

CASSINGTON & WORTON NEWS

News and views from the parish of Cassington and Worton

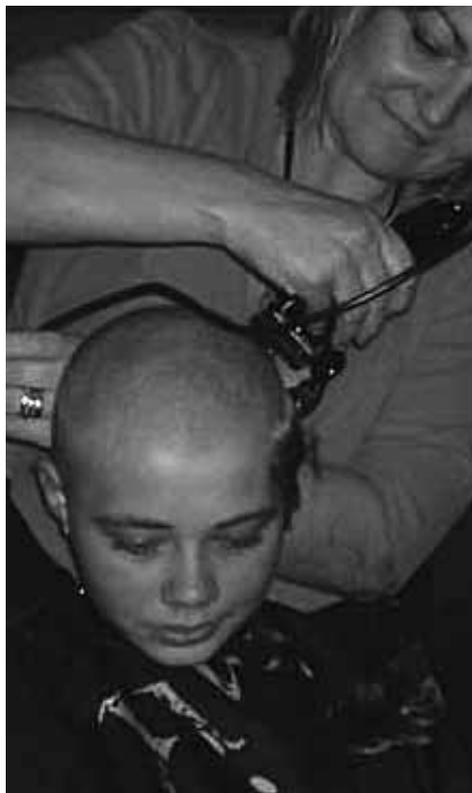
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A close shave for a very good cause

Thumbs up for Amy Elger, who had her head shaved to raise money for the Royal Marsden Hospital. Amy's cousin, Adam Thompson, 15, has recently been diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and is being treated there. Chemotherapy will mean he may lose his hair so Amy chose to lose hers in support.

Amy raised over £700 on the night in the Red Lion, on Monday 8th September, with more promised. If you pledged money, or if you would like to make a donation, Gill at the Red Lion would be happy to take your cheques - payable to 'Royal Marsden Cancer Campaign'.



From the team

True to form, the sun is out now the summer holidays are over, but there's plenty to smile about in this month's news. Sadly, one irritating little 'cloud' has been raining on other people's hard work ... keep your eyes open and maybe they'll get caught!

Have a good month

Advertising rates

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

Contributions should ideally be provided by email (in the body or as a Word attachment) to: kevin.hinton@blakeproject.com; delivered on floppy disc, or (as a last resort) typed or clearly handwritten, to Kevin Hinton, Mill Lane House, Mill Lane, Cassington, Witney OX29 4DL, by the 20th of the month. We look forward to hearing from you.

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THE PRIEST: Fr. Martin Flatman is happy to receive enquiries by phone, email or text.
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THE CHURCH is open for prayer every day.

SUNDAY MASS 10.00am and
SATURDAY (for Sunday) 7.30pm

Daily Mass is normally Mondays 5.30pm, Tuesdays 7.30pm, Wednesdays 9.30am and Fridays 6.00am

FACING CATHOLIC CRITICS is our 8 week Course on Tuesdays that is now in process. People are welcome to come to these Tuesdays even if they missed the earlier ones. In them Father Martin handles many of the most frequent criticisms of the Catholic Church in an open and honest way. This is both for non-Catholics who want their questions answered and for Catholics who wished they knew what to say when their faith is criticised. Here are the this month's major challenges: Oct 7th : Catholics worship Mary and the saints. Oct 14th : Catholics are dominated by all their ceremonies. Oct 21st : Catholics are superstitious –shrines and semi-pagan practices! Oct 28th : Catholics are hypocrites – get away with sin by going to Confession. Nov 4th : Catholics are always telling others what to do – especially about sex, abortion and things like that ... Nov 11th : And any other questions?

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES for children in Year 3 or above begin this Autumn. One parent at least needs to come to the Registration Session on Wednesday 5th November at 8.00pm. The 1st Session for children accompanied by at least one parent is on Saturday 15th November.

HARVEST FAST DAY: We celebrate the Harvest in the Catholic Church by remembering those in poorer parts of the world who need our help. So we have a Harvest Fast Day on Friday 3rd October when we prepare our gift of money by eating less or even giving up a complete meal. Then on Sunday 5th October Catholics throughout England bring their offering to the Church which is sent to CAFOD – the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development.

OUR WEEKLY INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY takes place in Fr. Martin's house every Thursday. We chat and have tea etc from 7.30pm and then look at the Bible readings for the following Sunday from 8.00pm finishing at 9.00pm with prayer. You do not have to be a regular to come to this. Just drop in whenever you are free. Non-Catholics equally welcome.

"Christian faith is just a crutch for the weak".

It's been some time since I last wrote an article for CAWN. Many readers will know something of the personal difficulties that our family have faced during this time and that my health has also been affected. I now hope to write regularly again.

What has been fantastic over the last 2 years or so is the support that our family have received from people in the village both inside and outside of the church. Cassington is truly a community of wonderful people - so thank you one and all.

But what of my quote above? The quote is one often given but the evidence is harder to find. Are people like Desmond Tutu, Martin Luther King, Terry Waite, Mother Teresa weaklings? Or, are those many others who are standing up for their Christian faith against tyranny and oppression in so many countries weaklings? I don't think so. – It's a fact that in the last 100yrs there have been more Christian martyrs than in the previous 1900yrs together!

BUT what I do know is that my Christian faith has provided a support for me in these personal times of testing.

Christianity a crutch? Well, in some ways yes - but sometimes we all need some support! - BUT it is also a challenge, a calling, a battle, a service and a blessing. Jesus challenged his disciples (and us) to 'take up our cross daily and follow him'. This isn't for the weak! (But don't let that put you off.)

Rev'd Roger Aston

WATCH OUT - THERE'S A THIEF ABOUT

Cash and cheques were stolen from a bag in the Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 27th September - and it seems this is not the first time.

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10am All Ages
Rev'd David Salter

Sunday 12 October

10am Holy Communion
Rev'd Matthew Sleeman

Sunday 19 October

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Morning Worship
Rev'd Andrew Atherstone

Sunday 26 October

10am Holy Communion
Rev'd Morey Andrews
6pm Benefice Evening Prayer (BCP)
Rev'd David Salter

There is usually a service of Holy Communion
at 9.30am on Tuesdays except 28 October, and a
prayer meeting at 7am on Thursdays.

Young people join our worship for the first 15
minutes of the 10am service and then go to the school
for Sunday Club (3-10), Soul Living (11+) or crèche
for the under 3s. (Except All Age Worship when
everyone stays in church.)

SUNDAY LIVE
MONTHLY EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

More information available from:

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Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm
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Tel: 01865 881323

Assistant Curate: Rev'd David Salter
Jovonne, Bell Lane, Cassington
Tel: 01865 881434

Office and clergy day off: Friday

Associate Clergy: Rev'd Roger Aston

From the Registers of St Peter's Church,
Cassington

13 September 2008

Interment of ashes Dorothy WATERS

14 September 2008

Baptism of Luke Joe ROUSE

HARVEST FESTIVAL FLOWERS

We shall be decorating the Church for Harvest Festival on
Saturday 4th October as from 10am.

If anyone would like to come along and help; or give
flowers, foliage and produce towards the festival
arrangements; it would be most appreciated. Donations
in memory of a 'loved one' are also most acceptable.

Any queries please ring **Liz Henman** 881303

HARVEST GIFTS

Harvest gifts are being given to The Porch (Steppin'
Stones) Project for the homeless in Oxford. A list of items
required is available in church. Monetary gifts will be
sent to Tearfund.

Please bring your gifts to the services at 8am or 10am on
Sunday 5 October.

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parish notes

CASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on 4 September 2008

(The draft notes below are subject to confirmation by the Parish Council on 2 October)

Councillors Pat Clague, Kate Cropper, Iwan Hughes, Olaf Rock and Clive Wilkinson attended. West Oxon District Councillor Frances Pike, Margaret Stevens plus two members of the public and the clerk, Liz Bickley, also attended.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING OF 7 AUGUST 2008

Police and Neighbourhood Action Group – police reports were in CAWN newsletter. NAG reports were on www.whosmybobby.co.uk

Review of Dial A Ride service. Three people in our community are registered. A regular shoppers service to Kidlington was offered. The council asked for the service to continue with maximum flexibility.

Oxfordshire partnership – consultation in a vision for the next 30 years. Councillors would express their unhappiness with the strategy which appeared to be extremely ambitious and difficult to apply to local situations.

Consultation on Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East: How should Cassington be incorporated in a long term plan for building development / infrastructure improvement / protection of the environment and heritage? Public views to be sought before mid October.

Flu pandemic – a meeting of volunteers who had offered to help with emergency planning was to be held on 11 September.

Insurance for the council would be extended to include officials' liability, libel and slander.

Telephone Box – WODC would object to the removal of Cassington's phone box as it was the only one in the village.

Housing Needs survey by ORCC – the report will come next month.

Parish Council Meeting dates and other meetings could be seen on the website www.cassington.info, "What's on" section.

ORCC had issued a survey to their members and the council would respond.

Road works at the Wolvercote flyover included traffic lights on the A40 for single lane traffic through the night on some dates.

CORRESPONDENCE

WODC letter about Allowances for Town and Parish Councillors. Cassington PC paid occasional travel and subsistence allowances only – none claimed to date. Other items of correspondence were circulated.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Stevens referred to a Flood Report Roadshow (11 September), Flood Protection Fair (9 October), Children's Centre information session (16 September), Neighbourhood Watch event – home improvement (23 October).

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Trees: sycamore in the ditch behind St Peter's Close needed to be removed; volunteers would be asked to cut branches off trees at the Green.

DITCHES, DRAINAGE AND FLOODING

The Local Emergency Plan had been issued to councillors and interested residents. The cost of producing the booklets was £106.

The Environment Agency hoped to attend in October /November. Vegetation would be removed. Silt could not be removed from site because chemical testing would be required before disposing of it as waste. The council asked for more details as this appeared bizarre; Cllr Rock offered to follow up.

The WODC flood report for Cassington was due in September. The clerk would attend the WODC roadshow on 11 September.

The council confirmed that meanwhile Steve Long should be asked to complete the ditch clearance at the top of Elms Road.

MAINTENANCE

Risk assessments of trees, paths and street furniture around the village: Cllr Hughes reported on the dead end pedestrian lane behind Bell Lane. Clerk to ask Oxfordshire Highways about its future. The barrier to Little Lane was loose. The barrier near Little Green could be painted white for better night-time visibility.

No problems were identified by Cllrs Clague or Cropper. Cllrs Rock and Wilkinson to report next month.

Road surfacing at the Green had been done by Oxfordshire Highways free of charge. The job had been done on a Sunday and was not of high quality –puddles formed.

PLAY AREA

As the bark was affected by flooding, Cllr Rock would be investigating alternative surfaces. The clerk was asked to contact Cottsway's community fund. A swing was lopsided.

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FINANCE

The council thanked the Village Hall committee for reimbursing the cost of the legal bill.

The council RESOLVED to pay the following bills: £

Mrs E S Bickley Clerk remuneration and expenditure	
Allianz –extension of insurance policy – not to exceed	39.00
West Oxon CAB (see below) section 137 donation	25.00

(Cllr Rock left the meeting for the next payment item, declaring a personal and prejudicial interest)

Rock and Co	653.04 inc VAT
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The payment to Rock and Co was an estimate. An adjustment would be made if appropriate next time.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Foxgloves The Green 08/1368/P/FP Alterations to include conversion of garage to kitchen and enlarging existing dormer window, by Mr Mabe. Councillors considered the location of proposed works and no one had a prejudicial interest. The council's observations were to view with some alarm the loss of a garage; no other objections.

(Clerk's note: the council had responded mid-month to a planning application for organic waste processing –an Anaerobic Digester at Worton Park. The council commented on the Green Belt location and Hanson operations which were only approved on a temporary basis, methane safety, lighting, overhead wires, runoff from proposed car parks, tree planting.)

A planning consultation meeting would be held on 17 September at 7 pm at the Old Vicarage.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A donation of £25 was agreed to the Citizens Advice Bureau

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2 October 2008 in the Village Hall, at 7.30 p.m.. All welcome!

Cassington Parish Council

Clerk – Liz Bickley 01865 884496

clerk.cassington@tesco.net

A40 / A34 ROAD WORKS AT WOLVERCOTE FLYOVER

Occasional night road closure. The latest information we have is that the A40 will be closed to all traffic on the night of either the 8th or 15th November, from 2200 hours until 0700 hours. For more information call the Project Helpline Number: 0845 602 2547.

The contractors, Costain, are holding a meeting on Wednesday 15th October, 2008 at Wolvercote Young Peoples Club, St Peters Road, Wolvercote at 7pm

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

Cassington Parish Council is being consulted about the planning framework at various local and regional levels, for the next 30 years.

It is important to get the framework right because it will determine what new proposals for building or infrastructure are allowed.

DO YOU HAVE A VISION FOR CASSINGTON?

This might cover building / infrastructure / transport / jobs / protection of the environment and heritage.

What is important about where you live and your children / grand children will live in the future? We have to look about 30 years forward! Please let us know what you think, by 15th October.

Liz Bickley Parish Council clerk 884496 or clerk.cassington@tesco.net

Look at www.cassington.info for local information. The What's On section can be searched for meetings and events. If you enter Cassington, under "view events for", then press the arrow, the Cassington events will be at the top of the list

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Eynsham Area Waste Watchers is a new group aimed at waste reduction at every level. Our first organised activities are very local, two Swap Shops - Aston Village Hall (Sat. 11 October, 10-12) and Eynsham Baptist Church Hall (Lombard Street, Sat. 18 October, 10-12). Swap Shops work rather like Freecycle - come on the day and help yourself FOR FREE to anything you would find useful, and of course if you have anything to 're-home' bring it (or a photograph) along. To keep in the spirit of the group, please share transport! More details from Eithne Thornton (01865 880359) or Liz Bickley (01865 884496).

Recycling trial takes to the streets

In a bid to cut down on street litter and boost recycling, West Oxfordshire District Council is trialling new style recycling litter bins.

The new litter bins will allow people to recycle plastic bottles, cans, paper/magazines when they are out and about, rather than putting them into bins that go to landfill. Four bins are being used in the trial, two on Church Green and two on Market Place in Witney. These are in addition to the existing litter bins. The bins will be emptied daily and their use will be monitored over the next 6 months.

If the trial is successful WODC would like to roll it out across the District.



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- ★ **Friday 31st October** - Monster Halloween Quiz with Cheese Board Selection
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Please note there will be no weekday opening between 15th and 31st October



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Fourth Annual Cassington Art Class Exhibition

This was held on Sunday, 14th September in the Village Hall. 110 mounted pictures were exhibited on the newly modified stands (now having a landscape configuration as distinct from the previous portrait one). At least an equal number of unframed items were displayed on the Stage and on tables around the walls. The number attending was not counted as there was enough work for the helpers without having one sitting there keeping count. There was a steady flow of visitors through the exhibition from opening time, 10AM, until 3.30.

Eleven of the pictures were brought by visitors and some commissions were taken. The poll for 'The picture you would most like to have hanging on your wall' was this year won by Sarah Wallis for 'Garden Jungle'. My particular garden jungle is not anything like as well done!

Although it is satisfying to know that there is a market for the exhibited works the original, and ongoing, purpose of the exhibitions is to be a showpiece for work done by members of Anne Farncombe's Monday and Tuesday classes. They include works by a number of people who have not tried, or at least not recently, drawing, painting, pastels or whatever. The majority have admitted to enjoying the experience as indicated by their regular attendance.

A surplus of £53 was left and, following a poll among class members, is being donated to the local charity 'SeeSaw' who provide bereavement support for the young in Oxfordshire. On looking through the records of all the four exhibitions held to date some 451 mounted works have been exhibited and 73 of these have been sold. About £500 has been donated to various charities.

Olaf Rock

Marriotts art competition

Secondary school age students are reminded that it is now their turn to help brighten up the large hoardings surrounding the Marriotts Close development site in Witney. Students are invited to send in their artwork and short listed entries will be enlarged and exhibited on public display.

The closing date is 22 October 2008.

The theme is 'West Oxfordshire life', which can be interpreted broadly to give as much freedom as possible. For example it can be

- looking back, present day or futuristic;
- a favourite building(s) or place(s) in the district;
- a vision of the new development or one of its features which includes a multi-screen cinema, shops, restaurants, parking, a recreational area and homes.

Details, including how to enter, are on the Council's website: www.westoxon.gov.uk and are with all secondary school art teachers.

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The weekend of 26th and 27th of September saw Cassington Village Hall transformed into 'Fair Verona' for Dream Studios' imaginative presentation of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*.

Invited to choose between bride or groom, the audience sat as wedding guests on opposing sides as the action ran throughout the hall from the main stage, across two smaller stages, and up to Juliet's balcony (the attic doorway). Wedding invitations for tickets, wedding presents for raffle prizes, and an interval buffet added to the experience, but were just the icing on the wedding cake of a brilliant production.

The performances of Jack Hinton and Cordelia Kelly as Romeo and Juliet moved many to tears, but credit must go to the whole cast and crew. This senior 'Dream on' group have been working with director Mandy Constance on this production for some months, and it was clear from this intelligent performance that they all not only knew but understood their lines, delivering them with wit and emotion in this visually rich and action-packed production to a captivated audience.



If you missed this, you missed something very special.

The cast: Caroline Bates, Sasha Constance, Sophie Constance, Chloe Constance, Louis D'Costa, Holly Gorne, Jack Hinton, Kezia Horgan, Cordelia Kelly, Gemma Lanning, Imogen Taylor, Michael Turner, Laura Vickers, May Webber.
The crew: Nicky Copelin, Rich Constance, Lauren Hinton, Janine Horgan.
Director: Mandy Constance.

Sadly the event was marred by the theft of some of the show's takings in cash and cheques from the hall on Saturday morning. The cash is no doubt long gone, but please keep an eye out for any discarded cheques. Thank you.

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Cassington Women's Institute

Cassington Women's Institute met in the village hall on the 18th September. We were welcomed by president Jane Cook who called for a silence to remember Dorothy Waters, who died since our last meeting. A donation has been made in her memory to the county memorial bursary fund.

The record of the July meeting was read by Pat Hughes and signed as correct by Jane Cook. It was noted that the outing to Cirencester was a great success and enjoyed by all who went, we were fortunate in having a rain free day.

Those of us whom attended the science lecture at Rutherford Appleton Laboratories given by Professor Averil Macdonald and titled 'Fantastic Plastic' found it enlightening and fascinating. Last year they celebrated a 100 years of plastic's use, one of the first was a natural one, horn, which was heated to be shaped, she also told us not all plastics are petroleum products.

We also enjoyed an evening with Ann Widdecombe in the Oxford town hall she is an excellent speaker telling us about her books and television appearances as well as her life as a politician.

Items in 'News and Views' were noted such as the Denman Federation weekend in June and the new Oxfordshire bedroom at Denman college is to be known as Oxfordshire Fritillary which we thought a nice name. Jane told us that the next group meeting will be at Begbroke on Wednesday 29th October when Mr John Banbury will give his talk titled 'An Aladdin's Cave' which is how most people remember his

family shop in Woodstock.

We were invited to write to our MP on two different issues, firstly following on from last year's resolution that the mental ill to be kept out of prison and given treatment elsewhere, also in support of the campaign to stop violence against women.

Pat Hughes was asked to represent the WI on the committee for emergencies in Cassington, she agreed to be our representative.

Jane Cook then introduced Sue Crisp who spoke about and demonstrated the making of 'Rag Rugs'. She brought many examples of her work for us to see, she told us of three different ways 'prodding', 'braiding' and using a hook. She showed us rugs & bags of all sizes and a cushion cover too, she even had made bags from old plastic bags, a new way of recycling? She gave us samples for us to try and see how easy it is to make a rug. She was thanked by Audrey Bishop.

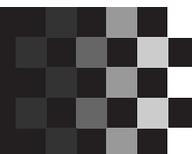
The raffle was won by Betty Bowerman and refreshments were served by Shelia Nelson and Ann Humphris.

The next meeting is on the 16th October when M & S Sheppard will talk about 'The National Trust'

On the 13th October there is a Coffee Morning with a bring and buy sale in the Village Hall 10am until 12noon which we are running for the Oxford Cancer Centre which will provide the care for all cancer patients in one place, the monies raised go towards providing facilities beyond limited NHS funds. **Please come and support this centre.** Thank you.

Ann Humphris (01865) 880983

THE CHEQUERS INN



Christmas bookings now being taken
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Flu planning

In a recent edition of CAWN, interested villagers were asked to volunteer for Cassington and Worton's emergency planning group with particular reference to Pandemic Flu planning. A group was convened on Thursday 11th September, initially chaired by Councillor Hughes. The aim of the group was to establish how the village could support its residents should there be flu pandemic or other emergency such as flooding. This need has been identified following recent information supplied by the County Council and Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust who are urging local communities to make emergency plans.

The following information gives some background to the Flu Pandemic and how you can help inform the Emergency Planning group's next phase of planning. Further articles and information will appear in subsequent editions of CAWN.

Pandemic Flu (different to seasonal flu) describes a global epidemic which results from a new strain of the flu virus that fulfils the following characteristics:

- A new strain that affects humans
- a strain which humans have no immunity
- the ability to spread easily between humans
- the ability to cause severe illness in many people

There is currently a focus on the H5N1 avian strain (bird flu) but it does not yet fill all the necessary characteristics to cause a pandemic in humans. There is no way of knowing when the pandemic will begin but there is considerable sense in planning what to do before it does. The pandemic will start slowly (spreading to the UK within two to four weeks) thus there will be ample warning for communities to implement their established plans.

The Government is planning for up to 50% of the population to be affected by flu with considerable deaths worldwide and significant disruption to the infrastructure of the country including possible closure of schools. All health and social care services will be severely challenged so the government hopes one of the ways the public will help is to be supportive and 'caring of each other'.

Within our community we hope to develop this principle further and develop an emergency plan that will help support all groups but especially those vulnerable and isolated residents. To help us do this we aim to conduct a general communication survey in the next few months that will inform us how we can best communicate and support the residents of Cassington and Worton. We urge you to complete the questionnaire – the information you provide may be vital to your health and well being!

Further information is available on line at www.dh.gov.uk/pandemicflu

www.hpa.org.uk or if you do not have internet access please contact Liz Bickley (01865 884496) clerk to the council, who has available some hard copies of information to read.

Cassington and Worton Emergency Planning Group.

WORTON PARK CONFERENCE ROOM

The Blue Room at Worton Park is now available to hire in the evening and at weekends. This pretty poolside location is ideal for private parties, providing a comfortable space for up to 60 people.

- Use of kitchen included in hire cost
 - Plenty of free on-site parking
 - Disabled facilities

For further information, please call Corin on

01865 882644

www.wortonfarms.co.uk



Start ticking off your Christmas list and come and join us for a Pampered Chef Cookery Show

On Thursday 2nd October 2008

At St. Peter's School, Cassington

Doors open at 7pm

Pampered Chef offers a range of high quality tableware and innovative, multifunctional kitchen tools. Pampered Chef products can be viewed and purchased at: www.pamperedchef.biz/joannajohnson

Feel free to bring alcoholic beverages; there will be a charge of £2 per person for corkage.

Soft drinks will be available to buy.

Rumours, a farce by Neil Simon, is the Bartholomew Players' pre-Christmas production at Eynsham Village Hall on Weds 26, Thurs 27, and Friday 28 November. Tickets £7; concessions £6. Doors open 7.15pm; performance starts 7.45pm. Tickets will be available in November from Evenlode DIY, Eynsham, from cast members, or from Lisa Tyler 01865 880619 or email bart.players@gmail.com

Four affluent couples gather in the posh suburban residence of their friends, Charley and Viv, for a dinner party celebrating their tenth anniversary. When they arrive, there are no servants, the hostess is missing, and the host is busy committing social and professional suicide. The couples fall over themselves (literally) to conceal the evening's events from each other, the local police, and the media. The New Yorker described the American production as 'side-splittingly funny'.

One of the lead parts is taken by Lisa Tyler (now also Secretary of the Bart Players) who is a Cassington resident.

Cassington Police Surgery

Thursday 23 October 2008

10.00-11.00pm

Post Office (The Red Lion) Cassington

PCSO Helen Keen

If you have any enquiries, suggestions, complaints or whatever relating to the police and its services do come and make them known.

This is the second of a regular monthly sequence of such surgeries in Cassington.

THAMES VALLEY AIR AMBULANCE <http://www.tvcaa.org/Fundraising>

Patient survival rates are greatest if treatment is provided within the Golden Hour and an air ambulance can provide the speed that can make all the difference. The Golden Hour is a term often used in emergency medicine to denote that vital period immediately after the onset of acute illness or an accident. Thames Valley's air ambulance is based at RAF Benson, Oxfordshire.

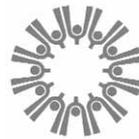
Speed – we can fly over traffic jams and road congestion

Access – we can get to remote locations with difficult access – eg farms, golf courses

Distance – we get farther and faster than land ambulances

A&E – we can get patients to the most appropriate Accident & Emergency or specialist treatment department and not necessarily the nearest.

On average, each mission costs £1,229, and the average spend per helicopter is £843,000 pa. Donations have been requested.



Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action

Enabling a diverse voluntary and community sector to flourish

Does Your Village have a "Good Neighbour Scheme"?

Good Neighbour Schemes are local voluntary groups which offer a service in their community for those in need of help and support. The people who may need support may be older people, people with disabilities, single parents and young mothers, those temporarily in need through illness or anyone who may be isolated within the community.

The help offered by Good Neighbour Schemes may include:

- Providing transport for appointments or hospital visits
- Errands, shopping a collecting prescriptions
- Household tasks or gardening
- Visiting or befriending
- Letter-writing or simple form filling
- Helping people after discharge from hospital
- Reading to partially sighted or blind people
- Providing information

Where the scheme is available to the community is well-used and highly valued by the residents.

Would Your Community Like to Have a Good Neighbour Scheme?

Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action is currently running a project Funded by Oxfordshire CC with the aim of supporting local communities to establish new schemes. A limited number of start-up grants are available to allow communities to meet the costs of setting up- buying a mobile phone, public liability cover and publicity material. (These grants will be available on a first-come, first-served basis).

Funding to Develop Existing Schemes

If your village already runs a Good Neighbour Scheme of any kind, grants may be available to help the scheme extend, diversify or develop. PEstablishing a Network of Good Neighbour Schemes.

Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action is supporting Good Neighbour Schemes by setting up a Network to enable schemes to share good practice, experiences and advice.

For more information, contact..

Liz Pride on 01865 251946

or email: liz.pride@ocva.org.uk

Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action

The Old Court House, Floyds Row, St.Aldates
Oxford OX1 1SS

An evening with Guitar Legend
Gordon Giltrap

Cassington Village Hall
Saturday 4th October 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00 (£5.00 children/OAPs)
Licenced Bar Doors open 7.00pm



A great opportunity to enjoy the playing and company of a true guitar hero. Working and performing for over 30 years with such famous names as Rick Wakeman,

Mige Ure and Bryan May, only Eric Clapton pipped him to the post in Guitar magazine's 10th anniversary readers poll. His remarkable guitar skills, dry wit and chatty presentation promise a very entertaining evening for all.

Reserve your ticket - Carolyn Hinton 884458

JUST A FEW TICKETS LEFT

Bring and Buy coffee morning with raffle

To raise funds for the new cancer centre at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford

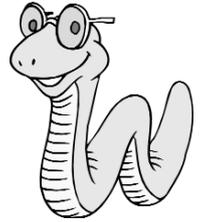
Monday 13th October, 10 - 12 noon
At Cassington Village Hall

Cassington Bookworms

Join us again at Old Manor on Wednesday October 15th at 8.00pm.

This month we are reading ***The Road Home*** by Rose Tremain.

For further information call Margaret on 880709.



CASSINGTON WI
THURSDAY 16th OCTOBER 7.45 pm
THE VILLAGE HALL

The National Trust
Speakers, M&S Sheppard
ALL WELCOME



CASSINGTON CAFÉ
CASSINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Monday 6th October from 10am to noon.
We look forward to seeing you all then!

Cassington Sports and Social Club

Clay Pigeon Shoot

Bob and John Perrin's Field, Eynsham Road.
19th October 11am - 3pm.

All welcome to come along - for fun or to compete for the title - "Sharp Shooter of Cassington". Cost is £7.50 for first 10 Shots (includes insurance). Competition will then involve 40 shots at 4 traps - cost £20.

Enquiries to Stew Thompson
sthompson@brookes.ac.uk

BBQ and drinks available,

Trophy presentation will be in the Red Lion at the end of the day. Trophies for men, ladies and under-15s.

15-16 year olds must be accompanied by a parent,

CPSA coach available - with small bore guns and targets for under-15s.



Kidlington Amateur Operatic Society
presents

Lerner and Loewe's classic Broadway musical



at the
Gosford Hill School Hall
Kidlington

Wednesday 22nd to Saturday 25th October 2008
at 7.30 pm Doors open 7.00 pm

Tickets £10

Concessions £8 on Wednesday and Saturday only.

Available from: Alison's Animals, Garden City;
Jane's, High Street; Building Supplies, High Street
Further details from the BOOKING MANAGER 01865 374967

Autumn Serenade

Friday 24th October 7.30pm

Methodist Church, High St, Witney

With Anything goes and Voice Box choir singing a wide variety of styles including folk, gospel and show stoppers

In aid of the West Oxfordshire Citizens Advice Bureau

Tickets available @ £8 (under 16's free) from Frances Pike 01865 881382 or West Oxfordshire CAB on 01993 771245

Sunday Afternoon Special

2 November, Cassington Village Hall, 4pm

An informal all age event with a short talk, songs and activities for children. Followed by afternoon tea.

Everyone welcome

A community event brought to you by St Peter's Church, Cassington

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY The Cassington Consort is intending to hold a concert in At Peter's Church on **Friday, 7th November**. Including seasonal music and poetry. It is hoped that that it will include items sung by a choir from children from St Peter's School. Keep an eye open for further information.

THE OXFORDSHIRE MUSEUM WOODSTOCK

Garden Gallery 12th July – 12th October
The '70s...the decade time forgot?

18th October – 15th November

JASSO 2008 The Jewellery and Silver Society of Oxford, JASSO, is a society dedicated to promoting the very best of traditional silversmithing and jewellery making skills. Beautiful work on display with much of it for sale.

Treasures Gallery 24th October – October 2009

Soldiers of Oxfordshire - Part-time Defenders – the first 100 years. The exhibition will show snapshots from the early years of the TA to the present.

Picture Gallery 24th October – October 2009

Soldiers of Oxfordshire - Bugles and Busbies Illustrations on a series of themes from the regiments' histories – sport, war, recruitment, humour and others – and will include material to show the Regular Army part of the County Regiment.

New Children's Gallery

The Children's gallery has been re-vamped with lots of exciting new activities. Children can dress up as a in Roman, Victorian and Second World War costume. New handling activities enable them to find out more about children's lives in the past. They also have their own 'Art Gallery' space within the room. The activities are designed to encourage children to explore the rest of the museum.

ART IN WOODSTOCK 25th October – 2nd November

Art in Woodstock is a festival of the visual arts with exhibitions and events in Woodstock

For children 8-14 years

Saturday 25th October 12-1.30 **Drawing workshop at the Art Wall with Gorky Paul**. Outside the Town Hall Cost £5

Tuesday 28th October 2-5 **Stories without Words with Janine Charles** Learn how to mix all the colours of the rainbow from three primary colours. Create a picture that tells a story. Cost £3

Wednesday 29th October 2-4 **Illuminated Lettering with Davina Chapman** Create a medieval style letter/border illustration. Cost £3

Thursday 30th October 2-4 **Your Name in Lights with Davina Chapman** Artwork inspired by neon signs. Cost £3

Friday 31st October 2-4 **Landscape Painting with Sarah Moncrieff** Want to paint landscapes and don't know how to begin? Cost £3

Saturday 1st November 2-4 **Catch the Light with Davina Chapman** Paint an acrylic plaque in the style of a stained glass window. Cost £3

All the above activities must be booked in advance and children must be between 8 and 14 years. Pick up a booking form from the Museum or telephone 01993 814115

OPENING TIMES

Tuesday - Saturday 10am-5pm Sundays 2-5pm Last admission 4.45pm Closed on Mondays FREE ADMISSION OPEN BANK HOLIDAY MONDAYS 2-5PM

For further information please telephone 01993 811456

CINEMA IN CASSINGTON

The next Cassington Village Hall film presentation will be:

Indiana Jones
and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

Friday 7th October at 6.30pm
Doors open 6.00pm (Refreshments)

An old favourite returns ... It's 1957, and Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) is approached by a teenage rebel named Mutt Williams (Shia LaBeouf), whose mother has been kidnapped. He tells Indy about a map and a crystal skull, which may lead to the lost ancient city of Eldorado ...

Certificate 12A

Tickets on sale now, £4 each

In advance from Carolyn, 884458, or on the door

Cassington Village Hall films are provided by "Movies on the Move" - a project run by Chipping Norton Theatre and West Oxfordshire District Council with funding from the European Community Leader Plus initiative.



THIS PROJECT IS BEING PART FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WEST OXFORDSHIRE NETWORK LEADER + 2000 - 2006 PROGRAMME

Village Dates for your diary

Unless shown, events are in the Village Hall

October

Friday 3rd October, 7.30

Harvest Barn Dance with Ploughman's Supper

By advance ticket only
See inside for details

Saturday 4th October, 7.30

An Evening with Gordon Giltrap

Only a few tickets remaining!

Monday 6th October 10am to 12 noon

Cassington Café

Monday 13th October, 10-12 noon

Bring and Buy Coffee Morning

Wednesday 15th October, 8pm

Cassington Book Club

The Old Manor, Bell Lane

Thursday 16th October, 7.45

The National Trust Speakers M&S Sheppard Cassington WI

November

Sunday 2nd November, 4 pm

Sunday Afternoon Special

3rd November 10am to 12 noon

Cassington Café

Friday 7th November, 6.30

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

Film: Certificate 12A

Tickets for films and shows from:

Carolyn Hinton (01865 884458)

Nicky Copelin (01865 881813)

Amanda Fancourt (01865 880581)

Dream Studios

Dream - about Drama

Drama, Dance and Media Classes for children aged 4 - 14.

Cassington Village Hall

Saturday mornings in term time

Child centered tuition and confidence building activities. all welcome

Please call Mandy

07803 954362 for further details

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Hello! My name is Julie Perrin and I am Cassington's Avon Lady!

If you would like a friendly and convenient door to door service for all your toiletries, make-up and luxuries, please contact me at Triwoods House, 44, Eynsham Road, Cassington for your free catalogue.

I will be pleased to add you to my round.

Julie Perrin

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walling stone - local limestone from demolished garden wall

Telephone 880359

NEED A BABYSITTER?

Please contact Lydie Horgan on 01865 881480

Available daytimes and evenings (all ages). Reliable and experienced in looking after young children. Aged 16.

Recent French graduate offers tuition to beginners or those wishing to brush up on their **French skills.**

For children of adults.

Basic Dutch tuition also available.

Call Andy on 07711989863.

HATE IRONING?

THEN TAKE IT TO ELSIE @ 15, ELMS ROAD, CASSINGTON

Tel. 01865 882168 for further details

Village Hall Bookings



For information and to book the Village Hall, contact:

Nicky Copelin

The New House, The Green, Cassington
Tel: 07984 140319 or 01865 881813
Email: nickycopelin@aol.com

Pretty hand-made cards

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Free to anyone who wants it

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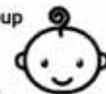
I'm your local instructor.

Discount lesson price for village residents.

Roger Aston 9 Bell Close

01865 880757

Cassington Bump to Bub group
Thursdays from 10.30



A relaxed baby group for expecting mums and those with a little one under 1.

For details contact:

Renee on 881180 or 4rwatson@gmail.com

noticeboard ...

For local services, 'for sale' or similar notices, please send copy (by email if possible) to the usual address.

Appropriate notices are **FREE**, but will only be placed at our discretion.

OXFORD RADCLIFFE HOSPITALS

Cancer Campaign

Coffee Morning



Monday 13th October 2008
Cassington Village Hall

Between 10am – 12 noon



Also Bring & Buy Sale
& Raffle

All proceeds to the New Cancer Centre
At the Churchill Hospital, Oxford

For more information please contact: Jane Cook on 01865 881352

OXFORD RADCLIFFE HOSPITALS

Charitable Funds

Manor House, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DZ

Tel: 01865 743444

Fax: 01865 222469

or email: campaign@orh.nhs.uk

www.orhcharitablefunds.nhs.uk

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