

VILLAGE CUDDINGTON VOICE



**NOVEMBER
2015**

VOLUME EIGHTEEN

Fete gives generously at AGM

The Fete AGM was held on Wednesday 14th October in the Playing Fields Club House. Jo Goodson gave an overview of her experiences as a first time Chair of the Fete Committee and said that she would be happy to take the role on again for 2016 which was met with applause and cheers!

The Fete takings for 2015 were £11,243 with net takings after costs as £8,418. The requests from village societies and organisations exceeded this figure so the Committee had taken some of the reserve funds and the allocations are shown on page 5.

Jo thanked everyone for all of their help and support, drinks were distributed and Ken Trew proposed a toast thanking Jo for all of her hard work too.

Discussions around making changes for 2016 took place including; official opening time 2pm; fixed table fees for commercial stall holders; recruiting more people to do the door to door programme distribution and collections.

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Images from this years' Fete



World Premiere in Cuddington!



**Sam Baker rehearsing
for his recital**

"A Cuddington Suite", a set of eight sonnets with incidental music, was performed for the first time in St Nicholas' Church on Saturday 24th October. Written by Nigel Phillips and with music composed by Sam Baker it had been dedicated to the memory of Jim Hayward who died in August. The sonnets are based on the perceptive, wry and often humorous observations of Nigel during his frequent walks around Cuddington and the area. The subject matter

for the sonnets ranged from the new wind turbine outside Aylesbury to a 'Silly Sonnet' about people watching! The audience recognised and responded appreciatively to the many local references.

The sonnets formed part of an organ and piano recital given by Sam Baker, a young protege of Nigel, and an audience of nearly a hundred were treated to some beautiful playing of music by Bach, Elgar, Bridge and others as well as composed by Sam himself. Sam brought the evening to light not just through his highly talented and sensitive playing but also through his superbly knowledgeable and informative introductions

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Village Fireworks



**Friday, 6th November, 2015
Cuddington Playing Fields
from 6.00pm**

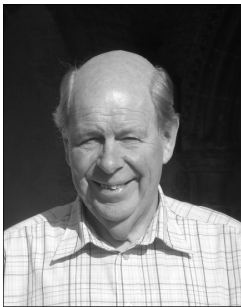


The 2015 Remembrance Sunday Service will be held in St. Nicholas' Church at 10.00 am on Sunday, 8th November with the Act of Remembrance taking place at the village war memorial in the churchyard at 11.00 am. If the weather is inclement, then the Act of Remembrance

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**BBQ - MULLED WINE
GLOW STICKS! - RAFFLE
and LICENSED BAR with REAL ALE FROM
XT BREWERY & MORE!**

Free Entry to Fireworks



Thought for the Month

November has become for many of us the month of Remembrance. Last year it was the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI and this year it is both 1915 and 1945 that some will especially remember, the latter 70 years from the end of WW2. Sunday 8th November will be our All-age service in the Church, ending with time around our village war memorial at 11am: do come.

I was trying to think through some of the values of remembering and I realise it's so that important events will not be forgotten. Obvious, really, but they can be remembered with great happiness like birthdays or wedding anniversaries; or with sadness maybe tinged with pride and thankfulness, such as the passing of our parents or a forebear who died in battle. Fruit came from their lives and that is what makes us grateful rather than bitter. Collectively, it's for us to honour the dead of our village and others personally connected with us: hence Remembrance Sunday.

Some remembrances, however, can be bitter and very painful, as I've seen on TV today, when the report into the shooting down of MH17 was broadcast; and similar senseless killings are happening daily. Faith in a Living and Loving God can help, as long as we are able to look up and out and beyond the immediate pain.

Earlier this month I asked a local fount of all knowledge whether there were any other particular events that happened in November in time past. She came up with the fact that on 30th November 1985 there was the famous meeting between Reagan and Gorbachev which is regarded as the beginning of the end of the Cold War. So let's be grateful for that this month and pray that the Syrian conflict will not re-ignite differences between the West and Russia

Finally and on a rather happier note, I was reminded today that there is a fireworks party on the Playing Fields on November 6th evening as we remember Guy Fawkes. It happens to be the very day we return from a trip to Uganda when we'll be remembering organisations set up in the past which are growing up and flourishing, and for which we are deeply grateful to God.

Hopefully see you on 6th and 8th November.

Graham Carr

Chattabox Nativity Play



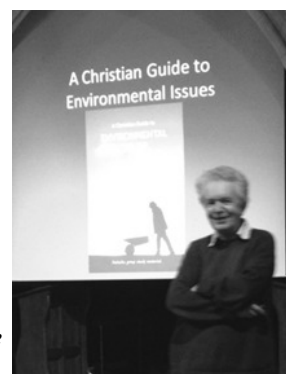
We're planning Christmas already! This year's church nativity play will be filmed in 'Chattabox' from 10am in the Bernard Hall on November 22nd.

All are welcome, do bring any costume items you may have for your children. Chattabox is part of St Nicholas Cuddington's youth ministry and runs in the Bernard Hall on the fourth Sunday of every month. The nativity play will be shown in church on December 13th as part of our December family service. After the film the children will be invited onto the stage in costume for one final song and a lot of photos. It may sound like an odd way of doing a nativity but it means we can get all our kids in the show without any rehearsals and they do love to see themselves on the big screen.

A Book Launch in Cuddington

Not a common occurrence in our village – but at the beginning of October in St Nicholas Church, Margot and Martin Hodson launched their new book 'A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues'. It considers contemporary topics and offers Biblical responses as well as practical tips and advice. The event was very well-attended by people from across the benefice.

Martin, right, and Margot below with the attendees in St Nicholas



New book from Doug Kennedy



Cuddington's own landscape photographer, Doug Kennedy, has a new book being published this month. Having tested the water with his first book, *Chiltern Landscapes* (Doug Kennedy Books 2012), he then produced the lovely photo-book of our local villages called *An English Village Idyll* (2013). An Oxford publisher, Oxbow Books, then commissioned Doug to produce three books on English regions, the first of which was *North Downs Landscapes* (Windgather Press 2015) which focuses on the Kent and Surrey hills and the ancient Pilgrim's Way that links them together.

His new book, published this month, is *Norfolk Landscapes*, and if you thought Norfolk was a flat and boring county, this book will change your view as it reveals a great variety of landscapes that are full of beauty, colour and wildlife. The book is hardback with 112 pages and retails at £14.95 and is available from the Cuddington Stores or from book shops.

Many of Doug's images can be seen on the Cuddington web site and he recently provided a set of framed prints to decorate the Long Crendon medical practice.

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PARISH COUNCIL
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At the last PC meeting, the final place on the Council was filled by co-opting Andrew Vickers. Andrew has recently moved into Brookfields, at the top of Low Lane. He has now retired following a career as a mental health professional. Among other responsibilities, Andrew will become the Parish Council Trustee on the Nicholas Almond Trust.

More Cuddington housing?

In common with other nearby villages, it would seem that Cuddington may well be in line for a number of new housing developments. The first site is the paddock at the corner of Spicketts Lane and Aylesbury Road. This has already been bought by Rectory Homes; although there are no current planning applications for the land, it is clear that there will be in the future.

The second site is on the allotments, where some of the members of the Allotment Society have approached Rectory Homes with a view to them purchasing a portion of the land for housing development.

If either of these sites obtains planning permission for housing, it will inevitably be for larger houses, which are more profitable for the builder. As many of the owner-occupied houses in Cuddington are extended and become larger, and the only new build is large houses, there is a void at the other end of the market for smaller starter homes to buy or rent. What is the effect of this on the nature of our village?

Remembrance

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will take place in church in the Memorial Chapel.

Please do come to pay your respects and remember all those men and women who gave their lives during the two world wars and in numerous other conflicts throughout the world up to the present day. Only last week two members of the RAF lost their lives in Afghanistan, and so many young men and women have also suffered terrible injuries. We remember them and their grieving families.

Second Haddenham & District
Film Festival

"Shakespeare at the Movies"
20 - 29 November 2015

Film Festival

The second Haddenham and District Film Festival will be taking place from 20th to 29th November in Haddenham, Long Crendon and Cuddington.

The theme this year is *"Shakespeare at the Movies"* and the following productions are going to be shown:

Richard III	West Side Story	Julius Caesar
The Winter's Tale*	The Merchant of Venice	Shakespeare in Love

Tickets are £5.00 each, except for the "live"* broadcast on Thursday 26 Nov £10.00

Box offices:

Cuddington shows – Village Stores or
www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema

Haddenham shows - Haddenham Library or
www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk

Long Crendon shows – Long Crendon Library or
www.longcrendonfilmclub.com

Alternatively, ring 01844 291613 for further details and tickets for all shows
A leaflet giving full details will be coming to each household

The festival is supported by Haddenham & District Rotary Club and Aylesbury Vale Arts Council.

Calling all Students!

The October Village Voice gave details of our own Cuddington Charity Nicholas Almond that supports young Cuddingtonians who are going into, or are already in, further education.

The closing date at the end of November is rapidly approaching, so if you would like to apply for a small but useful grant, please get in touch and apply in writing to Jennifer Schram de Jong, Larden Spicketts Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0AY. Enquiries by Tel : 291501

A War Grave

A Commonwealth War Grave Commission memorial stone lies in St Nicholas Churchyard, located on the north side under a spreading lime tree. It is unmissable as it is so white and clean. Apparently it is tended by CWGC personnel once a year.



The gravestone is of Flight Lieutenant Charles Frederick Ridout, who died on 25 October 1942. He was aged 35 and married to a woman from Haddenham. The couple lodged in Chestnut Cottage (next to the village shop in Upper Church Street) with Mr and Mrs Bliss.

During World War II Haddenham's airfield was used for training glider pilots. Gliders became a common sight in our area both in the air and on the ground. Some ended up in fields nearby. Tow ropes sometimes broke and it was said that the garden pergola of Sir James Lochmore in Cheersley had many discarded ropes festooning it. The undulating surface of the airfield sometimes resulted in gliders losing one or more wheels which presented the trainee pilots with a sharp learning experience.

On the day in question Charles had taken off in a Miles Master aircraft towing a glider. Unfortunately his plane failed to climb and swung abruptly. It careered into a tree and crashed to the ground near the River Thame and burst into flames. A passing Army Despatch rider was unable to save Charles.

He was buried after a funeral in the church which included a guard of honour of village schoolchildren and dignitaries from the Royal Air Force.

The certificate from CWGC states that Charles Ridout is "remembered with honour" and that his name is "commemorated in perpetuity".

Peter Wenham

Cuddington on TV



For those who may have missed it, there was an item about one of Cuddington's former residents on 'The One Show'. In the Crown, Labi Siffre, who used to live in The Pitchings, Spurt Street, was interviewed, by Cerys Matthews, about his music, especially his song

'Something Inside So Strong'. They then visited his former home and the Aylesbury Multicultural Centre. The programme is available on iPlayer until 13th November.

THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE NEWS CUDDINGTON

The works of William Shakespeare feature strongly in the Village Picture House programme for November. On Tuesday 10th, there's another chance to see Benedict Cumberbatch as he takes on the title role of Shakespeare's great tragedy *Hamlet*. This encore screening was captured by National Theatre Live at the Barbican Theatre. As a country arms itself for war, a family tears itself apart. Forced to avenge his father's death but paralysed by the task ahead, Hamlet rages against the impossibility of his predicament, threatening both his sanity and the security of the state. "Cumberbatch is a blazing, five-star Hamlet" says *The Daily Telegraph*. "One of the most visually and atmospherically stunning productions I've ever seen, of anything, ever" says Andrzej Lukowski of *Time Out*.

On 19th November we have another National Theatre Live screening: the hit Broadway production *Of Mice and Men*, filmed on stage last year in New York. James Franco and Chris O'Dowd star in this landmark revival of John Steinbeck's play, a powerful portrait of the American spirit and a heart-breaking testament to the bonds of friendship. "A riveting, powerful production" says *The Independent*. "James Franco is fantastic" says *Time Out New York*. "Chris O'Dowd is a revelation" says *Entertainment Weekly*.

On Sunday 22nd November we'll be showing the magnificent, multiple award-winning Leonard Bernstein / Stephen Sondheim musical *West Side Story*, as part of the 2015 Haddenham & District Film Festival. *West Side Story* is the screen adaptation of Shakespeare's romantic tragedy *Romeo and Juliet*, here turned into a New York gang parable set in the turbulent late 1950s. "Nothing short of a cinema masterpiece" said the *New York Times*.



On 26th November, Judi Dench and Kenneth Branagh star in *The Winter's Tale*, Shakespeare's timeless tragicomedy of obsession and redemption broadcast live from London's Garrick Theatre. King Leontes appears to have everything: power, wealth, a loving family and friends. But sexual jealousy sets in motion a chain of events with tragic consequences...

Looking ahead to December, we have something for everyone in the run-up to Christmas. On Tuesday 8th we present *Jane Eyre*: Charlotte Brontë's story of the trail-blazing heroine is as inspiring as ever in this new production, broadcast live from the National Theatre. On the afternoon of Thursday 17th we'll be showing *Minions*, our Kids' Club movie to mark the start of the school holidays. Then on Monday 21st our Christmas film will be *Cinderella*, the new, live-action version of the traditional fairy tale starring Lily James, Cate Blanchett, Richard Madden and Helena Bonham Carter.

Visit the web page for more details of all features:
www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema

The Mystic Rose

Christmas is coming...
with seasonal music by
Mendelssohn, Bach and Chilcott

The Witchert Choral

Conductor: David Quinn
St Mary's Church, Haddenham
Sat 5th Dec at 7.30pm

Tickets £12 (£10 conc. £3 child)

from Blooming Fruity
or Ann Millar 01844 215632 / ann@greysmead.com
or other choir members

In aid of Haddenham Village Society
and the Oxfam Emergency Appeal for the Crisis in Syria



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Christmas Fayre

Saturday, 21st November

2.00 pm to 4.15 pm
at the Bernard Hall

Lots of Gifts; 'Pork & Ginger' Pies and Sausages;
African crafts; Jewellery; Potted Indoor Bulbs;
Beautiful hand-crafted Patchwork and Quilted items;
Homemade Cakes, Biscuits, Preserves and Sweets;
Pre-loved Toys and Games; Christmas Cards;
Raffle; Delicious Refreshments; and more.

Special Guest, **SANTA** will be there!

Come and enjoy a friendly, festive afternoon.
Free Admission.



Fete

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The Fete theme for 2016 is 'an all singing, all dancing fete' (plenty of scope for dressing up as a dancer!) and Jo said she hoped that the Human Fruit Machine would be manned by Elvis impersonators!

Organisation	£
Village Voice (Funding of Colour Issues)	300
Children's Playground Refurbishment Project (Parish Council)	1,000
School (New Mud Kitchen on Infant Site)	1,000
Women's Institute	250
Church (Church Clock Repairs and coach for annual Church outing)	1,050
Nic Nacs After School Club	100
Tennis Club	350
Gardening Club	300
Village Fireworks Display	800
Methodist Church	250
Playing Fields Association	1,700
TicToc	250
Playing Fields Bar Refurbishment	600
Nicholas Almond Charity	400
Sunshine Club	500
TOTAL DONATIONS MADE IN 2015	8,850



St Nicholas Church Cuddington is now collecting shoeboxes for operation Christmas Child. Leaflets can be found on the table as you enter the church with plenty of information, stickers and donation envelopes. This wonderful charity will be sending millions of boxes to children all over the World in desperate situations.

To be part of this wonderful outreach programme please wrap a medium sized shoebox and fill it with what you can: toys, sunglasses, hats, balls, yoyos, toothbrushes, pens, bracelets, skipping ropes, teddies, colouring books etc. All items should be new and aimed at either a girl or boy. Please leave out any toys referencing guns or war. More guidance and inspiration can be found at the following web-site:

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

Boxes can be left at the back of church any time from now until the 17th November.



Cuddington and Dinton CofE School will be holding a Christmas Fayre after school on Friday 27th November at the Junior Site in Dinton – there will be lots of interesting and exciting stalls including Cici-Coco, Orchard View Farm, Jazzy Lily Jewellery and Younique, along with refreshments, carols from the school choir, plenty of games for the children and a personal appearance from Father Christmas!! We look forward to seeing you there.

Friends4CADS



Prize seeds?

The October meeting of the Gardening Club turned into a very jolly affair, at times hilarious, when John Negus, our speaker, handed out “prizes” of seeds and other gardening products in response to his “quiz” questions.

The evening commenced with John’s talk “The Garden in Winter” which described plants that produce distinctive features during the autumn and winter months.

- Autumn leaves: Acers, Prunus, Rhus typhina
 - Coloured stems e.g. Cornus and willow
 - Ornamental grasses which retain their shape
 - Flaking barks e.g. the white of the Birch “Graywoods Ghost”
 - Berries e.g. Sorbus, Callicarpa, Holly, Pyracantha, Arbutus, Viburnum davidii
 - Bulbs: Snowdrops, winter aconites, early crocus and narcissus, iris reticulata
 - Flowering plants; Nerines, the hellebores - orientalis and “stinking”, Algerian iris
- Scented shrubs: Daphnes, Mahonia, winter honeysuckle, Sarrococca (sweet box).



Helleborus orientalis.

Now there’s no excuse for us not having plenty of winter interest in our gardens! Everyone agreed that it had been a very instructive and sociable evening with plenty of audience participation. John was certainly one of the best speakers we’ve ever invited.

Our Christmas event - a Cream Tea at Waterperry Gardens, Monday 7th December at 2.30 pm gives people a chance to browse for Christmas gifts in the garden shop, plant centre and galleries; for further details contact Gilly Cottman on 01844 292650.

The next meeting takes place on Monday 9th November, 7.30 pm in the playing field club house. Our speaker will be Brian Fisher who will be talking about “Cottage Gardening”. Guests and visitors most welcome (£2 per person).

Weather

Overall, September was a cool month with a mean temperature of 12.7°C (54.9°F), nearly two degrees below average and making it the coldest September in my 17 year record. The previous coldest was 2012 (12.9°C, 55.2°F). Maximum daytime air temperature in September averaged 17.5°C (63°F); the long term average is 19.4°C (67°F). Night time air minimum temperature averaged 8.0°C (46°F); the long term average is 9.7°C (49°F). The highest day time air maxima occurred on the 11th (21.0°C, 70°F). The lowest day time max occurred on the 22nd (13.1°C, 56°F). The highest night time air minima occurred on the 12th (12.7°C, 55°F) and the lowest on the 26th (2.4°C, 36°F). The lowest temperature just above the grass tips occurred on the morning of 6th with minus 0.6°C (31°F) our first ground frost of the autumn. Bright sunshine totalled 142.1 hours – the long term average is 141 hours. Rainfall for the month 47.6 mm (1.87 in), the average is 52.0 mm (2.05 in).

Sky Notes

Sea surface temperature variation across our planet plays a big part in defining the world’s climate. The El Niño is the best known example which dramatically affects the weather in the tropical Pacific. Closer to home the Atlantic Ocean sea surface temperature also varies naturally over timescales of years. Recently a huge anomalous pool of cold water has appeared and possibly caused by excessive ice melt from the Greenland Ice-shelf as a result of man-made global warming.

Fresh water injected into the Atlantic may be slowing the normal current of warm water from the Caribbean, known as the Gulf Stream or North Atlantic Drift when near to our shores - this prevents the Polar Regions becoming too cold. This pool of cold water could well have a marked influence in defining the UK’s weather over the coming winter by giving high atmospheric pressure a greater chance of forming mid-Atlantic. The consequence of this is that the jet stream will be displaced further south causing areas of low pressure, which are steered by the jet, to track across southern Britain. Normally low pressure areas have already started tracking northwards before reaching the UK thus limiting the amount of rainfall and strong winds in the southern half of the country. We will have to wait and see.



Queen Victoria's relationships

At the October meeting the speaker, Jim Carter, had the subject of the Life and Times of Queen Victoria. In his talk he gave us a wonderful insight into life during Queen Victoria's reign with information not in the history books. We were told much about her life as a Queen with amusing anecdotes. We also heard about Victoria's relationships with her family, with her husband as well as Queen Victoria as a mother. Jim Carter also delved into her relationships with Mr Brown and with Disraeli. He brought some beautiful old books from the period for us to look at.

An interesting and entertaining afternoon ended with tea and biscuits.



Dates for your Diary

*"When you go home, tell them of us
and say, for their tomorrow we gave
our today."*

John Maxwell Edmonds



November

Monday 2 nd 2.00pm	Sunshine Club in the Playing Field Club
Saturday 6 th 6.00pm	Firework Display on Playing Fields
Monday 9 th 7.30 pm	Gardening Club, Brian Fisher "Cottage Gardening"
Monday 9 th 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 10 th 2.30pm	W.I. Guest Speaker, Roy Collis, Playing Fields Club
Tuesday 10 th 7pm	<i>Hamlet, NT Encore</i> , Village Picture House
Monday 16 th 2.00pm	Sunshine Club in the Playing Field Club
Thursday 19 th 7pm	<i>Of Mice & Men, NT Live</i> , Village Picture House
Saturday 21 st 2pm	Christmas Fayre, Bernard Hall
Sunday 22 nd 5.00pm	<i>West Side Story</i> , Village Picture House
Monday 23 rd 1.30pm	Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema in Bernard Hall
Thursday 26 th 7.30pm	<i>The Winter's Tale</i> , Kenneth Branagh Theatre, Village Picture House
Monday 30 th 2.00pm	Sunshine Club in the Playing Field Club

December

Sunday 6 th 3.00pm	Christingle Service in church
Monday 7 th 2.30 pm	Gardening Club, Cream Tea at Waterperry Gardens
Tuesday 8 th 7.00pm	<i>Jane Eyre</i> , NTLive
Thursday 10 th 2.00pm	Sunshine Club, Bring & Buy, Tyringham Hall
Monday 14 th 12.30pm	Sunshine Club Christmas Party, Bernard Hall
Monday 14 th 7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 15 th	Christmas in the Club
Thursday 17 th 2.00pm	<i>Minions</i> , Kids Club Cinema
Sunday 20 th 4.00pm	Methodist Church, Festive refreshments
Sunday 20 th 5.30pm	Methodist Church, Carol Service
Monday 21 st 8.00pm	<i>Cinderella</i> , Village Picture House
Tuesday 22 nd	Carol Singing around the village

The Revd John Race

John who, over the years, has led many services in Cuddington died peacefully at home on 12th October. He lived, for many years in Haddenham for many years, where he ran DCP Televisions.

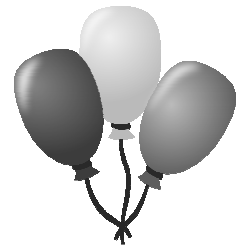
He was a committed Christian, and churchwarden of St Mary's before he trained for ordination in the late 1990s. After his ordination he dedicated himself to the pastoral care of Haddenham and the surrounding villages.

Some families were supported across several generations from baptisms, to weddings and funerals. He was greatly loved, and will be much missed.

New Year in the Clubhouse

*Get the New Year
off to a flying
start at the Play-
ing Fields Club-
house.*

*Doors open at
7.00pm for disco
and karaoke.*



*Families and young children welcome
for a bring and share buffet.*

*Further information in next month's
Village Voice and at the Clubhouse
bar.*

Donkey Meadow - an update



The closing date for submitting evidence to Bucks County Council and to their expert witness, Mr Robin Carr, has now past, and we have had a good response from Cuddington residents. In addition to those who completed a User Evidence form

at an earlier date, ten more people have sent in these forms.

As far as witnesses are concerned, i.e. those people who are prepared to stand up at the Inquiry, read out their Statements (now termed as Proofs of Evidence) and possibly be cross-questioned by legal representatives from both sides, we have at least nine or ten. There is also a sizeable number from Nether Winchendon, and Mr Carr feels that only four or five from each village will be required to appear as witnesses.

However, I have been informed by Mr Carr that anyone who wishes to do so can speak at the Inquiry, even if they have not

submitted any papers. They need to be in the Bernard Hall for the start of the Inquiry, and register their wish to speak. The Inspector will take their details, and they will be able to speak after the main parties have given their evidence.

The Inquiry has been scheduled for **Wednesday 25th November**, starting at 10.00am. Only one day has been allowed for the Inquiry, but Mr Carr thinks it highly unlikely that proceedings will have finished during that time. Unfortunately the Inspector is unavailable the following day, so the matter will be adjourned at the end of day one – quite probably until the beginning of 2016. Witnesses will need to be there for the first day to register just in case there is time for them to be heard, but may need to come back for a second day, whenever that may be.

A copy of this article will appear on our village website so all those interested will know that they still have a chance to speak at the Inquiry even if they have not submitted any written evidence. If anyone wishes to have further details please contact me at asanderson@waitrose.com or 01844 291626.

Angela Sanderson



We have been celebrating harvest across the school with an assembly led by the Vineyard Church and our own school service in St Nicholas's Church. Gifts of produce were brought by the children and gratefully received by the Vineyard Storehouse who will distribute the goods to

those in need in our local area. Gifts of money were donated to the Red Cross Appeal for Syrian refugees.

Our topic work is in full swing and all year groups have combined a trip with the work going on in the classroom; Years 1 and 2 will visit Warwick Castle (yes, they are studying Castles), Years 3 and 4 have been making cardboard models of African animals and are very excited about their forthcoming trip to see The Lion King and Years 5 and 6 have visited the Harry Potter Studios (linked with their topic of Heroes and Villains) and will soon be going to the cinema in Aylesbury as part of Film Week.



It feels like the new Little Owls have always been in school – they have settled in brilliantly and are enjoying their new Outdoor Learning Area complete with mud kitchen (see photograph!). They have hosted an open session in their classroom (with all important biscuits and drinks!) when they invited their parents to come in and see what they have been doing. They were so proud.

As November progresses, evidence of the forthcoming Christmas celebrations will become more prominent in school and we invite you all to join us at our School Christmas Fair on the junior site in Dinton on Friday 27th November from 5-8pm.

Concert

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to each piece. The audience was immensely impressed and appreciative.

As a result of ingenuity by Jonathan Hawkins and Ken Potts, the audience was able to see Sam playing the organ keyboard via a video link to a screen in the chancel arch. This greatly added to their enjoyment of the organ pieces and was definitely another successful 'first' for the church. Also adding to their enjoyment was the wonderful array of eats and refreshments made available in the interval by the catering team – thank you!

The concert was in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and as a result of the marvellous attendance and generous donations it is expected that some £1,300 will be passed on the Association – a commendable sum.

We are greatly indebted to Myles and Caroline Saker for their tireless efforts in promoting and organising the evening, and especially this one as it was very much in recognition of Caroline's sister, Sarah Hayward, who sadly is in the advanced stages of this disease.

Methodist Church

Our Carol service will be on Sunday 20th December at 5.30 pm preceded by Festive refreshments at 4.00pm.

More details in December edition of Village Voice.

Services at St. Nicholas

(Churchwardens: Graham Carr 290000 and James Stonham 292221)

November

1st	10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
8th	10.00 am	REMEMBRANCE ALL AGE SERVICE
15th	10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
22nd	10.00 am	MORNING WORSHIP
	11.15 am	HOLY COMMUNION
29th	10.00 am	MORNING WORSHIP
	6.30 pm	BENEFICE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE, HADDENHAM

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.



Never mind the rain. Let's sing!!

SUNSHINE CLUB MATINEE CINEMA

will be screening the 1952 musical 'Singin in the Rain' (103mins) at The Bernard Hall on Monday 23rd November at 1.30 (doors open 1pm). Starring in the film are Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds..

Entry is by ticket £5/conc. £4 which includes tea and cake at the interval.

Tickets available from Liz 01844 299 150.



Following discussions at the Annual Village meeting, the first forum meeting about road and traffic problems within Cuddington took place on 19th October. Areas for discussion included:

- Safety for pedestrians using the bus services at the Haddenham cross roads
 - Reduction of village speed limit as per www.20splenty.org
 - Survey to assess the change in speeds and numbers of cars since the last review over a decade ago
 - Change of priorities at main village crossroads
- A follow up meeting is booked for December please visit www.cuddingtonvillage.com for more details.

