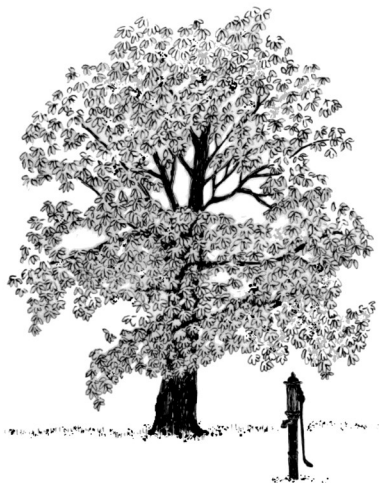




# Cuddington Village Voice

March 2022

## Ukraine



The news is shocking, the images horrifying – a sovereign country has been invaded, by its much bigger and more powerful nation. What can we do? There are charities – **UNICEF** and the **Red Cross** have both launched emergency appeals and donations can be made online. There are Ukrainian charities – **Sunflower of Peace**, **United Help Ukraine** and **Voices of Children** which provide medical and humanitarian aid, and the latter helps children affected by the conflict.

Also, 'Link to Hope', which is supported locally by way of their Christmas shoe box appeal is seeking help for their teams in Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria as the crisis in Ukraine has led to them getting refugees who need support. If you would like to support them the article and giving link can be accessed via the link below.

<https://linktohope.co.uk/campaigns/donate-to-the-ukraine/>

And you could write to our MP, Greg Smith, about government actions regarding crisis. His email address is: [greg.smith.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:greg.smith.mp@parliament.uk) Whatever we do individually may be little, but together we can make a difference, and the people of Ukraine will know they are not alone.

Helen Keeping

## Services in March

St Nicholas, Cuddington

Welcome

Worshipping God  
Serving Community  
Sharing Life



6<sup>th</sup> March

Holy Communion; children's activities in Bernard Hall

13<sup>th</sup> March

All-Age Holy Communion

20<sup>th</sup> March

Morning Worship; children's activities in Bernard Hall

27<sup>th</sup> March

Mothering Sunday:  
All-Age Morning Worship

## The Queen's Green Canopy

Cuddington Parish Council are planting a tree for the Platinum Jubilee. We have selected a mature specimen,

native field maple, acer campestre, to be planted on the Playing Fields, near where the dugout was, following discussion with the Cuddington Playing Fields Association.

The date for planting is Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at approximately 11am, although this is subject to change if the ground proves too soft at that time for the vehicles from Majestic Trees. If it does have to change, we will post an update on the village website and Facebook page. We are very grateful to the Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board who have been very generous in their substantial grant towards this project.

Julia Ridout



Haddenham & Waddesdon  
Community Board

Working together: Local voices, local choices, local action



Buckinghamshire Council have appointed an

independent Planning Inspector to examine the draft Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan (CNP).

The Inspector will consider the CNP and any objections received during the formal consultation period that ended on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022. He will then submit his report, including recommendations for any amendments to the CNP. This process is expected to take about 6 weeks.

The Parish Council can then decide to accept the Inspectors recommendations or withdraw the CNP.

Assuming that the recommendations are acceptable, the CNP will be amended accordingly and then submitted to the parishioners at a referendum (to be arranged by Buckinghamshire Council).

A simple majority is needed to approve the Plan.

Ken Trew



## Cuddington swishing party!

*Swishing is the latest craze in ethical shopping.*

It is the name given to a clothes swapping event where you can update your wardrobe whilst raising funds for a charity.

**Our Swishing Party in aid of Cuddington Playing Field Association is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at The Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse. Come along!**

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## Thought for the month...

There's a cost of living crisis, the pandemic lingers on into its third year, and the NHS is once again on its knees. The Winter Olympics were pretty 'cataclysmic' for Team GB, as the *Times* declared well before the end. And that's before we get to a government struggling to tell the difference between a boozy knees-up and a meeting to manage a national emergency...! You could be forgiven if you hadn't realized that 2022 is supposed to be a year of major national celebrations.

What's to celebrate? Well, last month marked 70 years since Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's accession, and in June there'll be nationwide festivities for the platinum anniversary of her coronation. In other words: plenty of eye candy in prospect for royal watchers, celebrity magazines and countless Insta pages! Not to mention the dead cert of a feel-good campaign to boost politicians badly trailing in the polls....

But should the rest of us care? We can all agree that the Queen has done well: sticking it out in the same job for 70 years is good going in anyone's book! She has certainly paid her dues in return for luxury, pomp and circumstance on the taxpayer's penny. But (some will say) is this really all that interesting compared to things like, say, Net Zero or Black Lives Matter? Or even the World Cup?

Perhaps it is. Last month the Queen published a letter that was briefly noted in the media for its comments about Charles and Camilla. I have to admit this didn't exactly strike me as riveting. But something else did.

She began by renewing a promise first made not 70 but 75 years ago, on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in 1947, when she devoted 'my whole life, whether it be long or short... to your service' and asked God and the people of the Commonwealth to help her keep that vow. Now aged 96, she hopes this year's Jubilee celebrations will unite families, friends and communities after 'difficult times for so many of us', and she adds, 'I look forward to continuing to serve you with all my heart.'

Then, instead of a pompous 'Yours faithfully' or sugary 'Love' with emoticons, she signs off with 'Your servant Elizabeth R'.

What's worth celebrating in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee? That life-long 'servant' leadership, which (as she has often said) is for her grounded in being a follower of Christ.

Markus Bockmuehl



## Christian Aid

We can take pride in the fact that we are one of a very small number of villages who raise a substantial amount of money for Christian Aid every year. It was a challenge during Lockdown but with imaginative fundraising we topped £2,000 yet again in 2021! This year it is the week beginning 15th May, although our efforts will start before that; Tracy at the Crown is offering Lent Lunches on Tuesdays and an opportunity to donate to Christian Aid. At the popular Madrigal May Day singing there will also be a Collection bucket.

The week itself will begin with a Family Service on 15th May, there will be the 300,000 step challenge, some soup lunches on a couple of days during the week and the popular plant stall.



More details will be available in April's Village Voice. If you would be happy to help in any way please contact Caroline Stonham [caroline@holymans.co.uk](mailto:caroline@holymans.co.uk)

## News from the pub

### Fundraising Quizzes

Our Charity Quiz in February proved popular as always, thank you everyone for your support in making these events so successful. This time we raised a fantastic £160 for the Florence Nightingale Hospice.

The next quiz is on Monday 7 March – we will be raising money for Cuddington's Gardening Club, please come along and support this local community organisation. £2 per person entry, teams of up to 8 people.

### Lent Lunches

On Tuesday 8 March we will be launching our Lent Lunches, £6.50 for a delicious homemade soup and some rustic bread. These will be on offer on Tuesday lunchtimes throughout Lent finishing on Tuesday 12 April. We will also be taking donations for Christian Aid during Lent.

### Pizza

Our new Barrel and Stone Pizza oven has been installed, we will be offering pizza on Monday and Tuesday evenings to eat in or takeaway from Monday 28 February. Come and grab a menu from us at the pub.

Tracy & Glyn



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# Aylesbury Choral Society

The ASC spring concert could well be the most exciting performance the choir has undertaken, with works composed between the 1850's and 1930. Vaughan Williams' version of the P Benedicte was first performed in 1930, while

Elgar's Benedictus and Te Deum were composed for the Hereford Music Festival in 1897. Twenty-two years earlier the Mass by Gounod was performed on St Cecilia's Day, but the organ accompaniment wasn't added until 1873. It is indeed a glorious piece of music, and will come as a little bit of a respite after the lively and exciting more modern works. Tickets can be obtained either via the ACS website, or using the QR code on posters on the Cuddington noticeboards, or from [asanderson@waitrose.com](mailto:asanderson@waitrose.com)



## Annual Village Meeting

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at the Bernard Hall 7.30 pm**

A great deal has happened since we were last able to have our Annual Meeting, with the result that there are many issues to discuss. In view of that, it is proposed to have considerably more time available for everyone to have a debate, with less time for the updates from various societies and organisations.

**Among the topics that have been raised, so far, are:**

**What is the future for Cuddington Fete?**

**Development and building in the village**

**Road safety in Cuddington**

**Performance of the new Buckinghamshire Council**

**Where does our council tax go?**

**How can the local Rights of Way be improved?**

**Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

**Rural broadband**

Please give some thought to these issues.

There will undoubtedly be other important things to talk about, so please contact Venetia Davies ( [cuddingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:cuddingtonpc@gmail.com) ), who will be taking the Meeting notes, to have other things considered for the agenda, which will be published later.



# Cuddington Jubilee Celebrations

As everyone will know the Spring Bank Holiday this year has been extended to four days, from Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth.

Many events are taking place all around the country and Cuddington residents have been keen to know what is going to happen in the village. A group of people representing village organisations such as the CPFA, Church, Parish Council, Gardening Club, Bernard Hall and The Crown have met to pool ideas and to try and coordinate events, so that there was no duplication. An initial draft timetable has been proposed, although there will undoubtedly be additions, amendments and more details.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Bernard Hall.** Screening of a full colour film of the 1952

Coronation (those of us old enough to have been around then have probably only seen in black and white on a tiny television!) Live streaming of the events on London, including Trooping the Colour, fly-past and ceremonials. With the cinema big screen and surround sound, this will be special.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**The Crown.** 50s (and onwards) Night, with food spanning the 70 years (Not necessarily spamming!) Everyone is invited to dress up in period clothes of one of the decades. So, search the wardrobes and cupboards for your particular favourites!

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**Playing Field.** Cuddington picnic for all residents and their families. Tables will be set-up in a marquee and outside for people to bring their own food, to ensure they have the food they like to eat, and minimise cost and wastage! Individuals obviously welcome and anyone with mobility issues will be allocated a helper to get them to the Playing Field and out and about. There will be drinks from the Bar and tea and coffee available all the time.

Games for children and adults will take place during the afternoon, with prizes. The judging of a children's competition to decorate a crown will take place and the top three will receive a commemorative coin, courtesy of The Crown. There will be music, with bunting and flags all around. By then, the Jubilee tree will have been planted and then decorated for the weekend. There will be a very, very large Cuddington celebration cake, big enough for all to share.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**The Church.** Tea-party with delicious cakes inside the Church.

**All weekend & Around the village.** There will be a 'Village Trail' to try and find all the pictures depicting events during the past 70 years of the reign.

During April, there will be a competition to design the print for the commemorative tea towel that is being produced for distribution to all houses in the village. Details on how to enter will be published soon. There will be separate categories for under 11, 11-18 and adults, with prizes for each. A panel of local artists will decide the overall winner for the final design to be produced.

There will be planting in the village with the red, white and blue theme and it is hoped that the green-fingered residents will reflect this in their own planting.

There is lots of work to do and it is hoped that many people will want to put in some ideas and lend a hand with the organisation and over the weekend itself. Sponsorship is being sought from individuals and businesses to cover the costs of prizes, printing and creation of the tea towels. Please contact those below, in the first instance.

Keep your eyes open for information fliers, notice boards, Village Voice and the website for up-to- date information.

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# THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON



With the Omicron variant of coronavirus still quite prevalent, and in spite of the Government's recent relaxation of the Covid regulations, we are continuing to take proportionate measures to keep our patrons safe. We have a fan drawing air through to an open window at the back of the stage. We are limiting the sale of tickets to around two thirds of our normal capacity, which allows us to space the rows of seats about one metre apart. Also, within each row there are small tables to keep each individual or group separate from one another. And of course, we ask you not to attend if you have been in recent contact with anyone suffering from Covid, or are ill in any way (not just with Covid).

On 3rd March we're showing **House of Gucci** (cert. 15) featuring a stellar cast headed by Lady Gaga (*A Star Is Born*). Spanning three decades, *House of Gucci* is inspired by the shocking true story of the family empire behind the Italian fashion house of Gucci. Patrizia Reggiani, an outsider from humble beginnings, marries into the Gucci family. Her unbridled ambition begins to unravel the family legacy and triggers a reckless spiral of betrayal, decadence, revenge... and ultimately murder. "This fizzy true crime comedy is smart, funny and camp. Lady Gaga's sense of fun is dialled up to 11," says *The Evening Standard*. "A titillating, ridiculous and utterly engrossing soap opera – proof that tackiness can be art, and ostentation can be chic," says *The Independent*.

On 10th March we'll be screening **Summerland** (cert. 12A) starring Gemma Arterton, Penelope Wilton and Tom Courtenay. The film follows the story of fiercely independent but profoundly lonely folklore investigator Alice, who secludes herself in her cliff-top

study, debunking myths using science to disprove the existence of magic. She is haunted by a love affair from her past, but her life is transformed, however, when a spirited young evacuee from the Blitz is dumped into her irritable care. "A lovely, hopeful and rather magical movie ... Gemma Arterton excels," says *The Guardian*.

"Gemma Arterton is magnificent, as is Lucas Bond as her youthful charge," says *The Telegraph*. "This adorable wartime tale is a family film with a difference," says *The Evening Standard*.

Then on 17th March we have **Uncle Vanya** (cert. 12A), filmed live at the Harold Pinter Theatre during lockdown.



Toby Jones, Richard Armitage and Roger Allam star in this stunning new adaptation of the Anton Chekhov masterpiece. Sonya and her Uncle Vanya while away their time on an isolated estate,

visited occasionally only by the local doctor Astrov. However, when Sonya's father Professor Serebryakov suddenly returns with his restless, alluring, new wife Yelena, polite facades crumble and long repressed feelings start to emerge... "Toby Jones triumphs ... this exquisite production is enlivened with expertly weighted humour and a modern beat," says *The Guardian*. "It is a great work of art. It will touch your heart and soul," says Will Gompertz from the BBC.

On 24th March, our film will be **The Last Letter From Your Lover** (cert. 12A), based on the 2008 bestseller by Jojo Moyes and starring Felicity Jones.

Jennifer lives a luxurious life with her wealthy and powerful husband Laurence. When an unfortunate event wipes her memory, she struggles to find her identity until she stumbles upon some wistful love letters from a foreign correspondent,

hidden in her home. Meanwhile, a whip-smart journalist in contemporary London discovers and becomes enthralled by these love letters from a bygone era. As she begins to piece them together with the help of an archivist, she sets off on a journey that will entangle the two women's lives forever. "An unabashed, irresistible tearjerker," says *The Telegraph*. "An impeccably dressed romantic drama," says *The Guardian*. "A reminder that swooning love stories don't always need to be told through a rose-tinted lens," says *The Independent*.

On 31st March we shall be screening the Oscar-nominated **Spencer** (12A) starring Kristen Stewart and Jack Farthing as Princess Diana and Prince Charles. Their marriage has long since grown cold. Though rumours of affairs and a divorce abound, peace is ordained for the Christmas festivities at the Queen's Sandringham Estate in Norfolk. Diana knows the game but, this year, things will be profoundly different...

"Kristen Stewart's entirely compelling Di has no escape from the dress-up game of monarchy in this unreverential movie," says *The Guardian*. "This apocryphal tale teems with shocks, laughter and tenderness," says *The Telegraph*. "Kristen Stewart's performance as the people's princess is subtle and uncannily precise," says *The Evening Standard*.

Looking ahead to April, on the 7th we'll be showing Steven Spielberg's new remake of **West Side Story**. On the 21st, we have National Theatre Live's new production of **Henry V**, captured live at London's Donmar Warehouse. Then on the 28th our film will be **Herself**, about a young mother who decides to build her own home from scratch when the local council won't provide one.

Visit the web page for more details of all features:

[www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema](http://www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema)



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Thame  
Choral  
Society

Thame Choral Society's  
60th Anniversary Concert  
**Handel's Messiah**  
Directed by Helen Swift  
Featuring Thame Sinfonia  
Saturday 23rd April 2022 at 19.30  
St Mary's Church, Church Road, Thame, OX9 3AJ  
Adults £15 advance, £16 on the door. Under 16s free  
Tickets online from [thame-choral-society.sumplink](http://thame-choral-society.sumplink)  
Or email to reserve [thamechoralsociety@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thamechoralsociety@hotmail.co.uk)  
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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 taking in woodlands and the infamous Ridgeway.  
Sign up today at [thepacecentre.org/thebigwalk](http://thepacecentre.org/thebigwalk)  
Charity No. 1011133

This year's Pace BIG Walk routes will take in the infamous Ridgeway Trail. There is a choice of 18m, 12m, 6m or The Superhero Mile routes. There is something to suit all ages and abilities. This is a great opportunity to set yourself a challenge for 2022 and have some outdoor fun.

By taking part in the BIG Walk, you will not only have the opportunity to explore this beautiful countryside in a completely unique way, but you will also be helping us to provide life changing support to the children and young people who access Pace services.

To sign up visit  
<https://thepacecentre.enthouse.com/cf/the-big-walk-2022>

# Our Village Fete Needs you....

The future of Cuddington's annual village fête is at risk if we cannot get the volunteers to coordinate and manage the event — can you help?

It's not a cold start! We have a great bank of stallholders and 'on the ground' volunteers and a partial Committee! We need a Chairperson and more Committee members who are able to take on specific tasks such as coordinate business sponsorship, design and publish marketing/PR & signage, oversee governance such as health & safety, road closures, coordinate application and distribution of funds and so on...

This year the village will focus on holding a programme of Jubilee celebrations in June and a Village Party on the Playing Fields in September, there will not be a Fete but now's the time to ensure we have the people in place for 2023's event!

Prior to the covid pandemic, Cuddington's annual Village Fête raised in excess of £10,000 each year for the village assets, charities and community groups.

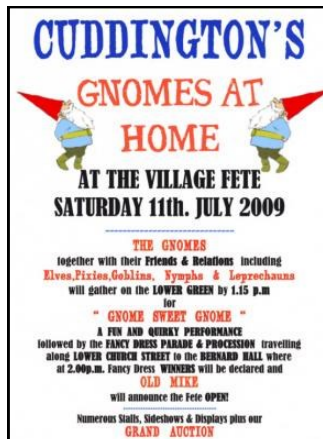
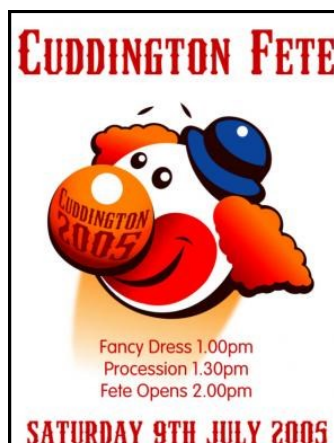
For a glimpse of the past programme covers of themes and photos over the years can be viewed on the village website.

If you would like to know more, offer support or put your name forward — please contact:

**Cuddington.Fete@gmail.com**

**Or message Karen Clayton on 07718 559978**

And/or come to the Annual Village Meeting on Monday 4th April 2022



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# Dates for your Diary



"March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." —English Proverb

## March 2022

|                                    |                                                          |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 8.00pm | Bookworms Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse          |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 7.30pm  | 'House of Gucci', Village Picture House                  |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2.30pm   | Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse                  |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> , 8.00pm | 'Summerland', Village Picture House                      |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2.00pm   | Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse              |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30pm | 'Uncle Vanya', Village Picture House                     |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> , 8.00pm | 'The Last Letter From Your Lover', Village Picture House |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> , 1.30pm   | Matinee Cinema, Bernard Hall                             |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> , 7.00pm  | 'Ladies in Lavender'                                     |
| Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> , 8.00pm | Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall                     |
|                                    | 'Spencer', Village Picture House                         |

## April 2022

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| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30pm    | Annual Village Meeting, Bernard Hall                |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8.00pm | Bookworms Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse     |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7.30pm  | 'West Side Story', Village Picture House            |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10.30   | Pre-Easter Coffee morning, Playing Fields Clubhouse |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2.30pm  | Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse             |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> , 7.00pm | 'NT Live: Henry V', Village Picture House           |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> , 1.30pm   | Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse         |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> , 7.00pm  | Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall                |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> , 7.00pm | 'Herself', 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](mailto:christine.jackson@live.co.uk)) for Toddlers Singing Group.

For more information please refer to the village website – [cuddingtonvillage.com](http://cuddingtonvillage.com)

## The French Connection

With the prospect of travel and holidays in foreign parts – perhaps a short break or a longer exploration hop over the Channel to la belle France - the Witchert Chorale invite you to appreciate a variety of pieces from the near Continent alongside pieces by composers from the British Isles. Enjoy Gounod and Saint Saëns alongside Poulenc and Duruflé, as well as pieces inspired by Gershwin and Lennon/McCartney.

"The French Connection" is in St Mary's Haddenham at 7.30 pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Proceeds in aid of Friends of St Mary's and The Brain Tumour Charity. Tickets available from [www.witchert.org.uk](http://www.witchert.org.uk) or Ann on 07876 683990.

In Aid Of Friends of St Mary's Haddenham and The Brain Tumour Charity

**Witchert Chorale**  
directed by David Quinn  
presents  
**The French Connection**

Advance tickets £12.50  
Tickets on the door £15  
U16 Free

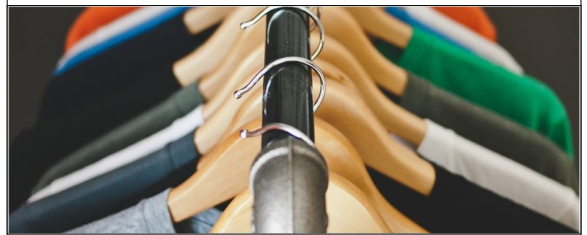
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Including music by Poulenc, Duruflé, Saint Saëns, Gershwin and others.

Book ahead at [www.witchert.org.uk](http://www.witchert.org.uk)  
Or phone Ann on 07876 683990

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## Swishing!



### "Save money, save the planet and have a party"

The average UK household owns around £4000 worth of clothes, and around 30% of clothing in wardrobes has not been worn for at least a year. Extending the average life of clothes by just three months would lead to a 5-10% reduction in each of the carbon, water and waste footprints. An estimated £140 million worth (around 350 000 tons) of used clothing goes to landfill in the UK every year.

### **Swishing is the latest craze in ethical shopping.**

It is the name given to a clothes swapping event where you can update your wardrobe whilst raising funds for a charity. Our chosen charity is the Cuddington Playing Fields Association.

### **Our Cuddington Swishing Party is on**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at**

**The Cuddington Playing Fields**

**Clubhouse between 6pm and 9pm.**

It will be a ticketed event, payable in advance and numbers will be limited. Ticket price is £15 per head and will include 5 vouchers to exchange for 5 items and extra vouchers will be available to purchase on the night.

Everyone will also get a glass of bubbles!

There will be a raffle (donations welcome!) and refreshments available to buy throughout the evening (tea and coffee, plus the bar will be open). You've got plenty of time to have a clear out before April. All good quality ladies clothes, shoes and accessories welcome. We will be asking that all donations are dropped off clean and on hangers where possible. The clubhouse will be open for dropping off donations on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April between 6pm and 9pm. If this is not convenient and you have items you would like to donate, please contact Mandy or Lorraine Ray, details below.

We welcome donations from everyone, not just those attending, plus you can attend the swishing party without the need to donate – the more people that get involved the better!

Don't delay, if you would like to purchase a ticket for this event please contact Mandy or Lorraine on Mandy: [mandy\\_spencer@hotmail.com](mailto:mandy_spencer@hotmail.com) or 07535 628 089

Lorraine: [lray1965@hotmail.com](mailto:lray1965@hotmail.com) or 07736 698 627

We are certainly now back into the rhythm of school and despite Omicron proving more of a challenge through unpredictable absences, I am incredibly proud of the resilience both the staff and children have demonstrated as we ensure we make up for lost time.

This has been a very exciting month in school with scooter and skateboarding demonstrations for the children and book looks for parents. This is an opportunity for the parents to look through their children's books so they can see the progress their children are making and aids the conversation for the virtual parents evenings we now run.

The Infant children had a wonderful afternoon on looking at the Chinese New Year celebration for the year of the Tiger. It was lovely to be greeted with the words 'Happy New Year' on 1st February.

Thank you to F4CADS for organising the Doughnut sale. I know the children (and staff) were grateful.

Thanks also to Mr. Ghouse for helping out too.

Sporting news; We enjoyed our first netball match of 2022 and we won 10:4 against Brill. Mrs Wilde (our Deputy Head, but currently acting as Head Teacher at Brill) came to watch and definitely had divided loyalties!

On a wistful note, Spring has sprung on the Junior site. The snowdrops are in blossom under the trees on the field. I'm so glad they survived the work done to make the area useable for the children. We have also been busy at the Junior pond which has undergone a face lift and is now much cleaner and more useable. Thank you to Mr Brogan, Mr Kirsten, Mrs Bowman, Dennis and Mrs Clark.

In addition to the hundreds of tiny tree whips we planted over the last couple of months, the school councillors have now planted our two Platinum Jubilee trees on both school fields. Their names are written on the reverse side of the plaque, so will always be part of the history of the school.

Mrs Price, Headteacher



Haddenham  
Community  
Library

### Every Tuesday

10am-12noon- Knit and natter - a knitting community gathering every week

2pm - 2.30pm - Story-time for children 2-4 years

### Every Saturday

10am to 12 Midday - Colouring In and crafts for children from 4 years

### Friday's

1030 to 11am Bounce and Rhyme for small children

March 11th, 25th March and 8th April

## Thame Chamber Choir, in

collaboration with award-winning pianist Anna Markland (former Young Musician of the Year, founder of I Fagiolini), present an evening devoted to the musical evocation of flowers. Sweet, delightful lilies are mixed with winter roses; fair daffodils jostle with deadly nightshade as composers create a flowerscape as varied, and as enjoyable, as the flora themselves. While the choir ("as good an amateur choir as you will hear in the UK today" - Music Today) will relish a rare foray into Ed Sheeran (Supermarket Flowers) alongside more familiar composers (great madrigalists of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries like Gibbons, Wilbye, Finzi and Britten), Anna's magical playing will encompass works by Debussy and Rachmaninoff.

**FURTHER DETAILS:** <https://www.thamechamberchoir.org/>  
<https://www.hyperion-records.co.uk/a.asp?a=A12283>



## SUNSHINE CLUB

### Cuddington Matinee Cinema

On Monday 28 March at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm) in the Bernard Hall, "Ladies in Lavender" will be shown. This 2004 British drama, set in picturesque Cornwall in a tight-knit fishing village in 1936, tells the story of the arrival of a handsome young musician whose presence disrupts the peaceful lives of two sisters and the

community in which they live. This amiable and civilised film stars Judi Dench, Maggie Smith and Daniel Bruhl. We are anxious to keep our audience safe, so there will be good ventilation and seats spaced a metre apart. At present while a high rate of Omicron persists, in line with the recommendations of the Village Picture House, we respectfully advise you to wear a face covering.

Entry £5 (Club members), £7 (non-members), includes tea and cake at the interval.



## Wordsearch

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Daffodil  
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St Patrick  
Lion  
Lamb  
Blossom  
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Pancake  
Pisces  
Aquamarine

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