be a tough act to follow this year!

In other news, Year six children have completed the 'Bikeability' course where they learned about bike and road safety. These are such important life skills, and we are extremely thankful to Windrush Bike Project who came in to facilitate this for us.

As always, we have a huge amount planned for the year. The school website is a great place to get more information and see what individual classes have been doing.

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

Jon Jeffries
Headteacher

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SPSA News



We hope you all had a nice summer – we are looking forward to planning for the new school year and welcome to any parents reading this. Our AGM is planned for Tuesday 10 October at 7.30pm in the Red Lion and after we will start looking at our plans for Christmas!



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Halloween at Blenheim Palace – 20th – 29th October

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Trick or treat yourself to tickets at

www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/halloween-at-blenheim-palace.html



BLenheim ESTATE

Our social prescribing scheme in partnership with Oxfordshire charity Aspire has now been running for two years and continues to provide support for vulnerable people facing disadvantage, mental health difficulties or long term health conditions. The scheme is a series of six week programmes throughout the year and on the 2 hour sessions participants have the opportunity to not only learn about the history of Blenheim Palace but also share their own thoughts, worries and concerns and connect with one another. The sessions are led by Palace Guide Sylvain Richard who has taken around 160 people on walks around the peaceful Gardens and Parkland and witnessed their progress first hand.

Find out more about our social prescribing scheme with Aspire at

www.blenheimestate.com/news/blenheim-welcomes-aspire.html

BLenheim

The replacement of the Orangery roof project is now almost completed. The 18th century glass ceiling has now been fully removed and replaced with a timber and slate structure in the spirit of John Vanbrugh's original design. This will be a far more effective insulator than glass, saving energy and helping us reach our green goals. The work is due to finish, along with stunning new interior décor, in the middle of October ready to begin serving devilishly decadent Halloween themed afternoon teas. Thank you once again to all of our visitors, without whom this unique conservation project would not have been possible.

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Botley West Power Station: the process explained.

What has already happened?

- Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP – the developers) have published and circulated details of a proposal to build a site of solar panels on land belonging to Blenheim Palace, Merton college and a few farm companies around the villages of West Oxfordshire.
- PVDP have sent brochures that detail the plan to households in the area, and in December 2022, PVDP held consultations with the communities affected by the proposals with displays and Q and As in village halls. This is known as the ‘pre-statutory consultation’.
- PVDP have issued a draft Statement of Community Consultation to WODC (West Oxfordshire District Council). This statement is their response to the feedback they have received from the village communities.
- PVDP have also produced a Scoping Report on the project which sets out details of how it works and what happens to the land on which it is built.
- This Scoping Report was submitted to a Government Organisation known as the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). The Planning Inspectorate deals with planning appeals, national infrastructure planning applications, examinations of local plans and other planning-related and specialist casework in England.
- WODC and Parish Councils have responded to the Scoping Report sent to PINS. You can read the response written by Alex Rogers on the Cassington Parish Council Website [insert link].
- The Planning Inspectorate have sent the feedback on the Scoping Report back to the developers (PVDP).

What is happening now

- PVDP is preparing a Preliminary Report on the Environmental Impact of the Project
- PVDP is preparing a Statement that sets out their Consultation with the Community. This is sent to WODC.

What happens next?

- PVDP holds a Statutory Community Consultation. This is expected to happen mid-October. This process is similar to what happened in December 2022, only this time, it is a process required by law.
- Brochures will be sent to households. There will be in person consultations and displays in village halls and we are expecting webinars as well. There is a period of max 28 days to respond.
- Then PVDP submits a planning application (Development Consent Order) to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).
- The application includes a statement on the Environmental Impact and a Report on the Community Consultation.
- WODC submits a Report to PINS which assesses whether the Community Consultation has been adequate. PINS has 28 days to refuse or accept PVDP’s planning application.

What does this mean for us?

- As yet, NO planning application has been submitted for the Solar Power Station.
- A planning application cannot be successful if the Planning Inspectorate decides that the Community Consultation has been inadequate.
- The developers (PVDP) need to show that they have given the communities all the information they need to understand what the project means to them. They need to explain clearly how it works, what the impact will be, how long it takes. They need to make sure that they can answer questions clearly about the project. Answers must be consistent. The information needs to be accurate. Material presented to the communities mustn’t miss things out, or present things in ways that are misleading. The information must be presented within a timeframe that allows communities to be able to respond properly.

Why is this consultation stage so important?

- Strange though it may seem, the Planning Inspectorate will not be looking at whether the proposal to build Botley West is a good thing or a bad thing. They will assess whether our communities have been properly informed and properly consulted.
- IF WE DON’T WANT THIS PLANNING APPLICATION TO SUCCEED WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH OUR RESPONSES TO THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION THAT IS COMING SOON
- WE SHALL PROVIDE MORE DETAILS ON HOW WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER

What happens if the Planning Inspectorate accepts the Planning Application?

- PVDP publicises the fact that PINS accepts the application
- PINS appoints a panel of inspectors. This is called the Examining Authority.
- PINS holds a Preliminary meeting held by.
- ANYONE CAN REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED PARTY
- there is still an opportunity to protest against the application, and prevent, or delay moving on to the next stages of the process (for more information go to <https://stopbotleywest.com/the-process>)
- But it would be better to stop the process BEFORE PINS consents to the planning application.

There will be a talk by

Dr Alex Rogers

"The Impact of the solar project on us all"

Thursday 19th October

7.30pm.

Cassington Village Hall

NB: PVDP have put a counter on our Purwell footpath (the track) at the gate, presumably trying to prove it does not get well used. Please can people walk through the gate up the track as often as possible!

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CHURCHFIELDS NEWS

September came and brought with it some surprise sunshine and a whirlwind of exciting activities and heartwarming moments at Churchfields Care Home as residents embraced the end of summer.



We took in the last of the summer days and made the most of them by going on sunny strolls to our local pub. One such morning, we sat together with our drinks and went on a trip down memory lane about all our past holidays and shared fond stories. We also went on a fun blackberry picking adventure and brought back some juicy blackberries for everyone at the home to enjoy.

Our lovely garden was bustling this month as residents harvested fresh vegetables. Our kitchen team made delicious dishes using them, giving us the ultimate farm-to-kitchen experience. Later, we enjoyed ice lollies on our patio, soaking in the last of the summer sun.

One fun Friday, we brought the beach to Churchfields and transformed the home into 'Costa del Churchfields', complete with sunshine and laughter. We also had an ice cream truck which definitely brought back some nostalgic memories.



We had some lovely musical afternoons at Churchfields. Alan Hook played his saxophone for us in a fantastic music session that had everyone dancing and singing. All our residents are eagerly waiting for his next visit. Everyone's favourite, Roger, visited a few times and wowed us with his talent each time. We also enjoyed sing-alongs with Donna, whom we all love.

Creativity flowed through our home as residents used pressed flowers to craft personalised frames, each a unique work of art. It was a great activity that brought people together and also helped beautify our home. We were really inspired by flowers this month. After a successful session of pressing flowers, we got together to make our own flower arrangements, sitting out in the courtyard.

September was a lovely month at Churchfields and we enjoyed saying goodbye to summer. We shared laughter, music, cherished old memories, and made new ones. We are looking forward to the cosy autumn months and can't wait to start enjoying our autumn activities.

If you'd like to be part of our wonderful community, do drop by for a cuppa and a chat! In the meantime, please follow us on Facebook to find out more about life at Churchfields..



Bartholomew Players present

Silver Lining

by Sandi Toksvig

Contains language and material which may offend




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Parish Council News

September 2023

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

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.

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 it's 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/>
There are new book share cabinets in the village. Positions to be decided upon.

Parish Councillors

To contact the Parish Council, please email them on: -
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Next Parish Council Meeting will be on 5th October 2023 @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Parish Council Meetings for 2023

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

SPEEDWATCH

The Cassington Speedwatch group held 12 sessions in August and reported the following to the Police.

No. Sessions:	12
Total Vehicles:	1,520
Total Offenders:	244
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Total over 30mph:	97
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Your editor has reliably informed me that the lovely village of Cassington was known in the past as Cressington because of the number of watercress growers in the area. At first this did not fill me with great inspiration but then I decided to think of watercress as a 'British' version of rocket and the ideas began to come. Many are more suitable for summer and spring so expect some more next year, but I feel the time for soups is coming back, so here are a couple of soup ideas to eat for lunch or a light dinner with a delicious hunk of bread and some cheese and fresh watercress on the side. If you are feeling fancy a few parmesan crisps wouldn't come amiss with either of these soups.

Watercress and Courgette Soup

Courgettes are coming to the end of the season but there are still a few lurking hidden under the prickly leaves in my garden and to be honest I am trying to disguise them a bit now. This soup is perfect for this purpose.

Serves 4 - depends on whether it is for lunch or a starter

3 decent sized courgettes but not marrows

1 good sized white onion

3 cloves of garlic

About a litre light vegetable or chicken stock - home made if you can but I often resort to cubes

225 grams of watercress well washed and with the toughest stalks removed

1 medium baking potato

Chop the onion and squish the garlic. In a bit of butter and spot of vegetable oil, to prevent burning, saute the onion until it is very soft but not brown. Add in the cubed and peeled potato and continue cooking for five minutes with the lid on. Add the courgettes which have also been chopped into cubes. Add the garlic for a minute then pour in the stock. Pop the lid back on and simmer until all the vegetables are well cooked. Put in the watercress for only a minute or so - you want to try and retain its lovely green colour. Blend and sieve if you are really fussy (I hardly ever do). Serve with a tiny spoonful of creme fraiche or cream and a drizzle of dark olive oil.

Pea and Watercress Soup

If like me you always have a stash of peas in the freezer then this one is a lovely variation of the above. Basically the same but you replace the courgettes with about 150 grams of peas. This one, if possible, I would sprinkle with a bit of olive oil flavoured with basil or sprinkle some chives on top.

Gardening Tips for October



- Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
- Cut back perennials that have died down
- Divide herbaceous perennials
- Prune climbing roses
- Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

The Cassington Tales

In the 900th year of St Peter's Church, Mandy Constance, resident playwright extraordinaire, agreed to mark the occasion by writing and directing a five-era promenade play, eagerly spurred on by John Hemingway who (with the help of numerous supporters) has done so much to raise the profile of this significant milestone.



Obviously, Mandy needed the help of a few fellow thespians, and turned to a few of her trusty "Cassington Players" (47 of them to be precise!) to deliver stories of significance from the history of our sleepy little village, where nothing very much at all happens (?).



Our first port of call was St Peter's church, at the turn of the 14th Century. Merry minstrels welcomed us to this atmospheric setting, and escorted us to a romantic

tale scuppered with class expectations. Central to the tale, was the desire of the Church benefactor (Lady Montacute), seeking both recognition of her philanthropy and wishing to see her favoured daughter marry "appropriately". With a dramatic twist, and a little medieval swordsmanship, her desires were undone, as the real hero – Matthew, a 'common' stonemason – won (audience) hearts and the fair lady, leaving Godfrey and Maud to ponder what might have been.

Next, we travelled to 'The Bell' at 'The Chequers'! It was 1665, and again we explored central themes of the day – the 'haves' and 'have nots' with dandy highwaymen (and women!) seeking to redress the imbalance (or not); the importance of the village inn in everyday life (something we would do well to remember today!); and a stark reminder that capital punishment was the order of the day for anyone committing a crime. A particularly enjoyable aspect of this venue was the difference in the banter between the staff (jovial and 'tongue-in-cheek') and the patrons (stern and misogynistic, yet taking small delight in their ability to break wind at will!).



This led us nicely to 1852, when we were treated to the awakening desires of a young woman keen to join the suffragette movement. The cast played their roles with aplomb, emphasising established views of society, and the church in particular, in what would be a long and tortuous route to the right for women to vote. In spite of the subject matter, there was a good deal of humour in the narrative, with plum



lines (for the kitchen staff in particular), as they dealt good-naturedly with the increasingly outmoded views of Reverend Forster and his

sycophantic wife. As in any good play, we need a hero – enter stage left Cecilia, not only a forward-thinking young woman but a great singer to boot!

Our suffragette march, from The Old Vicarage to The Cottage, moved us swiftly on to 1939 and the outbreak of World War II, with all that it represented both for Britain and Cassington, as our young men and women signed up to do their duty. An expertly woven script brought together the great resolve of the people of the village at that time, as they sought to make sense of their sons/grandsons going off to war, whilst turning to the land to provide their daily needs. Some really authentic performances here – whether it be the "glass half full" attitude of Winnie and Lilian, foreboding Reg, dismissive Elsie or the innocence of youth – all brought expertly to life against the backdrop of a realistically decorated, intact, Anderson shelter.



Finally, we jump forward to 1978, where a motley gang of pub-goers extol the virtues of a traditional Oxfordshire pub pastime, whilst simultaneously participating in the time-honoured tradition of taking the mickey out of your mates! As we are all aware "Bike-night" has put Cassington on the map, both nationally and internationally, in no small part due to the efforts of Ray Elger. This scene, devoted to the evolution of bike-night, as Ray and the rest of his chums hatched the plan for what has become an huge annual feature of our village, surely resounded with us all. We are glad to see that attendance at this event has slightly surpassed the twenty or so bikers you predicted coming along back in '78!



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The event concluded with a beautifully crafted walk down memory lane, by way of a video of old photographs of the village in times gone by, expertly overlaid with radio recordings featuring well-known village characters from yesteryear. As the black and white images bloomed into life in glorious technicolour, we are sure that for many of the older members in the audience this will have brought back many happy memories of their younger days, whilst reminding the younger ones among us of the importance of community. Many, many thanks Rich – wonderful!

Each scene of this promenade play required a suitable venue to bring authenticity to the event. With that in mind, we would like to say a big thankyou to Kate Cropper, Kate Rogers, Jan & Bill from the Red Lion, Babu & Santok from The Chequers and of course to all connected to St. Peter's



Church, for the kind offer of inviting over 200 villagers into their homes/places of work. Thanks also to Dan and Seren and the Bugz ukulele band for the musical interludes and to Mary Hatwell for the outdoor catering.



Of course, we keep our biggest show of gratitude to the teams behind the event: Lorna Mills for her unwavering support for all things 'village', Kevin Hinton for the artwork promoting the play and the array of stage managers for keeping us all to an extremely exacting timeline.

Finally, as is always the case, we say a massive thanks to Mandy and Rich, whose enthusiasm and talent for village-centric productions knows no bounds. And an apology to them both – no sooner has the curtain come down on this production, than the players and villagers ask "what's next?" Sorry! You are the victims of your own success!!

**A HUGE THANK YOU
FROM THE CASSINGTON PLAYERS**

The cast and crew of the Cassington Tales would like to thank our brilliant writer and director Mandy Constance. Mandy, you come up with such brilliant scripts and ideas. It is such a pleasure to take part in any of your productions. Thank you for the hard work, fun, direction and patience(!)
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Karys Taylor, aged 11

Thank you for your entries for last month's competition, **Cassington Cares**. We were delighted to see residents and staff at Churchfields enjoying afternoon tea in the sun in the winning picture (above) from Faye and Beth of the Churchfields Activities Team. Meanwhile the winner of our junior prize, Karys Taylor, has taken a different approach to the topic in this original and very nicely photographed image (left).

The October competition is **Cassington at Play** which we hope will offer a broad choice of subjects. Remember, for this and for the November topic, **Cassington Characters**, if your entry is of people please ensure you have their permission to share the picture or, for children, the permission of their parents.

And if you haven't sent one in already, don't forget your pictures for **St Peter's Church**, the December competition can be sent in at any time but need to be submitted by November 15th.

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OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

This month I've been playing a new Xbox game called Starfield, questioning what's out there and wondering what it was like to witness the coverage of the first moon landing.

Back to more earthly matters, Jenna's friends think I am a snob because I don't like going to the Harvester as much as them, although I must confess the last time we went the gammon, egg and chips (and pineapple) represented excellent value as the chain was providing discounts to celebrate its anniversary.

Unfortunately, Jenna has a nut allergy and can't eat peas either, so she had to sign her life away when her requests caused chaos in the kitchen. I found it much easier personally to just ask the waitress for the dish without peas, rather than announcing an allergy.

Jenna's high standards also saw us having breakfast one morning at the Morisson's Cafe, where I used to go with my grandparents. She didn't appreciate me being more interested in the free Harpenden Times newspaper than her own company, but we went to the park later on to see a jazz band like the cool young couple we are.

Otherwise, Jenna being of Indian heritage, we recently went to a cafe for breakfast and I jokingly ordered our 'future child', the Half English. It's remarkable she's still putting up with me



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2. C N L F E C N Rain
3. B I S F T T Rain
4. H C T Sun A I S I A
5. I G T Rain O Y P
6. A N Sunshine W S G
7. I O W T S Y L I T P Rain
8. O D Y H T Rain

Answers to last month's homophones

1. Choose/Chews
2. Slow/Sloes
3. Pact/Packed
4. Foul/Fowl
5. Lax/Lacks
6. Course/Coarse
7. Hew/Hue
8. Ball/Bawl

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what's on?

Dates for your diary

October 2023

Sun 1st 10am - 4pm	Safari Garage Sale
Wed 4th 7.30pm	Quiz night in the Chequers
Thurs 5th 10am	Cassington Cafe
Thurs 5th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 6th 5.30-9pm	Pizza by Piers
Sat 7th 2pm	Church v Pub Aunt Sally, Red Lion
Sat 7th 6pm - late!	Harvest Barn Dance and Supper
Tues 10th 7.30pm	SPSA AGM Red Lion
Fri 13th 7.30pm	Film - 'Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry'
Sun 15th	Photography competition deadline

October 2023 (cont)

Thurs 19th 7.30pm	Talk by Alex Rogers on Botley West
Fri 20th	November CAWN deadline
Sat 28th 7.30pm	Charity Film Night, Eynsham VH

November 2023

Thurs 3rd 10am	Cassington Cafe
Thurs 3rd 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wed 15th	Photography competition deadline
Mon 20th	December CAWN deadline
Fri 24th - Sun 26th	Forever Fields, Worton
Wed 29th - Sat 2nd Dec 7.30pm	Silver Lining, Eynsham VH

Garage Sale

1st October 2023

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