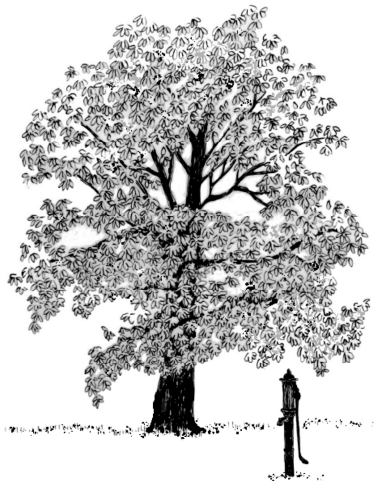




Cuddington Village Voice

May - 2019



Christian Aid Week 2019

We are delighted that once again we have a speaker from Christian Aid coming to our all -age service at St Nicholas Church at 10am on Sunday 12th May. The focus this year is on reducing the number of women who die in childbirth in some of the

poorest countries of the world and she will explain how our funds are used. Later we welcome everyone to the playing fields for a bring and share lunch.

Our regular collectors will be coming around the village during the week leaving, then collecting, our distinctive red envelopes. Please be generous and avoid tipping all your bronze coins into the envelope; it makes the job rather a burden.

On Thursday evening from 5 to 8pm our Bring and Buy Sale will be at Wellfield House, Spurt Street. (please enter through the side gate, up the drive to the right of the house) There will be the usual popular plant stall, cake stall, Bric a Brac and refreshments. We welcome any



donations of plants (which can be left by the side gate) and Bric a Brac (in the front porch during that week).

On Friday at 3.15 our Toddler singing group will again hold a bake sale for those hungry children coming home from school! And to conclude our week we are planning a Mum's breakfast on Saturday morning (18th) in church with the usual tempting choice of fruit, croissants, coffee and teas. All donations, of course, will go to support this very much needed cause. If you would like to help by making a cake or in any other way please contact Caroline Stonham.

01844-292221
caroline@holymans.co.uk

Dadbrook House Open Garden Event

Clico and Gerald Kingsbury have kindly offered to open their garden in aid of The Finley Newell Mobility & Equipment Fund on Tuesday 25th June at 2.30pm

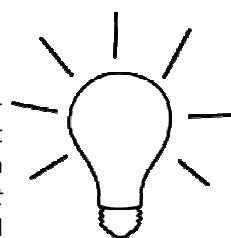
For those who don't know, Dadbrook House has a beautiful 3-acre garden, with three terraced lawns leading down to a small lake, a box knot garden, a ha-ha, herbaceous borders with new rose border, mature trees including Dawn Redwoods and walled kitchen garden with box edged beds.

*Entry is £7 to include tea. **Booking is essential as tickets are limited. Please ring Liz Davies 01844 299 150.***



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See the Social Club in a new light!

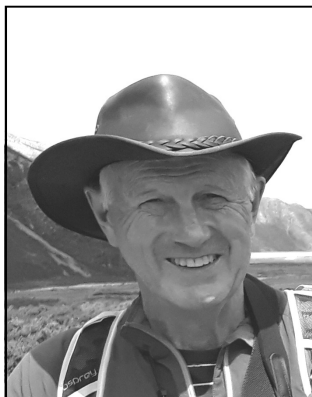


The Cuddington Playing Fields Association (CPFA) are pleased to report that thanks to a funding grant from the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust Thriving Communities Fund we will be upgrading the lighting system in the clubhouse. Our plan is to provide better illumination, which we believe is a key starting point to improving the overall look and appeal of the club. The project will be commencing shortly, so keep an eye out for further updates.

Cuddington Family Fun Day

On Sunday 2nd June from 12pm until 5pm the CPFA will be running a Cuddington Family Fun Day. There will be a range of sporting activities to try out, as well as good food, drink and entertainment. In particular we will be holding village cricket and rounders matches, these are strictly for

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Thought for the Month

February's Village Voice reported that our Rector Margot Hodson is leaving in the summer: her last service in Cuddington will be on Sunday 23 June: I hope many of you will be there. A new rector won't arrive at the beginning of July, at least not this July! Once a vicar leaves there is a time for reflection and consultation about what is needed for the next period of the church's life, and then the recruitment process can take several months. Experience shows that this time, as well as presenting challenges, often has positive benefits in parishes.

We are planning that the church in Cuddington will carry on as normal. The church office in Haddenham will be open as usual and we are fortunate that we will still have Phil

Groves and Nadine Rose as full-time clergy for our group of parishes, as well the many unpaid leaders and volunteers for weddings, funerals, baptisms, hospital visits etc.

I am looking forward to seeing the results of the village survey for the Neighbourhood Plan; it seems to have generated a lot of interest. It's one of the attractions of our democratic society that we can all have a say about how we would like the village to change. But the process has also aroused strong opinions, anxieties and divisions. Not surprisingly, we tend to focus on how proposals may affect us individually but I have been encouraged from conversations that there is consideration about the impact of various schemes on others; "I am in favour of option.....because it will adversely affect fewer people".

Much of the Neighbour Plan process focuses on buildings and the appearance of the village but as it grows and new people move in perhaps we can also think about the human relationships that make for a healthy community (e.g. how we respect and care for each other), the positive opportunities that those moving into the new houses will bring, and the new friends we will be making.

James Stonham, Churchwarden

Tuesday Group

At our April meeting we spent a very enjoyable afternoon decorating Easter eggs. We had bejewelled ones, beribboned and flowered ones, striped and spotted ones, finely drawn



cartoons and some even with feathers. I seemed to end up with more feathers and rhinestones on my fingers and thumbs though! However, at the end of the afternoon we had a tray full of beautifully

decorated, colourful eggs (see photo) – all wonderful celebrations of a special festive time. The afternoon ended with tea including hot cross buns and mini chocolate Easter eggs.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 14th May at 2.30 pm in the Playing Field Clubhouse. Our speaker will be Maryon Pates who will be talking about Homeless People in Aylesbury. New friends very welcome. Meeting fee £2.00 including tea.

Cuddington Methodist Church 125th Anniversary 2019

A reminder to put these dates in your Diary

Saturday 17th August & Sunday 18th August.

Saturday 17th August Craft Day - 11.00am - 4.00pm

Demonstration of Crafts and opportunities to "Have a go"!

e.g. Pillow lace, Quilting, Machine embroidery, artistic

Bible journaling

Flower arranging etc. (others to be added)

Refreshments

Sunday 18th August @ 3.00pm

Celebratory service which will include the history of the Church

Updated interviews of people who lived in Cuddington and attended

Sunday School and are part of our history.

Please come along and help us celebrate.

If you have any old photographs that you think would be of interest that we could copy we would love to see them.

Thank you.

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Dahlias and Tips for May

On Monday 8th April Mr Nick Dobson was welcomed to the club to talk about dahlias. His knowledge and enthusiasm were incredible. We were taken through the history and origin of dahlias (Mexico), how they arrived in England in the 1800s,



how popular they became and how valuable they were. Nick's talk was enhanced by slides showing the huge variety available, from tree form, D.imperialis (most of us had never heard of this), to peony form: Waltzing Matilda, star form: Tahoma Star and pompon, Carol, only 2" across... I really should try and grow

this one! Lots of information about propagating and growing followed, including aftercare and earwig removal. A

fascinating talk from start to finish.

Our next meeting on Monday 13th May will be an early evening trip to Lindengate, a mental health charity helping recovery through gardening. On 10th June our annual outing will be to Kew Gardens. We would be very happy for non-members to join us. For more information please contact Thelma Parry 01844 201075, or myself, Carol on 01844 292295.

Finally, topical tips for **May**.

- * Ensure tender plants are protected from night frosts until the end of the month.
- * Prune back Clematis montana hard after flowering to keep it under control.
- * Dahlias need protecting from slugs, and can be planted out at the end of the month.
- * Prune plum and cherry trees.
- * Ventilate greenhouses and conservatories and hade for the summer with shade paint, blinds or shade netting.

Another CYD Triumph!



From the audience:

Exuberant, well drilled, well sung, full of love... so innocent, so true. We believed every moment...

From Elaine English:

We cried, some were positively sobbing, because Tony loved Maria so gently, so happily, so beautifully. We were so happy because she was safe with you, ... loved you. Perfect the two of you. Utterly unforgettable the power of your beauty.



Issy McLaughlin as Maria

From our reporter:

Energy, presence, tension, confidence and choreography were just some of the words which came to the fore as CYD stormed their way into their production of "West CYD Story" for a matinée performance in the Bernard Hall.

The whole team – cast, stage-management and production – deserve wholehearted congratulations on producing such a commendable performance. The high risk of embarking on such a challenging and so well known a piece is that the audience carry their own memories of the 'original' production with them, albeit

subconsciously.

No worries here as this marvellous group, which ranges from some very young and newly found talent to those who have trod the boards for many a year, immediately stamped their own personalities on the piece. There were too many outstanding individual performances to mention any one in particular – let's just say that all the key roles were stars, ably supported by a chorus of stars! From solos, duets through to the famous "Officer Krupke" number, each was performed superbly with the audience fully engaged.



Elaine English with members of the cast

Sincere thanks and congratulations must go the Elaine English for the way in which she brings together and directs this wonderful group of youngsters (and some not so young - thank you, Dads!) – and we all look forward to the next production – CYD's Sharing of Talent in two months' time.

Distributor for Village Voice?

We have a wonderful team of ten volunteers who distribute *Village Voice* throughout the parish each month (well ten times a year actually!)

Due to pressure of working away from home one of the team needs to step down and we are therefore looking for someone

to take over the patch – which is largely around The Green and Bridgeway, and it only take 10 – 15 minutes!

Please let me know if you might be able to help – we would really appreciate it!

Chris Blumer, 01844 290 647 or chrisblumer@blumer.co.uk

Sing a Song of Maytime!



Madrigals from the Witchert Chorale,
Conducted by David Quinn
Bank Holiday
Monday 6th May
8.30am St Mary's

Church, Long Crendon and
9.30am St Nicholas Church,
Cuddington.

Enjoy coffee and refreshments!

And listen to the **Witchert Chorale**
welcome in the month of May with
madrigals on the Church Tower!
All welcome – FREE !



THE WITCHERT CHORALE
directed by DAVID QUINN

with the GOLGATHA-KANTOREI from Berlin,
directed by MARTIN KRÜGER
and with HUGH STRADLING at the piano

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Saturday 4th May 2019 at 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Haddenham

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from **Blooming Fruity** or **Haddenham Community Library**
or **Tricia Stradling** 01844 291607 or www.witchert.org.uk



Thame Choral Society's next
concert will be held on Saturday, 11th
May at St Mary's Church, Haddenham
(note it is **not** Thame). The concert,
which starts at 7.30pm, will include
Mozart's *Requiem* and *Ave Verum*
Corpus together with works by Faure
and Elgar. Tickets are £15 at the door
for adults, those under 16 free. Advance
tickets at £13 may be purchased either
from Angela Sanderson
(asanderson@waitrose.com) or from
Tickety Brew, 4 Banks Parade,
Haddenham.

Witchert Chorale Success

It is always a real pleasure to welcome the Witchert Chorale back to Cuddington; their concert at the end of March, "**Blow the Wind Southerly**" lived up to all expectations and a packed church thoroughly enjoyed their offerings – ranging from the beautiful *Beatus Nicholas* to a stirring and most original setting of the Sea shanty *What Shall we do with the Drunken Sailor?*

Director David Quinn kept us all on our toes and informed with his most helpful commentary during the concert; and by hook or by crook he seemed to manage to link most, if not all, of the pieces to St Nicholas (to whom our church is dedicated) – probably helped by the fact that St Nicholas seems to be the patron saint of most things, including sailors!



The choir sang with great expression and precision and as always should be commended for covering such a wide range of styles and settings – all unaccompanied.

The concert was raising funds for CRY, Cardiac Risk in the Young, a charity which has such a poignant local association. It is only just over a year ago that Freya Cox so tragically died of a totally unexpected cardiac problem, and her father Mike spoke to the audience at the interval about the family's experiences and how they were now supporting, and indeed getting support from, CRY.

The evening managed to raise over £1,300 for CRY with the final figure to be confirmed

THE BERNARD HALL CUDDINGTON



The Bernard Hall AGM is on
Monday 13th 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.

Eye to Eye

Following the report in March's Village Voice, Team 2020 completed the 14 mile walk across London on March 10th in 4.5 hours and raised £1443.50. A massive amount to help Moorfields Eye Hospital research team.

We all had an enjoyable walk seeing parts of London that we hadn't been to before in typically British weather that consisted of extremely high winds, rain, hail and sunshine. A big thank you to everyone in and around Cuddington for their generosity.

Regards, Anna Hucks



Cuddington Matinee Cinema

On Monday 20 May at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm) in the Bernard Hall, "*Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*" will be shown. This follow-up to the hugely successful 2008 film "*Mamma Mia*" is a musical romantic comedy featuring many well-loved songs by ABBA. The ensemble cast of famous names stars Amanda Seyfried, Meryl Streep and Julie Walters.

Entry £5 includes tea and cake at the interval. To book phone 01844 291 526 (office hours) or on the door subject to availability.

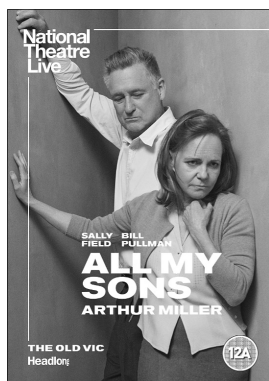


THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE

CUDDINGTON



May will be a busy month for the Village Picture House, with three terrific films and a powerful play from NT Live. On Thursday 2nd May we'll be showing **Mary Poppins Returns** (cert. U), with Emily Blunt taking up the umbrella as the supercalifragilisticexpialidocious nanny. After their first adventure with their magical nanny, Jane and Michael Banks have grown up – and Michael has three children. And now, 'Mary Poppins Returns' to help them again. They've suffered a personal loss, and the wonder has gone out of their lives. But with the help of the practically perfect Poppins, as well as a local lamplighter named Jack, they'll be able to rediscover the joy and magic they once shared. "Mary Poppins Returns really is practically perfect in every way. The songs are all unqualified knock-outs," says *The Telegraph*. "This sequel to the 1964 classic retains the magic," says *The Guardian*. "Sometimes it pays to wait. Half a century on, Mary Poppins' allure hasn't faded at all," says *The Independent*.



Then on Tuesday 14th we'll be screening Arthur Miller's blistering drama **All My Sons** (cert. 12A), broadcast live from The Old Vic in London and starring Sally Field, Bill Pullman and Jenna Coleman. In post-war America, despite hard choices and even harder knocks, Joe and Kate Keller are a success story. They have built a home, raised two sons and established a thriving business. But nothing lasts forever and their contented lives, already shadowed

by the loss of their eldest boy to war, are about to shatter. With the return of a figure from the past, long-buried truths are forced to the surface and the price of their American dream is laid bare.

On Thursday 23rd, or if there are European Parliament Elections then on Friday 24th, our film will be **Colette** (cert.15)

starring Keira Knightley and Dominic West. After Sidonie-Gabrielle 'Colette' marries a successful man of letters known simply as "Willy", she moves to Paris and writes a semi-autobiographical novel about a country girl named Claudine. But because Willy convinced her to ghost-write for him, she doesn't get any of the credit for the phenomenon that her novel becomes. In the years to come, while her and Willy's adventures become the talk of Paris, she defies everyone to get her name on the books she writes. "Keira Knightley is on top form in this exhilarating literary biopic," says *The Guardian*. "A deliciously vampish Keira Knightley helps a queer icon find her voice," says *The Telegraph*. "All the affairs and scandals that a French literary genius could wish for, with the bonus of a modern heroine and a story that acknowledges the diversity that has always been with us," says *Empire*.

On Thursday 30th we shall be showing the multi-award-winning **The Favourite** (cert. 15), starring Olivia Colman, Emma Stone and Rachel Weisz. While England is at war with France and an increasingly frail Queen Anne occupies the throne, Lady Sarah and new servant Abigail compete to be 'The Favourite' of their Queen. Sarah is Anne's closest friend, and is often forced to manage the country in her stead. Her absences from Anne's side give Abigail the chance to slip in and become the Queen's new companion, with the chance finally to fulfil her ambitions. Neither men, women, politics nor rabbits will stand in her way... "Olivia Colman, Rachel Weisz and Emma Stone are on top form in this deranged court comedy," says *The Independent*. "A riot of emotion ... a film that bows down to drama queens. Worship it, asap," says *The Evening Standard*. "An awards-laden period romp like no other. Right raunchy royal fun," says *Metro*.

Looking ahead to June, on the 6th our film will be **Stan & Ollie**, the true story of how Laurel and Hardy, with their golden age long behind them, embark upon a tour of the music halls of Britain and Ireland. On Saturday 8th we shall be screening **Take That: Greatest Hits Live**, their 30th anniversary concert broadcast live from the Principality Stadium in Cardiff. On Thursday 13th our film is **Mary Queen of Scots**, with Margot Robbie and Saoirse Ronan as Elizabeth I and her Scottish cousin, both attempting to rule as women in a man's world. Finally, on the 27th, we'll be screening NT Live's **Small Island**, a journey from Jamaica to Britain through the Second World War to 1948 – the year that the HMT Empire Windrush docked at Tilbury.

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



Spring Outing

Why not celebrate the coming of Spring with a mystery coach tour through the countryside, ending with a

scrumptious cream tea at Waterperry with the opportunity to look round the Plant Centre and Shop?

The Sunshine Club invites you to join them on this trip on Tuesday 28 May, cost £12 for non-members.

The coach departs Cuddington Upper Green at 1.30pm and arrives back in Cuddington at 5pm.

To book phone Thelma Parry: 01844 291 075



William Delamotte's painting of Waterperry

Glimpses of Cuddington's Past

It was not until 1887 that Cuddington Village School received its first accolade from the annual Inspector's report – "The school has improved most creditably under Mr Allen and now is likely to do extremely well. As an encouragement and in view of the special circumstances I recommend the merit - Excellent!". The "special circumstances" were that the school earlier in the year had been closed for 4 weeks owing to an epidemic. In view of this, the Headteacher was anxious that the Annual Inspection would take place when many children were still "affected by the epidemic. Being poorly they are sleepy and not up to their best form".

Mr Robert Allen and his wife had moved into the school house in 1887. His first appointment as Headteacher was successful and



"The school bell was rung twice to summon children to morning school with a 5 minute interval. Intrepid pupils would attempt to run a circuit of the village within the 5 minutes"

his entries in the school log book are testament to his professional expertise, concern for his pupils and essential humanity. At the end of his first week the log book records "Have endeavoured to instil habits of punctuality by precept and example".

He set about a programme of reform. He persuaded the school Managers to replace the dilapidated reading books with a new set. Each class was tested regularly and weaknesses were noted – "More attention to pronunciation in reading is needed. The dictation did not satisfy me, so an extra amount of work is needed". Robert Allen believed in hard work, but also in encouragement, fun and treats. For example, each child received a new writing book and he promised those who kept it clean and did good work could keep it when it was full – "in a good many cases this is an incentive". He organised a Sports Day and a concert for parents. At Christmas the pupils enjoyed a tea followed by games and a magic lantern show. He knew how to motivate children. For example in December 1890 he wrote "Continued severe weather has played havoc with attendance". He took advantage of this by creating "an excellent slide in the

boys' yard". He writes, "It has given the older children an opportunity of gaining warmth and pleasure".

However, in spite of his best efforts, throughout his time as Headmaster attendance was a perpetual problem. Most absences were due to Cuddington's reliance on agriculture and its rural nature. At times when the farmers needed extra labour suitable for youngsters impoverished parents were only too ready for their children to earn some extra money. For instance there was bird scaring when cereal crops were sown and potato picking, which had a long season. Another reason for absence was elderflower gathering. A few pence could be earned by nimble fingers while the crop was in blossom. Gathering wood from fallen branches after a storm was another reason for absence. In April 1890 a note in the log book tells how a local farmer employed pupils to pick kale. Green vegetables were in short supply and the brassica was in demand. The headmaster requested the farmer to stop employing children and they returned to school.

He sent a list of poor attenders to the local authority. It included one boy who had made 16 attendances out of 58. He wrote despairingly, "The law is compulsory attendance, yet I rarely have a visit from the School Attendance Officer. Now the pupils are out elder blooming. I cannot imagine a more humiliating and hopeless position to be in than master of a small country school in an elder blooming and potato district with no power to enforce attendance. You are absolutely at the whim of the parents and unless you can work with them, your case is hopeless".

Another major problem was the small cramped infants' classroom. An inspector report in 1890 stated, "Accommodation in the Infants' room is only sufficient for 20 and now there are 37 names on the books. The Managers must consider enlarging the room. If this is not done before the next inspection, the highest grant will not be paid". Allen's short term response was to encourage his wife, their class teacher, to take frequent short breaks outside to clear the air on hot summer days. Meanwhile he lobbied the Managers.

The Allen regime had been largely successful, but it was short-lived as they were promoted to a school of 300 pupils in Kent in 1891. However, their legacy was clear as an HMI report in the same year stated, "This is one of my model schools" The infant classroom was extended and the Managers decided to adopt the Free Education Act. The collection of the weekly 2 pence had been the bane of every headmaster, including Mr Allen, since the opening of the school.

Peter Wenham

Dates for your Diary

'All things seem possible in May' –

Edwin Teale



May

Wednesday 1st May, 8.00pm

Thursday 2nd May, 8.00pm

Monday 6th May, 9.30am

Saturday 11th May

Monday 13th May, 2.00pm

Monday 13th May

Monday 13th May, 8.00pm

Tuesday 14th May, 2.30pm

Tuesday 14th May, 7.00pm

Saturday 18th May, 9.00pm

Monday 20th May, 1.30 pm

Thursday 23rd May, 8.00pm

Monday 27th May, 8.00pm

Thursday 30th May, 8.00pm

June

Monday 3rd, 2.00pm

Wednesday 5th June, 8.00pm

Thursday 6th June, 8.00pm

Saturday 8th June, 8.00pm

Monday 10th June

Tuesday 11th June, 2.30pm

Thursday 13th June, 8.00pm

Monday 17th, 2.00pm

Saturday 22nd, 4.00am

Tuesday 25th June, 2.30

Monday 24th June, 8.00

Thursday 27th June, 7.00pm

Book Club, Playing Fields Clubhouse

Village Picture House 'Mary Poppins Returns',

Madrigals, St Nicholas Church

Bellringing competition, St Nicholas Church

Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse

Gardening Club – Visit to Lindengate Garden,

Wendover

Bernard Hall AGM, Bernard Hall

Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse

Village Picture House-NT Live 'All My Sons',

Women's Breakfast, St Nicholas Church

Cuddington Matinee Cinema – 'Mamma Mia!

Here We Go Again

Village Picture House 'Colette', Bernard Hall

(or 24th May if EU elections)

Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

Village Picture House 'The Favourite',

Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse

Book Club, Playing Fields Clubhouse

Village Picture House 'Stan and Ollie',

Village Picture House 'Take That: Greatest

Hits Live', Bernard Hall

Gardening Club – Visit to Kew Gardens

Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse

Village Picture House 'Mary, Queen of Scots',

Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse

Sunrise Walk to the Observatory, Upper

Winchendon

Dadbrook House Open Garden, in aid of the

Finley Newell Fund.

Parish Council meeting, Bernard Hall

Village Picture House-NT Live 'Small Island',

Tennis Club

Time to dust down that racquet, loosen up and get ready for the new tennis season!

The membership year is just about to start so now is a great time to join Cuddington Tennis Club – two all-weather courts handily placed on the playing fields, and they have recently been professionally cleaned ready for the new season.

Please contact our Membership

Secretary, Robin Nash at:

robin.nash7@btinternet.com if you are interested.

Also visit our website page, [https://www.cuddingtonvillage.com/view-](https://www.cuddingtonvillage.com/view-page.php?pid=23#)

[page.php?pid=23#](https://www.cuddingtonvillage.com/view-page.php?pid=23#), and if you just

fancy a game and to find out more give Charles Sanderson a call on 01844

291626 and perhaps come along to a

Club Night, which are on Thursdays.

Hope to see you!



Finley Newell

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As many of you know, 5 year old Finley Newell lives in Haddenham and has Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) which is a rare neuro muscular condition resulting in progressive muscle loss. He uses a powered chair for mobility and is a bright and happy child with a huge zest for life. For over two years, the SMA community has been struggling with NHS England and NICE for the approval of a lifesaving/changing drug - nusinersen (Spinraza®) – to be supplied on the NHS.

We had hoped for a decision during April. At the time of writing (22nd April) we still await news. Many Cuddington people have supported us in our quest and we are ever grateful to you - and hope that we'll soon be able to report something positive.

Social Club in a New Light

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fun so no prior expertise required! We also have giant Jenga, Connect 4 and kids entertainment from the fantastic Cha Char Chimps. Entry is free and all proceeds from stalls go towards the upkeep of the playing fields and clubhouse.

We are also keen to add volunteers to our organising team so if you can either:

a) bake a cake etc. for the cake stall, or

b) help out on the day for an hour or 2 (there are a variety of roles to suit!)

then please email Pam at pamsbakehouse@yahoo.com

The playing fields and clubhouse, whilst leased from the Parish Council, are run by an independent group of volunteers. We are responsible for the upkeep of the playing fields and associated clubhouse, and rely predominately on fundraising to achieve this goal. Your support is vital!

Ellen Dyer



I'm sitting in my office looking at the glorious weather thinking Spring has sprung!

I had the pleasure of leading the whole school Easter Worship on Monday. All classes shared something about Easter, the staff all read a poem about the Easter story and the chicks were on stage listening the whole



time – see photo!

On Wednesday 3rd April, all the Junior children took part in an 'Easter Experience' in Dinton Church. They were guided

around "six stations" which tell the Easter story and allow them to engage in it through a craft or activity. The also had the opportunity to create an Easter Garden for them to take home.

On Wednesday, I led collective worship for the infants and read them a wonderful story called 'Three Trees'. It was such a privilege to realise how much they had understood about the life of Jesus.

'Thank you' to Mrs Harvey, Miss Roberts and Miss Davies for organising such a lovely Mother's Day celebration for our Foundation Mums- the tea and cakes were much appreciated, as were the poem and song (not a dry eye in the house!)

We hope everyone had a very Happy Easter!

Kim Price, Headteacher

Greener Cuddington

- Global warming
- Plastic objects in our rivers and seas.
- Microplastics everywhere, including rivers and mountain tops.
- Insects disappearing.
- Trees dying (Dutch Elm disease, Ash die-back, Sudden oak death etc.)
- Amphibian species extinctions & rampant plagues.
- Bird populations crashing.
- Forests burning or being chopped down.
- Waterways polluted with agricultural & household chemicals.
- What kind of Earth are we bequeathing to our children and grandchildren through our unwillingness to work out what needs to be done and to understand that



we need to change what we do!

Cuddington Vertebrate Watch 2019

Do bear in mind the 8th Cuddington Vertebrate Watch which will take place over the weekend of May 18th and 19th. Details can be seen in the March issue and you can apply to take part by sending me an email.

Doug Kennedy

doug@doug-kennedy.com

Services at St. Nicholas

(Churchwardens: Helen Keeping 291635 and James Stonham 292221)

May

5th 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

12th 10.00 am ALL-AGE SERVICE

19th 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

26th 10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP

Opportunities for praying together in church are each Thursday at 9.00 a.m.

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

Evening Services in the Benefice



This month, the main benefice evening service takes place in Saints Peter and Paul, Dinton at 7.30 pm on Thursday 30th May (Ascension Day). It will be led by Margot Hodson, with Nadine Rose preaching. All are welcome. And everyone is welcome to the other evening services held during May. If you have been before you will know to expect a service conducive to contemplation, and if you haven't come and experience it; it is very worthwhile.

Sunday 12th May, 6.00 pm, at Saints Peter and Paul, Dinton – Evensong, led by Raymond Medhurst

Sunday 12th May, 6.30 pm, at St Mary's, Haddenham – Praise Service: Leader/Preacher - Phil Groves

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