

# VILLAGE CUDDINGTON VOICE



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## Two World Wars Remembered

In St. Nicholas Church, Cuddington  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 at 7.30 pm

Looking back at the Two World Wars  
With Readings from Poetry, Prose and Music and including extracts from the  
memories of some of Cuddington's World War II Veterans

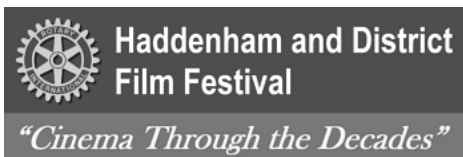
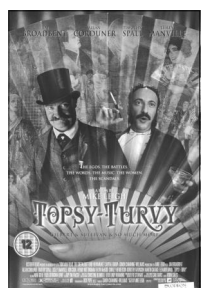
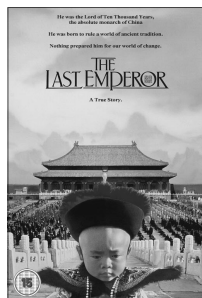
*In Aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal*



Our village act of Remembrance will be on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, starting at 10 a.m. in church and then at the War Memorial a little before 11 a.m. The Service this year will be especially poignant as we remember not only all those who have died over the years during so many conflicts throughout the world, but particularly those who gave their lives during the First World War which began one hundred years ago in 1914.

Please come and join us to remember and give thanks for the lives of all the brave men and women who have died in the service of their Queen and country that we may live in Peace and Freedom.

## Leading Producer to Open Festival



Jeremy Thomas, ex-chairman of the British Film Institute, Cannes jury member and producer of over 40 major films is coming to Cuddington to open the Haddenham and District Film Festival. This is an enormous honour for us. Jeremy has worked with many of the great directors including Stephen Frears, Nic Roeg, Bernardo Bertolucci, David Cronenberg and Wim Wenders. His films include Merry Xmas Mr Lawrence, Insignificance, the Naked Lunch, Sexy Beast and Only Lovers Left Alive, working with actors such as Christian Bale, John Hurt, Tilda

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**CUDDINGTON'S TRADITIONAL  
CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**2.00 - 4.30 pm**  
**at the Bernard Hall**

There will again be many and varied stalls mostly supporting village and local good causes. So there will be good opportunities for some Christmas shopping including wonderful gifts, Florence Nightingale Hospice Christmas cards, home-made preserves and produce, pre-loved toys, hand-knitted items, beautiful hand-crafted patchwork and quilted cushions, quilts, soft toys etc, some games for the children, a raffle, and the chance to relax afterwards with delicious refreshments.

Father Christmas will be visiting us, eager to hear all the children's Christmas wish lists.

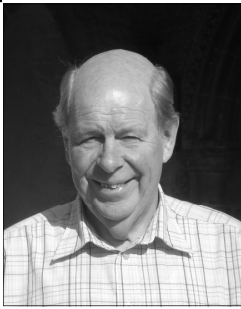
The Hall will be seasonally decorated, and background music of carols and Christmas songs will create a happy festive atmosphere which we hope everyone will enjoy.

See you there!



## Changes to the Benefice

As most of you probably know we are part of the United Benefice of Haddenham. This benefice is soon going to be merging with the Benefice of Stone and Dinton, and this combined entity is to be known as Wychert Vale. Now this decision has been made there is still much work to do to bring the two benefices together, allowing each church to retain its unique identity.



## Thought for the Month

While 2014 appears to be a year of more new things than ever before, it will surely be primarily remembered by many as being the centenary of the start of World War 1. For several months now we've been regaled with programmes and articles in the media about the declaration of war in August 1914 and those early months, about the impact of the war on so many families in so many countries, about the massive sacrifice of so many, and about the excitement of victory. Less seems to have been said about the fact that 25 years after WW1 started, it happened all over again as WW2.

"The war to end all wars" has subsequently seen: the Cold War, the Israel-Palestine wars, Vietnam, Biafra, Falklands, numerous others – and now Ukraine and the so-called IS in Syria and Iraq. "What a world we live in!" is the concern of so many people. It makes us in Cuddington so deeply grateful for the stability and security we can – and hopefully do – enjoy here.

One of the most powerful images with which I am left – from watching it on the TV a few months ago – is that Event in the Garden of Remembrance near Ypres: Royals amongst others from Germany, Britain, Holland and elsewhere all linked together and demonstrating the commitment that never again will we allow to happen what happened between us 100 years ago and then 75 years ago. There has clearly been effective and long-term reconciliation.

Using that word reminded me that there is an even greater reconciliation that has impacted billions of people over thousands of years. So many enjoy its fruits today, even in this extraordinary digital age in which we live. Amongst its fruits, as you would expect, is peace. But while it can and does bring external peace, the primary peace it brings to human life is internal. That in turn brings the strong desire and even ability of being a reconciling agent and so enabling peace to be enjoyed by others. I refer, of course, to the most generous gift ever given by anyone: that of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, living here on earth and dying to reconcile us rebels to God, forgiving us and bringing us into amazing friendship with the Living God.

Come and appreciate the evening of Remembrance to be put on by Peggy Cattell and Jennifer Schram de Jong in the Church as advertised elsewhere, as well as the Remembrance Day All Age Service on November 9<sup>th</sup>. And may we be reminded of the huge sacrifice made by so many, as well as the even greater sacrifice made by the Son of God.

*Graham Carr*

## 1K Challenge for Ngowo



On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, around 20 village children met at the Playing Fields for a sponsored 1K challenge.

The challenge involved running 2 laps of the field with whoops and cheers for everyone as they crossed the finishing line. The children's ages ranged from 2 - 10 years old and everyone received a certificate and a medal. The fastest time was run by William Powell, age 5, setting a good challenge for next year's race.

Ngowa is a boy who lives in Duruma, Kenya and has been sponsored by Cuddington Church Youth for over 6 years. Money is sent to his village's community development project helping to provide water and electricity for the village as well as supporting Ngowa's school. Ngowa is now 13 years old and shares his mud and thatch home with 4 brothers and a sister. Ngowa receives letters, birthday presents and Christmas presents from the youth of St Nicholas through the sponsor-a-child programme managed by Compassion ([www.compassionuk.org](http://www.compassionuk.org))

***And as a result of the event the total amount raised will be over £300— a fantastic achievement!***

## Churches' Ride & Stride

*On Saturday, 13 September there was a sponsored cycle ride between local churches, half the money raised goes to the riders own church and half to Bucks Historic Churches' Trust for the repair of churches.*

*Pictured with their tandem outside the front door of St Nicholas Church, Cuddington, are David and Jane Curry from St Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough. Photo by James Frost.*



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### "Roses, Romans and Renaissance"

This was the topic of the talk given to the Gardening Club at their October meeting by Dr Sandy Primrose, scientist and food specialist with a passion for gardening. His talk followed the history and development of the rose from fossil specimens dating back one and a half million years, through roses originating in Persia, China and Japan to the extensive modern day breeding for continual flowering, fragrance and good colour.



In Roman times roses were used for garlands, for rose oil in perfumes and in cooking. Throughout the ages roses have been highly symbolic e.g. for love and purity, used in heraldry and as a sign of secrecy, hence the phrase "under the rose". The Rose is the nation's favourite flower and the nation's favourite variety is Gertrude Jekyll (see photograph), bred by David Austin. It was an intriguing talk, well-researched and presented.

**The next meeting of the Gardening Club** takes place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm in the playing field clubhouse. James and Elsie Frost will be giving a presentation of Gardens in Somerset which will include, Holt Farm a new organic garden created by Sarah Mead of Yeo Valley Dairy products, Hanham Court Gardens originally owned by the Bannermans, award winning garden designers, Iford Manor the home of architect Harold Peto from 1899-1933, East Lambrook Manor the quintessential cottage garden established by Margery Fish and finally the Dairy Barn, near Bruton, the newly planted garden of Penelope Hobhouse, distinguished garden writer and designer.

For further details concerning the Gardening Club, please look at the village website or contact Elsie Frost on 290768.

## Council Jottings

### The dreaded subject yet again!

What is it? No prizes for guessing----Dog mess!

People playing football on the Playing Fields have made comments about the increasing amount of dog mess being found on the grass and playing surfaces. This has also been noticed when the grass is being cut.

This disgusting situation must stop. Dog owners exercising their dogs on the Playing Fields have absolutely no excuse for not keeping their dogs under observation and using the bags and disposal bin that are readily available. People ignoring this could face fines of up to £1000 if action is taken against them and, if anyone is identified and reported to the Parish Council, then action will certainly be taken. If the situation continues it may well be that the PC starts discussions about the total banning of dogs from the field, which would be a great shame for the many responsible dog owners.

On a similar vein, it has been noticed that dogs are being taken into the children's play area by some parents supervising their small children playing there. It should not need emphasising that this is already banned, for reasons that should be obvious to any sensible people!

### School Buses

The Parish Council received this note, via the website, on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> from Z & S Transport, who operate the small buses to and from the school.

*Dear Parish Council,*

*On a regular basis our school buses are obstructed by badly parking cars disrupting and delay school runs like today.*

*We have children visibly distressed on the vehicle as they thought they could not get home.*

*Police were informed but arrived on since 40 minutes after the initial call.*

*We ask for your help in dealing with parking issues.*

## Britain in Bloom Success!!

*Cuddington has again been successful in the Britain in Bloom (Thames & Chilterns) competition, gaining a Silver Gilt medal in the Village category. The judges noted that "Cuddington is a very clean and tidy village which is a credit to the residents. There are many attractive residential gardens". They also liked the '50 years' bed on the Upper Green; the planting at the War*



*Memorial; the natural areas in Tibby's Lane and Holly Tree Lane; the involvement and support of the Gardening Club; and the fund-raising efforts of the Fete. Overall, in the three sections of Horticultural Achievement, Environmental Responsibility, and Community Participation, Cuddington scored 156 out of 200.*

*A big thank-you to everyone who made a great effort with planting their garden, hanging baskets, tubs etc.*

*Thank-you also to Jim Hayward who has promoted our involvement in Bloom over many years and with his twice a year planting and upkeep of the bed on the Upper Green and the War Memorial has been a wonderful example to us all.*

One of the aims of the bus service is to reduce the number vehicles needing to come into the village at peak school times.

The Parish Council will be working with the School, bus company and Police to try ensure the roads are not blocked by badly parked vehicles, for the benefit of everyone in the village.

### Roads

We have been assured, by Tim Fowler, of Transport for Buckinghamshire, that the repairs to the road to Cheersley will take place this winter. The current state of the road, particularly on the corner, passed Cuddington Mill, is dangerous. Our County Councillor, Paul Irwin is also following this up.

# News from the Clubhouse



## McMillan Coffee Morning

Deana, Sonia and Laura would like to thank all who came to the coffee morning which helped us raise £270.00 for a much needed cause.

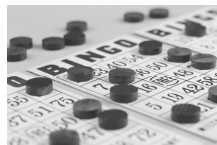
## Christmas Bingo at the Club



*Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December*

If you could donate a raffle or bingo prize it would be much appreciated. Eyes down at 8pm for the all prize bingo.

Please contact Laura on 299027



## Letter to the Editor

*Dear Village,*

*Thank you for all your support and encouragement for CYD! This year, we will have two improvised/devised shows on the last two Sat. eve's and Sunday matinees in January 2015. Ben Stoll is directing the older youths in a who-dunnit, and the younger ones will become jungle animals with some well-known songs. Our annual Sharing of Talent Show will be 20 June 2015. Please do come! I guarantee you will smile from ear to ear...*

*All the best, Elaine English*

## Draw on, Sweet Night!



*A typical selection of recorders such as those played in the concert*

During our recent holiday in a small village in the Sierra Nevada in Spain, we heard the sound of a recorder. We saw a very young girl, around 4 years old, walking to one of the fountains with her mother. The little girl was producing that universal sound of the recorder we all recognise – one peeping, squeaking note being blown breathily. As they sat down, an elderly gentleman said, “Oh. We have some music now!”

In September we were all delighted to hear the beautiful sweet sounds of many different recorders as music from across the centuries was performed by The Galliard Band. Alan Hamilton, who master minded the concert, introduced the band to us. Here were recorders of different sizes – from soprano to bass, but not the very largest which, we were informed, is 7 feet long.

The band musicians demonstrated the versatility of their instruments with an eclectic programme. Toe-tapping rag-time; a cheeky rendition of The Teddy Bears' Picnic; a setting of Sing Joyfully (based on Psalm 150 which mentions various instruments including the flute); Moon River – all arranged to give the different instruments show-case time. The Singers produced beautiful blends of dynamics and harmony, many of unaccompanied. Their discipline was superb, pitching notes and blending the voices into seamless harmonies. We heard songs from the 16<sup>th</sup> century – “In pace in idipsum” (John Sheppard, c.1515 – 1559, a contemporary of Thomas Tallis), through folk songs – “She moved through the fair” which was accompanied by delicate humming, to 19<sup>th</sup> century French (Saint-Saens “Calme des Nuits, which was performed with beautiful blending of voices), to 20<sup>th</sup> century “A Nightingale sang in Berkeley Square”, performed by Sheilagh Armitt, accompanied by the Galliard Band.

There was something for everyone in the programme, and those in the audience I spoke to had enjoyed the concert immensely. The church looked lovely, candlelit and warm, and the evening drew to a close with the combined musicians performing John Wilbye's “Draw on Sweet Night.” This lovely 16<sup>th</sup> Century madrigal has wonderful layering of harmony, gentle and soothing, just right for sending us home on a quiet September evening.

There are those “back stage” who deserve a big vote of thanks: Caroline and Myles Saker for selling tickets; the catering team led by Caroline Saker and Caroline Thompson; Jonathan and Helen Keeping for organising the drinks; David Benson for reorganising the church after the wedding held that afternoon.

Most of all, we thank the folks of The Galliard Band and Singers who gave their time and talents for our pleasure. At their request, the proceeds were donated to Utugi.

## Thame Food Festival

### Cici Coco's Pasta Workshop

Over 20,000 visitors attended this year's Thame Food Festival on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Cuddington resident, Giuliana Cortese, ran 'Hand-made Pasta' workshops as part of the day above the Swan Pub. There were 3 workshops during the day with 8-10 people in each class. The guests made delicious tagliatelle and ravioli and which was tasted with Giuliana's own CiCi CoCo tomato sauce.

For more information on Cuddington based Cici-Coco Cookery School, please visit – [www.cici-coco.com](http://www.cici-coco.com) and for Gift vouchers and bookings please contact Giuliana [thecook@cici-coco.com](mailto:thecook@cici-coco.com)



## Pumpkin Face answer

Marilyn Monroe

Caroline Thompson opened the meeting by welcoming the members, Christine Nisbet, who was our speaker, and her husband.



*We broke with tradition, at the speakers' request, to have her talk on Iain Rennie Hospice at Home before the business*

*meeting.*

*Christine was an excellent speaker giving the history of the Iain Rennie Hospice, a local service, from 1985 to present time.*

*Iain Rennie died at home, cared for by his GP, district nurse, and family with his dog beside him. So impressed by his care, four months after his death the hospice at home started with seven nurses, one sitter companion and four bank nurses. Now there are fifty eight nurses, forty sitter companions and fifty bank nurses. They work with the primary care teams to help people with life limiting illnesses to remain at home. Each team of nurses has a leader who is able to prescribe treatment. Respite care is offered at St. Albans hospice and from Sue Ryder Care. The carers are looked after and bereavement counselling is offered. There is one day centre, Grove House, in St. Albans and recently a paediatric nursery team has been formed.*

*It needs £6.8 million each year to function, with administration kept to a minimum. She described fundraising by many volunteers, sponsors including Bill Turnbull, the BBC news reader. There are hospice shops; the nearest in Princes Risborough and Wendover. John Lewis is supporting this charity for a second year.*

*Elizabeth Miller gave the vote of thanks and there were many questions.*

*The business meeting ended with nominations for our 2015 committee, with ample time for tea and talk.*

**Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November – The History of Spinning**

## Wild West Fete Funds Allocation

The 2014 Fête AGM was held at the Playing Fields Clubhouse on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Jeremy Galpin (Chair) gave a review of this year's Wild West Fête and presented the accounts, announcing that a total of £7,740 was to be distributed to village causes, fulfilling 100% of the donations requested. The breakdown is as follows:

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Sunshine Club                 | £500   |
| St Nicholas Church            | £1,000 |
| Toddler Singing Group         | £200   |
| Nic Nac After School Club     | £90    |
| Village Voice                 | £1,000 |
| Cuddington Tennis Club        | £300   |
| Cuddington Gardening Club     | £300   |
| Cuddington Playing Fields     | £1,500 |
| Fireworks                     | £700   |
| Cuddington & Dinton School    | £500   |
| Cuddington WI                 | £250   |
| Cuddington Methodist Church   | £250   |
| Tic Toc                       | £250   |
| Nicholas Almond Trust         | £400   |
| Cuddington Club Bar Committee | £500   |



A debate on the future of the Fête was held with valuable contributions from many of those present, resulting in Jo Goodson volunteering to form and chair the Committee for 2015.

Jeremy Galpin thanked all of those who have given up so much of their time to make the last two years so successful and wished Jo every success with 2015.

## Harvest Thanksgiving Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper was yet another wonderful village occasion with a splendid harvest meal provided by the catering team.

Many thanks must go to Angus Goodson for entertaining us with a challenging quiz and a pumpkin face competition!

The quiz was a closely fought event with it going to a tie break question—and the right table probably did deserve to win!!



Meanwhile we were asked to identify 12 cut-out photographs on pumpkins, one of which is shown above. Can you identify it?

Answer on page 4.

## Harvest Service

After the fun Saturday Harvest supper, the Harvest celebration continued in a packed church, with an excellent 'all age' service taken by Jo Goodson and Sarah Wood - something for everybody from 2-92.

Chairs were hastily stacked and moved during coffee time, and tables set up by the men folk while others went home to collect a huge range of tempting, culinary delicacies, from a wide variety of crisps to a side of salmon and, of course, Mary Berry type puddings. Some 60 people including families and all ages tucked in.

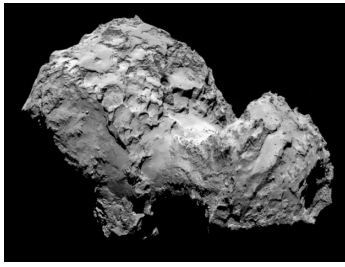
A competition for the best decorated cup cake, the chewiest flapjack and the tastiest jam were "professionally" judged by a man of the cloth and an agriculturalist (no names mentioned as they are not quite ready to go national yet). The entries were then shared round and consumed and happy children, including myself, went home with certificates.

The gathering was declared a winner and definitely to be repeated long before Cuddington sees the next harvest.

HUGE thanks to the organisers and creative thinkers - keep thinking!"

*Fiona Carr*

# Weather



Overall, September was a warm month with a temperature of 15.6°C (60°F), just over one degree above the long term average and much warmer than the two previous Septembers. It was a rather dull

month and extremely dry.

The maximum daytime air temperature averaged 20.6°C (69°F), the long term average is 19.3°C (67°F). The night time air minimum temperature averaged 10.6°C (51°F), the long term average is 9.6 °C (49°F).

The highest day time air maxima occurred on the 18th (24.1° C, 75°F). The lowest day time max occurred on the 20<sup>th</sup> (17.4°C, 63°F). The highest night time air minima occurred on the 20th (15.3° C, 59°F) and the lowest on the 22nd (2.0°C, 36°F). The lowest temperature just above the grass tips also occurred on this date, minus 0.8°C (31°F), our first ground frost of autumn.

Bright sunshine was limited, only totalling 100.45 hours – the long term average is 141 hours.

Rainfall for the month was very low with 3.7mm (0.15 in); the average is 55.0mm (2.17 in). It was the driest in my 17 year record, the previous driest being in 2003 (11.9mm, 0.47 in). A quick look at Oxford's weather data, which goes back to the year 1853, reveals that this was most probably our driest September since 1929 (2.6mm, 0.10 in).

## Sky Notes

A space mission first will culminate on November 12th when the European Space Agency's unmanned spacecraft, *Rosetta*, will attempt to land a tiny lander, called *Philae*, onto the surface of comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, described by some observers as looking a little like a child's bath time plastic duck! The largest diameter of the comet is about 3 miles (5 km); because of its small size the moment *Philae* touches down on the surface it will fire harpoons into the ground to prevent it from bouncing back out into space because of the comet's very weak gravity.

Comets are like time capsules containing primitive material left over from the time when the sun and planets formed. By drilling into the surface, *Philae* will help science better understand the role comets may have played in supplying the early Earth with water and perhaps the building blocks for life itself.

Sean Clarke

# Village Picture House celebrates its 1st Birthday!

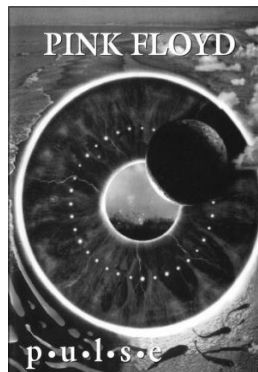


*The Village Picture House celebrated its first birthday at the end of last month with its 37<sup>th</sup> production in just those short 12 months – and I'm not sure if any of us realised that we would have had on average over three showings each month! And the cinema facilities were also hired out for over 6 private events as well.*



*To celebrate the occasion Elaine made 60 individual birthday cup-cakes for the audience of Billy Elliot and our photograph shows her displaying them with FOH manager for the night, Chris Blumer.*

*Elsewhere in Village Voice you will be able to see details of the two films we are showing as part of the Haddenham and District Film Festival and we are privileged to be having Jeremy Thomas, the producer of The Last Emperor formally open the festival and speak about the film – so it would be great to see you at the Bernard Hall for these films!*



*Additionally in November we have Pink Floyd in Concert: Pulse on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - a re-run of the amazing 1994 concert at Earls Court and into December we have Arthur Miller's powerful play The Crucible from the Old Vic. This intense play about witchcraft strikes many chords with present day religious fundamentalism. One not to be missed? And we hope to run an Encore showing as well.*

*Later in the month we have another National Theatre Live production, JOHN, which combines movement and the spoken word to create a moving theatrical experience.*

*For more details please visit us at [www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema](http://www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema)*

*Looking forward to seeing you!*

# Soul Boy!



*Tony Hadley made a very special appearance of the Village Picture House's showing of "Soul Boys of the Western World" on 24th October. A packed hall was delighted to hear from Tony himself about the making of the film and the successful coming together again of Spandau Ballet.*

*The audience was treated not just to Tony's appearance but also the broadcasting of the band's interview at the Albert Hall following the launch of the film and the live set that they performed afterwards. It was a brilliant evening!*

*An Encore of the evening, again with Tony's presence, will be given on Thursday 20th November at 7.30pm. To book your tickets please visit Cuddington Stores or go on line to [www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema](http://www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema)*

# Dates for your Diary

*November's sky is chill and drear,  
November's leaf is red and sear.*

Sir Walter Scott



## November

|                                  |                                                         |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2.00pm    | Sunshine Club in the Clubhouse till 4.00pm              |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting                                  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  | Two World Wars Remembered in St Nicholas Church         |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm  | Gardening Club - "The Gardens of Somerset"              |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> 10.45am | School Remembrance Service at War Memorial              |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm  | WI - The History of Spinning, Marilyn Wright            |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm   | Film Festival at the Village Picture House (see page 1) |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm   | Film Festival at the Village Picture House (see page 1) |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> 2.00pm   | Sunshine Club in the Clubhouse till 4.00pm              |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2.00pm | Christmas Fayre in the Bernard Hall till 4.30pm         |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> 9.00am  | Infant Family Assembly                                  |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm | <i>Pink Floyd in Concert</i> – Village Picture House    |

## December

|                                  |                                                        |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> 2.00pm    | Sunshine Club in the Clubhouse till 4.00pm             |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> 7.30 pm   | Gardening Club - "Wildlife in a Bucks Garden"          |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting                                 |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> 7.00pm  | <i>The Crucible</i> CinemaLive – Village Picture House |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> 3.00 pm.  | Christingle Service                                    |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm   | WI - Annual Meeting                                    |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> 8.00pm   | <i>JOHN NT</i> Live – the Village Picture House        |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> 12.30 pm | Sunshine Club Christmas Party in the Bernard Hall      |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>         | Christmas Family Assembly                              |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>         | Christmas in the Club                                  |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>       | Carol Service                                          |

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Swinton, David Bowie Tim Hiddleston and Jude Law. Jeremy was also the producer of 'The Last Emperor', a film which won a staggering nine Oscars including Best Picture. This is the film we will be showing on the Festival's opening night, and Jeremy will be on hand to share some of his memories and answer questions.

The Festival is run by Haddenham & District Rotary Club working in partnership with Haddenham, Cuddington, Long Crendon and Bishopstone film clubs. The theme of the festival is "Cinema through the Decades" with films showing over the weekend of Friday 14th – Sunday 16th November. The Village Picture House is hosting two films at the Bernard Hall. 'The Last Emperor' charts the dramatic history of Pu Yi, the last emperor of China, who started life in the Forbidden City as the object of worship by the people and ended up as an obscure peasant worker. 'Topsy-Turvy' is about the relationships between Gilbert and Sullivan and the making of The Mikado.

The full programme is:

|                                |                                                |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| "The Last Emperor" (1980s)     | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, Cuddington     |
| "Amélie" (2000s)               | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> 8.00pm, Bishopstone    |
| "Charade" (1960s)              | Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> 3.00pm, Haddenham    |
| "The Sting" (1970s)            | Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> 8.00pm, Bishopstone  |
| "Brighton Rock" (1940s)        | Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, Long Crendon |
| "The Rocket" (2010s)           | Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> 3.00pm, Long Crendon   |
| "Topsy-Turvy" (1990s)          | Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm, Cuddington     |
| "Strangers on a Train" (1950s) | Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> 8.00pm, Haddenham      |

Tickets £5 each with discounts for enthusiasts booking three or more different films.

All events take place in November and the venues are: Cuddington—Bernard Hall, Bishopstone—Village Hall, Haddenham—Youth Centre and Long Crendon—Community Library.

# Dementia Friends



Lesley Baillie, who is an Alzheimer's Society dementia champion, spoke reassuringly and confidently to an audience of

some 40 guests invited by the Sunshine Club at the Playing Fields Club on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

She set out with the objective of conveying 5 key messages for people to understand and these were that:

- dementia is not a natural part of ageing
- dementia is caused by diseases of the brain
- dementia is not just about losing your memory
- it is possible to live well with dementia
- there is more to the person than the dementia.



**Lesley Baillie with one of the 'into action' leaflets**

Lesley involved the audience right from the beginning and by doing so was able to bring the discussion to life by introducing some anecdotes which brought about responses and further examples from individuals. The result was a much greater awareness of what people living with dementia might be experiencing and therefore enlightenment as to how we can help them.

The main aim of the session was to make the audience aware of the concept of Dementia Friends and to go away with better understanding and to turn that understanding into action. To find out more about Dementia Friends go to: <http://alzheimers.dementiafriends.org.uk/>



We are very pleased to report that Mrs Price is recovering well from her operation and that the school is performing very well in extremely capable hands in her absence – but she can't wait to be getting back in January!



It was lovely for the Infant children to join the Juniors in a whole school Harvest Festival service at St Peter and St Paul's church in Dinton on 14<sup>th</sup> October. The Vineyard Storehouse in Aylesbury received all of the offerings that the children brought in and this has helped provide much needed food for the local Food Bank for needy people.

We are very pleased to say that the new Breakfast Club which started on the Infant site here in Cuddington is proving to be a great success and we hope very much that it becomes a permanent part of what the school is able to offer families.

The school has recently been awarded the Silver Kite mark for sport which is a very prestigious award, especially for a relatively small school such as ours; and it reflects well on the fact that we have had some excellent results in recent sporting fixtures. Well done to all involved!

And finally we are really pleased to announce that the school has been awarded a grant from "Sports for All" which means we are going to be able to upgrade the Infant site significantly to provide even better facilities for the children.

Mr Matt Tomson, Acting Headteacher



***Poppies will be sold around the village up until Remembrance Sunday.***

***Please give generously.***

### Services at St. Nicholas

(Churchwardens: David Benson 01296 433757 and Graham Carr 290000)

#### November

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| 2nd  | 10.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION  |
| 9th  | 10.00 am | FAMILY SERVICE  |
| 16th | 10.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION  |
| 23th | 10.00 am | MORNING WORSHIP |
|      | 11.15 am | HOLY COMMUNION  |
| 30th | 10.00am  | MORNING WORSHIP |

Opportunities for praying together in church are each Thursday at 9 a.m. and each Sunday at 9.10 a.m.

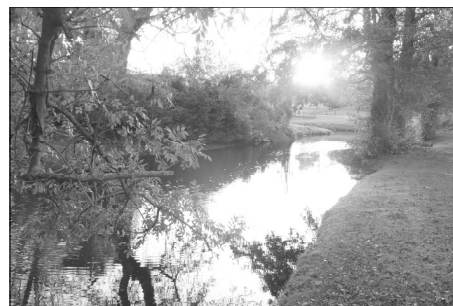
There is a service at 5.30 pm every Sunday evening at Cuddington Methodist Chapel.



# Greener Cuddington

I often hear people in Cuddington comment on how lucky we are to live in a beautiful village surrounded by a lovely, gentle countryside that is rural and picturesque. I know a lot of people who are interested in local wildlife, and many of us have bird feeding stations and look out for nature when out and about: it was great to discover the bee orchids this summer! We all look out for inappropriate development and planning applications, and take a great deal of care in looking after the appearance of the village. Also, in my work on the Save The River Thames project, I have found a number of landowners who are committed to improving biodiversity in our area, and one is even returning their land to woodland and marsh.

That being said, the bigger picture is far from being rosy. I read this single week that there has been a 54% decline in wild animal numbers world-wide, that UK butterfly numbers are still decreasing in spite of our lovely summer, and that the nation's Sites of Special Scientific Interest are being threatened by under-management caused by budget cuts. World Wetlands Trust Chief Executive, Martin Spray, said in a recent Parliamentary Environment Committee that



'Places like SSSIs are the jewels in the crown.... the building blocks for future environmental enhancement. Therefore to allow those to deteriorate further means we're removing options for the future and future generations.'

The relevance of this to our surroundings is that each one of us can take an interest in our lovely countryside, and in our beautiful River Thames. We can let it be known that wildlife is important to us by telling farmers that you support their efforts to encourage wildlife, telling councillors and Thames Water people that a healthy river and the streams that feed it are important, and making choices in our own lives that prove our concerns are real.

We can do little about the huge global problems which have multiple causes in our troubled World, but we can do something to protect and improve our local environment to the benefit of us all by simply taking an interest, and occasionally putting in some effort to doing something about it. Here's some suggestions:

- \* Put bird feeders in your garden and keep them clean and supplied.
- \* Create a wildlife or wild flower area in your garden.
- \* Join the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust and join in with their activities and volunteer opportunities. The same goes for the Chiltern Society, who now manage reserves at Whiteleaf and at Wendover Woods.
- \* Take an interest in the developing Save The River Thames project or the River Thames Conservation Trust.
- \* Tell your political representatives at all levels that landscape and wildlife are important to you. Write to your MP about the loss of wildlife and other issues.

For more information about any of this, contact [doug@doug-kennedy.com](mailto:doug@doug-kennedy.com)