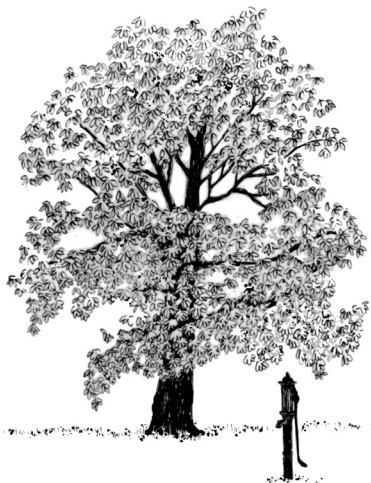




Cuddington Village Voice

June 2019

Cuddington Fete!

'On the Farm'

13th July

1:30pm-4:45pm

For ways to donate and help on the day turn to page 7.



Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

VALP and the NP

The Parish Council continue to monitor the position with the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP).

AVDC have published inquiry documents ED182 and ED182A setting out their intention to retain the allocation of 15 homes at Dadbrook Farm.

A decision about the allocation at Dadbrook Farm in VALP is expected at the end of the summer, after AVDC have consulted on their proposed modifications. Once a final decision has been taken about Dadbrook Farm, the Steering Group and PC will review the housing options for the NP.

In the meantime, we are pressing ahead with other parts of the NP such as the design guidelines and Local Green Spaces policy.

It is hoped to prepare a first draft of the NP by the end of September.

Summary of second village NP survey: Easter 2019

The second village Neighbourhood Plan (NP) consultation ended on 10th April and we are delighted to report an excellent turnout with over 200 responses to the survey and over 100 people attending the exhibition at the Bernard Hall on 29th to 31st March.

Thank you for taking the time to provide such detailed feedback.

We now need to analyse all the information we received. The NP Steering Group will prepare a report of the findings in the summer as part of a wider review following consultation on AVDC's proposed modifications to VALP (see above). The report will also take into account the work that our planning consultants (ONEILL HOMER) are undertaking to complete their Site Assessments Report.

Information about the progress of the Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan is available on-line at <https://m.cuddingtonvillage.com/view-page.php?pid=115>

RECORD BREAKING MEETING

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Cuddington Annual Village Meeting, held on 30th April broke all records for the number of people attending! 101 villagers beat the previous year's attendance by a considerable margin. The format of the meeting was similar to previous years, with a mixture of information about activities in the village interspersed with lively debates on topics of particular interest.

The meeting was chaired by Ken Birkby, who attempted to give everyone who wanted to say something a fair chance of being heard! In Venetia Davies's absence, Lorraine Stevens kindly volunteered to try and minute the essence of what was said and made an excellent job of it. These draft minutes are available on the village notice boards and on our website, cuddingtonvillage.com and so it is not proposed to repeat the content here. (They are defined as 'Draft' until agreed at next year's meeting).

We are very grateful to our local councillors who contributed well to the proceedings; District Councillors Judy Brandis and David Lyons and County Councillor Paul Irwin. Sue Jones, one of our local PCSOs was again very supportive of the village in her section.

It is fair to say that the most vocal debates were those about traffic volumes and speeding through the village and also the potential housing developments that may be coming to Cuddington. With respect to speeding, there was some incredulity that the statistics collected by Bucks County Council showed relatively good compliance with the 30mph speed limit. There are undoubtedly speeders and it is only by a strong community effort by using enforcement means, such as Sentinel, that we will improve the situation. *Volunteers are needed!*

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Thought for the Month



Dear Friends,

This thought for the month is based upon a sermon I gave in St Nicholas on the 20th May on the subject of 'A New Commandment'. Before we considered that we reflected on Jesus' Great Commandment in Matthew 22, verses 34-40. This begins with 'An expert in the law' asking Jesus the following question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' "All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments."

Now, we can look at the New Commandment that Jesus has given us in John 13, verses, 31-35 that puts a new focus on this and in so doing we now have quite a challenge. The New Commandment is this:

"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." The emphasis has now shifted dramatically to a command to emulate the unconditional love that Jesus has for us – that's much more challenging!

If you refer back to an earlier passage in the same Chapter 13 in John, Jesus demonstrates this by washing the Disciples feet. He came to Peter if you remember who famously responded:

"Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" (A task usually undertaken by a servant) Jesus replies, "You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No", said Peter, "You shall never wash my feet". Jesus answers, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me". "Then Lord", Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" After washing their feet, Jesus says, "I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done for you – I tell you the truth no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things you will be blessed if you do them." By doing this Jesus demonstrates a love that is not only unconditional, it is not judgemental, it is pure, it is forgiving, it blesses all who receive it.

Doesn't the world need a love like that right now?

On the 7th May Jean Vanier, the founder of the L'Arche, a network of communities around the world for people with developmental difficulties died. The Archbishop of Canterbury said this in a statement:

"Jean Vanier lived the gospel in such a beautiful way that few who met him could fail to be caught up in it." "His generosity of spirit and Christian hospitality embraced the whole world- supremely those with learning difficulties. His L'Arche communities were places for the so-called weak to teach the self-perceived strong. The Archbishop went on to say that at the end of a conference in 2016 attended by the Primates of the Anglican Communion, Jean Vanier invited them all to wash each other's feet. The Archbishop said, "It was a moving experience for each of us and a powerful reminder of the example that every disciple has been set by Jesus." The healing impact of that was enormous, he continued, "I was quite unravelled by it!"

Jean had his challenges in living out and witnessing the gospel message-

He once remarked, describing how someone had asked him, "You are Catholic; how can you live in communion with Jews and Muslims?" His reply was characteristically simple- "It is because of my love for Jesus: he is my friend and my model. He loves everyone, no matter their culture, their religion, their abilities or inabilities."

Jesus has given us this powerful message and practice of love which has the potential to change us and the world for the better – should we not rise to that challenge?

Nigel

Evening Services in the Benefice



This month, when we enjoy the longer days, lighter evenings we begin with the fun of 'Hymns and Pimms' at St Nicholas, Kingsey, at 6.00 on Saturday 1st June – everyone is welcome. And at the end of the month St Nicholas, Kingsey is hosting Margot Hodson's last Benefice Evensong, in Wychert Vale on Sunday 30th June. All are welcome. And everyone is welcome to the other evening services held during June. 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.

Saturday 1st June, 6.00 pm, 'Hymns and Pimms' at St Nicholas, Kingsey

Sunday 2nd June, 6.00 pm, at St John's, Stone – All-Age Service, Leader/Preacher – David Robinson

Sunday 9th June, 6.00 pm, at Saints Peter and Paul, Dinton. Evensong, led by Raymond Medhurst and team.

Sunday 9th June, 6.30 pm, at St Mary's, Haddenham – Praise Service: Leader/Preacher - Phil Groves

Sunday 30th June, 6.30 pm, at St Nicholas, Kingsey – Benefice Evensong. Leader/Preacher – Margot Hodson

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

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The Future of Our Post Office

One of our national newspapers carried a report last week on the plight of the country's post offices. *The Times* reported: "Many village sub-post offices and hundreds of larger post office branches face closure as the withdrawal of subsidies and the transfer of services online makes them no longer financially viable, it has been claimed.

About 3,000 are the only shop in their village or community and about 1,500 are run from temporary sites such as community centres or from mobile vans. The government is trying to scale back its subsidies, while many state services such as paying pensions have been switched to digital platforms or are paid directly to claimants' bank accounts."

Here in Cuddington we all know just how important the post office and the shop are to the community and clearly the more we use them the more secure they will be. The post office now offers many services which everyone may not be aware of, some of these are:

Depositing of cheques and cash as well as withdrawals
Travel money (currencies) as well as travel insurance
Mobile phone tops ups
Electricity "key" top ups

The following services can be obtained via telephone through the Post Office by quoting the Cuddington PO's code and these transactions will be credited to them:

Home, Car and Life insurance and Life cover for over 50's
Broadband and telephone. We are so fortunate to have Sugi and Jey running the shop and post office (and indeed the bar for the Village Picture House) and we would miss them badly should they close. They will be happy to explain all the services that they can offer.

So please let us all do our utmost to both shop there and use the post office services as much as we can.



Speed Cameras Come to Cuddington

What is Sentinel

It is a fixed speed camera, mounted on a tripod that can be moved to any suitable site where speed of vehicles is a problem.

Where will Sentinel be used

In Cuddington, the nominated sites are the Aylesbury Road, Dadbrook and Bridgeway.

When will Sentinel be used

Cuddington has to share the equipment with other villages in the local area. Therefore we will be using it at random times of the year, at any time of the day.

How is Sentinel used

It is being operated by trained volunteers, of whom we now have over 10+, who set up the camera (with warning signs). You may have seen some of them enjoying the sun in their fluorescent vests, whilst relaxing in deck chairs. The camera takes a video of all vehicles that are speeding. The data captured is then sent to Waddesdon Police Station for processing. Usually first time offenders are sent a warning letter advising that they have been caught with date, time and location and a warning that if caught again then further proceedings may be taken. Three strikes and they get a friendly visit from the constabulary.

In the few weeks that it has been operational we have totalled over 30 hours of recording, and have reported 123 vehicles to the police. The highest speed so far recorded was 45 mph along the Aylesbury Road.

Interregnum Prayer

Lord, we give thanks for all that God has done through Margot's ministry throughout the Benefice.

We pray that, in her move to the Cotswolds, God will continue to support and embrace her as she settles into the rhythm of a new life in a new community.

We give thanks to all those involved in the task of gathering, collating and putting together the finalised Benefice profile. Loving, heavenly Father, you call us, weak and imperfect as we are, to transform the world by love.

And you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His body in this Benefice.

Lord, as a community of faith, we pray that the Holy Spirit will keep us steadfast and united in love, that together we may be equipped to sustain your work in this Benefice. We pray that the one who comes to us will be a person who embraces all ages, whose grace will inspire and energise us. We pray for those who will interview the candidates; may they recognise the face of the one that You call to our community; the one who will equip us in our on-going journey to become the people You are willing us to be.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Your Village Needs You

Thank you to all our volunteers for their dedication over the past few weeks.

However, we are looking for many more people to cover a greater part of the week. If you can spare as little as an hour a week to man the camera, it would be greatly welcomed.

In addition, we need individuals of a technological bent, with a modern Windows PC, to analyse the data captured.

We know Sentinel works, but we need to keep up the momentum.

Thanks to our volunteers, word is spreading that Cuddington is doing something about speed.

For more information, please contact Steve Wright at: stepnwright@gmail.com

New Village Voice Distributor

We are most grateful to Andy Devey for stepping up and offering to take on one of our *Village Voice* distribution rounds – thank you Andy!

But also a massive thank you to all the other people who also came forward to volunteer – we must have had at least 8 people offer which is a fantastic response! Thank you in particular to one or two of you who emailed me and did not get a reply – some emails disappeared off my system while we were away and before I had replied – I'm so sorry, but thank you!

Chris Blumer

Witchert Choral

The Witchert Choral is privileged to have been invited to sing a summer concert in the beautiful 17th century chapel of Oriel College Oxford.



THE WITCHERT CHORALE
directed by **DAVID QUINN**

Salvator Mundi

A concert including music by Tallis, Byrd, Saint-Saëns and Gjeilo

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2019
AT 7.30PM
ORIEL COLLEGE CHAPEL
OXFORD

In aid of **The Samaritans**
and **Christians Against Poverty**

Tickets £12
Concessions £10, U16 free

From **Ann Millar 01844 215632** or
www.witchert.org.uk

In keeping with this impressive setting, the music will include compositions by famous English composers – Byrd, Elgar, Howells, Wesley – as well as pieces on the lighter side from Rossini and Poulenc, and Ola Gjeilo's atmospheric "Northern Lights". After an afternoon's punting or a cream tea in one of Oxford's many attractive cafes, stay on for our concert at **7.30 p.m. on 22nd June in Oriel College Oxford.**

Finley Newell

Following the piece in May's *Village Voice* about Finley Newell who has Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), The National Institute for Health & Care Excellence (NICE) have finally recommended that NHS England should fund 'the first ever treatment' for this rare muscle-wasting condition. It hardly needs saying that Finley's family, together with the rest of the SMA community, are very, very happy to hear of the approval of the disease-modifying drug nusinersen (Spinraza) which has the potential to stem muscle waste and even to strengthen existing muscle. Finley will have celebrated his 6th birthday by the time you read this, and the result of the SMA community and supporters' campaign has been a fitting birthday present for this happy, fun-loving child who has a great zest for life as do the majority of children.

The Finley Newell Mobility & Equipment Fund was initially set up to buy a £15,000(!) powered chair for Finley which has given him enormous independence. The Fund continues to give the ongoing possibility to buy equipment and treatments (unavailable via NHS and Social Services) to give Finley a better chance in an able world.



On Tuesday 25th June at 2.30 the beautiful Dadbrook House garden will be open for ticket holding visitors to enjoy.

Tickets are £7 to include a very sociable tea.

Booking is essential as tickets are limited.

If you would like to come, please ring Liz Davies 01844 299 150.

On Wednesday 3rd July between 2pm and 4.30pm, the garden will again be open but, this time, for children with adults to enjoy.

Under the supervision of their parents, grandparents or carers, children will be encouraged to taste herbs, fruit and vegetables and to pick flowers from the cutting garden to take home with them.

Adults £7 to include tea and cake; children half price to include ice cream and soft drinks.

Booking is essential as tickets are limited. Please ring Liz Davies 01844 299150 .

Chiltern Challenge

In July this year Mandy Spencer will be taking part in the Chiltern Challenge to raise funds for Winston's Wish, a fabulous charity who have helped some very special friends of ours.

Winston's Wish support children after the death of a parent or sibling and are invaluable to families at the worst possible time.

The Chiltern Challenge is a 100km circular route starting and finishing in Henley, with over 1800m climb. There will be checkpoints with food and drinks and facilities, but there will be no stopping for sleep, we will be walking through the night!

To donate please visit www.justgiving.com and search for Mandy Spencer. Cash donations via Kieren or Mandy also most welcome.



WINSTON'S WISH

Giving hope to grieving children

(Continued from page 1)

The great response to the village survey and the debate on the night demonstrate the strength of feeling that everyone has about location and size of any new housing developments. The reality is that not everyone will be satisfied with whatever the end result is and the matter is being made more complicated by AVDC changing tack with their views. Ken Trew has produced an excellent update on the situation, elsewhere in this issue. Despite there being plenty of ongoing debate, time was called at 9.30 to allow for refreshment and the discussions to continue over a glass of wine, or two! Thanks to everyone who came and contributed and listened. To other matters...

We've entered the Best Kept Village competition again in the Morris Cup category (population of between 501 and 1501). Judging will take place on a day in June or early July and we will be marked on principal features including the green, playing field, children's play area, village hall, clubhouse, church hall, graveyard as well as general environment features (hedges, ditches, pond, stream and pump). An additional criteria, "Floral Displays" has been added which includes hanging baskets, tubs and planters. In addition to these, other features considered include: areas around shops and pubs, bus stops, bus shelters, notice boards and War memorial.

Overall appearance, lack of litter and evidence of community effort. Please help keep the village tidy, particularly areas in front of your homes. **If you can join the Best Kept Village Tidy Up on Saturday 1st June, please come along.** We'll meet on the Upper Green at 10am and set to work! Please bring gloves, bin liners are provided.

With many thanks, **Cuddington Parish Council**

THANK YOU

From George and Helen Salomone

It was the first time for us being deaf. We followed every single spoken word translated into sign language done by the interpreter thus was a big help to us. Like the French, Spanish, etc, interpreters are needed. Why do we need the interpreter? Well, it was impossible to follow the group by lip reading one after another... Only on one to one basis is fine but of course it depends on the person. The interpreter present at the meeting was a boon to us and you may realise now how it works.

Our thank you to Ken Birkby for arranging to make the Village meeting accessible to all.

Put on Your Walking Shoes!



Not getting enough exercise? The solution is at hand!

Join the traditional Cuddington Sunrise Walk! Walk up through the dawn fields to the observatory at Upper Winchendon to see the sun rise over the Vale. This year it's on Saturday 22nd June, starting at 4am from the Lower Green. Refreshments await you as you stand at the top of the world and enjoy the view. We can offer lifts either up or down if you don't fancy the whole circuit – and you can be back home in bed by 6.30!

What's not to like?

Any queries to Angela Wenham 291932

Cuddington Rural Footpaths

I organize a small team of volunteers with the objective of keeping key, in our opinion, rural footpaths around Cuddington accessible, bearing in mind some walkers might not be as nimble as they once were. This entails clearing encroaching vegetation and ensuring stiles are in good condition. We have been fortunate in that the Soames at their own cost have installed "kissing gates" where footpaths cross their land and also Ken Birkby has been successful in acquiring "kissing gates" from the AVDC which have been installed in the most important crossings. We are also fortunate that in our area the farmers have allowed us to install dog gates, where needed. We are aware that there are one or two stiles that need to be improved to make them easier to cross and we will make every effort to action this as soon as we can. There are areas which are very unsatisfactory but the problem is out of our hands, for example the narrow path between Tibbys lane and the river where we are restricted to a narrow channel between the drainage ditch and the fence and also the bog by the gate at the end of this path which needs action by the landowner. The footpath team normally carry out a clearing at the end of May with a follow up towards the end of August beginning of September. If you notice a problem feel free to contact me but bear in mind these are rural paths and we are not going to pull up a nettle every time it strays into a path !! **Volunteers are always welcome.**

We are very fortunate in Cuddington to have such a large selection of footpaths radiating out from the village which I know is appreciated by walkers from other villages.

C. Sanderson

THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON

June sees another varied programme at your local community cinema. On Thursday 6th we'll be showing **Stan & Ollie** (cert. PG), starring Steve Coogan and John C. Reilly. The film tells 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. Despite the stresses of the tour, past resentments coming back to light, and Hardy's failing health, the show must go on: in the end, their love of performing – and of each other – ensures that they secure their place in the hearts of the public. "Coogan and Reilly excel in this bittersweet film about the twilight years of the great double act," says *The Guardian*. "Insightful and endlessly touching ... it tugs at the emotions throughout," says *The Independent*. Then on Saturday 8th we have something rather special: the



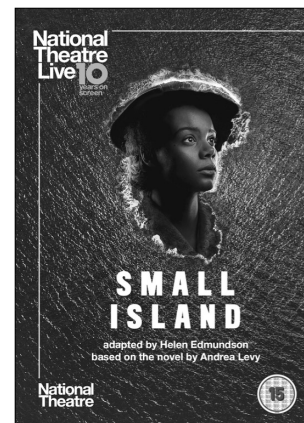
final UK concert of **Take That's 2019 Greatest Hits** tour, broadcast live from the Principality Stadium in Cardiff. This spectacular anniversary show is their best yet and, with front-tier seats, you can be part of the action as Gary, Mark and Howard journey through Take That's incredible music history. Performing their biggest hits from the last three decades, along with new tracks from their latest album *Odyssey*, the band will also be welcoming Rick Astley as their special guest. So, get ready to

throw your hands in the air – it will be a party you'll "Never Forget"! "The perfect retrospective of one of the most captivating stories in pop," says *Metro*. "Three is the magic number. My, do they still sound great," says *The Evening Standard*.

On Thursday 13th our film will be **Mary Queen of Scots** (cert. 15), starring Saoirse Ronan and Margot Robbie as Mary Stuart and Queen Elizabeth I. Queen of France at 16 and widowed at 18, Mary Stuart defies pressure to remarry. Instead, she returns to her native Scotland to reclaim her rightful throne. But Scotland and England both fall under the rule of the compelling Elizabeth I. When Mary gives birth to a child who will be heir to both Scotland and England, Elizabeth is forced to go to war to protect her crown. As both attempt to rule as women in a man's world, their conflict changes the course of history... "Margot Robbie and Saoirse Ronan excel as wily foes in Josie Rourke's striking take on the rivalry between Elizabeth I



and her Scottish cousin," says *The Guardian*. "A thrilling drama of 16th century statecraft," says *The Telegraph*. On Thursday 27th we'll be showing **Small Island** (cert. 15), an epic new adaptation of Andrea Levy's Orange Prize-winning novel. *Small Island* embarks on a journey from Jamaica to Britain, through the Second World War to 1948 – the year that the HMT Empire Windrush docked at Tilbury. The play follows three intricately connected stories: Hortense yearns for a new life away from rural Jamaica, Gilbert dreams of becoming a lawyer, and Queenie longs to escape her Lincolnshire roots. Hope and humanity meet stubborn reality as the play traces the tangled history of Jamaica and the UK. A company of 40 actors take to the stage of the National Theatre in this timely and moving story. "A landmark in the National Theatre's history ... Levy's Windrush epic makes momentous theatre," says *The Guardian*. "A gripping state-of-the-nation epic ... highly recommended," says *The Telegraph*.



Looking ahead to July, on the 4th our film will be **Can You Ever Forgive Me?**, the true story of celebrity biographer Lee Israel, who turns to forgery when she falls out of step with current tastes and can no longer get published. On the 18th we'll be showing the upbeat British comedy **Fisherman's Friends**, in which a fast-living, cynical London music executive is pranked by his boss into trying to sign a group of shanty-singing Cornish fishermen. On Wednesday 24th our Kids' Club film for the end of the summer term is **How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World**. Lastly, on the 25th, we'll be screening NT Live's **The Lehman Trilogy**, the true story of the Lehman Brothers – a family and a company that changed the world and ultimately triggered the largest financial crisis in history. Visit the web page for more details of all features: www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema

Cuddington & Dinton School Family Fun Day 15th June 2019 11-3pm

Free Entry
Free Parking

Cuddington &
Dinton's Got Talent
Hook a Duck
Penalty Shoot Out
Face Painting
and lots more....

Mozzarellanation
Pizza
Tea Tent
Cake Stall
Jays Ices
Bar

School Lane, Dinton, Bucks HP17 8UZ



Instead of our usual club meeting in May, on a lovely evening we visited Lindengate, our charity for 2019. Lindengate is an award winning mental health charity that offers

specialised activities to help those with mental health needs in their continuing recovery. Conservation is at the heart of the charity, with awards received including the Butterfly Conservation Award 2017, and BBC Three Counties Radio People's Gold Award for the Environment 2018. Our tour guides were clearly very passionate about their work and extremely knowledgeable. The diversity of activities was incredible, such as Arts and Crafts, and Memory Pathways for people coping with memory loss and dementia. We were amazed at what had been accomplished on the site in just four and a half years. A broad range of habitats has been developed including ponds and a small nature reserve. 2,500 cowslips had been grown in order to improve the habitat for the Duke of Burgundy butterfly. By the middle of the year Lindengate will have 80% of the Black Poplar cloned stock in the UK, and is also involved in an ongoing project to cultivate disease resistant Elms. The evening ended with tea and cake outside and a chance to find out about forthcoming events such as the Summer Fair and a Theatre on the Lawn production. A visit to Lindengate is thoroughly recommended. It is a truly inspirational place, and has clearly helped numerous individuals to feel that they are part of society and that life is indeed, worth living.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE SHOUT OUT! I would like to make a special request. It would really help if everyone could make an effort to keep the front of their own property as tidy as possible. We are in the same group as Chearsley this year so every little helps! Many thanks and (green) fingers crossed. Carol

We have entered the Best Kept Village Competition

Please help to keep our village tidy

Judging takes place in June & July

The Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition
www.bucksvoice.net/bestkeptvillage

Competition Sponsors:
Buckinghamshire County Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Chiltern District Council, Milton Keynes Council, South Bucks District Council, Wycombe District Council, North Cooches, George Brown, RT Machinery and the Chiltern Brewery



Fete collection & sorting evening June 20th

Cuddington Playing Fields –
6.30pm to 9.30pm

Please bring Fete donations to the Clubhouse on Thursday 20th June (or they can be dropped off at Denise's in the meantime) where we will sort the goods to the appropriate stalls. There will also be house to house collections that evening too when we distribute the programmes.



We need:

Bottles; Bric a Brac; Tombola prizes; Crockery; Clothes – especially children's; Toys; Cuddly Toys.

Helpers on the evening would be appreciated – we're intending on emptying the Fete shed to look at gazebo quality and check all the stalls are complete.

This is a big preparation day – all welcome – and thank you for your support.

Contacts: cuddington.fete@gmail.com or Karen Clayton 07718 559978 or Janine Humphreys 07989 895968

Fundraising for India

3 Peaks Challenge

On the 11th of May I climbed up Scafell Pike in the Lake District, the last of the 3 Peaks! It was a beautiful sunny day however it was a little bit chilly when we set off. It was a hard climb as it was very steep the whole way up, but the climb was definitely worth it as there was the most amazing view up at the summit. I had very sore



legs for a couple of days after the climb but I felt very happy about what I had achieved. I am very proud of what I have done but I am very glad that I've climbed all three and now all that is left to come is India! I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported and sponsored me throughout this challenge, I really appreciate it. If you haven't sponsored me but would like to you can find my fundraising page at <https://www.gofundme.com/girl-guiding-trip-to-india-2019>

Reminder of forthcoming event

Cuddington Methodist Church 125th Anniversary 2019

Saturday 17th August Craft Day
11.00am - 4.00pm

Demonstration of Crafts and Exhibitors
Pillow lace, Quilting, Machine embroidery/ gifts to purchase
Artistic Bible journaling. Decoupage
Flower arranging etc.
Light Refreshments served all day

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 we could copy or a story to tell
that you think would be of interest**

Please contact us by email to cwatts09@aol.com
Or phone us on 01844291661 C&M Watts

Tuesday Group

At our May meeting, Maryon Pates gave a very interesting account of her voluntary work with various organisations in Aylesbury providing meals and other help to homeless people. The causes of homelessness are many and varied and it is a very difficult problem. She said it was important to remember that all these people are individuals and deserving of our compassion and help. Most recently, Maryon has been helping at The Vineyard church in Aylesbury who also operate The Storehouse, a food bank for those in need. Cilla Bligh then talked about Storehouse which has been supported by the congregation of St Nicholas Church over several years. Maryon and Cilla then answered lots of questions from members who showed much concern for people in this sad situation. Cilla and Maryon were thanked for all the information they were able to give on a very important subject.

Anyone wishing to support the Storehouse can donate non-perishable goods with a long shelf life by leaving items in church or in a basket provided in the Village Stores (thanks to Jay and Sugi).

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th June at 2.30 pm in the Playing Field Clubhouse. Our speaker will be Fiona Carr talking about founding a Music School in Kampala, Uganda. Meeting fee is £2.00 and includes refreshments. New friends are very welcome.

Group contact: Rosemary Bradbury tel. 01844 290249.

Christian Aid 2019

I have been totally bowled over by everyone's generosity in this village.



With Christian Aid we can be sure that our gifts will be sent directly to help those struggling in the poorest countries of the world where clean water and soap are so vital in clinics helping women to give birth safely, as we saw on our video of Sierra Leone in West Africa.

The Madrigals raised over £100 this year, the Sunday service and lunch over £220, film donations £27, the Bring and buy sale £350, the toddlers cake sale £115 and the Mum's breakfast £31.

All the money from the envelopes has yet to be counted to give a grand total. There are too many people to thank individually here by name so please accept my thanks if you have played your part in this year's week. The house name quiz proved popular; the most correct answers were submitted by Michael and Jenny Collins. Caroline Stonham

Many Hands, Make Light Work

Everyone loves an English country churchyard, and, in Cuddington, we have a lovely example of one. But it does take work to maintain it. There are lots of little 'on-off' jobs, some more regular ones, and the church have decided to start regular working parties to undertake these.

We are suggesting people meet at 10.00 am on the first and third Saturdays in the month, and on the first and third Wednesdays (you don't have to come to every session!!!!). Bring your own tools, something to take weeds, ivy, etc away in, and lots of enthusiasm.

Jobs that are required:

Ivy removal from tombs, walls, etc

Pruning, Weeding the path.

Clearing the gutter round the church. Etc, etc.

For more information contact Church Wardens, Helen Keeping wichertcot@gmail.com and James Stonham james@holymans.co.uk

Dates for the Diary

It is the month of June, The month of leaves and roses,
When pleasant sights salute the eyes and pleasant
scents the noses.

Nathaniel Parker Willis 1806-67



June

Monday 3 rd 2.00pm	Sunshine Club tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 5 th 8.00pm	Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 6 th 8.00pm	Village Picture House 'Stan and Ollie'
Saturday 8 th 8.00pm	Village Picture House 'Take That: Greatest Hits Live'
Tuesday 11 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 13 th 8.00pm	Village Picture House 'Mary, Queen of Scots'
Saturday 15 th 11.00am	Family Fun Day, Cuddington & Dinton School, School Lane, Dinton
Monday 17 th 2.00pm	Sunshine Club tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Saturday 22 nd 4.00am	Cuddington Sunrise Walk to Upper Winchendon, meet on Upper Green
Monday 24 th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
Thursday 27 th 7.00pm	Village Picture House - NTLive 'Small Island'
Saturday 29 th 9.00am	Mum's Breakfast

July

Monday 1 st 2.00pm	Sunshine Club tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 3 rd 8.00pm	Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 4 th 8.00pm	Village Picture House 'Can You Ever Forgive Me?'
Friday 5 th 7pm	Matilda & Eliza's Quiz Night, Bernard Hall
Tuesday 9 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Saturday 13 th 1.30pm	Cuddington Fete
Saturday 13 th 6.30pm	Post Fete Family Games & BBQ at Playing Fields
Sunday 14 th 10.00am	Open Air All-Age Service, Playing Fields
Monday 15 th 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Garden Party Lunch, Tyringham Hall
Thursday 18 th 8.00pm	Village Picture House 'Fisherman's Friends'
Monday 22 nd 1.30pm	Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema, Bernard Hall, 'Finding Your Feet'
Thursday 25 th 8.00pm	Village Picture House NTLive 'The Lehman Trilogy'
Monday 29 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 29 th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

Markus Bolton, Chair of the Management Committee, told the gathering at the Bernard Hall's AGM that the Hall had been well used again this year with a wide range of users including Cuddington Youth Drama, the Picture House, exercise classes and numerous fund raising and other village social events. In 2017, the booking increased by 19% and hall hire income by 22% and it was good that those levels were maintained in 2018. Income from bookings was £5,560, marginally up from £5,423 in 2017. Markus pointed out that the Picture House remains an important social hub for the village with 1,601 people attending 40 performances during the year and linked to that he was very keen to keep booking charges unchanged, because he believed that the Hall is a service for the people of Cuddington and that we should make it as affordable as possible, provided that we continue to run at an operating surplus. The hall's heating system had been struggling for a number of years and it had been decided that it needed upgrading not just for improved effectiveness but also for environmental reasons. There was a dilemma as to whether or not it could be done in one go or in stages. Markus was pleased to report that the fete committee stepped in at short notice with a magnificent grant of £3,000 which allowed the full system to be deployed in time for the winter season. The new system has been a major success and we are expecting it to be considerably more efficient than previously.

Robert Spencer Bernard, Chair of Trustees, brought the meeting to a close by saying just how much he and his fellow trustees valued and appreciated the work that Markus and his Management Team put in to making the hall the success that it is.



Matilda & Eliza's Quiz Night

Please join us if you can

We are on a mission to fundraise for our World Challenge to
Madagascar

Please can you help us by taking part in a quiz, eating some delicious food and
having a few drinks with friends?

On

Friday 5th July 7pm at The Bernard Hall, Cuddington

£12 per ticket (or £88 for a team of 8 adults, £8 for under 18s),
to include dinner and a beer or glass of wine on arrival

Teams of 8 (but don't worry if you can't get a full team together - we will 'team' you up)

7pm for drinks. 7.30 pm for Quiz

Food served from 8.30 pm

THE ONLY FUNDRAISING ON THE NIGHT IS A COUPLE
OF GAMES AND A RAFFLE. WE PROMISE!

RSVP by Friday 21st June

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Please spread the word. Families very
welcome. Licensed bar.

Services at St Nicholas

(Churchwardens: Helen Keeping 291635 and
James Stonham 292221)

June 2019

2 nd June	10.00	Holy Communion
9 th June	10.00	All-age Service
16 th June	10.00	Holy Communion
23 rd June	10.00	Morning Worship
30 th June	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.

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For further information and website links visit the village website:

www.cuddingtonvillage.com

May 2019

Many of us enjoyed reading the article in last month's *Village Voice*



describing life in the school between 1887 and 1891 – I think we have come a long way since then!

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Parents Evenings this week. We see this as such an important opportunity to share the children's success and develop the areas they need to polish. Having got through SATs week for year 6 and the SATs period for year 2, I think it is appropriate to remind ourselves that the SATs are only part of the measure by which we gauge the children. We are always proud of the achievements of our pupils whether it is academic, sporting, musical or superb social skills. I always have an immense sense of pride when I look at the assembled year groups and think how well prepared they are for life both inside and outside of school. We are really pleased to be able to support and encourage families to attend Messy Church which takes place in both Dinton and Chearsley – do look out for specific times of services. Thank you to everyone that donated to the Bags for Schools, we will let you know how much money that it generated.

We are looking forward to the Family Fun Day (June 15th), when, amongst other things, we will be show casing the talents of our Junior school children!



What a glorious end to the half term- the annual singing around the village and May dancing! Thank you to those in the village who came out to see us. It was a treat to see the children sing and dance so beautifully and so lovely to see parents, grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, followed by a really enjoyable picnic lunch.

Kim Price, Headteacher