

Village Voice is now in its 24th year. We print 10 issues a year, double issues in August/September and December/January. As well as our predominantly black and white paper issue, the latest edition can always be found in colour on Cuddington village website.

It is funded by grants from the Parish Council (£300), the Cuddington Parochial Church Council (£300), the Fete Committee plus business sponsorship and private donations. An 8 or 10 page issue with a print run of 320 copies costs approximately £135 or £168 respectively a month.

We would like to thank Alan Marsh, our outgoing treasurer, for his patience and commitment. Alan has against all odds kept us as close to within budget as possible for some time! We are very grateful for his wise counsel and support. Kathy Hook is now taking over this role and will work closely with Karen Clayton in securing valuable sponsorship money which provides vital match funding for the magazine.

VV is printed by hellofresh in Aylesbury who provide a competitive printing price and turn issues round normally within 24 hours allowing residents to receive their copies as soon after the 1st of the month as possible.

Helen Keeping and Rachael Barnard are editors of VV - Rachael puts it together and Helen has overarching say on content issue by issue.

We are very grateful to all our contributors who provide village society and club updates, a wide range of interesting articles from farming and the environment to the histories of families of years gone by, as well as puzzles, reviews, and a packed diary of events for residents near and far to enjoy. We try where possible to give each group their moment in the sun on the front page and aim to provide a platform that represents all parts and ages within the village and local community. We are also indebted to our all-weather team of distributors who post copies of VV through letterboxes around the village. Once Sonia Bennetts has sorted all the issues into their various delivery bags, Denise's kindly acts as the collection point for distribution. VV is a truly village affair.

At the very popular Dog Show last September, we carried out over 30 face-to-face questionnaires asking readers how they felt about the magazine and asked for suggestions. Overall, the response was positive, and we had some great new suggestions for future issues, including travel/items for young readers/book reviews/recipes and history pieces. We also talked about black and white v colour, layout and design and if it should be free of charge. As the year progresses hopefully readers will notice the growing breadth of items to digest.

Looking ahead the editorial team have made several decisions to ensure VV remains financially viable, relevant and read!

Owing to current income and costs, for now Village Voice remains a black and white pamphlet style magazine. In order to budget effectively, we will be publishing 8 page issues only going forward, unless it is a special issue. Through generous private donations, some issues will include a splash of colour but we are also going to be looking at its design and layout to see if we can publish 10 pages of content on 8 pages and have our cake and eat it!

Finally, if anyone would like to join the editorial team or has any further suggestions to make, please do get in touch. For all VV enquiries editorial or sponsorship and advertising please see our contacts below.

Many thanks Helen & Rachael
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