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CASSINGTON AND WORTON NEWS

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BIKE NIGHT 2025



Another fantastic Bike Night has come and gone, and what a night it was! While the heat may have kept a few bikers away and overall numbers were slightly down, those who joined us enjoyed a brilliant evening. Check out more photos captured throughout the event on pages 8 and 9!

This year's fundraising efforts were a great success. The Bike Night Committee raised just over £10,000. A significant part of this success was thanks to the generous support of our local traders (The Chequers, The Red Lion, Debbie Hebborn, Mary Hatwell, Sam Hatwell, and Zaphir Ltd). After covering the costs of equipment hire, insurance, and road closures, we were left with a surplus of £6,000. These funds have been shared among local village charities: St Peter's School, the Village Hall, the Sports and Social Club, and St Peter's Church. In total, with contributions from the school, Sports and Social, and the Bike Night Committee, over 13,600 was raised — an improvement on last year!

Of course, none of this would be possible without our amazing volunteers. From marshalling bikers safely through the village to serving food and drinks, your support makes Bike Night happen. A huge Thank you to everyone who helped out. If you'd like to get involved next year, we'd love to hear from you.

Drop us an email at cassingtonbikenight@hotmail.com.
Thank You

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welcome Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 578th edition of CAWN.

I apologise to those of you who may get this edition after the 1st August. I was late compiling it this month, because I was away on holiday. I went to visit my friend Susan who lives in France, and is the person who writes the recipes each month. So as you can imagine I enjoyed some good food whilst I was there!

I hope you enjoy the photos of Bike Night that are featured in this edition. What a wonderful evening it was, albeit quite a hot one! However the bikers are such a friendly crowd, and always generous in their support of the village. On the front page the Bike Night committee have thanked the village for their support, however we in turn need to thank them for all the hard work they do, behind the scenes, to make it run as smoothly as it does.

Whilst the calendar on the back page is still lacking much content you will see adverts on this page and the next for events that are coming up in the autumn, so do please put them in your diary. In addition plans are afoot for another Cassington in Conversation event - the date is still to be confirmed but possibly Thursday 18th September. The speaker is Sara Bolton and the topic is "From Copenhagen to Kyoto: Seeking the answers to Longevity. A Churchill Fellowship Journey". Further details of this and other events will be in the September edition.

Happy reading!

Anne x

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CAWN in COLOUR!

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Hover over CAWN in the menu bar at the top of the page and click the year and then the month that you want to view.

COMEDY NIGHT

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
2026

SAVE THE DATE

Cassington Sports and Social Club are organising a comedy night in the Village Hall. Further details next month, when tickets will go on sale.

August stargazing highlights

August 9 - Full Moon.

The Moon will be on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Sturgeon Moon because large sturgeon fish were more easily caught at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Green Corn Moon and the Grain Moon.

August 12, 13 - Perseids Meteor Shower.

The Perseids is one of the best meteor showers with up to 60 meteors per hour. It is produced by comet Swift-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1862. The shower runs annually from July 17 to August 24. It peaks on the night of August 12 and the morning of August 13. The waning moon will block out all but the brightest meteors, but if you are patient you may still be able to catch a few good ones. 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 - Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation.

The planet Mercury reaches greatest western elongation of 18.6 degrees from the Sun. This is the best time to view Mercury since it will be at its highest point above the horizon. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

August 23 - 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.

HARVEST SUPPER

St Peter's Church, Cassington Village Hall committee and Cassington Sports and Social Club, invite you to save the date for a Harvest festival supper and entertainment.

Saturday 4th October

7.30pm

Cassington Village Hall

More details to follow in September's CAWN
Proceeds to the playground appeal.



Cassington Lunch

There is NO Cassington lunch in August. The lunch will be on 19th September.

Have a good summer.
From the Cassington Lunch Team



Cassington Cafe

There is NO Cafe in August. The next one will be at 10am on Thursday 4th September in the village hall. All are welcome.

Rose Maureen Butler

28/6/42 - 16/7/25



We are deeply saddened to share with you the passing of Rose. She is now with her beloved husband Bob. Rose was a loving mother to Steve, Sue and Sarah, and grandmother to Emily, Thomas, Holly, Vivi, Henry, and Izzy, and mother-in-law to Elaine and Jon.

Rose lived in Cassington for 60+ years so will have crossed paths with many of you over this time, whether it be at the school gate with her children, later with her grandchildren Thomas, Holly and Izzy, or as part of village life.

If you would like to join us in saying goodbye to Rose and celebrating her life the funeral details are:
Wednesday 6th August 12.00 at North Oxford Crematorium and afterwards at The Red Lion, Cassington.

It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible



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SPEEDWATCH

The Cassington Speedwatch group held 7 sessions in June. They reported the following to the Police.

No. of sessions:	7
Total number of vehicles	1,380
No. of offending vehicles:	165
Between 25mph & 30mph:	122
Between 31mph & 40 mph:	42
Over 40 mph:	1
Highest offender:	42mph
Percentage of Speeders:	12%

If you would like to help with Speedwatch please contact Ron Macdonald at:
cassington.speedwatch@gmail.com

Food Bank News



School holidays can be a particularly difficult time for struggling families without access to free school meals during the holiday period.

Please continue to give – as you are able. Thank you.

Donations of non-perishable foods can be placed in the box inside St Peter's Church 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) Which supports Cassington, Eynsham and Hanborough residents.
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.

CASSINGTON TINIES & TODDLERS (Tinies Café)

A Parent/Carer & Toddler group.



WE DO NOT MEET DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Dates for September:

Sept 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Cassington Village Hall,

1.30–3.00 pm Tuesdays during term-time.

Toys, crafts, songs & refreshments for under-fives
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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

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The Church of St Peter's is here as a fellowship to worship God,
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AUGUST 2025

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.
Bell ringing will usually take place before each morning service with practice night
each Thursday from 7pm to 8pm.

Services this month

Sunday 3rd August – 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th August – 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 17th August – 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th August - 5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 31st August - 9.30am Holy Communion

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

If you have particular spiritual needs feel free to contact:

The Vicar – Revd Duncan Fraser Tel: 07810 324088

Please note – Revd Duncan Fraser is on sabbatical until late August

Church Office Tel: 01865 883325 email stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com

New Affordable Homes in Witney



West Oxfordshire District Council is bringing forward plans for a new truly affordable housing development in Witney.

A recent survey of car parking spaces across Witney showed that there is car parking space currently underused during the day, particularly in the Marriotts Walk car park. The proposal would see part of the adjacent Woodford Way Car Park transformed into a high-quality housing development of genuinely affordable one- and two-bedroom homes. This type of housing is in very short supply in the district and this site, with its proximity to key services, is the ideal location for such a development.

The car park was always meant to be temporary, and the site was earmarked for housing in the Council's Local Plan which was adopted in 2018 and consulted on with residents at the time. With over 2,200 households currently waiting for one-bedroom homes in West Oxfordshire, this development will

be part of a broader commitment by the Council to increase the supply of social rent housing and ease pressure on local people priced out of the private rental market in partnership with a local Housing Association.

As part of the initial feasibility work, the Council has earmarked £215,000 in developer contributions to explore the design and funding of a scheme that could deliver around 70 affordable homes on up to 70% of the Woodford Way site in partnership with a local housing association.

The Council aims to retain approximately 70 car parking spaces - including all existing electric vehicle charging points - to support overnight parking needs. This means there will still be plenty of parking spaces nearby for local people, workers and visitors.

The plans for the site are at an early stage and residents will have an opportunity to comment on the proposals as the project progresses. The Council will also be consulting with key local stakeholders, such as the hospital, to help manage the impact of the proposals.

August News

Share your wildlife sightings!



Everyone can play a part in submitting wildlife observations to local Environmental Records Centres. This is so that they appear on the “official record” which is consulted by planning authorities and used by other parties to track changes in distribution and abundance. As well as the value of the data submitted, keeping a systematic note of what you see on your walks and in your gardens adds extra interest and depth to the experience, and can help you to improve your identification skills.

How: using iRecord

A great way of easily logging records is via the iRecord website or app, from which Records Centres like our Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC) can extract data. You can also send records direct to TVERC to ensure they get them in a timely fashion – and see below for how you can contribute even if you don’t get on with iRecord. Local groups or parishes can provide focus to their efforts by setting up an “Activity” within iRecord, whereby all records submitted by participants, within a designated geographical area or within specified window of time, will combine to form an easily accessible overview of what has been seen and where, including a species list.

However, you can submit via iRecord observations from beyond the activity area, and historic observations (as long as you still have the relevant information to hand). For greatest efficiency, we recommend that anyone who is interested in contributing to this effort, or perhaps already keeps records of observations but has not shared them, creates their own iRecord account and uses that to record their sightings, if at all possible. To do this go to: <https://irecord.org.uk>.

There is an option to start in “training mode”, which allows you to get used to the system of submitting records without risk of causing any damage! And even in live mode, iRecord uses a system of checkers to assess records, so that the risk of erroneous records getting on the official record is minimised. You can also attach photos to records.

Once you have an account, you can find your group’s Activity by searching Activities and the name of your group or parish. If it is a “member-only” Activity, your application to join will need to be approved by the group’s administrators before you can access the activity.

Other methods of submitting observations

If you do not have the means to use iRecord, then record your observations in a field notebook, and ask someone in your group to upload your data for you. If this is not possible, then you can submit your field notebooks to TVERC. They will need certain key pieces of information: species name, name of observer, location name (provide the name of the site, ideally using one that is recognisable from an OS map; do not enter a postal address as the information you provide will be visible to others), grid reference, and date of observation.

If you have multiple observations to report, then you will need to upload the records as a spreadsheet. In this case, please provide the information either in a spreadsheet format with headings as described above, or otherwise such that we can easily transfer it into a spreadsheet. You can also download TVERC’s spreadsheet templates. You can find more information on how to submit your records, including links to video guides, on the TVERC website.

How your records are used

Your records are first validated (checked for location errors) and verified (checked for species identification errors) before they are entered into the TVERC database. This ensures that the data passed on to decision-makers is as accurate and informative as possible. The records are shared with local authorities in Oxfordshire and Berkshire, the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency. They are also provided through data searches to local groups, parish councils, ecological consultants and researchers. The information is used:

- by planning authorities and developers to make informed decisions on the design and location of sustainable development
- to help farmers, landowners and conservation organisations manage land in the best way to enhance biodiversity
- by nature partnerships to direct wildlife conservation work
- by teachers, students and scientists for education and scientific research

The database currently holds over 5 million records, including over 1.1 million records of Protected and Notable species i.e: those that should be taken into account in planning applications. The vast majority of records in the TVERC database are collected by volunteers and local wildlife groups, showing just how vital your efforts are. Please, make your nature spotting count and submit your records to TVERC.

Joanna Higson, TVERC Biological Recording Co-ordinator
joanna.higson@oxfordshire.gov.uk
<https://www.tverc.org/>

Thank you so much for all you have done for nature's recovery in the last year. Together we have brought people together, created more space for nature, and inspired more people to act for nature. Many people contribute to Wild Oxfordshire, and this support enables us to create a more



Snakes-head fritillary, Sophie Cunningham, Wild Oxfordshire

natural, resilient, and biodiverse Oxfordshire for the benefit of all. If you would like to join in and are able to, we would greatly appreciate a contribution towards our work, either through a one-off contribution, or a monthly contribution. Check out our website to find out more about the many ways you can support us and our recent achievements.

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What's on at Kingsley in August

Friday 1st Murder Mystery night 7.30pm raising money for Meningitis Research – Tickets available via this link <https://fixr.co/event/murder-mystery-tickets-133712543>

Sat 2nd Crystallite and Arisen, Rock music from Oxford with a mix of original music 7pm

Sun 3rd Torrin, the voice winner live at 5pm

Thurs 7th Kids Movie Night Ratatouille 6pm

Fri 8th Bike night Richard Snow, Piano Man from 6pm

Sat 9th Sham Cartel 5pm

Sun 10th Mustang Car meet 10am and Rockin Shop live at 5pm

Thurs 14th Kids Movie Night Rio 5pm

Fri 15th Fi Channon, Live Music 7pm

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ST PETER'S SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Villagers,

What a fantastic year it has been. As a staff, we are thrilled with all that the children have achieved. Academic highlights include 90% of children in EYFS achieving a Good Level of Development (2nd best in the EPA out of 10 schools), 100% phonics pass rate (best in the EPA), and the year 6 children had the best results the school has ever had, and the best in the EPA with 92% of children achieving Age Related Expectation in reading, writing and maths, and 42% of children achieving greater depth in all subjects. A phenomenal set of results from all the staff. Well done to everyone.

There are many wonderful things about our school that we are incredibly proud of, but the number one thing we hear from visitors week after week, is what amazing grounds and outdoor opportunities we have for the children. Not only do we have a huge school field, exciting adventure play equipment, and chickens, but we also have a wonderful forest school.

Over the summer we will be making further upgrades including new mud kitchen equipment and a bird hide.

In our 'swamp area' we have a number of red-listed birds, which we are keen to make the most of in teaching the children about nature. We want to share this rich diversity with the community and beyond, so from September we will be running 'Forest Tots' sessions for children 0-4 years and also opening up this resource to other local child settings who may want to use this space. We are incredibly excited about the new experiences this will bring.

So as the summer holidays begin, we can be proud of all that has been achieved in this last academic year and look forward to the challenge and possibilities of next year.

A big thank you to all the staff, governors, families and the community that help make St Peter's such a special place to be.

Jon Jeffries
Executive Headteacher

New art exhibition



Soldiers of
Oxfordshire
Museum

From Sat 9th to Sat 30th August 2025, Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum will display a new exhibition created by local artists and inspired by the story of a simple act of kindness during the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in April 1945, when Oxfordshire Yeoman, Arthur Tyler, wrote letters to the family of Bergen-Belsen survivor Naomi Warren, helping reunite her with family.

The Oxfordshire Yeomanry, a Territorial Army regiment serving as an Anti-Tank battery of the Royal Artillery at the time, were among the first troops to enter the Bergen-Belsen camp when it was handed over to British forces. Ordinary soldiers, they were not prepared for what they would see – camp survivors starving while typhus was spreading rapidly, made worse by cramped conditions, poor sanitation and lack of clean water, as well as around 10,000 dead left unburied.

Amid efforts to relieve the survivors, control the spread of disease, and arrest the camp guards and commandant, came a simple act of kindness. Survivor Naomi Warren, a Polish Jew, was desperate to contact her family, having already lost many while held at Auschwitz-Birkenau, and she approached her liberators for help.

'I met very many British soldiers and I asked everybody to write about me to my family, but nobody did it – only you.' - Naomi Kaplan said in a letter to Arthur Tyler. He wrote to her uncle and sister living in Houston, Texas. This simple act of kindness would eventually see Naomi reunited with them, and ultimately settling and rebuilding her life in the USA.

The exhibition combines artwork and film made in response to the story of Naomi and Arthur. It is the culmination of the Lifelines community art project which brought together a group of artists from diverse backgrounds and a shared interest in the transformational power of creativity.

Suzanne Maria Hamber is an artist who works with plaster, sculpture and paint alongside evanescent material like plants and flowers to explore themes of time, change and memory. She became involved in the project as it resonated with her own family history – her mother came to the UK from Austria as a 'Kindertransport' refugee in 1939, escaping the Holocaust. Like Naomi, her mother lost many of her relatives, including her parents, to camps like Bergen Belsen.

Suzanne says: "The project has been moving and emotional. Seeing the horrors of Bergen-Belsen but also appreciating how there can be survival and redemption and ultimately positivity, from that experience. A kind act by Arthur Tyler opened a world of possibilities for Naomi and for us."

The museum would like to thank both the Warren family and the Holocaust Museum Houston for their support for the project, the museum, and the exhibition. Naomi Warren spent much of her later life using her experiences to educate on the Holocaust, leaving a lasting legacy which this latest exhibition aims to honour and continue.

This new exhibition coincides with the Holocaust Memorial Trust's 80 Candles 80 Years display visiting the museum on its tour of the UK in the run up to Holocaust Memorial Day 2026. The 80 Candles for 80 Years project has involved 80 communities and organisations across the UK who have created unique candleholders, each one inspired by the life story of Jewish people murdered during the Holocaust, and other individuals targeted by the Nazi regime.

The people and organisations who created and contributed candleholders to this exhibition come from a diverse cross-section of society, including educational institutions, prisons, the public sector, faith and interfaith groups, local authorities, inclusive communities, charities, museums and heritage organisations. 80 Candles for 80 Years will go on display at the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock from 12th to 30th August 2025.

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Parish Council News

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

The Parish Council were unable to hold a meeting in July so there are no Minutes to report

There is no meeting in August

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Parish Councillors

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

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OBSERVATION

by Stephen Wright

If you watched Arsenal at Emirates Stadium recently, you might be aware that, when a player scores a goal, they've started acknowledging it by having the stadium announcer say their first name and the crowd chant their surname, three times in a row.

That's all well and good, but I personally can't wait for a goal to be scored by current academy player Samuel Onyekachukwu, 60,000 fans struggling to work out how many syllables are in his surname (it's five).

"SAMUEL!" "ONY-oh never mind."

"SAMUEL!" "ONYEK-"

"SAMUEL!" "I CAN'T DO IT!"

One person who does claim to take pride in how we spell things is a Brentford fan who wrote multiple letters to complain about one typo in our programme, saying that's why people don't like Arsenal. So we googled him and found a page where he listed one of his interests as 'Ruby union'. Oh dear

WORTON HALL WEDDING FAIR

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

This month instead of one I thought a few little ideas for a sort of apero platter might be nice as it is the time of year when you might sit outside chatting over a nice glass or two of something. In fact they are hardly recipes more ideas!

Figs and goats cheese

Two or three ripe dark figs per person, a slice or two of a log goats cheese per person, dark fragrant honey (chestnut is especially good here) and if liked a slice of parma ham or similar per fig.

All you do is open fig with a sharp knife leaving it open like a flower then stuff it with goats cheese a bit of pepper and a drizzle of honey. Close with a cocktail stick or two and put on baking tray - for the non vegetarian version wrap the whole thing in a slice of parma ham before fixing it with a stick. Pop them into a hot oven for about ten minutes until you can see a little crispness on the ham or oozing of the cheese.

Ham and melon

Yes, you have guessed it - very simple but so, so good. Cut up a really good melon into decent chunks, wrap with a good raw ham and pop a cocktail stick into hold in place and make it easy to eat. For a veggie version use watermelon chunks and chunks of feta - think 1970s cheese on a stick!

Tapenade (nearly)

For those who like olives this is heaven in a jar and keeps well in the fridge, so you can have one handy for unexpected visitors.

Put a jar of black or green olives (no stones please - if you have time use ones which have stones, they are nicer, but taking them out does take time) into a kitchen robot, add one or two anchovies depending on your taste (or none at all), garlic - again to taste - grated in, olive oil, pepper and whiz it all together. Add olive oil as you are going along to keep an eye on consistency and taste. That's it!

Red pepper and feta dip

Again so simple but very good - keeps for a couple of days in the fridge.

Take as many red peppers as you like and cut them up into chunks removing stalk, seed etc. Pop them into a baking dish and sprinkle with olive oil and a little garlic. Cook at about 200°C for as long as it takes for them to be really soft and a little blackened around the edges.

Pop into blender, add feta (in tiny chunks) and whiz while adding a little olive oil and some black pepper. Keep checking to see if the consistency and taste are good and voila.



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Update on 'Botley West'

What's Happening Now?

We are currently in the Examination Stage which lasts 6 months until 13 November. Throughout this time there will be a series of deadlines for making submissions. These could be answers to questions asked by the Examiners, written submissions on specific topics as they arise or responses to others' submissions. Deadline 2 passed on 1 July. Deadline 3 is 22 July and on 30 July the Examiners Second Written Questions will be issued.

Visit stopbotleywest.com for more information on 'What's Happening Now'; including links to:

- Stop Botley West's (SBW) written submission and Community Impact Report,
- Joint Council's Local Impact Report,
- Answers to the Examining Authorities (ExA) first set of written questions,
- Responses from the Oxfordshire Host Authorities (OHA) comprising Cherwell, West Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse District Councils plus Oxfordshire County Council
- Responses from other important bodies e.g. Historic England, ICOMOS (UNESCO) and from other organisations you know and trust.

It is important to note that the Examining Authority will continue to accept responses until Deadline 7 on 10 November. You can continue to submit representations to the Examining Authority until this date.

Looking ahead, it is expected that the Examiners will visit particularly impacted properties close to the Botley West site boundary to see the settings for themselves in the week beginning 6 October. That week they will also hold the final important set of Open Hearings which any member of the public may attend. Watch out for more details in future updates from Stop Botley West.

On 13 November the Examination Closes and the Examiners will have up to 3 months to complete their deliberations and issue a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will then issue a final decision, within a further 3 month period, following this.



If the decision is to approve the proposal (or an amended version of it), the Applicant can implement the project in accordance with the approved Development Consent Order. If the decision is to reject, the Applicant can appeal.

PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENTS

Stop Botley West recently organised 3 events where Professor Alex Rogers, Chair of SBW provided an update on the stage that we're currently at in the examination, what happens next, what SBW have been working on and how the funds raised so far are being used. The two presentations from these events (an update from Prof Alex Rogers and Community Impact Report) are available at www.stopbotleywest.com

FUNDRAISING UPDATE JULY 2025

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent information events in Bladon, Cumnor and Cassington. These gatherings are part of our ongoing effort to keep the community informed with important updates, and to provide a space for us to come together in unity and shared purpose. We continue to work towards our fundraising goal of £150,000 and have now reached an incredible £120,000! However, as the examination progresses, we are mindful that the cost of engaging a barrister, planning consultants and experts can fluctuate so please do continue to support the campaign if and when you can.

PLEASE HELP WITH A DONATION

Please join us and make a donation to our fighting fund via stopbotleywest.com

If you are in a position to make a significant donation please contact our Chair: alex.rogers@stopbotleywest.com to arrange a personal meeting.

Visit stopbotleywest.com for more details including our Events Calendar, regular updates and other helpful information.

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WODC NEWS



Free Parking

West Oxfordshire District Council has confirmed that parking will remain free in all Council-run car parks, as part of an updated Parking Strategy that supports local growth, sustainability and thriving town centres.

The Council currently owns and manages 16 public off-street car parks across the district. The revised strategy sets out plans to improve parking across West Oxfordshire through to 2031. A recent review found that Witney currently has a good level of available parking. However, in other areas such as Burford, Woodstock and Charlbury, there is not enough space to meet demand. The strategy provides a framework to address these challenges and outlines how the Council will work with local councils and developers to explore new solutions.

To help manage demand and improve access to town centres, the Council is looking at ways to improve capacity, encourage quicker turnover of spaces and make better use of existing parking. This includes options such as more short-stay bays in central areas, supporting local businesses and shoppers. Any new measures, including stay time limits, will be subject to full public consultation later this year, so residents and businesses will have plenty of time to give their views.

The strategy reflects changing travel habits, with more people now working from home and choosing to walk, cycle or use public transport. All Council-run car parks will remain free to use, and the Council remains committed to keeping them safe, well-managed and welcoming for everyone.

Community Funding

West Oxfordshire District Council has pledged £114,388 to support community-driven projects through Westhive, its crowdfunding initiative that helps community groups and organisations bring their ideas to life. The platform enables local people to gather backing, unlock additional funding, and lead positive change in their areas

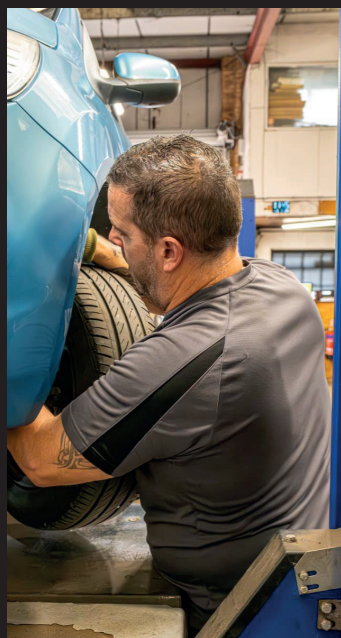
Community Infrastructure Levy

West Oxfordshire District Council has secured approval for its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule, marking a significant milestone in its efforts to ensure that new development is supported by the infrastructure communities need to thrive.

Following a public hearing held on Tuesday 10 June 2025, the final report from the independent examiner has approved the Council's Draft Charging Schedule, subject to one modification: a reduction in the proposed rate for larger residential developments of 250 or more homes, from £225 per square metre to £150 per square metre (excluding strategic development areas).

CIL is a proposed fixed charge on certain types of new development—including new homes and extensions - calculated based on the size of the proposed development. When implemented, it will work alongside existing Section 106 (S106) planning obligations to help fund the key infrastructure required to support development across the district, such as roads, schools, green spaces and community facilities.

Further information on WODC plans and activities can be found on the website: <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/>



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TV CORNER

Shark Whisperer - Netflix 5/5

Did you watch Jaws as a kid and you have been scared of sharks ever since? Do you swim in the sea and hear the dada, dada, dada, dadadada music in your head? Then you should definitely watch this. Marine conservationist and social media activist Ocean Ramsey fearlessly swims with sharks in this documentary about her risky mission to protect them and show the world they are not the monsters we have been led to believe.



Mix Tape - BBC iPlayer 4/5

2 teenagers meet in 1989 and fall in love, but fate takes them in different directions until they reconnect through music.



The action slips back and forth between the teenage couple and their later incarnations. Not completely predictable and some excellent music makes this a good watch.

Mandy - BBC iPlayer 5/5



Mandy is a girl trying to make a living... and failing. She's got Big Dreams, but can she actually be bothered? 3 full seasons of daft adventures and a 4th just being released. Light hearted humour for everyone. Laugh out loud comedy. Genius.

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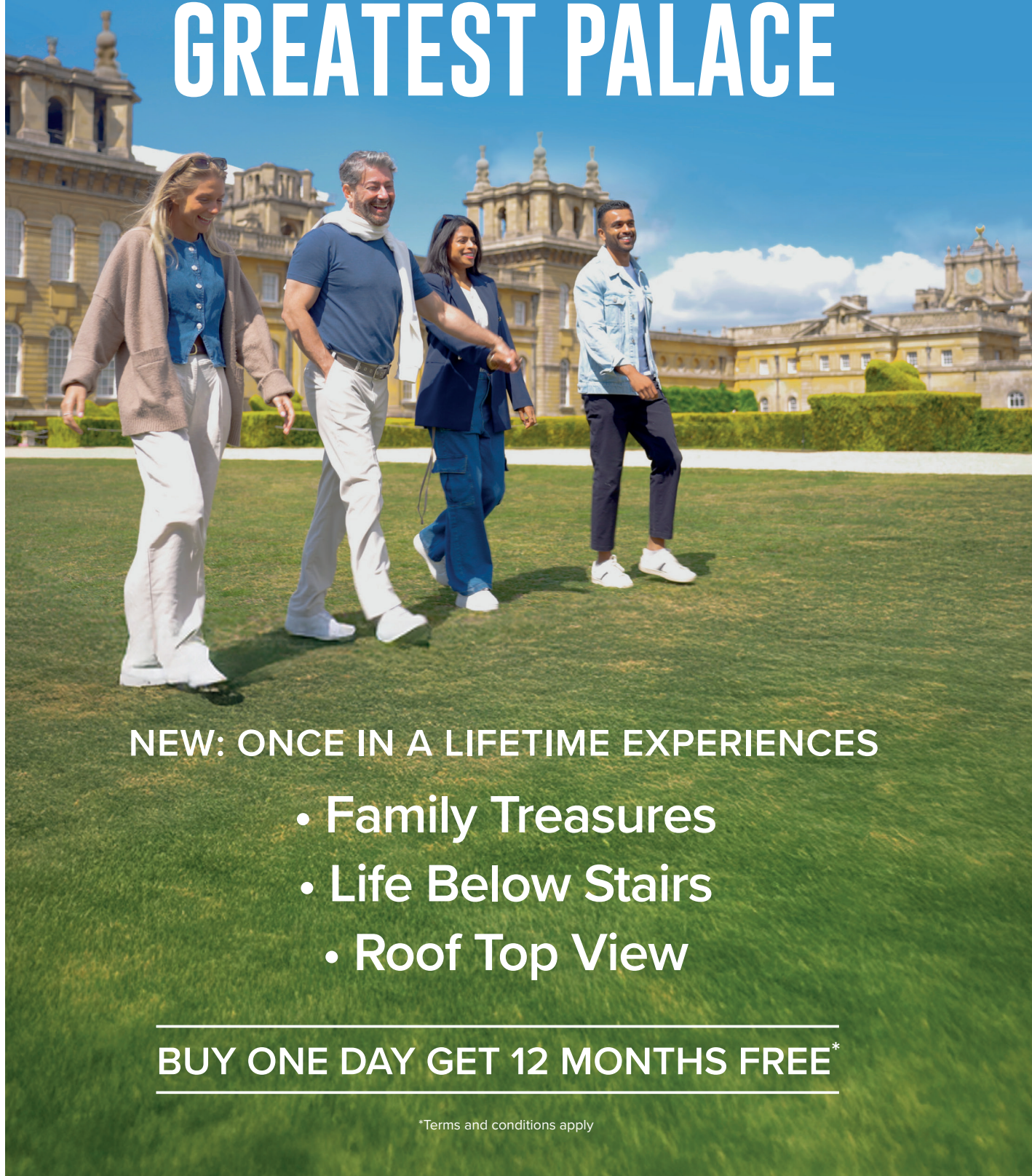
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TEA TIME TEASER

This month has taken a different literary slant and I am giving you some cockney rhyming slang. But what does it mean? Answers next month.

1. Currant Bun
2. Tea leaf
3. Apples and pears
4. Boat Race
5. Dicky Bird or Richard the Third
6. Pig's ear
7. China plate
8. Plates of meat

Answer to last month's quotations:

1. Mad Dogs and Englishmen Go out in the midday sun – Noel Coward
2. Let the hot sun Shine on, shine on - WH Auden
3. But I know we'll meet again some sunny day - Ross Parker and Hugh Charles/Vera Lynn
4. At the going down of the sun and in the morning - Laurence Binyon
5. Light breaks where no sun shines - Dylan Thomas
6. Furnish'd and burnish'd by Aldershot sun - Sir John Betjeman
7. Move him into the sun – gently its touch awoke him once Wilfred Owen
8. To the sunny side of the street - Dorothy Fields

Woodstock and District u3a



Our u3a branch is centred in Woodstock and welcomes members from the surrounding area including Cassington. Are you retired and looking for local activity – the website gives full information.
www.woodstocku3a.uk.

If your favourite activity is not listed – please get in touch and offer to commence a group. Our newest group is Table Tennis on Tuesday afternoons and Photography commenced earlier in the year.

Monthly members' speaker meetings are all held at St Hugh's, Hensington Road, Woodstock - 1.45 for 2pm and last month we learnt from our speaker, Fred Dove, that the BBC World Service was launched in 1930. Who knew that the Foreign Office manages this contract, but has no editorial say? Fred worked there for many years as an editor and presenter, his talk was illuminating and interesting.

On Thursday 7th August we have our Annual Summer Social event which is open to the public. Complimentary tea and cakes are included with no charge this month. We are a modest sized branch – do come along to St Hugh's around 2pm.

On September 4th our local historian Liz Woolley will talk about Beer, Sausages and Marmalade – apparently part of the history of Oxford. And in October we have Stephen Barker speaking on Indians at Oxford. Visitors fee £3.
Sue Blackshaw - Chair

Cinema

There is no cinema in the summer months however film night will return in October. The film to be shown will be announced in either the September or the October edition of CAWN. Film night is usually the second Friday of the month.

Details of the films being shown in both Cassington and Eynsham can be found on the website:

<https://countryscreens.co.uk/index.html>.

North Leigh Roman Villa



Summer Open Weekends and Minecraft Competition

Enjoy the beautiful weather at one of North Leigh Roman Villa's FREE Open Days this summer. There are new decorative panels to see in the Mosaic House, which will be open 11am to 5pm on the following weekends:
August 2 & 3; August 16 & 17; August 30 & 31
September 20 & 21

We are launching a Free Competition, with support from Blenheim Palace, to come up with the most faithful recreation of how North Leigh Roman Villa would have looked when it was the centre of a large estate, created in the popular online game Minecraft.

We're looking for a 1:1 recreation of the main villa building and its internal courtyard in game, with a screen recorded video (no longer than ten minutes) shared to YouTube for judging purposes. The winner will not only be hailed as the best builder, but will receive £100 prize courtesy of Blenheim Palace. This reconstruction will also be used as an educational tool on site at the villa during Open Days. Runner up samples from a shortlist of five may also appear online and for a future display in our Custodian's Cottage.

We're providing all the resources you'll need to bring this 2000 year old site to life, included in the entry form:
<https://forms.gle/hDgySG5yrcdgWWjy5>.

**Competition runs: JUNE 21ST - SEPTEMBER 29TH
WINNER & RUNNERS UP ANNOUNCED: OCTOBER 29TH**

For more details about openings and access to the site, please visit:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/>

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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.

what's on?

Dates for your diary

August 2025

Thurs 7th 10am

NO Cassington Cafe

Thurs 7th

NO Parish Council meeting

Wedi 20th

September CAWN deadline

Fri 22nd

NO Cassington lunch

September 2025

Thurs 4th 10am

Cassington Cafe

Thurs 11th

Parish Council meeting

Fri 19th

Cassington lunch

Sat 20th

October CAWN deadline

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Gardening Tips for August



- Prune westeria
- Summer prune trained apples and pears
- Deadhead flowering plants regularly
- Collect seed from garden plants
- Cut out old fruited canes on raspberries
- Lift and pot up fruited strawberry runners
- Treat apple scab
- Improve the soil with green manures
- Keep ponds and water features topped up

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