



Cuddington Village Voice

December/January - 2019/20

Christmas Services in St Nicholas'



December is a wonderful time for everyone to celebrate the birth of Jesus. As well as the normal services, St Nicholas will be holding a number of special Christmas services to which everyone is invited. Some are specifically aimed at children and young families; others are for a more general congregation – but at whichever one you attend you will be warmly welcomed.

1st December, 3.00pm

Christingle

24th December, 2.30pm

**Crib Service, with a
Nativity, and the Posada**

24th December, 7.00pm

Carols by Candlelight

25th December, 8.00am

Holy Communion

25th December, 10.00am

All Age Service



GIFT SERVICE 8TH DECEMBER ST NICHOLAS CHURCH



There are currently fourteen women and fourteen children in residence at Aylesbury Women's Aid, which also supports women and children living in the community. Please show them God's loving kindness by sharing with them gifts, toys and treats which we would like to you bring to this service.

What is required are toys, sweets and crafts for the children (ranging in age from babies to teenagers), toiletries for the women; and hats, scarves and gloves together with chocolates, or other edible luxuries for everyone. Please don't wrap the items, but gifts of wrapping paper, tags and Sellotape are needed.

A big thank you for supporting these women and children who have all had a really tough time.



Come and join us on Monday 16th December for our traditional tour around the village singing Christmas Carols!

Weather permitting we will assemble at the top end of Bernard Close ready for a 6.00pm start.



Please note the different starting place i.e. it is **not** on Upper Green. We are aiming for a slightly different route this year and are feeling bold enough to

say that if you have a particular wish for the singers to stop outside your house then please let us know – and you can even make a request of a carol!

However, it may not be possible to fulfil everyone's wishes so please don't be too upset if you make a request which we cannot meet!

We aim to be at Upper Green and The Crown around 6.30pm and will be

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**Village Voice's Editorial Team wish
all our readers both here in
Cuddington and further afield a
very Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year!**

**We will be taking a break in
December so the next edition will
be in February.**



Thought for the Month

In the Harry Potter books the Weasley children get the same present from their mother every year. They each get a badly knitted, ill fitting, horrendously embarrassing woolly jumper. Ron Weasley hates it. Every year the same. Knowing Harry is on his own for Christmas, Mrs Weasley knits an additional jumper and sends it to him. Ron turns red, but Harry is overwhelmed. He is delighted because for once in his life he knows that someone loves him.

Giving someone a Christmas present says 'I love you'.

The jumper was perfect for Harry; it was just what he needed, but for Ron it was not. The love of his mother was taken for granted, but he was frustrated that she would not listen to him. If she had listened, she might have been able to give him something he actually wanted. Loving someone means listening to them.

We all give presents to our families and friends. It is a really important sign of love. We need to listen to them to know what it is they want.

At Christmas we can also give presents to people we don't know and will never meet. Just like Harry Potter, they will know that someone loves them. If you want to do that please put something in the boxes in church and at our village store for the Aylesbury Food Bank.

If you want to go one better you can also hear what they might want. A tin or two of beans is obvious, but the store house fills up with beans. What people want are tins of meat and fish. A tin of ham or tuna is what is always in demand. At Christmas the Storehouse puts together hampers and they love Christmas Puddings, tinned ham and chocolate bars. Let's give them what they want.

A full list for the hampers is in the Church Porch.

The next step is to listen so you can understand why so many people in one of the richest countries in the world are now dependant on food banks. If we can hear that we might be able to do something about it. It does make us feel good to give food to the poor, but wouldn't it be better if they weren't poor?

The message of Christmas is that God listened and sent his Son to be with us. He came to give us hope that even in the darkness there is light and love. If we take it seriously it should change our world.

Phil Groves

CUDDINGTON METHODIST CHURCH. Carol Service 15th December, 2019



'Letters from Bethlehem'

Letters written home by those who were
THERE!!

WILL YOU BE THERE?
AT
3.30 pm

To Sing carols

Accompanied by a talented group of musicians with a soloist
Also

Stay and enjoy
Delicious refreshments
Mulled apple juice &
Coffee /tea will be served
Put the date in your diary.

We would love to see you. Special surprises for the children.



Evening Services in the Benefice



In December there are the normal evening services and ones celebrating the birth of Jesus. These begin on 8th December with 100% Christmas in St Mary's, Haddenham, and continue with carol services in Dinton, Stone and Haddenham, and the Midnight Communion, on Christmas Eve in Haddenham and Stone.

For more information please check websites and notice sheets.

Who's Who

We have an up-dated version of our **Who's Who** on the back page this month.

We hope you find it useful as a reference and we encourage you to cut it out when you have finished reading this edition—another useful item for your fridge door?!!



At our October meeting we were treated to a talk from Dr Hazel Roberts about how to produce sufficient food to eat as opposed to a glut, and how to deal with excess produce.

Hazel has an allotment and grows a wide variety of produce. She is passionate about practising proper crop rotation and making sure that no produce is wasted. Hazel mentioned



Re-use grow bags

reusing growbags i.e. after growing tomatoes, use the bag to plant lettuce, which doesn't need such a high nutrient level. Hazel also has 'cropping' houseplants, an example being a peanut plant (look online for the fascinating way peanuts grow by "pegging").

As well as making the usual jellies, jams and chutneys, Hazel has some innovative uses for excess produce, especially courgettes which were added to chocolate and orange cake, muffins, pakoras and fritters. Excess produce can be given away to friends and neighbours of course, or by means of a food sharing app such as Olioex.com.

Other tips: dry chillies if you're not making sauce or chilli jam and don't store cucumbers (harvested or purchased) in the fridge. They last longer at room temperature and retain their flavour. The same goes for tomatoes.

We were able to purchase Hazel's marvellous jams and chutneys and I can confirm that the Gardeners Relish is absolutely gorgeous, containing French beans, apples, courgettes and onions.

You can follow Hazel on Instagram @jammookow or check out her website www.jammk.co.uk General growing advice can be found at www.growveg.com.



In November, we were treated to a beautiful presentation from Gill Ferguson (pictured left) about garden photography, including flowers, insects and birds. Numerous tips were shared about shutter speeds and the macro symbol, which is a small tulip shape, used to take photos of very small insects. Good results can also be achieved with a mobile phone, which many of us have to hand. Needless to say, Gill's own shots, often taken from an unusual angle, or perspective, were stunning.

Our next meeting is Monday 2nd December when Lorraine Stevens will be demonstrating Christmas arrangements.

Finally... tips for November/December. Protect plants from frost, cold wind and rain by sheltering or wrapping them up in situ. Plant tulips. (November is the best month) Put a frost jacket on outside taps. Remember food and water for the birds.

AYLESBURY VINEYARD STOREHOUSE HAMPER APPEAL



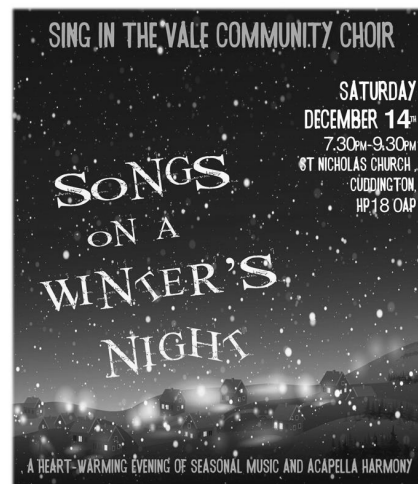
As well as providing everyday food items to the homeless and needy of Aylesbury Vale, Vineyard Storehouse have launched their annual hamper appeal for those extra special items to give out over the Christmas season.

They are asking for seasonal, luxury items such as Christmas puddings, mince pies, cartons or tins of custard, tins of salmon or ham, pickles and chutneys, as well as biscuits, chocolates, Christmas cake, and, of

course, crackers. A complete list, supplied by Storehouse, is displayed on the table at the back of the church.

It would be wonderful if everyone could support this appeal by putting items in the Vineyard Storehouse box at the back of the church, or buying an appropriate gift in the shop and placing it in the Vineyard Storehouse tub there.

Thank you for helping to add a little Christmas sparkle to those in need.



Tickets £7.50 each Under 16's free.
Available from Caroline Saker call 01844 291825
In person at Cuddington Stores and
Online at www.cuddingtonvillage.com/arts
In aid of Utugi Street Children project

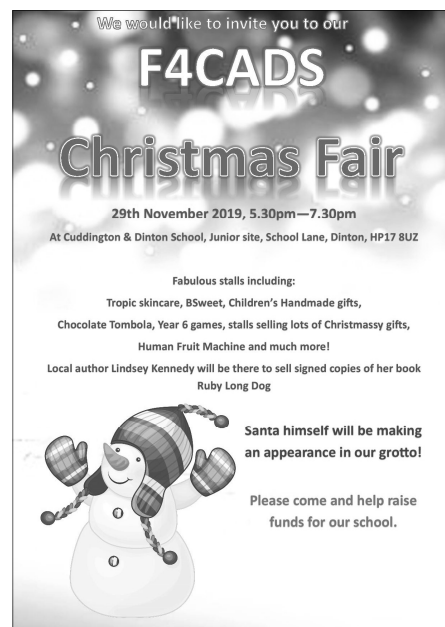


Join *Sing in the Vale Community Choir* and friends for a family-friendly concert of seasonal music and acapella harmony at St Nicholas' Church, Cuddington, on Saturday 14th December at 7.30pm.

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 at www.cuddingtonvillage.com/arts



THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE

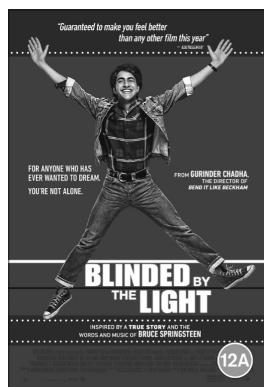
CUDDINGTON



Our programme for Christmas and the New Year begins on Monday 2nd December with a very special treat: we shall be screening **Les Misérables: The Staged Concert** (cert.12A), to be broadcast live from London's Gielgud Theatre. Seen by over 120 million people worldwide, *Les Misérables* is undisputedly one of the world's most popular musicals. Coinciding with its 35th triumphant year in London's West End, Cameron Mackintosh produced a spectacular sell-out staged concert version at the Gielgud Theatre featuring an all-star cast headed by Michael Ball, Alfie Boe, Carrie Hope Fletcher and Matt Lucas. Featuring a cast and orchestra of over 65 and including the songs *I Dreamed A Dream*, *Bring Him Home* and *On My Own*, this sensational production is an absolute must-see for any fans of musical theatre, and we are thrilled to be able to bring it to Cuddington. "Alfie Boe and Michael Ball, together again, lead an incredible cast that feels like a family," says *Musical Theatre Review*.

On Thursday 5th we'll be showing **The Lion King** (cert. PG) at the family-friendly start time of 7pm. This all-new, "Live Action" remake of the Disney classic takes us to the African savannah, where a future king is born. Simba idolizes his father, King Mufasa, and takes to heart his own royal destiny. But not everyone in the kingdom celebrates the new cub's arrival. Scar, Mufasa's brother – and former heir to the throne – has plans of his own... "You soak up its astonishing photoreal visuals ... a roaring success," says *The Telegraph*. "Funnier than the original ... full of adventure and just as sweetly engaging," says *BBC Culture*.

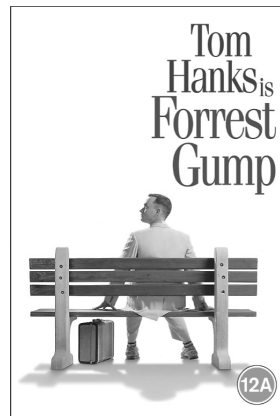
Then on Friday 13th we'll be showing **Blinded By The Light** (cert. 12A). Set in 1987, during the austere days of Thatcher's Britain, this film is a joyous coming-of-age story about a young British



Pakistani teenager who learns to live life, understand his family and find his own voice through the words and music of Bruce Springsteen. The film was inspired by British journalist Sarfraz Manzoor's memoir *Greetings From Bury Park*. "Like a life-affirming rock anthem, *Blinded by the Light* hits familiar chords with confidence and flair," says *Rotten Tomatoes*. "Gurinder Chadha's ode to Springsteen is utterly joyous," says *The Independent*. "Another pure-hearted blinder from the director of *Bend It Like Beckham* ... blazes a beacon of hope in dark times," says *Metro*.

Our Kids' Club film to mark the end of term, at 2pm on Thursday 19th, is **Toy Story 4** (cert. PG). Woody, Buzz Lightyear and the rest of the gang embark on a road trip with Bonnie and a new toy named Forky, and the journey turns into an unexpected reunion.

Thursday 9th January will be the first of a number of Classic Film Nights at the Village Picture House in 2020. On this date we'll be screening **Forrest Gump** (cert. 12A), the six-Oscar-winning movie from 1994 starring Tom Hanks. Despite his sub-normal IQ, Forrest Gump leads a truly charmed life, with a ringside seat for many of the most memorable events of the second half of the



20th century. Meanwhile Forrest never forgets Jenny, the girl he loved as a boy and whose journey through the turbulence of the 1960s and 1970s is far more troubled than that of Forrest. "Hanks outdoes himself in the loveable dolt department with unforgettable, utterly disarming work ... simply unmissable," says *Empire*.

"A technical tour de force that pitches Tom Hanks's mentally disadvantaged Gump into the midst of presidents, pop stars and other famous figures," says *The Guardian*.

On Thursday 16th there'll be another chance to see Gillian Anderson and Lily James in **All About Eve** (cert. 12A), captured live in front of an audience at the Noël Coward Theatre. *All About Eve* tells the story of Margo Channing, a legend and true star of the theatre. The spotlight is hers, always has been. But now there's young, beautiful Eve, her biggest fan... Lifting the curtain on a world of jealousy and ambition, this production from last April asks why our fascination with celebrity, youth and identity never seems to get old. "Gillian Anderson is arresting in Van Hove's emphatically successful update of the classic film," says *The Independent*. "Lily James is excellent at portraying the self-loathing and discontent that drives Eve," says *Time Out*.

On Thursday 23rd our film will be **Mrs Lowry & Son** (cert. PG) starring Vanessa Redgrave and Timothy Spall. The film follows Lowry in the beginnings of his career, as he yearns for his work to be appreciated in London. However, his disdainful mother Elizabeth actively tries to dissuade him from pursuing his artistic ambitions and never fails to voice her opinion at what a disappointment he is to her. "This portrait of the mother from hell is a work of art ... Redgrave is on mesmerising form," says *The Times*. "Vanessa Redgrave and Timothy Spall steal the show in this low-key tale of the great artist," says *The Guardian*.

Then on Thursday 30th we'll be showing **Downton Abbey** (cert. PG). Much of the original cast returns for the continuing story of the Crawley family and the servants who work for them. In 1927, the King and Queen make an unexpected visit to Downton Abbey, causing a stir among the Crawleys and servants alike. "Like the Crawley family silver, it's so polished you can practically see your face in it," says *Time Out*. "Maggie Smith's Dowager Countess continues to shower us in delightfully acerbic snark," says *Empire*.

Looking ahead to February, on Thursday 6th we'll be showing **Judy**, celebrating the voice, the capacity for love and the sheer pizzazz of Judy Garland. Renée Zellweger plays the Hollywood superstar.

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

Update

In the last issue of Village Voice the launch of TAG 2020 was announced and it seems appropriate to report on what's been happening within the different areas.

Progress with 20s Plenty is reported on separately.



Sentinel operations continue under the direction of Steve Wright. Lots of information is now emerging and requires interpretation. Further consultation with Thames Valley Police is planned.

Recently introduced markings HGVs continue to get lost on our roads; something to do with SatNav perhaps. Further research and study is required. If anyone in the village has first hand experience of the haulage industry, I think they call it logistics now, it would be great to talk to you and pick your brains.

Lots of work has been done in the village over the years, the TAG work completed in 2003 resulted in the vehicle activated signs at the three entrances to the village. Other ideas were never implemented mainly because of cost constraints. Lots of traffic issues were commented on in the recent Neighbourhood Plan consultation, but the main thrust of the NP was around where any future housing development might be located.

Traffic and related issues deserves its own consultation. So thought is being given to how this might be done.

Whatever ideas come forward from any consultation, they need evaluating for presentation to the bodies that can deliver appropriate actions. First comes the parish council and then the transport and highways authorities, Bucks Council incorporating Transport for Bucks. Elected members and officers need to be identified and relationships developed. We are continuing with and developing the work already done by the PC; an important body in the locality is the Local Area Forum (LAF) which has funding to support local initiatives.

There are other bodies that can inform and support the improvements we are trying to make. We are in contact with NFU, CPRE, a firm of built environment consultants, and other nearby villages with similar issues. Our researches have turned up useful examples of schemes such as a design approach to traffic developed for the Dorset AONB incorporating a Rural Roads protocol.

Finally, if anyone has specialist knowledge, experience or interest in farming, transport, construction, local government, design in place making or engaging with the community it would be great to hear from you.

Peter Spence

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20's Plenty for Cuddington is part of the national campaign to get 20mph limits where people live.

We have established a small group to spearhead the campaign locally. Leaflets have been distributed throughout the village explaining our reasons for doing this, which are essentially to make our village safer and improve our quality of life.

Bin stickers have also been delivered to households on roads where speeding is a problem. We hope the recipients will display them to encourage motorists to slow down. If anyone decides not to use these stickers please let me know and they can be collected and given to others. These have been purchased by a villager and should not be wasted.

You will also see posters appearing on noticeboards etc. to remind people, including people passing through, that we want them to slow down.

We have also had meetings with Sue Jones PCSO and Paul Irwin from Bucks County Council. Additionally, we have met with and have had words of support from both the Conservative and Lib Dem candidates in the General Election. Contact has been made with Transport for Bucks (TfB) to alert them to our campaign as it is this body that needs to approve the changes we might achieve.

In the New Year, we are hoping to get a petition together to give to BCC and Thames Valley Police to let them know how strongly we feel.

We have already had offers of help and if you also feel you could help in any way with this campaign we would be pleased to hear from you.

Pauline Spence

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THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON



**Broadcast live from the
Gielgud Theatre, London**

Monday 2nd December 7.00 pm

**Starring Michael Ball,
Alfie Boe and Matt Lucas**

Cert. 12A Adults £12, Concessions £10

Buy tickets at Cuddington Stores, on the door,
or online at www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema

Doors open 6.30 pm

Greetings from all at Cuddington Social Club



Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan update

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)

The proposed modifications to VALP have been published by AVDC for consultation.

Consultation ends on 17th December 2019. Objections / comments are invited on the *proposed modifications* to the Plan and not the Plan itself. More information can be found on the VALP website.

The key points for Cuddington are that the total housing requirement has been confirmed as 28 (ie approx. 10% growth for the period 2013 to 2033) and that the Dadbrook Farm allocation remains in the Plan.

The 28 new homes consist of 5 completions and commitments, an allocation of 8 homes at Aylesbury Road north (already under construction and due to be completed by April 2020) and an allocation of 15 homes at Dadbrook Farm. The VALP target date for completion of the Dadbrook Farm site is 2023.

Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan

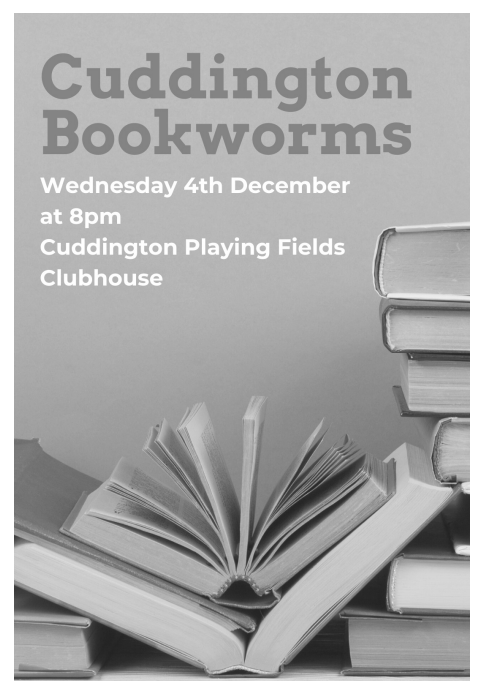
The next stage of the Neighbourhood plan (NP) is to prepare a Pre-Submission Draft for consultation prior to formal submission to AVDC. It is hoped to submit a draft to the Parish Council for approval in the New Year for a six-week consultation with the village, landowners, AVDC and other stakeholders. The document would then be amended to take into account the comments received before it is formally submitted to the Local Planning Authority by the end of April.

The new Bucks Unitary Authority takes over the planning duties from AVDC on the 1st April 2020.

The Pre-Submission Draft of the NP will include policies on a Settlement Boundary, Important views (to be protected), Local Green Spaces and Design Standards for new development.

One of the original aims of the NP was to select an alternative site for housing on the basis of AVDC's proposal to introduce a modification to exclude the Dadbrook Farm allocation. This was because of concerns that the new homes would not be delivered for viability reasons.

AVDC have not included this modification in their latest version of VALP and therefore there is no longer a need to find an alternative housing site. However, there is a statutory need to monitor and review the NP every 5 years. As part of this process the housing position will be reviewed in the light of the emergence of the new Bucks Unitary Plan and progress with the Dadbrook Farm allocation.





Greener Cuddington

The company that supplies our tap water and deals with our sewage and waste water is Thames Water Utilities Ltd. and you may have noticed that they, and others, have been quite active around the village recently. Their activities locally seem to reflect some developments at a national level, some of which give us cause for cautious optimism about our water, rivers and environment.

The most major works are taking place at Cuddington Bridge, on the way to Chearsley, where the company is replacing the ageing water main with a new one. The current pipe is carried over the River Thame by an ugly metal bridge, while the new one will pass beneath the river, so will be safer and hidden from view. This is a major undertaking and, as well as installing a temporary by-pass water main, they are taking a great deal of care about wildlife in the area. There are signs of bats and also of otters, which are particularly welcome as they often chase off any American mink: these are an introduced species that are voracious predators. The River Thame Conservation Trust is being kept informed about the works and the findings of the ecologists. This level of environmental concern is being reflected on the Thames Water web site, where wildlife is featured on the front home page!

The second bit of work took place in Upper Church Street (see photo below)



where a leak that had resulted in water trickling down the road was dealt with. Over 600 million litres of water was lost each day in the Thames Water region because of leaks in the system, and reducing this number is a major task for the company, having missed its targets for some time resulting in fines. The company has declared that it intends to

turn this situation around henceforth and is intent upon meeting and exceeding the leakage targets set by OfWat.

The third event was the closure of the top of Holly Tree Lane to lay down new sewage drains because of the new housing on Aylesbury Road. This should have taken less than two weeks, but in the event lasted for nearly two months and involved far heavier plant than they expected. This is because much of Cuddington sits on a slab of ancient limestone which is very hard, so it took a huge effort to create the channel for the pipes, and the verges and little green were destroyed in the process. (These will be restored by contractors, and fortunately they were not full of wild-flowers like those lower down the Lane.)

With new housing, the sewage flows into our little treatment plant below the village will increase, and it is therefore good to know that Thames Water has declared its intent to become more of an environmental services company than just a water utility, and that it sees environmental protection at the core of its operations. This is a major turn-around in approach since I first got involved with them in 2013, following the pollution of the River Thame from the Aylesbury works.

So Thames Water has undertaken to do its bit and make a huge contribution to environmental protection in the coming months and years, but it needs our help. You can help to ensure that our waterways are not depleted by over-abstraction, by valuing water and not wasting it (see last month's Voice).

Remember that, if we waste water now, we are jeopardizing our supply in future years!

Only human waste and toilet paper should be flushed down the loo: nothing else! Especially not wet wipes, cotton buds or any form of nappy. These cause huge and expensive problems at treatment plants that can result in our rivers being polluted.

And just think: all those roadworks that delay our journeys might have a purpose after all!

Doug Kennedy

Carol Singing

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finishing with the traditional hospitality at Tyringham Hall shortly after about 7.30pm

If you are planning to join us then children must be accompanied and with hi- viz vest – which we recommend for adults as well. A good torch is really helpful and if you have a head torch then that is really useful for lighting the carol sheets!

We will be collecting in aid of Crisis at Christmas and Tearfund.

If you do have a request then please contact Chris Blumer on 290647 or preferably email: chrisblumer@blumer.co.uk

The Witchert Chorale
DIRECTED BY DAVID QUINN

A New Beginning

A concert including music by
Bach, Chilcott, Gjeilo & Puccini

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2019
AT 730PM
ST MARY'S CHURCH, HADDENHAM

In aid of: Friends of St Mary's (Haddenham)
and Haddenham Village Society

Tickets £12.50, Concessions £10, U16 free
From Blooming Fruity or from our website

WWW.WITCHERT.ORG.UK

The Witchert Chorale present their autumn concert, "A New Beginning", in St Mary's Haddenham on Saturday 30th November 2019 and it is not to be missed! What is this new beginning all about? All will be made clear on the night, with music by master composers such as Bach, Beethoven, Puccini and Purcell; as well as pieces by popular contemporary composers such as Chilcott and Gjeilo (a favourite of ours), and an exciting new piece by Ukrainian born Estonian Galina Grigorjeva. Not forgetting a firm nod to Christmas with some familiar pieces to finish. Tickets from Blooming Fruity, choir members or our website www.witchert.org.uk.

The Big Quiz Night

Nine teams competed strongly in St Nicholas' Church on 16th November when they took part in Tearfund's Big Quiz Night – a total of 554 venues around the country took part involving 25,931 people.

The normal rows of chairs had all been moved to create the space for 9 tables with up to 8 people per table.



The competitors had all brought their own "Winter Picnics" which they enjoyed at half time.

The pre-set questions from the Tearfund pack provided everyone with a good chance of getting some correct answers and at half time there were 5 teams all within on point of each other.

At the end it was the Spurt Street team of Chris and John Luckett, Caroline and Debbie Saker, Jane Harrison and Peter

Rhoads and Ken and Kayley Potts who were the eventual winners!

The evening raised over £620 for Tearfund, made up of the entry price, donations and a raffle.

It was a most enjoyable evening and we have already committed to join in again next year!

Bellringing: Changes and Tunes

We are sometimes asked if we can ring louder or more quietly- the answer is no; the clapper strikes the inside of the bell at the same volume each time. The only things we can alter are the order of the bells and the speed. We have eight bells tuned as an octave in G Major. We usually start with a descending scale, 12345678, which is called 'rounds'. We traditionally only move one place per change so we can call 2 to follow 3, 4 to follow 5 and 6 to follow 7 to produce 13254768 and then eventually get to a favourite change called 'Queens'; 13572468. We tend to keep the rhythm constant. For fun, just before Christmas, we can try simple tunes; Jingle Bells on 5 bells, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star on 6, O come all Ye Faithful on 7 and, most challenging, The First Noel on all 8 bells. Happy Christmas Listening!

Love to Sing?

Witchert Chorale would love to hear from singers with enthusiasm, particularly tenors and basses. We rehearse on Sunday evenings at 8pm in Haddenham.

Witchert Chorale is a thriving chamber choir, its members coming from Haddenham and the surrounding villages. Our musical director, David Quinn, has spent his life involved in choral music.

The choir was founded 15 years ago and aims to raise money for charity (just reached £50,000), whilst performing concerts focussing on musical excellence and providing entertainment for the audience.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE GO TO

www.witchert.org.uk

or follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram



Speedwatch

I would like to give a big thank you to all the Sentinel camera volunteers.



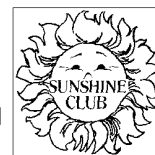
(Cuddington's very own Gilets Jaunes.) They are doing sterling work in, at times, quite challenging weather conditions. As well as capturing speeding motorists, the volunteers are also collecting useful data on the traffic volumes through Dadbrook, Bridgeway and the Aylesbury Road, which we hope will prove useful in formulating traffic policy in Cuddington and the surrounding area. One early discovery was that where we have higher volumes of traffic, we have a much lower number of speeding motorists. (However, high traffic volumes have their own obvious drawbacks.) If you have any questions about Sentinel or would like to volunteer, please contact me on step-nwright@gmail.com. A Merry Christmas to all, and safe motoring!!

Cuddington Matinee Cinema

On Monday 27 January at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm) in the Bernard Hall the 2018 historical romantic drama "The

Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" will be presented. Set in 1946 the plot follows a London-based writer who begins exchanging letters with a resident on the island of Guernsey, which was under German occupation during WWII. The film stars Lily James, Tom Courtenay and Penelope Wilton.

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



Dates for your Diary

'Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.' *Edith Sitwell*



December

Monday 2 nd , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Bring and Buy, Tyringham Hall
Monday 2 nd , 7.30pm	Gardening Club Christmas Meeting, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 2 nd , 7.00pm	Village Picture House <i>'Les Miserables: The Staged Concert'</i>
Wednesday 4 th , 8.00pm	Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 5 th , 7.00pm	Village Picture House <i>'The Lion King'</i>
Monday 9 th , 12.30pm	Sunshine Club Christmas Lunch, Bernard Hall
Tuesday 10 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Friday 13 th , 8.00pm	Village Picture House <i>'Blinded by the Light'</i>
Saturday 14 th , 7.30pm	Concert <i>'Songs on a Winter's Night'</i> , St Nicholas Church
Thursday 19 th , 2.00pm	Village Picture House, <i>'Toy Story 4'</i>
Monday 30 th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

January

Monday 6 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 8 th , 8.00pm	Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 9 th , 8.00pm	Village Picture House <i>'2001: A Space Odyssey'</i>
Tuesday 14 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 16 th , 7.00pm	Village Picture House <i>'NTLive Encore: All About Eve'</i>
Monday 20 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 23 rd , 8.00pm	Village Picture House <i>'Mrs Lowry & Son'</i>
Monday 27 th , 1.30pm	Matinee Cinema, <i>'Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society'</i>
Monday 27 th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
Thursday 30 th , 8.00pm	Village Picture House <i>'Downton Abbey'</i>

February

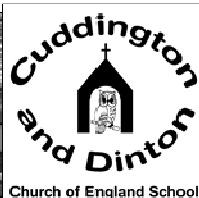
Monday 3 rd , 2pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 5 th , 8.00pm	Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 6 th , 8.00pm	Village Picture House <i>'Judy'</i>
Tuesday 11 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 17 th , 2pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 24 th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

New Year Tennis?

Here's a New Year's Resolution you can make now, knowing it has health and wellbeing benefits and is a great way to welcome in 2020. Come to Cuddington Tennis Club and enjoy a game with friends. Visitors and new Members are always welcome, so contact Robin Nash, the Club Secretary at robin.nash7@btinternet.com for details or visit the Cuddington website.



Children laid wreaths from our schools and said prayers to remember the soldiers in the past, and present, who are sacrificing their lives for our freedom. Thank you to Annabelle who laid a wreath in Chearsley, Charlotte who laid a wreath in Nether Winchendon and Scott who laid a wreath at the war memorial in Ford.



The trees in the outdoor learning area on the infant site have been crowned which makes the space more usable. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Macbeth and South Bucks Tree surgeons.

Parents Evenings continue to be a really

important and successful part of our activities and communications and F4CADS would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and biscuits to our stall at the Cuddington firework display. There are some fantastic bakers out there and we received a great selection of cakes and bakes. Your support meant that we were able to raise £145 for the school.

We are really pleased to be able to promote Messy Church in Dinton and also when it occurs in Chearsley; please continue to look out for the next occasion and support it whenever you can.

We commemorated Armistice Day on Monday 11th November at 11am for the Juniors at Dinton War memorial and at 2.30pm on the Infant site at Cuddington War memorial. (see photograph)

The Infants celebrated Diwali on Wednesday with Rangoli patterns, Mendi patterns and a large collage from the story of Rama and Sita. The children appreciated learning about a Hindu festival.

Our Christmas Fair is Friday 29th November; please see the notice elsewhere in Village Voice and we would love to see you there!

As always the next few weeks will be very busy preparing for and getting through all of our Christmas activities – so, a very Merry Christmas to you all!

Kim Price, Headteacher

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For further information and website links visit the village website:

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November 2019

Tuesday Group

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th December at 2.30 pm in the Playing Fields Clubhouse.



We shall have a demonstration of Christmas flower arrangements followed by festive refreshments and secret Santa! Visitors and new members welcome. Meeting fee £2.00, including tea.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be held on Tuesday, 14th January at 2.30 pm in the Playing Fields Clubhouse when our speaker, Peggy Cattell, will take us on "A Stroll through Cuddington's History". Everyone welcome. Meeting fee £2.00, including tea

Services at St. Nicholas

(Churchwardens: Helen Keeping 291635 and James Stonham 292221)

December 2019

1st	10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
8th	10.00 am	GIFT SERVICE
15th	10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
22nd	10.00 am	MORNING WORSHIP
29th	10.00 am	BENEFICE COMMUNION
January 2020		
5th	10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
12th	10.00 am	ALL-AGE SERVICE
19th	10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION
26th	10.00 am	MORNING WORSHIP

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

Methodist Chapel services are:

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