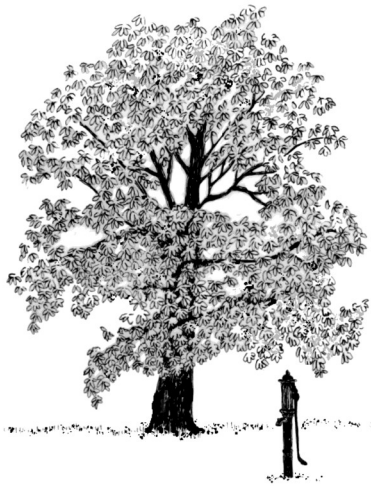




# Cuddington Village Voice

**November 2019**

**Cuddington Playing Fields  
Presents**

## **BONFIRE & FIREWORKS PARTY**

**FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER**

**DOORS OPEN 6PM, FIREWORKS AT 7.30PM**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Cuddington Playing Fields, Bernard Close,  
HP18 0AJ**

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Cuddington Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and will take steps to fill the vacancy by co-option at its meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. From 1 April 2020, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council, Chiltern District Council, South Bucks District Council and Wycombe District Council will be replaced by a single, new **Buckinghamshire Council**. As a result, the Parish Council elections, due to be held in 2019, will be held in May 2020. The term of office of Parish Councillors is four years.

Being a Councillor is a rewarding role that provides a great sense of achievement. You have an opportunity to make a real difference to the vibrancy, appearance and facilities of Cuddington.

Cuddington Parish Council provides services at a village level; representing its electors in the parish ward. The Council is funded by the precept (raised as part of Council Tax) and takes responsibility for a range of local matters and community needs.

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## **Playing Fields and Clubhouse News**

### **Tree planting on the Playing Fields**

The Playing Fields Committee met recently and confirmed our wish to participate in Cuddington's Plant for the Planet initiative. New committee member Louise Butler has identified a Woodland Trust Scheme that we can benefit from to help us achieve this aim. The Woodland Trust will supply the Playing Fields Committee with 105 tree saplings, comprising approximately 30 different indigenous species, which will enable us to create a hedgerow along the rear southeast-facing boundary of the playing fields. All packs come with bamboo canes and 60cm spiral guards, which protect the young trees from rabbits and other small mammals, everything we need to create and safeguard our new hedgerow.

As well as helping to improve the ecological health of Planet Earth, we hope that in years to come this will provide a windbreak and shelter for those watching sports on the Playing Fields.

We will be planting in March 2020 and will be seeking to form a community group to help prepare the land and to plant and maintain the trees. All are welcome to assist; we hope to make this a real village effort. Specific details will follow in January 2020 once we have our sapling order confirmed.

### **Bingo!**

The return of Bingo at the Clubhouse has proven a great success, with the next session already scheduled for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Thanks to a generous donation from villager Andy Kinchella, our Bingo callers Mollie and Thelma have been able to purchase an electronic bingo machine.

### **Pool Table Upgrade**

Having experienced a number of issues with our rather dated pool table, we will be leasing a brand new table. This is due to be delivered within the next couple of weeks.

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## Thought for the month...



November is of course, the month in which our church in Cuddington and our country generally holds Remembrance Day services and in 2018 we marked 100 years since the Armistice was signed. Some have suggested that we should no longer hold Remembrance services which led me to cogitate about why we make a point of remembering, not just for Remembrance Sunday, but remembering generally.

Remembrance Sunday is an opportunity to remember and give thanks for those who served in our armed forces in order for all of us to be safe, protecting this country. It is also an opportunity to pray that we never have to go through the same situation again. It is said that we learn from our mistakes and that is certainly true in some ways, a burnt finger quickly teaches us not to touch! But it is also said that mistakes have to be relearned in every generation because we do not recall the experiences of a past generation. For me, therefore, the importance and value of our annual Remembrance Service is that it attempts to communicate that experience from one generation to another, in order that we may learn from the experience of those who have gone before us which will help us avoid a similar situation in the future.

Clearly, if we did not remember, we would not learn, we would never have achieved all the things that mankind generally and each of us as individuals has achieved and so remembering is essential for each one of us. A simple smell can trigger a memory, or a piece of music, a picture or certain words can all suddenly bring a memory to the fore in our minds. Memory is a wonderful thing!

All of us remember things, it is part of being human and the tragedy of dementia as people forget who they are and particularly what others meant to them. Who we are is in part related to our relationship with families, friends as well as to our location and possessions that surround us. So losing that connection sadly changes people and that is hard for those who remember them as they were before they started to lose those connections. But as someone who regularly takes services in our residential homes where people with dementia live, it is always a joy to notice what people do remember, in particular the Lord's Prayer and hymns, and joining in with enthusiasm!

The bible speaks in many places of remembering, but particularly in Deuteronomy Ch. 4, verses 7-9:

*"What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them."*

Indeed, Rudyard Kipling remembered these words in his poem 'Recessional' in 1897:

'God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle line,  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine—  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!'

**May we always remember!**

Revd. Jonathan Hawkins

## Evening Services In the Benefice



During November there will be no evening services throughout the benefice; but next month there will be several evening carol services and details will be published in the next edition of Village Voice. Please check websites and church notice sheets, for details of all services.

## Cuddington Methodist Church Carol Service

**December 19th 2019**

Come and join us at 3.30 pm for carols and 'Letters from Bethlehem' - a unique way of telling the Christmas Story.

Carols will be accompanied by a group of musicians from the local area (not to be missed)!

As usual delicious refreshments and mulled apple juice and coffee /tea will be served following the celebration.

Make your Christmas begin here and put the date in your diary.

We would love to see you.

Special surprises for the children!

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# Turkey or Goose...

## Which to choose & where to buy?

*Franky*

(by Food Writer: Franky Cookson)

**The case for Goose:** For up to six people, free range goose is a rare treat. Its crispy skin and rich dark meat is mouth-wateringly delicious, and lends itself wonderfully to savoury stuffing and sharp, fruity sauces, like apple. But even a large goose will provide no more than six or seven servings. So if you suspect that you might be feeding more than six, my advice is to choose turkey.

**The case for turkey:** A slowly-reared turkey that has been dry-plucked, then hung, to bring out the flavour, is in a league of its own. You can expect moist, succulent meat that goes wonderfully with chestnut stuffing, bread sauce, and all the trimmings. Weight for weight, a turkey can feed almost double the number of people as can a goose. And for smaller numbers there's also the option of a Crown.

**Where to buy?:** A local source of the most exceptional turkeys and geese is in nearby Stone. Starveall Farm's turkeys have won Great Taste Awards for succulence and flavour - and their geese have been receiving accolades ever since they were introduced, last year. All their birds are slowly reared, to the highest standards of welfare.

They come, boxed, oven-ready and complete with instructions, so they are really easy to cook.

### Turkey or goose?

Whichever your preference, if you go for quality, you won't go wrong.

[www.starveallturkeys.co.uk](http://www.starveallturkeys.co.uk) 01296 747 549



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As well as Councillors working together as a team, some Councillors participate in committees or working groups such as the newly formed Traffic Action Group.

The Parish Council is also responsible for the Neighbourhood Plan, working with other members of the community through a Steering Group supported by Task Members to prepare Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan; a Plan which will influence the way the village evolves over the plan period to 2033. Meetings are held on the last Monday of the month (at 7.30pm in the Bernard Hall) and generally last no more than two hours. Site visits, to consider planning applications, tend to take place on the Sunday preceding the Parish Council Meeting. The AGM takes place every May. Every meeting is a public meeting with an opportunity for parishioners to raise concerns or ask questions during Parishioners' Question Time at the beginning of each meeting. Councillors are given support in performing their duties from the Parish Council Clerk. Training is also available to new Councillors through organisations such as Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils.

To become a Councillor you must be over 18 and a British national or qualifying citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Community. To stand for an election of Cuddington Parish Council you must be an elector of the parish or; for the whole of the previous 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish, or; during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work), or; for the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary.

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### Local Government Act 1972 Section 87 (2)

### CASUAL VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that one vacancy exists in the office of Parish Councillor for the PARISH OF CUDDINGTON.

The Parish Council will [take steps to fill the vacancy by co-option](#). Any person interested in becoming a Cuddington Parish Councillor should please apply to:

Venetia Davies  
Clerk  
Cuddington Parish Council  
Prospect Cottage  
The Green  
Cheersley  
Aylesbury  
Bucks  
HP18 0DJ

Email: [cuddingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:cuddingtonpc@gmail.com)

**By 5pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Parish Clerk  
28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

The Agenda and Minutes of the Parish Council can be viewed at  
[www.cuddingtonvillage.com](http://www.cuddingtonvillage.com)



## 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 is World Toilet Day!

2.3 BILLION PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A TOILET

**GIVE A FAMILY A LOO LEASE OF LIFE**

**TOILETS, TAPS AND TRAINING – A LIFESAVING TRIO**

**WE ARE FLUSHING AWAY POVERTY, ONE TOILET AT A TIME.**

By donating £60 (just over a £1 a week if you want to save it up) to twin your toilet, you help fund a project in a poor community that will enable families **to build a basic toilet**, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.

When you twin, we'll send you a certificate to hang in your loo – (it's a great conversation piece with guests!) showing a photograph of your overseas toilet twin and GPS coordinates so you can look up your twin's location on Google Maps!

<https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

Alan Marsh

## Hot Topic...and it's not Brexit !

Traffic has been an issue in the village for a long time now and it's not getting any better; indeed some feel it's getting worse. Volumes of traffic, speeding vehicles, the number and frequency of heavy vehicles, safety of pedestrians and parking are all problems that affect the quality of life of us all.

The good news is that the Parish Council's Traffic Calming initiative is making some good progress. The road marking scheme should now be visible on Bridgeway and Dadbrook, with Aylesbury Road to follow later. Some funding has been agreed for a 'build-out' on Aylesbury Road and we are now waiting for BCC to deal with planning and scheduling. Steve Wright and his volunteers are doing sterling work with Sentinel Speedwatch and speeding drivers passing through the village are being contacted by Thames Valley Police. A 20's Plenty Scheme is now established in the village and its activities will be seen soon.

In the past there have been groups of volunteers trying to help resolve some of the issues under the title of Traffic Action Group (TAG)

It is now timely to reinvigorate and coordinate all our efforts and look for additional initiatives. The Parish Council is encouraging the set-up of a new Traffic Action Group, which will be titled TAG 2020, drawn from volunteers from across the village.

We have asked Peter Spence, who lives in Aylesbury Road, to lead this group and he is developing plans to take TAG 2020 forward. If you would like to be involved in any way please contact Peter at 2 Aylesbury Road, tel. 291711 or [prspence@btinternet.com](mailto:prspence@btinternet.com). or Ken Birkby 292921 [ken@vivsemmens.force9.co.uk](mailto:ken@vivsemmens.force9.co.uk).

Being involved does not necessarily mean being on the coordinating group but might be volunteering for an hour every few weeks, or using particular skills you have. The well-being of Cuddington is in all our interests, so please help in some way.

## Tree of Light Events

### Time to reflect at the 2019 Tree of Light Events

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has announced details of their 2019 Tree of Light commemoration events.

The Charity recognises Christmas can be a very emotional occasion and hosts two Tree of Light events which are open to all, regardless of religion or spirituality, and whether or not your loved one was cared for at the Hospice or elsewhere.



"The Tree of Light events are designed to give people a space where a part of the season is set aside to remember and reflect on loved ones," says Ann Kenny, the Bereavement

"We are aware that many of our families are not Christians and may prefer something less religious but still thoughtful and meditative," says Vicky James, Events and Community Manager. "There are lots of other poems and readings which bring comfort, and beautiful music apart from carols, so we are trying something new to see what people think."

The Buckingham Tree of Light event will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 5pm at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Castle Street and will retain its more traditional feel, with prayers, readings and carols, so the Charity hopes that there is something for everyone in the two events.

As well as attending the Tree of Light events, you can also sponsor a light in memory of loved ones and write a dedication which will appear in the Books of Honour which can be viewed at the Hospice in December and early January, and at the two Tree of Light events.

To sponsor a light in memory of someone go to [fnhospice.org.uk/tree-of-light](http://fnhospice.org.uk/tree-of-light) or call the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity Fundraising Team on 01296 429 975.

Support Team Lead at the Hospice. "Christmas can often be a time of conflicting emotions, or it can be so busy that those who are grieving can't find a time to process feelings of sadness which may come to the fore at this time of year." This year's Aylesbury Tree of Light event has moved indoors for 2019 and will take place at Aylesbury High School on Walton Road on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 5pm. It will also have a change of format, with more secular readings and music, rather than carols and prayers.



# Greener Cuddington

You may be finding, like me, that it has become difficult to turn The News on as it is full of strife, problems without solutions and repellent politics.

Several of those problems are centred on our global and local environment and governments everywhere seem resistant and slow to act positively. So I thought it might be helpful for me to list some ways in which we, as individuals, can choose to reduce our impact on the environment and make a contribution to the World our grandchildren will inherit.

## Political:

Write to your MP (John Bercow, currently, who is good at forwarding letters to Secretaries of State and then responding.) and local councillors about what concerns you: be passionate.

Research the attitudes of candidates in elections before voting.

Join a campaigning group (look up what concerns you on the internet).

Join a demonstration.

## Travel:

Flying produces the most CO2 in peoples' individual lives. Offsetting helps, but limiting the flying undertaken is really the answer.

CO2 is produced and materials used in making cars, so big cars have a bigger impact.

Look into the emissions when buying a new car: electric and hybrid cars are becoming more normal, useful and affordable (Hydrogen cars are the best and do exist, but not generally available...yet.)

Drive with a light foot - it makes a big difference to fuel consumption.

Share cars or take public transport when you can.

## In Your Home:

Check your house for good insulation and get rid of draughts. Don't heat the entire house unless you really need to and use a thermostat so the timing and temperature deliver the warmth you need and no more.

If you don't have cavity wall insulation, aluminium foil behind radiators can make them more effective.

Lighting has become much less energy-intensive since the introduction of LED bulbs, but the multitude of electronic products has taken up the slack in many cases. Computers and screens left on can cost a lot of energy.

Water is precious: don't waste it! Lots of water-saving tips on the Internet. People in our area use over 150 litres of water per day on average where the European average is below 125 litres. We should be aiming for 80 litres a day, like the Danes. Don't waste food and do recycle waste.

## In Your Garden:

Do not use slug pellets (especially if you like the song thrush and hedgehogs which love to eat snails and slugs but are poisoned by pellets).

Limit the use of pesticides of all sorts to the absolute minimum (preferably none at all).

Leave some space for wildflowers to grow.

Use bird feeders, but keep them clean or you can poison the creatures you want to encourage.

Don't use peat compost.

This list is far from exhaustive (eg I haven't touched on plastics), but may stimulate some new thoughts on how you can reduce your environmental footprint without making life difficult.

Doug Kennedy

## Half-muffled Bellringing

In November we attach a leather pad to one side of each bell's clapper so that it sounds on the handstroke and is muted on the backstroke. Half- muffled ringing is particularly poignant on Remembrance Sunday but we sometimes ring like this for funerals.

There are some beautiful clips of half – muffled ringing on You Tube. Look at Jemma Mills 4 ½ min clip from St Paul's Cathedral to give you an idea. English change ringing is a wonderful blend of sport, music, exercise and friendship and attracts people from all ages and walks of life.

If you have tried it in the past or want to find out about learning please contact

Caroline Stonham, Cuddington Tower Captain.  
(caroline@holymans.co.uk)



AYLESBURY  
Choral Society

Will be performing

**Puccini: *Messa di Gloria*,  
Vaughan Williams: *Fantasia on  
Christmas Carols*,  
and Gustav Holst: *Christmas Day*  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm  
at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury**

**Soloists:** Geraint Dodd – tenor  
and Stuart Pendred – baritone  
with organ accompaniment by Colin Spinks  
**Tickets, £15 (or £5 for under 18s)** are  
available from [asanderson@waitrose.com](mailto:asanderson@waitrose.com)  
or visit our website:

**[www.aylesburychoral.org.uk](http://www.aylesburychoral.org.uk)**

Note the date of our Spring 2020 concert when we shall be performing Handel: *Messiah* with orchestra and four soloists at St Mary's on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

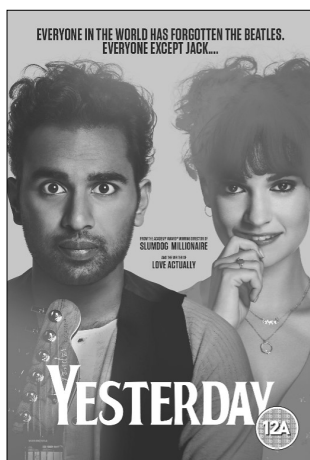
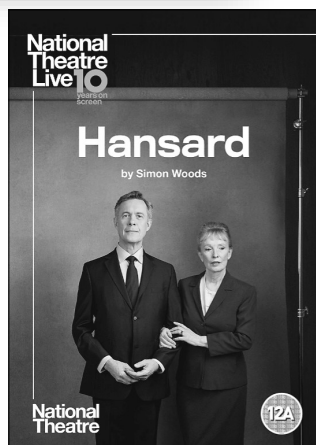
Thank you to the incredible team of people who run the village cinema. The banner is so classy as are all the flyers and website notifications, what a beautiful Hall we all share, the seats are so comfortable, it is such a pleasure to sit with a glass of wine or cup of tea together to watch these wonderful programmes. What a lucky village we are!

*Thank you all so much! Anonymous*

## THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON



Our autumn season continues on Thursday 7th November, when we'll be showing **Hansard** (cert. 12A), broadcast live from the National Theatre in London. It's a summer's morning in 1988 and Tory politician Robin Hesketh has returned home to the idyllic Cotswold house he shares with his wife of 30 years, Diana. But all is not as blissful as it seems. Diana has a stinking hangover, a fox is destroying the garden, and secrets are being dug up all over the place. As the day draws on, what starts as gentle ribbing and the familiar rhythms of marital scrapping quickly turns to blood-sport... Don't miss this witty and devastating portrait of the governing class, directed by Simon Godwin (NT Live: *Antony & Cleopatra*, *Twelfth Night*) and starring Lindsay Duncan (*Birdman*, *About Time*) and Alex Jennings (*The Lady in the Van*, *The Queen*). "Touching and illuminating all at once," says *The Times*. "Promising and engrossing ... the performances simply take the breath away," says *WhatsOnStage*. "Alex Jennings and Lindsay Duncan snipe to perfection," says *The Guardian*.



Then on Thursday 14th we'll be screening **Yesterday** (cert. 12A), starring Himesh Patel and Lily James with a cameo from Ed Sheeran. Jack (Patel) is a struggling singer whose dreams are fading, despite the devotion of his friend Ellie (James). But after a mysterious global blackout, Jack wakes to discover that The Beatles have never existed – and he finds himself with a very complicated problem. From Danny Boyle (*Slumdog Millionaire*, 2012 Olympics

Opening Ceremony) and screenwriter Richard Curtis (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Love Actually*) comes this endearing comedy about music, dreams, and the long and winding road that leads to the love of your life. "Danny Boyle and Richard Curtis make a dream duo," says *The Telegraph*. "A glowing tribute to The Beatles and their music," says *Empire*. "How can you resist such a full-throated, playful celebration of some of the best songs ever recorded? You don't," says *Time Out*. On Thursday 28th we'll be showing NT Live's **Present Laughter** (cert. 12A), Noël Coward's provocative comedy captured live at The Old Vic in London. As he prepares to embark on an overseas tour, star actor Garry Essendine's colourful life is in danger of spiralling out of control. Engulfed by an escalating identity crisis as his many and various relationships compete for his attention, Garry's few remaining days at home are a chaotic whirlwind of love, sex, panic and soul-searching.

Andrew Scott (BBC's *Sherlock*, *Fleabag*) stars in this giddy and surprisingly modern reflection on fame, desire and loneliness.

"Andrew Scott's revelatory performance shows why Noël Coward is hailed a genius," says *The Telegraph*. "The show belongs to Andrew Scott ... his panache fills the entire theatre," says *The Times*.

"Andrew Scott is wondrous in this revelatory refresh of Noël Coward's classic comedy," says *Time Out*.

Looking ahead to December, on Thursday 5th we'll be showing **The Lion King**, Disney's all-new, "Live Action" remake of the 1994 classic. This family

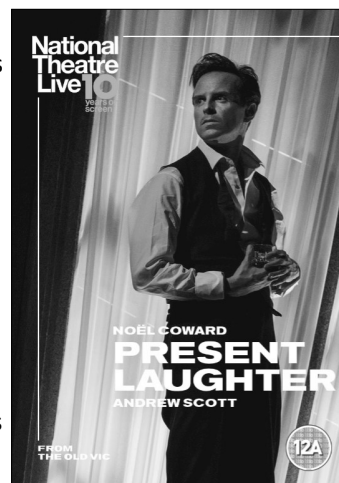
movie will be shown at the earlier start time of 7.00 pm. On the 12th we hope to screen **Blinded By The Light**, a real "feel-good" film about a young British Pakistani teenager who learns to live life and find his own voice through the words and music of Bruce Springsteen.

*Please note that this film will have to be postponed if there is a General Election on 12th December.*

Finally, on the 19th, we hope to bring you a very special Christmas treat – watch this space!

Visit the web page for more details of all features:

[www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema](http://www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema)



## RNLI Volunteer Needed



For the past decade I have been Flag Day Organiser for the Aylesbury Branch of the Royal National Lifeboats Institution, organising collections in Aylesbury and Thame. Over that period we have put some £25,000 - £30,000 into the Institution's funds.

I am now in my 80s, and I have a wife with increasingly severe Parkinson's Disease who needs my care. So with reluctance I have decided to give up the responsibility for fundraising. Together with my fellow committee members and my team of volunteer collectors I have been trying since January to recruit someone to take over the role, but with no success. I wonder if there is anyone in the village who would be prepared to give it a go?

The post entails organising about five collections a year, maintaining a list of volunteer collectors, and attending two or three committee meetings a year. All the data and mechanisms involved are in place and computer based. Anyone taking on the role would need to drive and to have storage space for collecting boxes – which do not occupy any great space.

I would be very grateful to hear from anyone interested either by email [tonyhall.rnli@outlook.com] or by phone [208474].

# Cuddington Village Harvest Hog Roast

Well over 130 villagers and visitors attended this year's Harvest Hog Roast at the Playing Fields Clubhouse on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Following last year's success this was even bigger with a marquee and a live country music duet, A Little Bit of Country, and as much roast hog as you could eat! A huge thank you goes to Ben Clayton for arranging the hog as well as both cooking and serving it (see picture) – a fantastic job!

A group of some younger members of CYD got the evening off to a great start by performing a dance routine for the attendees – see photograph, and everyone enjoyed the get-together and fellowship; there were competitions to be viewed, dancing to be done as well as eating and drinking.

The weather just about held with the worst of the forecast rain coming after the main activity.

Over £250 was collected during the evening and at the Harvest service the next day which was being divided between Tearfund and the Aylesbury Vineyard and we were most grateful to both Haddenham Beer Festival Trust and Cuddington Fete Committee for grants to help cover some of our additional costs for this year.

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## New Beer

The bar team have made a series of improvements to the beer offering. The first was switching our standard draught lager to Carlsberg, which offers better value for money. We have also added San Miguel and an American Pale Ale called Shed Head, both on draught. Our supplier Dayla have kindly installed, free of charge new pumps and a new chiller to maintain quality and improve shelf life. XT Brewery matched Dayla's donation and installed a new chiller and pumps specifically for the Snake IPA, which has stabilised the temperature and improved flavour. We are incredibly grateful to our suppliers for helping us out with this. In addition to the draught beers on offer, we now have a selection of bottled ales including XT3 and XT4, as well as gluten free options Green King IPA and Brew Dog Vagabond.

## Wi-Fi

Unfortunately due to the high costs of installing a new telegraph pole in the car park and running a phone line into the Clubhouse, we are unable to provide Wi-Fi at this time. This doesn't mean it won't happen in the future, but we need to look at ways to fund this.

## Card Payments

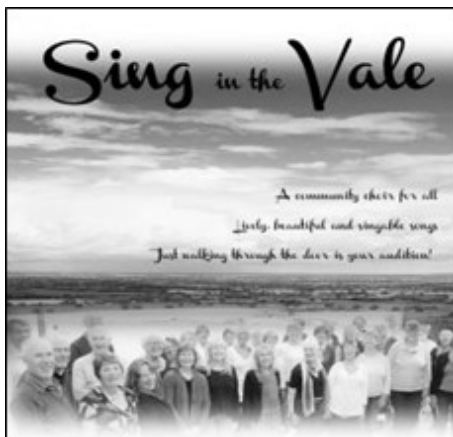
Bar Treasurer Andy Muir has investigated the possibility of us accepting card payments for bar purchases and we are pleased to announce that this is something we can still do, even in the absence of Wi-Fi. We are in the process of identifying the best deal and operating system for us, and hope to have this up and running as soon as possible.

## Memberships

A reminder that to be able to use the clubhouse bar, you need to be a member. Fees are £10 per family, £5 individual and £3 concession. This allows you to purchase drinks at a subsidised rate. Memberships are due in January 2020, but we are currently running an offer where new members can sign up now for 2020 and get the rest of 2019 free. To sign up, please speak to one of the bar team. As a completely new team, we have been overwhelmed by the support we have received so far from the local community. Thank you to you all.

To keep updated with events at the Playing Fields and Clubhouse, please visit the village website or find us via the village Facebook Page [www.facebook.com/Cuddingtonvillage/](http://www.facebook.com/Cuddingtonvillage/)

# Songs on a Winter's Night



Join *Sing in the Vale Community Choir* and friends for a family-friendly concert of seasonal music and acapella harmony at St Nicholas' Church, Cuddington, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

This is the first time the choir have sung at the church, having sung at the Fête in July, and it promises to be a heart-warming local event for the enjoyment of the village and wider community.

Tickets are £7.50 each with under 16's free and are available from:

- Caroline Saker (01844 291825)
- Cuddington Stores
- Online via [www.cuddingtonvillage.com/arts](http://www.cuddingtonvillage.com/arts)

# Cuddington Bookworms

Wednesday 6th November  
at 8pm  
Cuddington Playing Fields  
Clubhouse



# Glimpses into Cuddington's Past

We can catch a glimpse of a popular centre for male activities during the inter-war years based in today's lounge in Tyringham Hall. It was called 'The Old Comrades' Club' who enjoyed their accommodation by courtesy of Colonel Bernard who was their President. The minutes of committee meetings and accompanying accounts from 1929 to 1935 give us insights into their activities.

The Club was run by a committee of 7 or 8 which met monthly during the playing season with an elected treasurer, secretary and chairman. There was a monthly subscription of 1 shilling a month or 5 shillings and sixpence for the season. Members – all male- had to be over 17 years old. New members were admitted after being proposed and seconded. We learn that their main activities were snooker and billiards, card games and bagatelle. It was a village gentleman's club. A regular order for daily newspapers was placed with Charlie Horsler in his shop in Upper Church Street. There were regular competitions between Club members each winter season from September to April. Trophies were awarded for the highest breaks and there were also fixtures in billiards and snooker with neighbouring village clubs such as Dinton, Chearsley and Haddenham.

The Bernard family took a keen interest in the Club and members were very appreciative – for example at a committee meeting the chairman, Albert Phillips, once again thanked Colonel Bernard for "his kindness in placing the room at our disposal". When the Colonel died in 1934 his wife, Evelyn, gallantly replaced her husband as President and attended committee meetings. Two years before the Vicar, Rev Drury, was admitted as a member and was elected Vice-President.

Probably the most significant event was the Installation of electric light at the cost of 6 shillings. This new light was a striking improvement on the old oil-fired Aladdin hanging lamp. The table was always subjected to heavy wear - there are bills for reclothing" the table twice during the 6 years. Other expenditure on equipment included 3 new packs of playing cards and a new bagatelle board. Regular costs incurred were oil for a stove, coal and wood for the fire, fire insurance, electricity and newspapers. Cleaning of the premises was undertaken firstly by Mrs Orchard and then Mrs Parrott at 15 shillings a month. Many members whose names are well remembered include the Munday brothers, who ran the stores in Upper Church Street, "Harry" Alton, who had been Colonel Bernard's groom and had married the teacher, Agnes Watson, in 1918 and Sidney Tomes of the farming family, who married headteacher, Nesta Marks, in 1939. From these pages we can read a roll-call of names of other families associated with our village – for example,

Dunkin, Ewers, Hawkins, Oakley, Orchard, Parrott, Small, Watson and Webb. The records we have only give us a partial snapshot of the Old Comrades Club which was set up in 1918 and operational until 1949. One particular committee decision in April 1932 has a contemporary ring to it – "smoking is prohibited during play on the billiards table". Peter Wenham (With thanks to Sherry Scott for making the 1929-35 minute book available)



## Cuddington Matinee Cinema

On Monday 25 November at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm) in the Bernard Hall the 1953 American Technicolour Western musical "Calamity Jane". Based on the life of the Wild West heroine and her alleged romance with Wild Bill Hickok, the film stars Doris Day and Howard Keel. Well known songs include "Secret Love", "The Deadwood Stage" and "The Black Hills of Dakota" Entry £5 includes tea and cake at the interval. To book phone 01844 291 526 (office hours) or on the door subject to availability.

Karen Clayton, Chair of the Fête Committee, welcomed those attending the Fête's AGM in the Clubhouse on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October by saying that this year's event had been another great success!

## Fete AGM

Income from stalls was up on last year but because of fewer lots the Auction was considerably down, as were both the Grand Draw and advertising. However, overall expenses and costs were down by about £1,000 so the net result was up!

This means that the Committee was able to distribute £8,570 to the various village organisations and clubs – a fantastic effort and much the same as last year.

The actual distribution was:

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| St Nicholas' Church repairs  | £1,000        |
| Bernard Hall                 | £1,000        |
| Cuddington & Dinton School   | £800          |
| Tennis Club                  | £350          |
| Cuddington Youth Drama       | £200          |
| Gardening Club               | £300          |
| Village Voice                | £500          |
| Methodist Church             | £250          |
| Cuddington Playing Fields    | £1,200        |
| Sunshine Club                | £500          |
| Tuesday Club (WI)            | £140          |
| Harvest Hog Roast            | £200          |
| Tic-Toc                      | £250          |
| Nicholas Almond              | £400          |
| Toddler Singing Group        | £100          |
| Church Village outing        | £450          |
| Baptist Burial Ground        | £100          |
| Fireworks                    | £700          |
| Playing Fields bar committee | £130          |
| <b>Total donations</b>       | <b>£8,570</b> |

Karen thanked her committee for all their work and announced that next year's theme would be Mexico!

A vote of thanks was given on behalf of all those benefitting from the grants before the evening came to a close

# Dates for your Diary



So dull and dark are the November days.  
The lazy mist high up the evening curled,  
And now the morn quite hides in smoke and haze:  
The place we occupy seems all the world. *John Clare (1793-1864)*

## November

|                                    |                                                 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> , 6pm       | Fireworks Display, Playing Fields               |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2.00pm    | Sunshine Club tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse     |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8.00pm | Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse           |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7.00pm  | Village Picture House NTLive 'Hansard'          |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30pm   | Gardening Club – Clubhouse.                     |
|                                    | Talk by photographer, Gill Ferguson.            |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2.30pm  | Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse         |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> , 8.00pm | Village Picture House 'Yesterday'               |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> , 7.00pm | TearFund Big Quiz, St Nicholas Church           |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2.00pm   | Sunshine Club tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse     |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> , 8.00pm | Village Picture House NTLive 'Fleabag'          |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> , 1.30pm   | Cuddington Matinee Cinema 'Calamity Jane'       |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30pm   | Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall            |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> , 7.00pm | Village Picture House NTLive 'Present Laughter' |

## December

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| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2.00pm    | Sunshine Club tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse                   |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 7.30pm    | Gardening Club Christmas Meeting,<br>Playing Fields Clubhouse |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> , 8.00pm | Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse                         |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7.00pm  | Village Picture House 'The Lion King'                         |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> , 12.30pm   | Sunshine Club Christmas Lunch, Bernard Hall                   |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2.30pm  | Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse                       |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> , 8.00pm | Village Picture House 'Blinded by the Light'                  |
| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30pm | Concert, St Nicholas Church                                   |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2.00pm   | Sunshine Club tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse                   |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7.00pm  | Village Picture House 'TBA'                                   |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm     | Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall                          |



Join us in St Nicholas' Church  
On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November for the  
**Big Quiz Night** - in aid of Tearfund  
it is part of a nationwide event!

So please either:  
bring 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)**  
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: [www.cuddingtonvillage.com/church](http://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

## CORRECTION

### Cuddington Nicholas Almond Charity 2019

If you still wish to apply for a grant, please  
submit before 7<sup>th</sup> November,  
(not as printed last month as 1st October) to  
Jennifer Schram de Jong at Larden, Spicketts  
Lane, Cuddington.



We had a wonderful response and many generous gifts sent in for our Harvest Festival. All of the food stuff got taken by church members to the Vineyard food bank and we raised enough to help purchase a cow. It was wonderful to have the whole school together in St Nicholas' Church for the occasion. And it was also very warming to see so many parents at the Infant site family service – the next one is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9.10am and all parishioners are very welcome to attend. We will be commemorating Armistice Day on Monday 11th November at 11am for the Juniors at Dinton War memorial and at 2.45pm on the Infant site at Cuddington War memorial. Parishioners are welcome to join us, but space is quite limited at the Dinton War memorial.

I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to Graham Carr, who has stepped down from the Church group in school. Graham has been actively involved with linking the church and school for many, many years and his presence at the Leavers' Services and Church group meetings will be missed.

As everyone in the village is probably aware the road works at the top of Holly Tree Lane means that the school bus isn't able to get round the village; this has resulted in the children being dropped off at the bus stop on the top green and we are having to walk them to the school. We are working very closely with parents to ensure that the paths down to the school are kept clear and that cars are not poorly parked.

And we hope that residents are not being inconvenienced – please bear with us! Little Owls class recently had a science day when they conducted all sorts of experiments and had a great time - our photograph shows some of them checking out smells!!

Kim Price, Headteacher



CUDDINGTON BAR AND  
SOCIAL CLUB PRESENTS

## BINGO NIGHT

CUDDINGTON PLAYING FIELDS  
CLUBHOUSE  
WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM FOR A  
7.30PM START

We would like to invite you to our

## F4CADS Christmas Fair

29th November 2019, 5.30pm—7.30pm

At Cuddington & Dinton School, Junior site, School Lane, Dinton, HP17 8UZ

Fabulous stalls including:

Tropic skincare, BSweet, Children's Handmade gifts,  
Chocolate Tombola, Year 6 games, stalls selling lots of Christmassy gifts,  
Human Fruit Machine and much more!

Local author Lindsey Kennedy will be there to sell signed copies of her book  
Ruby Long Dog



Santa himself will be making  
an appearance in our grotto!

Please come and help raise  
funds for our school.

### Services at St Nicholas

(Churchwardens: Helen Keeping 291635 and  
James Stonham 292221)

#### NOVEMBER 2019

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> November  | 10.00 Holy Communion                 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November | 10.00 All-age<br>Remembrance Service |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> November | 10.00 Holy Communion                 |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> November | 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.

