



CONGRATULATIONS TO LYDIE AND SINÉAD

Janine Horgan is delighted to announce that her beautiful middle daughter Lydie and her partner Sinéad were married on Friday 5th January at an intimate ceremony in Oxford. The ceremony was followed by photographs around Oxford and then a reception at The Wilding in Little Clarendon Street. The next day the celebrations continued with a big sparkly party with family and friends at Tap Social in Botley.

Family had flown in from Sweden, Spain, Australia and New Zealand. The happy couple were greeted by their guests who created a long archway of sparklers for their arrival. It was a fantastic weekend and everybody wishes them both every happiness for the future

The book is under way, but we are sure there are still many moments we could add to our snapshot of life in Cassington in 2023.

2023
A YEAR IN CASSINGTON

What will the people of Cassington see when they look back in 100 years time as St Peter's Church celebrates it's 1000th anniversary?

Was 2023 a special year for you? Do you have pictures of **friends or family** working, playing or celebrating?

Do you have action shots of **village events** such as the Lions v Christians Aunt Sally, the Ladies Darts Marathon or the Boxing Day Married v Single Football match?

Did you capture the great **Agrivert Digester Fireball**?

Did you have **such impressive carrots** you just had to take their picture?

Please help us create a vivid and lasting record for future generations by **sending your pictures to me ...**

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Thank you

Kevin Hinton

CONGRATULATIONS ST PETER'S SCHOOL

In March 2023 St Peter's School underwent the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) and was graded excellent in all areas. As a result the diocese and national SIAMS team asked the school to share their excellent practice with others. Before Christmas the team presented at a spirituality conference to give an example of what other schools can aspire to. Well done to all those involved in this achievement.

For a more detailed report on the school please see the article on page 15 which includes a request to save the date for the next school fundraiser on Friday 3rd May.

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welcome Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 560th edition of CAWN. Although it doesn't feel like it at the moment, Spring is just around the corner, and the days are already getting noticeably longer!

So to whet your appetites for warmer and drier weather this edition contains details of a circular walk that many of you probably know, but may not have walked for a while. For those of you who are new to the village I hope this helps you to discover your local countryside and get to know the area.

I have also introduced a feature profiling a local charity that looks out for homeless people in Oxfordshire. I know many of you will have local charities that are close to your heart. If you would like to include a profile of the work that they do in a future edition please do get in touch.

As always there are reports from the local care home and from the school and the SPSA. In particular the school are on the hunt for various items so please do look at their appeal on page 15 in case you can help with this?

In the diary on the back page I have tried to include details of local events that might be of interest. Please do support these if you can. Please let me know if there is anything you want advertised in a future edition or if you have an article or idea for something that might be of interest to the village.

Happy reading!

Anne x

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Thank you to the 195 people who attended the consultation in Cassington on Friday 12th January.

February stargazing highlights

February 9 - New Moon.

The Moon will be on the same side of the Earth to the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

February 24 - Full Moon.

The Moon will be on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun so its face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Snow Moon because the heaviest snows usually fell during this time of the year. This moon was also known as the Hunger Moon, since the harsh weather made hunting difficult.

BOXING DAY FOOTBALL MATCH SINGLES WIN EIGHT-GOAL THRILLER

On a mild December morning at Elms Road Arena it was the Cassington Singles who came out on top with a topsy-turvy 5-3 victory over the Married men. However, with the Singles struggling for Singles ahead of kick-off, Carl Osgathorp switched teams and had a pivotal role in the outcome of the match, initially delighting spectators as he took the ball down with a cultured first touch. But he voluntarily came off the pitch after about 20 minutes to chat to me about Everton Football Club on the sidelines. Marcus Copelin then started wandering off as well after he got 'James' confused with 'change'!

I'd like to point out that the Married men thought they could get away with starting the game with 15 players on their team before the Singles quickly caught on. You can't accuse me of bias by the way because I am not married or single! Cassington Married, sporting their usual yellow and green jersey, began the game looking more like Norwich City than Brazil, going 2-0 down after a lovely finish from Ben Bakewell into the bottom left corner.



Marcus complained of time wasting as a Single tied their shoelaces, but the former had something to celebrate when Sean Osgathorp found himself in acres of space to pull one back for 2-1. Cultured Carl, back on the pitch with half-time approaching, then slipped to allow an equaliser from Cassington Married and the two sides went into the break level, each throwing plenty of hypothetical punches on Boxing Day (no actual ones).

As ever, Stuart Thompson was entrusted to be the man in the middle for this highly anticipated fixture. I was initially impressed with his refereeing display, not making himself the centre of attention like so many modern officials do, and letting the end-to-end football flow. But at the start of the second half, he was alerted to the Singles having played the first five minutes with 13 Singles. With balance restored, a delicate flick towards goal from Rich Petty - one no doubt his Cruyff-turning dad would've been proud of - saw the Singles lead again. Married responded instantly though, Hugo Kelly reducing the arrears with a great turn and finish for 3-3.

Young Luca Osgathorp wrote his name into the Cassington & Worton Newsletter when he smashed the ball into the top left corner on his left foot from distance to give the Singles a 4-3 lead, before Will Price's free-kick was spilled into the net for five in the game's dying embers.

Stuart brought a disciplined, entertaining game to a close and Marcus said "we've done as well as we could" as the Married men saw youth and energy conquer experience and wisdom this year. It was also the first time in the history of Boxing Day matches that there was a female player on the pitch. Congratulations to her and good to see that Cassington moves with the times! Thanks to everyone who made it a fun game to watch!



Join us for a just for fun quiz evening at the
Red Lion Cassington on:

Saturday 2nd March, 7:30 pm start

Teams of up to **6** people are welcome,
entry is only **£2** per person,
all proceeds will go towards the play area.

Gather your friends, test your knowledge, and
support a great cause.

We hope to see you there!



CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL AGM

Tuesday 27th February 2024 7.30pm

The Cassington Village Hall Committee invites you to the AGM on Tuesday 27th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Join us and find out what has been happening in the Village Hall during the past year and our plans for the hall in the future.

All Village groups and societies are encouraged to send a representative for election onto the Committee and any interested individuals will be warmly welcomed.

For further information contact Carolyn Hinton (secretary) on chinton260@outlook.com or cassingtonvillagehall@gmail.com



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THE BRIGHTER SIDE OF BLUE

How do you get on with the January and February blues? The fun of Christmas is over, cold sets in and an empty year stretches before us. There is either too much to do or pages of depressingly empty calendar squares. What's your pick me up?

Perhaps it's a renewed commitment to your fitness regime - good for the mind as well as the body. Perhaps the new wall calendar offers an opportunity for colour coded organisation to bring a bit of order to life! Maybe there's enough time after all! Perhaps it's the resolve to join a new club, learn a new skill or hobby.

A lift amidst the gloom of winter is what we all need from time to time. It also aptly describes the hope of the Christian faith. Ancient prophecy looking ahead to the coming of Jesus describes him as one who will "bestow on us a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair." (Isaiah 60v3).

However your winter months are turning out I will be praying you find a little beauty, joy and something to shout about as we wait for Spring

Every blessing
Duncan

Car Parking in Burford and Woodstock

Visitors to Guildenford car park in Burford and Hensington Road car park in Woodstock are invited to give their views on these car parks, as WODC launches its Car Parking Strategy Consultation. The consultation ends on 12 February.



Councillor Tim Sumner, Executive Member for Parking said, "We are very proud of our free parking provision in West Oxfordshire, and I would like to make it clear that our consultation is not about charging for parking."

The Council's car parking strategy looks at what car parking is needed in Woodstock and Burford based on the number of people parking, what the needs are for those people, and what might be required into the future.

Take part in the consultation at <https://yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/parking-survey-jan-2024>.

Witney Music Society

Friday 9th February 7.30pm

Pianist Antonina Suhanova with a programme featuring works by Mozart, Debussy, Britten and Schubert.

High Street Methodist Church, Witney.

Tickets (£15, £1 for under 19s) will be available at the door from 7pm or in advance online.

For more information, please telephone 01993 898020 or visit the website www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk

Burford Singers present Haydn's Creation

Sunday 24th March 2024, 7.30pm

Church of St John the Baptist, Church Green, Burford.

Tickets reserved at £25, £20, £15, unreserved £10

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at <https://www.burfordingers.org.uk/buy-tickets/>

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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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St Peter's Church

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The Church of St Peter's is here as a fellowship to worship God,
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The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.

Services this month

Sunday 4th February – 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th February – 9.30am Morning Worship

**Wednesday 14th February – Ash Wednesday
9.30am Holy Communion**

Sunday 18th February – 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th February – 5pm Evening Prayer

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

If you have particular spiritual needs feel free to contact:

The Vicar – Revd Duncan Fraser Tel: 07810 324088 or
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CALLING ALL ST PETER'S SCHOOL PARENTS!

The Tinies and Toddlers group (who meet in the village hall on Tuesdays in term time) invite you on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30 for tea/coffee and an opportunity to chat in the warm, with friends, before you pick up your children from school.



CASSINGTON TINIES & TODDLERS (Tinies Café) Spring 2024 A Parent/Carer & Toddler group

CASSINGTON TINIES & TODDLERS (Tinies Café)
Cassington Village Hall 1.30 – 3.00 on Tuesday (other than where stated, term-time only)
Feb 6th, NO SESSION 13th (half term) 20th, 27th
Mar 5th, 12th (last session this term)

Toys, crafts, songs & refreshments for under-fives and their carers

This group is being run by St Peter's Church Cassington with local parents

For more information please contact: Jane Aston at janeaston53@aol.com Tel: 01865 880757
Charlotte Metcalf at candcmetcalf@gmail.com
Tel: 07814550878

Food Bank News



Thank you for continuing to support 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.

Recently with heavy rains some days we have had to put the collecting box inside the church porch but, if so, the porch should be open during daylight hours for your donations.

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) Which supports Cassington and the Hanborough residents as well as Eynsham.

North Oxfordshire Food Bank (07929721172)

If you need some food support or know someone in need of food support please phone the food banks directly at the numbers above or contact our clergy
Duncan Fraser (vicar) 07810324088 or
Roger Aston 01865 880757 or your neighbourhood watch rep.

Thank you.

CHARITY FOCUS



Solving Homelessness & Achieving Independence

Are you aware that every night around Oxfordshire there are, on average, 20 people sleeping rough in the open air, in a car or in a tent? This is in addition to another 20 people sleeping rough in Oxford City.

I am a volunteer working a few hours a week on behalf of Connection Support, one of the charities working to help the homeless community to become safely housed and get on the road to achieving independent living. Volunteering is a great way to give something back to helping a cause that you believe in and that inspires you and others. All volunteer roles are for a few hours a week and are flexible to fit in with the rest of your week.

My specific role is part of the outreach team that follow up on referrals of people sleeping rough across the county. We typically go out between 6am and 9am to locate rough sleepers and verify their situation, check their welfare and safety and start the process of evaluating the most appropriate temporary accommodation for them. A safe, warm place to sleep with access to toilets and showers should be available to all.

Tonight it will be -3deg C can you imagine sleeping outside in those conditions?

Generally Oxfordshire has a lack of supported housing options due to a reduction in social housing new build, rising and unaffordable private rentals and reductions in government funding. This is coupled with a rise in the number of people suffering from section 21 “no cause” evictions, mortgage defaults, the cost of living crisis, being released from prison into homelessness and from mental health issues.

Connection Support helped over 5,000 clients last year, providing a range of services which offer support with homelessness, housing support, mental health, independent living, preventing isolation, parental mentoring, refugee resettlement and social prescribing.

What can you do? If homelessness in your local area is something you would like to help with then Connection Support would appreciate your time as a volunteer, or your money by way of a donation, or both!

Further details can be found at:
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Peter Collingwood, Cassington resident

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◆ **BOTLEY WEST COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ENDS 8th FEBRUARY**

PVDP's Community Consultation Process for the Botley West Utility-Scale Solar Power Station will soon be ending. **SBW Chair Alex Rogers** encourages everybody to engage in this consultation even if you haven't been able to attend an in-person event.

1. **Complete** the Stop Botley West questionnaire about whether the consultation has been adequate and useful for you even if you've not attended an event and have only seen PVDP's Community Consultation Leaflet posted through your door. You can complete the questionnaire online using this QR code or on paper using the leaflet that came through your door this week (locations of places to return them are on the leaflet). 
2. **Write to** PVDP with your comments and questions about their proposals (based on what you have learnt from events or PVDP publications) and send copies to your MP and local councillors.

◆ **PLEASE DO THIS BY 8th FEBRUARY 2024 when the CONSULTATION ENDS**

Stop Botley West have been monitoring the consultation events to estimate the levels of attendance and also to provide questionnaires on how our residents view the adequacy of the consultation. This is important as the Planning Inspectorate will want to see evidence that the Community Consultation has been done properly, with communities affected by the proposal able to ask questions, receive additional information to inform their views and responses to the development and allow the Developers to respond through modifications of the scheme. An inadequate Consultation can result in the Planning Inspector requesting for the process to be repeated. Stop Botley West will provide the results of their questionnaire to both Parish and District Councils so it can be used to inform the views of Parish Councils on the adequacy of the Consultation and provide input to the Adequacy of Consultation Statement provided to the Planning Inspectorate by our District Councils.

Alongside the Community Consultation we have seen the publication by PVDP of the Phase Two Community Consultation Leaflet and the Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). The latter is a huge document of over 7,000 pages of individual chapters, appendices and a Non-Technical Summary describing the environmental baselines of the area of the proposal, the impacts of the project and mitigation strategies for these impacts which will be put in place by the Developer. Stop Botley West are scrutinizing these documents to look at whether they provide adequate information for the community to respond to the consultation and also whether the baselines, impacts and mitigations proposed are accurate, follow government guidelines and/or are realistic. To achieve these goals, Stop Botley West have engaged with experts in various specific fields relevant to the PEIR to examine individual chapters and to report on their contents. A review of the collated reports of adequacy will be made available to Parish and District Councils and for later input into the planning process. Summaries will be produced to inform affected residents in the proposed area of development.

◆ **IMPORTANT MEETING at WODC Offices in Witney**

The West Oxfordshire District Council's Development Control Committee meet at the WODC Offices on Woodgreen, Witney, Oxon OX28 1NB at 10:00am on Monday 5 February. They will be discussing the Botley West Solar Power Station proposals.

SBW will be speaking at this meeting and we hope that many supporters will also attend either inside the chamber or outside where we hope for a press presence. Please put the date in your diary!

For further information and to register for updates please visit: <https://stopbotleywest.com>

WODC and Botley West Solar Farm

Residents across West Oxfordshire are being encouraged to provide feedback to the latest public consultation on the proposed Botley West solar farm.



Councillor Andy Graham, Leader of WODC, said "There are a wide range of views on this proposed solar farm across West Oxfordshire which we are listening to and we hope the developers are as well. We held a productive meeting with parish councils last week to help them submit feedback on behalf of their communities. I would encourage all residents to put their views into this consultation because this is their chance to influence the proposal.

"As one of the affected planning authorities we will be carefully considering the latest proposals over the coming weeks and we will submit a response. Some of the areas that the Council will be considering will be the landscape impacts of the proposal, any impacts on heritage, and the biodiversity and ecology aspects."

The Council has previously expressed its disappointment that the proposal will bypass the local planning process, limiting input and decision-making at a local level. The Council will now reflect on the adequacy of consultation undertaken by the developer, submit representations about the proposal to the Planning Inspectorate, and prepare a Local Impact Report at the appropriate time.

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CHURCHFIELDS NEWS



Happy New Year to you all! 2023 has been a great year for us at Churchfields and it wouldn't have been possible without your love and support - thank you! We hope you'll join us on new adventures in 2024.

At Churchfields, we welcomed the new year with a lovely get together with family, friends and loved ones. We also enjoyed our first residents meeting to discuss our goals for the new year and planned amazing activities that we're all looking forward to. Our staff and residents also shared some wonderful new year's advice to share with everyone on social media.



On New Year's Day, we took part in a workshop about safeguarding and spent the rest of the day getting pampered and indulging in our favourite hobbies. It's safe to say that our new year has got off to a very good start.



We've enjoyed some lovely slow days in the first week of January - from reading the paper every morning, watching films in the evenings, and using our afternoons for some quiet reading to having an in-house quiz night, playing indoor games, going for walks around the village (when it's not raining, of course), and helping our lovely staff keep our home tidy.



It was exciting to have our first 'keep fit' session of the year where we used foam balls to help improve our hand eye coordination and bands to help our strength, all while grooving to some fun tunes. Later, we were treated to a visit from the hairdresser which made us feel like a million bucks, ready to take on the new year! We also enjoyed our first monthly service of the year and were later joined by Roger for a lovely sing along.



2024 is already looking good at Churchfields and we're all looking forward to a fantastic year ahead! If you'd like to be part of our amazing community, drop by for a cuppa and a chat! In the meantime, please follow us on Facebook to find out more about life at Churchfields.

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Parish Council News

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

The Parish Council didn't have a meeting in January but they have made a decision for the Precept for 2024-2025.

2023-24 Band D - £80.45

2024-25 Band D - £187.77 that is an increase of 87.77%.

This is yearly not monthly

£15.65 extra per month if paid over 12 months

£18.78 extra per month if paid over 10 months

£3.62 per week over 52 weeks

The reason for the increase is the increase in prices for village maintenance (grass cutting, trees, waste bin removal)

The Parish Council would also like to install a Speed Camera in the middle of the village and look at traffic calming throughout the village.

The Parish Council have put some money aside for the cost of the new play area – even though we are looking at grants and the village are doing events to raise money. The cost of the new play area is in the region of £75-£85k.

Parish Councillors

To contact the Parish Council, please email them on: -

Barbara King – bking1@cassington-pc.gov.uk

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

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

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

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

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 1st February 2024 @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Clerk contact details: Mrs Tracey Cameron

Email: cassingtonclerk@cassington-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings for 2024

7th March 2024

4th April 2024

2nd May 2024

6th June 2024

4th July 2024

12th September 2024

3rd October 2024

7th November 2024

5th December 2024

Online Booking System for DIY Waste

A booking system has been introduced at household waste sites in Oxfordshire, following the scrapping of charges for disposing of DIY waste. The government announced in June it would prohibit local authorities from imposing so called "tip taxes". Small amounts of household DIY waste from home improvement work are now permitted to be disposed of for free at the county's seven household waste recycling centres (HWRCs).

The first five items, or one plasterboard sheet, are free - any more waste is chargeable, as is waste generated by commercial contractors. The change is expected to cost Oxfordshire County Council £500,000. It said online booking for DIY waste was to monitor use and prevent abuse of the free provision.



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RECIPES OF THE MONTH

courtesy of Susan Comaish

Seville Orange Marmalade (with or without chillies)

Whole fruit method – my mum used to cut up the oranges before cooking them but I find this method much easier. Whatever you do DO NOT throw away the pips and membrane as my father did many years ago which resulted in bit of a row!

Ingredients

1.5 kg Seville oranges cleaned – if you can't find Seville oranges try half blood oranges and half lemons

Two lemons

3kg sugar – I never use preserving sugar as I find the result more like jelly which I dislike so just common or garden caster sugar

Method:

Squeeze the juice from the two lemons and put to one side. Put the resulting halves of lemons and all the other fruit whole into a huge pan of boiling water and simmer for around 2 hours – this depends on the size of your fruit. They need to cook enough so you can easily poke a fork through the skin. Drain and let them cool until comfortable to handle.

Cut into strips thick or thin depending on your taste. Put the pips and membrane in a muslin bag then add to a small pan with the lemon juice and boil for around 5 minutes. Weigh your preserving pan and then pop in all the fruit and any juice accumulated plus the liquid from the small pan – you can dispose of the pips now. Cook this until you have 2kg left.

Add sugar then while on a low heat stir until dissolved. When this happens bring to a good old boil and do so until setting point is reached – 15 to 20 minutes. I test mine using a saucer and teaspoon popped into the freezer.

Now is the point at which, if you like, you add your chillies or whiskey. For the chillies use jalapeno either fresh and cut up into tiny morsels - use the seeds if you like – or use candied jalapenos which are delicious, also cut up. Stir into the marmalade and allow to cool for 15 mins. Stir again and pot in the usual way.

For whiskey pour in around 150 ml of whiskey and allow to cool as before. We let ours settle for a good week or so before eating but you can dig in straight away.



Orange and Lemon Meringue Pie

Everyone knows lemon meringue pie but made with Seville oranges and some lemon this rings the changes a little – when you make the curd it is not as pretty as lemon curd so do put meringue on top.

Pastry

250g flour

150g butter in cubes

50g caster sugar

50g icing sugar

1 egg

1 pinch of salt

Method:

Beat the egg with the sugars and the salt, add the flour in one fell swoop and mix with your fingers. Now is the time to use a food mixer, if you have one, if not by hand will be fine - just more work. Add the butter in cube by cube and process until you have a smooth ball of dough – do not overwork it. Put in a plastic box or jar and pop into the fridge for at least an hour. Blind bake the pastry in a quiche tin or similar for at least ten minutes until good and golden. Allow this to cool but not in the fridge.

Filling:

2 level teaspoons of cornflour

100g of caster sugar

2 large Seville oranges or three smaller ones – the juice needs to add up to around 200 ml altogether

1 lime (or lemon)

85 g butter in small cubes

3 egg yolks + 1 whole egg beaten together

Method:

Mix the cornflour, sugar and zest from all the fruit in a pan. Add the strained juice of all fruit gradually, mixing carefully as you go. Cook over a medium heat until the mixture has thickened. Remove from the heat and beat in the butter, then carefully stir in the egg yolks and whole egg. Replace on a medium heat and cook stirring ALL the time to make sure it remains smooth. DO NOT overheat or it will scramble – yuck! Put to one side.

Meringue

3 egg whites

150g caster sugar

1 tsp cornflour

Method:

In a clean, clean bowl whisk the eggs to soft peaks then gradually add in half the sugar. Sift in the cornflour and whisk. Then finish up the last of the sugar until you have a lovely glossy mixture.

Finally:

Pour or spoon the orange curd into the tart case, cover with the meringue and cook at 180 degrees C for around 20 minutes until the topping is crisp and slightly golden. Allow to cool for around 30 minutes before eating. It is best the same day but if kept in a cool place, not a fridge, it does survive to be edible another day or so if you have leftovers – as if.

BLLENHEIM

COMMUNITY

The past couple of months from the end of 2023 to the beginning of 2024 have been very busy community wise! We hosted 100 people for The Cherwell Collective who came to see *Sleeping Beauty* in the Palace and the Illuminated Light Trail. Cherwell Collective operate a foodbank in Kidlington but also provide much wider support for families and individuals, with a strong focus on food sustainability. We also welcomed 50 people from The Oxford Hub which offers support to vulnerable families and individuals from the Barton area.

We donated a Christmas Tree to the Ophelia Project based in Kidlington which is a newly established drug and alcohol residential rehabilitation centre for women. We hope to work closely with them in 2024 and are looking at providing bicycles for the residents to use, as well as help give advice and support from our Housing team.

Four of our staff went to Chipping Norton in the week before Christmas, to help Chippy Larder pack food hampers for local families. This was part of the new volunteering scheme we have launched at Blenheim which gives staff one day of paid volunteering leave per year.

The Estates Team went to Hanborough Manor Primary School to remove ten dead trees and replace them with trees grown on the Estate. They are also currently building a Buddy-Bench for Charlbury Primary School as well as two reading sheds for Yarnton Primary School.

You can find out more on our Community Website, Blenheim Community

blenheimcommunities.org

or on my Facebook page

 **Merilyn Davies – Community Lead at Blenheim**

ST PETER'S SCHOOL



It has been a great start to the term with the children settling back in quickly after all the excitement of Christmas. Thank you to those who made it to our Christmas Fair, we always enjoy visits from members of the wider community to come and see what we are doing. We have welcomed some new families to the school and the children have settled in well.

Our school continues to go from strength to strength with us continuing to build on our Christian ethos, vision and values. Our SIAMS inspection (graded Excellent in all areas, March '23) area for development is to 'build on the school's existing outreach work as a hub of excellence. This will enable the school's exceptional vision and excellent RE to have a wider impact'.

With this in mind, the diocese and national SIAMS team have been keen to ask us to share our excellent practice with others. Before Christmas, we presented at a spirituality conference to give our example of what other schools can aspire to. A huge amount of groundwork into our approach to spirituality was carried out by our vicar Duncan Fraser and this was recognised at the conference. We have also just been asked by the national SIAMS team for permission to use St Peter's as a case study for other church schools.

We look ahead to another term of exciting teaching, learning and wonderful opportunities for the children. As ever, we feel truly blessed for our families and our highly skilled team of staff who give our children the very best start to their education.

Please keep Friday 3rd May in your diary! We are having a fundraiser to raise some money to be split between our school chickens and the school's 'official' charity – Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue. The fundraiser will be from 2:30 to 4pm and everyone is welcome!

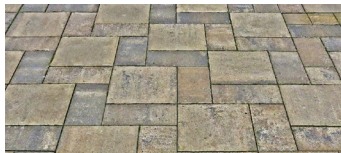
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St Peter's School are currently in need of:

an old (but working) mobile phone,



some paving slabs (of any shape/size - to cover 4 sq.m),



some freestanding shelves,



some guttering



some wellies!



If you can donate any of these to school, please let Emily in the office know on office.3651@st-peters.oxon.sch.uk
Thank you!

SPSA News



Thank you to everyone who attended or helped with our Christmas Fayre in early December - or if you donated to or bought tickets for the raffle. It was lovely to see so many people and at the moment the total raised is £2,356!

Alongside our usual support for class trips and in-school visits, our next fundraising target will be to purchase some stage lighting for the hall to enhance the school productions.

After almost 9 years as Chair, Garry Peasley stepped down as Chair of the SPSA last October and we thank him for all his hard work. Sinead Andrews, who has a daughter in Maple Class, has agreed to take over.

If you would like to support us financially, you can either make a one off payment, or set up a direct debit. Please contact spsavol@gmail.com for further information.

Wishing you a wonderful 2024!

SPSA Team

Waterloo Cartoon recreation on display at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum



Exhibition of art and museum objects related to the Battle of Waterloo open now until 30 April 2024. A recreation of the 19th century Waterloo Cartoon by Daniel Maclise, Shaun Maloney's piece has been donated as a prize in charity raffle supporting the museum which celebrates its 10th Anniversary this year.

Artist Shaun is a veteran himself, having served a long and varied career in the British Army, including the Falkland Islands, mainland Europe, Bosnia and Kosovo, Northern Ireland and the Far East. With a strong sense of social responsibility, he now uses art alongside his coaching experience, to help others overcome trauma, physical pain and damaging thinking patterns. Drawing is a tool Shaun often uses.

Alongside the exhibition Shaun is running two art workshops for visitors looking to build their own confidence in drawing or develop their skills, the first on 17 February, and the second on 13 April 2024. Open to all ages from children aged 10 up to adults, the workshops will encourage attendees to both express their own creativity while casting an analytical eye over historical visual sources such as the original Waterloo Cartoon.

While visitors can drop in to see the exhibition any time the museum is open, spaces on the workshops are limited, with tickets available now from the museum's website and via Eventbrite.

Following the exhibition, Shaun is also kindly donating his Waterloo Cartoon as the grand prize in Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust's 10th Anniversary raffle, with proceeds supporting the charity's continued work at the museum in Woodstock, preserving the county's military heritage and sharing Oxfordshire people's stories of conflict and peace.

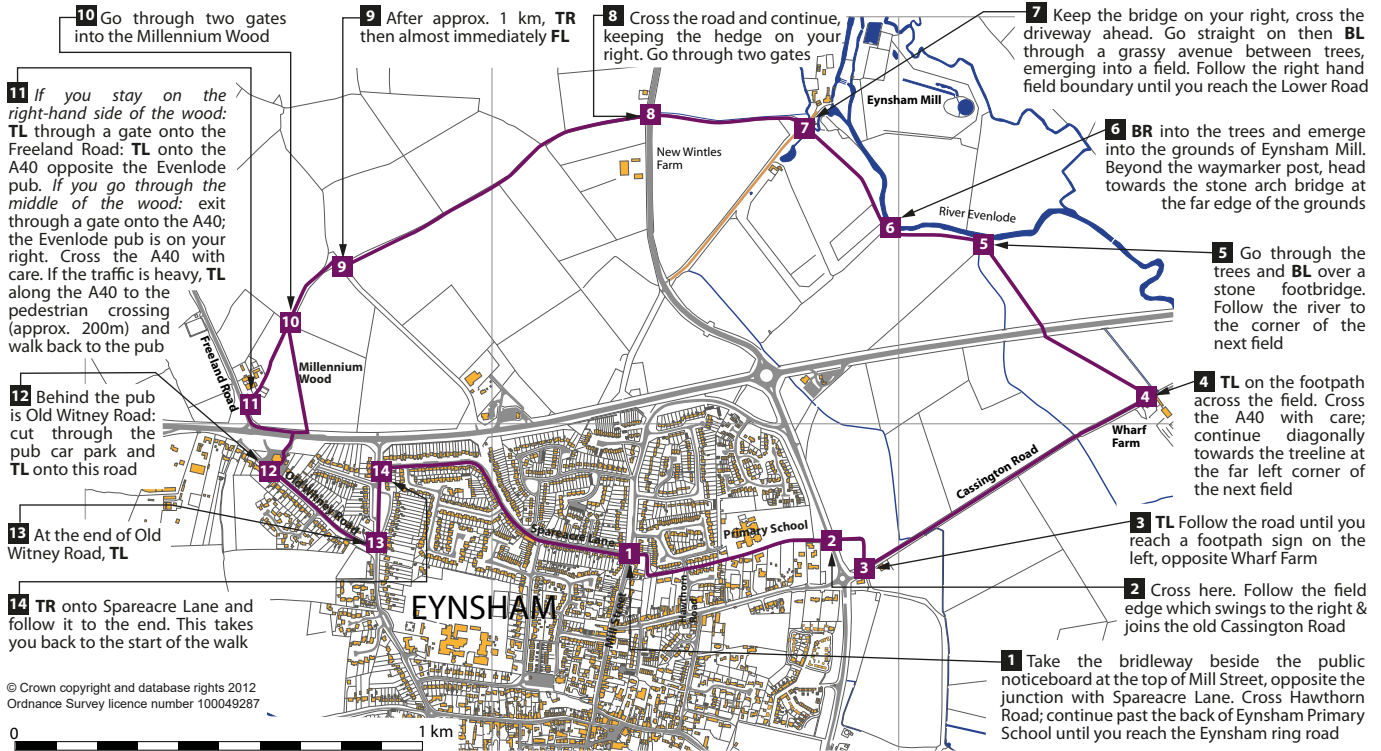
Eynsham Mill Circular Walk

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TR turn right **FR** fork right **BR** bear right

A 3 mile circular walk, starting from Mill Street, moving anticlockwise to include the old Cassington Road and the picturesque grounds of Eynsham Mill, returning via Eynsham's Millennium Wood and the Evenlode pub. Mill Street is so called because it extended north to Eynsham Mill, site of

the original abbey mill, on the River Evenlode, for which the rent was paid partially in eels. Paper making here started in 1682 for book production, supplying the fine paper for bible printing in Oxford. Cassington Road is rich in roadside and hedgerow plants, with hawthorn, elder, crab apples and hops

in abundance. The riverside stretch may offer a kingfisher sighting; roe deer are often seen in the fields; and the Millennium Wood has all the blackberries and sloes you could wish for in autumn, along with the unfeasible pink of spindleberries and the promise of cob nuts to come.



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OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

I recently posed the question to readers of the Cassington & Worton Newsletter - given that I am now in a relationship (and remind you all of the fact every month), which team would I play for in the singles vs married Boxing Day match?

Coronavirus was kind enough to take care of my dilemma by ruling me out of the game entirely - a convenient excuse for me not letting my team down with an underwhelming performance!

I enjoyed the game though from a fresh perspective, watching on from the sidelines with a flask of tea. It was more enjoyable than letting the ball slip under me into the bottom left corner like most years.

As for referee Stuart, when I asked him if he enjoyed it, he said "well, I didn't not enjoy it", which is perhaps the most an official can ask for these days!

Cassington Cafe

The Cassington Cafe will take place in the village hall on the first Thursday mornings in the month at 10am. The dates for 2024 are: February 1st, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 4, NOT August, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7 and December 5.

North Leigh Roman Villa

An exciting volunteer opportunity has arisen at North Leigh Roman Villa. During 2024, English Heritage will be undertaking a major conservation project at the site. Become a Conservation In Action Explainer Volunteer and you will play a vital role in helping us preserve this iconic landmark, by explaining the conservation process, history of the site and sharing the area's unique history with our visitors. To find out full details and to make an application please follow the link below:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/support-us/Volunteer/north-leigh-roman-villa-conservation-in-action-explainer-volunteer/>

The closing date for applications is Friday 23 February.



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TEA TIME TEASER

February is traditionally the month of love when we celebrate Valentine's Day. Your tea time teaser this month asks you who are or were the partners of these historical or fictional people? Answers next month

1. Romeo
2. Cleopatra
3. Scarlett O'Hara
4. Mr Darcy (2 possibilities!)
5. Eva Braun
6. Mary Anne Todd
7. Bonnie Parker
8. Abelard

Answers to last month's homophones

1. Pray/prey - faith/hunted
2. Crews/cruise - teams/boat
3. Die/dye - lifeless/stain
4. Ore/oar - metal/blade
5. Pair/pear - duo/quince
6. Weight/wait - mass/patience
7. Shear/sheer - prune/steep

SPEEDWATCH

The Cassington Speedwatch group held 3 sessions in December (6 sessions were cancelled due to bad weather or holiday). They reported the following to the Police.

No. of sessions:	3
Total number of vehicles:	455
No. of offending vehicles:	69
Between 25mph & 30mph:	42
Between 31mph & 40 mph:	26
Over 40 mph:	1
Highest offender:	47 mph

The Cassington Speedwatch group try to meet at least twice a week to record speeding vehicles, in an attempt to make the road through this village safer for pedestrians, especially the young and the old. If you would like to help with this task, even if you can only do a few sessions each month, timed round your availability, then please contact Ron Macdonald at cassington.speedwatch@gmail.com

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FILM

On Friday 16th February the film will be "The Miracle Club".

In a tough district of Dublin, four women each have reasons for going on a trip to Lourdes. Tough-as-nails Eileen Dunne (Kathy Bates) is worried about the lump she has found in her breast, but would rather go to Lourdes than see a doctor; her shiftless husband Frank (Stephen Rea) wonders grumpily who is going to cook his supper. Maggie Smith is Lily Fox, a woman with a small disability in her leg, but whose reasons for going to Lourdes are more to do with her spiritual pain at the loss of her son. Twentysomething Dolly Hennessy (Agnes O'Casey) is going to bring along her little boy who for some reason will not speak. All find that their menfolk are obstructive about wives going to Lourdes or indeed doing anything independent whatsoever.



Cassington Cinema is based at Cassington Village Hall, The Green, Cassington OX29 4AX

Films are shown on a regular basis and ticket price is £5.00

For further details see the website:

<http://countryscreens.co.uk/cassington-films.html>

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what's on?

Dates for your diary

February 2024

Thurs 1st 10am	Cassington Cafe
Thurs 1st 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat 3rd 7.30pm	Acappella Sunday, Eynsham VH
Wed 7th 7.30pm	Quiz night at the Chequers
Fri 16th 7.30pm	Film "The Miracle Club" VH
Tues 20th	March CAWN deadline
Tues 27th 7.30pm	Village Hall AGM

March 2024

Sat 2nd 7.30pm	Red Lion Quiz
Thurs 7th 10am	Cassington Cafe
Thurs 7th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wed 20th	April CAWN deadline

Do you have children or pets?

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

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1/2 page, £15 (£150 per year) (landscape)

Full page, £25 (£250 per year) (portrait)

Technical details for artwork are available on request. All material included at the discretion of CAWN. Any surplus will be passed to the Cassington Parochial Charities to support our community.

Gardening Tips for February



- Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
- Chit potato tubers
- Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches
- Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
- Prune winter flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
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