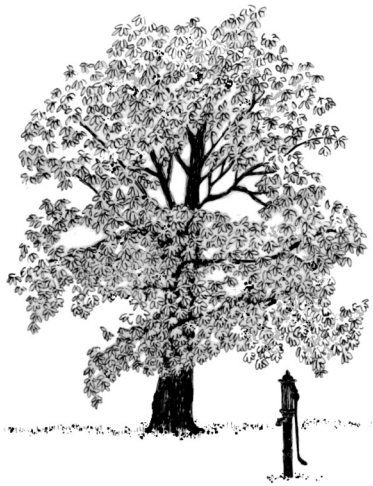




Cuddington Village Voice

October 2021

New Tenants at The Crown

Hello everyone –

Glyn and I arrived at the Crown on Monday 6th September, a couple of days to get our bearings and we opened the doors on 8th September to a very warm welcome from you all. Thank you!

This is our first venture as pub landlords, Glyn was made redundant in 2019 and started helping at our local, The Red Lion at Finmere. When we got married 4 years ago, we always said we wanted to run a business together. We looked at shops, B&B's but none were quite right, either the wrong location or just not the right business for us.... Glyn was really smitten with running a pub. So we started to look around....then lockdown happened.



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CUDDINGTON MUMS' BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER
9AM - 11:00AM IN THE CHURCH

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST, CONVERSATION AND HARVEST THEMED CRAFT.

Planning Update

The Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) has now been adopted and future uncertainty about the planning environment for Cuddington is now shifting towards emerging policy reforms by the Government. In the interim there is likely to be a period of relative stability. Details of the Planning Update, a summary of the main factors likely to affect planning in the next 5 years, can be seen in full on page 7.

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Village Party 2021

With covid restrictions resulting in no village fete this year, the CPFA and the Fete Committee joined forces to host a Village Party instead. This was held at the playing fields on Saturday 4th September and received a wonderful turn out. It was great to see and celebrate with so many new and regular faces after what has been such a difficult 18 months.

The big attraction of the day had to be the dog show which was expertly organised and hosted by Lizzie Greenwood-Hughes. Mike the 'mic' really added to the atmosphere with his witty commentating and there were plenty of entries. In total there were 9 classes which were kindly sponsored by Love of Paws, a dog grooming company from just up the road at Brookfield Farm. The knowledgeable judge was Imogen Jones, a friend of Lizzie's who'd travelled all the way from Dorset to officiate. Medium Dog was the most popular class, won by Pango and Lorraine Stevens.



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Cuddington Bonfire & Fireworks Party

Friday 5th November 2021



Gates open 6pm, Bonfire 6.30pm,
Fireworks 7.30pm

FREE ENTRY

Cuddington Playing Fields, Bernard Close, HP18 0AJ

St Nicholas, Cuddington

Wychert Vale

Welcome

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**Sunday 3rd October
Harvest Festival Service**



Everyone is welcome

Thought for the month...

October is a month that sometimes seems to fall between things. Harvest is nearly over and All Saints, Remembrance and Christmas are yet to come. Even its name is confusing, coming from the Latin octo and Greek okto meaning eight for in the original Roman calendar it was the eight month of the year before January and February got added!

October is however a busy time for many. While harvest may be over, farmers are busy preparing fields for next year's crops and gardeners and allotment holders are busy tidying up, planting winter flowers and vegetables and generally preparing for winter. Those in schools have been working hard and start looking forward to mid October when half term falls and a short break comes as a welcome relief.

For our churches, particularly after the ups and downs of the pandemic causing upsets to our patterns of regular worship, we hope and pray that October will be a time of settling down to a new routine, particularly worshipping inside our church before we get into Advent and Christmas and we also pray that those special services around Christmas that we desperately missed last year, may this year take place!

All of us have struggled in one way or another as a consequence of the pandemic so it is my hope and prayer that everyone in Cuddington is able to make the most of the month of October in bringing a sense of normality back into our lives and also growing a sense of hope as we look forward to the preparation time of Advent and the celebration of Christmas.

May the peace of God go with you wherever you are and whatever you are doing.

Jonathan

Editorial team – After ten years of thoughtful 'Thoughts for the Month' from Jonathan, this is his final one. We would like to thank him for all contributions over the years.

St Nicholas, Cuddington

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Vale**

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Services in October

- 3rd October Harvest Family Service.
Donations collected for
Aylesbury Storehouse
- 10th October Holy Communion in Church;
children's activities in Bernard Hall
- 17th October All Age Holy Communion
- 24th October Bible Sunday.
Morning Worship in Church;
children's activities in Bernard Hall
- 31st October Special All-Age Service for the Eve
of All Hallows: Celebrating from
death to life.

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Glyn continued to help at the local, they turned the pub into a shop and also ran a takeaway for food and beer...

Then we had vaccinations, restrictions started to lift and we started looking in earnest for a pub... on the way home from a meeting for a pub in Swindon we got a phone call from Fullers to say that The Crown had just become available and they thought it was the type of pub we were looking for. We drove over to have a look. Unfortunately the pub was closed but we parked up (peeked through the windows) and had a look round your lovely village. This was the place for us!

We love village life, at Finmere we were involved with fundraising for the church and also organised the Summer Fair. So it's not just the pub, it's the whole package we are interested in, we want to be part of your community.

Look out on our Facebook page and the Website which will be launched soon - for the announcement of our new menu, plus our plans for Christmas. With boosters on the way let's just hope we all get the Christmas we are wishing for this year...

We also want to introduce a monthly charity quiz (Monday or Tuesday evenings). Do you have a special charity that you are fundraising for and would like our help.

You bring the raffle prizes, we will provide the quiz questions and some nibbles.

Either give us a call on 01844 299255 or drop us an email hellthecrowncuddington@outlook.com to get something in the diary.

Cheers all!

Tracy & Glyn

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Letter from Devon

When we left Cuddington this summer for our new home down in Devon, we had not prepared ourselves for the amazingly kind and generous farewells that we received. Yes, we had been parishioners of Cuddington for nearly 35 years but had possibly just taken for granted all the benefits and pleasures of living in such a village!

We were asked at one farewell lunch what it was that we would miss most – and on brief reflection the answer was “just bumping into and meeting people around the village”. Between us we were indeed involved in many aspects of village life – Gardening Club, Tennis Club, The Village Picture House, the school, Village Voice as well as much to do with St Nicholas’. And through these we did get to know many in the village and hopefully were able to count them very much as our friends! Although Cuddington has changed enormously over the last 35 years, it remains a very special village, with its fantastic shop, school, village hall, church and much more. The village we now live in down in Devon is much smaller but also has so many features that we cherished about Cuddington – very active village hall, two churches, very friendly neighbours and a very supportive community spirit – we have been made really most welcome, something we fully anticipated as we had been coming here regularly for the last 12 years or so and already knew many in the village.

Our one sadness is that, although she made it down with us, we had to say good-bye to our dear dog Elsa a few weeks ago. She was 14 and had had a good life; we were so pleased that she made it back down here as she was a Devon dog and loved her walks on the moors!

Our memories of Cuddington will naturally focus around the activities and people that we were involved with but the amazing annual fete, numerous “do’s” in the Bernard Hall and some distant recollections of cricket matches against visiting choirs on the

playing fields will be high amongst them - thank you all for making our time in Cuddington so happy!

And thank you so much to everyone for

their good wishes, the signed card and farewell gifts – we now have a lovely map of old Cuddington and a beautiful watercolour which Caroline Stonham painted looking up Tibby’s Lane to the church and the school – an inspired composition which now hangs in a prime position in our cottage.

We do miss our friends and hopefully some of you will come by and see us when you are down this way!

Skippy and Chris Blumer



Cuddington Playing Fields & Clubhouse Events

Sat 2nd Oct 21 Race Night - Doors open 7pm, first race 7.30pm. Tickets £5 Members, £10 non members

Wed 6th Oct 21 8pm Bookworms book club, all welcome

Tues 19th Oct 21 7pm Tennis Club AGM

Fri 5th Nov 21 Village Fireworks Party, free entry

Sat 13th Nov 21 2pm Tree Planting

For more information please email cuddingtonclubbookings@gmail.com

Cuddington Playing Fields, Bernard Close, HP18 0AJ.

Twin your fridge to saves lives today

At this harvest time, we are so grateful each day to open our fridge door and find it full of food to eat. Millions of people are facing extreme hunger. You can help families put food on their table today.

By donating £30 to twin your fridge, you help provide emergency food and livelihood support to families across the world who are suffering extreme hunger due to Covid-19, spiralling inflation, job losses, failed harvests and civil unrest. When you twin, you’ll get a fridge magnet set so you can customise your fridge to show your support for this urgent appeal which is

operated by Tearfund, a national charity.

Just go to the website: <https://appeals.toilettwinning.org/>

Thank you – Alan Marsh.



Around and about

Cuddington is fortunate to have a network of Rights of Way that give access to the beautiful surrounding countryside. The maintenance of these paths is the responsibility of the landowner but there are only a few who actually do anything! Most of the work to keep the paths open and in good condition is undertaken by a small group of hardworking volunteers from the village. Particularly during the period of lockdown, the paths were heavily used for safe exercise by many people.

Some of the more popular routes have needed a bit more attention than the regular strimming and cutting back that takes place normally.

A good example is the path going from the back of Cuddington Court down towards Nether Winchendon Mill. (FP 1) The very narrow, enclosed section had become dangerous when wet because of the deep ruts that filled with liquid mud. A number of people reported that they had slid down the steep side and into the mud. A small group of the volunteers widened the path with brush-cutters and chainsaws, removed all the bits of timber at the bottom of the ruts and then filled the ruts with nearly one and a half tons of hardcore transported from the village. The steep side was cut away and the path levelled across its full width. Further amounts of aggregate will be added, as required. It is hoped that these measures will have cured the problem and make this important section of the circular walk more of a pleasure.

Another major problem is the path running south-west towards Chearsley and crossing the C56 at the blind corner near Bridgeway house. (FP 13).

Meetings have taken place with Transport for Bucks, Bucks Councillors and Waddesdon Estates.

TfB ultimately proved to be unhelpful and were not prepared to put in any sort of warning signage, on the basis that their default position was not to sign things unless there was a proven accident history! One of our Bucks Councillors made a site visit and agreed that the situation was very dangerous and he promised to take the matter forward with his colleague councillors. The Conservation Manager and Farm Manager from Waddesdon were in agreement about the dangers and have agreed to reduce both the height and width of the roadside hedge to improve visibility. It may take several cuts, over a number of seasons, to get a reasonable height without killing the hedge. In addition, it appears that the current dog-leg in the path may be a deviation from the original straight line. Bucks Rights of Way Department are looking into this, with a view for possible realignment. Finally, the well-used path from Dadbrook towards Chearsley (FP 17) has been regularly cut back to maintain a reasonable width but some parts do suffer from being muddy in winter. Materials are being obtained to try and deal with the worst spots in a similar way to the work done on FP 1.

Any costs incurred for this work are paid for by the PC but the work is done by a range of volunteers. More volunteers would be great! One does not need to be a burly bodybuilder, as there is a need for people who can use secateurs, rakes or even turn-up with a flask of coffee to refresh the other workers! Anyone who is prepared to help, please contact me.

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Ken Birkby

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Speedwatch

Can I start by saying that we do not do this for fun. I am sure there are activities we would rather do, other than stand by the side of the road in all weathers, taking the number plates of drivers who recklessly endanger the lives of other motorists, pedestrians, children and pets.

The statistics for Cuddington over the summer speak volumes. Between April and mid-September over 529 vehicles were captured by our volunteers in excess of the speed limit. And back one August afternoon, a motorist was captured overtaking another car on the Aylesbury Road at 61mph. The potential for a serious accident here can only be imagined.

I am aware that there is some opposition to what we are doing in Cuddington.

But surely these figures should persuade even the most cynical individual of the need for Speedwatch. Yes, it is an inconvenience to have to slow down when entering the village. Yes, I know we are sometimes late for an appointment and are trying to make up time. Yes it does feel great to have the windows down, the engine roaring, and the pedal down.

But just think of the life changing impact your actions could have on other individuals. Is making up 30 seconds on a journey worth risking someone's life?

If you do have any concerns about Community Speedwatch in Cuddington, please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address below.

And finally I would like to say a few words about Peter and Pauline Spence. They are leaving the village shortly and I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for all their help and encouragement on Community Speedwatch, and for all their hard work on 20's Plenty and Cuddington Traffic Action Group. They will be sorely missed. I wish them good luck in their new endeavours.

As always we welcome any new volunteers to Community Speedwatch. My email address is: stepnwright@gmail.com
Thank you

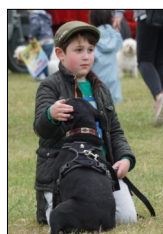
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Qtr3	99	61	252	48	18	45		61
Jul	27	49	76	45	8	39	111	49
Aug	38	61	135	48	10	45	183	61
Sep	34	42	41	42			75	42
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The final class was 'Best in Show' for the winners and second place dogs, and we were particularly honoured when Sherrie Scott from Tyingham Hall, agreed to judge it.

Sherrie was impressed with the quality of the entries and awarded the winning rosette to a lovely black Labrador called Connie who'd won best large dog and it turned out, was also owned by Carl Huckin from Love of Paws.

Carl kindly immediately handed the prize to the



'Reserve Best in Show, and Irish terrier called Teddy handled by Ava Barnard on behalf of her neighbour Charlie Eckton from Bridgeway.

Naomi, Clem and Emma ran the guess the number of sweets in the jar competition, whilst selling bubble wands too. They were really pleased to raise £55 for the Tearfund Afghanistan appeal and also made a donation to the Village Party fund. Surprisingly, there were



two entries that guessed the 109 sweets that filled the jar, so Mike drew the winner out of the hat! The jar was shared between joint entrants Abigail Hook and Jessica Bartle. Hope they haven't eaten all the sweets already!

The vintage tractors and cars also paid us a visit, completing a lap of honour of the fields before their departure. Other stalls included Pam's Bakehouse cakes (which sold out!), the Claytons BBQ, a sizeable book stall, craft tents, the human fruit machine (always a favourite), croquet and 2 tombolas.

The day was rounded off with many of the volunteers letting their hair down at the bar, along with a game of village rounders. Although there was some questionable refereeing and no one could remember the score, a draw was declared once light stopped play.

Fundraising from the event stands at £874.50, with additional donations going to Macmillan and an Afghan Refugee Charity. The bar took a very respectable £1,600, of which the profits will be going to the CPFA to support the upkeep of the playing fields. We are thankful to everyone who helped, attended, and spent money at the party, it was truly a successful day.

Photos courtesy of Sally Gascoyne and Lorraine Ray

Cuddington Youth Drama
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LIONEL BART'S
Oliver!
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The Bernard Hall, Cuddington HP18 0AP
Tuesday 26th to Saturday 30th October at 7pm
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Cuddington Youth Drama is back
in the Bernard Hall!

Please come and enjoy Oliver!

We appreciate your support and encouragement!

The actors are so fabulous- you will smile from ear to ear... See you there!



Cuddington Playing Fields Association
Brings You

RACE NIGHT

SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2021

DOORS OPEN 7PM, FIRST RACE 7.30PM

Tickets: £5 Members, £10 Non Members

Please see Ellen Dyer or Malcolm Thomas for tickets or email
cuddingtonclubbookings@gmail.com

OVER 18s ONLY

Planting for a Greener

Cuddington

Come along to the playing fields on Saturday 13th November at 2pm to plant a tree! Our tree planting project comprising 205 saplings, initially began in March 2020. But lockdowns and the inclement Great British weather conspired against us, and sadly not all the trees from our first round of planting made it. We are seeking to boost our village tree population and once again have been gifted a number of saplings from the Woodland Trust. This will enable us to line the perimeter of the playing fields. We took receipt of these in April 2021, but not all were able to be planted at that time. John Allen has kindly been babysitting them until they are ready for their forever home. Which we believe to be now!

So why not make your mark in the village and plant a tree for your family or in honour of a loved one?

Cuddington Playing Fields Association

**PLANT A TREE,
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THE WILDLIFE TRUST HAVE DONATED THE CUDDINGTON PLAYING FIELDS A NUMBER OF SAPLINGS TO CREATE A BEAUTIFUL HEDGEROW AROUND THE PERIMETER.

JOIN US ON SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER
AT 2PM TO PLANT A TREE

The UK needs millions more trees to reach its 2050 carbon net-zero target. By digging in with us, you'll help bring the UK nearer this important goal



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If there are still pumpkins remaining after these dates, we will remain open from 25th October onwards until they're gone!!

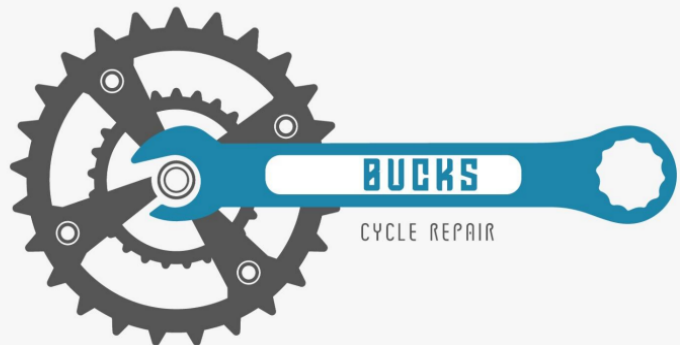
We're in Upton, off the A418, signs will be out and entry to the field is £1 per person and pumpkin prices range from 50p to £10 depending on size!!

We hope to see you there!



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Planning Update

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) -revised

The NPPF was revised in July 2021. The NPPF forms the context for the development of the Bucks Local Plan (to be adopted by 2025) and the Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan (CNP).

The main changes from the 2019 version of the NPPF is the emphasis on design quality and the need for design codes for large developments. Details of the changes are explained at :- <https://mayerbrown.co.uk/keep-up-to-date/blog/posts/nppf-july-2021-revision-a-guide-to-what-has-changed/>

National house-building reforms - paused

With the appointment of Michael Gove as Housing Minister, it is widely anticipated that the Government's controversial house building reforms will be 'paused' pending further consideration. Bucks and Cuddington Parish Council have previously objected to the draft proposals on the basis that they stifle local consultation and would lead to overly high housing targets for Bucks.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-58594953>

Once the reforms have been agreed they will provide the basis for the housing target figures for the Bucks Local Plan.

Oxford-Cambridge Arc – consultation stage

The Government is consulting on its strategic proposals for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc as a regional zone for future growth. (Responses by 12th October). The details of the consultation are set out on the Government's website :-

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1003974/Creating_a_vision_for_the_Oxford-Cambridge_Arc.pdf

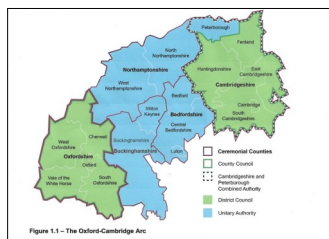
Following consultation there will be a Sustainable Appraisal 'Issues and Options' Report, for public consultation in spring 2022 to give everyone a chance to have their say. The Government hopes to publish the draft Spatial Framework with its Sustainability Appraisal Environmental Report, for consultation in autumn 2022, with implementation of the final framework shortly after.

This Framework would sit above the Bucks Local Plan and the Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan (CNP).

The aim of the Oxford-Cambridge Arc is to promote and accelerate the development of the unique set of educational, research and business assets and activities that characterise the area and in doing so, create an "arc" of innovation and entrepreneurial activity that would, in time, be 'best in the field'.

The Government is proposing a massive investment comprising: An Oxford - Cambridge Expressway road link (now 'paused') An East-West rail connection (under construction) One million new homes and jobs within the Arc to be completed by 2050. The extent of the Oxford-Cambridge Arc is shown on the figure here.

Buckinghamshire Council is seeking to co-ordinate responses from Parish Councils in support of their objection to the proposals. Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council, has summarised their position as follows:-



"The Council has concerns both about the content of the consultation, but also about the inclusion of Buckinghamshire in the maps and materials as 'part of the Arc' where we have taken a clear decision on leaving it. Buckinghamshire Council, along with the Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership and the University of Buckingham withdrew from the Oxford to Cambridge 'ARC Leaders' Group' last October. Concerns about the Arc proposals include:

Buckinghamshire being the target for 'top down' housing allocations which could emerge from the 'Spatial Framework' Governance structures for the Arc leave Buckinghamshire under-represented and at risk of being outvoted.

The creation of a new 'Spatial Framework' for the Arc will supersede local decision making (including sitting above the new Buckinghamshire Local Plan)

The Arc has never had local support in Buckinghamshire (related to the above concerns).

Buckinghamshire is not a party to this consultation (although the materials suggest otherwise). The Council will be commenting on the consultation in the same way as any other regional body adjacent to the Arc and will be emphasising that as a new unitary council, we want to be in control of our own future economic development and housing decisions, rather than potentially have these imposed upon it by votes from other areas as far away as Corby and the Fenlands. We also wish to support our businesses develop opportunities wherever they occur, rather than be confined within an artificial geography such as the ARC".

A representative from Cuddington Parish Council will attend the Bucks briefing on Monday 27th September prior to submitting a response to consultation.

Buckinghamshire Local Plan – in preparation

Bucks have completed a 'Call for Sites' on brownfield land and are now seeking further brownfield sites before looking at other opportunities for development to accommodate the Government's housing targets (still to be determined – see above).

The current understanding is that the bulk of any housing growth will be in existing towns, urban extensions, or new settlements rather than dispersed amongst the rural villages.

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)- adopted Sept 2021

VALP has now been adopted by Bucks Council following the publication of the Planning Inspector's report. The implications for Cuddington are as expected, with the Dadbrook Farm site included as an allocation for a minimum 15 homes. The exact number will be the subject of a planning application, and the village will have the chance to comment on the proposals once they are submitted to the Buckinghamshire planning team.

Full details of the final version of VALP can be found at :-

<https://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/section/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-valp-2013-2033>

Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan(CNP) -awaiting Regulation 16 consultation

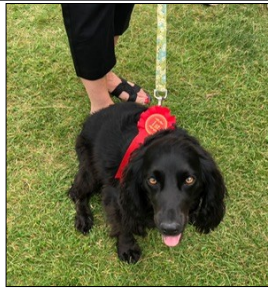
The programme for the CNP has been delayed by a lack of staff resources at Bucks and the priority given to the adoption of VALP. A very rough timeframe assuming reg 16 consultation in October, would be Examiner appointment November, Examiner's report December, referendum in early February and, assuming a positive referendum, the plan could be made (adopted) by end March 2022.

Ken Trew

Dog Show Fun!

Pango Stevens - aged 5

I am a black working cocker spaniel. My Mum was "really" keen for me to enter the dog show at the Family Fun Day. I was sent to Love of Paws the week before for a wash and trim - Mum said it was so I would look my best. On the morning of the show I went for a walk with my best friend Molly - a beautiful Labrador. Molly likes the occasional roll in fox poo but I always just watch her. However today was the day I thought why don't I do that? So I did - not once but twice! My Dad went mad and Molly's Dad just laughed as Dad pulled me out of the mess. Mum had to clean me off and use the dreaded puppy spray so I smelt nice. I behaved really well in the ring - had a tummy tickle from the judge and was chuffed to be placed first in the medium dog class- apparently my coat looked good and I have lovely eyes. I won a red rosette and a bag of goodies which I ate really quickly. (Lorraine Ray)



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Preschool Music Group
Wednesdays 9.15am
Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse

Bring your favourite instruments to join in!
Refreshments available

Price per session: **£4 per child**
£6 for 2 siblings
£8 for 3 siblings

THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDINGTON

Our autumn programme at the Village Picture House continues on Thursday 7th October with the multi-award-winning **Little Women** (cert. U) starring Meryl Streep, Saoirse Ronan and Emma Watson. Writer-director Greta Gerwig (*Lady Bird*) has crafted a *Little Women* that draws on both the classic novel and the writings of Louisa May Alcott, and unfolds as the author's alter ego, Jo March, reflects back and forth on her fictional life. In Gerwig's take, the beloved story of the March sisters – four young women each determined to live life on her own terms – is both timeless and timely. "A wonderfully warm, funny and heartfelt version of Louisa May Alcott's coming-of-age classic," says *The Guardian*. "Thanks to Gerwig and her cast, we see familiar characters in a new light ... the film's deep generosity cements it as a cinematic achievement," says *The Independent*. "A delight in every department, from the wonderful cast to the luminous cinematography," says *The Lady*. Then on 14th October our film will be **1917** (cert. 15), winner of seven BAFTAs and three Oscars. Offering an experience of the First World War like no other, Sam Mendes (*Skyfall*) retells a true episode from the Great War in this supremely immersive race against the clock. Two young British soldiers are picked to deliver a message across enemy lines. If they fail to arrive on time, hundreds of troops are heading for certain massacre. Told as one continuous shot, we follow them as they cross No Man's Land, facing attack from German troops and uncovering the horrific remnants of war. Authentic and seamless in its period detail, yet driven by cutting-edge filmmaking, *1917* stands side-by-side with Christopher Nolan's *Dunkirk* for its filmmaking ambition, nerve-shredding tension and superb set pieces. "Sam Mendes delivers the film of his career ... a monumental technical achievement," says *The Times*. "Spectacular, shocking and masterfully stylised," says the *Evening Standard*. "Astonishing ... audacious ... one of the most stirring films of the year," says *BBC Culture*.

On 21st October we'll be screening **Michael Ball and Alfie Boe: Back Together** (cert. PG), the final concert of their sold-out tour captured live at the O2 Arena in March of last year. Hot on the heels of their star turns in the West End's phenomenally successful staged concert of *Les Misérables*, the superstar pair take on their favourite musical theatre, pop and rock tracks.

Backed by a 21-piece band, they perform more than 20 songs including *The Greatest Show*, *Something Inside So Strong*, recent Broadway showstoppers and retro pop ballads. The show ends with songs from *Les Misérables*, back-to-back hits from *The Lion King* and a brilliantly arranged *Queen Medley*. "Their dulcet bromance hits the high notes ... sheer, ear-ringing spectacle," says *The Guardian*.

Looking ahead to November: on the 4th we'll be screening **Bombshell**, the true story of three women who conspired to fight back against the culture of harassment at Fox News. On the 11th our film will be **The Last Bus**, with Timothy Spall playing a recently bereaved pensioner who travels the length of the country using his free bus pass. On the 18th we'll be showing **The Father**, which stars Anthony Hopkins as an 80-year-old suffering from dementia and Olivia Colman as his loving daughter. Finally, on the 25th, the film is **Love Sarah** about 19-year-old Clarissa who is determined to fulfil her late mother's dream of opening a bakery in Notting Hill. Visit the web page for more details of all features:

www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema



Dates for your Diary



I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.
From: Anne of Green Gables,
by L M Montgomery 1874-1942

October

Saturday 2nd, 7.00pm
Wednesday 6th, 8.00pm

Race Night, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Bookworms Book Club, Playing Fields Clubhouse

Thursday 7th, 7.30pm
Sunday 10th, 10.30am
Thursday 14th, 7.30pm
Tuesday 19th, 7.00pm
Tuesday 19th, 7.00pm
Thursday 21st, 7.00pm

'Little Women', Village Picture House
Daffodil Planting, Playing Fields
'1917', Village Picture House
Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
Tennis Club AGM, Playing Fields Clubhouse
'Michael Ball & Alfie Boe', Village Picture House

November

Wednesday 3rd, 8.00pm

Bookworms Book Club,
Playing Fields Clubhouse

Friday 5th, 6pm

Cuddington Bonfire & Fireworks Party,
Playing Fields

Thursday 4th, 7.30pm
Thursday 11th, 7.30pm
Saturday 13th, 2.00pm
Sunday 14th
Thursday 18th, 7.30pm
Thursday 25th, 7.30pm

'Bombshell', Village Picture House
'The Last Bus', Village Picture House
Tree planting, Playing Fields
Remembrance Sunday
'The Father', Village Picture House
'Love Sarah', Village Picture House

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 – www.cuddingtonvillage.com

13th – 17th October 2021

Thame's annual arts and literature is both in-person and online this year. Whether your interest is history, food, politics, thrillers, nature or something else entirely, there will be something for you.

Tickets for the live events with Richard Dawkins, Ed Miliband, Alan Johnson and other writers are selling fast, but there is still availability to watch online.

For more information - talfestival.org



Commerical vehicles In Cuddington

The use of overlarge commercial vehicles for construction deliveries and removals is increasingly destroying the verges in the village. The draft Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan includes provision for controls where the construction is linked to a planning permission. However, it would help if residents stipulated the use of appropriately sized vehicles when commissioning work. The responsibility lies firmly with the resident as 'client', as they are instructing and paying for the works. The builder/delivery or removal firm is simply their contractor, working to their instructions. If contractors/suppliers aren't given any guidance then they will go for the cheapest, and most damaging, option.

Residents undertaking construction work should not seek to pass on the costs of repairing verges to the Parish.

Please give some thought to the size of vehicles to be used in your project and give clear instructions to make sure that they are appropriate for the size of roads we have in Cuddington.

Ken Trew

Ridgeway Hike 2022

Walking Britain's Oldest Road

Join Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity for an 80 mile charity hike along Britain's oldest road next summer and experience the breath-taking views and historic sites along the way on this 4-day guided trek.

The 80 mile hike follows the Ridgeway, used since prehistoric times by travellers, herdsman and soldiers, from Swindon back to Aylesbury, walking and being supported by fellow walkers, united in the same goal – to support Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity.

This year 40 hospice supporters took part on the charity's first ever Ridgeway Hike and raised over £70,000 for local hospice care.

The walkers each had a different reason to why they wanted to take part in the hike and support the charity, many walking in memory of loved ones who had been cared for by the Hospice team. Steve said, "I can honestly say that is the best and most enjoyable extreme event I have done. Thank you all."

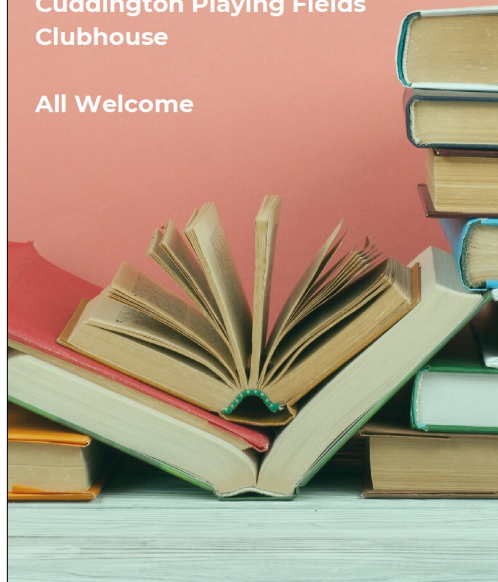
If you are interested in taking on this challenge the next trek will take place from 9th – 12th June 2022. You can find out more about the Ridgeway Trek and details of how to sign up at <https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/ridgewaytrek2022> or call 01296 429975 for more information.



Cuddington Bookworms

Wednesday 6th October 8pm
Cuddington Playing Fields
Clubhouse

All Welcome



On Monday 6th September we reopened our doors at both the Chearsley and Haddenham settings welcoming 23 new children. All have settled in wonderfully and begun actively participating in all our activities. It's been great to see confidence and friendships developing already.



For the Autumn term our topic is "This is me". The aim of this topic is to help the children develop relationships with others and to develop core skills in the areas of learning such as boosting self-confidence, language and physical skills. The children will be taking part in pretend play to promote interactions, discussing family and friendships, developing a sense of self, and learning to take turns via games.

Last week in Haddenham the children enjoyed the "Wow" activity which was painting with their feet, getting messy always goes down well! They also completed a mural of self portraits as part of the "This is me" theme. In Chearsley the children have been also learning about where their food comes from and were treated to a trip to the local allotments to explore the fruit and veg. Later in the week this learning was extended via the making of apple crumble and muffins! For information on how to join please telephone 01844 299123 or email: info@chufpreschool.co.uk

A great start to the school year. All the children have settled superbly, including all our new foundation children. A new playground flooring has been laid at the Infant site and the children are now able to play on the new equipment.



Year 6 pupils dealt admirably with the 11+ second week back. Our House Captains have been chosen and we have now given out all the Junior badges for positions of responsibility.

We are certainly back to what feels more like school life as we are used to. Year 3 have started their swimming lessons and for the first time we have needed 3 instructors. This is because so many of them were unable to have their normal swimming lessons over the last 18 months, due to COVID restrictions. We all know that swimming is such an important life skill we are delighted to be able to be able to have swimming back in the curriculum. We also welcomed parents into school for the first time in a long time; and it wonderful to see so many parents at 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. We will be offering **Open days for Parents of Foundation children starting in September 2022.**

Coming up, we will be holding our whole school Harvest Festival service in church on Monday 4th October. All non-perishable produce will be going, together with that donated at the Sunday service, to the Vineyard in Aylesbury.

Any cash donations will go to UNICEF for children caught up in the Afghanistan crisis. <https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-and-help-protect-children-in-afghanistan>.

Finally, we have our Annual October bags to School on Monday 11th October. We would love it if parishioners took part as well! So, if your house is in need of a bit of a sort out come to school and ask for a bag(s); please the fill the bags with unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, hats and soft toys (any shoes/boots should be tied together as a pair). Please don't include uniforms, pillows, bedding, towels and cushions. Filled collection bags should be returned to the school on Monday 11th October by 9:00 am and placed in front of the staff room window behind the wall in front of the school opposite the church.

Kids autumn wordsearch



HARVEST

BLACKBERRY

ORANGE

LEAF

ACORNS

AUTUMN

PUMPKIN

APPLES

SCARECROW

YELLOW

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