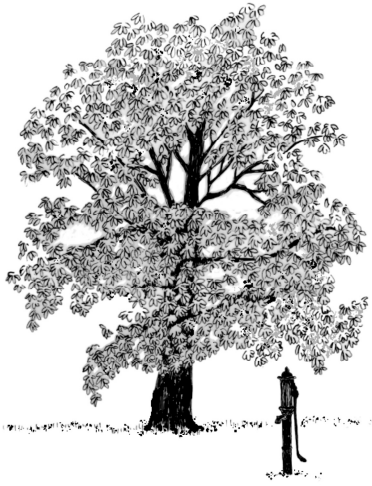




Cuddington Village Voice

October - 2019

Plant for the Planet!!



This summer we have all seen the horrific images of the Brazilian Rainforest burning, and of forest fires elsewhere around the world. Trees are being cut down everywhere to make way for housing and development, even though everyone now understands how important trees are for combatting climate change, as well as providing homes for our much-loved wildlife.

What can we do about it? One thing we could all do is **plant a**

tree!

Cuddington is launching a new campaign called **"Plant for the Planet"**. Our aim is to get every household to plant at least one tree, and to record every planting with a photo, which we will put on a growing display board in the Bernard Hall, as well as on social media. Who know what kind of ripple effect this could have?

Reasons to plant a tree: Did you know that....

- The UK now has less tree-cover than any other country in Europe
- Trees produce 20% of the world's oxygen
- Trees sequester carbon, which means they actively combat climate change
- Trees scrub pollution from the air
- Trees provide habitats for millions of insects, birds and animals
- Trees prevent soil erosion
- Trees release endorphins that make us happy?

It is easy to feel that there's little we can do individually to help our beautiful planet, but by planting a tree you are....

- Improving the ecological health of Planet Earth
- Enhancing our local environment
- Taking part in a new movement
- Spreading a vital message

Most people in Cuddington have gardens, but if you have a

See the Light!

Thanks to a £1,000 grant from the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust Thriving Communities Fund, we have been able to up-

Cuddington Bar and Social Club
Opening Hours

Wednesday 8pm - 11pm
Friday 5pm - 11pm
Saturday 5pm - 11pm
Sunday 2pm - 5pm

Cuddington Bar and Social Club is a members only bar. Annual membership fees are: £10 Family, £5 Individual, £3 Concession. Guests must be signed in and a fee of £1 per session applies

grade the wall lights within the Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse, as well replace those within the toilet and porch areas. By doing this we hope to have helped improve the look and feel of the clubhouse, as well as provided better illumination and energy efficiency. The new LED lights not only use less energy to power but also last up to 25 times longer the traditional bulbs previously used, helping to save the planet and to

save us money at the same time.

The project was completed by the team at Point North Electrical one sunny Friday in August. We are extremely pleased with the work and invite you to take a look around!

This project received funds from the Thriving Communities Fund, a community grants scheme run by Vale of Aylesbury Housing. If you would like more information about the grants available, please call the Grants Officer, on 01296 732600

The CPFA Needs You!

This September the CPFA met to elect a new Chair and Treasurer, as well as additional committee members. We are pleased to announce that Neal Waters has been promoted to Chair, and Maddie Carey has joined as treasurer. We are also delighted to welcome Sarah Muir, Mandy Spencer, Louise Butler and Malcolm Thomas to the committee team. The



playing fields and clubhouse are a wonderful facility and we are keen to work hard to maintain and improve this, ensuring that the needs of our local community are met.

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Thought for the Month

Cuddington is a lovely village in which to live – a fact that is obvious to all of us. But why is it lovely? It is attractive, surrounded by lovely countryside, but that is not the main reason – it's the community spirit, the activities that makes Cuddington special. We have what so many communities no longer possess – societies, events, the church, the fete, and the people who, on a voluntary basis (in their spare time) organise them; and we are extremely grateful that they do; especially as without volunteers many things may not or even would not happen. These people have discovered the real benefit of being a volunteer – the more one puts into something – in this case, Cuddington – the more they get from it.

But there are times when we need new volunteers whether on a regular basis, or just once -an extra pair of hands on fete day. And, as I found when I moved to Cuddington, this is an ideal way of getting to know other villagers, the village in general, and thus becoming a real part of the community. And the more people who volunteer, share the responsibilities, the jobs, whatever is involved, the more enjoyable it can be for everyone; (and the less onerous for those already involved than if people don't help out).

We all have different talents, expertise, so there is invariably something for every one of us – whether it be doing front of house at the Village Picture House, keeping the village tidy, helping organise the fete, or run a stall (or both!!), being on the Parish Council, joining various organisations in the village (details available on the village website, or in 'Who's Who' regularly published in 'Village Voice'), or, perhaps, even starting one.

So rise to the challenge and join in. Many of us have – because it is the right thing to do – but we would like others to 'step up', join in, and continue to make every aspect of Cuddington as good as it can be.

Helen Keeping
Church Warden

Evening Services in the Benefice



This month, as the nights are drawing in and the weather getting cooler, everyone is welcome to any, or all, of our evening services – details below. 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 13th October, 6.00pm, at Saints Peter and Paul, Dinton. Evensong, led by Raymond Medhurst and team.

Sunday 13th October, 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.

Methodist Church celebrates 125 Years

What a weekend of Celebration, activity, and an opportunity to thank God for 125 years of our Church on this present site.

17th August from 11.am -4.00pm The Church was a hive of activity with demonstrations of crafts and the opportunity for visitors to try them out and take the finished results home. We would like to thank all those who responded to our invitation to join us. Many took home stones that they had decorated and flower arrangements that were imaginative and colourful to grace any home. Books turned into hedgehogs with amazing ease and, although more challenging, people mastered the art of creating pillow lace and quilting. Bible journaling was another way of illustrating passages after reading from the Bible. Drawings of how the passage spoke to individuals highlighted its significance to the reader. My thanks go to all our crafters who made the day fun, creative and instructive, and for all who learnt from their skills. The wheels of activity were oiled with a choice of beverages and delicious cakes and biscuits!!

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It was a day to remember. Sunday 18th August. This began with a lunch for 40 invited guests. Friends of the Church who had supported us over many years. Small decorated tables with chairs around allowed guests to sit around with their finger food and soft drinks and enjoy the wonderful food and excellent company and conversation.

It was wonderful to meet old and new friends especially those who were part of the Sunday school in the 1950's through to 1970's. What stories were shared and the shield and photographs of their many successes in the National Scripture Exam. (Archive books were on display illustrating so many activities over the years and were enjoyed by guests between lunch and the service at 3.00pm.) Such a long history of families in the village joining in worship and preaching over the decades. Sunday School meeting in the morning and a service in the evening as there wasn't room for everyone to meet at the same time.

There were boards of photographs of the latest activities that began in Cuddington, but having outgrown our little church they have since become nationwide. Everyone was given a list of the projects as time was at a premium during the service. We had 2 videos – a new innovation for us. Peter Wenham who gave a synopsis of the history of the Methodist Church in Cuddington, before it was on our present site, which was very instructive. The second video was of a previous Pastor and his wife from the Aylesbury Vineyard Church. They were unable to be with us, but it was good to hear what they had to say, having been such a support and encouragement over many years.



During the service many of the 'old' hymns were sung which held many memories for each of us and a dear friend accompanied the singing. It was special to have these friends with us. Many people wanted to share how their lives had been changed and what being part of the fellowship meant to them. A Minister friend of the Church over many years, closed with a short talk, and with prayer. He also prayed with those who asked for prayer for specific needs.

One precious family of 3 generations came from Huddersfield and it was the Mother's birthday and so she helped us cut the Anniversary cake at the close of the service. Double celebration!!

It was a very special weekend and thanks go to those who worked so hard to make it a success. You know who you are!!

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smaller plot, choose a smaller species such as an Acer, that will grow slowly and can even be grown in a large pot or barrel. Bamboo is also a great option for smaller gardens as it creates a lot of oxygen, without growing very deep roots.

If you feel you have no space, Mike Cottman has kindly offered his own land for people to come and plant trees – Mike and Ben Clayton have been working really hard to make lots of wildlife-friendly improvements to the bridle path and field to the right of it – where they planted a bank of wildflowers earlier this year, as well as 1000 trees.

What to do next to **Plant for the Planet**:

1. Go to a garden centre (Haddenham, Hartwell Nurseries, or Askett are all nearby) and choose a seedling.
2. Check what time of year is best to plant the species you have chosen (September and October are best in most cases).
3. Plant the tree in your garden, or arrange with Mike Cottman to plant on his land (email him at mikecottman@hotmail.com)
4. Take photos of you and your family, with your newly planted tree!
5. Email your pictures to Ilona_ecott@yahoo.co.uk with the subject "plant for the planet", so I can add them to our page on the village website too.
6. If you have Instagram or Facebook, post your photos with the hashtag #plantfortheplanet, and spread the word.

Let's get going and **PLANT FOR THE PLANET!**

Ilona Ecott

Haddenham Community Support Group



Florence
Nightingale
HOSPICE CHARITY



CALL MY WINE BLUFF

and have fun working as a team to find out which of the 'experts' are telling the truth about the wine you're tasting.

Saturday, 2nd November 2019
7pm for 7.30pm

Haddenham Youth & Community Centre, Woodways,
Haddenham HP17 8DS

Teams of up to 8 people. Tickets include cheese and paté refreshments.
Tickets are £15 from Haddenham Hospice Shop, the Haddenham
Group committee or via email fnhcsa@gmail.com.
Booking essential by 26th October.

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hospice care
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Cuddington Mobile Phone Reception

It is no surprise to anyone that in Cuddington mobile phone reception is difficult. Cuddington is on the edge of three major mobile phone companies' network coverage - O2, EE and Vodafone. Each



mobile phone operator shows their network coverage on their web sites via their network status checker. These three phone companies all have similar coverages in Cuddington. They all state that reception is reasonable for outdoor use with limited indoor use. However, all three operators claim that the area around Lower Green and Spicketts Lane have good outdoor reception only.

Ofcom have no control over the network coverage of phone companies' networks; but suggest that if people are not getting the service they expect they should complain to their mobile phone company. The phone company will then organise a visit and carry out investigations to determine any problems. They will probably prove that reception agrees with what their web site states.

Because there are different phone operators whose phone coverages are slightly different and reception can also be different depending on the model/type of phone being used; this further suggests that the mobile phone owner should complain directly to their phone company.

I doubt that any phone company will make any improvements to their network coverage around Cuddington. But there is no reason why we cannot talk to the phone companies directly to find out if they have any plans for the Cuddington.

The Parish Council also understands that the CPFA intend to have Wi-Fi installed in the Club House which will help with some aspects of communication.

Cllr Ken Brown

Calling Students and School Leavers

In the Village Voice for August and September, details were given for grants, for students and school leavers going into further education or apprenticeships, from the Cuddington Charity Nicholas Almond. So far the number of applications received is rather small.

*The Charity's Trustees encourage any young person, **who must be resident in Cuddington**, and going into or already in further education, or wishing to take up an apprenticeship this Autumn, to apply for a Nicholas Almond grant. The grants are small, but they can be helpful with some of the expenses incurred by students or apprentices, such as the purchase of books or equipment, or paying for field trips, etc. The grant is normally paid in two instalments, with students who have received the first half of a grant **usually being eligible to apply for the second half**.*

*Candidates must submit a **signed, hand-written application** with details of the apprenticeship, university or college to be attended and the course/s to be followed, and giving us some idea of how the grant might be spent. Your application letter,*

*together with confirmation that you are either continuing your current course, or have been accepted to follow a course or apprenticeship, **must be submitted to Mrs. Jennifer Schram de Jong by 1st October. 2019***

Parking and the school bus

Now that the main holiday period is over and school is back it seems that the traffic and parking is as challenging as ever!

The school is very aware of the impact that both staff parking as well as the congestion caused at the start and end of the school day has on the village. An added issue is the need to keep the village's roads clear for the school bus to get in and out twice a day, not helped at the moment by roadworks!

The school's headteacher, Kim Price, works very closely with our local PCSO Sue Jones, the Parish Council and governors to ensure that as much as is reasonable is being done to minimise disruption to residents and parishioners. At the beginning of each school year when new families join the school, as well as during the year, parents are constantly informed and reminded of their responsibilities of parking considerably and using the village's roads safely.

On their part, residents are urged to be patient and tolerant! If you do see poor or inconsiderate parking and are able to do something then please do, especially on the school bus's route round the village. And it must be pointed out that quite frequently when the bus has been blocked it has been caused, not by a parent or resident's vehicle but, by other visitors to the village e.g. a dog walker or tradesperson.

Chris Blumer, School Governor

You can expect to receive the Trustees' decision towards the end of October/ early November 2019.

I and my fellow trustees look forward to hearing from anyone who is interested in applying for a grant.

With best wishes, Jennifer Schram de Jong

Please submit your application to :

*Mrs. Jennifer Schram de Jong,
Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, Nicholas Almond Cuddington Charity, Larden, Spicketts Lane, Cuddington, BUCKS HP18 0AY*

If you have any queries, you may contact me on 01844 291501 or at jschramdejong@yahoo.co.uk

Well done Mandy!

I completed the 100km in 28 hours and 16 minutes.

My total fundraising to date is £1055.88 (over £100 from the collection tin in The Crown, thank you Mike and Laura).



Thank you to everyone for their support and sponsorship.

If anyone would like to top up my fundraising for Winston's Wish please visit justgiving.com and search for Mandy Spencer.

Speedwatch Update

Analysing the figures for the Cuddington Speedwatch over the last few weeks I



have been struck by the lack of colour of cars in modern Britain. Where has the colour gone? The majority of cars are now white, black, silver or grey. On one session last month on the Aylesbury Road, out of 15 cars, not one vehicle displayed a colour!

Volumes of traffic are now starting to pick up again, and we have started to use a clicker to record this information. Interestingly, Bridgeway seems to have the largest volume of traffic: on the evening of 3rd of September in one hour 389 vehicles passed by, however only one vehicle was caught speeding. By contrast, the Aylesbury Road is having a ratio of

Glimpses of Cuddington's Past

One of the most notable teachers at Cuddington School was Agnes Alton. She was born in our village in 1883 to John, a shepherd, and Mary Watson, who lived in Frog Lane.

Education played a key role in Agnes' life. She attended the village school and proved an unusually able student. She became a pupil teacher at 14 and trained for 5 years. She struggled to find her feet in the profession and the school log book records her absences and ill health. However, she persevered and her career flourished under the guidance of her headteacher, Mr Wiltshire. Later he



'Agnes, an anxious pupil teacher, stands on the extreme left'.

was promoted headteacher of the nearby Haddenham County Primary School. His first appointment to the staff – in charge of Infants – was Agnes. They both took up their new posts in April 1922 and both retired in July 1946. After retirement Agnes frequently returned to Cuddington as supply teacher when staff were absent for attendance at meetings or illness.

She developed a distinctive teaching style. She was energetic, brusque and purposeful. She brooked no misbehaviour. Fair, but strict, her former pupils have reported that children were in awe of her. She exercised firm control by her way with words and the use of a ruler on knuckles. Throughout her long career Agnes taught younger children and inculcated the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. She also taught older girls needlework. As early as 1923 an HMI report was positive. "The infants were well managed and are taught on proper lines" Twenty years later in 1944 the log book records that the Governors had been unable to replace a teacher who had resigned so Agnes was teaching a class of 55 children! An HMI report in 1946 commented, "Mrs Alton is retiring after long service to the school. Her contribution has been of particular merit". It was rare for a teacher to be singled out for praise in these reports. One of her 8 year old pupils asserted over 60 years later, "She had a reputation for being strict, but I liked her"!

Agnes contributed in many other ways apart from School to village life. She was a founder member of the Sunshine Club and the Women's Institute. She ran the village Brownies and Girl Guides which met weekly at Tyringham Hall. She played a crucial triple role in St Nicholas Church – serving as a Sunday School teacher, playing the organ and running the choir. A former choir member recalls fondly "She only had to look at us and we behaved".

Agnes died at 81 on Christmas Day 1964. Exactly 60 years before, to the day, she had been married to James "Harry" Alton, who had returned from the trenches where he served as groom to Colonel Bernard, at a Christmas ceremony in St Nicholas Church. A window in the church is dedicated to her – "In memory of Agnes Alton who served God here by teaching from 1896 to 1964"

Peter Wenham

volume to offenders at between 5.7% and 9%. We need to record some more volume figures over the next few weeks from the clicker, and see how these figures evolve.

If anyone has any questions about the Cuddington Speedwatch do not hesitate on contacting me on: stepnwright@gmail.com

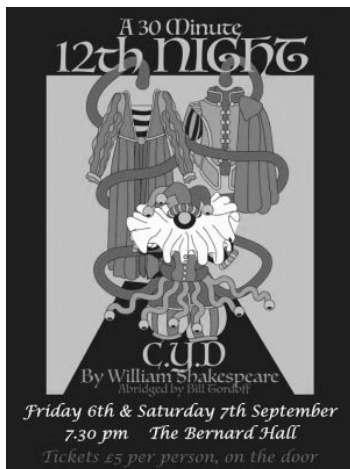
Drive safely and have a great October!

Steve Wright



Fringe Success!

It was a real treat to be able to see this encore production by CYD of their recent highly successful appearance at the Edinburgh Fringe.



Producer and Director Elaine English is to be congratulated in honing this wonderful group of youngsters into such a polished and professional cast. The performance of this abridged version of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at the Bernard Hall was excellent with some delightful cameo performances as well as the key central roles.

We print below a critique from the official Fringe coverage:

"Community theatre can mean a lot of different things, but in this version of Shakespeare's most well-constructed comedy, it means young actors who know how to work together to create a feeling of ease and joy that carries through to their audience. They were applauded at each scene break, as much for the camaraderie and care they had for each other as for their honest performances.



"Each actor brought something unique to their role, but stand-outs included a remarkable Malvolio, a confident Sir Toby, a riotous Feste,

and a hilariously sly and expressive Fabian. As often is the case, the two littlest cast members came close to stealing the show with their turns as Curio/Officer and 'Violet' (Maria's interpolated henchwoman). The future of British theatre looks secure if these young proto-professionals have any say in it."
Doyle edfringe.com



EVESHAM OUTING Tues 15th October



Visitors are welcome to join us on this scenic round trip to the Vale of Evesham, stopping off at Moreton-in-Marsh for coffee and the popular market, then on to Evesham Country Park for lunch and shopping.

Coach departs Cuddington Upper Green at 9.30am aiming to arrive home around 5pm. Pick-up possible also in Chearsley and Thame.

Cost £10 (coach only)

To book, phone Thelma Parry, 01844 291075

Remembrance in Cuddington

The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal 2019



From the third week in October to Remembrance Sunday, poppies will once again be sold around the village. Please give as generously as you possibly can to help the British Legion continue its vital work helping all the victims of war, the injured, the bereaved and their families.

Gift Aid: If you feel able, I would also like to ask you to sign a **Gift Aid Form** which will increase the value of your donations by 25% (a £5 donation might be reasonable for this). Our Poppy Sellers will have the forms with them, or you can get one from me: Jennifer Schram de Jong.

Our Village Remembrance Service will be held from 10 am on 10th November, at St. Nicholas Church, with the Act of Remembrance taking place at the War Memorial outside in the church yard a little before 11 am when wreaths and poppy crosses will be laid.

Please come and join us to remember and give thanks, especially for the lives of all the brave men and women who have died or been badly hurt in the service of their Queen and country, that we and our families and friends may live in peace and freedom.

Contact: jschramdejong@yahoo.co.uk at Larden, Spicketts Lane or Tel: 01844 291501

Tuesday Group

At our August meeting members enjoyed a very sociable



'Strawberries & Pimms' afternoon. In September we visited Tyringham Hall to learn something of its history and to see some of the changes carried out more recently. Members very much appreciated the talk by Mrs Sherry Scott and also enjoyed a lovely tea kindly provided for us. Many thanks to

Mrs Sherry Scott for her talk and also for her generous hospitality.

Our October meeting will be held at the Playing Fields Clubhouse on Tuesday, 8th October at 2.30 pm. Our speaker will be Marilyn Wright who will give a talk on 'Spinning in Modern Times'. Marilyn prepares her own yarn and is an experienced spinner and knitter.

Meeting fee is £2.00 including tea. New friends are very welcome.

Group contact is Rosemary Bradbury, tel. 01844 290249.

Riding for PACE

I would like to thank the many friends, neighbours and other kind residents of Cuddington who donated so generously to the Pace Centre this Summer, and would also like to report back on the ride. Your support is going to make a real difference to the children with cerebral palsy and other motor disorders who benefit from the education, therapy and support that Pace provides.

It was rather chilly as we set off from the Pace Centre on the Wendover Road on the Wednesday morning, but we had a lovely warm send-off from some of the pupils there and from staff and loyal family members. We had barely started to warm up before we had the first mishap, a clash of wheels between two of the more experience riders that required the assistance of Pete, our team mechanic, to get us rolling again. Onwards through the leafy Chilterns, we paused at Wooburn Green for coffee and cake before heading on to Runnymede, where ham and cheese rolls and a hint of drizzle awaited us. After lunch, the weather improved and the gradients reared up - by the end of the day we had climbed over 2,500 feet and covered 64 miles, at speeds that ranged between walking pace and (cough) possibly a little over the speed limit. We felt we had earned our supper by the time we rolled in to the Premier Inn near Gatwick.

Our second day was probably the most picturesque, and saw us meandering through quieter Kent lanes as far as Headcorn. By this stage, everyone was getting used to spending time in the saddle, and we'd settled into quite a routine. Our lovely support crew of Kelly, Andy and Pete made sure we were fed and watered along the way, and our ride leaders Alli, John and Bruce kept our spirits up with a constant stream of encouragement, wisecracks and "constructive" criticism.

Day three. Giraffes. Yes, as we rode through Romney Marsh, we were able to watch some of the residents of Port Lympne zoo foraging on the hillside before we met the sea near Hythe. Along the coast from there, we met the



toughest climb of the ride, a 2 mile slog up a busy A road out of Folkestone that saw the gradient hit 14% and two of our number resort to pushing their bikes up. But we all made it, and a calm ferry crossing led us to our third overnight stop, this time in Calais.

On the final day, I think most of us had remembered to wash the Pace jerseys we'd worn on day 1. We were a fine sight, I'm

told, as we rolled out across a landscape as flat as a very flat crepe. Having previously ridden in three highly disciplined groups, our final stage was a delightful mix-up of all the riders, the easy terrain giving us a chance to chat and to savour the sensation of covering the miles. Hectares of Brussels sprouts swept past, and we realised all too soon that we were in Belgium - the first I knew of this was when an elderly gent emerged from his house to inspect our bikes (especially our ride leader Bruce's spectacular bamboo bike) and I realised he was talking Flemish to his dog. We were greeted on the Grote Markt in Ypres with a celebratory glass of bubbly wine, a medal each and the promise of no more cycling the next day.

We'd covered about 206 miles in total, but the really brilliant news is that we'd smashed our fundraising target of £41,000. At the date of writing this, the total stands at around £47,800 and this is going to make a real difference for the children at the Pace Centre. It's not too late to donate - you can do so at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paulridesagain> or find Paul at Skittle Green Cottage on the Lower Green. You can find out more about Pace on their website at www.thepacecentre.org and it is registered charity number 1011133.

Calling Santas!



Call for local Santas to take to the streets for local Hospice care.

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity are putting out a call for Santas of all ages to take to the streets of Haddenham and Wendover this December.



After the success of last year's event in Wendover which saw over 320 Santas run, walk and scoot 2km through the

town raising over £2,000 for local hospice care, the Charity has added an additional event this year in Haddenham.

The Santa Dash will take place in Haddenham on Sunday 1st December and in Wendover on Saturday 21st December.

The Santa Dashes are suitable for all the generations, making this a great Christmas event for all the family. All entrants will be provided with a Santa suit to make a splash of seasonal colour through the streets.

A very special visitor will join the ever popular Florrie Bear to set the crowd of Santas on their way, cheer everyone on and say hello to all the children.

You can register for the events online at the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity website at fnhospice.org.uk/events/santa-dashes/, with Early Bird discounts available until midnight on 31st October or call 01296 429975 for more information.

THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE

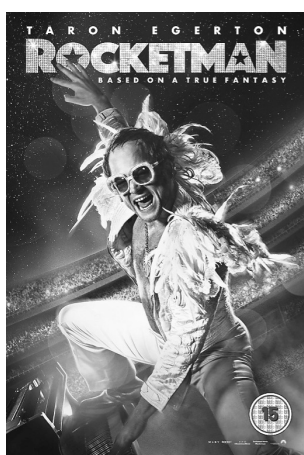
CUDDINGTON



We are pleased to announce that we have upgraded the projector at the Village Picture House to 4K Ultra High Definition. You will see a big difference, as 4K UHD delivers stunningly sharp and vivid pictures with four times as much detail as standard HD. From now on, films will be shown using 4K UHD discs whenever possible, including *Rocketman* and *Yesterday* (see below). The new projector also improves the quality of our National Theatre Live event pictures. Come and see!

We'd like to thank Andy and Tom Crown of AC Electrical Services, Quanton and Nick Rolls of Gemini Prototyping, Worminghall for their enormous help in delivering this upgrade project within a very tight budget.

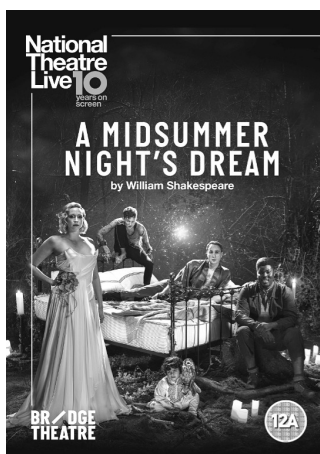
Our autumn season continues on Thursday 10th October, when



we'll be showing ***Rocketman*** (cert. 15). The film follows the fantastical journey of transformation from shy piano prodigy Reginald Dwight into international superstar Elton John. This epic musical fantasy about the incredible human story of Elton's breakthrough years received a standing ovation at the Cannes Film Festival. "Elton's sparkliest spectacle yet ... Taron Egerton is terrific as the singer," says *The Guardian*. "A heart-racing, toe-tapping, deliriously entertaining triumph," says *The Telegraph*.

"Taron Egerton, in a fantastic performance, doesn't impersonate Elton John, he becomes him," says *The Evening Standard*.

Then on Thursday 17th we'll be screening ***A Midsummer Night's Dream*** (cert. 12A), Shakespeare's most famous romantic comedy, captured live at the Bridge Theatre in London. A feuding fairy King and Queen of the forest cross paths with four runaway lovers and a troupe of actors trying to rehearse a play. As their dispute grows, the magical royal couple meddle with mortal lives leading to love triangles, mistaken identities and transformations... With hilarious but dark consequences. The Bridge Theatre will become a forest – a dream world of flying fairies, contagious fogs and moon-

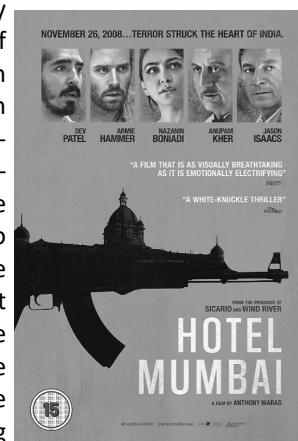


light revels, surrounded by a roving audience following the action on foot. "An erotic, enchanting, utterly modern *Dream* of a production," says *The Telegraph*. "This irreverent interpretation has the atmosphere of a party ... it's funny, sexy and romantic," says *The Evening Standard*. "Fabulously

performed ... it could be the most joyously affirmative Shakespeare production I've ever seen," says *Metro*.

On Thursday 24th our film will be ***Amazing Grace*** (cert. U), capturing an extraordinary look at a key moment in American musical and social history. In 1972, Aretha Franklin, the undisputed Queen of Soul, recorded an album of gospel music at The New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, before an ecstatic live audience. The result, "Amazing Grace", went on to become one of the biggest albums of Aretha Franklin's career and one of her most beloved works. But even as the album gained fans around the world, few realised that the inspirational sessions had not only been recorded, they had been filmed by a camera crew led by the Oscar-winning filmmaker Sydney Pollack. However, due to technical problems, the film has never been seen. Until now, that is... Music lovers won't want to miss this thrilling film. "It's a spine-tingling sensation," says *The Guardian*. "The ultimate testament to Aretha's eternal talent," says *The New Musical Express*. "Dazzling and stirring ... one of the best music documentaries of recent times," says *Time Out*.

On Thursday 31st we'll be showing ***Hotel Mumbai*** (cert. 15), the astonishing true story of the victims and survivors of the devastating attacks on Mumbai in 2008. On 26th November, a wave of devastating terror attacks throughout Mumbai catapulted the bustling Indian metropolis into chaos. In the heart of the city's tourist district, Jihadist terrorists laid siege to the iconic Taj Palace Hotel, whose guests and staff became trapped in a heroic, days-long fight for survival. The film features career-best performances from BAFTA winner Dev Patel (*Lion*, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*) and Golden Globe nominee Armie Hammer (*Call Me By Your Name*). "Hotel Mumbai is an excellent, white-knuckle thriller – and an unlikely crowd-pleaser," says *The Guardian*. "The tension flowing through every second is palpable," says the *UK Film Review*.



Looking ahead to November, on Thursday 7th we'll be showing ***Hansard***, a witty and devastating portrait of the governing class broadcast live from the National Theatre in London. On the 14th we'll be screening ***Yesterday***: after a mysterious global blackout, struggling singer Jack is the only person to remember the songs of The Beatles, and he's about to become a very big deal! Then on the 21st there's another chance to see ***Fleabag***, the hilarious one-woman show by Phoebe Waller-Bridge that inspired the hit TV series. Finally, on the 28th, there's ***Present Laughter***, Noël Coward's provocative comedy about fame, desire and loneliness, with Andrew Scott (BBC's *Sherlock*, *Fleabag*) in the lead role.

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



THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT

2019

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

HUNDREDS OF CHURCHES. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. ONE BIG QUIZ.

Get together with your friends, family and church for an epic evening of poverty-fighting fun.

For one night only – churches and other groups up and down the country will be taking part in the biggest multi-venue, nationwide quiz ever. We'd love you to join in!

In St Nicholas' Church, Cuddington
7.00pm for a prompt 7.15pm start

Every pound raised will help transform the lives of people living in poverty. Please visit www.tearfund.org/quiz to find out more.

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On Saturday 16th November, churches and other groups up and down the country will be taking part in the **Big Quiz Night** – a huge multi-venue, nationwide quiz. This year we at St Nicholas' Church will be taking part as well!

It will be a very special evening when we can get together and have fun, yet profoundly help in fighting poverty by raising money for those in need; last year's **Big Quiz Night** was a huge success with 500 churches and 23,000 people taking part.

So please join us either:

- by bringing a team of 6 to make up a table or
- just come yourself and we will find a team for you! (but do book your ticket in advance)

and bring your own "Winter Picnic" meal with donations for other refreshments.

Tickets are £5 each and are available from:

Caroline Saker on 01844 291825

or

online at:

www.cuddingtonvillage.com/church

Doors open at 7.00pm for a prompt 7.15pm start for the quiz. There will be a break of ½ hour at about 8.00pm for your "Winter Picnic" and a short film on some of Tearfund's work.

The evening will finish at about 9.30pm



In August, at the kind invitation of Jean and Keith McCulloch, Gardening Club Members visited Cuddington Mill. The garden is beautifully situated next to the river with very well planted herbaceous borders. The experience was further enhanced by the sunshine and a friendly welcome from Jean and Keith. Well over a 100 black poplar trees have been planted. These are native to the UK but have been in steady decline over recent years. The afternoon ended with tea and homemade cakes in the garden, and very positive feedback from members.



Auriculas (above) the subject of September's talk

In September our talk was "Meticulous Auriculas" by James Smallwood. There are over 600 varieties of the plant which originated in the European Alps. The common name for the auricular, or primula, was 'Bear's Ears' (*auricula ursi*) due to the shape and downy texture of the leaf. Different groups of auricula included alpinas (although not actually alpine plants as we know them) doubles, stripes, borders and edges, often dusted with farina, a white flour like dust. This was a lovely presentation with photographs of auriculas in every possible colour, and the use of props to help us remember salient points.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 14th October when Dr Hazel Roberts' talk will be "Growing Food not Gluts" - looking at the way to avoid growing more fruit and vegetables than you can cope with and ingenious ways to use, preserve and store your harvest. There will also be preserves for sale. Please come and join us (free of charge for your first meeting)

Finally, tips for October:

Cut back perennials. Move fragile tender plants into the greenhouse. Give hedges and lawns a final trim. Harvest apples and other fruit. Prune climbing roses.

Cutting the Grass



As everyone probably knows, we pay to have the village greens cut regularly during the cutting season to ensure the village always looks its best.

Until about three years ago, Bucks County Council cut the roadside verges within the village boundary. As a cost cutting measure, the frequency of cuts was reduced to a level that meant the verges would often be very overgrown and, additionally, the work was not always well done. The Parish Council took the decision to take over this responsibility and pay a contractor to do the cutting of verges. Whilst the contractor has changed, this is continuing satisfactorily.

Historically, the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust, which owns a number of houses on Bernard Close, Welford Way and Swan Hill, has had the responsibility for the wide verge on Swan Hill and the grass along Bernard Close. The VAHT performance was poor and often the cutting did not happen at all! We have been notified that they will no longer take this responsibility. Consequently, the PC decided that there was no option, other than to add this additional work to the existing contract.

This process of 'devolving' more work down to parish councils, inevitably, results in greater costs to the PC, as any payment there may, or may not be, is only a small proportion of the real cost to get the work done to an acceptable standard.

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With this in mind we are always on the look out for helpers, so if you can mend fences, paint walls or make tea while someone else does, then we are very keen to hear from you. The next committee meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th October at 8pm** in the playing fields clubhouse.

As a charity, the CPFA needs to comply with guidelines set out by the charity commission. One of these criteria is that we have 4 trustees to oversee the work of the committee, ensuring that they are acting in accordance with charity commission rules and in the best interests of the village. Currently we have 3 trustees with Ken Brown and Bryan McMahon joining Ken Birkby. But we are still on the look out for 1 more. Could that be you? Anyone is eligible to apply so if this is something you would like to learn more about please contact Ken Birkby on ken@vivsemmens.force9.co.uk

Cuddington Bar and Social Club News!

In other developments the bar team has had a recent overhaul. Malcolm Thomas has taken over as Chair, working alongside Andy Muir who recently joined as Treasurer and Ellen Dyer, as Secretary. We also have a new bar team to work alongside long term volunteer Deana Bates.

One of the first changes to be implemented has been regarding the opening hours. The bar now opens 8-11pm Wednesdays, 5-11pm Fridays, 5-11pm Saturdays and 2-5pm on Sundays. So far we have been pleased with the increased turnout across the weekend sessions, in particular having the chip van visit us on a Saturday has proved popular although we did make him late for his next stop! We hope that this level of business will continue.



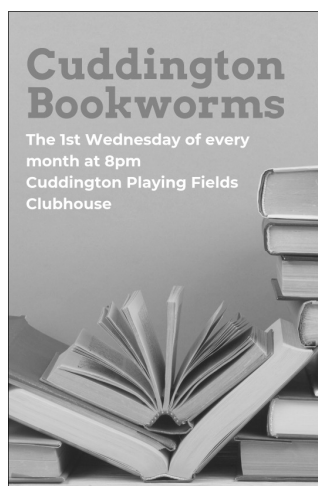
Jim (above) hard at work and (below) the before and after result



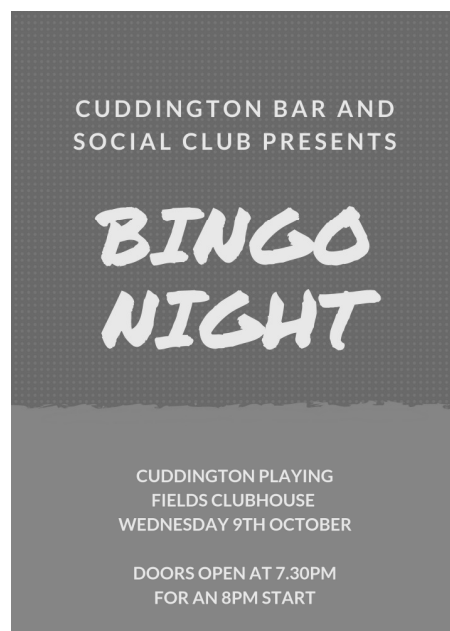
The bar team will also be seeking to provide events nights for villagers such as music nights, pool tournaments, quizzes and bingo. We have also put in some board games to keep kids and adults alike entertained indoors. If you are having a clear out and have any to donate, then please send them our way.

Malcolm has spoken with our brewery who has confirmed they will be upgrading the beer system, so watch this space for further updates!

We are also keen to hear any ideas from villagers as to what you would like to see from the bar and clubhouse. So next time to pop in, please chat to Malcolm or one of the bar staff. We look forward to welcoming you soon!



See below for forthcoming events at the Clubhouse



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

W B Yeats 1865 - 1939



October

Tuesday 1 st , 7.30pm	Village Picture House 'Placido Domingo: 50 th Anniversary Gala'
Wednesday 2 nd , 8.00pm	Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 3 rd , 8.00pm	Village Picture House NTLive 'Fleabag'
Saturday 5 th , 9.00am	Village Picture House 'Rugby World Cup: England vs. Argentina'
Monday 7 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 8 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 9 th , 7.30pm	Bingo Night, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 10 th , 7.30pm	Village Picture House 'Rocketman'
Saturday 12 th , 9.15am	Village Picture House 'Rugby World Cup: England vs. France'
Monday 14 th , 7.30pm	Gardening Club - Clubhouse. Contact Carol Hayward (292295)
Tuesday 15 th , 9.30am	Sunshine Club outing to Evesham
Thursday 17 th , 7.00pm	Village Picture House NTLive 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'
Wednesday 18 th , 7.30pm	Fete AGM, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 21 st , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 23 rd , 7.30pm	Quiz Night, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 24 th , 8.00pm	Village Picture House 'Amazing Grace'
Monday 28 th , 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
Thursday 31 st , 8.00pm	Village Picture House 'Hotel Mumbai'

November

Monday 4 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 6 th , 8.00pm	Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 7 th , 7.00pm	Village Picture House NTLive 'Hansard'
Monday 11 th , 7.30pm	Gardening Club - Clubhouse. Contact Carol Hayward (292295)
Tuesday 12 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Saturday 16 th , 7.00pm	TearFund Big Quiz, St Nicholas Church
Monday 18 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 25 th , 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
Thursday 21 st , 8.00pm	Village Picture House NTLive 'Fleabag'
Thursday 28 th , 7.00pm	Village Picture House NTLive 'Present Laughter'



The lovely gardens of Tyringham Hall were the venue for the 2019 Charity Fashion Show. The sun shone brightly as the audience took their seats on either side of the catwalk, but gazebos provided



welcome shade.. The local volunteer models ranged in age from 2 years to 70 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.

Our compere, Phil, provided his usual amusing commentary and when the show ended, the audience was invited to

browse the collection of items for sale. A delicious cream tea was included in the modest entry fee. The show provided great bargains for the audience, revenue for the charity shops and funds for the Sunshine Club. - a most worthwhile afternoon.

Tennis Star!

Amelie (Brooks), Cuddington resident, Aylesbury High School pupil and trains at Halton was 12U singles finalist at the GB national tennis championships in Bournemouth this week – a great achievement and very positive performances from her all round.



Ballet comes to Cuddington

KaSo Studios provide Dance and Fitness classes for adults and children in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire and are pleased to be launching a new class in The Bernard Hall, Cuddington from Friday 6th September 2019 at 12.45pm.

Our **Ballet Basics and Conditioning** classes feature exercises specifically designed to strengthen the multitude of muscles used in all elements of Ballet dancing, and we cover steps and pertinent vocabulary. We include a fun aerobic warm up, some mat work and stretching throughout. These classes are a wonderful way to exercise the mind and body alike!

Our diverse programme gives you the chance to exercise safely and effectively, learn to dance and above all have FUN in a warm and supportive environment.



We are absolutely committed to your enjoyment of every class and we pride ourselves on delivering exceptional quality teaching at great value.

For further information visit our website www.kasostudios.co.uk or contact us at enquiries@kasostudios.co.uk



We have had a fantastic full week back at school. Our House Captains and School Councillors have been democratically elected, with discussions on the Junior site about what this means and everyone has their badges.

We are delighted to announce our school has been awarded a 'Gilt' Primary Science quality Mark (PSQM) thanks to the hard work of our staff and pupils- especially Mrs Bowman, our science coordinator.

This prestigious award ensures effective leadership of science, enabling us to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. By achieving the PSQM we have demonstrated commitment and expertise in science teaching and leadership at Cuddington and Dinton School.

I was fortunate enough to show two Headteachers around our school recently. They had come to look at the provision for our trainee teachers but were 'blown away' by the calm learning environment. Theirs is a very large inner Aylesbury school and they were amazed by the facilities we have for the children. Another proud moment for Cuddington and Dinton!

We are gearing up for our annual **Bag2School Fund-raising Collection** Monday 14 October so we are asking family and friends of children in the school to have a sort out as well! The more we collect the more we raise for the school and the children. We are happy to receive unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, hats, bedding, towels and soft toys – so please have a clear out and pass items onto a school contact.

We are always very pleased to welcome parishioners at Family Services and the next one at St Nicholas' Cuddington is on 16th October at 9:00am

Kim Price, Headteacher

Greener Cuddington



At the time of writing this, our 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' is looking more like a rather parched mid-summer, and farmers are getting concerned about sowing winter wheat in dry soil. When you look at the TV weather maps, it's rather as if the Atlantic fronts have started sliding up an invisible barrier running from Dorset up to Hull so the south-east of England misses out on our usual rain.

The warm, dry summer has also been very enjoyable and seems to have been a great one for fruit: bramble bushes are covered in delicious blackberries, apple and pear trees are groaning with fruit and it's all lovely and sweet. However, so much of it seems to be left to fall to the ground, which is nice for the red admiral butterflies drinking the sweet juice of fallen cherry

plums on Lower Church Road, and the blackbirds and thrushes gorging on fallen apples. In fact, it's very good for nature to leave some for the birds. But it seems odd that so many of us buy these fruits, even blackberries, at the supermarkets when it is there for the picking, so to speak.



Concern is rising everywhere, including the water companies, about the lack of rain - we have had about 17% of our normal September rain after 2 dry years. Tragically, the Chiltern chalk streams (the rivers Ver, Chess, Misbourne and Wye) are actually drying up and disappearing and the few remaining fish are having to be removed to keep them alive. They are a lovely feature of the Chiltern landscape and the River Thames is also affected because it is fed by chalk springs rising below the Chiltern scarp from Wendover to Ewelme. We must hope for a wet winter so the aquifer has a chance to recover, but in the meantime neither the government nor the Environment Agency are declaring a drought and our water use is among the highest in Europe at 175 litres per day per head.

We can all take more care of water from our taps and waste less: if we do not do so, and water companies don't get better at fixing leaks, then London and the south-east are predicted to experience water shortages by 2030 or earlier.

There are a number of web sites which give tips on how to save water, including thameswater.co.uk and [https://www.edenproject.com](http://www.edenproject.com)

*By the way, if you like to spend time in our English hills but don't see a lot of wildlife, check out my latest book, *Wildlife Of The Pennine Hills* (Published by Merlin Unwin Books).
Doug Kennedy*

Services at St. Nicholas

(Churchwardens: Helen Keeping 291635 and James Stonham 292221)

October

6th 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

13th 10.00 am ALL-AGE SERVICE

20st 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

27th 10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP

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

Methodist Chapel services from October are:

1st and 2nd Sundays in the month 10.30am - 12.00

3rd, 4th and (5th) evening service at 5.30pm.

