



# CASSINGTON BIKE NIGHT

## 24 JUNE 2024

It feels like a lifetime since this year's Bike Night. Since that fantastic evening, we've witnessed the election of a new government, England's near victory in the Euros, and a summer that seemed to vanish in the blink of an eye. Despite all that, what a great night Bike Night was!

Visitors arrived much earlier this year to secure the prime spots for watching the flood of bikes. And flood in they did. As with recent years, thousands of bikes were safely guided to their parking spaces by an army of volunteer marshals. Without these dedicated volunteers, Bike Night wouldn't be possible.

Local businesses also played a crucial role by donating to the event. These donations helped cover traffic management, insurance, and equipment hire. We extend our gratitude

to The Chequers for running the bar on the green again this year, Mister Nice Cream for ensuring everyone had ice cream, and Stewart Davidson Photography for capturing the bikers as they arrived. We also received generous donations from food and drink sellers on the green, including Debbie Hatwell, Mary of Reds of Oxford, and Sam Hatwell. The Parish Council continued to fund St John Ambulance, and local residents Cordelia and Dan sold Bike Night T-shirts and other goodies for the second year, with proceeds going to the event. Premier Bikes of Abingdon provided continued support and we welcomed new contributors this year, including the Dan 2Z race team and Kingsley Café. Thank you to everyone involved.

Funds raised from the evening, including biker donations, totalled £9,200. After managing costs down to £3,300, the committee was able to distribute £4,900 among the village charities: St Peter's School, Village Hall, St Peter's Church, and the Sports and Social Club. This added to the funds each of the local charities raised on the night. The additional £1000 is retained in the Bike Night bank account to for insurance renewals due January 2025. A full set of accounts is available upon request.

A final note of thanks goes to the Bike Night committee, who spent many months planning and organising the event. This year's committee members were Dan Bakewell, Emily Lemaire, Lorna Mills, Garry Peasley, Martin Ritchie, Edwin Skinner and Gareth Want.

## THANK YOU

On behalf of the village, the vendors and everyone who attended "Cassington Bike Night 2024" the Parish Council would like to say a very big thanks to the Bike Night Committee.

As is always, the event was a huge success, with possibly the largest number of bikes we have ever had at the event. The success is in no small part due to the diligence and care the Committee take in planning the event logistics, putting compliance and safety at the forefront of all they do.

The event brings significant financial benefit to the village in many guises, not least to the village charities who rely heavily upon Bike Night to help with their annual running costs. So thanks again for an amazing show of voluntary effort from you all!

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# welcome Anne's CAWNeR

Welcome to the 566th edition of CAWN.

Each month I receive emails from both the Local Authority and the clerk to the Parish Council with information that may or may not be relevant to this village. This month one such email, from Oxfordshire County Council, contained advice on how to cope with a heatwave. As I was editing it for inclusion (see page 16) I had to laugh because the rain was pouring down and everyone is asking when summer will arrive - or have we had it? So I hope that the weather cheers up and that the advice becomes helpful and necessary (but I am not holding my breath)!

Also this month we have a couple of requests for volunteers and/or responses. The Parish Council would like to revive the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, if anyone is prepared to volunteer for that. Churchfields Care home are considering opening a village shop and are seeking views on that. Please do respond and/or volunteer if you can?

As promised I have given over 2 pages to photos from Bike Night. I am immensely grateful to Pas Bruno who took the majority of the photos and spoke to the subjects of his images to get their take on Bike Night and find out how many years they had been attending. Sadly, however, I did not manage to find anyone who had any drone photos this year.

I hope you all have a lovely summer and as always please think of this publication to pass on your news.

Happy reading!

Anne x

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## August stargazing highlights

### August 4 - New Moon.

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

### August 11 - Perseids Meteor Shower.

The Perseids is one of the best meteor showers to observe, producing up to 60 meteors per hour at its peak. The shower runs annually from July 17 to August 24 and peaks on the night of August 11. The moon will block out some of the fainter meteors in the early evening, but it will set shortly after midnight leaving dark skies for what could be an excellent early morning show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Perseus, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

### August 19 - Full Moon, Blue Moon.

The Moon will be on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. Since this is the third of four full moons in this season, it is known as a blue moon. This rare event only happens once every few years, giving rise to the term, "once in a blue moon." There are normally only three full moons in each season of the year. But since a full moon occurs every 29.53 days, occasionally a season will contain 4 full moons. Blue moons occur on average every 2.7 years.

## ST PETER'S SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Villagers,

We have enjoyed another fantastic year at St Peter's with some wonderful trips, inspiring guests and exciting learning! The children and staff, supported by our families, have worked incredibly hard and achieved great things. The key markers set out by the government that we test and report on are:

Early Years: 88% of children achieved a Good Level of Development which was the joint best result in the EPA.

Year 1 phonics: 78% of children passed

Year 4 Multiplication checks: An average of 24.5 out of 25, which was the best results in the EPA

KS2 SATS: 78% of children passed all three of reading, writing and maths compared to 61% of children achieving this nationally and 60% of schools achieving this in Oxfordshire. Being 17% above national and 18% above other schools in Oxfordshire, is a huge achievement.

These results are built upon year by year, and we continue to go from strength to strength with excellent teaching and support. It is an absolute privilege to lead the school and I am incredibly proud of the team we have. We have some staffing changes for next year with Mr Miles moving on to a deputy position in a bigger school and Mrs Glass becoming assistant head along with her position as SENDCo. We wish Mr Miles all the best for the future and thank him for his dedication and unwavering hard work over the past three years.

Our inspirational guests this year included Paul Sturgess, Britain's tallest man, who is a professional basketball player and actor. He taught us to make the most of what makes us different.

Memorable trips have included, The Story Museum, pantomime in Oxford, Farmer Gows, Cadbury World, Chedworth Roman Villa, National History Museum in London, and Warwick Castle. The SPSA have contributed to all of these trips and fully fund the pantomime. We thank them for all their hard work in helping to give the children the very best!

Our summer trips, funded by the generosity of our village benefactor, was Adventure + in Clanfield (outdoor adventure), and Cotswold Farm Park for the youngest children. What an amazing way to end the year! Huge thanks, as always.

We raised £466 for Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue, our school charity, and also raised over £1600 for Sobell House through a fun run organised by a child.

It really has been an incredible year. We now look forward to a summer break, with hopefully some fine weather, before returning in September for more of the same! Keep your eyes peeled for any school events, we always enjoy welcoming visitors to the school.

Warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher



Anybody who has visited any African country will know only too well that they are all mad about football! A timely conversation with Ross from Cassie FC surrounding what becomes of old football kits gave me the opportunity to provide an old kit to an initiative I help with in one of my project sites – "Football for Conservation". Ross/Cassie FC kindly dropped off a full kit which I was then able to pass on to the wildlife rangers I work with, who also happen to have a football team.

Around a year ago we decided to kick off the Football for Conservation programme which is aimed at local schools in the northern Maasai Mara. The ranger team organises football tournaments, inviting pupils from schools to both participate in the competition and to spend time with them in the wild as they go about their job of protecting the wildlife and the people who live along side them. With the rangers, the kids get to understand both the importance of wildlife conservation and their role as local stewards of the environment. In doing so the rangers help ensure that the next generation better understands how local communities and wildlife can live together, helping minimise human-wildlife conflicts.

As you can see, the Enarau Ranger team were delighted with their new strip – so a big thank you from me and them to Cassie FC and club sponsor Pas Bruno. Hopefully he won't get a call out to attend a breakdown in the middle of the Maasai Mara!

Stew Thompson

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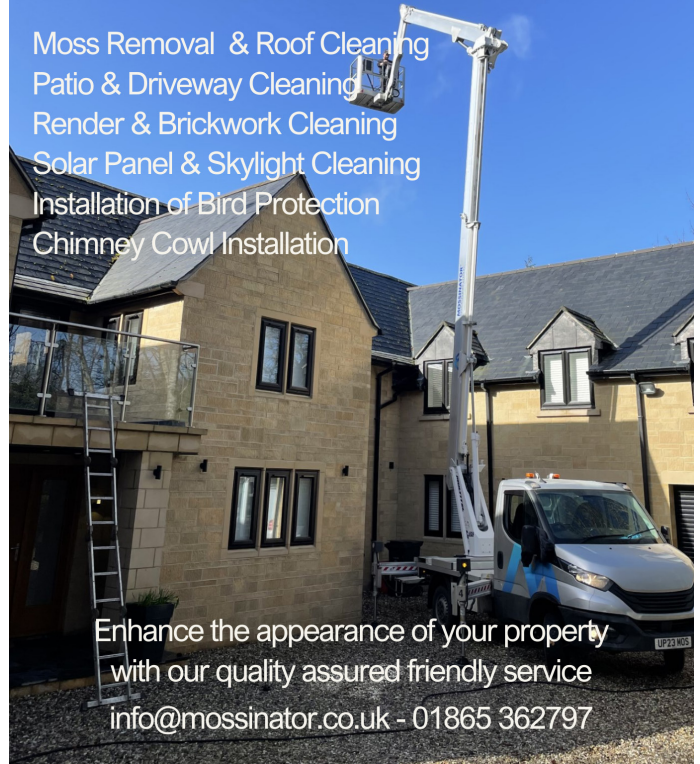


The Parish Council has been advised that there is no longer a  
Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the Village

If you wish to volunteer to help set up a new group, please  
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We had a real treat in July with Richard O Smith  
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– A 1000 years of History in 26 letters. An historian and  
comedian regaling us with snippets such as Oliver Cromwell  
demanding to borrow a book from the Bodleian Library  
and receiving a book in a sealed envelope entitled Bodleian  
Book of Rules which stated no book can be taken away.

Our meeting on Thursday 1st August is a promotional event  
to showcase our interest groups – so do come and see us at  
St Hughs Church Hall, Hensington Road, Woodstock at 2pm.  
The Mahjong group, the Art group and the Recorder group,  
amongst many, giving demonstrations of their activity. We  
have several new groups established this year. Please check  
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each Thursday from 7pm to 8pm.

### Services this month

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August – 9.30am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August – 9.30am Morning Worship**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August – 9.30am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August – 5pm Evening Prayer**

**On-line streamed services are available every Sunday from 10.30 am at  
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If you have particular spiritual needs feel free to contact:  
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## CASSINGTON TINIES & TODDLERS

**(Tinies Café) Summer 2024  
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We have finished meeting now for the Summer.  
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## Food Bank News



### **Don't forget food banks over the summer.**

Many families in food poverty rely on free school meals for their children during term time. However, over the summer holidays these are not available and so their need to provide healthy, nourishing meals for their families is greater just at the time when others of us, more fortunate, are going on holiday and donations to the food banks may be forgotten. PLEASE DON'T FORGET AND CONTINUE TO GIVE REGULARLY IF YOU ABLE. Thank you  
Donations of non-perishable foods can be placed in the box outside St Peter's Church door (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)

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.

## Update on 'Botley West'

### Dornford Lane: 'A smashing length of drovers' road'

As a keen walker I have walked the footpaths across much of the planned location for Botley West, which includes some beautiful rolling countryside. Dornford Lane, in the Parish of Wootton, is one particular footpath, technically a bridleway and cycle route, running north to south through the northern section of the proposed solar farm which I believe is incredibly special and should be recognised as such.

It is associated with the history of the Blenheim Estate and the old Woodstock Manor which preceded Blenheim. Oxfordshire CC comments on it as of special interest: "Dornford Lane is an ancient green lane, coming into existence around the year 1100 for the purpose of carrying supplies from the royal demesne farm at Steeple Barton to the royal manor of Woodstock. It is very different from Akeman Street, following the valley as much as it can, curving when it suits it and having high ancient hedges alongside it."

The 1955 book 'The Making of the English Landscape', by WG Hoskins, refers to Dornford Lane in some detail. The book has been updated, and in 1988 was edited by another eminent landscape historian, Christopher Taylor. Hoskins concludes that Dornford Lane originated as a road from one of the demesne farms to the royal hunting lodge of Woodstock. He believes the Lane existed for the purpose of carrying supplies along its wide green track not later than the tenth century. Taylor comments that the Lane was more likely to be the former main road into Woodstock from Banbury, which developed after 1154-74 when Woodstock was founded as a royal town by Henry II; or that it had an earlier importance as a main road to Oxford in late Saxon times before the arrival of Woodstock. Both historians confirm in different ways that the Lane has existed for 900 plus years.

Although probably not a true drovers' road the Lane's past use for moving goods and livestock from one place to another has resulted in a footpath and bridleway which is extraordinarily wide, and with a rich mix of trees, shrubs and other planting on either side of the actual Lane. The footpaths which meet with Dornford Lane have similarly wide and rich tree and shrub growth.



Bruce Smith's website localdroveroads.co.uk describes it as "a smashing length of drovers road ... The hedgerow on either side of the path is 15 or 20 feet deep – hawthorn & elder run amok..."

Dornford Lane has a historical importance for the local area. Yet it is now proposed that the Botley West Solar Farm will surround it with solar panels. The developer has just announced more changes, which directly affect Dornford Lane itself, not just the surrounding fields. The developer proposes that the Lane would be used for maintenance purposes using light goods vehicles and other vehicles during the lifetime of the solar farm. It seems that those proposing this have not seen how the path narrows 'to a track only two feet wide through the jungle' as described on Bruce Smith's website. I have walked along Dornford Lane recently and found the density of trees and shrubs to be even more extensive now. Both Google and Ordnance Survey maps show this growth – 50 plus feet wide in places.

Surely concerns about preserving the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site should extend to the surrounding area and its history - to features such as Dornford Lane, which appears to have been in existence long before Blenheim Palace was built and the old palace of Woodstock demolished - rather than simply on the palace, park and grounds within the walls?

### Updates from Stop Botley West

1. Please write to your new MP, Calum Miller: Calum.Miller@oxonlibdems.uk with all your concerns about Botley West.
2. Stop Botley West are planning a Dornford Lane walk (date to be announced) to raise awareness of this special area before the Developer submits their application in late 2024.

Be among the first to get all the latest news. Register for updates at [stopbotleywest.com](http://stopbotleywest.com)  
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# CASSINGTON BIKE NIGHT 2024

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Ben, Tim & Vincent from Oxford have been attending for the past 15 years. "Great to see so many different bikes" said Vincent.



Elizabeth & Steve from Grove, "We've been coming to 'Cassington Bike Night' for 15 years" Elizabeth told me. Steve said "It's good to meet up with old friends".



David Palmer from Oxford, has been coming since 1977. Thank you David. (That's the record this year, unless you know otherwise).



"23 years and counting" Simon told me, "It's a great get together of men & machines".



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The boys from Minster Lovell, "Never missed a 'Bike Night' in the past 10 years". "Here's to the next decade".



Martin & Dennis from Wantage, "We've been coming for about 20 years" said Dennis, "Here's to the next 20 years".



Four lads from 'The Midlands' enjoying a nice cold 'alcohol free' beer. Started coming 20 years ago - cheers lads.



Another gang from the Midlands, Wolverhampton this time, with 18 years' service. "Nice friendly people" said Derek, seated on the left next to John.



The crew from Coventry have been coming for over 15 years. "Well done lads".



George & Rihanna from Swindon. "This is our first time here" said Rihanna. "I didn't think it was this big" said George.



Terry, another Swindon lad, this is his first time too. "I Hope it's the first of many Terry".



Another friendly group from Wantage, with 15-20 years under their belts.



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We have been making the most of the wonderful sunshine here at Churchfields keeping cool by enjoying refreshing ice-lollies and keeping busy with various activities.



This was the perfect opportunity for the resident to take a leisurely stroll down the bottom of the garden for a very competitive game of bowls. We would love to set up a bowls club and host this in our garden! To register your interest, contact us on 01865881440 and speak to Faye, Lesley or Sharon.

We would like to show our thanks to everyone who helped organise the annual Cassington Bike Night. We always love heading into the centre of the village to watch the bikes as they pass through. This year was truly amazing and put so many smiles on our faces.

It's safe to say we have some extremely green fingered ladies and gentlemen here. We have been harvesting the biggest cucumbers, tomatoes, radish and lots more from our greenhouse and allotment with the help from Barry. The chef then made a wonderful salad to enjoy at lunchtime.



Back in May we hatched four beautiful ducks from eggs. We loved them so much we didn't want to see them go. We now have a wonderful duck house and run in the garden that the ducks can now call home. They have brought so much joy to residents and staff watching them splash about in the pond. It's been such pleasure watching them grow.

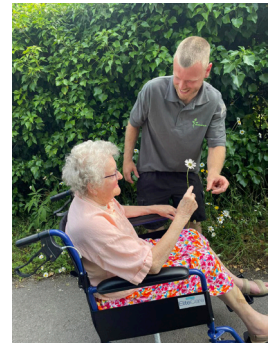
On the topic of ducks, a few of us headed to Bablock Hythe for age UK's duck race. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all that went.

### **Who would like a shop in Cassington?**

If the answer is yes please do let us know! Here at Churchfields, we would love to help our wonderful community. We are hoping to turn our hub (built for visiting during covid), into a shop for our residents and everyone in the village to use.

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We will keep everyone updated as we move forward.



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**Apologies** – Cllr Levy, Cllr Goodwin, Cllr Rylett, Cllr Mills

## Comments from the Public

A resident has advised that the parking in the village has become a problem due to the Pub introducing a parking enforcement company. 2 NHS nurses who were at the village hall had their cars vandalised between 8am-4pm. Update on the incident in the village. Nothing has been done. The young girl has not been contacted for a statement neither has the witness.

A member of the village came up with a suggestion of having a chat bench. Cllr Thompson said that he would talk to someone regarding the plaque.

There was also mention of the village setting up another neighbourhood watch committee – Tracey to contact Helen Keen to get some information to pass on and also to put a notice in CAWN.

## Report from Clerk

**Elms Road Ditch** - This has now been cleared. The balance pond will be looked at some point this year. Cllr Thompson has advised that the balance pond is full of silt, and that we need to contact Blenheim. It has been pointed out that there is no secure fencing, and the life boy has gone.

**VAS on Eynsham Road & Yarnton Road** – Westcote have come back and said that we would need to advise OCC for them to give permission on where it would be placed -

**PC Burial Ground Update** – The Clerk to get quotes to cut the hedge back

**Stile at field by Bell Lane** – Still awaiting to hear back from the owner of the field

## Planning

New Planning Applications  
3 St Peters Close Cassington Witney  
Erection of single-storey front extension  
Matthew Terry 24th July 2024

## Botley Solar Farm

Report from Group – Another consultation responded to 28th July. Cllr Rogers will look at and reply on behalf of the Parish Council. There is a change of boundaries which means hedges will be destroyed to gain access to the Solar Farm (Tracey and Alex are going to attend the Briefing Meeting on 9th July at WODC)

## Doctors' surgeries, availability

The letter from Hanborough doctors' surgery has advised that their books are full and they are concerned with the amount of building development in the area.

## Correspondence

Email from a resident asking when the hedge in the burial ground was going to be cut back. The clerk is arranging to get quotes to have it cut back.

## Reports from County and District & Parish Councillors

No Reports as it is national elections

a) District Councillors

b) Parish Councillors – Cllr Thompson advised that the verge along Eynsham Road needs cutting as people are walking in the road to get past. Clerk to contact OCC to get it cut.

## Traffic Calming

Cllr Metcalf has looked into traffic consultants with regards to the traffic calming within the village. The price looks to be in the region of nearly £50,000

## Play Area & Recreation Ground

Replacement Playground Equipment – The grant has been submitted to the FCC. The board of trustees meets on the 9th September so we should hear by October

## Finance

### a) Payments to be approved:

Tracey Cameron Clerk Salary	£1131.89
HMRC Tax & National Insurance	£22.32
OALC VAT Course	£36.00
OALC Data Protection Course	£144.00
WODC Grass Cutting 09/04 & 23/04	£173.03
ICO Direct Debit	£35.00
WODC Emptying of Waste Bins	£783.43
WODC Village Green Grass Cut 14/05/24	£86.51
Village Hall June PCM	£18.00
Unity Bank Service Charge	£18.00
Jake Boardman Grounds Maintenance	£380

### b) Income:

Unity Bank Interest account ending 5912	£6.99
Unity Bank Interest account ending 5925	£39.93

**c) Balance of Unity Bank** as of Friday 28th June £25,609.54

### d) Decision on Parish Council Insurance

Tracey advised that we are currently under a 3 year contract. She has asked the insurers what the cost would be if we were to leave early, as the difference between both insurers is over £1k.

## Policy Annual Check

- a) Financial Regulations
  - b) Meeting Attendance Policy
  - c) Media and Press Policy
  - d) Privacy Notice
- Policies have been approved

## Questions from the Public/Any Other Business

Cllr Thompson has advised that one of the trees on the Green has died. Clerk to contact JAG to get a quote. Also a tree on the Rec has died – The Clerk to contact Greenman and see what they say.

Date of next meeting: There is no meeting in August. The next meeting is 12th September 2024 in the Village Hall.

## Parish Councillors

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# W.O.D.C. NEWS

## ELECTRIC REFUSE VEHICLES



The recent trial of a battery powered refuse vehicle by West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) could herald cleaner and quieter household waste collections in the future. The District Council's waste and street cleansing service currently employs three fully electric supervisor vans, three electric sweepers in addition to an electric car.

Transport emissions, largely produced as a result of the Council's waste, recycling and street cleansing services, account for around 40% of the greenhouse gases produced by the authority's activities and through the services it delivers to residents. Earlier this year, the Council updated and strengthened its Carbon Action Plan which sets out its carbon reduction pathway for achieving net zero by 2030, with a particular focus on making its buildings, vehicles, and waste services more energy efficient. The District Council is also committed to reducing wider district emissions through delivering its Climate Change Strategy 2021-25.

More information about the actions WODC is taking to address the climate change can be found at: <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/environment/climate-action/>

## FUNDING FOR GREEN SKILLS

WODC has awarded significant funding to Abingdon and Witney College to help address local skills needs and support green skills training. The funding for this initiative comes from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), focusing on two key areas: essential job training and green skills development.

Abingdon and Witney College will use the funding to provide free courses in essential areas like health and care, and hospitality. At least 100 individuals in West Oxfordshire will gain certificates and awards in these areas. Additionally, at least 130 residents will have the opportunity to complete courses in green skills, equipping them for jobs in the growing green economy.

The free courses will launch on 15 July 2024. The College will host two launch events:

Mon 19th Aug 9.30am – 11am. Green Skills Qualifications Launch Event

Tues 20th Aug 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm. Care Qualifications Launch Event

For more information visit <https://abingdon-witney.ac.uk/free-courses-in-green-skills-and-care>

## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

The Council is looking to introduce the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) into West Oxfordshire to help fund the provision of new and improved infrastructure across the district. Subject to a 6-week public consultation, due to begin in the autumn, the Council will take forward proposals to require some residential and commercial development to make a financial contribution towards infrastructure projects. The amount payable will be fixed and will be based on the size of development proposed.

CIL will raise funds to help provide infrastructure, facilities

and services - such as schools or transport improvements – needed to support new homes and businesses. A proportion of the money received through CIL will be passed directly to the local Town or Parish Council where the development is taking place so that decisions are taken locally.

CIL does not replace Section 106 developer contributions, which apply to larger schemes and are used to mitigate the impact of the development they apply to directly. CIL will be applied to smaller developments to address the cumulative impact of small-scale developments."

## FLY-TIPPING AND RURAL CRIME

Cameras have been installed in rural locations as part of the Rural Crime Partnership's work to combat fly-tipping, using £156,000 in funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Home Office's Safer Streets initiative.

New covert cameras will be deployed in fly-tipping hotspots across local rural areas. Currently WODC shares four cameras with a neighbouring council, but through this project, a further 20 cameras were bought for WODC use along with additional cameras for South and Vale. The cameras are developed to tackle crime at rural outdoor sites, including fly-tipping, by using invisible 'No Glow' night vision LEDs.

The scheme will also see the placement of signs around known hotspots to deter fly-tipping, alongside the cameras to catch offenders. The cameras will be regularly moved around the district to tackle known issues. For more information about the Rural Crime Partnership and its other initiatives, visit [yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk](http://yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk).



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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Courgettes and ricotta

Yes almost stuffed courgettes but lighter and lovely served with haricot beans and new potatoes.

#### Ingredients

Courgettes – these should not be baby baby courgettes but a reasonable size.

Ricotta and grated parmesan (or cheddar)

Egg

Seasoning and herbs

Lemon zest

#### Method

Wash the courgettes and cut in half. Remove the seedy bit and leave a nice little trench in the middle of each half. Salt as for the tomatoes (don't forget to rinse). Mix together the ricotta, grated parmesan, salt and pepper and any lovely fresh herbs (dill is particularly good here) and the egg. Spoon the mixture into the courgette boats. Put these in a gratin dish and sprinkle some more cheese on top.

Cook covered for 30 mins at 180c and uncovered for 10 mins to brown the cheese. Test with a skewer to test the softness of courgette (not too soft sort of just after al dente is perfect).

These will not freeze successfully!

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## Community Hot Weather Guidance



In Oxfordshire, a heatwave is declared when temperatures meet or exceed 27°C for a period of at least three consecutive days. During a heatwave, the Met Office may release an Extreme Heat Warning. This warning is designed to highlight the potential impacts of extreme heat to protect lives and property, helping people make better decisions to stay safe and thrive. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) may also release a Heat-Health Alert. For more information on the UKHSA heat-health alerts, including how to sign-up to receive alerts, please visit:

[www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/seasonal-advice/heat-health-alert-service](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/seasonal-advice/heat-health-alert-service)

Your local District, Town or Parish Council may open cool spaces during periods of high temperatures and heatwaves. Voluntary groups may also support spaces or even set up their own. Cool spaces are designed to offer local residents accessible and welcoming locations where they can seek shelter from the sun, stay cool and enjoy some company. Your local District Council will also have a Severe Weather Emergency Protocol which they may activate during hot weather to support those who are homeless.

### Advice for Residents During Periods of Hot Weather:

1. To reduce heat generated in the home, check your heating is off, turn off lights and electrical equipment not in use and try to cook at cooler times of the day. For essential devices that emit heat, consider closing doors to those rooms.

2. To stay cool in the home during the day, shade, or cover windows.

3. Open windows (when it is safe to do so) when the air feels cooler outside, such as at night, and get air flowing through the home to create a crosswind and consider sleeping downstairs where it is cooler.

4. Use electric fans if the air temperature is below 35°C, but do not aim the fan directly at your body as this can lead to dehydration.

5. It may be cooler outside in the shade or in a public building (such as places of worship, or supermarkets) so consider a visit to cool down if you are able to safely travel there without putting yourself at more risk from the heat.

Extended periods of higher day and night-time temperatures can put our bodies under stress and exacerbate underlying or undiagnosed health conditions. Managing higher temperatures at home during day and night is equally important to protect our health. If you are concerned someone may be overheating, seek medical advice by contacting NHS 111. In an emergency, or if you think someone has heatstroke, dial 999. For further information on heat exhaustion and heatstroke symptoms, visit: [www.NHS.UK](http://www.NHS.UK)

### Further Support:

Better Housing Better Health is a project aiming to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable people in their homes. For more information please visit: [www.bhbk.org.uk](http://www.bhbk.org.uk)



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## TEA TIME TEASER

Many thanks to Megan Martin for her page of quizzes last month. The solutions have been uploaded to the website - look under CAWN, or you can email cawneditor@gmail.com and I'll send them to you. This month we have a selection of cheeses; but where do they come from? Answers next month.

1. Kasseri
2. Skyr
3. Limburger
4. Chaumes
5. Havarti
6. Oscypek
7. Cabrales
8. Cotija

## SPEEDWATCH

The Cassington Speedwatch group held 3 sessions in June. They reported the following to the Police.

No. of sessions:	3
Total number of vehicles:	2,803
No. of offending vehicles:	113
Between 25mph & 30mph:	77
Between 31mph & 40 mph:	35
Over 40 mph:	1
Highest offender:	41mph

The Cassington Speedwatch group try to meet at least twice a week to record speeding vehicles. If you would like to help with this task, even if you can only do a few sessions each month, please contact Ron Macdonald at cassington.speedwatch@gmail.com

## OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

How does my girlfriend get on with my parents? Well, Jenna recently went on a girls holiday to Poole with my mum while my dad and I went to Carterton ASDA Cafe with my brother.

Getting me out of the house was difficult across June and July when I'd have quite happily stayed in watching every Euros game. I love family time of course, BUT WHAT IF SOMETHING INTERESTING HAPPENS IN SWITZERLAND V HUNGARY?

Alas, Dad did manage to drag me to The Concorde Club for a Bon Jovi tribute, titled Wrong Jovi, mainly by way of a three course meal involving cock-a-leekie soup, slow braised featherblade of beef and a cheese platter. I confess it was enjoyable, even the leekie cock.

Mum wasn't best pleased as I was using her half of The Concorde Club membership while leaving our cat Alice at home, but I pointed out that I'd have gladly stayed in Lynton Lane to tune into Italy v Albania.

## Cassington Cafe

The Cassington Cafe DOES NOT happen in August.

The remaining dates for 2024:  
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# what's on?

Dates for your diary

## August 2024

Thurs 1st NO Cassington Cafe  
Thurs 1st NO Parish Council Meeting  
Tues 20th September CAWN deadline

## September 2024

Thurs 5th 10am Cassington Cafe  
Thurs 12th 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting  
Friday 20th October CAWN deadline

For details of County and District Councillors, Village Hall, Pavilion and MUGA booking fees please see the village website:  
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## Gardening Tips for August



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- Care for houseplant while on holiday
- Prune wisteria
- Collect seed from garden plants
- Summer prune trained apples and pears
- Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
- Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
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