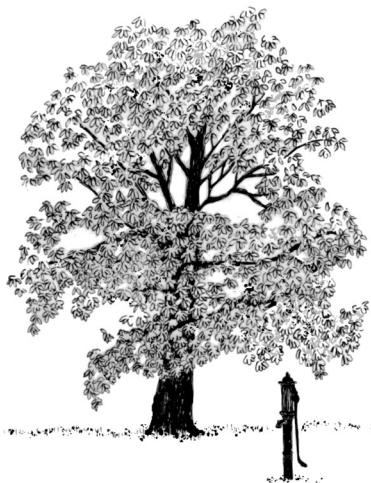




Cuddington Village Voice

April 2018

14th July
Cuddington
Fête



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Annual Village Meeting

This year's meeting will be held in the Bernard Hall on Wednesday 18th April at 7.30 pm.

This meeting is the main opportunity of the year for all residents of Cuddington to get together and discuss issues that are concerning them, as well as hearing about what is going on in the village. It is **not** a meeting of the Parish Council, although one of the items will be a report from the PC. In recent years this meeting has always been really well attended and an enjoyable event. It is also a fantastic opportunity for newer residents to meet others, over a glass of wine or soft drink at the end of the meeting.

The agenda will include Planning, the Neighbourhood Plan, Village Finances, progress at the School and lots of other things.

If you have a particular topic that you would like on this agenda, contact Venetia Davies on 201899 or venetia.davies@talktalk.net

Put the date in your diary and please do come to the meeting.

Christian Aid Week In Cuddington

The start of 2018 has been a challenging time for everybody in the aid and development sector.

It is sad and disturbing to learn of the abuse that has taken place but reassuring to know that Christian Aid is **committed to the safeguarding and protection of all beneficiaries, partners, volunteers and staff** working in often the most dangerous and isolated places in the world. Here

in Cuddington we should be proud of our level of giving to long term sustainable aid projects which often make a big impact on the poorest areas of the world.

I have now taken over as Cuddington Church Christian Aid representative and want to thank Caroline Saker for the dedication she has given to this task over many many years. Plans for Christian Aid Week 2018 are already well underway. Please note the dates in your diaries; it starts with a Family Service on Sunday May 13th with a speaker from Christian Aid. There will be an opportunity to donate at the Wednesday evening screening of a Gershwin musical in the Bernard Hall, Angela Sanderson has again kindly agreed to host our Bring and Buy on Thursday evening, and after the Royal Wedding on Saturday 19th, we are planning a Royal Tea Party in church to conclude the week (as well as the usual envelope collection).

If you would be able to help at any of these events, in any way at all, it would be much appreciated. Caroline Stonham caroline@holymans.co.uk



CUDDINGTON FÊTE 14th July - Ooh là là

Keep July 14th free—this year at the fête we're celebrating all things French.

If you're having a spring clean please donate, sponsor, volunteer... see page 5 tout suite



Ancient and Modern

It is hard to imagine how some villages looked 100 years ago, let alone 400 years ago, but in ours we have some clues.



400 years ago Tyringham Hall would have been newly completed and it looks much the same. Other cottages and farmhouses would have already been dotted around and they look on the outside much the same now. The charm of Cuddington is in this depth of history. We have so many beautiful houses. Of course none of them have remained unchanged, especially on the inside. None of us wants to live without electricity and the very idea of medieval sanitation is quite revolting. We pay a premium for ancient buildings with contemporary kitchens, utility rooms and bathrooms. The idea of a house without internet is ludicrous to most of us. But then again houses were built to be homes. Their essence remains the same. They were meant to be places of safety, comfort and family. The basics remain the same, even if the interiors have changed beyond the belief of former residents. Our church is the oldest of the buildings and the basic structure would have been recognisable to Cuddington inhabitants going back 800 years or more. But the building has changed and changed again. Not all the changes are recent. Extensions were built, stained glass put in, bells hung, and, after a few centuries, pews installed. The recent changes have reflected the values of the present. The first worshippers stood in an unheated building that was barely usable after dark. Our present building has heating, a sound system, toilets and comfortable chairs.

What has not changed is the core purpose. Churches were built to praise God. God has not changed, but our expectation of the suitability of the building has. The great story at the heart of the Bible remains relevant to all of us. This is the story of God with us, embracing vulnerability and walking with the most ordinary of people. The most remarkable part of the story is of God embracing the most human fate of all – death itself. He not only accepted it, but overcame it. This is the story of hope that is as important today as ever.

I know that many people think they can do without it, but in the end it still drives the narratives that shape our world. It was retold by CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien and most recently it is at the heart of the stories of Harry Potter by JK Rowling. The same old story retold in order to challenge the idea that the world is controlled by power. In these stories racist dictators are brought down by self sacrifice. It is the story of Jesus retold in death and resurrection.

In church we may have new songs, we may have chairs, we may have projectors and sound systems, but it is the ancient truths that speak of love in a confused and confusing world that continue to be proclaimed and celebrated.

Phil Groves

Evening Services In the Benefice



Sunday 1st April, 6.30 pm at St Mary's, Haddenham
Easter Communion Service, led by Margot Hodson, with
Nigel Featherston preaching

Sunday 8th April, 6.30 pm at St Mary's, Haddenham
Praise Service, led by Phil Groves

Sunday 15th April, 6.30 pm, at St Mary's, Haddenham
Wellspring, led by Nadine Rose, with Martin Hodson
preaching

Sunday 29th April, 6.30pm, at St John the Baptist, Stone
Benefice Evenson, led by Margot Hodson, with Martin
Hodson preaching



Come and join us for arrrrr
Easter Pirate Panto!

The Easter story told as a pantomime by
arrrrr very own men of the village(s)!
Followed by an Easter egg hunt and
refreshments

Easter Monday @ 10.30am in
Cuddington Church



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Cuddington Youth Drama

TIME TRAVEL THROUGH BRITAIN'S UNIQUE HISTORY IN 'THE WARDROBE' BY SAM HOLCROFT

Following their success at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2017, Cuddington Youth Drama step onto stage this Easter Holidays to explore Britain's History in a unique and revealing play.

Set within a Tudor wardrobe, we follow its ownership across the centuries. In each scene, children climb into the wardrobe, seeking sanctuary of one sort or another from the events outside. We see history through the eyes of each child as they share their life experiences, their secrets and find the funny in the history of the day.

Please come and support as many children from Cuddington will be appearing!

CURTAINS UP: 7pm on 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th April

2:30pm & 7pm on 14th April

AT THE BERNARD HALL, CUDDINGTON

Suitable for Children 8 years+

Tickets cost £5 Children, £10 Adults and £20 Family Ticket

Available on the door or through CuddingtonVillage.com



Easter in Wychert Vale

St Nicholas, Cuddington

Friday 30th March, 2.00pm

Hour by the Cross

Sunday 1st April, 10.00am

Holy Communion

St Mary's, Haddenham

Friday 30th March

10.15am Walk of Witness

11.00am Service

Sunday 1st April,

6.15am Sunrise Service

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.15am Café Plus

6.30pm Easter Communion

St Nicholas, Kingsey

Thursday 29th March, 7.30pm

Maundy Day Service

Sunday 1st April, 9.15am

Kingsey Breakfast

St John the Baptist, Stone

Friday 30th March,

10.00am Walk of Witness

10.30am Family Service

Sunday 1st April, 10.30am

All Age Communion

SS Peter & Paul, Dinton

Friday 30th March, 2.00pm

Hour by the Cross

Sunday 1st April, 10.00am

Family Communion

St Michael's, Aston Sandford

Sunday 1st April, 11.00am

Holy Communion

The Church Clock

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the clock restoration fund. £350 has been given following the article in February's Village Voice as well as an offer of a concert in church later in the year. The church council hopes it will soon be in a position to place an order for the work to go ahead. If you would like to support this project and have mislaid February's VV, here is a reminder of how you can give: -

1. by bank transfer to the church account: - Cuddington PCC - sort code: 40-08-39 a/c no 60262234 Ref. Clock
2. by cheque (payable to Cuddington PCC) or cash to the church treasurer Alan Marsh at Rose Tree Cottage, Lower Church Street, (next to the Methodist Chapel).

Thank you for your support. James Stonham, Churchwarden



The School House

As some are aware the long-term tenant of The School House gave notice and moved out in January. I thought a brief article might be of interest.

In common with many church schools, the house and its garden are not owned by the church but by trustees of a charitable educational trust, who are also responsible for the majority of the school site. This was established when the land was given and the school built in the 19th century. The trustees are the vicar and churchwardens, who incidentally are also among the trustees of the Bernard Hall.

In consultation with the head teacher and school governors the house and school site are managed in line with the charitable purposes of the trust for the benefit of the school and the education of children. When the house has not been needed for the school or the head teacher it has been rented out, and the income is used to maintain the property and provide financial help to the school. The present plans are that once some refurbishment has been carried out the house will again be rented out.

THE BERNARD HALL CUDDINGTON



The Bernard Hall AGM is on Monday 21st May at 8pm in the village hall.

Everyone is welcome. Please come and join us and hear what's been going on in your Village Hall over the past year.

Cuddington Gardening Club



After the very successful Social evening in January and the Club's 25th AGM in February, on Monday, 12th March Jennifer, the Chairman, welcomed the club's first speaker of the 2018 season, Derek Dexter who came to talk to us

about his hobby and passion : growing, propagating and showing fuchsias, illustrating his talk with some lovely slides. His talk was very interesting, informative, at times most amusing, and full of unusual horticultural tips. He also brought with him plants he had grown himself for members to buy.

Carol Daniels writes:

At our March meeting, club members were treated to an enlightening presentation on fuchsias by 'hobby grower' Derek Dexter. Derek totally captivated the attention of everyone with his lightness of touch, his vast knowledge and generous tips. He told us he had only been growing fuchsias since 2000, before that he grew vegetables to show. Now he shows his fuchsias, winning many trophies.

To wind up an absorbing evening, Derek showed us slides of his greenhouse stuffed full of beautiful fuchsias at various stages of development. We also saw a slide of a fuchsias he had "discovered" himself and which he had named after his daughter. Sometimes he erects a small poly tunnel inside the greenhouse for extra protection for his plants. To end his excellent presentation, he showed us a slide of his many trophies, plus the 'showstoppers' he had created from fuchsia flowers on 10" plates - Exquisite!

Afterwards, members were able to buy many healthy plants from the large selection he had brought with him.

For more of Derek's tips, contact Jennifer. CD

Future Events

Guests are always welcome to come to our meetings usually on the second Monday of the month, or to join our outings – there will be a very small extra charge for non-members.

9th April - Edwin Rye will be returning to talk to us about his lovely garden and other subjects - TBA.

N.B. We will be visiting his award-winning garden in Wendover in July.

Unfortunately the proposed visit to Manor Farm Herbs in May, has had to be postponed until later.

14th May - we have been fortunate to arrange a visit by **Roger Umpelby**, a professional entomologist and horticulturalist of many years' experience. Roger is a passionate plant and nature lover who enjoys sharing his interest in and respect for the natural world. **The title of his talk is: "Useful, beautiful and unloved; an alternative look at WEEDS!"**

13th June - We are arranging a coach trip to RHS Hyde Hall in Essex. Please put this in your diaries!

Please remember to take cuttings and grow on some plants for our stall at the Village Fete in July.

Also keep some plants for the Christian Aid plant stall at **Angela Sanderson's garden on Thursday, 17th May.**

I will be circulating the complete programme for 2018 shortly to members and on the website.

I do hope you are all surviving the latest very cold spell - take care and look out for yourselves, your neighbours and the birds! Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

With best wishes, Jennifer



Cuddington Tennis Club



Families and all standards are welcome

Play anytime to suit you

Ladies play together on Wednesday mornings

Mixed tennis on Thursday evenings

Tennis and BBQ in Aug/Sept

Join the club to keep fit and have fun!

Please contact

Charles Sanderson 01844 291626 (Chairman) or

Sarah Owen 07899 872065 (Secretary)

Thom leaves The Crown

The Best Barman in Cuddington 2015 - 2018

After three years at the Crown, Thom is heading off to pastures new. A big group of customers gathered in the Crown on Sunday 18th to say their goodbyes. Thom was presented with gifts and cards. Everyone wishes him well in his new role as Manager of the Old Neighbourhood at Chalford Hill, Stroud. I am sure Thom would love to see anyone if they are down that way.



Fête day — Saturday 14th July

As it's Bastille Day on July 14th—this year we're celebrating all things French. If you're having a spring clean please donate the following items, we need as much as we can!

- ☺ Baskets, ribbons, bows and goodies for the basket tombola
 - ☺ Mugs, plates, crockery - yes, Crockery Smashing is back!
 - ☺ Nearly new clothes and shoes - children's clothes especially popular
 - ☺ Books - any genre welcome!
 - ☺ Cuddly toys and teddies for the Teddy Tombola
 - ☺ Toys/Children's Games/Ride on toys - Toy Stall
 - ☺ Bags, beads, scarves and hair accessories - Bags & Beads Stall
 - ☺ Left over bottles of booze from Christmas - get them to us for the bottle tombola
 - ☺ Any Bric a Brac welcome - whatever isn't sold is distributed to the charity shops, nothing wasted!
- Do you know someone with a local business that would like to run a stall or advertise or sponsor us?
Do you have a great idea for a French themed activity?
Do you know a French celebrity who can open the Fête?

Come to the Village Meeting on Wednesday 18th April @ 7.30pm to hear more!

Your 2018 Committee: Janine, Karen, Kayley, Ken, Mark, Mayda

E-mail: info@porkandginger.co.uk tel: 01844 290404 or 07718 559978

Greener Cuddington



The English winter always seems to drag on at this time of year, when we are all anticipating the spring. This year, the chilly blast from the east that returned in mid March certainly continued that theme, but we got away with it lightly here in Bucks compared to most of the country. Overall, the winter wasn't too bad and on the dry side: the odd primrose continued to flower throughout the entire winter on Holly Tree Lane. To put the March cold snap into perspective, it snows on April 5th about one year in four, and I should know as it's my birthday.

Talking of Holly Tree Lane and road verges, residents took over the mowing of the west side of the Lane some years ago, and it is really paying dividends in



the wildflowers that bloom there. We have colour from February with winter aconites and a few snowdrops, followed by primroses, cowslips, dandelions, daisies, alysum, bluebells, cow parsley, fleabane, forget-me-not, periwinkle, narcissi, fox-and-cubs and a few nettles through to November. The key is to mow the area quite late in the summer so that the flowers have time to seed: in Britain we have lost 97% of our wildflower meadows because of changes in agricultural practices including mowing times. On the down-side, trucks and vans get bigger, and more and more stuff is delivered with online shopping so many of our verges are being damaged and their edges compacted by vehicles.

There is also tendency for people to park cars on flat verges which is turning some of them into unsightly bits of waste ground. I wonder if you would be interested in having a campaign to turn this around? Do let me know if you are.

Cuddington Vertebrate Watch 2018

On the weekend of May 19th and 20th, the 7th Cuddington Vertebrate Watch will take place. During the weekend, volunteers from all over the village spend some time watching their garden, or another open area, for birds and other vertebrates, logging what they see. The results are returned to me and I produce a report showing what has been spotted in different parts of the village and how the results compare to previous years. The survey is sent to the British Trust for Ornithology and we are building a good picture of wildlife, particularly birds, in our village. If you would like to take part, please let me know by email and I will supply you with a sheet that explains the event along with a list of creatures. You can see previous results and reports on the village web site under the Greener Cuddington.

Doug Kennedy, doug@doug-kennedy.com

Thank you !

Our huge thanks to Stella and Alan Marsh, who called every day to check we were safe, and did we need any shopping during the snow and ice, when we were housebound.

- Wonderful village people.

From Brenda and Terry Williams

THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON

There's another varied programme of screenings at your local community cinema in April.

On Thursday 5th we'll be showing the film **Wonder** (cert. PG), an inspirational story of courage in adversity starring Jacob



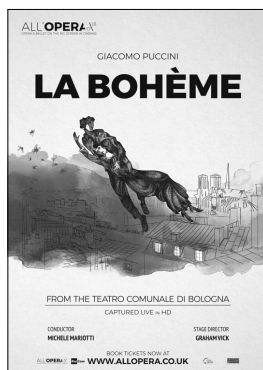
Tremblay (*Room*) and Julia Roberts. **Wonder** is the heart-warming story of Auggie Pullman, a young boy with a facial deformity who's spent his life in and out of hospitals, as he joins a new school. He's determined to fit in and show everyone there that he's just an ordinary kid. His parents are worried, of course, but they know he needs to make friends with other children – and that's just what Auggie's going to do.... "An open-hearted message movie you can't help but embrace," says *The Telegraph*.

"A graceful drama ... sincere, unusually thoughtful," says *Time Out*.

Then on 19th April we'll be screening **Goodbye Christopher Robin** (cert. PG), starring Domhnall Gleeson and Margot Robbie. This is the untold true story of A. A. Milne, whose young son was the inspiration for the tales of Winnie the Pooh and the Hundred Acre Wood. The real-life Christopher Robin's toys gave Milne the ideas that would become Pooh Bear, Piglet, and Eeyore. But after the family is swept up in the huge, global success of the books, what will be the cost of their newfound fame? "A delightful

take on the difficult birth of Winnie-the-Pooh," says *The Guardian*. "A witty and touching father-and-son tale," says *Empire*.

At 4pm on Sunday 22nd April, we shall be showing **La Bohème** (cert. exempt), captured live at the Teatro Comunale di Bologna. Set in 19th century Paris, Puccini's beloved opera charts the love affair between a poor poet Rodolfo (Sardinian tenor Demuro) and a seamstress Mimi (Italian soprano Sicilia) whose relationship is tested by the cruel realities of poverty and ill health. Graham Vick's new production is conducted by Michele Mariotti, Teatro Comunale's exciting Musical Director. The opera will be sung in Italian, with English subtitles.



On 26th April we'll be screening the film **Battle of the Sexes** (cert. 12A), starring Emma Stone and Steve Carrell. The 1973 "Battle Of The Sexes" tennis match became one of the most watched sports events of all time, as Billie Jean King answered the challenge set by Bobby Riggs.

She was the most successful female tennis player in the world. He was a self-proclaimed male chauvinist pig who thought women had no business playing tennis. And their rivalry would be decided in this ultimate grudge match, with the whole world watching... "Emotionally engaging, politically intriguing, dramatically gripping and frequently very funny," says *The Guardian*. "Emma Stone aces this crowd-pleasing tennis gender war," says *The Telegraph*.

"Finally, a tennis movie that works," says *The Times*.



Looking ahead to May, on Thursday 10th we'll be showing the National Theatre's new production of **Macbeth**, to be broadcast live from the National, with Rory Kinnear and Anne-Marie Duff as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. On Wednesday 16th May we have a real treat: the Broadway musical **An American in Paris**, captured live at the Dominion Theatre, London and featuring the gorgeous music and lyrics of George and Ira Gershwin. Then on 24th May our film will be **The Greatest Showman**, in which P.T. Barnum starts putting together a circus – and invents show business!

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

Cuddington Youth Drama presents...

The Wardrobe

by Sam Holcroft

A witness to children's secrets
and solace over centuries...

The Bernard Hall,
Cuddington

Tuesday to Saturday,
10th to 14th April,
7.00 pm

Saturday Matinée
14th April, 2.30 pm

Adults £10
Under-18s £5
Family Ticket £20

Buy tickets on the door,
at Cuddington Stores,
or online at www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cyd



Poster design:
Matilda Cox

Virtuoso Violin!



Shulah Oliver, accompanied at the piano by Simon Marlow, gave the audience in St Nicholas' church a virtuoso performance on her violin on Saturday 17th March. Originally planned as a violin and clarinet duo, the arrangements for violin and piano for "**Dance the night Away**" worked beautifully – their performances of Tchaikovsky's "*Nutcracker*", Saint Saens' "*Danse Macabre*" and Strauss' "*Blue Danube*" left one feeling "do we really need a

full orchestra to enjoy such music"?!!!

Amongst others there were also compositions by Bach, Elgar and Gluck, but arguably the highlight of the evening was a solo item which Shulah "shoehorned" into the second half of the concert – "*Ashokan Farewell*" by Jay Ungar. Effectively a 20th century American folk piece composed in the style of a Scottish lament, this beautiful piece of music was stunningly played by Shulah. It was a privilege to hear such live professional music in our church and all performers who come here find it a very conducive place in which to perform and make music; it was very disappointing that the audience was so small, just 23, but it was hugely appreciative and enjoyed the concert immensely.

The evening was arranged as part of the fund-raising programme for the Friends of Kampala Music School and despite the low audience numbers it was able to raise £185 as a result of generous donations.

Services at St Nicholas

(Churchwardens: Helen Keeping 291635 and James Stonham 292221)

April 2018

1 st April	10.00	Holy Communion
8 th April	10.00	All-age Service
15 th April	10.00	Holy Communion
22 nd April	10.00	Morning Worship
29 th April	10.00	Morning Worship

Opportunities for praying together in church are each Thursday at 9.00 am, and each Sunday at 9.10 am.

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



Sports continue to be very strong and successful in the school. Despite being one person down at a recent swimming event, we came 4th. Special mention needs to be made of Billy Gibson who swam superbly and James Burnham who stepped up at the last minute to boost the numbers and our football team won 2:1 against Stone with Harry C scoring 2 fantastic goals! It is really good to report that we have a second gold award from Sainsbury's Active School Sports award. I would like to thank the Junior children, Learn and Master, all the teachers and Mrs Arnott for the continued promotion of Sport within the school. Our World book day writing competition was a great success we had 49 children taking part; 11 were Highly Commended and the 6 winning writers were - Peter (yr 1), Charlie H (yr 2), Greta (yr 3), Lauren (yr 4), Maia (yr 5), Alice (yr 6). The 6 winners each received a £5 book token and their stories will be on the website for you to read; and we also thoroughly enjoyed all the dressing up - well done everyone! The hatching of the chicks in Little Owls has definitely been the big news at school this week.



We are the proud 'parents' of four very cute chicks.

Unfortunately 3 of the original seven eggs turned out not to be fertilised so had not developed; but the children were present and actually able to watch as one of the chicks hatched! The buzz of chick related work has been amazing in Foundation this week. The photograph shows just two of the chicks and they will all be leaving us at Easter.

Kim Price, Headteacher

Cherry Trees on Swan Hill

On Sunday 4th March a group of volunteers pruned the branches that were overhanging the footpath on Swan Hill.

Many thanks to Kieren Spencer, Dave Sanders, Stefan Kilarski & Tim Stevens.

