



Cuddington Village Voice

December/January - 2020/21



Christmas Services



Most of our readers will be aware that, although we will be able to have services indoors at St Nicholas' following the move from lockdown to the 3-tier system, there will still be the need for very strict implementation of Covid-19 rules and regulations.

The main one to affect us here in Cuddington will be the 2 metre rule between 'bubbles' which effectively puts a 35 people limit on the numbers we can get into our church.

The main Christmas services that we will be holding are:

13th December – 10.00am Holy Communion indoors

13th December – 2pm Christmas craft afternoon in church followed by a Christingle service online

24th December – Christmas Eve: "static pageant" around churchyard with fully decorated church and possibly a choir singing "distanced" carols.

Congregation to attend in their own bubbles from 2.00pm – 3.30pm

25th December – Christmas Day, 10.00am Holy Communion

Please look out for further notices confirming these details and especially the request for **pre-booking** yourself into some of the services. It is going to be imperative that we know just how many different sized groups are planning to attend each service so chairs may be put out appropriately and people told in advance if there simply won't be sufficient space available for them to attend. Throughout all of this the safety of both congregation and clergy is of the utmost importance.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas!

Consultation Ends Dec 7th 2020



Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan

cpc.neighbourhoodplan@gmail.com

outside the village shop.

The consultation period for the Regulation 14 consultation for the CNP ends on Monday 7th December. Please submit your responses by email to

or post paper copies in the CHP letterbox

A summary of the pre-submission draft of CNP is included on pages 6 and 7 of this copy of *Village Voice*. If you need help with the consultation or wish to ask a question, please email the Parish Clerk at cpc.neighbourhoodplan@gmail.com or telephone 01844 201899

Thank you for your support.

Rector for the Benefice



The Revd Cassa Messervy has just been appointed as rector for the Wychert Vale Benefice— see page 3 for further information

St. Nicholas' Church, Advent Trail

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH
CUDDINGTON ADVENT TRAIL

1 - 24 December 2020

24 Advent displays to find around the village

Can you decipher the Christmas message?

Prizes to be won!

Trail sheets available from the church porch

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Thought for the Month

Christmas Dinner

Cuddington Village – you are wonderful and thank you. You have already left more gifts for the hungry in the church porch than last year and we have only just got to Advent. Thank you.

What you have provided in donations to the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse is more of a real Christmas Dinner than turkey and trimmings followed by Christmas Pudding.

What do I mean?

Well, I have been thinking 'What was the first Christmas Dinner like?'

A homeless couple arriving in a strange town being forced to find housing wherever they could would have been dependent on strangers to help them and would have accepted any food that was available. They would have been so grateful for anything that the first Christmas Dinner might have been an odd assortment of basics and leftovers. They ate what they could get and Jesus depended for his health on the generosity of strangers giving food so his mother could give him milk.

At Christmas vicars like me often ask if our congregations are ready to welcome Jesus into their lives. I sometimes wonder what I mean by that. This year I am clear. Jesus said in Matthew 25:35 that we welcome him when we see someone hungry and we give them something to eat, when they are thirsty and we give them something to drink, when we welcome strangers. We welcome Jesus into our lives when we see someone needs clothes and we clothe them, when we look after the sick, and when we visit the prisoners.

Well done Cuddington we have welcomed Jesus by feeding the hungry, let's keep going.

Phil Groves

Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse



Now, more than ever, our local Food Bank, Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse, requires donations. During the Christmas period

we can always add 'treats' – cakes, sweets, chocolates – but the regular items, whatever they are – rice, tinned vegetables, including tomatoes, fresh vegetables, milk, potatoes, soup, pasta sauces – are needed all the time. There is a collection point in Cuddington Stores (next to the freezer in the window). So next time you 'pop in', just add one item to your shopping, and leave it in the grey bucket. It will be much appreciated.

Cuddington Methodist Church

NOTICE OF SERVICES FROM SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Sunday 6th December at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Richard Atkinson.

Sunday 13th December at 10.30 am will be led by Mr John Shaw

Sunday 20th December CAROL SERVICE at 10.30am Still to be arranged. Details will be posted on Church Notice board nearer the time.

Sunday 27th December at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Keith Edwards

If you would like to join us for any of these services Please could you let Colin Watts know by the previous Wednesday on 01844 291661

or email:- colinwatts39@outlook.com

May the message of Hope for all mankind that is the centre of the Christmas season, bring Light instead of darkness, Peace instead of fear, Hope instead of despair and Joy instead of sorrow.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas

“O COME LET US ADORE HIM
CHRIST THE LORD.”



Rector for the Wychert Vale Benefice

The churchwardens are pleased to announce that the Revd Cassa Messervy has been formally offered the position of rector of our benefice by the Bishop of Buckingham and has accepted.

Cassa is presently vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Seer Green and Jordans, and Assistant Area Dean, Amersham Deanery.

The date when she will join us is dependent on the availability of the new rectory in Haddenham, hopefully early March. We will keep you updated.

Please remember Cassa and her family in your prayers and also the other candidates who put in much time and commitment in applying but were unsuccessful.

A new phase in the life of our Benefice is beginning which no doubt will be exciting and challenging as God leads us forward.

James Stonham, Churchwarden

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We are excited to launch Cuddington's first Advent trail, suitable for all ages! We have 24 window or outdoor scenes all around the village for you to find, identified by the trail sticker. In each one there will be a hidden letter seen from the pavement or road. Some may be in unexpected places and so we have a Trail Sheet and Map to help you. These are found in the church porch. There is no particular order to visit the scenes and they will all be on display until Christmas. When you have used the boxes on the sheet to work out the secret phrase, post your entry into the letterbox at Beam Cottage, Lower Church St, for a chance to win a prize. Don't forget to vote for your favourite display too! We hope you enjoy yourselves.

Please help our local Hospice.



Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity have joined together with Bucks Healthcare Trust to offer a virtual Time to Reflect service this December to support those who have faced the loss of a loved one this year.

From 5pm on Sunday 6th December until the end of the year, the virtual Time to Reflect service will be available to view on the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity website. The service will have input from both the Hospice and Bucks Healthcare Trust staff who will share their thoughts, experiences and the realities of Covid-19 this year. There will also be readings and music with time to light a candle to take a moment of reflection and remembrance.

The Charity has also set up an online remembrance page where you can dedicate a memory to someone special. For more information contact fnhospice.org.uk/tree-of-light, or call 01296 429975.



Sadly, all the Florence Nightingale shops including our local one at Bradmoor Farm had to close again for Lockdown 2 causing another loss of income for the Florence Nightingale Hospice at Stoke Mandeville.

We can all help please by giving £5 to the Hospice and picking up a **Bear and Vic** booklet as a Christmas gift to show there is some joy in the year 2020! Available at Cuddington Stores or the Florence Nightingale shop Bradmoor when it re-opens and while stocks last.

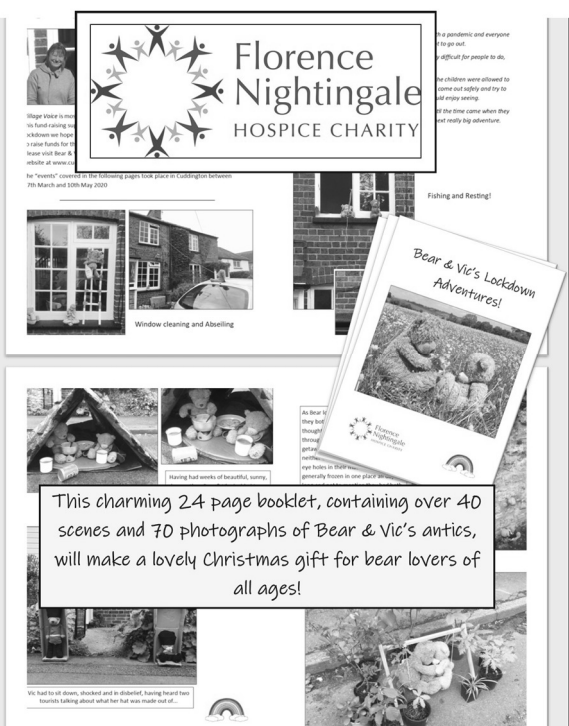
It has given joy to us, a 96-year-old mother, grown-up daughters, children, and friends - especially those facing difficult times.

So please give a donation and joy this Christmas! Thank you very much.

Alan and Stella Marsh

PS The 24 page booklet, containing over 40 scenes and 70 photograph, will make a charming present for a grandchild, nephew, niece and so many other people – why not order one online at Cuddingtonvillage.com and we will post it for you free of charge in the UK with a message as well!

Please support your local hospice!





Sadly, our club only managed to meet formally twice this year, but we are hoping to have talks via Zoom in 2021.

The National Garden Scheme will present one of them, date to be arranged. The NGS raises an incredible amount of money for charity and I'm sure this talk will be an interesting one.

I would like to publicly thank Gilly and Thelma for their continued upkeep and maintenance of the Best Kept Village garden ensuring it is always interesting and vibrant. I would also like to thank all the club members who took turns with the watering through the warmer weather. A great team effort.

Are there any December tasks in the garden? Oh, yes.....and here they are.....

- ✳ Prune woody ornamental plants, fruit trees and bushes as necessary, and shred the prunings if possible.



- ✳ Continue winter digging, incorporating organic matter into the soil.
- ✳ Clean paths to avoid them becoming slippery with mosses and algae, and repair sheds and fences.
- ✳ Shake snow (if we have any!) off trees, shrubs and hedges to prevent damage and splaying of branches.
- ✳ Prune ornamental vines and grape vines to one bud from the main framework.
- ✳ Continue taking hardwood cuttings.
- ✳ Sow seeds of alpine plants.
- ✳ Repair lawns if weather conditions allow, by patching with spare pieces of turf.
- ✳ Earth up tall Brussels sprout stems to support them.
- ✳ Water plants over wintering under cover sparingly now that they are dormant, to avoid the risk of over watering and rotting.
- ✳ Take care of pot plants to get the best of their winter display by deadheading and watering as necessary. Protect with bubble wrap or fleece insulation if the compost is prone to freezing. Plants can't take up frozen water!
- ✳ And finally, 'There are far, far better things ahead, than any we leave behind' – CS Lewis.

Have a wonderful Christmas, Carol.

Greener Cuddington



As I write this our wood burner is alight for only the third time this autumn as the weather has been so mild: we've had only one frost and it's late November. As some will be aware, I have a bit of an obsession with my carbon footprint and the main reason I bought the stove was because when wood burns, it is only letting out carbon that was absorbed from the atmosphere in recent times, so has not been permanently stored. When I burn gas for my central heating or

cooking, the carbon I am releasing to the atmosphere was laid down anything up to 200 million years ago (about 8 million human generations equivalent). It was locked away securely by natural processes and remained there until we released it and returned the carbon to the atmosphere as carbon dioxide in only 2 generations.

This is a mere instant, as sudden as bursting a balloon in geological terms. Although it involves more work for me, I feel that burning dry wood efficiently is a much better alternative than just leaving house heating to the gas boiler.



As with almost everything, be it burning wood in a stove, or going for a walk with the dog(s), or picking a few wildflowers, the negative impacts are negligible until many people start doing the same thing: then it can become a major problem. In the case of wood stoves, a large number of them in close proximity all alight at the same time can produce a mild version of the polluting effect of coal fires 60 years ago. This is worse if the wood being burned is of poor quality, not properly dried or impregnated with chemicals such as wood preservatives. In a city, smoke from stoves can combine with car exhausts to produce an atmosphere that is damaging to peoples' health. In our village, this is unlikely to happen as we are not surrounded by high buildings with heavy traffic on the roads. However, good quality dry wood burns much more efficiently, and what goes up the chimney will be relatively benign.

The government has decided that gas and oil central heating will be phased out as part of the UK's programme to cut carbon emissions dramatically such that the country becomes carbon neutral by 2050. This is a revolution in energy use which will require a great deal of work and change, but the good news is that our country's emissions have fallen by about 60% since 1990 (according to government calculations). To get us to re-think the energy we are consuming in our homes, they have initiated the Green Homes Grant where householders can obtain up to £5,000 (or £10,000 for some benefit recipients) towards the cost of energy-saving improvements. These can include low carbon heating, such as heat pumps, insulation or energy-efficient windows and doors. To find out how to apply, go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme> on the Internet.

To learn more about your carbon footprint, and gain a fascinating insight into our modern lives, I recommend *How Bad Are Bananas* by Mike Berners-Lee (£9.99 from the Thame Bookhouse or Internet suppliers). Small habits in our daily lives can have a big impact.

Doug Kennedy (doug@doug-kennedy.com)

Local Musician turns Writer

As refugees from HS2, in the summer of 2019 my wife and I moved into a house on the edge of the village. We are both professional musicians, and have four children, all of whom are talented musicians, playing the violin, viola, french horn, trumpet and the piano. None have chosen to play professionally.



Local residents Peter and his wife Kathy

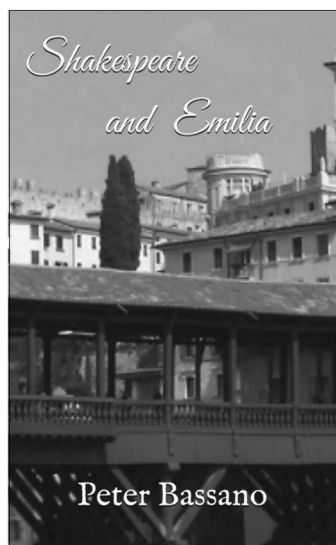
More than half of our time here has been lived under the shadow of Covid 19 which has been a disaster for professional performers. As music director and conductor of various orchestras and choirs, my journeys around the country for rehearsals and concerts have ceased. Like the remainder of the performing arts it means my performing work has been dormant since March.

This enforced freedom from musical obligations has given me the chance to finish writing a book - *Shakespeare and Emilia* - which has been partially written for some while. The reason for taking so long is that anyone who writes about Shakespeare always has reading and research to do as numerous new books and material perpetually appear on the subject.

The Emilia of my book is the Elizabethan poet and musician, Emilia Bassano, my first cousin twelve times removed. She

was named as the *Dark Musical Lady* of the Shakespeare Sonnets in 1973 by A.L.Rowse, historian of All Souls, Oxford. Rowse's nomination was greeted with hostility by the Shakespeare establishment who doggedly refused to accept that he was correct.

Last year the Globe Theatre commissioned a play *Emilia*, which was later given a three month run in the West End. The purpose of my book is to provide evidence that Rowse was correct all along. The research that I've done suggests that Emilia's son Henry, was sired by Shakespeare and shortly after the boy's birth, in the autumn of 1593, three of Emilia's cousins took the poet with them on a tour to Venice passing through Milan, Cremona, Mantua, Padua and Verona, towns that feature in several of Shakespeare's plays.



The opportunity for Shakespeare to work as an actor probably came about because in 1587 one of the leading players in *Queen Elizabeth's Men* was killed in a brawl in Thame.

Peter Bassano

Peter's book entitled "*Shakespeare and Emilia*" is published on Kindle via Amazon. Peter hopes to publish a printed, paperback edition but this is unlikely to be before the New Year. Ed.

Post Lockdown Tennis?

Keep fit, improve your skills and enjoy the outdoors at Cuddington Tennis Club this winter. We have welcomed several new Members this year and everyone is enjoying the camaraderie and the tennis itself. We expect to reopen at the beginning of December when the current lockdown ends.



There are regular coaching courses for all ages and the weekly Club Night, so come along and have fun - and keep warm - during the winter months.

Thank you!!



When we launched the Village Voice Donor Scheme during the summer we did so in confidence but also in uncertainty of not knowing exactly what the response would be.

And should we have worried? Absolutely not!

We are very pleased and indeed proud to report that since we launched the scheme we have raised nearly £800 from you, our readers.

As we said at the time we benefit from generous grants from both the Parish Council and this year from the Parochial Church Council. But this year we have had virtually no income from advertising and the because the Fête had to be cancelled none from there either. So your £800 has been an invaluable support in keeping us solvent and also happy in the knowledge that we are valued by you, the village—thank you!

Ed.



Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan

Pre-submission Regulation 14: Executive Summary

INTRODUCTION

The Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan area (CNP) was designated on 5th April 2018. There have been two village surveys (in 2018 and 2019) to gather information and consult parishioners on the scope of the CNP. The feedback has been used to prepare a Pre-submission Draft for consultation before it is issued formally to the Local Planning authority for its next stage of assessment.

PLANNING POLICY CONTEXT

The CNP needs to be consistent with National and Local Planning Policies. The National Planning Policy Framework was updated in 2019 but is now the subject of proposals for radical planning reform by the Government (Planning for the Future white Paper). The emerging Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) will be replaced by the Buckinghamshire Local Plan in 2025.

Against this evolving planning policy background, the CNP seeks to identify and protect the unique qualities of the village and introduce planning policies that complement those in VALP (as modified) and/or add a local level of detail.

The Neighbourhood Plan avoids duplicating existing national or local planning policies. The policies proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan, therefore, focus on a relatively small number of key development issues in the Parish.

CUDDINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POLICIES

Set out below are the proposed policies of the Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan. Where a policy refers to a specific site or area, this is illustrated

on the Policy Map in the main Pre-Submission CNP document. This has been circulated to all households in the Parish and is also available on the Cuddington Village Website.

Policy CDN 01: Housing

The 2017 AVDC Settlement Hierarchy shows that Cuddington is defined as a medium village and has a population of 569 and 264 houses. Housing growth in the Plan period to 2033 includes 28 houses for Cuddington, ie. approximately 10% growth over the Plan period. VALP (as modified) confirms that the proposed figures meet the housing needs of Cuddington.

As Cuddington already has sufficient housing sites which are either approved or under consideration for development (8 on the Aylesbury Road, 15 at Dadbrook Farm and 5 individual sites) no additional housing sites are proposed for allocation in the CNP.

The CNP housing policy recognises the VALP allocation of at least 15 houses at Dadbrook Farm but considers larger scale development to be inappropriate in this location.

Policy CDN 02: Settlement Boundary-

The proposed Settlement Boundary has been drawn tightly around the existing built form of the village to allow for sustainable growth to meet local housing needs over the Plan period, whilst protecting the intrinsic character and identity of the village.

The settlement boundary incorporates allocation D-CDN001 (Aylesbury Road housing, under construction) . Allocation D-CDN003 at Dadbrook Farm has been left outside the proposed settlement boundary

until such time as a planning application has been submitted and approved. The settlement boundary will then be adjusted at the next review of the Plan to accurately reflect the scale and location of the consented built development

Policy CDN 03: Local Green Space

The CNP includes proposals to designate local green spaces that play an integral part in the enjoyment of the village and are therefore special to the local community. In a similar way to national Green Belt policies, the proposed Local Green Space policy only permits development of these spaces in exceptional circumstances.

Policy CDN 04: Important local views-

Cuddington benefits from publicly accessible views to open countryside that contribute to the special character and unique identity of the village. The proposed Important Local Views policy aims to prevent development obstructing or detracting from these views in a way that would be detrimental to the character or appearance of the village and its rural setting.

Policy CDN 05: Local heritage assets

The Neighbourhood Plan attaches great weight to the conservation of the character and appearance of Cuddington through the preservation of its designated and non-designated assets. These heritage assets help define the village's character and portray its history. Designated assets such as Listed Buildings and the Conservation Area are protected by National and Local Plan policies. The Local Heritage assets policy gives protection to non-designated assets such as buildings and important local features which are potentially at risk from development threats.

Policy CDN 06: Design of new development in the Conservation Area

The Conservation Area Appraisal published by the District Council in Feb 2008 outlines the special character that development shall preserve or enhance. The Appraisal is an important reference point for applicants in obtaining advice on design guidance to understand the character of the

Conservation Area. The CNP policy aims to complement the Local Plan and ensure that new development sits comfortably in the Conservation Area without harm to the character or appearance described in the Appraisal.

Policy CDN 07: New development outside the Conservation Area

While the character of the conservation area in Cuddington reflects the fact that it has evolved over several hundred years, the dwellings and streetscapes outside the conservation have developed over a much shorter period of time and are more uniform in character and appearance. Policy CDN 07 sets guidelines for new development in order to achieve a high quality of design and a respectful relationship between new and existing built development.

IMPLEMENTATION

Once the CNP has been approved the Local Planning Authority and the Parish Council will use the Neighbourhood Plan to monitor and review planning applications.

A formal evaluation of the Neighbourhood Plan will be conducted by the Cuddington Parish Council within five years to review progress against the Plan objectives and bring the CNP into line with any changes to National and Local Planning policies. The Parish Council will consult the parishioners about any modifications to the Plan before it is formally amended.

Infrastructure Projects

Development in the village is likely to generate funds from s106 agreements, the Community Infrastructure Levy or other sources of grants. Based on the responses to the village surveys, the Parish Council has drawn up a list of potential projects that would benefit from community funding contributions. Details of any project funding will be reported by the Parish Council.

Cuddington Tree Wardens

This month is all about the festive season and its favourite – the Christmas tree.

At any one time there are about 100 million trees grown in the UK for the Christmas tree market, and between six and eight million real Christmas trees are sold each year. It takes on average 10 years for these trees to grow from seed to the required size and once a tree is cut or containerised for sale it is replaced by another seedling, with up to 10 trees being planted for every 7ft tree. With so many trees being cut down each year for Christmas one might think buying an artificial tree is more planet-friendly, but which tree really is the best choice?

The answer is simple. The most earth-friendly tree you can purchase is a pot-grown real tree, one that you can either repot and reuse year after year or plant out in the garden right after the festive season. They do need a little more looking



Keep your real Christmas tree away from heat sources and remember to keep it watered

after than an artificial one, but it's worth it! Norway spruce, for instance, is a wonderful choice and considered to be the quintessential Christmas tree. Once planted out, this spruce can grow up to 40m and live for more than 1,000 years, providing habitat for a wide variety of wildlife throughout its lifetime. It will also produce oxygen and sequester almost one ton of carbon in the first 80 years alone. That surely would put you on Santa's "nice" list this year!

If you do choose to have a cut tree, then it is still better than an artificial one. According to The Carbon Trust, a real Christmas tree has a significantly lower carbon footprint than an artificial tree, and you can keep it even lower by sourcing and disposing of it correctly. When buying your tree, sourcing from a British grower with FSC® accreditation is a good choice, and a locally grown certified tree is even better. Nowadays you can even find organically grown trees approved by

the Soil Association. The FSC® and Soil Association logos ensure that the forests where your tree is coming from are managed sustainably and ethically. After Christmas, try to recycle the tree. You can cut it up and use branches as a frost-protective layer for tender garden plants and any spring flowers emerging too early. It can also be chipped to make garden mulch, composted, or recycled with the garden waste.

Unfortunately, most of the artificial Christmas trees are still made from PVC and imported from Asia, making them the least environmentally friendly option. They need to be used for at least 10 years for their carbon footprint impact to equal that of a cut Christmas tree, not to mention that most of them are non-recyclable and end up in landfills. If you do have one, the best thing to do is to look after it to make it last as long as possible. And in the meantime, why not start your own Christmas tree from seedling and watch it grow until it's ready to be brought indoors to replace the artificial one.

Happy Christmas to Everyone!

Julia

Vouchers for Members



It has rubbed salt into the wound to see each month in Village Voice the list of Sunshine Club activities which have had to be cancelled. Our members have been very stoical during these last strange months, but have greatly missed their usual social interaction.

Christmas will not bring the usual festivities for the Club, but all our members will receive vouchers to be spent at the village shop and an individual Christmas cake.

Let's hope that before too long life can return to normal and we all can meet again.

Ed. We have deliberately continued to show what pre-arranged events have been cancelled as an historic record of what affect Covid-19 has had on the village.

Tearfund quiz

St Nicholas' church were disappointed not to have been an active participant in the Big Quiz event last month - we were probably beaten by the technology needed for a successful online quiz!

We did however encourage people to at least join in with the quiz via YouTube and to contribute to Tearfund via JustGiving and we have managed to raise £100 - so a big thank you to all who have donated.

This is the last edition of Village Voice for 2020 and our next one is due in February.

We are pleased that we have been able to print and distribute this one and are most grateful for everyone putting up with having to only get it online for so many editions during lockdown.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a much improved 2021.



As we approach the count down to what is going to be a very different Christmas here in school as well as in people's homes it is worth reflecting on just how fantastically children, parents, staff and all associated with the school have coped and adapted. Recently some will have noticed that staff are wearing face masks when they are outside of the school grounds. It was felt that this was an appropriate change in our practice due to the National Lockdown. Numbers of confirmed cases in Buckinghamshire had continued to rise, and I need to keep my staff and children as safe as possible. We will not be wearing masks in schools, only when we are 'off site' and/or having interactions with adults who don't work in the school. And we thank All parents for their support in wearing face masks and keeping 2m apart.

We chose children to lay a poppy wreath on behalf of the school on both sites; the children laid wreaths on the 11th November – see photograph of the ceremony here in Cuddington.



Once again, thanks to everyone's generosity; we have raised over £526 for Children in Need. The children really enjoyed the Pyjama day. It was all at

rather short notice, but we felt that everyone would have some form of nightwear and it wouldn't cause you too many problems to organise. The teachers also enjoyed wearing their pyjamas all day too!

Fund raising has been most successful and we have raised over £750 from the sale of both Christmas cards and the children's tea towels – a great effort!

Our Christmas will be very different this year with the Infant Nativity being filmed and put on our website. It will stay live until 5th January 2021, so that it can be shared with family and friends. All children in the video have permission to be filmed.

The Christmas Fair will be online on the school website under F4CADs. So please support the school by visiting it buying items at our virtual Fair.

We will still have an Infant Christmas 'party' - this will take place on the last day of term and hopefully a socially distanced Santa will visit!

*Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas, Kim Price
(Headteacher)*

New Optical Fibre for Cuddington

A new fibre network is coming to Cuddington. You may have seen orange markings on the ground and notices in the village; this is because a company called Voneus is about to provide WiFi broadband to Cuddington, Nether Winchendon and the surrounding areas using optical fibre.

Voneus already provides a fixed wireless access (FWA) service to Cuddington and surrounding areas. They now intend to upgrade that service to provide a full fibre service direct to the home or business. The fibre connection to the property will be overhead in a similar way to that of the BT phone line cable. This will be capable of providing improved broadband speeds of up to 1Gb/s. At present the BT Super Fibre service in Cuddington is to the cabinet only and uses the existing copper wires to make the final connection to the property. The

maximum
speed BT can provide is 68 to 71Mb/s.



This service will be provided using BT poles

and underground ducts. Where there are no appropriate BT poles available to carry the optical fibre Voneus will erect light-weight poles, approximately 13cm in diameter and 9 metres high. This avoids carrying out excavations to the highway and any disruption that this would cause. There are only a very few places where new poles will be erected. It is intended that any poles erected will have a minimum adverse impact on its surroundings. There are alternatives to erecting poles and Voneus will consult and inform people before any activities are undertaken. This new method of providing optical fibre might be the answer to those people who have very limited speed from their current internet provider.

As you all know there is the problem with mobile phone signal strength in Cuddington on all mobile phone networks. At present this is something that will not change soon. A 5G network is a possibility but is still in its infancy for use in local communities. So, it is suggested that you try using your internet for mobile phone communication. Apologies if you are already aware of these methods. The first method is to use "Whatsapp" an application that can be downloaded free from the internet and provides visual communication over the internet. The other method is to make and receive calls over the internet. This is known as WiFi Calling and is a feature on most modern phones; but the feature must be switched on. If the mobile phone has no signal, then the call will be transferred to the internet and on to the recipient. The same happens when receiving a call. This type of communication is only carried out if the mobile phone is connected to the internet.

Ken Brown, Parish Council



Step up and make a difference

NEW ROUTE - NEW DATE 24 APRIL 2021

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

Charity No. 1011133

Twitter Facebook YouTube Instagram

The 2021 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 will take place at John Colet School, Wendover and parking will be available. After registration, walkers will be shuttled to their chosen starting point by coach.

£15 registration fee

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 2021 Big Walk.

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

F4CADS goes Virtual for Christmas!!



F4CADS ARE HOSTING AN ONLINE CHRISTMAS FAYRE...

Delightful December Deals

Please support the local independent businesses who have paid to advertise with us in the run up to Christmas.

www.cuddingtonanddinton.school.co.uk

TAG 2020 Cuddington Traffic Action Group

In the update on the Cuddington Freight Survey in the November edition of Village Voice we referred to the Buckinghamshire Council Community Boards. These are important groups for addressing our traffic issues. The main body is the Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board and comprises 7 sub groups:

- ◇ Environment and green spaces
- ◇ Highways and Road Safety (incorporating speeding issues)
- ◇ Freight Steering Group
- ◇ Cycling and Walking
- ◇ Economic recovery
- ◇ Social isolation and protecting the vulnerable
- ◇ HS2 & EWR Working Group

Ken Birkby, Chair of Cuddington Parish Council sits on the main board. Ken also chairs the Highways and Road Safety Group. The Freight Steering Group is chaired by John Lewis from Chearsley and the Cuddington representative is Peter Spence.

The Freight group has held 2 'Team Meetings' at which the results of our Survey were submitted and additionally we produced a paper outlining the issues raised by the impact of modern farming methods on rural communities. We are not alone with this issue and fortunately there will be representatives from the farming community on the sub group so constructive conversations can be held.

In addition to the Community Boards, Transport for Bucks has a Freight Group in place entitled Waddesdon Freight Strategy Group. Representatives from Cuddington, Chearsley and Ashendon are members and meetings have taken place via 'Team' together with one site meeting in Cuddington. This all might look a bit cumbersome with some obvious overlaps but it is enabling us to outline common issues and explore solutions to present to the body that can make the changes we want i.e. Buckinghamshire Council.

A similar initiative to the Waddesdon Freight Strategy Group was set up some time ago to consider freight issues in the Ivinghoe area culminating in a scheme to redirect HGVs away from the area. Work on drafting the necessary Traffic Regulation Order is due to start in February 2021. Something similar is the ultimate aim of the Waddesdon Freight Strategy group i.e. to reduce the number of HGVs passing through Cuddington.

Of course all these initiatives to reduce the impact of freight activity of all types has to recognise that there is a balance to be achieved between the economic activity on which we all depend and the quality of life for individuals. Not any easy problem to resolve, but worth trying to find solutions.

Peter Spence

Cuddington Traffic Action Group

Dates for your Diary



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.

December

Wednesday 2nd 8.00pm

Monday 7th 2.00pm

Tuesday 8th 2.30pm

Monday 21st 2.00pm

Monday 28th 7.30pm

Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall (via video conference); please contact Parish Clerk (cuddingtonpc@gmail.com) for ID number and password)

January 2021

Monday 4th, 2.00pm

Wednesday 6th, 8.00

Tuesday 12th, 2.30pm

Monday 18th, 2.00pm

Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse

and British Cycling's policy adviser. Whilst we realise we are not in Manchester, much of his article relates to villages such as Cuddington.

Some excerpts are below but if you want to read the whole article the link is at the bottom of this page. It makes very interesting reading!

If 10 years ago someone had asked us, "Can we increase the traffic on your road by 30%?" we'd have been incandescent with rage. But that's exactly what has happened. Without any consultation, residential streets have become shortcuts and routes for people in cars who are avoiding traffic-filled main roads. There are 20bn more miles of vehicle journeys passing our front doors now than there were in 2009. Think about that number – maybe even get angry about it.

But there is hope. Today the government announces another £175m to add to its nationwide Active Travel Fund, which will be used to create cycling and walking routes and low-traffic neighbourhoods.

The vast majority of the UK's roads were designed around places where people lived, played, grew up, grew old. They were never meant to be co-opted and used as an overflow for our transport network. But that is exactly what they have become.

Arguments for protecting the right to "rat run" outside homes are uniformly myopic. Objectors routinely exaggerate possible downsides and steadfastly fail to offer any alternatives, all while disregarding the enormous harm caused by keeping the status quo.

Traffic-filled neighbourhoods and roads don't make any of us happy.

We hope our campaign can become a little more visible next year.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year despite the very strange times we find ourselves in.

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/nov/13/children-britain-residential-streets-low-traffic-neighbourhoods-roads>

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

It might appear that not much has been happening with 20's Plenty, but things are going on behind the scenes. We were hoping to have arranged a petition by now, but due to the very difficult year that we've had it has been impossible to achieve. But it is good that the Government is taking more notice of people campaigning for 20's Plenty, even if Bucks Council are still rather slow. However, it is good to see the build out now in place in Aylesbury Road. It will be interesting to see whether this has an impact on the speed of traffic through our village.

If you have driven through Haddenham recently, you will have noticed some bollards and some green circled 20 signs. This is a trial funded by central government that made money available to communities in support of walking and cycling. It was in response to the Covid 19 pandemic. Perhaps we should explore something similar in Cuddington to make walking in the village safer.

We have recently seen a press article by Chris Boardman (pictured) former Olympic cyclist, who is Greater Manchester's cycling and walking commissioner



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Community Boards

Within our new Buckinghamshire Council, 16 local Community Boards have been set-up. These bring together local people, groups and organisations, to focus on how to tackle the issues that matter most in their area. These 16 boards are the local link between Buckinghamshire Council and the community, enabling communities to have a stronger voice, influencing how services are delivered, identifying local priorities and deciding the focus for the future, with money available to support local projects and ideas.

Cuddington is part of the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board, which consists of 35 parishes, with a population of around 35,000 people and has a budget of £197K. Membership is made up of the local Buckinghamshire councillors, Parish Council representatives, members of local groups and members of the public.

At their first public meetings, each board identified its local priorities.

For our CB the priorities were decided:-

- Covid Recovery
- Environment and Green Spaces
- Highways and Road Safety
(incorporating speeding issues)
- Freight Steering Group
- Cycling and Walking

Separate sub-groups have been set up to cover each of the priorities and Cuddington representatives are active in all. It is likely that further sub-groups will be formed. Each of the sub-groups is keen to hear from those interested in getting involved. In addition to meetings, there are other ways for people to get involved and play their part in improving our area.

Anyone is welcome to join the on-line meeting but will need to register to attend by emailing the Board's co-ordinator, Elaine Hassall. (elaine.hassall@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) These meetings are also recorded so anyone can watch them after the event. The next Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board meeting is 7pm Thurs 18th March 2021.

There will be regular updates in Village Voice and the website.

Ken Birkby