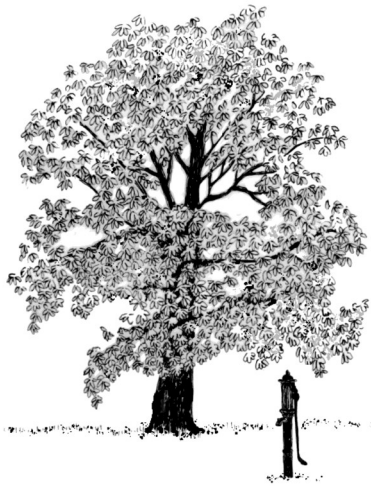




Cuddington Village Voice

July 2021



The Cuddington Village Party

Revised date due to covid!

SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2021
3PM UNTIL LATE

Cuddington Playing Fields, Bernard Close

BBQ, Bar, Stalls, Games and much more!



The recent Town and Parish Council elections resulted in an uncontested election for Cuddington with only 6 people putting their name forward for 7 seats.

At its June meeting, the Parish Council resolved to begin the process to co-opt a Parish Councillor to fill the 7th seat. The PC is required to give Notice of Vacancy (for 14 days) and will then proceed to advertise the position. The PC hopes to fill the role by co-option at its July meeting on Tuesday 27th July. As a Parish Councillor you can become a voice for our community and represent the interests of Cuddington. The main requirements are enthusiasm and determination. There are plenty of training opportunities which are paid for by the Parish Council. Meetings are monthly, the last Tuesday in the month and last up to 2 hours but some time is needed outside of these meetings too, to get involved locally in wider meetings.

More details will follow when the Notice of Vacancy expires on 8th July but if, in the meantime, you would like to find out more, please contact the Clerk at cuddingtonpc@gmail.com.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

CUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Stone & Waddesdon Ward

Local Government Act 1972- Sections 87 and 89

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a casual vacancy has arisen in the Office of a Parish Councillor for Cuddington Parish Council in the Stone and Waddesdon Ward.

If by **Thursday 8th July** (within 14 days excluding Dies Non after the date of this notice) a request for an election to fill the vacancy is made in writing to the:
Returning Officer
Buckinghamshire Council
Queen Victoria Road
High Wycombe
HP11 1BB

or via email to elections@buckinghamshire.gov.uk by TEN electors for the Stone and Waddesdon Ward, then an election will be held to fill the vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Dated: 24th June 2021

Signed: Venetia Davies, Clerk

Prospect Cottage, The Green, Chearsley, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP18 0DJ

** Residents of Cuddington Parish Council who wish to request an election must include their names, addresses and a signature and if using the email address we recommend a scanned copy.

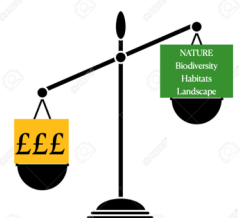
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Greener Cuddington

I have written about the variety of flowers in the road verges of Cuddington before, but I believe that there have been even more species this year. Where they were not mown in May, the verges have been in flower since March with a gradually evolving display of colour as the weeks go by. The cold April and wet May certainly resulted in them lasting for longer than in our recent warmer springs and in many cases, the displays seemed more vibrant, for instance I hope you noticed that hawthorn and cow parsley were amazing this year. The flowers that flourish in our road verges are not only pretty, but they support insects which are, in turn, an essential source of food for birds. Here, the cold spring has had a more mixed outcome especially for insects. Numbers of spring butterflies such as orange tips, small whites, brimstones and peacocks, are all well down this year, and I understand that honey bees are finding it difficult. Small, and green-veined whites are normally our commonest butterflies in mid-summer, but in a 3-mile walk this week I saw none. One result is that swifts and swallows have been only rarely seen swooping and calling across our evening skies this year, although our overall bird population is doing quite well

(see last month's Vertebrate Watch report).

There is a tension between the human tendency to like things (especially lawns and verges) to be neat, with clean lines and avoiding unkempt straggly bits, and letting nature run its untidy course. One imparts a sense of pride and an impression that an area is well maintained, and the other a joy at the profusion of colour that can result, tempered by a worry about a lack of control and a feeling of neglect. In discussion about anything involving our natural environment, we are usually urged to 'find a balance' between conservation and development or business. Each time, the balance tends to get pushed against the natural world and in favour of human interests to the extent that we seem to have reached the point where nature is reeling from the blows, and in danger of collapse. Attitudes to our treatment of nature are changing: just watch Gardener's World on which peat, pesticides and precision have been replaced by working with nature, rather than against it. So hopefully we in Cuddington can do our bit to nudge the balance back in favour of nature by following suit.
Doug Kennedy (doug@doug-kennedy.com)



Thought for the month...



Ever forgotten to do something? It is surprising how often we can forget to do something. I was recently on a campsite where the number of people allowed to use the toilet facilities was restricted to four people by way of four rubber wrist bands in a jar of disinfectant, the idea being that before entry, and of course putting your mask on, you took a rubber band and placed it on a hook above. Then on exiting the building you replaced your band in the disinfectant ready for the next person. You can guess what happens. People forget on leaving the building in that moment of joy in taking their mask off that they also must deal with the wrist band. Of course, the consequence of this is that there were times when no-one was in the block but all the wrist bands were hanging up on their hooks! Very frustrating if you were patiently queuing outside an empty toilet block.

In the great scheme of things, my example is of little importance, perhaps amusing, but not so amusing for a desperate person waiting patiently! What may seem inconsequential can in reality be quite devastating for someone else. Over the last year or more we have had to be particularly careful to remember new things, to remain at a safe distance from others, to not shake hands, to wear masks in shops etc, all of which have been countercultural for us but remembering to do them has been very important, not just for us as individuals, but also for those we meet, in order that we may all live in a safe environment.

Times of trial like we have been through generally bring out the best in us and indeed we have all heard many stories of people going out of their way to help others in the challenging times we have lived with recently, neighbours looking out for neighbours, volunteers at hospitals, charities seeking to help individuals cope with life under lockdown. Looking to the future, we all hope that things will be better and that we can put the pandemic behind us, regaining some sense of normality in our lives. In all of that, it will be important to keep remembering that the little things we do and forget to do can have a disproportionate effect on others, both in a good and a bad way. Our Lord Jesus taught that we should "love our neighbour as ourselves" and that we should "Do to others as you would have them do to you." May each one of us remember those words and do our best to put them into practice, which I'm sure will benefit everyone. God bless you.

Jonathan

Dates for your Diary



Summer's lease hath all too short a date.
Sonnet 18, William Shakespeare 1564-1616

July

Thursday 1 st , 8.00pm	'Military Wives' Village Picture House
Tuesday 5 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 7 th , 8.00pm	Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 15 th , 8.00pm	'Knives Out' Village Picture House
Tuesday 27 th , 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

August

Tuesday 31 st , 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
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And every Wednesday, at 9.15am, in termtime, Cuddingtots takes place in the Playing Fields Clubhouse; and every Friday, at 10.00am, also in termtime, Toddlers Singing Group takes place in St Nicholas Church. Everyone is welcome, but places are limited for both groups, so please book. For more details please contact Amy (07782199707) for Cuddingtots, and Christine (christine.jackson@live.co.uk) for Toddlers Singing Group. For more information please refer to the village website – cuddingtonvillage.com

Village Voice

Village Voice continues to be a highly important part of village life and communications.

Being published 10 times a year is a big commitment and the Editorial Team is looking to the future and the need to find more people to join it to help in the actual publishing of it.

If you are interested in helping (and especially if you are already familiar with the MS Publisher programme!) then please contact the Editor, Helen Keeping, on 01844 291635 or email to wichertcot@gmail.com

New dates for 3 Peaks



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11 – 14th September 2021
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9th October 2021

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After an interval of around 15 months, it was so good to be able to welcome villagers and others to our first two screenings of 2021. Both these events were sold out and we were thrilled to see so many familiar faces again.

After **Military Wives** on 1st July, our next film will be **Knives Out** (cert. 12A) on Thursday 15th July.

This is a fun, modern-day tribute to mystery mastermind Agatha Christie starring Daniel Craig, Chris Evans and Jamie Lee Curtis. When renowned crime novelist Harlan Thrombey is found dead at his estate just after his 85th birthday, the inquisitive and debonair Detective Benoit Blanc (Craig) is mysteriously enlisted to investigate.

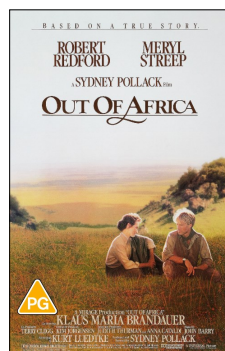
From Harlan's dysfunctional family to his devoted staff, Blanc sifts through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to uncover the truth behind Harlan's untimely death. With an all-star ensemble cast, **Knives Out** is a witty and stylish whodunit guaranteed to keep audiences guessing until the very end. "Daniel Craig has a blast in a murderously fun whodunit worthy of Agatha Christie," says *The Telegraph*.

"A brilliantly timely, funny and well-constructed script from *The Last Jedi* director Rian Johnson," says *Radio Times*. "Daniel Craig shines ... the most fun that he has been on screen for years, perhaps ever," says *The Times*. Our screenings will continue to be subject to the latest Government rules and guidelines. For our July films at least, our seating capacity will have to remain at around 50% of our normal amount. Social distancing will need to be observed and face masks will be compulsory. There will be a one-way system of entrance and exit, good ventilation, and chairs will be specially arranged according to the size of each group of people who have bought tickets. We'll be unable to provide a bar and refreshments, but you are welcome to bring your own wine, tea, coffee, snacks and so on.

We encourage you to book your tickets online through the Village Picture House page on the website, but a limited number of tickets are available in Cuddington Stores for those local residents who are unable to do so. **Important:** Shop sales and online bookings will close at 4.00 pm on the day, and there will be **no** tickets available on the door.

Last year, we conducted a survey inviting you to choose the classic film(s) that you would most like to see at the Village Picture House. After our usual summer break, we return on Thursday 9th September with the title that was far and away the most requested film.

Out of Africa (cert. PG) starring Meryl Streep and Robert Redford studies the life of Danish noblewoman and storyteller Karen Blixen, from her marriage and departure for Kenya in 1913 until her return to Denmark in 1931. As she struggles to maintain a coffee plantation through various setbacks, and strives to improve relations with the local natives, her marriage of convenience to a titled aristocrat gradually gives way to an



enduring romance with the noted big-game hunter Denys Finch Hatton. In the end, though, a series of events force Karen to choose between her love and her personal growth. "A beautifully filmed movie ... eminently watchable," says *Radio Times*. "The film that made us fall in love with Kenya," says *The Telegraph*. "A sensitive, enveloping romantic tragedy," says *Variety*.

On 16th September our film will be the multi-award-winning **Nomadland** (cert. 12A) starring Frances McDormand.

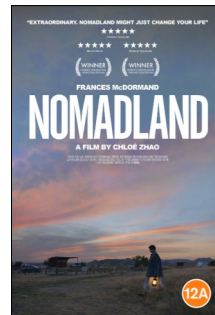
Following the economic collapse of a company town in rural Nevada, a woman packs her van and sets off on the road exploring a life outside of conventional society as a modern-day nomad. Further attractions in the autumn will include

Verdi's hugely popular opera **La Traviata**,

captured live on location in Sydney Harbour earlier this year; Greta Gerwig's delightful take on **Little Women**, the beloved story of the March sisters; **Marriage Story**, an incisive and compassionate look at a marriage breaking up and a family staying together; and (we anticipate) at least a couple of National Theatre Live productions.

Visit the web page for more details of all features:

www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema



Much time and effort has been taken in putting together our latest 'road map' explaining events until the end of term. We have tried to mitigate the restrictions, and enforced cancellations, by filming to record events whenever possible. The children have received the news of cancellations with great resilience, we are extremely proud of their growth mindset attitudes.

It is very frustrating for everyone that families and carers are unable to watch the Infant Sports day. It may also seem galling that parents are able to come to see their child's sports day on the Junior site. I have been in contact with Mrs Dyer, who is secretary of the Cuddington Playing fields. She has very kindly offered to host the event on the Playing Fields, however it is still not possible to mitigate the risks associated with the space – there are just so many complex factors that conspire against it.

There has been great excitement on the Junior site as the children returned to school after half term to see a brand-new playground surface which had netball markings painted on. The children were bouncing on the rubber surface and having a great time! The staff are delighted too because it means if a child falls over, they won't get concrete grit in their knees! Thank you to you, for donating money to the school through the various fund-raising activities that F4CADs have organised and has paid for this surface.

Mrs Wilde will be on secondment at Brill School as Acting Headteacher from September. This arrangement is initially for two terms, whilst their Headteacher is on maternity leave.

This will be a tremendous experience for her which will be of great benefit to us as well. We will be internally restructuring to cover her.

As we approach the final few weeks of term, I do feel for the first time since March 2020, that we have had a week that is almost a normal school week!

Kim Price, Headteacher



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KIRSTY BOUGHTON SKIN & BEAUTY SPECIALIST

Hi, my name is Kirsty.

Edd and I along with our 3 little girls have lived in the village for 6 years now having moved here from Amersham.

I realised some time ago that there really is so much more to life than the rat race which I was firmly part of. So, I decided to retrain in something which makes people happy – Skin and Beauty treatments. I have a thriving, mobile Skin and Beauty business where I travel to see you in the comfort of your home. I have trained with the best, learning and being examined in in-depth theory as well as practical applications and am fully insured with one of the top insurers in the industry – BABTAC.

The last year or so has given us a greater appreciation of this beautiful village that we are lucky enough to call home and we decided that having a little base that Edd can use as an office, and I can use as a salon could be the best idea yet! With the help of great friends and neighbours this dream became a reality and now the inherited 'shed on steroids' has become a part time hub.

If you would like to enjoy one of the many wonderful treatments I offer, please do get in touch.

Kirsty

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