Multi-Use Games Area funding approved

Cassington Sports and Social Club has received funding to replace tennis courts at Cassington Playing Fields with a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). This is thanks to a £37,846 grant from funding body WREN.

The money, awarded by WREN’s FCC Community Action Fund, will be used to convert the existing, rather dilapidated, tennis courts at the Playing Fields in Elms Road into a new flood-lit multi-use games area with a surface suitable for playing multiple sports including football, hockey and tennis. 

The Sports and Social Club believes the facility will make a huge difference to the lives of people of all ages living here and in the surrounding area and is really looking forward to the MUGA taking shape over the next few months.

Joe Newby, WREN’s grant manager for Oxfordshire, says: “We’re delighted to be supporting the MUGA project and pleased our funding will provide such a fantastic facility for Cassington and surrounding villages. WREN is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that make a difference to local communities and we’re really looking forward to seeing this one take shape soon.”

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

The Sports and Social Club hopes the MUGA will be ready to use by November/December 2015.

Jerry’s climb up a slippery slope

I climbed Ben Nevis overnight on 20th to 21st June as part of the Alzheimer’s Society ‘Ben Nevis Midnight Challenge’, having wanted to make that climb ever since I was thwarted at the age of 11 by bad weather.

It’s not particularly difficult to find the way, there being a well-defined path most of the way up, but it’s very rocky and reasonably arduous, requiring stamina and strong ankles. Luckily I have energetic dogs and a bike that keep me fit …

The climb started at 10 p.m. from a marquee at the foot of the mountain (the foot actually being at sea level, hence it’s necessary to climb every one of the 1,344 meters that make it the highest mountain in the UK). Climber no. 900 (yours truly) started at the front of the pack, fully intending to stay there for the duration, so I discovered early-on the extent of that demand on the ankles, hopping from one huge rock to the next and wondering if it would all be like this (which, for the most part, it was). It was also at this early stage that my fellow climbers and I (guide Rich, Lara, Tim, Aaron, Darryl, and others) heard screaming like some terrible animal; someone further down the line had already slipped on the damp rocks, fallen and broken their arm.

By midnight we were at the half-way point in pitch darkness with our head torches to guide the way. Time...
to check-in, for a quick energy snack and a text progress report … excellent mobile signal unlike further down in the valley. The views had been spectacular while still light but by now the fog had descended and the full complement of waterproof gear pulled from the backpack and donned. It had started to drizzle with still at least two hours to climb to the summit.

The next stage was the most arduous, with a section known as the zig-zags taking us up some of the steepest parts of the ascent, past waterfalls and increasingly frequent areas of snow. At this point the banter really got going, taking our minds from the unrelentingly arduous climb until, finally, there was no more rock, just snow, not soft enough to sink into but not hard enough for the full weight of one's feet; thus the necessity to dig the heel in first to gain a foothold.

No visible path meant just head torches and intermittently-placed glow-sticks to show us the way. Another guide joined us, seemingly from nowhere, and I decided to strike-out on my own as I felt that, to lose momentum at this point would only make it harder. So, at 1.45 a.m. on mid-summer's day, I stood at the snowy summit of Ben Nevis … not that you'd know it, in the pitch-darkness beyond which there's a precipice.

Strange enough the descent was equally strenuous … kind of like a controlled careen down the mountainside but with a stop by a waterfall waiting for dawn and enough light to take photographs, and the promise of a full English breakfast back at base camp.

Starting with a target of £400 to raise for the Alzheimer's Society I have so far raised over £800 for this worthy cause (including a substantial donation from a lady I have never met in memory of her husband) and am still accepting donations. Please visit my JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/JerryButson/ if you'd consider donating, come and see donations. Please visit my JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/JerryButson/ if you'd consider donating, come and see

Roy's ramblings

Well folks, we are still surviving – slower but nevertheless mobile.

It is great to see the Green getting back into shape. Round the base of the trees must be kept strimmed to stop growth. The school needs to get the hedge cut back, especially the brambles. I poked my nose and got David Bird to water round the tree. A lady had been doing so – thank you. I am sorry if I have upset anyone. David did what was needed and dug around the base of the tree to allow the water to stop round the tree and not run off. It looks much better now.

There is a nice little oak on the school side of the fence, up at the Church end. If the side shoots could be trimmed off lower down it would make a nice tree eventually. This could be difficult.

One more thing wants doing – clean the kerb up by the school entrance, which I did regularly. Don't forget the kerb round the War Memorial. Sorry to keep an eye on things. Our mower thinks it has been retired. I must say the mowing looks good. It must be a bladed mower not rotary like ours.

Has anyone come up with an idea yet to make money to repair the holes in Conce Walk? At least, I know the road by The Chequers is very bad too. Come on folks Cassington has always been good at raising money for needed things. Ask the Nursing Home – they have the heavy traffic. Sorry to be a doddery old man talking out of place. It might just trigger some thought somewhere.

It is nice to hear the bells. After I repaired the clapper on the tenor bell I did wonder if they would ever be done properly again. Well done – I don't always moan.

p.s. Sorry – I forgot the drain in the path running into the Green. Clean this – get rid of the silt that builds up; there is a trap just under the grille.

Roy Partridge

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Desert Island Discs

Last month’s castaway was Kath Humphris, correctly guessed first by Yvonne Wright (rapidly becoming this feature’s most dedicated fan). Here’s our September castaway. Can you guess who it is before Yvonne does?

It’s difficult to distil my life to just 8 songs. Just where to start?

My taste in music wanders all over the place. I sometimes think I’ve got the knack of singing but those closest to me don’t appreciate this.

1. Jambalaya – Fats Domino. My childhood memories are lots of sun, being outdoors a lot, small game hunting and fishing with my dad and community picnics where someone always brought out the guitar and played this song. This was in a faraway land.

2. Time Is On My Side – Rolling Stones. We played this a lot at my school farewell dance. We actually called it a hop. The world had survived the Cuban missile crises and the great debate was whether the Beatles were better than the Stones. There was a big world out there and what amazed me then was that the entire population of the city I lived in could fit quite comfortably into Wembley.

3. American Pie – Don McLean. I moved to London in the early ‘70s. So exciting. I spent endless hours traipsing through all the places memorised from my history and English lit. lessons. It was my time of living in bedsit land and doing evening bar work to supplement my day job. This went into the early morning in a large Mecca dance venue in the West End.

4. What’s Going On – Marvin Gaye. After aforesaid bar work a gang of us would troop down to a disco in Regent Street which always ended with this song. This was followed by a long walk home and then work in my daytime job. The things we could do when we were young!

5. Rock and Roll – Led Zeppelin. I moved to Oxford in the early 90s and lived in East Oxford before moving to Cassington in the late 90s. My partner and I have made such a lot of friends here. This song has Cassington connections for me because of the numerous times I heard it played by the Dirty Earth Band in and around the village.

6. I’m Gonna Be (500) Miles – The Proclaimers. Of course I’ve got to have something to remind me of Cassington pantoland and those daft twits – oops sorry I mean cast who carried this song. I’m sure a lot of serious work goes into these performances. Or not! I used to think that the Proclaimers were a bit dour but a recent humorous interview on the radio convinced me otherwise.

7. Safe and Sound – Taylor Swift. This number from The Hunger Games is a tribute to those bright young things who are replacing the ancients and fighting back against the vested interests of the big record companies.

8. The Planets – Holst. I often listen to this when I do late night jottings for projects I’m involved with. This helps me concentrate on the topics in hand. Which leads nicely to my luxury item. I would like a motorised tripod mounted telescope (solar powered of course) to explore the clear night sky. A reminder of stargazing when I step out of the Red Lion on a clear night.

My book would be a comprehensive world atlas to plan and make lots of imaginary travel. Walking of course.

Think you know who it is? Let us know at the usual address.
Cassington WI – July meeting report

Jane Cook, our President, welcomed us all and went through the Agenda, starting with our July Speaker, which we all enjoyed listening to.

Bike Night was very successful but the hottest yet! It was difficult to stop the sandwiches from getting toasted and the chocolate cakes from melting. Tea and coffee sales were down but soft drink sales up. We were very grateful to Dunlop for supplying us with electricity for boiling our kettles. It saved us from going to the village hall for our boiling water.

On 28th October, there will be a Group Meeting at Begbroke WI with ten members going. Transport was arranged.

As there is no meeting in August we have an Outing and this year we are visiting the Mill at Filkins starting at 10.30am with a talk about fabric making before our tour. Lunch will be at the Five Alls after which we have a visit to the Church and Museum followed by afternoon tea.

Di Williams gave a report on the Village Hall Meeting.

Our Speaker was Rosemary Philimore. Her talk was called ‘From Monk to Miracle on a Bike’ representing the Joe Howman Charity for the street children of India. On the 25th November, 2014 she and her husband were met by a Tibetan monk called Tenzin.

Tenzin had written all that the Dalai Lama had done since the age of 9, when he was sent to a monastery. At the age of 38, he was sent to Oxford to learn English. After the Chinese uprising in Tibet the Dalai Lama with the monks left Tibet for India where the Indian Government gave them land on which to build a settlement and their own monastic building.

In 1965 the Joe Howman Charity, with the money they had raised bought land for homeless and very poor street children and taught them how to build their own houses and sheds, dig wells an grow food so they could become self sufficient, self reliant and educated. This started with boys but now they have schools for girls who learn cooking, cleaning, child health and craftwork.

After visiting these different schools by bicycle they were very impressed by the success of it all. The children worked hard with their own chores before school working on the land or in the home afterwards. They are clean, healthy, well fed and beautiful; always happy and smiling.

With the help of subscriptions, long may it continue. It was a very interesting and light hearted talk.

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Due to Lisa and Tom getting married
the Red Lion will not be open on
Friday 25th September after 6pm.
Apologies for any inconvenience.
Saints or sinners?

While on holiday I noticed an attractive young woman on the beach in shorts and a well-worn tee-shirt with a slogan across it. The message on the tee-shirt was striking and all the more poignant because the woman was young and attractive. The message on the shirt read, ‘Perfect girls are not real and real girls are not perfect’. (At this point I have to say that, had a similar message, ‘Perfect men are not real and real men are not perfect’ been worn by some good looking fella then it may have been just as relevant – although generally in our society I think that, sadly, women are judged more than men by their appearance.)

However, I thought that the girl wearing the tee-shirt was saying something quite brave and quite profound: ‘None of us is perfect and being accepting of our imperfections is more real.’ Or ‘I accept that I’m not perfect – live with it’.

Some of the people we elevate as ‘Saints’ had notorious personality disorders and were very difficult people to live with even though we might regard them as good. Interestingly St Paul in the Bible refers to all the people in the church, all Christians, as Saints although elsewhere, and important to Christian understanding, we are told that ‘all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God’.

This is the one of the precepts of the Christian faith – that none of us is perfect and that we cannot make ourselves perfect by our own actions. This doesn’t mean that we should accept or encourage the bad traits that each of us has but should seek the forgiveness offered by God through the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth – Jesus the Christ of God. Then, with God’s help, we can work to limit the damaging effect of our imperfections. We are both saints and sinners.

Another (men’s) tee-shirt slogan that I have seen says ‘Perfect man’ and underneath ‘work in progress’!

Revd Roger Aston
Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Run by the Christian charity Samaritan's Purse, the operation has been sending gift-filled shoeboxes around the world since 1990, bringing joy into the lives of more than 113 million underprivileged children in 130 countries. This year Molly Yeats has once again volunteered to act as the village collecting point for the boxes. You can help by making up a shoebox and filling it with gifts for a child. Here's what to do:

1. **Find an empty shoebox**
   A medium sized box (approximately 18cm x 13cm x 30cm) is ideal. Wrap the lid and the box separately in wrapping paper.

2. **Decide if your gift is for a boy or girl and what age group it would be suitable for.**
   The age groups are 2–4, 5–9 and 10–14. Label your box clearly – labels are available from www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

3. **Fill your box with gifts**
   Use the suggested gifts list in the brochure (available from Molly) or see www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk to help you choose what to put in your box and (very important) see what items are not suitable.

4. **Make your donation**
   The charity asks for £3, to cover the cost of shipping, per shoebox. This helps ensure your shoebox gets to where it needs to go. Please donate online if at all possible so they can tell you where your shoebox went. Alternatively you can place a cheque or cash on top of the items in your box.

5. **Take your shoebox round to Molly**
   at 3 Hollow Furlong by 8th November. Ensure your shoebox is secured with a rubber band around the outside.

For more information or if you have any questions about making up a box please contact Molly Yeats at 3 Hollow Furlong: 01865 882545

**Neighbourhood policing**

This month's update comes from PC Martyn McHale: Summer time is here and as usual it's very busy in the villages with fete season. The team has managed to show a presence at most of them, and avoided the annual health threat of sunburn and excessive ice cream! Cassington bike night was more motorbike packed than ever, and I am very pleased to say that this year there was not a single, even minor, traffic accident as a result. This was closely followed by Eynsham Carnival, where we once again got pole position in the parade. Keen onlookers may have noticed the police car stopping for a ‘high five’ with Peppa Pig; knowing people would make the joke I just thought it best to embrace it!

On a serious note many of you will be aware of the Eynsham Co-Op robbery. You may have noticed an increased police presence in the village in response to this but I must urge once again that anyone with any information should contact the police immediately. Lastly, I have taken a crash course in dealing with speeding offences from a roads policing officer. In response to complaints of speeding in the villages the team has been out conducting speed enforcement operations, the first of many, starting in East End. Eleven vehicles were caught speeding that morning; seven of them were travelling between 30 and 35mph and were stopped and cautioned while four were exceeding 35mph and were prosecuted. This will be repeated in more of our villages. You have been warned!

If you would like any advice please contact the Eynsham Team on the non-emergency number 101. If there is an emergency or a crime in progress then dial 999. You can also email eynshamneighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. If you have information about crime but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111.

**SPSA Pub Quiz Update**

Huge congratulations to the winners of the July quiz! The WhizzKids were made up of Alex and Candida Rogers, Julie and Olly Hutton, Jan and Pete Larbelestier and Sara and Ed Miller! Well done Whizzkids – you tackled the quiz in style and displayed some uber impressive shipping knowledge!

Also a big thank you must go to the fantastic hosts/quizmasters: Anne Luttman-Johnson, the Prices, the Pettys and co. Such a fun quiz! So, the Whizzkids get to wear their quiz crown a little longer than usual as we are having a quiz break for the school holidays, but fear not they promise to be back with a quiz to challenge you all.

Can you ouwit the WhizzKids? Come and have a go on Saturday 12th September in the Red Lion: 8:30pm get your quiz sheets, 9pm sharp quiz starts! £2 per head, any team size. Every penny goes into the technology pot for St Peter’s School and we are delighted to announce that down to your support, with the pub quiz money, we are purchasing some programmable robots which help teach coding to the younger children. Next target – tablets/iPads!

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**Design a poster competition**

All primary school children in West Oxfordshire are being invited to enter a road safety poster competition to be in with the chance of winning a brand new bike.

As the darker months arrive, school children are being asked to think about road safety issues that affect them and to design a poster around their chosen theme. The West Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership ran the same competition last autumn and had a great response from local primary schools. Nine pupils each won a bike with full kit after their poster designs were chosen as the best for raising awareness of road safety issues such as speeding, poor parking near schools, cycling without lights or not wearing a seatbelt.

It’s important that children are educated about road safety from a young age so a poster competition is a great way to engage with them and get them discussing it in the classroom and at home. Pupils are asked to submit their design on A4 in colour and hand it in to their class teacher. The closing date is Friday 6 November. Bikes will be delivered to the children in time for Christmas. The winning designs will be reproduced and the posters will be displayed in schools and local communities.

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**Eynsham Choral Society open evenings**

Eynsham Choral Society is opening its doors to potential new members throughout September. These will take place on Tuesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th at Eynsham Primary School, Beech Road, Eynsham OX29 4LS at 7.30pm. Come along to try out our choir as we prepare to sing Benjamin Britten’s ‘A Ceremony of Carols’ for our Christmas Concert. For more information please visit www.eynshamchoralsociety.org.uk or contact Olaf Rock: ocr@cloverplace.co.uk / 01865 430118 – or just come along!

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**Eynsham Cubs is expanding**

Are you 8–10½ years old? Do you like fun, challenge and adventure? Then Eynsham Cubs is for you!

As we are starting a new cub pack we are looking for new members for September – boys and girls – on Thursdays 7–8.30pm.

Some of the things we have been up to this year include going to camp with our friends, making and floating boats, making scarecrows, learning first aid, camp cooking, making treats for mum, going on hikes and earning badges for our achievements.

There’s something for everyone at Cubs. To find out more contact Rose Green: rosetta.green@btinternet.com / 01865 883910.
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Wychwood Forest Fair

6th September 2015, Lodge Farm, Ditchley Estate (off the B4437)

A fun filled family day-out including rural craft demonstrations, entertainment, music, food and over 160 stands promoting local products and services.

New for this year: Piggery Jokery theatre – a whimsical perambulation through the seasons, touching on the circular nature of time, as told by the Green Man and his hurdy-gurdy playing Droning Crone and their troupe of rage bag characters. There is plenty of laughter along the way, as the old farmer tends his land and fattens his pig for the winter.

Tree Climbing with Treetech. If you fancy shinning up a tree, then the Wychwood Forest Fair is the place to be. Climb to giddy heights under the safe guidance of this expert tree care company.

The Wychwood Project, which organises and runs the fair, is a registered charity that aims to inspire people to conserve and restore our unique local landscapes and habitats. In addition to the Project’s own display some thirty community and conservation groups will be promoting ways of ‘doing your bit’ for the environment and for your community.

All proceeds from this event go towards our ongoing work of ‘Restoring Landscapes, Inspiring People’ in the Wychwood area.

Burford Singers concert

Handel – Israel in Egypt, Sunday, 22nd November 2015 7.30pm

Church of St John the Baptist, Church Green, Burford, OX18 4RY

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Tickets reserved at £21, £17, £13, unreserved at £10.50.
Postal booking (advised) opens on 3 October 2015.
Telephone booking (01993 822412) opens on 2 November. Booking in person from The Madhatter Bookshop, 122 High Street, Burford OX18 4Q opens 7 November 2015.

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If changes need to be made to the registration details sent, then the household is asked to notify the Council either online or by returning the form provided. Electoral registration is a legal requirement that has to be done each year and residents must be on the Electoral Register to be eligible to vote. An early high response rate will reduce the need to send out reminders, as these are costly and could amount to as much as £50,000. Costs can be reduced even further by responding digitally rather than by post. The Register is also often used by credit checking agencies and can be required for things such as getting a loan or mortgage or mobile phone contract. Other pitfalls of not being on the Register include not being eligible to apply for certain jobs which require security checks, and not being able to open a bank account.

Further information is online at www.westoxon.gov.uk/register. Anyone who has not received an electoral registration form by 1 September should contact the Council on 01993 861410 or email elections@westoxon.gov.uk.

North Leigh Roman Villa walk and talk

September 16th, lead by Historian Cherry Hubbard

Walk with the social historian around this Romano British Villa; hear the stories of the luxuries of Roman life as they took their pleasure in the mosaic-floored bath house or lounged in their fragrant courtyard garden, dining luxuriously in sumptuous clothes.

Cherry says, ‘The Romano British period in this country is fascinating. International trade with skills and ideas that do not reappear until modern times, making life in villas like this luxurious for the owners but hard work for many. By using both the familiar and the exotic, I weave in the Roman ideas of family, food, beauty, art and religion. I use things people can touch, smell and see to give a fascinating, multi-sensory experience.’

Dogs on leads are welcome. The villa is 2 miles north of North Leigh; 10 miles west of Oxford, off the A4095. Parking is available in lay-by, not in access lane.

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**New Design Guide for West Oxfordshire**

An updated Design Guide which sets out ways in which appropriate design can preserve and enhance the character of West Oxfordshire is ready for public consultation.

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The new draft West Oxfordshire Design Guide is primarily web-based and can be viewed on www.westoxon.gov.uk/news. Copies will also be available to view in the reception areas of the Guildhall, Chipping Norton and in Witney at the Council’s Town Centre Shop and Elmfield and Woodgreen offices. Comments about any aspect of the new Design Guide can be made online during the six-week public consultation which runs from 17 August until 30 September. Alternatively, people can write to Planning Services, West Oxfordshire District Council, Elmfield, New Yatt Road, Witney OX28 1PB.

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Clarke and Thomas Wedding, Saturday 15th August 2015

What a day! The sun was shining (a rare thing this summer), the bells were ringing and everyone enjoyed a day of much love, fun and laughter. A huge thank you to everyone who shared the magic of our big day:

Rev. Kath Cooke for carrying out the wedding service of all wedding services – check out the smiles! Happy and joyful with plenty of happy tears!

Janet Clarke and Nanny Margaret for the amazing wedding flowers in abundance in both the Church and the Marquee – so beautiful. Helped out by the lovely Claire Martin, Suzi Lewis, Nav Dey and Cas Lloyd!

Plus John Lloyd for his 50 lantern arrangement in the Marquee and Jim Thomas for his mathematically engineered light display and the lights c/o Lisa and Chris Harvey!

Not forgetting Debbie Hebborn for the loan of the slide and all her help before and after the event >

Plus all of our family especially Hugh Thomas, who made the endless trips up the road and helped with the set up and breakdown; and not forgetting the second kids’ marquee erection – Nick Clarke, Jim Thomas, Matt Britton, John Lloyd, Kevin Dunne!

Lastly a very special thanks must go to the Perrin Family for the use of their field, which provided a beautiful backdrop for an afternoon of good food, good times, the most glorious sunset, followed by live music courtesy of the Breeze band and some great dance moves and dressing up into the early hours!

We are so overwhelmed at all the generosity shown by everyone and so honoured that everyone came and enjoyed themselves as much as we did – thank you everyone!

Much love to all, James & Vicky xxx

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The Real MacGuffins in association with Fol Espoir Theatre Company present

Instructions for American Servicemen in Britain

Friday 13th November 7.30 pm • Tickets £10 adult, £6 child.

It's 1942 and hordes of Yankee servicemen have just arrived in England – where the locals speak a strange dialect, boil all their food, and talk endlessly about the weather.

With lashings of physical comedy, this rib-tickling new show for adults and families will lovingly poke fun at British eccentricities and the doomed attempts of outsiders to understand them. Get ready to judge for yourself in a night of joyous laughter and downright silliness as a crack team of experts attempts to explain the quirks and customs of British life, featuring everything from cricket, warm beer and ha'pennies to Sunday afternoons in the country.

The Real MacGuffins have proved a crowd favourite at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival since 2010, playing sell-out shows to critical acclaim. Their highly energetic, interactive comedy delights audiences both young and old – with a mix of wordplay, good (and some bad) old fashioned jokes and physical comedy, there is something for everyone.

Fol Espoir are the creators of Winston On the Run (***** WhatsOnStage) and Dr Brown Because (**** The Times, The Sunday Times, Time Out).

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SEPTEMBER 2015

There is a service of Holy Communion on Tuesdays at 9.30am, and prayers at 12 noon on Thursdays. The church bells will usually be rung between 9.30 and 10am prior to the 10am service. Practice night is on Thursdays between 7pm and 8pm.

Sunday 6th September
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Revd Morey Andrews

No 10am service today
10.45 Combined Churches Service at St Leonard’s Eynsham
Revd Morey Andrews & Revd Kath Cooke

Sunday 13th September
10am Holy Communion
Revd Roger Aston (Preacher: Revd Kath Cooke)

Sunday 20th September
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Revd Kath Cooke

10am Morning Worship
Keith Jones
(Preacher at both services: Kevin Bywater)

11.30am Holy Communion at Longlands Nursing Home
Revd Roger Aston

Sunday 27th September
10am Holy Communion
Revd Roger Aston

6pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
Revd Morey Andrews

Advance notice – Harvest at St Peters, Sunday 4th October

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9am Breakfast in the Village Hall
10am St Peter’s Together, Revd Morey Andrews

All are welcome to our Harvest Celebrations to give thanks and support those in need. We will be collecting donations for The Porch – Steppin’ Stones Centre for the homeless in Oxford. A list of items required will be available in the church.

Cassington Tinies & Toddlers

A parent/carer & toddler group in Cassington Village Hall
10–11.30am on Mondays (school term time):
14th, 21st, 28th September; 12th, 19th October
Half-term
9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th November; 14th December
Toys, crafts, songs and refreshments for under-fives and their carers. The group is being run by St Peter’s Church in partnership with local parents. For more information please contact Kath Cooke – revkathcooke@gmail.com

Vicar: Revd Morey Andrews, 45 Acre End Street, Eynsham, Oxon OX29 4PF. Tel: 01865 881323. Email moreyandrews@btinternet.com
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HORSEMERE LANE
At the last meeting of the Parish Council it was resolved that the Parish Council would carry out a village survey for their views on the future status of the lane.

The options being explored are as follows:

a) Close the lane off to vehicular traffic.

b) Close the lane in the mornings (7am to 9am) to vehicles entering Bell Lane from the Yarnton lane.

c) Ask Oxfordshire County Council Engineers to come up with a plan that will ensure the safety of pedestrians and also allow residents to have access on to the road in the mornings.

d) Keep the road open.

For residents to record their preference you will find a voting slip below.

The Parish Council will visit you to retrieve the slip. We would like you views before Thursday 17th September. If you find it more convenient the Red Lion will have a box for you to drop your slips.

If you haven't had your slip retrieved by Tuesday 15th evening please let one of your Councillors know.

It is very important that if you have a view that we have your preference.

Your decision will be forwarded to Oxfordshire County Council who will make the final decision on the status of the lane.

CHURCH LANE
The Parish Council is awaiting a report from Land Registry on the ownership of the lane.

NO 18 BUS
The bus continues to come through the village at busy times. Please try to use the service if you are coming back from Oxford. The driver if asked has been stopping in the centre of the village. We will learn more about the service when the whole network of bus services comes under review by County Council.

RECREATION FIELD
The Sport England Grant is still under consideration for the Pavilion extension and refurbishment.

The Sports and Social club have recorded elsewhere in this issue the good news on the Multi Games Area (see front page). Well done to all concerned!

40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION ON ROAD TO YARNTON
Still waiting for the signage. Hopefully we will see it soon.

BURLEIGH ROAD AND YARNTON ROAD RAILWAY BRIDGES
The Parish Council is still awaiting a response to our second letter questioning the wisdom of their view that the approaches are safe.

CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA
The wobbly bridge repairs have been instructed. The revised application to the Awards For All scheme will be sent in shortly. The Parish Council has employed a professional grant writer.

FLASHING SCHOOL WARNING SIGNS
The Parish Council is to ask the Parents Association if it can help with the funding.

OVERGROWN HEDGES AND DITCHES
St Peters Ditch is very overgrown and the Parish Council is hoping to get a contractor to clear away the vegetation. The Environment Agency will come through in the autumn and clear out all of the ditches.

It is the time of year when hedges really put on growth. We have recently had reported some problems with hedges coming over footpaths. If it is on Highways land this can be reported on Fix My Street.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY
A vacancy still exists. We would particularly like to find a parent of school aged children to join the Council. If you are perhaps thinking about it and need to know more please contact me (01865 883377) or David Casey (cassingtonclerk@gmail.com)

Hugh Thomas – Chairman, Cassington Parish Council

Horsemere Lane status voting slip

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Please put a tick in the box next to your option
what’s on?

CASSINGTON CAFÉ
CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Next Cafés Mondays 7th September and 5th October, from 10am until noon
We look forward to seeing you all then!

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

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CASSINGTON WI – THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

75th Anniversary

Cassington Bookworms

We are currently reading H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald in readiness for our next meeting on Monday 7th September.

All welcome at the Old Manor, Cassington (please tel. 880709)

On Friday 4th September the cinema in Cassington is showing Far From The Madding Crowd, which stars Carey Mulligan as Bathsheba Everdene in a critically acclaimed new adaptation of Thomas Hardy’s novel.

And on 2nd October the film will be Dark Horse: The Incredible True Story of Dream Alliance, about a Welsh mining village and their fight to raise money for the race horse Dream Alliance

Tickets £5 from Nicky 01865 881813 or Ruth 01865 883512.

Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Bar and raffle.

Night @ Eynsham Library Book Group

Enjoy a lock-in at Eynsham Library
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Next meeting Tuesday 22nd September at 7.45pm
Noticeboard

Dates for your diary

Unless shown, events are in the Village Hall.

**September**
- Friday 4th, 7.30pm, Cinema
  *Far From The Madding Crowd*
- Monday 7th, 10–noon: Cassington Café
- Monday 7th, 8pm, The Old Manor
  *Bookworms, H is for Hawk*
- Saturday 12th, 8.30 for 9pm: Pub Quiz, Red Lion
- Thursday 17th, 7.45pm: Cassington WI, 75th Anniversary
- Monday 22nd, 7.45pm: Eynsham Library Book Group

**October**
- Friday 2nd, 7.30pm: Cinema, *Dark Horse*
- Monday 5th, 10–noon: Cassington Café
- Tickets for films and shows from:
  - Ruth Bakewell (01865 883512)
  - Nicky Copelin (01865 881813)

Calling all Cassington mums, dads and carers

We would like to invite you to join our friendly local group on Facebook. Search for Cassington mums’ group and send a request to join. It’s a great way to meet new people, keep up-to-date with what’s going on, and get involved in lots of fun social stuff too – both with and without the kids!

If anyone is new to the village and would like a friendly chat to introduce themselves and their families, feel free to contact Vicky (07917 403976; vicky@pink-sky.co.uk) or Jess (07852187079; lefreviejessica@yahoo.com).

Do you know there is a free service to Cassington residents that will take you to the doctors’ surgeries at Eynsham or Long Hanborough?

Run by volunteers, this is available by phoning Sheila Nelson on 880740 or Pat Vereker on 880693.

Please give us as much notice as possible.

Unfortunately we are now unable to offer transport to hospitals for routine outpatient appointments. For those please contact the patient transport number 0300 100 0015 or Volunteer Link Up 01993 776277. There may be costs with this service.

Holiday pet sitting

Lydie is back for the summer before travelling and is offering dog walking/ pet sitting.

Rates negotiable. Call Lydie Horgan on 07772 994489 or 01865 881480.

If you need questions answered on the pavilion/garage/playing field, in the first instance please contact

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Do you have any information about Cassington in WW1? I am researching the WW1 soldiers commemorated on the village war memorial and would be grateful for any information. Please contact me at conniehrogers@yahoo.co.uk or 07759301879 if you can help. Thank you so much. Connie Rogers

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