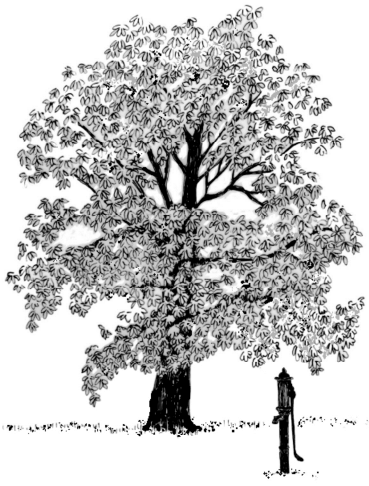




Cuddington Village Voice

August/September - 2016

Centre Page Colour Spread! - See page 5 for details



Thank you to everyone who took part, helped out, donated stuff, cleaned up, set up, showed up, dressed up and joined in to make this years fete a roaring success! A big thank you to Denise for collecting donations for many months as well as running the bags and beads stall. Full marks to Paul Storey and the BBQ team who sold out - that must have been the hottest job at the fete! The 'Strictly Come Drinking' tennis club bar gave us all a good laugh (well done, Charles), along with the winners of this years fancy dress competition – Grace and Maryon on Hook-a-Duck as Elsa and Ana! The programme was as fabulous as always – well done Julia and



Fancy Dress entrants (above) and Mike Cottman with Jo Goodson (below)



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Associate Rector Licensed



It was a very special occasion in St Peter and St Paul's Church, Dinton on 27th July when the

Revd. Canon Phil Groves was licensed as Associate Rector of Wychert Vale Benefice.

Following a welcome by our Rector, Margot Hodson, the licensing was conducted by the Right Revd. Alan

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Frank Crowdy

It is with much regret that we report the recent death of Frank Crowdy. Frank was a Cuddington man through and through and *Village Voice* will be publishing a fuller tribute to his life in the village in the October edition.



His funeral takes place at Amersham Crematorium on Wednesday 3rd August followed by a reception at the Playing Fields' Clubhouse.

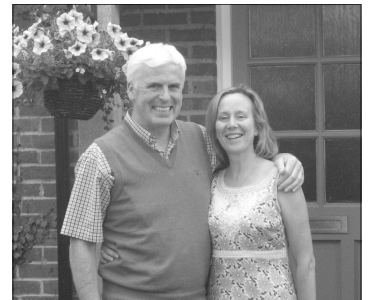
Welcome to Nadine and Howard!

Nadine Rose, our new Curate, and her husband Howard have now moved into their home in Church Close.

*Nadine has written a full introduction about herself and her family which appears in "Thought for the Month" on page 2 but *Village Voice* wanted to extend its own warm welcome to them!*

Many of you will have met them (and their two black Labradors!) already and we all look forward to seeing them around the village and at village events, quite apart from Nadine's role with the churches of the Wychert Vale Benefice.

For those of you who haven't yet met them we felt a photograph of Nadine and Howard at their new home would be helpful!





Thought for the Month

Hello to everyone - the Rose Family has arrived in Cuddington!

Let me introduce myself and the rest of the family. I am Nadine and I have recently joined the Wychert Vale Benefice as Curate. I am married to Howard who I am sure you will have seen or no doubt will see either in The Crown or out on his bike or even at St Nicholas'. The two of us will be living at Church Close with our daughter, Lydia, when she pops back from Exeter University where she is studying Psychology. Our son, Nick, is married to Becky and ten weeks ago they had a baby boy, Henry, who is our first grandchild. Nick, Becky and Henry live near Great Missenden so will be able to pop over regularly to visit 'Nonno and Nana!'

When I meet people I am always intrigued to hear their 'story' so I hope you don't mind but I thought I would share some of my story with you - "My journey to Cuddington." I was born in Oxford and spent my childhood growing up in Marcham, Oxfordshire. As a child I went to Sunday School at the local Baptist Church. However, like most teenagers I stopped going and it was not until Nick was born that I started to attend church again. By this time we were living just outside of York. Like many young parents the responsibility of bringing up a child was overwhelming and you do not get a handbook with them! It was while we were feeling rather daunted by the responsibility of being parents that we met a couple who attended York Community Church and were invited to go along to a Sunday Service with them, well that was it our faith journey started. Not only did we feel the Christian faith offered some guidelines for bringing up a child it also seemed to fill a void in our lives. I must say we both felt that the people we met at York Community Church were a very special bunch too. In 1998 we moved to Great Missenden and have been worshipping at St Peter & St Paul Church since. Reflecting back I now believe God had been trying to get my attention for a good few years to say I should be looking into ordained ministry, but I just did not listen. It was not until one evening while I sat in church praying that I suddenly stopped and listened to what God was calling me to do and as they say the rest is history! After being accepted to train for ordination I studied part time at Ripon College, Cuddesdon for three years and now I have arrived at Cuddington to continue my training. I am very much looking forward to being part of the Benefice team especially as this is a new venture for everyone.

I had been looking forward to the Village Fete since all the bunting went up, I love bunting - any excuse and I will hang some up! When I first heard about the fete I did not fully appreciate how the whole village was involved and not only that but it spreads across so much of the village. Lydia, Becky and Henry joined me for the day and we all had the most amazing time. The girls climbed to the top of the church tower and have some wonderful photographs as evidence, I remained at the bottom with Henry so next year it is my turn! We had lots of fun on all the stalls and made quite a few purchases from plants to a jigsaw for Henry. We all came away from the fete with such a wonderful feeling of being part of a very special community.

We are truly blessed as a family to have been so warmly welcomed into this beautiful village. Howard and I have been touched by the thoughtfulness and kindness of so many people. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for making what could have been a difficult transition a rather incredible experience. We are all delighted to be here and are very much looking forward to being a part of village life.

With love and prayers, *Nadine Rose* (Curate of Wychert Vale Benefice)

Ps. After writing this I asked Nick to read it through to check for mistakes and for his opinion and he sent me the following which I would like to share with you:

'A South African rugby player I follow on Twitter posted this - Proverbs 22:6 Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. I believe this is quite relevant Mum!'

NICNACS REPORT

This term St Nicholas Church After School Club (NicNacs) has been tirelessly raising money to twin the school toilet block with a toilet block in Africa through the amazing Tearfund charity – toilet twinning.

Our target was £240 and this was a big challenge for the children. On the last Thursday before the end of term the

team ran a café in the church selling cakes, teas, squash and, most popularly, hand-made bracelets and pressed flower greeting cards. We are now just £9 off our target and expect to twin the school toilet block early next term. Well done to all the children involved.

If you'd like to twin your own toilet do check out the website: www.toilettwinning.org





**CYD performing from *Fiddler on the Roof* (above)
and the *Tennis Club Bar* (below!)**

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Jeremy. The soft toy tombola had the longest queue of the day – thank you, Cathy. The Digbys performed an amazing service cleaning, battery checking and arduously playing with all the toys on the toy stall. Thanks to Clare F and Mandy S who ran the Nearly New till they nearly collapsed! The book stall run by the Birkbys was a firm favourite, and no-one died on the bouncy castle which is

always good news – thank you Cathy and Louise for looking after that one. Well done Freya Cox and Lydia Bockmuehl who took on the Bric-a-Brac when no-one else would. Elsie Frost and the Gardening Club did fabulously with the plant stall.



The school turned up in force to produce a multitude of stalls culminating in the very pretty jam jar tombola. Ken Trew stepped up to paint the iconic board on the Upper Green and it was great! Henry Powell, Gethin Humphreys and Richard Winnicott win the (imaginary) prize for the longest day – the first to start setting up and the last to finish packing down. My thanks to Karen for

a record breaking year on the auction and Mike Cottman who talked us through the whole event. Thank you Caroline Winnicott for running the fastest ever bottle tombola. The hoopla wizzed throughout the afternoon – thank you, Nicky. Stella Marsh on the ever popular Lucky Dip, Zsuzsa on Open the Box, the amazing Human Fruit Machine – I salute you! Laura, Chris and the basket ladies team – we thank you. Ed and his band, Lama Canyon – a great opener! Well done all the performers – CYD on the stage and

in the bar afterwards. The school choir and the school dancers – we loved you! Haddenham Hoofers – you were amazing! Thank you to the church for trips up the tower and the WI for baking all those scrummy cakes. Caroline B – her first year on the general tombola, our new and keen Mark P on the grand Prize Draw – good job! The dulcet tones of Chris Blumer co-ordinating the auction, the Sunshine club at Tyringham Hall – the fete would not be the same without you! Ken Tones who tuned up and brought out the tractor to everyone's delight – thank you! Nick Jones, Janine Humphreys, the Keepings, Oli Cox, the Dymotts and Giuliana ruled supreme on the Upper Green. Kaley Potts working hard on the accounts late into the night behind the scenes! And the playing fields who kept the party going with a BBQ and children's races. My thanks to you all – and those I haven't named. A true village event of epic proportions. Cuddington - you should be proud! We're still counting up the money but it looks like we raised around £9,500.

Do join us later in the year for our AGM in the clubhouse (date to be announced) where the official figures will be shared. If anyone would like to request monies for their club, charity or group we are open to receive letters from now until the end of September at 10 Bernard Close or Wychen on Spurt Street.

Matinee Cinema

Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema at The Bernard Hall, Monday 26th September at 1.30 (doors open 1pm)

Tickets £5/£4(conc) include tea and cake from Liz - 01844 299150



Based on the lauded Rodgers and Hammerstein stage musical, this film follows the romance of Billy Bigelow (Gordon MacRae), a charming carousel barker, and Julie Jordan (Shirley Jones), a pretty

worker from a nearby mill. When the attractive young couple get married, they also both find themselves unemployed, which puts a strain on their relationship. When Billy finds out that Julie is pregnant, he resorts to extreme measures to get money.....

The Unconquered Sun

They knew it was going to be something special as the 17 early-risers gathered on the Lower Green under an already lightening sky. The

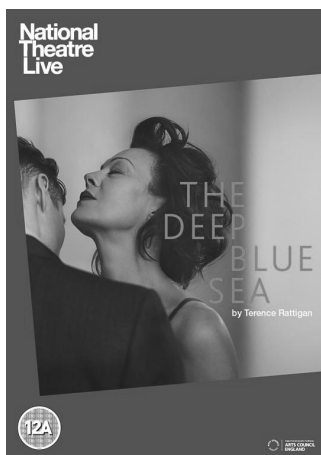


walk down The Drive was flanked by a wheat field shimmering with spiders' webs and a low mist hovered over the water meadows ahead. The climb up Barrack Hill under a rose streaked sky revealed the lovely view to Ashendon and Waddesdon, then it was the final ascent to the observatory where all

eyes turned towards the blazing red disc which was slowly inching its way above the horizon. Fortified by drinks and biscuits the walkers began the descent, noting the clearly defined medieval terraces and ridge and furrow system of Upper Winchendon and enjoying the stunning panorama over the Thame valley and Aylesbury Vale towards the Chiltern escarpment. Cuddington church tower highlighted in the sunshine provided a clear landmark. By 6.30am it was back to everyday life, but with a feeling that a truly magical and privileged experience had been shared.

THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE

CUDDINGTON



Our new autumn season begins on Thursday 1st September with the new National Theatre production of Terence Rattigan's devastating masterpiece *The Deep Blue Sea*, broadcast live from the Lyttelton Theatre (cert 12A). Helen McCrory (*Medea*, *Peaky Blinders*) plays one of the greatest female roles in contemporary drama, while Tom Burke (*War and Peace*, *The Musketeers*) also features in Carrie Cracknell's critically acclaimed production. When Hester Collyer is found by her

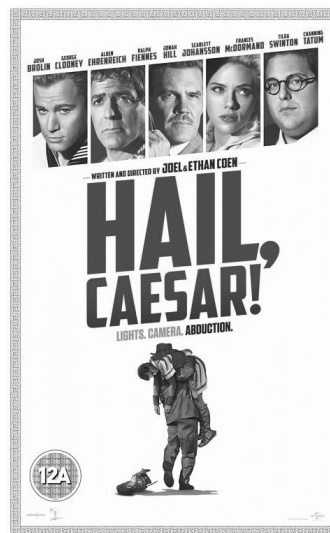
neighbours after a failed suicide attempt, the story of her tempestuous affair with a former RAF pilot and the breakdown of her marriage to a High Court judge begin to emerge... "This production is a stand-out. Helen McCrory is fantastic," says *The Times*. "Achingly good. Helen McCrory delivers one of the performances of the year," says *The Evening Standard*.

On 8th September we'll be screening *The Revenant* (cert. 15) starring Leonardo DiCaprio and based on a true story. 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. "Gut-churningly brutal, beautiful storytelling ... as thrilling and painful as a sheet of ice held to the skin," says *The Guardian*. "A ripping yarn, complete with chases through forests, escapes down waterfalls and fight sequences," says *The Independent*.

On 22nd September we have another National Theatre Live presentation: a darkly comic new take on Brecht and Weill's raucous musical *The Threepenny Opera*, broadcast live from the stage of the ational (cert. 15). London scrubs up or the coronation. The thieves are on the make, the whores are on the pull, and the police are cutting deals to keep it all out of sight. Mr and Mrs Peachum are looking forward to a bumper

day in the beggary business, but their daughter didn't come home last night and it's all about to kick off... With Olivier Award-winner Rory Kinnear (*Hamlet*, *Othello*) as Macheath alongside Rosalie Craig as Polly Peachum and Haydn Gwynne as Mrs Peachum. "Enjoyably raucous. Rory Kinnear's really on song in this enticingly sleazy revival," says *The Evening Standard*. "Grimy, filthy, and tremendously good fun," says *Time Out*. Contains scenes of a sexual nature, violence and filthy language.

Our film on 29th September is *Hail, Caesar!*, a delirious, screwball comedy in the grand tradition of classic Hollywood (Cert. 12A).



In the middle of production on "Hail, Caesar!", the biggest film of the year, world-famous star Baird Whitlock is kidnapped. It's up to studio fixer Eddie Mannix to find him. He's been instructed by a group called "The Future" to gather \$100,000 and await instructions, but first he needs to make sure the story doesn't leak to the press – which could prove easier said than done... Josh Brolin,

George Clooney, Scarlett Johansson and Ralph Fiennes star. "The Coen brothers conjure up nostalgic joy from this hilarious knockabout homage to the golden age of film," says *The Guardian*. "One of the Coen brothers' jolliest and most carefree films ... it's a pleasure to watch," says *The Independent*.

Looking ahead to October, on Thursday 13th our film will be *Eddie the Eagle* (Cert. PG), the true story of Britain's first Olympic ski jumper – a lifelong underdog who defied all the odds to achieve his dream, no matter how ridiculous it seemed. Then on Thursday 20th we'll be screening Jeff Wayne's musical version of *The War of the Worlds*, a spectacular mix of live music, theatre, multimedia and visual arts on a grand scale with a 10-piece band, a 48-piece string section – and a 30-foot fully operating Martian fighting machine!

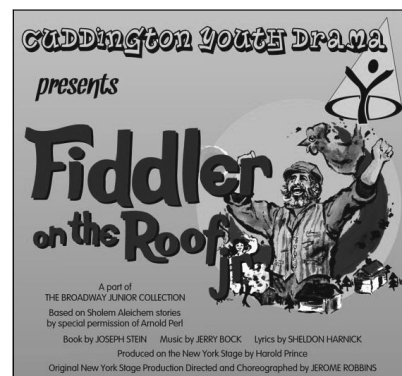
Visit the web page for more details of all features: www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema

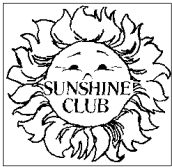
Fiddler at the Fringe!



appreciated the lovely audience of Cuddington!

Cuddington Youth Drama is going to the Edinburgh Fringe! Please join us! We will be performing Fiddler on the Roof Jr. on the Royal Mile, Space UK, six performances, 10 am, Monday 22nd - Saturday 27th August. Thank you everyone who has been so supportive of these wonderfully talented actors! We had such a fun time at the fete, and





Fashion Show

For a special summer treat, come to the Sunshine Club's Garden Party & Fashion Show on Bank Holiday Sunday **28th August at**

2.00pm. Our local belles (young and not so young!!) will be modelling at this friendly, informal Fashion Show in the lovely gardens at Tyringham Hall and, afterwards, there will be the chance to buy from the range of affordably priced clothing.

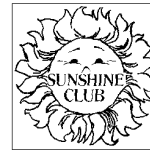
In case of rain, the show **will go on** under the shelter of gazebos!!

All welcome – men included!

Tickets which include cream tea and lots of fun are priced at £5 and are available from Liz 01844 299 150



Come and join us!



After the August break we resume our fortnightly social meetings, on **Monday 5th September**

These fortnightly meet-ups from 2-4pm provide the opportunity for a social get together and chit-chat with a brief bingo session followed by sandwiches, cakes and tea all rounded off with optional card games or more chat. With a rotation of our wonderful team of volunteer tea hostesses, the tea is a scrumptious surprise every time with lovely homemade cakes!

There are two coach outings a year, free to Club members and a delightful summer garden party in July in the grounds of Tyringham Hall, not to mention the festive three-course Christmas Dinner and party in The Bernard Hall, again free to members and their guests.

In addition, the Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema with 6 showing per year gives free entry to members.

Fund raising events are organised by our committee throughout the year to cover our costs and to keep the annual subscription down to 'an historic £4'.....! and members always have free admission to the 'fundraisers'.

Sunshine Club is open to Cuddington, Cheersley and Nether Winchendon residents who are 60 or over. We welcome all newcomers to come along and 'try us out' – just turn up at the Playing Field Club at 2pm on any of the meet-up dates listed in 'Dates for your Diary' in Village Voice.

Or, if you would like to know more, or have a problem with transport, please ring Liz Davies on 01844 299 150.

A Concert for Myles

Many of you will remember the wonderful organ and piano recital given in St Nicholas' church last October by Sam Baker, see main photograph. It is memorable not just for being such an inspiring occasion but also being the last



concert in St Nicholas that Myles Saker, organised in conjunction with Caroline.

Myles sadly died just a couple of months or so after the concert and it is very fitting that Sam is making a return visit to Cuddington on Saturday 29th October to give a concert in memory of Myles. This time he will be joined by Danea Eleni, inset photograph, a London-

based soprano, and their programme will include settings of Shakespeare, songs by Purcell, Schubert, Max Reger and Roger Quilter, traditional songs as well as piano and organ solos – *Music for a While*.

Sam, having been tutored in Composition and Music Appreciation by Nigel Phillips while he was a pupil at nearby Wheatley Park School, is currently, amongst many other things, teaching music at Taunton Preparatory School in Somerset.

Born in Bahrain, Danea studied Voice at the Royal College of Music and then privately with Ashley Stafford and Paul Farrington. She has just arrived from a performance as Musetta (*Boheme*) at the end of the longest pier in the world - Southend-on-Sea!

We look forward to welcoming you to the concert in October; please make a note of it - better still, book a ticket!

Tickets are £10 (under 16 £5) and are available from:

- Caroline Saker (01844 291825)
- Cuddington Stores
- www.cuddingtonvillage.com/church

There will be refreshments and canapés during the interval and all proceeds will be going to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

The Queens 90th in Colour

Our centre-fold spread (over the page on pages 6 & 7) is in celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday week-end activities. We present a selection of photographs covering three main events here in the village — the display in **St Nicholas' Church** representing a complete cross-section of the Queen's life (clockwise from top left) *Windsor, Palace Garden Party, church archway, Balmoral, Royal Ascot, Queen's Wedding, The Commonwealth, War-time Service and Queen's Childhood*.

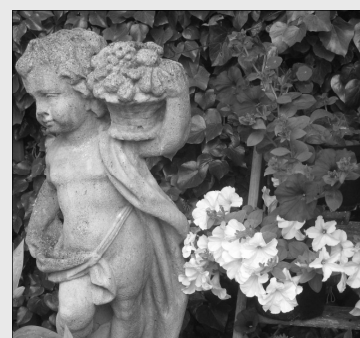
Children's Singing involving Infant school children processing and singing round the village and **Tyringham Hall's Garden & Teas** which were open for viewing and afternoon teas.



St Nicholas



Tyringham Hall's Garden & Teas



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Church



Children's Singing



Tyringham Hall Events

The **Burma Lunch** held on the lawns of Tyringham Hall on Sunday 10th July stepped up a gear this year. Added to the usual entertainment were singers who regularly perform in West End shows like the Lion King.

The morning rains stopped the sun began to shine. At 12.30 the guests began to arrive. Tony Hadley the lead singer from Spandau Ballet obliged many ladies with selfies. After a drink of Pimms, over 150 people sat under



Sherry Scott with guests outside the marquee and (below) Tony Hadley



a marquee for a Burmese Curry, enjoyed with copious amounts of wine, Apple Crumble, Cheese Biscuits and Coffee. The entertainment began with the West End singers they brought the house down. Sherry Scott delivered a very informed and

interesting talk about what's happening in Burma today. John the Music got the people dancing as he started the second half with his own style of music from the sixties to the present day. Then a break to auction, "a day at the worlds largest sailing regatta — Cowes", "John the Music to play and entertain at any planned func-

tion", and finally "dinner for 8 at Tyringham Hall". The main raffle prize of the day a diamond sapphire gold ring was won by Thelma followed by two further prizes of Fortnum and Mason hampers. Then back to the music. Everyone was encouraged to get up and dance with the professional theatre singers as they began their second act. The dancing continued as John the Music took over the last spot of the afternoon. Most of the debris was cleared by 5.30 but there were still one or two tables enjoying the last drink of the afternoon; then the heavens opened so the late afternoon drinking continued

All monies taken at the Lunch go to the charity "Burma Forces Welfare Association" Charity no 110775

Monday 11th July

The same marquee was used for the annual Sunshine Club lunch party. Forty older residents of Cuddington enjoyed high tea and entertainment followed by Bingo. If you would like to be member of the Sunshine Club Telephone 01844 291526 or email philjohnsonpen@gmail.com

Wednesday 13th July

Tyringham Hall opened its gardens in support of the Stoke Mandeville Hospital Scannappeal 100 people appreciated the garden then were accompanied through the ground floor of Tyringham Hall. See page 11 for further support for Scannappeal—a Black Tie Masked Ball.

St Nicholas Church Family Outing



Cotswold Wildlife Park Burford

Saturday 3rd September Travel by coach—Free!!
Park entry prices @ group rate!!

Adults: £11.50
Children £8.00 (over 3s)
Concessions £8.00

Departing The Green 9.30am
Arrive Cuddington 5.00pm

Ride & Stride

Ride+Stride in Buckinghamshire takes place on Saturday 10th September and the object is to raise money for the repair and restoration of churches and chapels of any Christian denomination.

The Buckinghamshire's Historic Churches Trust's (BHCT) Sponsored Cycle Ride is open to walkers as well as horse-riders and cyclists. The majority of Buckinghamshire's churches will be open, including St Nicholas, where there will be someone on duty offering refreshments. Participants can plan their own routes, on foot, by bike, or even on horseback, from lists of open churches.

If you wish to participate in the event please contact Ride and Stride UK

email: buckinghamshire@rideandstrideuk.org

web: <http://www.bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride.html>

METHODIST CHURCH

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

Cuddington Methodist Church is hosting an
Ellel Teaching Day
on Saturday 1st October 2016 at The Clare
Centre, Saunderton
with David and Denise Cross.

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

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



A very sociable time!

Some 45 members and friends enjoyed a **Cheese and Wine Party** at **The Old Rectory** on Monday 18th on a lovely warm summers evening. A good selection of cheeses and wine was provided by the Committee; the garden was looking good and exuded a peaceful tranquillity with stunning views. The photograph below shows just a few of the members relaxing and enjoying the company!



The Plant Stall at the Village Fete raised £409, slightly down on last year as it has been a difficult growing session. A huge "thank you" to all

those of you who donated plants, helped in setting up and manning the stall. The plants that were left over have been delivered to the Hickman's Charity Garden in Aylesbury.

The next meeting of the Gardening Club takes place on Monday 12th September in the playing field clubhouse, 7.30 pm. We will be holding our annual "Single Stem from your Garden" competition and the speaker will be Andrew Mikolajski who has visited us previously. He is lively, practical and very knowledgeable. The topic has yet to be decided so please check the GC page on the village website nearer the time.

You will have noticed that **the plants at the Bernard Hall** and around the **Best Kept Village** sign on the green are looking very attractive and healthy. Our appreciation goes to Rosemary Bradbury for her hard work in planting up and to those members of the Gardening Club who are carrying out watering and deadheading during the summer.

The Gardening Club always welcomes new members, if you would like to join please contact Elsie Frost on 01844 290768 or check the village website.

Fashion Show

Long Crendon garden to host Ladies Lunch and Fashion Show Fundraiser



Models will be wearing outfits provided by Baban Boutique

Haddenham Community Group, in partnership with Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, are holding a fashion show in a marquee in a charming Long Crendon garden, with a professionally catered lunch, on Tuesday 20th September in Long Crendon.

Community Fundraising Manager Emma Carroll stated, "The Lunch and Fashion Show is a wonderful opportunity for our guests to socialise over a superb meal and view the latest clothing designs from Baban Boutique, all whilst helping to raise vital funds for the Hospice."

The event will take place at 43 Bicester Road, Long Crendon, HP18 9BP from 12pm to 3pm. Tickets are £28 each, including lunch, aperitif and the Fashion Show.



Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity

About Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity

Florence Nightingale Hospice is located at Stoke Mandeville Hospital and provides first class specialist palliative care which is accessible and free of charge to those with a life-limiting illness in Buckinghamshire. The Hospice also provides other services such as 24/7 end of life care in the home, Florrie's Children's Team support for families, the Day Hospice and Bereavement Support.

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity needs to raise over £650,000 annually to ensure the continued funding of local in-patient and at-home palliative care services, for many more years to come.

For more information visit www.fnhospice.org.uk



Cuddington Church Tower will be open as part of the National Heritage Open Days organised for Saturday 10th September. From

10.30am to 12noon there will be trips up the tower to see the bells, bellringing and opportunities to have a ring. Further details will be posted on the village website nearer the time.

Thame Arts and Literature Festival

14th-16th October

Nicholas Parsons (pictured) ... Artemis Cooper... Hugh Sebag Montefiore ... Roger McGough ... these are some of the exciting names lined up to entertain, inform and inspire at this year's TAL Festival.

There are forty events during five days, offering a fantastic mix of history, biography, art, crime, fiction, music, drama, inspiring workshops - even wine - so it won't be difficult to find something that interests you. In fact, we hope your only problem will be how to fit everything in!

For more information, and to book tickets, contact talfestival.org



Village Jottings

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)

Following the feature in last month's Village Voice, a number of residents visited the AVDC presentations in Haddenham and Aylesbury. At the Parish Council meeting on 11th July, it was resolved that the PC would respond to the consultation and lobby for Cuddington to be re-classified as a 'small village', as in the previous version of the plan. The draft paper that is going to be submitted to AVDC is contained as a loose insert in this edition of *Village Voice* and will then be discussed at the special PC meeting on 8th August, which will concentrate on this issue.

Everyone who is concerned with future developments in the village, as well as across the rest of the District, is invited to attend the meeting and also urged to make their own response to AVDC before the deadline of 5th September, when the consultation ends.

Fly-Tipping

At the end of June a large quantity of old office furniture and shelving was dumped on the side of the bridleway, off Bridgeway. Unfortunately, there was no identification of the source of this rubbish. It has now been removed but would everyone keep an eye open for any suspicious vehicles around field entrances and the bridleways. Fly-tipping is a criminal offence with stiff penalties. Also, if anyone offers to take rubbish away for you, always check to see if they have a licence as a registered waste carrier. If they do not, and the rubbish is subsequently 'fly-tipped,' then the originator of the rubbish is also liable to prosecution!

Traffic Issues

Many thanks to all the people who carried out the second survey of Heavy Goods Vehicles on 7th July. As with the first survey, it is clear from the observations that there are relatively few HGVs where action could be taken to try and persuade them to use alternative routes. However, representatives of the villages taking part are meeting on 4th August to decide on further actions. We are being supported by Paul Irwin, our County Councillor.

Villagers will probably have noticed the 'tubes' across the roads of the three entry points to the village. These have been installed by BCC, on our behalf, to provide speed and volume information about traffic through the village. We can then compare with similar information collected several years ago. This base information is necessary before any further measures can be explored to improve road safety in the village.

Cuddington Picture



This picture, called "Late for School", measuring 63 cms x 86 cms, is a print of an original (now in the Dallas Museum of Art, Texas) by Arthur J Elsley (1898) of Cuddington Village School. It shows a fox seeking refuge from the hunt, inside the classroom of startled children. The artist is quite well-known and information, including reference to this picture can be found on the internet.

The picture was given to the village by a generous donor from outside the village who purchased it many years ago. It is probably not suitable for the village hall and the school feel it's a bit scary for the children! If anyone would like to have this picture (no charge!), please contact Ken on 292921.

PACE presented with cheque

We reported last month that the *A Day in the Life of Waddesdon* event in St Nicholas' church was a great success and raised over £600 for The PACE Centre in Aylesbury.

In fact the final figure was £646.11 and Chris Blumer recently made a visit to the centre to present a cheque to Head of Fundraising, Mark Clay.

The photograph shows Chris (right) with Mark at PACE's Bradbury Campus



on the Wendover Road after Mark had given Chris a tour of the buildings. The new Early Years Centre was opened in January 2014 and has four

fully equipped therapy/classrooms with toys and specialist equipment offering opportunities for exploration and play, movement and sensory therapies, communication and learning.

There is a kitchen and dining/lounge area used for parents coffee mornings, feeding clinics and private meetings.

There is also a bedroom with en-suite toilet/shower facilities which, together with our kitchen-dining-lounge area, can be used as a flat for residential sessions.

Please visit the PACE website to find out more of what this very special organisation offers to children suffering from cerebral palsy and similar motor disorders

www.thepacecentre.org

New Distributor

Thank you to so many of you who kindly responded to our request for a *Village Voice* distributor to take over from Jeane Oke. Peter Wenham was quickest off the mark to offer and he was signed up on the spot! A big thank you to both Peter and to Jeane who distributed for so many years.

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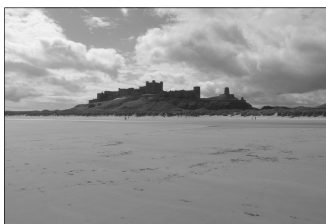


At the July meeting after the business we had a report on the NFWI Annual Meeting from our delegate, a member from Fairford Leys WI. This was followed by a competition of guess the member from photos of members when they were under 5 years old; this engendered much discussion and amusement. The afternoon finished with strawberries and cream with a cuppa and the usual chat!

Dates for your Diary

To myself I am only a child playing on the beach, while vast oceans of truth lie undiscovered before me.

Isaac Newton.



August

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

September

Monday 5th 2pm Sunshine Club, Playing Fields Club
Monday 12th 7.30 pm Gardening Club, Talk and Competition
Monday 19th 2pm Sunshine Club, Playing Fields Club
Monday 26th 1.30pm Carousel, Bernard Hall

October

Monday 3rd 2pm Sunshine Club, Playing Fields Club
Saturday 9th Harvest Supper in the Bernard Hall
Monday 10th 7.30 pm Gardening Club, Talk on Garden Design
Monday 17th 2pm Sunshine Club, Playing Fields Club
Saturday 29th 7.30pm *Music for a While* – concert in St Nicholas's Church
Monday 31st 2pm Sunshine Club, Playing Fields Club

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Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham and the service attended by a full congregation representing all parts of the new Wychert Vale Benefice, the Aylesbury Deanery and friends from places and appointments which Phil had held over years past. It was a moving and warm service – including several rounds of applause which hopefully made both Phil and his wife Anne feel supported and welcomed!

The service had great significance for our own parish of Cuddington not just because we are part of the enlarged benefice but also because this means that Cuddington and Dinton School now falls totally within the new Wychert Vale benefice with Phil taking a special responsibility for ministry with children, youth and schools; he will also have special focus on Cuddington, Stone and Dinton within the benefice.

We all look forward to seeing Phil and his wife Anne around the village and school in the months and years ahead. As reported in June's Village Voice Phil and Anne will be living in Stone.

Save the Dates:



St Nicholas Church Re:Light Service

Sunday 11th September 10am

All the fun of Lighthouse crammed into a family service that you can share with your friends and family. Relive your Lighthouse week or just get excited for next year – we'd love to see you in church from 10am

Harvest 2016

8th – 9th October

This year's Harvest weekend will begin on Saturday evening with a Harvest Supper in the Bernard Hall, followed on Sunday by our traditional Harvest Service.



Greener Cuddington



The River Thames Conservation Trust

You may recall that I set up a campaign called 'Save The River Thames' following pollution of the River from the

Aylesbury sewage works in 2013. This continued until the end of 2015 when we merged into the River Thames Conservation Trust which had been doing conservation and research work along the Oxfordshire part of the Thames, and already had charity status and funds. The Trust gained from our personnel and benefited from our achievements, which included:

- A grant and assistance from The Rothschild Foundation to build a new website.
- New protective fencing along the river bank on land in Starveall Farm.
- The establishment of regular liaison meetings with Thames Water at the Aylesbury Sewage Treatment Works.
- Developing relationships with

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Black Tie Masked Ball



A Black Tie Masked Ball will be held on the 10th September in aid of the Stoke Mandeville Hospital Scannappeal. Tickets are £50 each wine not included, Wine can be bought on the night for £10 a bottle For ticket enquires: Phil Johnson 01844 291526 philjohnsonpen@gmail.com or Gordon Rogers 01844 208 530

groggers@psa-online.com.

An evening with **Paul Atterbury**
from BBC1's Antiques Roadshow
Haddenham Community Library
Friday 7th October 7.00pm
Tickets £20 (from the library) to include refreshments

Paul will share stories from his 25 years on the programme, and his life outside 'work'.





By the time you read this we hope that all the children, parents and staff are enjoying their summer holidays! As always it was a very busy end of term and the school year. We said good-bye to 26 children in

Year 6 who head off to their various Secondary schools, and 26 children from the Year 2 on the Infant site are looking forward to moving on to the Junior site in Dinton.

One of the final outings for Year 2 was recently when, together with year 1, they visited Waddesdon Manor Farm. They had a most enjoyable



time with Farmer Dan and his helpers learning all about cereal crops, making bread and doing a lot of weighing - of Maisie, the Jersey Cow as well as Farmer Dan!

We reported in the June issue of Village Voice that the pond area on the Junior site was nearing completion. This has now been achieved and formally opened. We are delighted to now report that the project has become Regional Winner in the Total Green School Awards! Please follow the following link to find out more about this exciting project and the award



<http://totalgreenschoolawards.org/winners/>.

The children danced and sang beautifully to a very appreciative crowd and the Cuddington Village Fete and the Jam jar tombola was a huge success. We also had the Swat the Rat attraction which had a lot of attention from rat swatters—see photographs above.

The Infant site says good-bye to Mrs Chaplin who leaves her position as School Administrator to take up a new career as a trainee teacher on the Junior site! We wish Mrs Chaplin all success and thank her for everything she has done over the last two years, and are very pleased she is not leaving the school!

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landowners and Parish Councils.

- A camera on the river near Cuddington that takes photos of wildlife that pass it.

The merging of these two bodies has resulted in something far greater and more energetic which is already making a real difference along the length of the River Thames. The Trust's management has been rejuvenated and they now employ a Chief Executive Officer (part time) and a full-time Projects Officer, Emily Godfrey. Emily came to us from Essex where she succeeded in engaging the public along the River Colne so that the entire catchment is being looked after and improved: you may have seen the coverage on Countryfile earlier



Emily Godfrey and Keith McCullough installing the camera trap (on the tree).

this year. She is very energetic and knowledgeable and already has over 70 volunteers who are engaged in conservation projects, surveying birds and invertebrates, sampling and testing the water and monitoring sections of the river.

The new website will be launched in September, and we are near to completing work on it. The site will be highly interactive and very informative about the state of the river and its wildlife, with news, views and lovely images.

We had our 3rd liaison meeting with Thames Water at the end of July where the focus of our discussions was how the Thame will be protected as the number of houses and population along its valley grow. They assured us that the Aylesbury, Haddenham and Crendon sewage plants had plenty of capacity for the forecast growth, but they keep this under review constantly.

Our section of the Thame is one of the loveliest, as it winds through the water meadows. You can explore it along the Thame Valley Walking Route which is marked on the O.S. Explorer map and runs from Aylesbury through Eythrope, Nether Winchendon, Chearsley, Notley, Thame, Shabington and ends at Aston (although you can walk the entire length of the valley on footpaths).

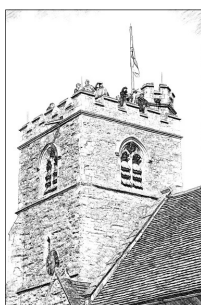
Do go and enjoy your river and look out for announcements about the new River Thame Website. For more information, contact me by email doug@doug-kenndy.com

Services at St. Nicholas

(Churchwardens: Graham Carr 290000 and James Stonham 292221)

August & September 2016

7th & 4th	10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
14th Aug	10.00 am	FAMILY SERVICE
11th Sept	10.00 am	RE: LIGHT SERVICE
21st & 18th	10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
28th & 25th	10.00 am	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.