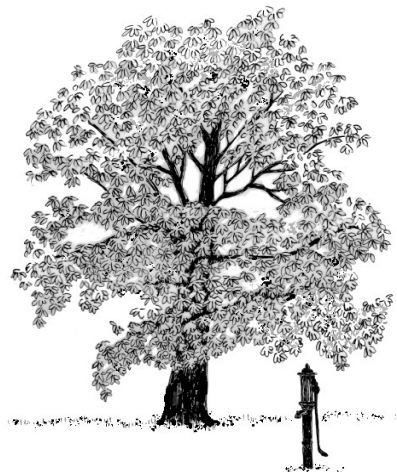




Cuddington Village Voice

July - 2016

IMPORTANT - Local Housing Plan

This has very important implications for Cuddington and all its residents....



The latest draft of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) has been published by AVDC and there is a short consultation period during which we can all make comments on it. It is a gargantuan document of 221 pages and can be accessed at www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-draft-plan.

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The VALP is based on the premise that there is a requirement for 21,300 new houses for the needs of Aylesbury Vale. This covers the period 2013-2033. However, there is also a requirement for it

to consider and take account of the unmet needs of adjacent local authorities. A figure of 12,000 (a 56% uplift) has been added to the total. Thus the VALP allocates 33,300 new houses to be built in our district. Cynics have suggested that if Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks claim not to be able to find enough sites for their needs, then the Aylesbury Vale green belt will take the hit for them!

This has a particularly serious impact for our village.

In the previous draft of the Plan, Cuddington was classified as a 'small village,' which would be required to find sites for about 22 new houses. In the latest version we have suddenly become a 'medium village,' required to get 19% bigger. Cuddington is the only village in Aylesbury Vale to have been classified upwards and this appears to have been primarily based on our closeness and, presumed easy, accessibility to the wider range of services in Haddenham.

This means a figure of 50 new houses in Cuddington will be part of the Plan!

There are a number of 'Drop-in sessions' organised to showcase the Plan. Amongst them are;

Haddenham Village Hall Monday 11th July 11.00-20.00

Aylesbury Friars Square Shopping Centre Thursday 14th July 10.00-17.00

I would urge everyone to visit one of these sessions in order to be better informed, because the consultation period is only 8 weeks, from 7th July until 5th September, during which time comments can be made.

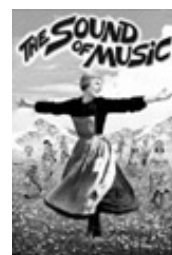
The Parish Council will be considering its response at its next meeting on 11th July in the Bernard Hall

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PARISH COUNCIL**
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Sunshine Club Matinee - 25th July

The Sound of Music starring Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer needs no introduction!

The Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema will be showing this wonderful musical at the Bernard Hall on Monday 25th July at 1.30 (doors open 1pm). Enjoy the delights of this film on the big screen in comfortable upholstered seats with free tea and cake at the interval. Tickets may be available on the door but booking is advised. Price £5 (conc£4) available from Liz 01844 299 150



Beer Festival - 2nd July



The Haddenham Beer Festivals have raised over £228,000 over the years for local charities and groups including

Cuddington's Playing Fields. The CPFA will be asking the trust to make a further grant later this year. Please do go along and support the festival which is a great family day out with live music and delicious food tents.

In the run up to the festival, Cuddington's Chris Long has been hosting the morning radio show for Summerfest's own radio station. Tune in on 97.9FM!





Thought for the Month

A new benefice and a new team

It has been a busy few weeks in our benefice with fetes, flower festivals and picnics. Many of these have been to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Her Majesty continues to be an inspiration through her public service and her committed Christian faith. The Bible Society has produced a beautiful booklet called 'The Servant Queen and the King She serves'. If you would like one, please contact the Benefice Office where there should be some available.

Church-wise, we have two new clergy joining our Wychert Vale Ministry Team this month. We are delighted that the Revd Nadine Rose will be ordained at Christ Church, Oxford on 2nd July and will be moving into the clergy house in Cuddington. Nadine will be with us for three to four years as our full-time curate. This is a training post, which enables Nadine to work with others and prepare to take up the role of vicar (or rector) in another benefice in the future. Nadine is married to Howard and they come from Great Missenden where Nadine has worked as pastoral assistant and has also run her own business in interior design. They have two adult children and have recently become grandparents. Nadine will serve in all the parishes of Wychert Vale and you will see her in services in Cuddington and around the village at other times in the week. I am sure you will enjoy getting to know her.

Secondly, we are excited to announce that the Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves has been appointed as full-time Associate Rector of Wychert Vale Benefice. He will be licensed on 27th July at Dinton church and will join a team of clergy who are enabling ministry in the parishes of Haddenham, Stone with Dinton and Hartwell, Cuddington, Kingsey and Aston Sandford.

Phil is married to Anne and he is currently finishing a full-time post in London as Director of Continuing Indaba at the Anglican Communion Office. Indaba is a process of honest conversation that seeks to build community, energize mission, and provide a context in which conflict can be transformed. Phil has had many years of experience of parish ministry in Leeds and Melton Mowbray, where he had a special role in encouraging young families. The Groves also spent six years in Tanzania where Phil taught in the Anglican training college and mentored new clergy. Phil and Anne have three adult children and are foster parents. They will be moving to live in the vicarage in Stone, later in the year. Phil will have two 'over-view' roles in all the parishes of Wychert Vale Benefice. These are to oversee and take forward our ministry with children, youth and schools and also initiatives in mission and evangelism. He will do this by encouraging the individuals and teams who are involved already and help to build up these areas. This will give extra support for existing initiatives and good strategy for new ideas as we move forward. Phil will have a greater Sunday and pastoral-care focus on Cuddington, Stone and Dinton but will have some involvement with the other parishes. I will have the overview roles of overall leadership, discipleship and ministry, including Sunday teaching and occasional offices. 'Occasional offices' are baptisms, weddings and funerals, which will be organised in future through the benefice office. I will also be reviewing our pastoral care in each of the parishes and seeking to see how we can develop to give good care to everyone as we grow. I will have a greater Sunday and pastoral care focus on Haddenham, Kingsey and Aston Sandford but will have some involvement with the other parishes.

In addition we have a Benefice Ministry Team of Clergy and Lay Ministers who will work alongside Phil, Nadine and me to provide ministry and facilitate pastoral care to all of the parishes. So we will be serving the parishes as a team, while still giving very personal care to the people in each parish.

This is a very new venture for all of us and we'd be grateful for your prayers, support and good humour as we come together as a team and develop our different roles.

Love and Prayers

Margot Hodson

Rector of Wychert Vale Benefice

Heavy Goods Vehicles Survey

On Friday 10th of June, 18 Cuddington volunteers conducted a survey of Heavy Goods Vehicles passing through Cuddington and traversing the crossroads at the top of Cannons Hill. Many thanks to all who helped. Luckily, there was no rain during that day!

Chearsley, Ashendon and Westcott also did the same exercise in their villages.

Although it appeared to be a relatively quiet day, 47 HGVs passed through Cuddington, with the largest number coming up Dadbrook and exiting along Bridgeway. The reverse direction was the next most frequent route. Skip lorries from Bucks Recycling were well in evidence, as were 8-wheel tipper trucks but the most common vehicles were 2-axle delivery vehicles up to 16-tonnes. It should be noted that we did not count vans and vehicles under 7.5 tonnes. It may well be that the notices advising of the road closures through Cuddington affected the volume of traffic.

The busiest route was clearly that from the Waddesdon direction, along the ridge and through Chearsley and vice versa. This is obviously of particular concern to Chearsley residents.

The objective is to assess if there are vehicles using these routes that should, or could, use more suitable major roads. This information may allow approaches to individual vehicle operators and also give supporting evidence for any weight restrictions being sought for specific roads. This work is being well supported by our County Councillor, Paul Irwin, who has already helped Ashendon to reduce the numbers of HGVs going through the village, as a route to Calvert landfill site. This was confirmed by the Ashendon observations during the survey.

A joint press release was given to the Bucks Herald to publicise the work.

We need to build up much more evidence and to achieve this, the villages have agreed to repeat the exercise on Thursday July 7th, between 08.00 and 16.00.

Hopefully, some of the previous volunteers will step-up again but we need more help. Please contact Venetia on 201899

(venetia.davies@talktalk.net) or Ken on 292921

(ken@vivsemmens.force9.co.uk) if you are prepared to help for an hour.



25th – 29th July 2016

Now over 900 children have registered!

We still require helpers – as well as those working with the children, we need people before and after Lighthouse to help set up and take down the site (Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st July). Or, if you're a night owl, we need helpers on the Night Security team). To volunteer or for info call Ulrike Kibble on 07549 534330 or email communications@lighthousehame.org.uk

As always - and they are always appreciated - we need a lot of cake donations for the Parent's Cafe, Parent & Toddlers and Helpers Refreshments. If you are able to make cakes now for freezing or during Lighthouse week, please contact Jude Brown on 01844 216510 or email: jude.brown.225@googlemail.com

IMPORTANT! Please let us know if any cakes contain nuts.

In addition:

- ice cream containers with lids for storing pens.
- 2ltr plastic drinks bottles (they can be any colour but must be clean)
- Wool - any colour
- 500ml yoghurt pots (clean)
- Cereal boxes (flattened)

Please leave them in the red box, marked 'Lighthouse 2016' at the back of the church.

We also need over 60 very large boxes for the children to store their coats and lunch boxes in. If you can help to provide any, please contact Linda Newton on 01844 260065.

For more information go to the website lighthousehame.org.uk, or contact Helen Keeping wichertcot@btinternet.com

CAKES ! CAKES !

The W.I. are running the cake stall. We would appreciate donations of cakes to sell. Please ensure cakes are adequately wrapped and labelled (especially if nuts are involved). Cakes to be brought to the Bernard Hall from 11.30am.
THANK YOU!



Make a difference and save a life by giving blood, next session in Haddenham Village Hall is on:

26th July 2016

For more details and to make an appointment see www.blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23

GET READY FOR FANCY DRESS!



The Village Fete fancy dress parade will leave the lower green at 1.30pm accompanied and led by our tractor! The theme is 'All Singin' and Dancin' – will you be a Tina Turner or an Elvis Presley, a toe tapping Fox-Trot phenomenon or a street dancing cool dude – surprise us all with your creative fancy dress and you could win a passport to the fete! Categories are:



**5 and under
12 and under
18 and under
Adult**

(and for the first time ever) Groups!



FETE DAY GRAND AUCTION, BERNARD HALL

- ♦ *A week in Lyme Regis in a 4 bedroom period Cottage*
- ♦ *A place on one of Giuliana's Cici-Coco Cookery School Days.*
- ♦ *A Day of Glassmaking with Jessica Ecott*
- ♦ *X-Factor Tickets x 4 for the Autumn 2016 Live Shows*
- ♦ *Champagne Afternoon Tea for 2 at Waddesdon Manor with Vintage Car transfers*
- ♦ *A Two Night Stay at Georgian Manor in 100 acres of parkland, Swinfen Hall Hotel, Staffordshire*
- ♦ *Nirvana Spa Day for Two*



In order to bid, please e-mail: cuddington.fete@gmail.com with your name and contact number, the lot (or lots) that you wish to bid for and your bid amount by noon on Saturday 9th July.
Good Luck!



Tickets are on sale now:

£1 buys you a chance to win:

- Sunday lunch for four in the Crown!
- A kindle fire
- A £30 voucher for the village shop
- A £10 voucher for the village shop
- A mystery prize

Tickets can be bought from the village shop, online (www.cuddingtonvillage.com/fete) and outside the Bernard Hall on fete day. You have to be in it to win it!

CUDDINGTON FETE COMMITTEE 2016

Saturday, 9th July, 2016

Frog Cottages, Frog Lane
BUCKS HP18 0AY

Tel : 01844 290349

Email : kentrew1@gmail.com

Dear Villagers,

Re : Temporary Road Closures for Cuddington Fete

I am writing to remind you that Cuddington is holding its annual fete on **Saturday 9th July**. On fete day the following roads will be closed to all but fete related traffic from **10.30 am until 5.30 p.m.**

Holly Tree Lane from the junction with Great Stone down to Frog Lane
Lower Church Street including the Lower Green and Church Close
Upper Church Street from the main road junction down to Tyringham Hall
Spurt Street

The St John's Ambulance will be stationed outside Denise's Hair Dressers. Spurt Street will be used for **disabled parking**

It would be much appreciated if **all vehicles** could be removed from these roads by **10.30 am**.

For those of you without off-street parking facilities parking will be available at the Cuddington Playing Fields at the end of Bernard Close.

[Note that the official Road Closure Orders will be going up around the village and these state that the road closure is from 9am. This just gives us some flexibility.

The roads WILL NOT be closed at 9am but at **10.30am** as above]

Should it be necessary for an emergency vehicle, e.g. an ambulance, to gain access to one of the closed roads during the fete, the stalls will be moved aside. The requirement to move stalls and provide access will be announced over the loud speakers located throughout the fete site. Attendees of the fete will be directed (by stall holders and stewards) to move themselves into the many residential gardens lining the closed roads to clear the roads for access'

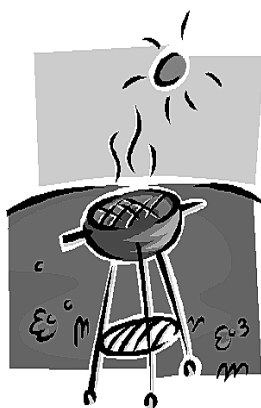
If you have any problems with these arrangements, or would like to know more, please get in touch as soon as possible.

On behalf of the Fete Committee I would like to thank you for your co-operation and wish you all a happy fete day!

With best wishes,

Ken Trew

on behalf of the Cuddington Fete Committee



POST FETE BBQ – on the playing fields from 5.30pm (Saturday 10th July). Relax after the excitement of fete day as the Cuddington Playing Fields Association hosts an evening of children's races, BBQ and bar. The races start at 6pm.

METHODIST CHURCH

'Bringing the Healing Ministry of Jesus into the Local Church'

Cuddington Methodist Church is hosting an Ellel Teaching Day on Saturday, 30th July 2016 at The Clare Centre, Saunderton with David & Denise Cross

Advance booking is essential.
Cost £28 including coffee, lunch and tea.

Flyer and booking form from
roy.be@phonecoop.coop

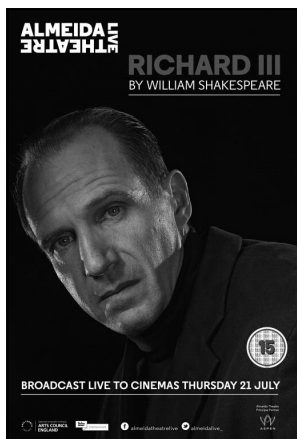
THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE

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Our summer season concludes with three events in July, starting on the 7th with a live broadcast of Shakespeare's classic tragedy *Romeo and Juliet* from the Garrick Theatre (cert. 12A). A longstanding feud between Verona's Montague and Capulet families brings about devastating consequences for two young lovers caught in the conflict. Reuniting the stars of his celebrated film *Cinderella*, Kenneth Branagh directs Richard Madden and Lily James as Romeo and Juliet and Sir Derek Jacobi as Mercutio.

At 2pm on 21st July, just as the summer school holidays begin, we'll be showing *Zootropolis* (cert. PG) as part of our Kids' Club series. From the creators of *Frozen* and *Big Hero 6*, *Zootropolis* imagines a world where animals took over in our absence and all live together peacefully – predator and prey. In this world where humans never existed, the first rabbit police officer Judy Hopps must prove her worth. New to the city and to the job, Judy is as bouncy and enthusiastic as you'd expect. But her colleagues don't take her seriously, and she's assigned to parking duty. When Nick, a fast-talking fox, is framed for a crime he didn't commit, he and Judy go on the run to uncover a conspiracy...



Later that day, at 7pm, we've another live Shakespeare play: Ralph Fiennes and Vanessa Redgrave star in the hotly-anticipated production of *Richard III*, broadcast live from the Almeida Theatre in Islington (cert. 15). War-torn England is reeling after years of bitter conflict. King Edward is ailing, and as political unrest begins to stir once more, Edward's brother Richard – vicious in war, despised in peacetime – awaits the opportunity to seize his brother's crown. Rupert Goold directs.

Looking ahead to September, our autumn season begins on Thursday 1st with the new National Theatre production of Terence Rattigan's devastating masterpiece *The Deep Blue Sea*, broadcast live from the Lyttelton Theatre (cert 12A). When Hester Collyer is found by her neighbours after a failed suicide attempt, the story of her tempestuous affair with a former RAF pilot and the breakdown of her marriage to a High Court judge begin to emerge...

On 8th September we'll be screening *The Revenant* (cert. 15) starring Leonardo DiCaprio. In 1823 Hugh Glass, a frontiersman on a fur trading expedition, is mauled and nearly killed by a bear. John Fitzgerald, one of his companions, murders his son and buries Hugh alive in a shallow grave. But to John's horror, Hugh digs himself out and comes looking for his enemy, as if he were back from the dead... This intense, thrilling Western, winner of three Oscars, three Golden Globes and four BAFTAs, is guaranteed to have you on the edge of your seat.

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

Join us for breakfast on the field from 9.30am

The Family Service starts at 10am

St Nicholas Church Open Air Service

All the songs, games and fun of a family service in a relaxed open air style. Let the church look after you as you recover from fete day.

Please bring rugs or folding chairs if you are able as seating will be limited

**Sunday 10th July
On the
Cuddington
Playing Fields**

Jim's Bench

Most Cuddington residents will by now have seen the bench on Upper Green which has been installed in memory of Jim Hayward, and indeed many of you have already sat on it.



It was the Parish Council who instigated and arranged for its installation and during their deliberations they were keen for it to be positioned in both a prominent as well as a fitting place. And where better than on Upper Green looking out on the Best Kept Village sign?

As we know the Best Kept Village competition was hugely important to Jim and it was largely through his dedication that Cuddington has won it so many times. The Parish Council chose the inscription with great care and sensitivity – "In memory of Jim Hayward who spent his lifetime dedicated to Cuddington. 1931 – 2015".

The photograph shows the bench with Chairman of the Parish Council, Ken Birkby, and Vice Chairman, Ken Brown, giving the installation formal recognition.

A Tribute to Her Majesty



If you wanted to get a feel for just what our Queen had achieved, what she represented and how she had lived her 90 years then St Nicholas's church was the place to be for her 90th birthday celebrations!

With displays and flower arrangements ranging from Royal Ascot and War-time Service to the Coronation and

Balmoral the team who had put this all together deserve our fullest congratulations for presenting such a beautiful and comprehensive display. Beginning with the archway over the gate, through the porch, all around the church and up into the Sanctuary every display had been put together with great imagination, care and eye for detail – I loved the top hats in the Royal Ascot flower display!

The display was open to visitors during the week-end of the celebrations and there was a special viewing on the Friday evening when refreshments were served as well. How pleasant it was to be able to move around the church, enjoy the displays, chat to friends and neighbours and perhaps enjoy a glass of wine as well - another wonderful Cuddington occasion!



Balmoral Display



Royal Ascot

The full list of topics and events that were on display was: *Wind-sor, Children's Garden, The Queen's Faith, Maundy Money, Palace Garden Party, Queen's Childhood, War-time Service, Queen's Wedding, The Commonwealth, Royal Ascot, Photographs of the Queen, the Duke of Edin-*

burgh and their family, Balmoral, Chelsea Flower Show, Coronation, Silver, Gold and Diamond Jubilees and Ceremonial Occasions.

We offer our sincere congratulations and thanks to Rosemary Bradbury who planned and co-ordinated the whole project and her team of designers, arrangers, caterers and supporters!

Cox Family Kilimanjaro Challenge

Mike Cox, with his daughter, Freya and son, Ollie are heading to Tanzania on the 25th August and coming home on the 5th September. They're climbing Kilimanjaro with a close knit group of family friends in memory of Callum Ballantine - a close friend of theirs who contracted bone cancer 15 months ago and sadly passed away at Christmas time aged 19.



On the main just giving page they have raised over £80,000 and the target is £100,000. Mike is fundraising for the same cause by taking part in a 100 mile bike ride on 31st July. If you feel inspired to donate, please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/Mike-Cox6>



Gardening Club

Early in June twenty two members of the **Gardening Club** enjoyed a tour of the grounds of **Thame Park** guided by the newly appointed Head Gardener, Philip Allan, on a warm and sunny afternoon. In showing us round he gave us a potted history of the house, its colourful occupants as well as the gardens. Originally a Cistercians Abbey it developed into a mediaeval house with a grand façade added in Georgian times. The private chapel has been partially restored.

The house which contains 100 rooms has a chequered history. In 1919 the family inadvertently sold the original papers and manuscripts of Sir Isaac



Newton, some of which have never been recovered. During the Second World War the house was used for training by the S.O.E. Sir Frank Bowden Bt., who lived there until 1982, was a flamboyant character who kept a pet cheetah which he took for drives in the locality. From 1982 to 2000 as the owners were "absent", the house and park featured in countless films and television dramas e.g. "Saving Private Ryan" and the ubiquitous Midsomer Murders.

Since 2000 to the present day, the property is once again a private residence, the farmlands having been sold off but 500 acres have been retained. The gardens have been extensively restored and replanted; they are adorned with modern sculptures and wrought iron work. The extensive walled garden contains fruit trees, raised beds for vegetables and ornamental borders with a rose arbour in the centre. At the far end is a complex of glasshouses. The original stew ponds have been connected to form an 8 acre boating lake with 2 islands and are well stocked with fish and water lilies. Tea and cake was served in the tennis pavilion, once the laundry for the main house. All in all it was a lovely afternoon and what is more, Philip has invited us back in the autumn!

The Plant Stall at the Village Fete on Saturday 9th July is our next event. We welcome additional contributions so please bring your donations of plants and produce between 10.30 and 11.30 am to the plant stall where we will be setting up and pricing. Do come and take a browse in the course of the afternoon.

There is a **Cheese and Wine Party** on Monday 18th July 6.00 to 9.00 pm at The Old Rectory which is open to all members, former members, potential members, friends and family or anyone else who would like to join us. See full details on the village website.

For further details about the Gardening Club please contact Elsie Frost on 01844 290768.

A Day in the Life of Waddesdon Manor

An enthusiastic and appreciative audience attended St Nicholas' church on Saturday evening to see some recently commissioned videos and hear some fascinating insights to the Manor from Head of Collections, Pippa Shirley, and General Manager, Simon Wales.

Pippa talked both about the history and origins of the collection as well as emphasising that mounting special interest exhibitions and commissioning works was an integral part of the Manor's activities; so for regular visitors there was always going to be something new or a fresh angle!

Simon talked about the emphasis on "light" which has been a real feature of Christmases at Waddesdon for the last few years and the huge range of special events that take place during the year – from the Chilli festival to "Feast", which was in full flow the week-end of the event in St Nicholas.

Having heard from Pippa and Simon the audience of over 80 then thoroughly enjoyed a brief but inspiring rendition of five popular pieces, ranging from *Scarborough Fair* to *Life on Mars?* sung by the Waddesdon Staff and Volunteers' Choir, directed by Russell Scott. The choir is made up of members of staff from all over the organisation (including Pippa and Simon!) and volunteers who help out in the grounds and gardens, in the House and kitchens, fulfilling a wide range of roles from mobility vehicle driver to Guide in the house. Following the performance the choir joined the audience in a most enjoyable time of chatting and mingling which made a perfect conclusion to a most enjoyable evening. A wonderful array of canapes had been produced by the St Nicholas catering team and there were liquid refreshments as well.

The event was in aid of PACE and the evening was able to raise a wonderful sum of over £600 for the Aylesbury-based charity.



The Waddesdon Staff and Volunteers' Choir with Russell Scott

Get Fit - Try Aylesbury parkrun



Parkrun started back in 2004 when 13 runners got together on a blustery day in Bushy Park, Teddington, UK. We're now an international family of over half a million runners (and

counting) around the world!

We organise free weekly timed runs all over the world. Held in pleasant parkland on weekend mornings, our runs are open to all – from juniors and first timers to Olympians and octogenarians

Aylesbury's events take place in the fields opposite the Quarrendon & Meadowcroft Community Centre, Aylesbury, HP19 9HH.

**Aylesbury parkrun (5km/3miles) takes place
every Saturday
at 9:00am**

**Aylesbury Junior parkrun takes place
every Sunday
at 9:00am**

**For more information visit:
www.parkrun.org.uk**

Footpaths - A New Stile

As part of Cuddington's commitment to improving our local footpath network, a new stile has been installed on the footpath near the sewage works.



Angela Sanderson and her Labrador trying out the new stile.

New signs for the Donkey Meadow footpath by Nether Winchendon Mill will soon be in place but please access the Meadow by the farm building to the back of the Mill rather than the gate. See village website for a guide and photographs for the correct route.

Dates for your Diary

"Live in each season as it passes: breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit."
— Henry David Thoreau



July

Monday 4th	2pm	Sunshine Club, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 7th	7.15pm	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i> , Village Picture House
Saturday 9th	1.30pm	FETE DAY!
Sunday 10th	10am	Open Air Family Service, Playing Fields
Monday 11th	2om	Sunshine Club Garden Party, Tyringham Hall
Monday 11th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
Monday 18th	6-9pm	Gardening Club Cheese and Wine at The Old Rectory
Thursday 21st	1.15pm	End of Term, Cuddington and Dinton School
Thursday 21st	2pm	<i>Zootopia</i> , Kids Movie Club - Village Picture House
Thursday 21st	7pm	<i>Richard III</i> , Village Picture House
Monday 25th	1.30pm	Sunshine Club Matinee <i>Sound of Music</i> , Bernard Hall

August

Sunday 28th	2pm	Sunshine Club Fashion Show, Tyringham Hall
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Village Voice Distributors

Most of you reading this will have had your copy of *Village Voice* delivered to you by one of our network of ten distributors – through your letter box within hours of it being printed!

One of those distributors has been Jeane Oke who had been a loyal and diligent member of the team for many years. However, Jeane's ability to continue with her round has been curtailed by her failing mobility.

We are most grateful to her for all she has done for *Village Voice* and we now need to find someone else to take on her mantle. If you would like to commit to helping us in this really important role please contact me, Chris Blumer, on 290647 or via email –

chrisblumer@blumer.co.uk

Distribution usually takes place towards the end of the month 10 times a year – missing August and December; each of the rounds we have takes approximately 20 – 30 minutes to cover.

A very big thank you to Jeane and we look forward to hearing from prospective new distributors!

Trophy for Darts Team

As the Darts season, draws to an end, Cuddington Darts team are pleased to announce that the Thame & District Darts League has awarded them a trophy! The highest checkout for the season was a score of 129 and was achieved by Ben Clayton.



The trophy in all its glory will be on display at the Playing Fields Social Club Bar. The Darts team would welcome any new members who like to take part in next season's league. Why not come up to the Bar and try your hand at Darts?!

Raise Funds for Barnardos

The Barnardo's Big Toddle is the UK's biggest and best fundraising event for under 5s and we are delighted to be hosting a public Toddle for you to

join this summer! Simply register at Barnardo's Big Toddle for your free event pack with everything you need to know about the big day and how to get your little ones fundraising for the UK's most vulnerable children. Little steps make a big difference.



Barnardo's Big Toddle Waddesdon Manor

Sunday 10th July
11am

Normal Admission Applies

www.waddesdon.org.uk



We have four weeks to go until the summer break but still so many activities, events and learning opportunities to come. Our year 6 children have been busy with their "Fiver Challenge", a Young Enterprise initiative where they are given £5 to set up a small business and have rapidly learned about marketing, finances and the art of selling.

Our Little Owls have been learning all about dinosaurs and this has included making dinosaur-shaped sandwiches for a special picnic and hatching their very own baby dinosaur out of an egg (they named him "Buncyosaurus").

Years 5 and 6 have been practising their foreign language skills in their French café and years 1 and 2 spent the day at Waddesdon Manor Farm with activities based around the idea of "Farm to Fork". As usual it's been all go!

We are looking forward to running the jamjar tombola at the forthcoming Cuddington fete and to our various end of term activities, not least our Leavers' assembly when we say goodbye to all those children moving on to a new school. It is a special service when we take time to thank them for their contribution to the life of the school and to wish them well for the future.

Services at St. Nicholas

(Churchwardens: Graham Carr 290000 and James Stonham 292221)

July

3rd	10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
10th	10.00 am	FAMILY SERVICE
17th	10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
24th	10.00 am	MORNING WORSHIP
31st	10.00am	MORNING WORSHIP
	6.30pm	BENEFICE EVENSONG

Opportunities for praying together in church are each Thursday at 9.00 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

Cuddington Vertebrate Watch Follow-Up

Our Vertebrate Watch results were sent to the British Trust for Ornithology who have added them to their database of observations.

Our observations largely accord with the national and county trends, with a few exception where people are looking onto farmland; and the kites of course. In those results, the lack of thrushes as disappointing, but since May, song-thrushes have been breeding along Spurt Street and I have a photo of a fledgling on my sunflower seed feeder! In addition, the great spotted woodpecker above has taken to visiting my peanut feeder and, unlike most birds who visit gardens less in the summer, woodpeckers visit them more, possibly to pick up extra high-energy food whilst chicks are growing. One other Spurt Street visitor has been a pair of bullfinches.

In fact, unlike butterflies and dragonflies, birds seem to be doing quite well this year with the rampant vegetation providing lots of food. The problem for butterflies is that the caterpillars get knocked off their food plants by the heavy rain so never reach maturity, and for dragonflies and damselflies, water levels may be too high, or the emerging imago can be dislodged, again by heavy rain.



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Weird Weather and Climate

How I would love to be the bearer of good news.... but, of course, it's all a bit worrying. In fact climate scientists around the globe are alarmed because ALL of the past 13 months have been the warmest on record (including May 2015 and May 2016). They were expecting a surge in global temperatures as a result of El Nino, which is a climate cycle in the Pacific Ocean with a global impact on weather patterns. It is particularly strong this year and has caused flood, fire and drought in many of the Earth's warmer zones, but less than half of the warming experienced can be attributed to it.

Global warming is developing much faster than predicted and the results are more rapid and pronounced than expected, so we can expect further disruption to our weather patterns and much more dramatic events (such as torrential rain, temperature variation or drought).

Politicians have yet to focus on this problem sufficiently to really make a difference, and any steps now will take decades to make any real difference. All we can do is take responsibility for our lifestyles and their impacts, and pressure our elected representatives to take our emissions seriously.