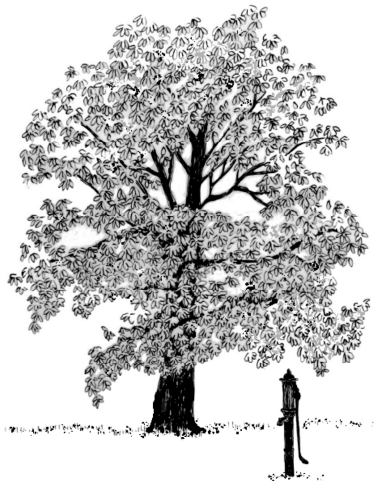




Cuddington Village Voice

October - 2018

Tindall Cup - again!

The Tindall Cup is awarded to the best of all the category winners of the Best Kept Village competition – champion of champions so to speak! So it highly creditable that we, Cuddington, have won it this year, facing competition from all sorts of other sized villages and towns.



Parishioners at the presentation on Upper Green (above) and (below) Netta Glover, Richard Pushman, Ken Birkby, Sir Henry and Sue Renshell



In presenting the cup, Sir Henry Aubrey Fletcher told the gathered parishioners on The Green that the judges were most impressed by the state and appearances of so many of the public areas of the village – the Green, the Playing Fields, the War Memorial amongst others. They were also delighted to see some of the Infant children having a class sitting under one of the large chestnut trees on the Green – this for them typified a village that was highly integrated and made good use of its own environment and surroundings.

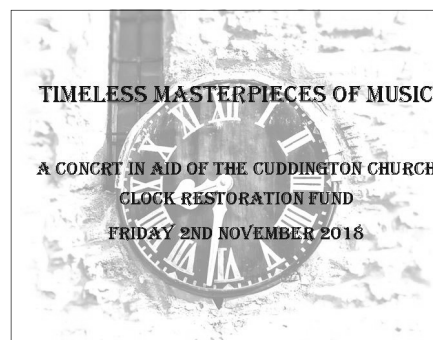
Richard Pushman, chairman of the competition, said just how proud we as a village should be at having won Best Kept Village a record

13 times over the years and that it reflected so much how we as a community worked together to preserve our very special village.

The presentation party also consisted of Netta Glover, Chairman of Bucks CC, Sue Renshell, Chairman of AVDC as well as the competition judges.

A good representation of parishioners joined the presentation party in the Bernard Hall for a splendid buffet lunch. This had been co-ordinated by Sharon and Carol Hayward, Gilly Cottman, Lorraine Stevens, Christine Luckett and Viv Birkby with some excellent culinary support from The Crown.

A Cuddington Concert



Sam Baker will be returning to St Nicholas' Church on Friday 2nd November at 7.30pm to give a concert in aid of the church Clock Restoration Fund (*see article on page 8*)

This time he will be joined by Leonie Stevens, flute and Sandy Mackenzie who returns having accompanied Sam two years ago on the 'cello. The programme of music is entitled "**Timeless Masterpieces**" which will include work by J.S.Bach, Haydn, Mendelssohn and Shostakovich.

There will also be a piece composed specially for the occasion by Sam.

Tickets are £12 each with under 16's free and are available from:

- * Caroline Saker (01844 291825)
- * Cuddington Store
- * Online at www.Cuddingtonvillage.com/arts

Cuddington Fete AGM

The Fete AGM will be on Wednesday 10th October at 8.00pm in the Playing Fields Clubhouse. All requests for monies should now be in and cheques will be handed out on the night!

Please come and hear how all the hard earned funds that this year's Fete generated will be distributed to the various societies, clubs and organisations in our fantastic village!



Thought for the Month

Several topics came to mind when I began thinking about this 'Thought for the Month' – should it be about creation, following the benefice's sermon series; should I 'big up' October – a particular favourite of mine as I was both born and married in this glorious month. So I started drafting these; and then as I drove back from Waddesdon Manor where I volunteer I thought, 'why not write about being a volunteer?'

According to the dictionary a volunteer is a someone who freely offers to work, or do something without being paid. But it is so much more than this. My voluntary work – I'm one of the House Hosts at Waddesdon – is fun, I'm surrounded by beautiful and unique works of art,

I meet all sorts of people from all over the world, and I regard it as a real privilege to be there. So although I'm giving my time, – and I don't begrudge a second – I'm getting an enormous amount in return. Of course, volunteering can involve lots of different types of activities – not all as pleasurable as my current one (I have a friend who works in a soup kitchen for the homeless) – but having done different types of volunteering in the past, including working in an orthopaedic ward, driving for a hospice, helping at Lighthouse and working in the Oxfam book shop, they all offer that two-way experience – if you give freely of your time and effort a return (in all sorts of ways and forms) will be there. And I find the most common one is 'feeling good', not a smugness, but just a feeling of enjoyment and pleasure in one's family, friends and surroundings.

I know lots of people in Cuddington volunteer in all sorts of different ways, but, for those who have yet to try it, volunteering takes so many different forms, and can be a regular occurrence, or a one-off so do give it a go. There is a world of opportunities out there, whether locally or further afield, so take the first step and see where it takes you!

All best wishes,
Helen Keeping

Cuddington Methodist Church

Change of Service Times 2018/19

Service Schedule from Sunday 7th October 2018:-

- ❖ 1st and 2nd Sunday in the month
10.30am - 12.00 midday.
- ❖ 3rd, 4th and (5th) evening service at
usual time of 5.30pm.



These changes are in place during the winter months until the **last Sunday in March 2019**.

You will receive a warm welcome at any of our services. We would love to see you.

We will return to evening services only during the summer months of 2019.

Preliminary Announcement

Our **Carol Service** will be held on **Sunday 23rd December at 4.30pm**.

Seasonal refreshments will be served following the service. Put the date in your Diary and join us!

More details in next Village Voice.

Evening Services in the Benefice

The following evening services are taking place in October; everyone is welcome.



Sunday 14th October, 6.30 pm at St Mary's, Haddenham – Praise Service, led by Margot Hodsdon.

Sunday 14th October, 6.00 pm at St Peter and St Paul, Dinton – Evensong, led by Raymond Medhurst

Sunday 21st October, 6.30 pm, at St Mary's, Haddenham – Wellspring, led by Nadine Rose

Please check websites and church notice sheets, nearer the time, for more information.

PLANNING UPDATE

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)

The public hearings were completed in July and we are now waiting for the Inspector to publish his draft report and recommendations later this month. The specific issues identified for Cuddington were



a) whether it should be designated a 'small' or 'medium' village and b) whether the fifteen proposed homes at Dadbrook Farm will be

allocated in the Plan. There may be more strategic issues, at District level, for example about overall housing numbers that may ultimately affect Cuddington, but we won't know what these are until we see the Inspector's report.

Once we understand how many houses are to be allocated in Cuddington, by AVDC in the VALP, the village can decide through the Neighbourhood Plan process if it wishes to allocate any additional housing, where it is located and what type of housing it is.

The eight homes, proposed by Rectory Homes, for the site at Aylesbury Road are the subject of a detailed planning application that is expected to be determined by AVDC by the end of the year.

Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Questionnaire

167 villagers completed the NP questionnaire out of a possible 478 on the polling register.

This is a great response to the initial consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan and gives the Steering Group valuable feedback for the next phase of the process leading up to a Draft version of the NP by the end of the year.

A summary of the replies and a fuller analysis will be posted on the Neighbourhood Plan part of the Cuddington Village website shortly and hard copies will be available in the shop and the hairdressers.

The main concerns raised were about speeding traffic, visibility at junctions and anti-social parking. There were suggestions for more parking space near the centre of the village to help service the shop church, school and Bernard Hall.

The community facilities within the village were all valued highly, and improvements were supported for all of them with the top three choices being the social club, playing fields and local bridleways/footpaths.

Views on housing growth varied but there was positive feedback on providing some form of affordable housing and the

idea of a Community Land Trust. In terms of size of potential housing sites there was a preference for smaller sites that could provide affordable houses. There was felt to be most need for 1 to 2 bed smaller, starter homes although there was recognition that the village may also require some additional 3 to 4 bed houses and homes for the elderly.

The key design issues for any new housing were considered to be good traffic access, adequate off-street parking and minimal impact on the landscape and views. There was a particular desire to protect and enhance the green spaces, trees and hedgerows within and around the village.

Land availability survey

A number of potential development sites have come forward for consideration in the NP and it is proposed that these are independently assessed by Neil Homer, the NP's planning consultant. It is important that they are assessed impartially against AVDC planning policies and the views of the community expressed in the recent village survey. Further information on the potential sites and the assessment process will be published on the website and in the next publication of Village Voice.

The intention is that the next stage of consultation will include housing options for the villagers to consider so that the preferred option can be included in the final version of the NP that will go to a referendum. It will then be submitted to AVDC for examination and approval next Spring.

Traffic Calming Report

Earlier in the year the Parish Council commissioned a traffic calming feasibility study by Bucks CC and their consultants Jacobs Ringway. The study was in response to Rectory Homes' proposal for new housing with an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on Aylesbury Road and the general concerns about speeding and the increasing volume of traffic passing through the village (particularly HGVs).

A draft copy of the report has been received and is posted on the Village Website.

The main recommendations of the report are to improve the definition of the 30mph speed limit at the approach to the village. Funding is being sought to implement these proposals in the 2019/20 financial year.

Other recommendations within the report will be considered alongside the responses to the village questionnaire on traffic with a view to setting out a phased and funded programme for traffic improvements to reduce speeds and improve safety.

Oxford-Cambridge expressway

Highways England has announced that Option B has been selected as the preferred route corridor for the Oxford-Cambridge expressway. This means that the route will not follow the A418 Aylesbury Road (Option A) as previously feared but will pass some miles north of Cuddington.

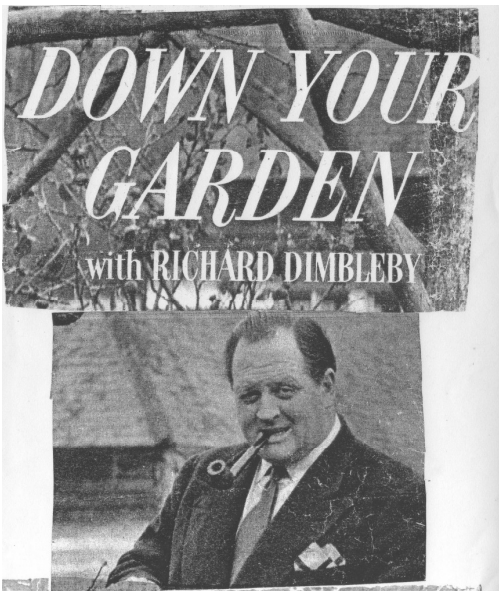
Further details can be found at

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-45498594>

Glimpses of Cuddington Past

For a small village Cuddington has been home to some nationally known journalists and reporters over the years. These have included Chester Wilmot, and more recently, Terry Lloyd.

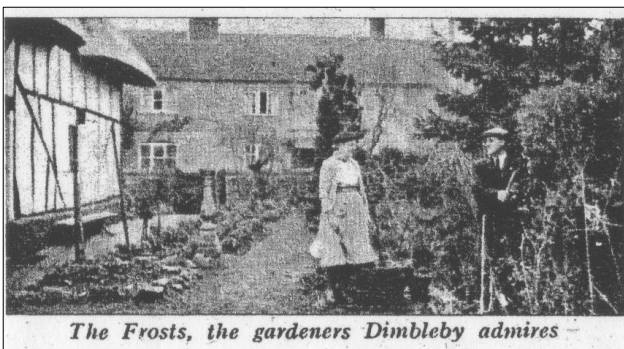
Richard Dimbleby (1913-1965) was the first. He came with his wife, Dilys, to live in the village before the outbreak of the Second World War. They had two sons in Cuddington, David and Jonathan. Both were christened in St Nicholas Church.



Villagers living at the time reported how remarkable it was to hear one of his broadcasts on the wireless presenting significant events – for example, the D Day landings – and then to see him in church on Sunday.

The Dimbleby family lived in “The Three Cottages” on the Lower Green. Richard was very interested in gardens and he often stopped to admire the beautiful garden at Box Cottage in Lower Church street. Later he penned an article extolling the delights of this little garden in the “John Bull” magazine entitled “Down Your Garden”. He wrote, “I remember best a tiny garden in the village of Cuddington. It was owned

and tended by Percy Frost who had the greenest of fingers. His particular pride and joy was a postage stamp lawn and he worked steadily on this lawn all year round, mowing, trimming, weeding, fertilising. He never stopped, for he loved the work, and I can see that tiny lawn to this day, glowing in the evening sunshine like an emerald”. Percy Frost had cleared the derelict ground beside his cottage and his colourful and fragrant flowers as well as his manicured lawn became a feature in the village.



While in Cuddington Richard Dimbleby reported on many aspects of the war including his famous commentary on the horrors of Bergen-Belsen. He was the first English journalist to enter the camp. He was often away from the village in order to present his radio

commentaries. Meanwhile, his wife was active in the Women’s Voluntary Service. She was responsible for finding homes in the village for the evacuee children from London.

The family left Cuddington at the end of the war. Richard went on to enjoy a highly successful broadcasting career. He mastered the new medium of television – for example presenting a weekly programme “Panorama”, Queen Elizabeth’s coronation in 1953, Winston Churchill’s funeral in 1965 and anchoring three General Election programmes. His gravitas and unflappability were much admired. There is a memorial to him in the south choir aisle of Westminster Abbey. His two Cuddington born sons have followed successfully in his footsteps.

Peter Wenham

Calling School Leavers and Students

The Nicholas Almond Cuddington Charity

Reminder for Grants for 2018

With the poor response to the previous article in Village Voice from the Nicholas Almond Trustees asking for grant applications to the Nicholas Almond Cuddington Charity for 2018, I am extending the closing date to **Sunday, 14th October**. If you believe you qualify for a grant, please send your hand-written application to Jennifer Schram de Jong, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Larden, Spicketts Lane, Cuddington, BUCKS HP18 0AY. If you have any queries please telephone me on 01844 291501.

With best wishes,
Jennifer Schram de Jong



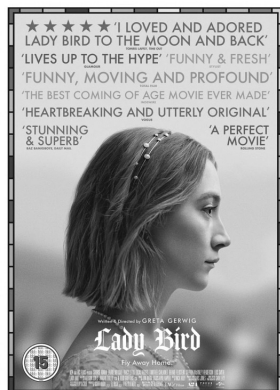
Following the very happy and successful occasion last year we would like again to take part in the Macmillan Cancer Support’s idea of having “The World’s largest coffee morning”.

So come along to the Playing Fields Clubhouse on Saturday 29th September from 10.00am to 12.00 noon for a cup of tea or coffee and cake. We will also be holding a Tombola to help raise funds for them. Money raised will go towards financing the Macmillan nurses, offering financial support to patients’ families and also to fund Health and Social Care professionals helping people with cancer.

Please support us in helping this very needy organisation to do their valuable work in the community.

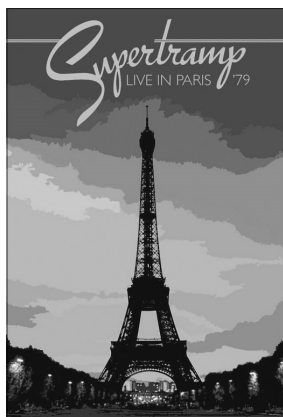
THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE NEWS CUDDINGTON

The programme for October at your local village cinema begins on Thursday 4th with **Lady Bird** (cert. 15), starring



Saoirse Ronan and directed by Greta Gerwig. Christine "Lady Bird" McPherson is a young girl who spends almost all her time fighting against her mother – with whom she has more in common than she'd like to admit. They both care deeply for each other, but they're also extremely opinionated, strong-willed and always sure that they're right. As Lady Bird grows up, determined to go to university, we observe how

their relationship constantly changes and defines them both. This original, emotional and uplifting coming-of-age film was nominated for five Oscars and three BAFTAs. "Saoirse Ronan and Laurie Metcalf are tremendous in Greta Gerwig's moving and gloriously funny film," says *The Guardian*. "A loving ode to mothers, daughters and the girlhood towns we never fully leave behind," says *Time Out*.



Every autumn we show a rock concert, and this year, on 18th October, it will be **Supertramp: Live in Paris** (cert. exempt). The show, captured live at the Pavillon de Paris in December 1979, was part of Supertramp's legendary "Breakfast in America" tour. This recording of the classic Supertramp line-up has been transferred and restored from the original film footage. The sound has been

remixed by Peter Henderson and Supertramp's original sound engineer Russel Pope from the original multi-tracks and is presented in 5.1 surround sound. The show is packed with Supertramp hits and this outstanding performance is an absolute must-see. "Captures these inspired cornballs at their unified melodic peak," says *loudersound.com*. "Supertramp is in top form

here ... should easily please their legion of fans," says *Jeffrey Kauffman*.

Then on 25th October our film will be **On Chesil Beach** (cert. 15), based on Ian McEwan's acclaimed, Booker-nominated novel and starring Saoirse Ronan, Billy Howle, Emily Watson and Anne-Marie Duff. It's 1962, and Edward and Florence have just got married. They're honeymooning "On Chesil Beach", but it's not long before their inexperience with relationships gets the better of them. It's a modest honeymoon, but a happy one as the young couple gradually get to know each other better. Yet soon, something happens – and a confession is made – that shakes this fledgling marriage to its core. "A painstaking observation of hapless lovers," says *The Independent*. "A sensitive translation of Ian McEwan's elegy to inhibited England," says *The Guardian*.

Looking ahead to November, on Thursday 1st we shall be screening **Allelujah!**, Alan Bennett's hilarious new play about an old-fashioned, cradle-to-grave hospital threatened with closure, captured live at London's Bridge Theatre. On 15th November we'll be showing **The Zookeeper's Wife**, about the Warsaw Zoo keepers' efforts to save hundreds of people from the Nazis. On Tuesday 20th November we have the National Theatre Live presentation of the multi-award-winning drama **The Madness of George III**, with Mark Gatiss and Adrian Scarborough in leading roles. And then on 29th November our film will be **Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again**, the long-awaited follow-up to the feel-good movie of 2008.

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

'CALL MY BLUFF' WINE QUIZ

Can you tell which of our panellists are bluffing and correctly identify the wine?

SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER 7.30pm for 8pm - BERNARD HALL

TABLES OF 8

£12.50 per head includes 8 wines with cheese platter for the table. Bring your own nibbles! Licensed Bar.

For more details contact Lorraine Ray - lorraineray1965@yahoo.co.uk or call 01844 290606



Charity Fashion Show

The lovely gardens of Tyringham Hall were the venue for the 2018 Charity Fashion Show. The audience took their seats on either side of the catwalk and waited expectantly for the show to begin. The local volunteer models ranged in age from 18 months to 80 years and a great variety of clothing was paraded from casual wear to more elegant ensembles. All clothing came from charity shops in Thame, or was donated.

Proceedings were enlivened by the amusing

commentary of our compere, Phil, and as the show ended, the audience was invited to browse the large collection of items for sale. A delicious cream tea was included in the modest entry fee. It was truly a win/win situation – great bargains for the audience, revenue for the charity shops and funds for the Sunshine Club. Not to mention the socialising and laughter which is every bit as important on these occasions.





Summer into Autumn 2018

Meteorologically the very long sizzling hot summer of 2018 ended on 31st August with Autumn beginning on 1st September. Astronomically No, I won't go there! Anyway, now, when it really doesn't feel so warm, just still very dry, weather forecasters are predicting an Indian summer up to late November, so has summer ended yet or not? Temperatures are apparently then set to plummet, but "they" are not brave enough to forecast a white Christmas so a bet on snow for Christmas is only for the foolhardy!!

I do hope you have all enjoyed the summer months 'though it did get awfully hot at times.

I did grumble a bit, but when it rained, I realised that I still preferred the sun! Much in the garden looked as if it had died obviously part from my bindweed, but the few days of rain showed me that clever Mother Nature had told most of my plants to hibernate, and having cut some things back, slowly they are coming back to life, particularly the little olive tree that I thought had died over the winter which is flourishing. I suppose the answer with gardening is: never give up! Please let me know how your own gardens are doing?

Final Events in 2018 - Non-members are most welcome.

8th October - Annette Pursey, the Head Horticultural Tutor at Waterperry is coming to talk to us about putting our gardens to bed - or not? She will then answer questions about any problems (gardening!) we may have. We need your questions so send them in to Jennifer or to Carol Hayward.

12th November - Antony Powell will be coming to talk to us about "Groundcover plants".

3rd December - (note that this is a 1st Monday) Ruriko Kojima will be giving us an Ikebana Demonstration. Mince pies and mulled wine to get Christmas off to a good start.

I do wish you a very pleasant Autumn and hope to see you at some of our evening meetings.

With best wishes, Jennifer

Mum's Breakfast

A date for your diary!

Our next **Mums' Breakfast** will be on Saturday 13th October at 9am in Cuddington Church.

More details to follow, but please put the date in your diary!

Sonia, Janine and Christine.

Clock Appeal



I hope, that, like me, you are pleased the church clock is again working. During the summer it was completely dismantled, cleaned and repaired, and is now keeping good time.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the restoration fund. The church decided to go ahead with the restoration in the hope that there would be some more donations. So, if you would like to support this project here is a reminder of how: -

1. by coming to the concert in church on Friday 2 November.
2. by bank transfer to the church account: - Cuddington PCC - sort code: 40-08-39 a/c no 60262234 Ref. Clock
3. 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 Sound of Cuddington!

Cuddington residents Chris Long (on sound) and Martin Dyckhoff (as the loveable rogue Max) will be deeply involved in this year's Inter Church Productions' "The Sound of Music" in Thame.

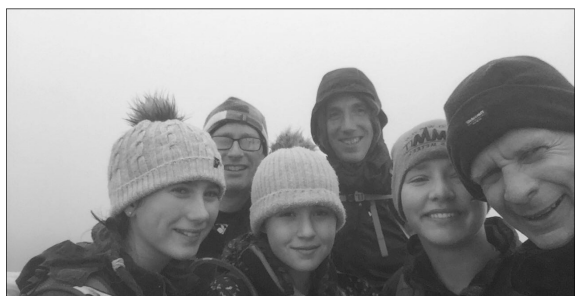
Please come along and support them in the excellent production!

See poster panel on page 7 for dates and booking details.

Fundraising for India

3 Peaks Challenge

On the first weekend of September I climbed up Ben Nevis in Scotland. I climbed it with my dad as well as two of my friends and their dads (see photograph below!). As we set off it started to rain lightly and it continued to drizzle throughout the walk. It took us three and a half hours to reach the summit and when we got there it was very cold and we unfortunately could not see the view as it was very cloudy. The walk was hard and we all found that we had very sore legs for a few days after the walk but we are all very glad to have done it! I am hoping to complete this challenge next spring when I will climb Scafell Pike in the Lake District.



Thank you to everyone who has supported me during this challenge and my fundraising continues at <https://www.gofundme.com/girl-guiding-trip-to-india-2019> and I am also available for odd jobs and babysitting on 01844 292956

Dates for your Diary

*The trees are in their autumn beauty,
The woodland paths are dry,
Under the October twilight the water
Mirrors a still sky.*

WB Yeats



October

Monday 1st 2.00pm:
Tuesday 2nd October 3.00pm
Wednesday 3rd 8.00pm
Thursday 4th 8.00pm
Monday 8th

Tuesday 9th 10.30am
Tuesday 9th 2.30pm
Wednesday 10th 8.00pm
Saturday 13th
Monday 15th 2.00pm:
Thursday 18th 8.00pm

Thursday 25th 8.00pm
Saturday 27th 7.30pm
Monday 29th 2.00pm:
Monday 29th 7.30pm

November

Thursday 1st 8.00pm
Friday 2nd 6pm
Friday 2nd 7.30 pm
Wednesday 7th 8.00 pm
Monday 12th

Tuesday 13th 2.30 pm
Thursday 15th 8.00pm
Monday 19th 1.30pm

Tuesday 20th 7.00pm

Thursday 29th 8.00pm

Monday 26th 2pm
Monday 26th 7.30pm

Sunshine Club tea
Harvest Sale and Tea in St Nicholas' church
Book Club, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Village Picture House – *'Lady Bird'*
Gardening Club: Annette Pursey, Head
Horticultural Tutor at Waterperry, (see page 6)
Sunshine Club outing to Windsor with boat trip
Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Fete AGM in the Clubhouse
Mums' Breakfast, St Nicholas Church
Sunshine Club tea
Village Picture House – *Supertramp:
Live in Paris '79*
Village Picture House – *'On Chesil Beach'*
'Call My Bluff' Wine Quiz, Bernard Hall
Sunshine Club tea
Parish Council Meeting

Village Picture House – *NT Live – 'Allelujah'*
Fireworks Display, Cuddington Playing Fields
Sam Baker Concert, St Nicholas Church
Book Club, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Gardening Club – Anthony Powell on
groundcover plants
Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Village Picture House – *'The Zookeeper's Wife'*
Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema *"Dad's
Army"* (with subtitles)
Village Picture House – *NT Live – 'The Madness
of King George III'*
Village Picture House – *'Mamma Mia! Here
We Go Again'*
Sunshine Club tea
Parish Council Meeting



Autumn outing to Windsor

The Sunshine Club has arranged a coach trip to Windsor which will include a boat trip along the Thames on Tuesday 9th October. Anyone who would like to join this expedition is most welcome.



10.30am.	Coach departs Cuddington Upper Green
11.30am approx.	Arrive in Windsor. Free time to explore and choose own lunch.
2.00pm – 4.00pm	Boat trip. Drinks are available on board.
5.30 pm approx.	Arrive back in Cuddington

The fare of £22 includes the coach and boat trip.

To book, phone Thelma on 01844 291 075 after 2nd October.

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7.30pm every evening, 2pm Saturday matinee

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Music by RICHARD RODGERS Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Book by HOWARD LINDSAY and RUSSEL CROUSE

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Christmas Gift Fair

11 - 3pm 10th November 2018

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FREE PARKING
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Pace



What a start to the new school year – our new Foundation children have just completed their first full week and it would seem as if they have been her forever! And at the other end of the school our year 6 pupils

have gone through their transfer to secondary test.

Following the summer holidays many children completed the maths challenge so can now wear the 'Maths Star' badge with pride – a big well done to them all!



*Over the next few days, the children will be taking home a Bag2School collection bag. This is a great way to raise money for the school. So far we have raised over **£4,500** just from your old things And we would love it if parishioners took part as well! So, if your house is in need of a bit of a sort out come to school and ask for a bag(s); please the fill the bags with unwanted clothing,*

shoes, handbags, belts, hats and soft toys (any shoes/boots should be tied together as a pair). But please don't include uniforms, pillows, bedding, towels and cushions. Filled collection bags should be returned to the school on Monday 8 October by 9:00 am and placed in front of the staff room window behind the wall in front of the school opposite the church.



Finally we will be holding our whole school Harvest Festival service in church on Monday 1st October. All non-perishable produce will be going, together with that donated at the Sunday service, to the Vineyard in Aylesbury. All remaining perishable produce will be offered for sale in church from 3.00pm onwards the following day, Tuesday 2nd October. So please do join parents and come to church, enjoy a cup of tea and hopefully acquire some lovely fresh produce! All proceeds from the sale will go to Christian Aid.

Kim Price, Headteacher

Services at St. Nicholas

(Churchwardens: Helen Keeping 291635 and James Stonham 292221)

October

7th 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

14th 10.00 am ALL-AGE SERVICE

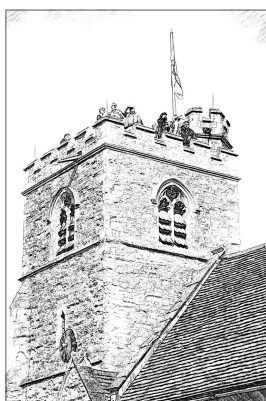
21st 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

28th 10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP

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 10.30am every 1st and 2nd Sunday and at 5.30 pm every 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday at Cuddington Methodist Chapel.



Living in Cuddington

After reading Ellen's article, "What attracted you to Cuddington?" I have been pondering the question and the luck of finding such a place ever since. For us it was a pin in the map that led us to the perfect location and a quaint cottage but the problem with renting in such a desirable place is when the time comes to buy what can a first-time buyer do?

Cuddington has a thriving community spirit with great clubs on offer and amenities just around the corner. There is nothing better than coming home from a long day at work and driving into the village with its manicured green and picture perfect houses. Of course, on a *really* long day this includes popping in to The Crown for a quick drink and catching up with friends. Over the last 18 months here I have discovered there is not one month when I do not enjoy living in this village. There is a season for everything, in



spring enjoying long walks in the reawakening land. In the summer enjoying the Village Fete, going to barbeques and relaxing in the evening sun. The fabulous firework display put on at the Social Club and playing fields in autumn. In the winter, the beautiful Christmas tree in pride of place on the village green and gathering around the open fire.

As Ellen mentioned in her article, Cuddington is a popular place to live and it is the community who make it that way. If we did not have such a dedicated group of people lots of things here would not be possible, the upkeep of the children's playground, the Best Kept Village award and the forward thinking Neighbourhood Plan. It is for all of these reasons, and more, that I cannot bear the thought of having to leave any-time soon. However with the average house price in Buckinghamshire being £413,964 in January 2018 it doesn't look like I'll be buying anytime soon. Therefore I have come to the conclusion that the way forward is sustainable low cost self-builds.

So, friends of Cuddington, if you ever find yourself looking to sell a plot of land for a sustainable self-build please do let me know!

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