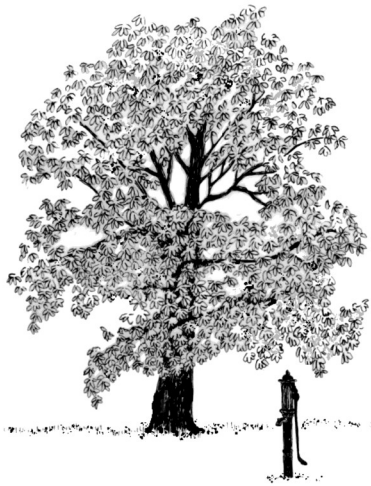




Cuddington Village Voice

August/September - 2020

The Bears are Coming !

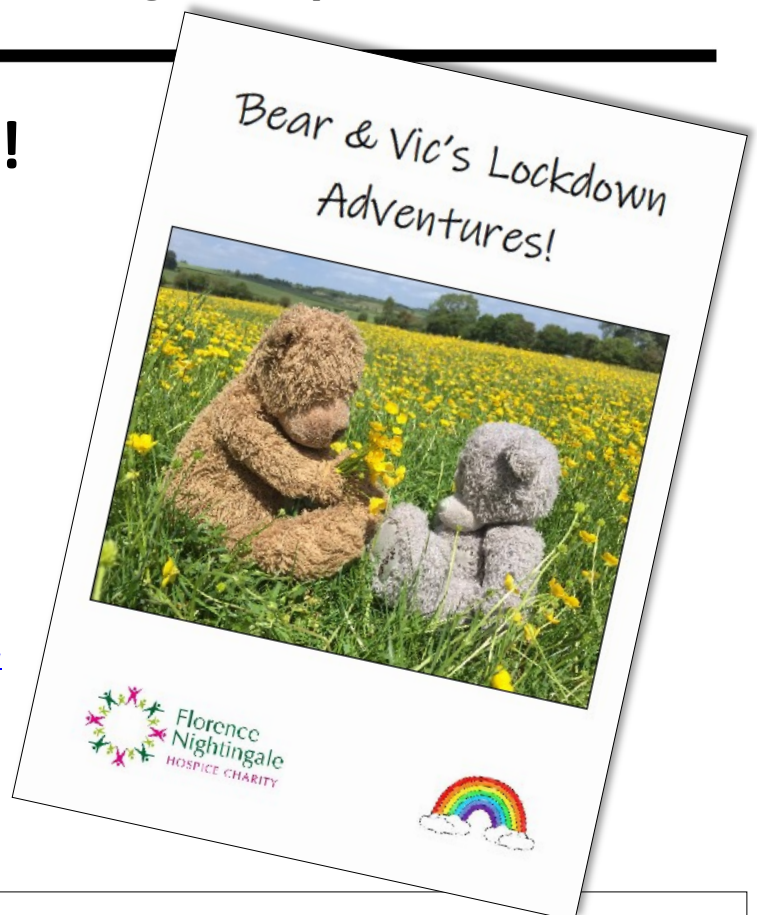
We are delighted to announce that "Bear & Vic's Lockdown Adventures!" will be available for sale soon! The 24-page A5 booklet is being sold in aid of the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity.

It costs £5.00 and tells the story of Bear & Vic's antics in Cuddington during the lockdown - from abseiling and repairing motor cars to winter sports and playing golf - the booklet presents a delightful range of scenes of the two friends!

The booklets will be available in the next week or so from :

- Cuddington Village Stores
- The Florence Nightingale charity shop at Bradmoor Farm in Haddenham
- Online at <https://www.cuddingtonvillage.com/view-page.php?pid=34>

Look out for further announcements!



It is very regrettable that we have had to take the decision now that the Hog Roast, which we had hoped to hold in September, will have to be cancelled.

We had hoped that life might have got back to some normality by then but unfortunately there are still too many uncertainties and challenges.

Concerts in Cuddington

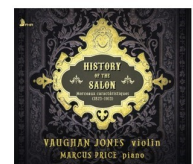
One of the big losses caused by the lockdown has been the cancellation of live concerts – a blow to both performers as well as audiences. St Nicholas' has only had to cancel one but as of now we have no idea as to when we might be able to put on another one.

Over the years one of our regular performers has been Vaughan Jones with the Manor House Quartet and he has made good use of his lockdown by producing a new CD.

It is called 'History of the Salon' and contains 23 delightful yet rare gems written for the violin and piano from the 1820s through to the 1910s. It's all lavishly presented with a 20-page booklet and there is a video clip that they made, featuring a few excerpts from it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mb5T0s3qExE>
Please see the panel above for ordering details.

Classical Music CD release!

Enjoy 83 minutes of wonderful music written for the violin and piano
And performed by Vaughan Jones of the Manor House String Quartet



Copies of the CDs are £11 + £1 (p&p) each and are available from Vaughan on 07870 171194 or: info@manorhousemusic.co.uk
The ideal gift for any music lover

Thought for the month...



Dear Friends,

I last wrote this in March and feel today that this is almost 'book-ending' my lockdown experiences.

Back then we were approaching Lent and a time of reflection, and I was encouraging us all to experience the great outdoors, to find our inner peace and to find spiritual nourishment by drawing closer to God in the quiet places and in the beauty of creation. Sometimes, over the past four months, that has been hard to achieve and, other times, it has been a positive life saver in re-energising us and getting us out of our four-walls syndrome. It's lovely to now feel our hard-won freedoms to do more, travel more and see more people and, who knows, one day again soon to hug, kiss and hold hands again, such simple things but they mean so much to all of us. Last November, my second grandson was born and it has been hard, until just a week ago, to just see him on video calls so I am now looking forward to catching up on all the missed cuddles!

Luckily, with all the good weather and longer days at this time of the year, getting a few days away on holiday becomes more of a priority and I would encourage everyone to find a way, if they can, to get a change of scene, no matter how slight that might be, as it can be such a good tonic. In the summer you can't beat fish and chips by the sea followed by an unfeasibly large ice cream, I say.

In March, I also referred to one of my favourite Christian authors, Richard Rohr, and I hope you don't mind because I want to quote from him again. I think this rather fittingly describes the many selfless acts done by so many of you during the past few months that have made such a tremendous difference to our sense of community locally.

"Gospel people don't need to hang onto anything. For them, the ego is out of the way. They'll make a difference in the world precisely because they don't need to. They don't need to be first, they don't need to be important, they don't need to be number one. They don't need to be rich, secure, popular, so that they can do what God has told them to do. They can be obedient, God can move through them with power. That's why spirituality is always about letting go." (Richard Rohr, *Radical Grace*).

I do hope and pray that, this summer, we can move on and put some of the year's difficulties behind us and draw comfort from the God who always listens, always loves and is always here for us.

With every blessing

Nigel

Church Services

We are pleased to say that St Nicholas' Church is now open for individuals to attend for the purpose of quiet, reflection and prayer. And we are now, occasionally, having actual services! There are also online services, specifically designed for us available at <https://www.wychertvale.org>. We can also watch services from Oxford Diocese which are live-streamed across the benefice, at 10.00 am, each Sunday at <https://www.oxford.anglican.org>

St Nicholas will be opened as follows, but please be aware that these arrangements might change due to changing circumstances:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays 9.00am – 4.00pm and Sundays 1.00pm – 4.00pm

The majority of the seating and pews have been sectioned off with ribbon leaving sufficient seating available for individuals to use and keep social distances.

There are Bibles and hymn books available to use but please return them to the box as indicated if you do use them. Please follow the guidelines on the notice board.



Surface areas which are accessible to you will be cleaned after each opening session so please ensure that you limit your movement to these areas only.

Please note that the kitchen and toilet areas will remain closed and not accessible.

We are trying to keep the main door left ajar so that you only need to push on it to open and enter.

UPDATE ON BUILD OUT

The Parish Council secured a New Homes Bonus of £46,500 to deliver a build out in Aylesbury Road to restrict traffic speeds into the village. We the PC have worked closely with Transport for Buckinghamshire and we are now awaiting the results of the Statutory consultation that expires on the 29th July. (Below is a copy for your Information).

Once consultation is complete and there are no objections work will commence mid August. In addition to this I have today met with Buckinghamshire council and agreed the repainting of the sharks teeth at both entrances from Dadbrook and Bridgeway. They have also agreed to refresh the yellow lines outside Cuddington School.

Following requests from Cuddington Parish Council, Transport for Buckinghamshire has been commissioned to introduce **Traffic Calming Build-out and Extension of the Existing 30 mph Speed Limit and Reduction in the Existing 50mph Speed Limit** on the following roads: **Aylesbury Road near to the Spickett's Lane junction, Cuddington.** Proposals for the Build-out and change in speed limit to accommodate the proposed build-out have been developed and we are now undertaking the Statutory Consultation on these proposals.

A copy of the Order and Plans showing the lengths of road affected, together with a copy of the Council's Statement of Reasons for proposing to make the order may be viewed on the Buckinghamshire Council website at: Buckinghamshire Council – Current consultations page <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/aylesburyrd-cuddington-statconsult/>

Objections to the proposal together with the grounds on which they are made, or expressions of support must be sent in writing by **29th July 2020** in any of the following ways

- Online at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/aylesburyrd-cuddington-statconsult/>
- Or by email to: tfschemesdelivery@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- Or by post to the Network Improvement Team, Transport for Buckinghamshire, Aylesbury Vale Area Office, Corrib Industrial Park, Griffin Lane, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 8BP

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Paul Ray



Following the sad passing of Paul Ray at the end of June, his wife Lorraine and their sons Jason and Simon would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and shared kind words, the response was over whelming. Lorraine will forever be grateful to the many villagers who offered help and support during Paul's long illness.

The funeral was held on Monday 13th July and again many many friends in the village came to show their respect by lining the streets to say a final farewell. The whole family were moved by such a genuine demonstration of affection for Paul. Lorraine would also like to thank Ellen Dyer, Andy Muir and Neal and Bea Waters for ensuring the wake at the social club went smoothly. Your hard work was very much appreciated.

A fundraising page was launched in Paul's memory and has raised over £1,200 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations direct to MacMillan can now be made at : <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/donate>

A runners reward



Like some of us during lockdown, I took up running...or you could say fast walking. I began the couch to 5k app with great enthusiasm but by early July I had fallen off the wagon...until one Saturday evening when a friend texted me to ask if I fancied an early morning run. So off we went at 7am on my normal loop; a popular route for *real* runners and dog walkers, up to the Monkey Puzzle trees, past the cows, round the Victorian letterbox, along and back, then over the 1945 bridge up the hill and home. Suddenly I saw a pink triangular pom-pom in the grass

alongside my increasingly heavy feet. We stopped and knelt to photograph what we thought might be a wild orchid. With renewed vigour we finished our run forgetting the aches and pains and increasing heat. I sent the photograph shown here to Doug Kennedy when I got home, who confirmed, 'Yes, it's a 'pyramidal orchid' - they are one of our most common species but I haven't seen them around Cuddington before. You'll see loads of them if you go to the Chiltern grassland reserves, the best of which for orchids is Aston Clinton Ragpits.

They are called 'pyramidal' because in England they are often triangular in shape. However, they grow much bigger in southern Europe. The very dry spring stopped some orchids from developing, but these seem to have done OK.'

Although I am told they are not rare, it was a first for me and I can't help but admire this plucky specimen who in spite of increased footfall from us all traipsing about over the last few months and with less rainfall than normal, it had flourished. I was delighted when I went running four days later to find it still producing blooms and hopefully if I am still running next spring I may see it again. In the meantime, following Doug's recommendation I will be off to explore local BBOWT sites and seeking out other beauties. <https://www.bbowl.org.uk/wildlife-explorer/wildflowers/pyramidal-orchid>

Rachael Barnard

Lockdown in East Cuddington !

Since the beginning of “lockdown”, we have been quietly distancing ourselves here in Spicketts Lane particularly enjoying the amazing peace and quiet, especially in the skies above. Whilst missing the company of family and friends, the telephone and computer with skype, etc., have come into their own. I have also enjoyed talking with village friends who might be getting a little lonely, but it was an absolute joy to see my granddaughter who cycled over from Bledlow Ridge a couple of times with a friend whose grandmother lives in Haddenham. They sat distanced in the garden – no touching – but lots of air hugs and kisses when they left! The peace and quiet and not having to compete with planes and helicopters buzzing around like angry gnats has seen the return of many more birds into the garden singing their hearts out all day long. Sadly, with the reappearance of “human noise”: strimmers and such like, they are gradually disappearing again.

Much gardening has been done, the results of which we have seen in the lovely photographs in village voice and on the website. Spring, flowers came and went rather quickly because of the unseasonal heat, but it has been a wonderful year for other flowers, especially roses.

If you feel like a walk, Spicketts Lane is still a pot-hole free



zone, so if you haven't already done so, venture further afield and look at the roses blooming by Larden's gate since VE Day – the flag was also flying for Prince Philip's birthday which he shares with Jaap!!

The roses are going over somewhat now so a lot of dead-heading will be needed, hopefully for a new flush of blooms a bit later on; a late “Chelsea chop”.



I wasn't going to mention the weeds and how they seem to survive and thrive whatever the weather – hot or cold, rain or shine; which is a constant puzzle to me? Obviously now with the rain they are having an absolute field day – It could be genetics or it could just be that the school holidays are approaching??

I would very much like to say a big thank you to our lovely neighbours and also friends who have been so kind to us since my op and now during lockdown, we do appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you also to members of the Church, the Parish Council, teachers et al, working on our behalf - we mustn't forget the NHS. or The Crown for their lockdown take-aways and wish them luck as they open up again!

Quite a lot of new villagers have moved in whom we should look out for and hopefully meet and welcome when social distancing lessens. Sadly, several well known villagers have passed away, among them John Munger who lived at Three Cottages for over sixty years, and where Cherry still lives, Terry Williams who lived at Dyson House in Lower Church Street also for very many years, and Paul Ray from Swanhill Cottages, well known for his long association with the playing fields club: they are all much missed. There have been others, whose names I do not unfortunately know. To Cherry, Brenda and Lorraine and their families we send our sincere condolences.

Please do take care and keep well everyone and let's hope that “the virus” soon leaves us all in peace.

With fond wishes to you all from

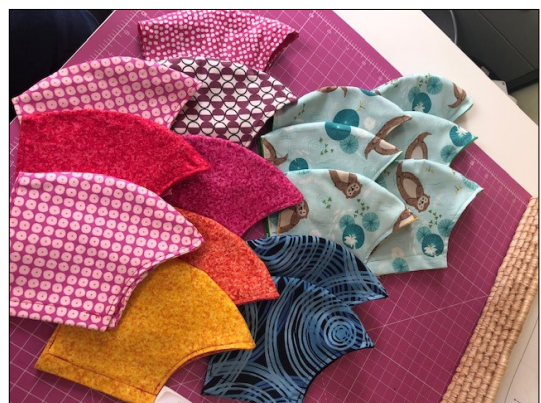
Jennifer and Jaap at Larden

(otherwise known as Bindweed Park!)

Kinda feeling like the Earth just sent us all to our rooms to think about what we've done.

Facecoverings £6

Face coverings are now compulsory in shops including post offices, supermarkets and while ordering takeaways



If you would like a facemask, or you need a spare, please contact Jasmine of Bernard Close via email: jsb.ajb@btinternet.com or call: 07810 838317

who will be happy to help you

All masks are pre-washed, 100% cotton, ironed and carefully sewn for comfort, price £6

Dates for your Diary

"Summer afternoon – summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." **Henry James (1843-1916)**



Please note – all the following events – except the Parish Council meeting - have now been cancelled, postponed, or are online.

Please check on the village website or the village's Facebook page.

August

Monday 3 rd , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 4 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 5 th , 8.00	Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 17 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 24 th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall (via video conference); please contact Parish Clerk (cuddingtonpc@gmail.com) for ID number & password)

September

Monday 7 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 8 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 9 th , 8.00	Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 21 st , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 28 th 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall (via video conference); please contact Parish Clerk (cuddingtonpc@gmail.com) for ID number & password)

CPFW AGM

The CPFA AGM is scheduled for Monday 14th September 8pm at the Playing Fields Clubhouse.

We will be using the outdoor space weather permitting.

All welcome to attend and learn what we have been up to over the past year.

Please note this date may be subject to change depending on social distancing guidelines.

The Nicholas Almond Charity Grants for 2020

CALLING ALL CUDDINGTON STUDENTS & SCHOOL LEAVERS

The Nicholas Almond Cuddington Charity dates back to 1643.

Nicholas Almond, lived in Haddenham and when he died in 1643 he left Cuddington a parcel of land called Poors Moor. His original intention was that the income from grazing or the sale of hay from this land was to be used to give assistance to poor people living in Cuddington with the purchase of food, coal, clothing, and also for some to purchase apprenticeships. Over the centuries, the income from this bequest has diminished considerably, and in the early 1950s it was decided that it was insufficient to continue with the original aims and that the money would be better used **to help young people resident in Cuddington** with the cost of taking up an apprenticeship or going into further education.

The Charity's Trustees encourage any young person, **who must be resident in Cuddington**, and is going into or already in further education, or wishing to take up an apprenticeship this Autumn, to apply for a Nicholas Almond grant.

The grants are small, but they can be helpful with some of the expenses incurred by students or apprentices, such as the purchase of books or equipment, or paying for field trips, etc.

The grant is normally paid in two instalments, with students who have received the first half of a grant **usually being eligible to apply for the second half.**

Candidates, please read the following carefully:

Candidates must send their **application to Jennifer Schram de Jong** with details of the apprenticeship, university or college to be attended and the course/s to be followed, and giving us some idea of how the grant might be spent. Your application letter, together with confirmation that you are either continuing your current course, or have been accepted to follow a course or apprenticeship, **must be submitted to :**

Mrs. Jennifer Schram de Jong by : 1st October. 2020
You can expect to receive the Trustees' decision towards the end of October/early November 2020.

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

With best wishes, Jennifer Schram de Jong

Due to Covid-19 you may chose to defer your application to university, college or your apprenticeship this year. If this is the case, please do remember this will still be available to you next year.

Please submit your application to :

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

You may contact me with an queries on: 01844 291501

This is definitely a school year we won't #forget! Despite everything, this term has just whizzed by and I can't believe that we are about to break up for the summer holidays – perhaps I should say “zoomed” by as we have certainly made some very good use of this amazing virtual tool! We have had meetings with new classes, parents logging in to find out about the transition process and a leavers' service with special Zoom guests to mention just a few! Following the guidance issued by the Government, staff and governors have now finalised the plans for full return to school in September which we really look forward to on both sites.



The final week has been a bit emotional - saying goodbye to our year 6 pupils, having our last days of smaller classes, winding up critical care club: it all feels a little bit surreal.

It was strange to be saying 'Good Bye' to just a handful of year 6's, on their last day in school. The teachers made a ceremonial arch and clapped the children as they left the site - it seemed quite appropriate. We were sorry to see them go. Shine brightly and be proud of who you are.

The children have coped amazingly well with being in school and I know the staff have enjoyed having them back too.

We can't wait to see everyone back in September.

Kim Price, Headteacher



We are pleased that we have been able to make progress (shown above) with the year 4 classroom conversion. It will be an amazing space when it is finished.



An example of Home Learning with Rory



On Saturday 18th July at 5am, over 800 walkers set off from all over the country (and some in Spain!) to complete the Florence Nightingale Hospice 'Not the Midnight Walk'. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the normal annual FNH Midnight Walk fundraiser in June had not been possible, as it involves a mass start of walkers following the same route around the roads of Aylesbury, so this year walkers all set off at 5am and followed their own routes, as either individuals or small groups, completing either 5 or 10 miles to earn their sponsor money.

On a warm but overcast morning, I walked by myself around all the roads and lanes of Cuddington. It was a lovely peaceful morning, with just the sound of beautiful birdsong and two squirrels jumping from tree to tree to keep me company.

Due to the support of my friends and family, I have raised £285 to date. My neighbour Claire walked with two friends from Haddenham, who between the raised over £1,350. We would both like to say a big 'Thank You' for all the generous local support we have received.

As at 22nd July, the total money raised by the 'Not the Midnight Walk' is an awesome £98,000, and with money still coming in, it is not too late for you to donate to this fabulous local charity. You can still donate, either to myself at 5, Swan Hill Cottages, or directly to the FNH JustGiving page.

Once again, thank you for all your support!

Laura Ewers

Treasurer of Haddenham Community Fundraisers Support Group for FNH

