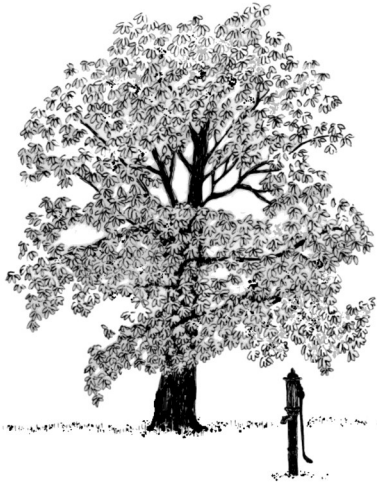




Cuddington Village Voice

April 2022

Jubilee Celebrations

Jubilee Competition Time!

As well as the weekend's programme of events we will be holding additional village activities in the run up to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Tea Towel Design Competition

The entire village is encouraged to participate in a design competition where the successful entry will have their design printed on a commemorative tea towel for distribution in the village.

To enter

Simply create your design on an A4 sheet of paper. Fill the page as much as possible!

On the back, provide your name, category, phone number and/or email

Categories

Under 11's, 11-18 years & 18+ years

Hand in to Cuddington Village Stores before 23rd April 2022 (St George's Day!)

Entries will be judged by three local artists over the first May Bank Holiday weekend.

The winner in each category will receive a prize, with the overall winner having their design put in print.

Kids Crown Competition

At the Jubilee lunch on Saturday 4th June, The Crown Cuddington will be judging the kids crown competition and awarding prizes. We would love as many children as possible to design, paint, colour or decorate a cardboard crown to wear at the event. Entry is free and cardboard crown templates will be available to collect from The Crown PH from the week commencing 4th April. If you are unable to collect one, please email ells1982@gmail.com and I will get one to you!

Jubilee Trail

There will be a window display Jubilee Trail around the village over the half term holiday. Details to follow soon!



Vineyard Storehouse

Churchgoers at St Nicholas, and those using our Village Shop, have been so very generous with their donations for the Storehouse. When we make deliveries Cuddington is always thanked profusely by the staff there, and quite often by those collecting food, toiletries, etc as well. Now as we approach Eastertime could I suggest that donations might include small Easter eggs, Easter rabbits, etc for the children, and perhaps chocolates for the adults. Some of those families don't have much fun in their lives, and it would be so good to bring a smile to a few faces at this time of year. If these could be left either in the Church or in the shop Charles and I will make certain they are delivered in good time for Easter.

Very many thanks to you all. *Angela Sanderson*

Caring for the Churchyard

Are you able to join the group of volunteers who help look after the St Nicholas' churchyard? Jobs can be found to match the time and skills you offer e.g mowing, strimming, or general tidying. If you can help please contact me.

Thanks. James Stonham, churchwarden

james@holymans.co.uk 01844 292221

Annual Village Meeting

Monday 4th April

Bernard Hall

7.30pm Everyone welcome



Lateral Flow Tests as plant labels

Read what happened when Cuddington gardener, Amy Hall, repurposed her (negative) lateral flow tests as plant labels!



(Continued on page 3)

Thought for the month...

We are now in British Summer Time, bringing with it longer and hopefully warmer days. These, together with the spring flowers blossoming, and the birds singing in the trees, combine to lift our spirits. In the middle of the month we will celebrate the gift of new life given to us by God when Jesus bore our sins on the cross, and through his resurrection. Psalm 23 speaks of the green pastures and the dark valleys through which we pass during our lifetime, and that the Lord is our shepherd and is always with us.

We are also coming out of the Pandemic, Covid is still very present, and always will be. However the latest version Omicron has proved less severe disease making, and combined with the vaccines and new drugs, it is now for most people a "heavy" cold. As we celebrate the dropping of all restrictions in England, we should once again say a massive thank you to all our "key" workers who worked so hard to help us through the worst of the pandemic.

Sadly we are also in the midst of the worse humanitarian refugee crisis in Europe since the WW2. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has meant millions of people have had to leave their homes, seeking safety in neighbouring countries. Jesus taught us to love our neighbours as ourselves, and I'd like to thank you all of you who have donated to DEC to help with the crisis, or have offered to open your homes, welcoming the stranger in. A welcoming home, the gift of hope and a future, is like a ray of sunshine breaking through the clouds of life. Equally just as it takes a village to raise a child, it will take a community to fully welcome them, to help support them as they recover from the shock of being uprooted and begin to rebuild their lives. If you feel you can help in any way please let Cassa know (cassamesservy@gmail.com).

As a newcomer to the village, I know how welcoming Cuddington can be, for which my family and I are very grateful, thank you and God bless.

Harriet Orridge



Community Champion



Could you be a local representative for our charity in Cuddington?

We are seeking a team to be our eyes and ears, and feet on the ground, in your community, letting us know of any new fundraising opportunities, collecting green tubs, putting up posters and just generally making as many people as possible aware of the work Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity does. The volunteers will be key in helping the Charity raise much needed funds to run the Florence Nightingale Hospice Services. Amy, our Community Events Fundraiser says, "We really appreciate all the support, we get from the local communities, and it is really important for us to be aware of what is going on in the local areas and all the different fundraising events that are taking place."

If you have a friendly and professional manner, are happy on the telephone and have your own transport and you think this sounds like something you'd enjoy doing to help the Charity, please get in touch via volunteering@fnhospice.org.uk or call our Volunteering Team on 01296 429975. Or to find out more visit our website <https://www.fnhospice.org.uk/work-for-us/>



Daffodils for all

Last year, at our own expense we planted about 200 daffodils and narcissi down Spicketts Lane, as something to be enjoyed by the whole village and hopefully to give everyone a bit of a lift during the Covid epidemic. They have been much commented on and people do appreciate them. Unfortunately, someone was seen recently picking a bunch of them. The daffodils are there for everyone in the village to enjoy and to benefit from, and we'd like to ask villagers who see someone picking them to point that out.

Mike & Celia Levett (Kents View)

Christian Aid Week in Cuddington 15th—21st May



Russia's invasion of Ukraine has obviously triggered many charities to get involved with the urgent supply of medicine, food and fresh drinking water to those desperate for immediate aid. Christian Aid, as one of the Disaster Emergency Charities, is no exception but it is also involved in longer term sustainable aid projects, such as rolling out vaccination clinics, which can make such a big difference. This year the focus of the week is on the impact of Climate Change which is already affecting crops and global food security, and with the lack of cereal crops grown in Ukraine this year, the situation will inevitably cause most harm to those already struggling to feed their families.

Over the years, as a village, we have consistently raised about £2,000 for this Charity through a variety of sociable activities. 2021 was no exception and, as well the Madrigal donations, our popular plant sale, and the 10,000 steps a day challenge we exceeded our target. This year we start with a Family service on Sunday 15th May at 10am and are planning some soup lunches, a plant sale and another challenge to keep everyone fit! There will be the opportunity to give through the house to house envelope scheme as well as the increasingly popular electronic envelope.

If you would like to help please contact Caroline Stonham (caroline@holymans.co.uk)

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A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen
Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

News from the Pub

Fundraising Quizzes

Our Charity Quiz in March raised around £170 for Cuddington's Gardening Club.
The pub was buzzing with the Frog Lane gang taking first prize.
The next quiz is on Tuesday 5 April – we will be raising money for the local Rotary club, they are fundraising for local prostate cancer research.
£2 per person entry, teams of up to 8 people.
Together with the Quiz we are also hosting an Easter Egg raffle for the Rotary Club, £1 a ticket. The Egg is on display in the pub (out of the sunshine) and is 1kg of chocolate... We will be drawing the winner for this raffle at 4 pm on Easter Saturday.

Lent Lunches

Our Lent lunches are continuing until Tuesday 12 April. Soup and bread for £6.50
We will also be taking donations for Christian Aid during Lent.

Pizza

Unfortunately, the Pizza service took a little stumble while Glyn was away with Covid. He is now back and ready to cook! Some parents have asked if we can offer these a bit earlier - as they collect their children from School, so after the Easter Holidays we will be offering these on Mondays and Tuesdays from around 3.30 pm.
If the weather **remains** good over the Easter Holidays we are also hoping to offer the pizzas outside on the patio. Give us a call on 01844 299255 to avoid disappointment.

Mums and Dads' Coffee and Cake, Catch up mornings.

Fancy a coffee and a piece of cake after dropping the kids off at school. From 25th April The Crown will be open from 9:00 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays mornings. Why not pop in! **All welcome!**

Special occasions/business meetings

If you would like to use part of the pub for a celebration, birthday, anniversary, business meeting or a large family get together come and have a chat. We can offer part or all of the restaurant with a choice of meals from the menu (to be pre-booked) or a buffet, teas, coffees and drinks from the bar.

Lateral Flow Tests as Plant Labels continued from page 1

Social media is a strange beast. Love it or hate it, it's here to stay and is increasingly a space where ideas are shared and things can 'go viral'. I recently experienced this phenomenon myself.

Not being much of an active participant in the past, I knew that when I wanted to re-start my gardening business I would need to have an online presence.

I began Flourish Garden Care when my son was in preschool, but I then found lifting bags of compost when I was pregnant with my second child not ideal, so work was paused. This spring it was time to return, so I started creating content to share on my Facebook and Instagram accounts.

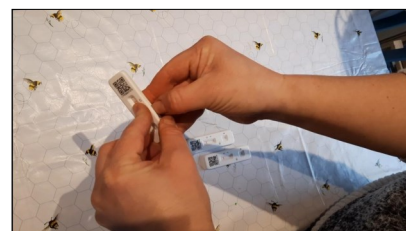
I am a big fan of recycling, reusing and reducing waste. I enjoy being creative with how to re purpose things. I hated all the plastic waste that comes with Covid testing and my word our house has done a lot of that of late!

I made a quick video on how to reuse your lateral flow tests as plant labels and put it online. I was absolutely amazed as I watched the total number of views begin to rise from my small number of followers to thousands and within a week to 1 million! The video has now reached over 2.1 million and the response has been extraordinary. There has been messages from the US, Portugal, Spain, Australia and Thailand. Interviews with various newspapers led to articles in Country Living, Gardening Etc, House Beautiful, Wales Online, Bristol Post and more.

Why not give it a go yourself? Simply wash your used negative flow tests and then prise them apart before snapping them back together to create a label that can be stuck in the soil or hung. (For more on how to do this watch the short video on my facebook page). If we can use what plastic we have, we will buy less, throw away less and do a little for the environment.

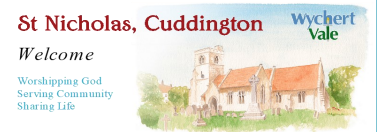
I'm really enjoying working as a gardener in a professional capacity again. If you want gardening inspiration, handy hints, or ideas on what to do in the garden now, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/flourishgardencare/>
Or if you need help maintaining or creating a garden don't hesitate to contact me to see how I can help.

Amy Davis flourishgardencare@gmail.com tel:07782199707



Services in April

3 rd April	Holy Communion; children's activities in Bernard Hall
10 th April	All-Age Morning Worship
17 th April	Easter Sunday All-Age Holy Communion
24 th April	Morning Worship; children's activities in Bernard Hall



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Tel: 07720 826374

Tel: 01844 291591

Tel: 01844 291263

Tel: 07912 065240

Tel: 07711 372694

Tel: 07786 918341

Tel: 01844 215555

Tel: 01844 237070



Greener Cuddington

Cuddington's Annual Bird Watch

This will be the 11th year of our Cuddington Vertebrate Watch (it's mostly birds) and I hope that we will have participants from all parts of the village. Over the years a small core team of watchers has developed, but we very much welcome new people, and taking part is easy. It simply involves making a note of the birds, mammals and amphibians that visit your garden, or an area of your choosing, during the 2nd weekend in May. I provide guidance and a recording form which is returned to me so that I can create a report.

Now that we have been running the project for over a decade, we are getting a real insight into wildlife within our little village. At this time, we would particularly like to know if any hedgehogs are about, and also confirmation that tree sparrows (as opposed to house sparrows) are present. We'd like to know if you have frogs, toads, newts, grass snakes or any wild mammals which visit your garden as well as birds. Help is available for identification, if needed, through the RSPB web site and I, and the team, can always answer questions. If interested, please send an email to me at doug@doug-kennedy.com.

Trees In Cuddington

It's great news that quite a lot of trees have been planted in the past year or two, notably on Upper Green, the playing field borders and on Mike Cotman's land by the Ridgebarn track. However, a number of mature trees have also been felled on private land around the village although they haven't been diseased or causing a serious problem.



When saplings are planted, the intentions may be for them to grow into mature trees, but there is no guarantee that it will end that way, as all too often, they die from lack of water or change of land use or accidents well before maturity. An oak isn't mature until it is centuries old and most trees take many decades, by which time, they can provide habitats and food for a great variety of wildlife above and below the soil. But this takes a many years to develop, so replacing a mature tree with a sapling is not an adequate compensation.

So let us value the mature trees that we have and think very hard before destroying them – nature needs all the help it can get these days! Doug Kennedy

April at Haddenham Community Library



Every week

Tuesdays at 2pm – Storytime

Friday 8th and 22nd April – Bounce and Rhyme

Saturday 1030 to 12 midday – Colouring In and Lego

Every Month

Meet your councillor – Gregory Smith 10am 11am

Neighbourhood Community Police – check website

www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk for details

Special Activities in April

Saturday 9th April – Easter Crafts

Saturday 16th April – Easter Saturday Easter Egg Hunt with prizes

Saturday 23rd April – World Book Night – see

website and facebook for further details for this special night

Coming in May

Chasing the Rainbow – an exhibition of abstract art using simple app called Markers – come along and see the drawings are used in a variety of mediums

Dates for your Diary



"Oh, how this spring of love resembleth,
The uncertain glory of an April day,
Which now shows all beauty of the Sun,
And by and by a cloud takes all away"
From 'Two Gentlemen of Verona', by William Shakespeare

April 2022

Monday 4th, 7.30pm
Wednesday 6th, 8.00pm

Thursday 7th, 7.30pm
Saturday 9th, 10.30

Tuesday 12th, 2.30pm
Thursday 21st, 7.00pm
Monday 25th, 1.30pm
Tuesday 26th, 7.00pm
Thursday 28th, 7.00pm

May 2022

Monday 2nd, 9.30am
Wednesday 4th, 8.00pm

Thursday 5th, 8.00pm
Monday 9th, 2.00pm
Tuesday 10th, 2.30pm
Thursday 12th, 8.00pm
Thursday 19th, 7.30pm
Monday 23rd, 1.30pm

Sunday 29th
Tuesday 31st, 7.00pm

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

Cuddington Swishing Party



Join the latest craze in ethical shopping!

Thursday 7th April 2022
6pm - 9pm

Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse

Tickets £15 per person
Includes 5 vouchers to exchange for 5 items and a glass of fizz!

Don't delay, if you would like to purchase a ticket for this event please contact Mandy or Lorraine:

mandy_spencer@hotmail.com or 07535 628 089
Lorraine: lray965@hotmail.com or 07736 608 627

To donate items of clothing please either contact Mandy or Lorraine or pop along to the clubhouse on Weds 6th April between 6-9pm



Sunshine Club

Easter Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th April
10.30 – 12.30
Playing Fields Clubhouse

Cake Coffee Tea
Raffle

Proceeds to Cuddington
Sunshine Club & Playing Fields
Clubhouse



Ukraine Refugee Support Network

We are working as a benefice with our local communities to form a network of support for the humanitarian sponsorship rota for Ukrainian refugees. This will hopefully link up the host and their guest with each other and people able to offer support for education, health/wellness (particularly thinking of the trauma that may have been experienced by the refugees), legal advice and access to work. Please let me (Cassa – cassames-servy@gmail.com) know if you think you would like to be part of this network and/or you can provide accommodation, or if you can offer to help link people in your community with it or you feel able to give specific support or connections to others who can provide it? Here is a link to the Church of England's advice: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/community-action/war-ukraine-responding>

Bookworms

As it was St Patrick's Day on the 17th March I have chosen two books set in Ireland for review this month.

Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan, published by Faber

Although this short story is set at Christmas time it is a good read at any time of the year.

Set in Ireland the protagonist is a coal merchant called Bill Furlong. He is a hardworking man with 5 daughters. Life is hard but they manage and have a good family life.

Bill's mother had been unmarried when she had him. She worked for a local well to do family and they allowed her to bring Bill up whilst continuing to work for them. In the run up to Christmas Bill is busy making deliveries to his clients many of whom are unable to pay for their fuel. One delivery is to the local convent and Bill makes a discovery that ultimately will change his life and that of his family. The book is beautifully written, and I hope that you enjoy it as much as I did.

The Heart's Invisible Furies by John Boyne, published by Transworld

This book has been very well received by most of the book club. This is an **epic novel** that follows the life of Cyril Avery every seven years.

It starts with his struggles growing up in Ireland with his eccentric adoptive parents. Like many great reads it switches from humour to tragedy at the drop of a hat – a great story that will keep the reader engaged.

Lorraine Stevens

Next Bookclub meeting 6th April 8pm PFCH



With the Omicron variant of coronavirus still quite prevalent,

we are continuing to take proportionate measures to keep everyone 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 Thursday 31st March we're showing the highly acclaimed, Oscar-nominated **Spencer** (12A) starring Kristen Stewart and Jack Farthing as Princess Diana and Prince Charles. The film imagines what might have happened during those fateful days of Christmas 1991 at the Queen's Sandringham Estate, when Diana's marriage to Charles had become strained due to his affair with Camilla Parker Bowles. Some of the five-star reviews: "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*.

On 7th April we'll be screening Stephen Spielberg's reworking of the classic 1957 musical **West Side Story** (cert. 12A) starring Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler and Ariana DeBose. Love at first sight strikes when young Tony spots Maria at a high school dance in 1957 New York City. Their burgeoning romance helps to fuel the fire between the warring Jets and Sharks, two rival teenage gangs of different ethnic backgrounds vying for control of the local streets. The film has been nominated for seven Oscars including Best Picture and for five BAFTAs, and includes all the well-known Bernstein/Sondheim songs. "Spielberg's triumphantly hyperreal remake will leave you gasping," says *The Guardian*. "This glorious remake really sings ... a dazzling triumph," says the *Evening Standard*. "Spielberg's finest film in 20 years – a timely testament to the genius of Stephen Sondheim," says *The Telegraph*.



There'll be no screening on Maundy Thursday, 14th April, but on 21st April we'll be showing National Theatre Live's latest production **Henry V** (cert. 15). Kit Harington (*Game of Thrones*) plays the title role in Shakespeare's thrilling study of nationalism, war and the psychology of power, captured live at the Donmar Warehouse.

Fresh to the throne, King Henry V launches England into a bloody war with France. When his campaign encounters resistance, this inexperienced new ruler must prove he is fit to guide a country into war.



This exciting modern production directed by Max Webster (*Life of Pi*) explores what it means to be English and our relationship to Europe. "Is Kit Harington up to the challenge? The answer is a resounding yes," says *The Times*. "Kit Harington echoes Volodymyr Zelensky as real life upstages art," says *The Telegraph*. "Violent, devastating and astonishing in its power," says *The i*.

On 28th April, our film will be **Herself** (cert. 15), written by and starring Clare Dunne and directed by Phyllida Lloyd (*The Iron Lady*, *Mamma Mia!*). Sandra (Dunne) is a battered Dublin cleaner. On the face of it, she's a young mum struggling to provide her two young daughters with a warm, safe, happy home to grow up in. But beneath the surface, Sandra has a steely determination to change their lives for the better and when it becomes clear that the local council won't provide that home, she decides to build it herself from scratch. With very little income to speak of and no savings, Sandra must use all her ingenuity to make her ambitious dream a reality...



"This Irish abuse drama turns into a home-build heart warmer," says *The Guardian*. "This radical fairy tale is destined for great things," says the *Evening Standard*. Looking ahead to May, on the 5th we'll be showing **Ali & Ava**, a heartfelt contemporary love story about a mixed race couple. On the 12th, it's the highly acclaimed **Belfast**, Kenneth Branagh's poignant story of love, laughter and loss amid the music and social tumult of the late 1960s. On the 19th our film will be **King Richard**, the story of Richard Williams' determination to write his daughters Venus and Serena into the history books. Then on the 26th we have NT Live's **Straight Line Crazy** starring Ralph Fiennes, broadcast live from London's Bridge Theatre.

Visit the web page for more details of all features:

www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema

Janine Humphreys

Easter Wordsearch

Eggs	Q	W	E	E	S	D	T	Y	U	Y	N	N	U	B	C
Bunny	X	C	G	R	A	O	S	B	A	B	T	U	O	R	H
Cross	E	G	R	A	S	S	N	M	L	L	O	D	U	I	O
Jesus	S	A	T	Y	C	H	T	A	F	G	H	A	T	Y	C
Easter	E	R	N	N	E	D	M	E	Z	A	S	F	E	R	O
Chocolate	M	S	P	R	I	N	G	I	R	S	S	F	E	T	L
Lambs	H	O	L	Y	W	E	R	Y	R	E	W	O	T	E	A
Chicks	B	A	O	T	Y	L	L	E	I	R	V	D	A	N	T
Spring	V	J	C	X	I	C	W	B	J	P	P	I	R	N	E
Babies	S	L	L	F	R	O	A	Q	G	H	D	L	O	O	W
Bonnet	K	A	E	S	L	B	Z	Z	S	F	E	J	C	B	S
Daffodil	C	S	D	F	O	Y	E	U	A	F	F	O	E	L	B
Decorate	I	E	C	R	O	S	S	U	M	G	G	S	D	H	M
Blessings	H	V	G	T	T	E	O	P	L	R	B	N	N	N	A
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