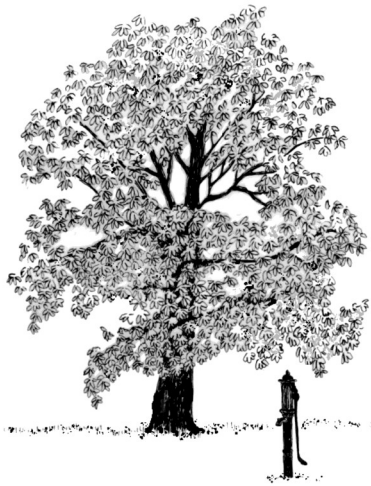




Cuddington Village Voice

February 2020

Beer & Bangers Festival



The Crown
Cuddington
6th – 8th March

The Crown is hosting a Beer and Bangers Festival in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice over the weekend of March 6th 7th and 8th

We will have a selection of 12 cask ales and a prosecco bar

All money raised from the festival bar and the bangers will be going to the hospice

TAG 2020

Cuddington
Traffic Action Group

Update—In December a social evening was held at the playing field Clubhouse to recognise the efforts of volunteers supporting Speedwatch, 20's Plenty and TAG 2020. Round 20 of us gathered for a drink and a mince pie or two. We discussed our experiences and how we might take forward our efforts to improve our work to address issues in the village caused by traffic.

At the final Local Area Forum meeting held by Bucks CC in Haddenham it was clear that the principal matter many parishes are concerned about is traffic. There is certainly an opportunity to work with others to add weight to our own concerns and potential solutions and this is being pursued. The new Bucks Council will be establishing a new body to replace the LAF, a local Community Board covering roughly the same area as the LAF. Interestingly these boards will have larger budgets than the LAFs.

A number of parishioners have expressed concern over increasing volumes of farming traffic passing through the village and the size of the units involved. A useful discussion took place a few weeks ago with the Regional Director of the NFU. The aim was to discuss in general terms the impact modern farming is having on rural communities such as ours. We now need to talk to local farmers to identify areas of concern. The impact of farming activity is felt most by those living on the through roads in the village.

Car Parking remains a problem throughout the village.

The Neighbourhood Plan identified specific issues around parking on pavements and verges. The narrow streets cause potential conflict at the best of times, but when events are taking place and at school times the problem is acute. There are no easy solutions. If you have a specific issues or would like to be involved in seeking some solutions, even if they are small improvements, do make contact. A small working group might be set up to kick around this problem.

The Speedwatch volunteers have had their break and will be out in force with the Sentinel Camera again doing their bit to make the village a safer place.

Peter Spence

Leader, TAG 2020 prspence@btinternet.com

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Start the year as you mean to go on!

Health, happiness and fitness is on offer at Cuddington Tennis Club, where new Members receive a warm and friendly welcome, with weekly Club Nights and Ladies' Morning sessions. There's professional coaching for Juniors and good value membership options too.

For information, contact the Club Secretary, Robin Nash at robin.nash7@btinternet.com

Aylesbury Choral Society

presents

Handel's MESSIAH

Eleanor Stevens (soprano), Alison Kettlewell (contralto), Adam West (tenor), Eddie Wade (bass)

The Aylesbury Sinfonia
Conducted by Jeff Stewart

Saturday 28th March 7.30 pm

at St. Mary the Virgin, Aylesbury,
HP20 2JJ

Tickets: £15, under 18s - £5
from www.aylesburychoral.org.uk or any choir member

Pool Tournament



Saturday 15th February
7.30pm

£2 Entry, Prizes to be won!!

Cuddington
Playing Fields Club

Thought for the month...



When on walks in hills and mountains we often pause for a brief rest, enjoy the view back to a valley below, spot the path missed, and check out the challenges and possibilities of the route ahead, always expectant that the best is yet to come. It's been the same in finding a new minister for St Nicholas' Church. Although our rector Margot moved to her new role some months ago it is only now that advertisements are being placed and interviews arranged. The process is deliberately stretched out over several months to give the churches in our group time to pause, reflect and look ahead to the challenges and opportunities we need to be guided through in the next few years. In a similar way, Christians of many traditions have a period for reflection of six weeks, leading up to Easter and the beginning of Spring, called Lent. It starts this year on 26th February i.e. Ash Wednesday. Although some mark it by giving something up, for many it's a time, to pause, be thoughtful, take stock, look ahead and pursue new opportunities. It's a kind of spiritual MOT: perhaps looking at the charities we support, reflecting on the friendships neglected, and seeking God's presence with us for the future. But always trying to find things to be thankful for, and looking forward to Easter and the reminder of the good news of forgiveness through Jesus' death and resurrection. For us in the northern hemisphere it happens at such a good time of year with so many signs of new life around us.

Finally, I was impressed by Ilona's article in October's Village Voice "Plant for the Planet", about planting trees in Cuddington and making a contribution to mitigating the effects of climate change. Trees like Ash and Horse Chestnut often grow too large for our gardens but fruit trees are more manageable and lower the impact of providing food. Old maps of the village (e.g. the one in The Crown) show that once there were many orchards, so perhaps we could be planting more apples, pears, plums, greengages, cherries and even apricots. The pears we planted a few years ago gave a bumper crop last year. Now is a good time to plant for the future.

James Stonham, Churchwarden

Evening Services In the Benefice



Evening services, often more reflective occasions than those in the morning, are equally enjoyable. Those people wishing to experience this have several to choose from, including a sung evensong, with the Benefice Choir, at Aston Sandford; everyone is welcome at all or any of them.

Sunday 2nd February, 6.30 pm at St Michael's, Aston Sandford Benefice Evensong for Candlemas, led by Gordon Kuhrt

Sunday 9th February, 6.00 pm, at SS Peter and Paul, Dinton – Evensong, led by Raymond Medhurst

Sunday 9th February, 6.30 pm, at St Mary's, Haddenham – Praise Service, led by Phil Groves

Wednesday 26th February, 7.30pm, at St John the Baptist, Stone – Ash Wednesday Communion Service, led by Phil Groves; preacher – David Pickup

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

CFPA and Bar News

The Bar continues to gain momentum and we are seeing an increase in users on a regular basis. Malcolm and the team would like to thank you all for your support. As part of our customer attraction plan we are hosting a series of monthly events. This month we are adding indoor lawn bowls and a pool tournament to the schedule.

For February the dates are as follows:

Wednesday 5th February at 8pm – Bookworms Book Club

Wednesday 12th February at 8pm – Indoor Lawn Bowls

Saturday 15th February at 7.30pm – Pool Tournament

Wednesday 19th February at 7.30pm – Bingo, hosted by Mollie and Thelma

Wednesday 26th February at 8pm – Quiz Night with Nick Jones
We look forward to welcoming you soon!

Tree planting

Thanks to the Woodland Trust we will be taking delivery of a number of trees to be planted along the southeastern perimeter of the playing fields. These will be arriving sometime between 28th February and 13th March. We hope to make this a real community initiative, and are seeking a small army of volunteers to help prepare the ground and to plant the trees. If you can spare a few hours to help then please email cuddingtonclubbookings@gmail.com for further information.

Car Parking

You may have noticed a number of cars and vans using the car park during the daytime in recent months. In order to alleviate pressure on those living along Swan Hill, we decided to allow Rectory Homes workers to use the car park while the Spicketts Lane development is built. In return, Rectory Homes will be making a generous donation to the CPFA, which will be used to repair and upgrade some of the clubhouse windows.

Save the Date!

Saturday 21st March

Parish Supper

Bernard Hall, Cuddington

More details to follow in the next edition!

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Glimpses into Cuddington's Past

My people, the Anglo-Saxons, crossed the sea and settled in this area from the sixth century onwards. We named it Cuddington, which in our language means the settlement (ton or tun) of the people (ing) of Cuda. He was one of our prominent leaders. Our people chose this land well. It is bounded in the south by the Dad Brook (named after Doda), which has welcome medicinal properties. To the north runs a river with an ample supply of fish. At the heart of Cuddington, on firm and high ground, where there is no danger of flooding, we built our wooden church, for we are Christian people. There is a small cluster of wattle and daub farmsteads here with land for growing vegetables. Some people share a larger house where a few families dwell with a headman in overall charge.



There are living and sleeping quarters together with workshops and stores. We are fortunate to have a ready supply of water near at hand with springs of very clear water. There is a mill on the river on the way to Chearsley (ley – clearing in the forest).

The mill grinds our corn but we have to pay a heavy fee and then climb the steep hill back into our village.

Most of our men work on the land, which is fertile and well-drained. The people before us – the Britons – began the process of clearing the forest before my people arrived. There are still clumps of woodland which are a vital resource providing wood for fuel, fences and furniture, as well as food for pigs. Our nearest forest, of course, is the King's Bernwood. Forest law is harsh. Anyone found taking a deer will lose a hand. The Manor (a unit of land held by a lord) in which we live is part of the Haddenham (Haeda's home) Manor. It consists of scattered farming settlements over a wide area from the river and Winchendon in the north to Upton and Ford in the east and Tythrop (throp – outlying settlement) and Ilmer in the west. The Lord of Haddenham Manor is Earl Tostig of Northumbria. We are grateful never to have seen him. He possesses manors all over the country and is far away. However, his henchman here can be harsh. There are many duties to perform for our lord.



We have to work his land for two or three days each week. At times men are called up for military service and we are forced to pay the hated annual rent.

We suffer. Life is a struggle. There is constant anxiety about famines when our crops fail. We grow wheat, barley, oats, rye, peas and beans. In good years we have enough to eat, mainly vegetables. Meat is in very short supply, although some families keep a pig. There are also terrible outbreaks of disease and plague – we feel we are at the mercy of forces we do not understand and are beyond our control. Also, from time to time, life is disrupted by marauding Viking raids.

Watch this space!

Peter Wenham



It seems a little while ago now, but in December we were treated to a wonderful demonstration of Christmas arrangements by Lorraine Stevens.

Wreaths for the door and table decorations were crafted from garden evergreens, ribbons, feathers and lights. Christmas candles, clementines and cloves, with a wonderful scent, were also included.

Hyacinth bulbs were artfully planted making perfect gifts. The general consensus was that "anyone could do it" which was so reassuring. The arrangements



and wreaths were then raffled and £66 was raised for our chosen charity, Lindengate.

Our next meeting, on 10th February is not to be missed, "Death in the Garden". You will find more information on our new Cuddington Gardening Club Event Calendar included with this issue of Village Voice.

I hope this will help with advanced planning and inspire you to join us for one or more of our events. Non-members are very welcome to come to our meetings for a £2 fee.

Finally, tips for February: Chit potato tubers, certified stock is preferable, being more resistant to disease. Prune winter flowering shrubs that have finished flowering. Prune Wisteria. Prune hardy evergreen hedges. Cut back deciduous grasses and remove dead grass from evergreen grasses.

Plenty of pruning then... just off to sharpen my secateurs!

Drone anyone?

Does anyone in the village have a drone they would be willing to use to 'donate' an aerial photograph of the village to the Banner Group for their next project?

If so, please contact Angela Sanderson on 01844 291626
Thank you in advance!

Cuddington Remembers

Lest we forget

Remembrance Sunday, 10th November, 2019

This year(2020), our village War Memorial, engraved with the names of most of the Cuddington men who gave their lives for us during the First World War, will have stood in our church yard for 100 years. It will also be the anniversary of the first Remembrance Service to be held for those who had died during that war and which was attended by most of the village coming together at the War Memorial.

Last year in November a fair number of people came together in church, with others joining us just before 11 am to take part in the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial. We have been doing this for many years now and once again we were blessed with a beautiful day. For the two weeks preceding Remembrance Sunday, as they do every year, a group of ladies go round the village selling poppies; many of these ladies have been carrying out this very worthy task for more than 15 to 20 years, joined by Denise, the village shop and the Crown Inn, for this I thank them all most gratefully. The Cuddington and Dinton School also takes part and St. Nicholas Church donates the Remembrance Sunday collection with the Parish Council donating £60 to the fund which contributes to the purchase of two wreaths. About 25 people signed Gift Aid Forms adding 25% to their donations. After the wreath laying, children from the village planted little wooden crosses around the memorial; on the preceding Saturday one or two children joined me in planting a cross at the Commonwealth War Grave of Fl.Lt. Ridout. Below is a record of the total money collected in Cuddington together with collections from Nether Winchendon and Chearsley.

Cuddington collections		Village Collection Totals
House to House	£595.99	Chearsley £681.92
Village Businesses	£75.20	
Total:	£671.19	Nether Winchendon £525.09
Infant School	£31.70	
Junior School	£47.96	Cuddington £1109.88
6 wreaths	£32.00	
Total:	£111.39	
St. Nicholas Church	£267.30	Three villages total £2326.89
Parish Council	£60.00	
Cuddington Total	£1109.88	

If you wish to know more about the work of the RBL, please contact me via jschramdejong@yahoo.co.uk or tel: 01844 or come and see me at Larden, Spicketts Lane.

With my grateful thanks to you all, Jennifer Schram de Jong

The Pace Big Walk



Specialist education and therapy for children with motor disorders

April 2020

The 2020 Big Walk routes take in the Ridgeway Trail between Watlington and Wendover.

There is a choice of three routes:

18m - Watlington to Wendover

12m - Chinnor to Wendover

6m - Princes Risborough to Wendover

Registration takes place at John Colet School, Wendover; parking is available. After registration, walkers will be shuttled to their chosen starting point by coach.

£15 registration fee - You will get:

A Big Walk t-shirt

Coach transfers

Water, snacks and plenty of motivation en route
Refreshments, snacks and a warm, celebratory welcome at the end of the walk

For the children at Pace walking can be a big challenge, however taking a few tentative steps can lead to greater independence. You can help transform young lives by putting on your own walking shoes and joining us for the 2020 Big Walk.

For more information, or to sign up contact Kelly on 01296 616973 or kelly.houghton@thepacecentre.org



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

It is a couple of months since wheelie bin stickers were distributed to 50 households in Dadbrook, Bridgeway and parts of Aylesbury Road and a big thank you goes to those of you who have displayed them. However, it is rather disappointing that so many have not been used. As stated earlier, these were not free but purchased by a villager for everyone's use and I'm sure she would be most upset to find people not using them. It would be really good to see a greater number of them displayed in Dadbrook. We know from Sentinel that the highest speeds recorded in the village occur on Dadbrook. Speeds in excess of 50mph have been recorded.

The idea of the stickers is to try and slow traffic down passing through our village and I'm sure every resident would agree that this should be our aim. But if you really don't feel it will make a difference or just don't want to stick them on your bins then that is your choice. I will be looking out for 'bare' bins and calling on people to collect unused stickers in the near future so they can be redistributed to a list people who have asked for them.

Pauline Spence

Co-ordinator 20's Plenty for Cuddington

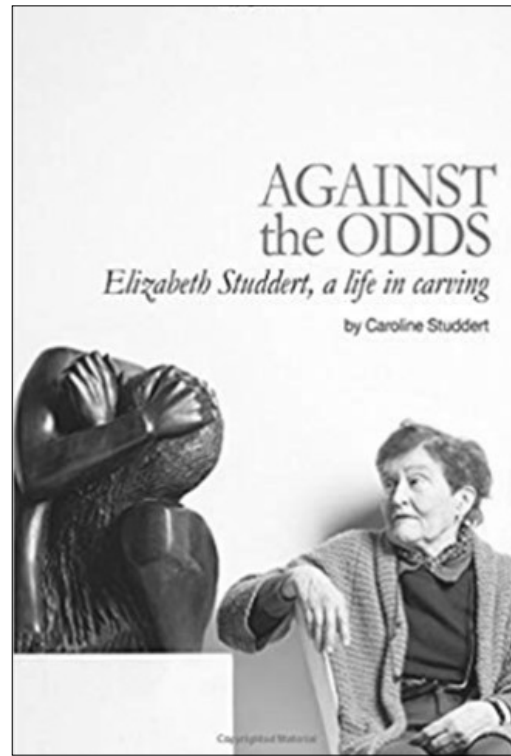
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Against the Odds

Elizabeth Studdert, a life in carving

Last year, Caroline Studdert, published this insightful and fascinating biography on her sister and sculptress Elizabeth Studdert, a Haddenham resident. In it she explores her sister's life and work, set against the backdrop of her childhood in wartime and postwar England, Minden in Germany, and Waterford, Ireland. With lavish illustrations and a behind-the-scenes look at the passion and difficulties this extraordinary sculptor dealt with, *Against the Odds* is a story not only of art, but life on a truly relatable and inspiring level.

If you would be interested in buying a copy, it is available from Amazon price £14.99 or it can be purchased directly from Caroline at the special price of £13.00.



Greener Cuddington

I have just battled my way along Spurt Street past a solid line of cars and vans parked with two wheels on the pavement, some blocking pedestrians, and dodging potholes.

I have long bemoaned the way that cars spoil the scenery both in the countryside and in settlements as I roam the countryside trying to take nice photographs but, of course, I am part of the problem as we have two (smallish) cars, both parked on the road. We may well have only needed one car had cycle ways been built in our area, but the roads are so busy and strewn with potholes that there is little pleasure and some danger in cycling on them.



Long Crendon High Street

Car ownership is growing worldwide and in Britain, and although there are moves towards vehicles with lower carbon emissions, they are getting bigger, and that has a major impact upon the total carbon footprint of the car. This is because to manufacture a larger 4 wheel-drive Land Rover Discovery produces up to 35 tonnes of CO₂, whereas to manufacture a compact car of bait specifications results in well under 10 tonnes of CO₂. Then the fuel consumption of the larger car is likely to be much higher, although this will be lower in the case of hybrid cars. In addition, larger cars are heavier, so have more impact upon the roads that they drive upon....

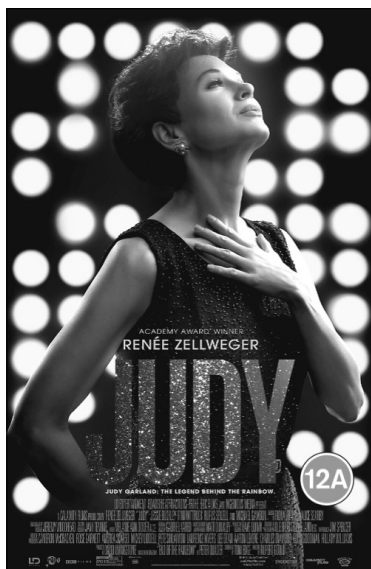
Which brings me to the dreadful condition of our roads: why are they so bad when Bucks CC spent over £20 million on maintenance and repairs in 2019? This is eating into the Council's reserve funds as the volume of repairs needed has been increasing rapidly, and this is principally due to the increasing amount and weight of traffic.

So we seem to be heading up something of a blind alley with more, and larger, cars, delivery vans, heavier lorries and farm vehicles while rain coming in heavier downpours, rather than good old British drizzle, so undermining road surfaces. The situation is serious.

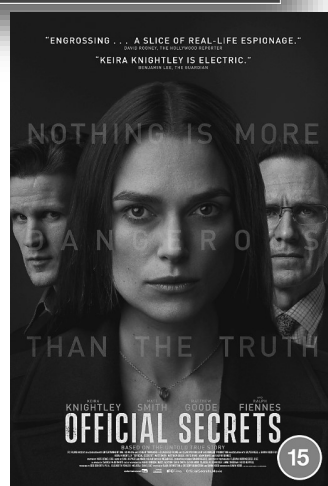
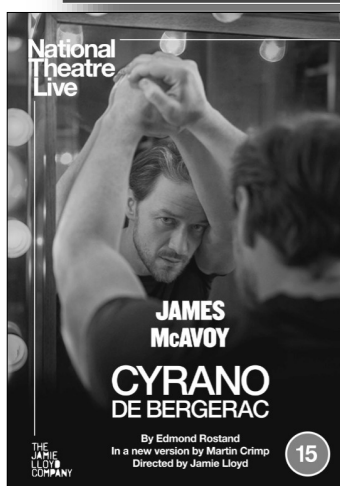
Many roads in this area were properly repaired in 2019, and there were thousands of pothole repairs, so there was some improvement after a fairly dry summer. Then we had very heavy rain for several weeks, and then a sharp frost over the past few nights following which the damage to the road surfaces and reappearance of potholes is alarming. When there are so many social priorities needing funds, and with rapidly increasing global warming gases in the atmosphere, can this increasing vehicle use be justified? Are our priorities for transport in any way sustainable? I have a pet theory that, had Bucks CC been prepared to invest in cycleways over the decades, many journeys would have been taken off the roads, particularly for school journeys (always an issue in Cuddington), public health would have been improved, and car ownership would have been somewhat lower. The cost of this would have been tiny set against the cost of road building, maintenance and repairs. The environmental cost of cars and vans is very high, made up of manufacturing, materials, creating a demand for fossil fuels, emissions, decommissioning, impact on the land and the landscape. This can be alleviated by driving fewer miles, driving style, buying smaller vehicles less often, buying hybrid or electric vehicles. Low emission vehicles therefore only tackle one of the problems they create, and the technology is developing.

The best answer to the emissions issue would be hydrogen-fuelled vehicles, and these are a reality: there is even a hydrogen refuelling station at Beaconsfield. And they are safe, having the highest Health And Safety Council ratings. So if we are concerned with bad roads, wrecked landscapes and villages, and lack of money for social services, perhaps we should think again about our favourite toys: our cars.

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THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON



Our varied programme for 2020 continues on Thursday 6th

February with the film **Judy** (cert. 12A), starring Renée Zellweger in the title role. In winter 1968, showbiz legend Judy Garland arrives in Swinging London to perform in a sell-out run at *The Talk of the Town*. It's 30 years since she shot to global stardom in *The Wizard of Oz*, but if her voice has weakened, its dramatic intensity has only grown. Even her dreams of romance seem undimmed as she embarks on a courtship with Mickey Deans, her soon-to-be fifth husband. And yet Judy is fragile. After working for 45 of her 47 years, she is exhausted; haunted by memories of a childhood lost to Hollywood; and gripped by a desire to be back home with her kids. Featuring some of her best-known songs, the film celebrates the voice, the capacity for love and the sheer pizzazz of "the world's greatest entertainer". "Renée Zellweger is phenomenally good in this captivating account of Judy Garland's final London concert run," says *The Guardian*. "Zellweger is magnetic as Judy Garland – it's a performance of such overwhelming force that it wrests authorship from every other hand that guided the film's creation," says *The Independent*.

On Thursday 13th we'll be showing **Late Night** (cert. 15), starring Emma Thompson and Mindy Kaling. It's the story of legendary late-night talk show host Katherine Newbury who, after years of complacency and declining ratings, finds her show is on the network's chopping block. Katherine's world is turned upside down when she hires her first ever female staff writer, Molly Patel, who brings fresh eyes and an honest perspective. Katherine's decision has unexpectedly hilarious consequences, as her show is upended by Molly's passionate, unapologetic, at times outright bizarre approach to comedy and to life. "A caustic satirical comedy that turns into an unlikely tearjerker," says *The Independent*. "There's something fabulously old-fashioned at the heart of this ultra-modern workplace comedy," says *The Times*. Then on Thursday 20th we'll be screening NT Live's **Cyrano de Bergerac** (cert. 15), broadcast live from the Theatre in the West End. Fierce with a pen and notorious in combat, Cyrano almost has it all – if only he could win the heart of his true love Roxane. There's just one big problem: he has a nose as huge as his heart. Will a society engulfed by narcissism get the better of Cyrano – or can his mastery of language set Roxane's world alight? This classic play starring James McAvoy celebrates Cyrano's powerful and resonant resistance against overwhelming odds. "James McAvoy proves a revelation in a super-smart stripped-back Cyrano that turns the play on its head and left me speechless with admiration,"

says *The Telegraph*. "James McAvoy gives a stunningly powerful

performance in this piece of pure theatre, the most breathtakingly exciting show in London right now," says *The Evening Standard*. On Thursday 27th we have a matinée repeat screening of **Downton Abbey** (cert. PG), with subtitles. In 1927, the King and Queen make an unexpected visit to Downton Abbey, causing a stir among the Crawleys and servants alike.

That same evening, our film will be **Official Secrets** (cert. 15) starring Keira Knightley, Matt Smith and Ralph Fiennes. One day in 2003, in the lead up to the Iraq War, British intelligence specialist Katharine Gun receives a memo from the NSA with a shocking directive: the United States is enlisting Britain's help in collecting compromising information on U.N. Security Council members to blackmail them into voting in favour of an invasion of Iraq. Unable to stand by and watch the world be rushed into war, Gun makes the gut-wrenching decision to defy her government and leak the memo to the press... "Keira Knightley shines as a very British whistle-blower in this shrewd and relevant spy drama," says *The Guardian*. "This whistle-blower drama set during the Iraq War is serious stuff and Keira Knightley owns it," says *The Times*. "A film that says so much about what's going on today that it becomes unmissable," says *The Daily Mail*.

Looking ahead to March, on Thursday 5th we'll be showing **On The Basis of Sex**, the powerful – and timely – true story of US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who led the fight against gender discrimination and blazed an unprecedented trail for equality. On the 12th we'll be screening **Kinky Boots: The Musical**, captured live at London's Adelphi Theatre. A struggling Northampton cobbler enlists a drag queen to help him launch a new range of footwear. On the 19th our film will be **The Good Liar**, starring Ian McKellen as a career swindler and Helen Mirren as a well-to-do widow who he sets out to con. On the 26th we'll be screening **Matthew Bourne's Romeo and Juliet**, a passionate and contemporary re-imagining of Shakespeare's story of forbidden love, captured live at Sadler's Wells.

Finally, we are happy to report that PayPal have reduced the fees that they charge us for online bookings, and we shall be only too pleased to pass this saving onto our cinemagoers. This means that, for events after 1st March, the online booking supplement will reduce from 40p to 25p per ticket.

Visit the web page for more details of all features:

www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema

Dates for your Diary



Nor will I then thy modest grace forget,
Chaste Snow-drop, venturous harbinger of Spring,
And pensive monitor of fleeting years!
William Wordsworth

February

Monday 3rd, 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 'Judy'
Tuesday 11 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 13 th , 8.00pm	Village Picture House 'Late Night'
Monday 17th, 2pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 20 th , 7.00pm	Village Picture House- NTLive, 'Cyrano de Bergerac'
Monday 24 th , 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
Thursday 27 th , 2.00pm	Village Picture House, 'Downton Abbey' (with subtitles)
Thursday 27 th , 8.00pm	Village Picture House 'Official Secrets'

March

Monday 2nd, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 4 th , 8.00pm	Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 5 th , 8.00pm	Village Picture House 'On The Basis of Sex'
Friday 6 th	Beer and Bangers Festival, The Crown
Saturday 7 th	Beer and Bangers Festival, The Crown
Sunday 8 th	Beer and Bangers Festival, The Crown
Tuesday 10 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 12 th , 7.00pm	Village Picture House 'Kinky Boots: The Musical'
Monday 16th, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 19 th , 8.00pm	Village Picture House 'The Good Liar'
Saturday 21 st , 7.30pm	Parish Supper, Bernard Hall
Monday 23 rd , 1.30pm	Cuddington Matinee Cinema, 'Victoria and Abdul'.
Monday 23 rd 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
Thursday 26 th , 7.00pm	Village Picture House 'Matthew Bourne's Romeo and Juliet'

New Year Tea Party

Thank you!

On a typical "November-type" day on Monday, 13th January, when the last thing one really wished to do was to come out of hibernation and venture out into the dank, windy world, instead of curling up in front of a brightly burning fire with a good book, a hot cup of tea and a hot cross bun (after all, Christmas was only a few weeks away) and hot cross buns had already been gracing the shelves of the supermarkets for several week! As we were blown hither and thither across the playing fields the lights in the club house beckoned us into the warm where friends and neighbours were chatting happily away, in anticipation of the promised tea one had glimpsed in the billiards room!

The promised tea was quite delicious; delicate sandwiches, warm sausage rolls (invoking memories of dear Helen Griffin who was the village's sausage roll queen and who is still missed by many of us), and an amazing selection of delectable cakes. Copious cups of tea were consumed, and after a necessary comfort break, we were treated to the entertainment! Poems were read and then came the community singing with Adrian performing his usual one-man descant – what would we do without you, Adrian?

For me the delicious tea, much laughter and the opportunity of catching up with friends and neighbours whom I had not seen since before Christmas, made the afternoon particularly enjoyable, and looking at all the happy faces around me and the ever increasing noise in the club house, I know everyone else felt the same?

I am sure everyone who was there will join me to say thank you to Caroline Saker, Sarah Wood, Eileen Fortgang and Rosemary Bradbury together with their many helpers/organisers whose names I know not (please forgive me?) for coming up with the idea for and organising this New Year Tea Party. It was a really lovely idea and a great success, hopefully something to be repeated later on in the year.

JSdeJ January 2020

P.S. A personal note from Jaap and Jennifer

Some of you may know that in November last year, I had an operation to give me a new shoulder which incidentally, is now upside down - no don't ask me! This has meant that for many weeks passed and quite a few more to come, I have been and will be a bionic one-armed bandit, unable to write or type very much or do my hair, etc. So, on behalf of my wonderful carer and myself, I would like to thank you all for your kind cards, flowers and messages and apologise for our not sending any Christmas cards or birthday cards - yet!

With love and best wishes to you all for a healthy, happy and peaceful year to come - Jaap and Jennifer at Larden

Step up and make a difference

The BIG Walk

NEW ROUTE - 25th April 2020

Walk for Pace and make a huge difference to our inspirational children, who face mobility challenges every single day.

Three routes: 18, 12 and 6 miles along the infamous Ridgeway.

Sign up today at thepacecentre.org/thebigwalk

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Cuddington resident, Sarah Dyckhoff, seen below, whose Aylesbury based company 2D Print World, won the BizTech BrightSparc & Digital EdTech Award in November.



Awarded for their pioneering work introducing 3D printers and computer aided design to Primary Schools, their initiative to get 3D Printers into classrooms is now being used on our very own Cuddington & Dinton School.

Cuddington Youth Drama *Chitty Bang*



14-18 April 7pm.
Saturday Matinee 2pm
Please come!

Thank you for your support!

Services at St Nicholas

(Churchwardens: Helen Keeping 291635 and James Stonham 292221)

FEBRUARY 2020

2 nd February	10.00	Holy Communion
9 th February	10.00	All-age Service
16 th February	10.00	Holy Communion
23 rd February	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.

Haddenham Library Changes to opening hours!!

From Tuesday 4th February Haddenham Library's opening times will be:

Monday – Closed
Tuesday – 9.30am to 5pm
Wednesday - Closed
Thursday - 9.30am to 5pm
Friday - 9.30am to 5pm
Saturday - 9.30am to 1pm
Sunday - Closed



You can keep up to date with news/events at Haddenham Community Library here <http://haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk/> and information about all Buckinghamshire Library Services can be found at www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries

Tuesday Group

The speaker at our January meeting, Peggy Cattell, took us on a very enjoyable 'walk' through village history, this time concentrating more on the interesting people who had lived in, or visited, Cuddington rather than the buildings. We 'met' the Duke of Edinburgh at the Playing Field, and at the Lower Green the Dumbleby family and Tom Stephenson, a rambler activist, who was very instrumental in creating the Pennine Way. Do Google him to find out more.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 11th February at 2.30 pm in the Playing Fields Clubhouse. We shall have a light hearted quiz followed by tea and social time. Meeting fee £2.00. New friends are especially welcome.

Live Well, Stay Well

A useful resource...

Last year only a few people attended the 'Live Well Stay Well' meeting held at Haddenham Health Centre. This was a pity as there was a speaker from the organisation who had some very interesting information. It is based in Amersham and funded by Parkwood Healthcare. It aims to be a helpful aid supporting the work of doctors and, for some, the means of getting advice without bothering the surgery.

It is funded for 5 years and if you are a Bucks resident or are registered with a Bucks GP you can access a range of support solutions. You can obtain help with stopping smoking, managing type 2 diabetes, losing weight (both children and adult help) and healthy eating, if you feel stressed, worried or low or need help with getting more active and reducing alcohol intake.

The website is livewellstaywell.co.uk or you can call 01628 857311. Another useful aid is the "Ask NHS" app where you talk to an avatar (ask the young about the meaning) and you can obtain help or be advised that you need to speak to a doctor. This app is not to be confused with the general NHS app.

The new Primary Care Network now includes the Community Pharmacist and referrals may be made by the doctor directly to the pharmacist, (Vicarys).