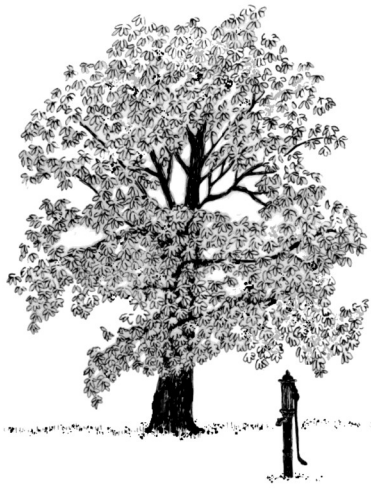




Cuddington Village Voice

April 2020

St. Nicholas Church, Cuddington



For your information, from 24th March, our church, St Nicholas, Cuddington, is to be closed.

This is until further notice.

As an alternative way of worship there are services on the internet. Please look at oxford.anglican.org or [Wychert Vale Youtube Channel](#), Facebook and other websites.

Planning

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) update

The Parish Council has received a note from AVDC explaining that the approval of VALP has been delayed until the summer / autumn 2020:

"AVDC has been considering its responses to the representations made on the VALP main modifications. The Council was asked by the Inspector to include modifications to clarify the infrastructure that is critical to the VALP delivery."

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Stay at Home Family Quiz
turn to page 9&10!

Cuddington Community Spirit

There has always been a tremendous community spirit within our village but it has never been demonstrated so visibly as in the current situation.

Thank you so much for your fantastic response to the call for volunteers who would be prepared to help their neighbours in this crisis. Within 24 hours of the flyer going out to every house, dozens of Cuddington residents had made contact to offer help. There are now about 80 households who have offered support. It has also been amazing to learn of the number of cases where support had already been organised, prior to this initiative. Fortunately, the number of calls from people needing help has been relatively modest but the numbers will inevitably increase as we all self-isolate with the spread of the virus and, potentially, even more stringent restrictions.

The single point of contact number/e-mail will be maintained to link volunteers with people in need. 01844 292921 ken@vivsemmens.force9.co.uk

So far, the support has been shopping, collection of medication, delivery of newspapers and telephone contact to check well-being and have a reassuring 'chat.' Clearly, the volunteers' own safety is vital and there should be no personal contact, closer than 2 metres.

If it becomes clear that more specialist support is needed, then the volunteer might be able to help arrange it.

In addition, if anyone is helping a neighbour independently of this initiative, it would be useful to know, so that the scale of the problem can be assessed. It may well be, having offered to help others, your own situation changes and you require support yourself. **Do not hesitate to make contact.**

Living in Cuddington, we are exceptionally lucky in being surrounded by open country and fabulous walks to get our daily exercise. The allotments are providing a superb 'green gym' to supplement on-line exercise regimes. There are plenty of spare plots, so anyone wanting an allotment should contact Sandra Hill at 13 Dadbrook.

You may well have seen that all Parish Council meetings have also been cancelled and unfortunately for the time being, the Children's Playground and pitches on the Playing Field are also closed. **Stay safe** and let us hope that the nightmare ends before too long.

Ken Birkby

Thought for the month...



Well, I got the big one,— how do we, the people of Cuddington, deal with the current challenge. It affects us all, in all sorts of different ways – some people are still going to work (occasionally), some are working from home, some have stopped for the foreseeable future; some of us could be affected by the virus. This situation has implications for everyone – but we can all help, especially by helping each other. This could be phoning, skypeing, emailing, just giving them a human contact, going shopping or ‘running messages’ for those less able to do so.

Many people will stay indoors, but, we in Cuddington, whilst still ‘social distancing’ can enjoy the countryside around the village – a must for those with dogs, and even without one, a walk to Winchendon or along the bridle path is solace to the soul, especially now that spring has sprung. Sadly, we have had to close St Nicholas Church but it is still possible, in our beautiful surroundings to pray about, or just contemplate the current situation, but also to give thanks for what we have and can enjoy – more time with our families, opportunities to catch up on projects, reading ‘that book’, learning a new skill.

To help with that contemplation the church has suggested reflecting on Psalm 23. I’m recommending the version from the Authorised Version, because it is the one with the most beautiful language, and also the one most of us will know:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Best wishes,

Helen Keeping

Coronavirus Pandemic & Parish Council Meetings



Both the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) are asking local councils to stop holding any physical meetings or gatherings during the Coronavirus pandemic. This includes full council, committee meetings, annual parish or council meetings.

The following Cuddington Parish Council meetings have been cancelled:

Parish Council: Monday 30th March 2020

Annual Village Meeting: Wednesday 22nd April 2020

Parish Council: Monday 27th April 2020

Parish Council AGM: Tuesday 26th May 2020

The Town and Parish Council Elections have been postponed until May 2021.

However, the government is working on a Coronavirus Bill and associated legislation that will allow Parish Council meetings to be held remotely and to make decisions without the need for physically meeting. This will be introduced soon. An update will be provided on the Parish Council News page.

If you have any issues that you would like to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, please get in touch at

cuddingtonpc@gmail.com

Closure of Children's Play park, tennis courts & football pitch

A reminder that following government guidance, the children's play area, tennis courts and football pitch are closed. If you are using the playing field, please help keep everyone safe by observing the 2 metre social distancing from others at all times and wash your hands thoroughly and regularly. Thank you.

All country parks and libraries within Buckinghamshire are now closed and all Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs).

Tuesday Group

At our March meeting, members enjoyed time making Easter cards. The more artistic among us hand decorated their cards and others used craft items to create their designs.

A fun time was had by all.

Regretfully, we have decided that there will be **no meetings** in April or May. We shall contact members in due course as to when we can resume. In the

meantime, stay in touch with each other by phone and heed all the advice we are being given. **Take care and stay well.**



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In considering the relevant representations, the Council has come to the conclusion that it is necessary to request some further transport modelling to support the existing evidence base.

This additional modelling will take approximately four weeks, and once this is complete, the representations and the Council's responses will be sent to the Inspector. We anticipate this being in mid-April. Beyond that, the Inspector has already indicated that, due to other commitments, he is unlikely to be in a position to consider representations and the Council's responses until June 2020.

We appreciate that this additional essential modelling will cause a slight delay to the finalisation of VALP but we consider that it is appropriate to do this work now so that the Inspector has all the relevant information when considering the representations on the main modifications and the Council's responses to them".

Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan (CNP) update

The Parish Council have received initial comments from AVDC planning officers on the preliminary Pre-Submission draft of the CNP. The Steering Group will work with the Parish Council to complete the Pre-Submission draft for consultation later in the year. Further details will follow once a timetable has been established.

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



The weather has started to improve and we hoped to turn our minds to getting a petition started. We need to get as many signatures as possible to show that the village is serious about getting the speed limit down to 20mph. However, this will have to go on hold now for the foreseeable future due to Covid-19.

Just to remind you, 20s Plenty is a national campaign to try and get drivers to slow down in areas where people live, work and play.

During the week leading up to 20th February, Road Safety Experts, NGOs and Ministers gathered for the 3rd Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in Stockholm hosted by the Swedish Government in collaboration with the World Health Organization. The conference outcome was the **"Stockholm Declaration"** – a list of promised action steps – which had been through extensive consultation with WHO Member States via permanent representatives in Geneva and a transparent and inclusive public consultation open globally. Of the 18 resolutions which were "declared", resolution 11 was on Speed Management and specifically mandated the global and universal use of 30km/h or 20mph limits.

Christian Aid Week

May 10th – 16th 2020

Here in Cuddington we raise about £2,000 for this every year, and as the current virus starts to develop in poorer communities and overcrowded humanitarian camps where there is reduced health resistance, this money will be even more necessary. Under current restrictions, house-to-house collections will not go ahead, however we can still deliver envelopes for your donations. In particular, we cannot hold public events such as a Ladies Breakfast or shared lunches, where food is served. We are working on some alternative plans that will allow people to take part in Christian Aid Week in different, creative ways – by post, by text and online that strengthen our communities during this challenging time.

There will be collection pots available to receive donations and you are also encouraged to make donations online

info@christian-aid.org. Caroline

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

At the risk of sounding like the numismatic nerd which undoubtedly I am, I would like to make a small clarification to Peter Wenham's enjoyable article about our forebears' woes in 1066.

Peter mentions a tax of 'six silver shillings', however the only coins available at that time were silver pennies (shillings and pounds were simply units of account, rather than physical coinage). Thus (as anyone of a certain age will remember) 12 pence made a shilling and 20 shillings (or 240 pence) made a pound. Physically, 240 silver pence weighed a pound weight of silver. This is a roundabout way of saying that although the tax may have been stated in shillings, it would have been paid in 72 silver pennies.

The shilling proper was introduced by Edward VI in the mid-16th century.

Yours sincerely
Charlie Riley

The conclusion to be drawn is that the whole world is moving to lower speed limits where people live.

To get the ball rolling in Cuddington we distributed over 100 wheelie bin stickers to households on the three busiest roads in our village where some very high speeds have been recorded on Speedwatch.

It is rather disappointing that on the road where the highest speeds have been recorded i.e Dadbrook, some people seem very reluctant to display these stickers. We really wish more could be seen even for the short time bins are out for collection. If you haven't yet used yours please do. We do now have a few more bin stickers if anyone else would like some. Posters have also been displayed in various locations around the village such as the school, village hall and village notice boards, although the one on the Dadbrook notice board seems to keep disappearing!

The aim is to make our village an even better place to live by enabling people to feel safer walking around it. We're looking for the whole village to support the campaign.

Pauline Spence

Co-ordinator 20's Plenty for Cuddington
cuddington@20splentyforus.org.uk 01844 291711

CPFA Tree Planting

On a cold, wet and windy day at the end of February, we finally received our delivery of 210 saplings from the Woodland Trust.

A week later, the rain had passed (briefly!) and after a call to arms in the village, we had about twenty volunteers meet up at the Playing fields on Saturday 7th March to help get all of our saplings planted. The sun even managed to come out, the wind had died down and it was a little milder than of late. We had received Oak, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Silver Birch, Rowan and Hazel which were chosen to provide a hedge along one perimeter and some trees, all to promote wildlife. It seemed like quite a task, but with a general plan of planting, a few spades and a lot of enthusiasm we completed the task in an hour!

The hard work is now done and we look forward to watching our saplings grow. *It was a great team effort and the CPFA thanks everyone who came to help!*



Cuddington's Famous Son

Who was the most notable person to be born in our village? It is true that three well-known journalists – Chester Wilmot, Richard Dimbleby and Terry Lloyd lived in Cuddington for part of their lives, but none was born here.

The man with the main claim to fame emerged relatively early in our history. John Holyman was born in Cuddington in 1495 and after a glittering scholastic career went on to play a significant role in the religious life of his day, achieving high office in the church. His family had become one of the wealthiest in Cuddington. They possessed land and the moated farmhouse to the north of Lower Church Street as physical evidence of their rise to prosperity as members of the Yeoman class in society.

John's parents had the confidence and resources to send him to school at Winchester College to begin his studies. At age seventeen he proceeded to New College at Oxford University. He proved a very able scholar. While his fellow villagers were working in the fields, John, as part of his studies was learning Latin, an essential qualification for educated people at this time. He graduated with honours and after further study was awarded a Doctorate.

John was appointed rector of a parish in Wiltshire. He built up a reputation for scholarship, for his upright way of life and his persuasive, passionate preaching. Later he became a monk in the Benedictine Abbey of St Mary's in Reading. However, the Abbey was soon closed by orders of Henry VIII and his adviser, Thomas Cromwell. The Abbot was hanged and John was very fortunate to escape with his life and even a small pension. There was much political and religious unrest in England. The King was intent on establishing the Church of England with himself in charge rather than the Pope in Rome. He wanted to divorce his Catholic wife Katherine, to marry Anne Boleyn. John, a staunch and orthodox Catholic,

entered the controversy. He wrote two books in Latin, both of which have unfortunately been lost. One publication was not only controversial but dangerous to John's very life. His "Defence of the marriage of Queen Katherine with King Henry VIII" was especially risky. His preaching at this time

was also likely to inflame the King's wrath. He was viewed at court as "an enemy of the King's cause". However, John's fortunes changed dramatically in 1553 when the Catholic Mary became Queen. She rewarded John with his most prestigious post – Bishop of Bristol. He played a role in the trial of four fellow bishops who had embraced the Protestant cause. Cranmer, Latimer, Ridley and Hooper were all burnt at the stake.

Perhaps it was fortuitous for John that he died just a month after the death of his patron, Queen Mary. Probably he would have found it difficult to temper his traditional Catholic beliefs in Queen Elizabeth's England.

John Holyman had achieved high office and had played a significant part in the controversies of his age. He had stoutly defended what he believed was right and was prepared to hazard his freedom, and even, his life.

Involvement in national politics was a far cry from the rural lives of his fellow villagers back in Cuddington.



Peter Wenham

Sunshine & Showers

Finally, Spring is in evidence with daffodils bobbing their heads and flowering trees starting to bloom.



Our March meeting involved a suitably short AGM followed by a lovely supper of Aberdeen Angus cottage pie with a winter coleslaw (Thanks Liz!) followed by lemon cheesecake and profiteroles. We were able to put a quiz together and learnt that bananas are slightly radioactive and Yves St Laurent was a keen gardener...who knew?

The garden, of course, is a fabulous place if you're isolating or even if you're not.

Don't be tempted to overdo it though, 30 minutes a day is sufficient....and we're in it for the long haul.

Expect the inevitable April showers this month but with sunny days too, when you can turn your attention to the lawn. It's an exciting month, with indoor-sown seeds sprouting (save those hoarded toilet roll inners!) And it's also time to start sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts...

Jobs this month, courtesy of the RHS are:

1. Keep weeds under control
2. Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
3. Tie in climbing and rambling roses
4. Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors
5. Start to feed citrus plants
6. Increase the water given to houseplants
7. Feed hungry shrubs and roses
8. Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
9. Divide bamboos and waterlilies

And, finally, for some inspiration during the isolation as it were, download the Instagram app if you are able, and follow your favourite gardens and gardeners. My current favourite is the lovely August Bernstein who shares my gardening course....@augusts_garden.

(She is also a kitchen gardener at Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons... lucky, lucky girl!)

Here's to some sunny days!

Carol

*For the time being the Sunshine Club is suspended.
Keep well and hope to see you all soon.*



Keeping healthy

Here are some tips I was given at school: they are from a psychologist. I hope they will help everyone during the next few weeks and months, and to turn what is a challenging time to all of us into a much more positive experience.

- Keep to your daily routine as much as possible in light of the current official advice issued in the UK.
- Reassure each other - especially children or the vulnerable - that you will do your best to keep them safe.
- Being worried or upset about yourself or family or friends is ok – talk about this.
- Remember that being kind and considerate to others is as important as ever – as is saying *thank you* to people that help you – consider *random acts of kindness*.
- Reflect on what you can and cannot control. You can control: your hygiene, essential travel, helping others, being active, learning at home. You cannot control: other people's behaviour, professional or work uncertainty, what the media tells us, decisions made by organisations / schools / public services / Government, economic uncertainty.
- Rest, sleep well and eat well; try to resist the *urge* to panic-buy.
- Keeping physically active is a good routine - a good distraction – it will lower your sense of stress – and will keep you physically strong if / when you fall sick.
- Learn to manage your anxiety better – examples of online resources are here: [Calmer You](#) (adults or young people) or [Sitting Still Like A Frog](#) (older children or young people) or [Cosmic Kids](#) (children).
- Avoid fuelling anxiety or fear – talk about solutions and helping others, not just problems.
- If / when you or someone you know gets sick – keep some perspective based on the official advice issued in the UK – most of us that are fit and healthy will probably recover – then, take each day as it comes.
- Having 'self-centred' thoughts is a normal response too – it's easy if you are *well off* relative to others - stock piling food and resources – disconnecting with others – *battening down the hatches* to look after only yourself and loved ones – talk about the rights and wrongs of this.
- Try to connect or help others nearby – join online communities – telephone or talk over the road / balcony / through the window / fence / hedge – perhaps agree first, a conversation *CORONA-FREE ZONE*.
- Avoid over-exposure to media content – either social media or rolling news TV coverage or feeds – be pro-active in turning off continual media or other notifications on your screens.
- Be pro-active in turning on music - playing with pets - being focussed or entertained - keep busy - do the things that you enjoy or find relaxing.
- Take the opportunity for self-development – read – watch – listen - study – explore who you are - focus - find - recover – connect or reconnect with others

Please follow whatever the official Government advice is at the time of reading – Gov.uk

Helen Keeping

In light of the developing situation regarding the coronavirus outbreak and Government advice on how to respond to it, we have postponed our planned Midnight Walk from June until 3rd October 2020.

If you have added details of this event to your website, newsletter or social media channels, we would be very grateful if you could update the details with the new date at your convenience. The details of the event can be found at <https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/events/midnightwalk/>.



The Land of Maybe

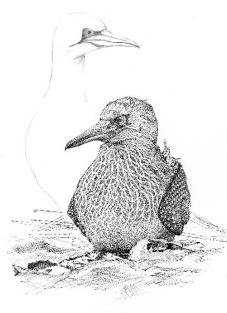
My latest book is all about the time I have spent in the Faroe Islands – the tiny archipelago half-way between Shetland and Iceland. *The Land of Maybe* explains the natural history of these eighteen scraps of basalt which experience 300 days of rain per year, and regularly endure the highest wind speeds in Europe. It's similar in style to my first book *Neutral Buoyancy*, which details my underwater experiences, but instead of spending time with dolphins and sharks, in the Faroes I have been watching seabirds, herding sheep and learning to ferment lamb, and eat roasted gannets and fulmars. It also explains the strong ties between the UK and Ireland with the Faroes, especially the relatively recent links during WWII when British troops occupied the islands and taught the Faroese to love Cadbury's chocolate, Typhoo tea and Tunnock's tea-cakes. In return the brave Faroese sailors supplied huge quantities of fish to Aberdeen and Grimsby, helping ensure that 'fish and chips' were not rationed like other foods.

People often ask why I love Faroes so much – and apart from the dramatic scenery I think it's because, like Cuddington, Faroes is a place with a very strong sense of community.

Everyone knows one another, and they help each other out. With a population of 50,000 people they still have a real sense of connection to each other and to the land. The dramatic northern light and long summer days are very inspiring for writers, artists and musicians. And I have been honoured to make proper friendships with so many people there who made writing the book possible with their generosity and hospitality.

Jessica did the line drawings which make the book beautiful.

The Land of Maybe: A Faroe Islands Year by Tim Ecott, is published by Short Books (£14.99) and is available from the Book House in Thame (Tel: 01844 213032)



This month we are publishing Village Voice primarily through our village website and with only a small print run available at Cuddington Stores. If you have a neighbour without internet access and you have a printer, please do make a copy and leave it for them on their front door step so they aren't left out!

Greener Cuddington

The connection between the Coronavirus pandemic and global heating.

And there we were, all breezing along and assuming we could do anything we liked, that the Planet Earth was only there to exploit and provide for whatever humanity wanted, when along comes 'global heating' and then Coronavirus!

Governments, and people, around the World mostly managed to ignore the 'climate crisis' problem, although it's tough on people in the tropics who are at the nub end of hot weather and lack of rain, and islanders whose homes are being inundated, and locally, those suffering from repeated flooding. However, governments (including ours) feel they can get away with continuing to tackle global heating with conferences, promises and tinkering at the edges whilst channeling serious investment into what attracts votes.

The Coronavirus pandemic cannot be kicked down the road as it is here now and killing people as it spreads. So governments have been forced to act quickly, imposing draconian controls on peoples' lives which, it turns out, we are prepared to accept in this case (but not to address global heating).

There is a connection between the two crises, which is that they both emanate from humanity's exploitation of the planet's resources at all levels. Examples of what I mean would include a deluded Chinese paying a lot of money for some powdered keratin derived from rhinoceros horn for its miraculous health benefits at the personal level, and the destruction of tropical rain forests for profit in Brazil (beef ranching) and Indonesia (palm oil) at the global level. The turning a dead exotic animal into 'Chinese medicine' may have resulted in the transfer of the Coronavirus to humans, resulting in this pandemic, while the latter are examples of short-term financial gain over-riding the protection of an essential global resource for biodiversity and carbon storage.

In other words, it is not just the decisions and actions of governments and billionaires that are undermining our, and our children's' futures, but our personal choices and actions. Will we learn from this awful experience and begin to understand that The Earth's fragile beauty sustains us?

Cuddington Vertebrate Watch 2020.

Although we may still be avoiding each other, the 9th Cuddington Vertebrate Watch will take place over the weekend of May 16th and 17th. For those who have not heard about this, every year residents in each part of the village undertake to spend an hour watching their garden or another location of their choice and note any vertebrate animals (amphibians, reptiles, birds or mammals) that they see. They send this, along with any notes about what they normally come across in the same area, to me and I compile their results into a report. Through this we are learning about biodiversity in Cuddington and are able to watch trends as they develop.

If you know your garden birds, you can apply to take part by sending me an email.

Doug Kennedy (doug@doug-kennedy.com)

CPFA & Social Club

News



Mollie Lyons regrets that Bingo is cancelled until the government permits the social club to reopen. All other events and bookings at the social club are also suspended until further notice. As soon as we are able to reopen we will let you know via the village website.

We are using this time to paint and sanitise the social club. We look forward to welcoming you all back in due course. Please do show us (and other local businesses) your support. During this time of closure our finances will be taking a hit.

Windows

Thanks to a generous donation from Rectory Homes, we have been able to upgrade the changing rooms and kitchen windows. We have replaced the old wooden framed single glazed windows with double glazed uPVC ones. Not only has this improved the look and feel of the place, but it has offered added security and improved energy efficiency. Thank you Rectory Homes!



With events unfolding at such a rapid pace in these incredibly uncertain times it is hardly news to report that the school has closed!

The emails and messages that we have received from everyone has made life a little easier as we prepared last week. We are most grateful for the continued support from parents, Governors, staff and others over a difficult few days. The photos of children working at home have been great to receive! Our pictures here show Emily and Lucy creating a fairy glade and learning about life-cycles.

We will be running our critical worker care provision out of the Junior site in Dinton with the Infant site in Cuddington being completely closed, starting on Monday. We are indebted to so many for helping to make this possible, from the Seven Stars for staying open and cooking lovely take away lunches to Mr Manders for delivering a bunch of flowers and birthday cake for Miss Holford's birthday.

In these uncertain times it is important to keep as positive as possible, try and find some good news in the world. To start this off, I would like to congratulate an ex-member of staff, Miss Hiscock (year 6 will remember her well), on the birth of twins - Jack and Aoife. Mum, Dad and twins are doing well.

Many will know Pat Walker as the Lunchtime supervisor on the Infant site; however, she has also been the school cleaner on the Infant site for many years. She has made the very sensible decision to reduce her working hours and stop cleaning at school.

Dates for your Diary



Oh, to be in England
Now that April's there,
And whoever wakes in England
Sees, some morning, unaware,
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough
In England - now! *Robert Browning (1812-1889)*

Please note – all the following events have now been cancelled.

April

Wednesday 1st April
Thursday 2nd, 8.00pm
Monday 6 April, 2.00pm
Tuesday 7th, 2.30pm
Saturday 18th, 10.00am

Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Village Picture House 'Knives Out'
Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Coffee Morning, Playing Fields Clubhouse, in aid of Playing Fields Association
Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Village Picture House 'Bait'
Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
Village Picture House '42nd Street'

Monday 20th, 2.00pm
Thursday 23rd, 8.00pm
Monday 27th 7.30pm
Thursday 30th, 8.00pm

May

Thursday 7th, 8.00pm
Friday 8th, 9.30am
Monday 11th, 2.00pm
Monday 18th, 1.30pm

Village Picture House 'Little Women'
Madrigals
Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Cuddington Matinee Cinema, "Some Like It Hot"
Village Picture House, NTLive 'The Welkin'



During lunch the other day, we presented her with a bouquet of flowers, some garden centre and book vouchers. I am so grateful to Pat for her years of service to the school; she has put up with me and my many renovations on the Infant site and never moaned - well maybe a little bit about glitter!!! Thank you Pat.

We will naturally continue to follow the Government's directives and with the support of our Governing Body will do our utmost to ensure those in our care get the best of attention.

Keep safe!

Kim Price Headteacher

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Cuddington Traffic Action Group

Since humankind started to get organised it has been necessary to shift stuff from one place to another. From carrying things by hand then harnessing animals and machinery to do the work, in this 'global' economy, goods travel by land sea and air.

This carries benefits to us all but there are downsides. We see this in our own village. The road freight transport industry now utilises an ever increasing number of vehicles of increasing size to satisfy our insatiable appetite for economic growth.

Locals say the volumes have increased in the last 2 years. Why, is unclear but it seems to be connected to the increase in housing developments in the area and the expansion of local industrial estates.

The thing is the local infrastructure has not changed much over the last few centuries; there is an ever increasing conflict between the size of lorries and the width of village streets. The transport authorities are not blind to this problem and systems of 'freight routes' exist i.e. A418 and A41 near to us. Unfortunately Cuddington sits in the middle of these 2 routes and our village and surrounding lanes offer a perfect cut through.

This impacts on our quality of life. We are not the only area that suffers like this and an interesting joint project between Buck CC and South Beds Council, centred on Ivinghoe, addresses this problem. Action is being taken to curb lorry 'rat running'. This project has run for some time and involves much evidence gathering.

The starting point for us, if we have the appetite to do something, will be to gather what evidence we can to show the authorities that we have a problem and to get their involvement and support in finding an acceptable solution for all parties. To set the ball rolling we need to gather some data on freight movements ourselves to make our point; the team at 'Ivinghoe' know of our issues and are there to serve communities.

The ball is rolling, albeit slowly. A Waddesdon Freight Group Workshop planned for this month in Stone focusing on defining the challenge, sharing information and tabling any ideas has had to be cancelled. Unfortunately it has got caught up in the Covid-19 crisis so it will have to wait.

In the meantime if you are interested in being part of the team that addresses freight issues in Cuddington, drop me an email on prspence@btinternet.com

Speedwatch

It's been a year since the volunteers in Cuddington began using the Sentinel Speed Camera. Come rain or shine the volunteers have caught almost 600 vehicles breaking the speed limit. In addition, 6 months ago, recording of traffic volumes during these sessions was introduced. Numbers do go up and down by season, by weather conditions and by location of the camera. So, now we can begin to compare data year on year to support our traffic policy.

As events unfold around the world, in the UK and specifically Cuddington, we have decided for the moment to pause the

use of the Speed Camera. As the situation improves we hope that our team of volunteers will once again be a sight on the roads of the village. If you are interested in helping with the Sentinel Speed Camera, please contact Steve Wright stepnwright@googlemail.com and he will keep you informed of any training sessions (as and when it is deemed safe to do so).

Car parking

The Department for Transport has said parking on pavements could be banned in England to help pedestrians, with the exception of London - where a ban already exists - only lorries are currently prevented from pavement parking.

The government is to open a consultation on whether to give local authorities more parking powers. The AA, however, has warned that a ban could have "unintended consequences" and cause more widespread "parking chaos".

It can be expected that local government will have a role to play in any consultation so we need to stay ahead of this one by doing some consultation of our own on the issues that currently affect the village.

Peter Spence

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Support Local Business

In these times, when it is important to support each other, it is vital to support local businesses and trades people. **Jayan and Sugi, in Cuddington Stores**, have been doing their best and have experienced severe problems in getting stock, but continue to provide essential provisions, **so thank you!** **Mike and Laura, at The Crown**, too are doing their bit too provide **Lunchtime takeaway** for village delivery to the vulnerable or collection with payment by phone: 01844

292222 or www.thecrowncuddington.com

Other local eateries providing similar services:

The Seven Stars, Dinton

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The Haddenham Community Support Group

are delighted to say that the popular annual Fashion Show has been another great success and we would like to thank you all for supporting this event. You have helped us to raise **£1860** for the Florence Nightingale Hospice, which is, as you can imagine, very much appreciated in these difficult times. We value so much the work of all our loyal volunteers, of Baban Boutique for again providing the amazing outfits and to Bradmoor Farm for a super afternoon tea. Looking ahead to the next few months, any fundraising plans have had to be put on hold, but we will let you know when events can be organised again, perhaps in the Autumn.

Thank you again for your support of our wonderful local Hospice. Angela Hart, HCSG Volunteer Organiser

Stay At Home Quiz!

The four families living at the top of Cuddington Hill have put together this quiz for your enjoyment. It is based on our strengths (and weaknesses) and all answers have been verified by our grey matter or the internet. Any letters of corrections will be politely ignored. Keep well, stay safe and good luck!

Local Cuddington Knowledge

1. Cottages once stood where The Bernard Hall now is. The Hall has Tudor style brickwork but it is much younger than it looks. In which century was it built?
2. What is the number of the public bus that comes through Cuddington?
3. Which two ladies started the Village Voice magazine?
4. Name the professional ballroom dancer who lives in the village?
5. In which Cuddington street was/is the Old Penny School?
6. From where are the Madrigals usually sung?
7. When are tea & cakes usually served at Nether Winchendon church?
8. Which music does Chris Long play when we watch the Cuddington fireworks?
9. What was the **first film** screened at the Village Picture House?
10. Which piece of furniture did the CYD (Cuddington Youth Drama) take the Edinburgh?
11. Which charity has Tyringham Hall supported for over 25 years?
12. Who is the current chair of the Parish Council?
13. There is an old abandoned tractor in a field in Cuddington. What colour is it?
14. In the lower water garden of Tyringham Hall there is a metal statue. What is it a statue of?
15. 'Annie's House' in Upper Church Street was once a pub and, in later years, a restaurant. What was the name of a) the pub; b) the restaurant?
16. In 1981, the song 'It Must be Love' recorded by Madness became a huge hit. The writer of this song once lived in The Pitchings (next to The Crown) in Spurt Street. What is his name?
17. A chapel once stood within the walls of the Baptist burial ground in Dadbrook. It collapsed in 1993. With what material was the chapel constructed?
18. The Dumbleby family once lived at 'The Three Cottages' on Lower Green. The father, who died in 1965, was a major broadcasting figure. Two of his sons have followed in his footsteps and are TV presenters of current affairs programmes. Can you name a) the father; and b) the two sons?

Music

1. You walked into the party, like you were walking on to a yacht. This is the first line from a) which song and b) sung by who?
2. Which a) Queen often arrives with the brides at weddings and b) who composed the piece?
3. Which of Shirley Bassey's two Bond theme hits, shares the same title as the 1964 007 film?
4. What did women used to throw at Tom Jones?
5. Who sang the theme tune to 'The Trolls' feature film?
6. Who was 'All Shook Up' in 1957?
7. Little Brown Jug was written by which famous band leader?
8. Which famous pop star has a statue in Aylesbury?

9. Which group's greatest hits were sung by Meryl Streep on a Greek island?
 10. Who collaborated with Mark Ronson in the hit 'Nothing Breaks Like a Heart'?
 11. Which of these songs was not sung by Tony Hadley/Spandau Ballet Gold – Rio – True
 12. 'In England's green and pleasant land' is the final line of which popular hymn?
- ## For the kids
1. What is the name of Sven's loyal Reindeer in Frozen?
 2. Mrs. Bird is the helpful housekeeper of which fictional family?
 3. Who lives at No. 17 Cherry Tree Lane?
 4. Which actor now plays Spiderman?
 5. *The Midnight Game Show* and *Send to All* are featured on which Saturday night entertainment show?
 6. Complete the verse: His eyes are orange, his tongue is black; He has Who am I?
 7. Who do Shrek and his loveable loudmouthed Donkey rescue?
 8. What is the title of the 3rd Harry Potter book?
 9. What kind of gun does Dr. Nefario accidentally make for Gru in Despicable Me?
 10. What substance is the Graggle?
 11. What country does King Julian come from?
 12. What does Greta Thunberg's placard say 'SKOLSTREJK FÖR KLIMATET'?
 13. Who has a crush on Charlie Brown?
 14. Which classic children's book did J M Barrie write?
 15. There are 4 judges of the current series of Britain's got Talent. What are their names?

For grown-ups, sport and riddles turn to page 10!

- ANSWERS**
- Local Cuddington Knowledge**
1. 19th century
 2. 17
 3. Mary and Margaret
 4. John
 5. Church Street
 6. The Madrigals
 7. 1st Sunday in Advent
 8. Chris Long
 9. *The Village Voice*
 10. The CYD
 11. The British Red Cross
 12. Mrs. Bird
 13. Red
 14. The statue of a horse
 15. The pub was 'The Annie's' and the restaurant was 'The Annie's House'
 16. The writer of 'It Must be Love' is Mike Pender
 17. The chapel was constructed of wood
 18. The father was Lord Dumbleby and the two sons were Lord Dumbleby and Lord Dumbleby
- Music**
1. 'You walked into the party, like you were walking on to a yacht' - The Beatles
 2. a) Queen - 'We are the Champions' b) Queen - 'We are the Champions'
 3. 'The Bond Theme' - Shirley Bassey
 4. The women used to throw the 'Tom Jones' at Tom Jones
 5. 'The Trolls' - The Trolls
 6. 'All Shook Up' - Elvis Presley
 7. Little Brown Jug - The Beatles
 8. The famous pop star is The Beatles
- For the kids**
1. Sven
 2. The Bird family
 3. Mrs. Bird
 4. Spiderman
 5. *The Midnight Game Show*
 6. The verse is from the hymn 'In England's green and pleasant land'
 7. Shrek and Donkey
 8. The title of the 3rd Harry Potter book is 'Prisoner of Azkaban'
 9. Dr. Nefario accidentally makes a gun for Gru in *Despicable Me*
 10. The substance is the Graggle
 11. King Julian comes from the United States
 12. Greta Thunberg's placard says 'SKOLSTREJK FÖR KLIMATET'
 13. Charlie Brown has a crush on Lucy
 14. The classic children's book is *When a Boy Comes to a Boy* by J M Barrie
 15. The 4 judges of the current series of Britain's got Talent are Simon Cowell, Alesha Dixon, Amanda Holden and David Walliams

Stay At Home Quiz!

For the grown ups

1. What ingredients are in a 'rusty nail'?
2. How many standard sized wine bottles fit into a Methusaleh?
3. In the 14th century, children are believed to have been baptised in which alcoholic beverage?
4. James Bond's Vespa Martini was made from 3 measures of Gordon's, one of vodka and half a measure of what liqueur that was discontinued in 1986?
5. What word beginning with Z means the study of beer and beer making?
6. Which country was the first producer of sparkling wine?
7. Dom Perignon is produced by which champagne house?
8. What cocktail consists of vodka, triple sec, lime juice and cranberry juice?
9. What is generally considered the best gin and tonic in the world?
10. Is Guinness good for you?

Sport

1. How many Olympic gold medals does Mo Farah have?
2. When did Liverpool a) last win a league title and b) who was their manager at the time?
3. What disciplines comprise Modern Pentathlon?
4. England's cricketers won the World Cup last summer by defeated New Zealand in a 'Super Over' - The scores were level so why did England win?
5. She has 206 caps, scored 115 Goals for England & Great Britain hockey and she retired earlier this year. Who is she?
6. Manchester Utd manager Ole Gunnar Solskjær scored the clubs winning goal in the 1999 Champions League Final. They beat Bayern Munich 2-1. Who scored Utd's equalising goal as injury time began?
7. Rugby Union. Which country will the British & Irish Lions next tour in 2021?
8. Usain Bolt's 100m World record was set in Berlin in 2009. What is it?
9. In what sport did Fallon Sherrock hit the headlines late last year?
10. Which Formula 1 Team is based in Milton Keynes?
11. Between them Britain's Tyson Fury & Anthony Joshua hold the 4 main Heavyweight Boxing titles. Who holds 3 of them?
12. This lady has won 23 major titles in her sport. She won a tournament in January 2017 while 8 weeks pregnant. Who is she?
13. Two part question. What are England a) women's football & b) rugby teams also known as?
14. On which island in the Atlantic Ocean was Cristiano Ronaldo born & raised?
15. Which city is hosting the 2028 Olympics?
16. A 147 is the maximum break in snooker. How many times would you have to pot the black ball to compete a 147?
17. The Golden Boot is an award given to the footballer who scores the most goals during a World Cup. Who won the 2018 Golden Boot in Russia?

Riddles

1. What's black and white and red all over?
2. What goes on four legs in the morning, on two legs at noon, and on three legs in the evening?

3. I am greater than God, more evil than the devil, the poor have me, the rich don't, and if you eat me, you'll die. What am I?
 4. A cowboy rode to an inn on Friday. He stayed two nights and left on Friday. How could that be?
 5. The more it dries, the wetter it becomes. What is it?
 6. I am weightless, but you can see me. Put me in a bucket, and I'll make it lighter. What am I?
 7. I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest man can't hold me for more than 5 minutes. What am I?
 8. Does a ton of feathers or a ton of bricks weigh more?
 9. What is so delicate that even mentioning it breaks it?
- The End**

And if you like a quiz...

CPFA ran their normal Quiz via Zoom last week

"The quiz went really well. Had about 15 teams enter. Everybody seemed to enjoy it and I had some really positive feedback.

I'm planning to do another one this Wednesday at 8pm. The zoom meeting ID is 461 891 555 or the URL is www.tinyurl.com/CVpubquiz.

If anyone wants to know more they can email thecvpq@gmail.com. The aim is to make it a weekly occurrence for as long as everyone is stuck indoors. Stay safe." Nick

Rainbows !

Thank you for sending in your colourful rainbow pictures in from around the village. Their peace and serenity is being much enjoyed.

