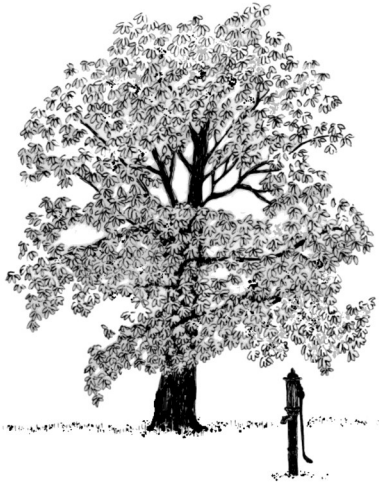




Cuddington Village Voice

May 2022

Christian Aid Week 2022 in Cuddington

The red envelope is synonymous with Christian Aid Week and represents the energy, warmth and drive of all our volunteers in an effort to help alleviate extreme suffering both in Ukraine and further afield. Like all fundraising for disaster relief and long-term sustainable projects, the way we collect donations is changing to an easier format. During the week (15th-21st May) you will receive a delivery only envelope with details of a drop off point and a link to the Cuddington e-envelope or QR code (seen here). Instead of waiting for a collector to call, we hope this makes giving easier for everyone.



We have started early this year receiving donations from the Lent lunches in the Crown, thanks to Tracy and Glyn, and then also receiving donations on May morning from those listening to the Madrigals. Christian Aid Week itself starts on Sunday 15th May with our all-age service at St Nicholas Church at 10am where we will watch clips of the ways that the monies raised have helped some of the poorest and most vulnerable areas of the world. As usual coffee and biscuits will be served. On Wednesday 18th May from 3.30pm- 6pm there will be a Bring and Buy sale outside Tyingham Hall. Donations of plants, bric-a-brac, toys etc - all most welcome. Refreshments will be served. If you would be willing to help please contact me. caroline@holymans.co.uk <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/cuddington-church>



Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan

Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan (CNP) Referendum July 2022
Buckinghamshire Council have confirmed that the referendum for the Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan will take place in July 2022.

The referendum version of the CNP, incorporating the Inspector's recommendations, will be available before the 9th June.

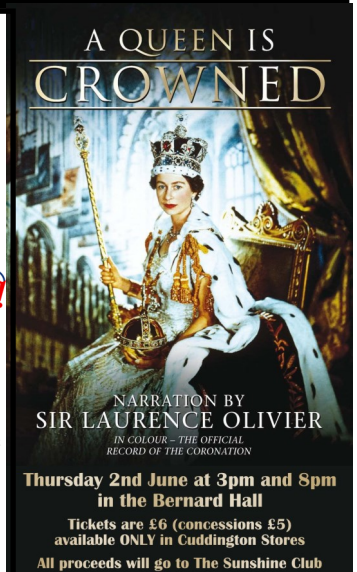
Further details will be posted online and in Village Voice.

CUDDINGTON JUBILEE TEAS

Sunday
5th June
at St. Nicholas
Church
2.00pm to
4.30pm



The church will be decorated for the Jubilee, so please come and enjoy home-made cakes and tea, coffee, soft drinks in beautiful surroundings.



JUBILEE WEEKEND

2ND - 5TH JUNE 2022

Thursday 2nd June - 3pm and 8pm Screenings

Village Picture House - "A Queen is Crowned" - A feature-length colour documentary of the Coronation on 2nd June 1953, narrated by Sir Laurence Olivier.

Tickets £6 (concessions £5) from Cuddington Stores with proceeds going to The Sunshine Club.

Friday 3rd June - 7pm till late

The Crown PH - Fancy dress party (50s fashion onwards) £15 per person, includes buffet and a glass of fizz!
Booking essential!

Saturday 4th June - 1pm till late

The Playing Fields - Jubilee lunch, cake, games and events

Sunday 5th June - 10am

St Nicholas Church - Sunday Service followed by Tea and Cake

Thought for the month...

My parent's generation talked about the blitz spirit. The sense of pulling together in adversity and the need to make individual sacrifices for the common good.

Watching the news every evening I wonder if we need to rediscover that spirit. It is the spirit of the people of Ukraine. Their resilience has shocked Putin. He has also

been surprised at the sacrifices other countries have been prepared to make as they damage their economies in order to enforce a blockade and as they welcome unprecedented numbers of refugees.

We are witnessing this spirit in action as Ukrainian refugees arrive in our village. The welcome shown – symbolised by the lighting of our church blue and yellow – demonstrates a willingness to make sacrifices.

Ukrainian refugees are not alone in struggling. The cost-of-living crisis is on our doorstep and our food banks are running low. Ukraine and Russia provided much of the grain bought by aid charities for Yemen, Afghanistan, and Ethiopia – countries where the vulnerable are starving. They can't buy enough grain.

We see the rise in our bills and we are tempted to cut our giving to charity as we retain luxuries that others can only dream of. Can we catch that spirit of self-sacrifice? When household budgets are difficult, can we maintain and even increase our giving? This year it might mean giving something up that we want.

Christian Aid week is round the corner and the Vineyard Storehouse needs regular givers to sign up.

Can we feed the hungry?

Phil Groves



St Nicholas, Cuddington

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Welcome

Worshipping God
Serving Community
Sharing Life



Services in May

1 st May	All-Age Holy Communion
8 th May	Holy Communion. Children's activities in Bernard Hall
15 th May	All-Age Service (Christian Aid Week)
22 nd May	Morning Worship. Children's activities in Bernard Hall
29 th May	All-Age Holy Communion

Cuddington Swishing Party Success

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

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes, accessories, and raffle prizes for our first Cuddington Swishing Party. And thank you very much to everyone who attended.

KEEP CUDDINGTON TIDY!

To help the village look its best, there is going to be a 'Village Tidy,' on **Sunday 29th May**, starting at 11.30 and meeting on the Upper Green. There will be litter picking equipment available, as well as hi-viz jackets and rubbish bags. Bring some suitable gloves.

It's not just about litter but the general care and attention of all aspects of the village, such as- weed killing and removal, sweeping, cleaning bus shelters, planting baskets and frontages, tidying front gardens, sign cleaning and many other things. Also it's not just about that one date. If people can do something beforehand, get on with it now!! Let Ken Birkby (292921) or Lorraine Stevens (07712 529766) know what you are doing or have done, so that it can be removed from a list of jobs. For residents who have to park on the roadside it is amazing how much litter lurks, unnoticed under parked vehicles! Move your car and have a look!

The aim is to get Cuddington back to its rightful position of being the Best Kept Village

Ken Birkby



It was a fabulous evening and a great fundraiser.

We raised a fantastic £410 for the Cuddington Playing Fields and £201 for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Watch this space for our next Cuddington Swishing Party and please remember us when you're sorting out your wardrobe because we'll be collecting again!

Zelmira, Lorraine and Mandy

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Best Kept Village 2022 Competition

The Parish Council has entered Cuddington in this year's Best Kept Village competition.

This year is the 65th year of the competition which Cuddington has entered and won many times in the past. The late Jim Hayward was instrumental in Cuddington's participation and the Best Kept Village sign, with the years we have won, is testament to his hard work and dedication. Jim's legacy is that his daughters Carol and Sharon are now judges for the competition but not for Cuddington – unfortunately!



The competition is not the same as Britain in Bloom but more about how the village is maintained and cared for. The judging period has been extended this year from the 1st June to the 14th July and will cover the period of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The Judges arrive unannounced and walk all around the village to see how well we have looked after Cuddington.

The last year has been busy in the village and the following has been done or is in the plan

- Sunday School children planted woodland bulbs around the trees at the top of the playing field
- Volunteers replaced the daffodils on the entrance to the village on the Aylesbury Road
- The triangle at the top of Holly Tree Lane was planted with crocus, tulips and grape hyacinths – all are just coming out now and look splendid (see above)
- Trees were planted – a Hornbeam on the top green, a Walnut at the entrance to Bernard Close and the Platinum Jubilee tree, an Acer Campestre, has been planted on the playing field
- Wildflower seeds have been sown along the border of the path to the club house from Swan Hill
- The Gardening Club will be planting the flower bed around the Best Kept Village sign on the top green and co-ordinating with the Bernard Hall, the Clubhouse and the Crown to ensure that the planting is similar – red, white & blue this year for the Jubilee
- The Playground Committee is planning the installation of early years equipment in the playground

- The Traffic Action Group and the PC are active in reducing the speeds of vehicles through the village

How you can help Cuddington to do well in the competition

Litter pick – **Sunday 29th May** all volunteers are welcome, and it will be a general tidy of the village including litter picking, cleaning kerbsides and cleaning road signs. Maintain the area outside of your own house – the litter pickers will do the communal areas outside the church, the school and the Bernard Hall. You may decide to get together with your neighbours to maintain your specific area – all of this will help Cuddington to look spick and span! As part of the Jubilee celebrations everyone is being encouraged to put out bunting which will coincide with the judging. Bunting makes everyone feel a bit happier! If you have any queries, please contact Lorraine Stevens – 07712 529766

Horsebox Convoy To Ukraine



While watching horseracing on television one day towards the end of March Charles and I learned that several trainers and stable lads were planning to take about 10 horseboxes over to Ukraine – hopefully full of clothes, medicines, toiletries – and they were asking for donations. We were so pleased to hear this as we had already collected items of clothing, were quite prepared to shop for the other things, but didn't know how to get them to those poor desperate people. So we set about telling our friends, and making it known in our village that we would be taking a car load of donations over to Lambourn at the beginning of April. Well, one car load turned into two very full car loads – we would have been pushed to squeeze in another bag such was the generosity of all those we contacted and all who had heard about what we were doing.

I had already contacted Charlie Mann (a well-known ex-trainer and a real character!), and I think he thought we would probably arrive with a few bags of clothes and that would be that. So it was wonderful to see the surprise on his face when we arrived at the enormous barn where all the donations were being collected. He was genuinely amazed to see the amount we unloaded, and expressed his gratitude to everyone who had donated clothes, medicines and so on. All 10 horseboxes duly left for Ukraine on Easter Monday, took two days to drive to the Polish/Ukraine border and returned later that week after a day's rest. It is so good to know that all the donations have reached their destination safely, and we have all done a little bit to help those sad and sorry people who have lost so much and whose future is so uncertain. Huge thanks from Charles and myself to everyone who gave donations, of whatever kind.



Angela with Charlie Mann (left) and a helpful friend in the barn with some of the many donations

Angela Sanderson

Greener Cuddington

Cuddington Vertebrate Watch 2022

There is still time to take part in this year's event which will take place on the weekend of May 21st-22nd. This is when a team of people around Cuddington spend some time watching for birds, mammals, frogs or any wild vertebrate animal in their garden or nearby. This is our 11th year so we are building up a really good picture of wildlife in our village, and we very much welcome new participants. All you have to do is email doug@doug-kennedy.com or call me on 01844 290602 to express an interest or find out more.



We want to know what birds and other animals you see over that weekend in your chosen area and guidance on identification is available on the RSPB web site. It's a great exercise for children in opening their eyes to nature.

What's happened to April showers?

We are going through the third dry April in a row after a fairly dry, mild winter and the ground is getting very dry with cracks appearing in surfaces. This is in complete contrast to spring times over many hundreds of years when April showers, rain or snow were typical and you prayed for May to come with warmer, less rainy weather... hopefully. In recent years, huge zones of atmospheric high pressure over Northern Europe have become established that push our normal Atlantic winds to the south. As you read this, it may well be raining as the weather is expected to change at the beginning of May, but we need a lot of rain to restore moisture to the soil before the summer. It is worrying for gardeners and for farmers and is likely to affect crop yields this year. It also means that the reservoirs and aquifers from which we derive our drinking water will be depleted at a time when they are normally full and a dry summer would put a lot of stress on our water systems. This would have a knock-on effect on rivers, drying up our chalk streams that are so rare and precious.

What can we do? Try not to waste water:

Don't let taps run, don't put taps on fully unless necessary. Water from your tap is drinking water that is precious: consider this when watering your garden: could you re-use washing up or other water from the house?

You can learn more about chalk streams and looking after our waterways from a new film about the Chalgrove Brook at Watlington, which flows into the River Thames. You can view on YouTube, or type the name into your browser.

Doug Kennedy

Midnight Walk returns for one last night



Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's annual Midnight Walk returns to Aylesbury for the final time after a two year hiatus on Saturday 16th July.

Since it began in 2010, the Midnight Walk has seen hundreds of men and women come together and take to the streets of Aylesbury, walking over 50,000 miles and raising over £650,000 for the charity over the years.

But this will be the last opportunity to take part in the event. The charity is hoping its local community will support their Farewell Midnight Walk, with walkers joining them to remember loved ones and support their local hospice as they walk the final miles for one last time.

Walkers can choose from 5 mile or 10 mile circular routes – both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight on Saturday 16th July, with refreshments at pit stops along the way.

Each walker will also receive a commemorative Farewell Midnight Walk 2022 T-shirt, as well as a Finisher's medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the walk.

For more information and to sign up, please visit www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk or call 01296 429975

National Open Garden Scheme



On Sunday 29th May, the garden of Tyringham Hall will be open under the National Open Garden Scheme from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.



The large garden features extensive lawns, water garden with underground springs, vegetable garden, tennis court and swimming pool. Colourful varieties of flowers are planted around the garden with mature trees offering shade where needed. There are many seating areas around the garden.

Admission is £5 for adults.

Tea and cake will also be served at £3, **proceeds going to Cuddington Sunshine Club.**

Gross National Happiness....

... is the unique philosophy of Bhutan, a stable country and the world's last remaining Buddhist Kingdom, landlocked by India and China at the eastern end of the Himalayas. To protect the cultural heritage and environment, tourism is controlled (high value, low volume) ensured by a minimum spend of 200-250 US\$ per day for meals, accommodation, guide and driver (no trips without!). The national language is Dzongkha - the language spoken in the Dzongs, the massive beautiful fortresses which are administrative centres and monasteries, though English is spoken everywhere.

Flying from Kathmandu into Paro, Bhutan's international airport, provides travellers with a superb view of Everest, before an exhilarating descent into one of the world's most dangerous landings strips. So treacherous is the landing that only a handful of pilots are qualified to make the manual daylight-only approach, between 18,000 ft peaks through a long, winding valley, onto a runway that is merely 6,500 ft long and visible just moments before landing.

The central road connecting east and west, twists and turns its way through the mountains and the longest straight road is Paro runway. All major towns are at altitude - Thimpu, the capital at 7600 ft, and Bumpthang 8500 ft. It takes a while to acclimatise.

The Swiss have had a great influence both politically and commercially, and Bhutan has been a long-time recipient of Swiss developmental aid. Similarly sized mountainous countries, Swiss cows were introduced in the 1970s and the process of making Emmental and Gouda-style cheeses began. The royal family commissioned a cheese maker to come and assist with production, and now there is a locally run factory. Fresh milk tastes just like at home! We even heard people

rehearsing for a production of the Sound of Music in Paro's sports stadium. At the time of our visit, there were no traffic lights, smoking was illegal. Employees wear traditional dress during working hours, the gho robe (dressing gown style) for men, and the kira for women. Houses are often decorated with paintings of tigers, devils, and weasels - many with pearls (of wisdom!) coming out of their mouths. With lots of music and dancing, the country is safe, colourful and welcoming. Festivals of any kind mean that people dress up - silks, brocades, fine wool.

The best one was the Dance of the Sacred Naked Men, held at a monastery in Bumpthang. At midnight, in the freezing cold, a group of men from nearby villages danced to the accompaniment of drums and symbols. They were naked except for their faces which were

covered with a white cloth. No photography allowed of course! The dance was originally performed to distract devils which were causing havoc with the building of the temple. It was then completed and consecrated.

The most memorable event was our trip to the Valley of Black Necked Crane. There are now some new hotels, but in 2008, the Gakiling was the 'best available'. Think plywood packing case perched on ice. There was a choice - hot water,

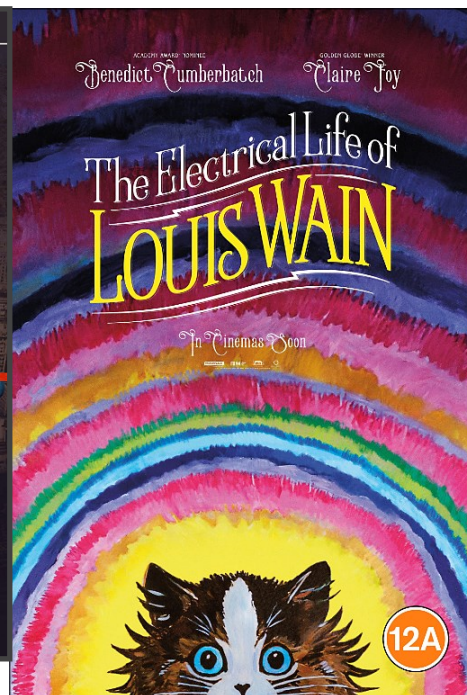
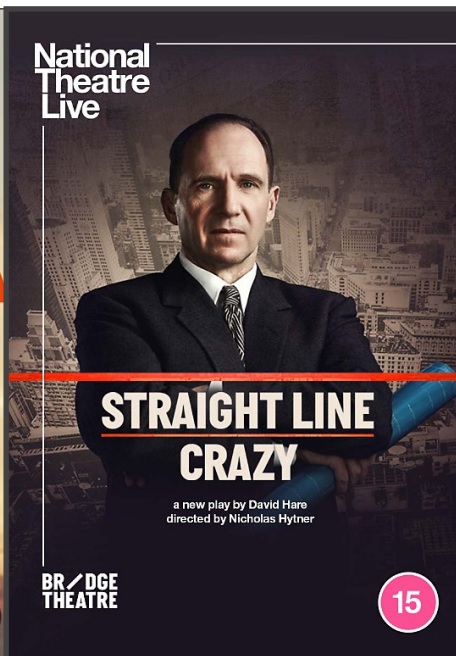
electricity or heating. Not all three at the same time. We could see the snow through holes in the floor. The bed was a plank of wood with a thin kapok duvet. Though we didn't see many birds, we were privileged to attend the local schools' sports day with over 1000 children competing. All the announcements were in English for our benefit. Sports included running with a cup of water on the head, football with a balloon tied to one leg, egg and spoon race. Wonderful.

We also visited a business school for teenage girls, mostly orphans or from poor families, on a course designed to help them start a small enterprise and definitely on a par with business schools in the UK.

Bhutan takes some getting to, but once there it is a magnificent and welcoming country. An air of peace, very little aggression, and people focus on being positive. A magical trip.

Viv Birkby





Our varied spring programme of films continues on Thursday 5th May with the BAFTA-nominated **Ali & Ava** (cert. 15), a heartfelt contemporary love story starring Adeel Akhtar and Claire Rushbrook. Sparks fly after Ali and Ava meet through their shared affection for Sofia, the child of Ali's tenants whom Ava teaches. Ali finds comfort in Ava's warmth and kindness, while Ava finds Ali's complexity and humour irresistible. As the pair begin to form a deep connection, they have to find a way to keep their newfound passion from being overshadowed by the stresses and struggles of their separate lives and histories. "Clio Barnard's Bradford romance is an understated triumph," says *The Guardian*. "This bruised peach of a realist romance will leave you with a spring in your step," says *Time Out*.

On 14th May we'll be screening Kenneth Branagh's highly acclaimed, BAFTA and Oscar-winning **Belfast** (cert. 12A) starring Jamie Dornan, Caitriona Balfe, Jude Hill, Judi Dench and Ciarán Hinds. *Belfast* is a poignant story of love, laughter and loss in one boy's childhood, amid the music and social tumult of the late 1960s. Dornan and Balfe play a passionate working-class couple caught up in the mayhem, with 10-year-old newcomer Jude Hill as their son and Dench and Hinds as sharp-witted grandparents. The many five-star reviews include "A deeply soulful portrait of a family in peril ... a masterpiece" (*The Times*), "Nightmarishness meets nostalgia in a scintillating Troubles-era coming-of-age tale" (*The Guardian*) and "Branagh's playful nostalgia warms the heart even as it makes blood run cold" (*Evening Standard*).

On 19th May our film will be **The Electrical Life of Louis Wain** (cert. 12A) starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Claire Foy and Toby Jones. It's the extraordinary true story of eccentric British artist Louis Wain (Cumberbatch), whose playful, sometimes even psychedelic pictures helped to transform the public's perception of cats forever. Moving from the late 1800s through to the 1930s, we follow the incredible adventures of this inspiring, unsung hero, as he seeks to unlock the "electrical" mysteries of the world and, in so doing, to better understand his own life and the profound love he shared with his wife Emily Richardson (Foy).

"Benedict Cumberbatch gives his best performance yet in this sensitive portrayal of the troubled Victorian artist," says *The Independent*. "An affecting biopic of the Victorian painter whose enthusiasms were overtaken by mental illness," says *The Guardian*.

Then on 26th May we'll be showing National Theatre Live's latest production **Straight Line Crazy** (cert. 15), broadcast live from the Bridge Theatre in London. Ralph Fiennes leads the cast in David Hare's blazing account of the most powerful man in New York, a master manipulator whose legacy changed the city forever. For forty uninterrupted years, Robert Moses exploited those in office through a mix of charm and intimidation. Motivated at first by a determination to improve the lives of New York City's workers, he created parks, bridges and 627 miles of expressway to connect the people to the great outdoors. "Another acting triumph for Fiennes, who enthralled as the man who shaped New York," says *The Guardian*. "Ralph Fiennes is firing on all cylinders in David Hare's new play," says *The Observer*.

Looking ahead to June, on the 2nd we'll have both afternoon and evening screenings of **A Queen Is Crowned** as part of the village's celebration of the Diamond Jubilee.

Sir Laurence Olivier narrates this feature-length colour documentary of the Queen's Coronation on 2nd June 1953. Tickets for this event (at a reduced price) are *only* available in Cuddington Stores. On the 9th our film will be **Death On The Nile**, Kenneth Branagh's new take on the Agatha Christie Egyptian murder mystery. Then on the 23rd we have **The Duke**, the true story of a 60-year-old taxi driver who steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from London's National Gallery.

Visit the web page for more details of all features:
www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema



 **Thames Choral Society**

Saturday 25th June 2022, 3 – 5 pm
Haddenham Junior School Playing Field

Open Air Picnic Concert

Entertainment by
Thames Choral Society & Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir

Bring your own picnic – gazebos and seating welcome!

Tickets available: <http://thames-choral-society.sumun.link> or email thameschoralsociety@hotmail.co.uk

Adult ticket £10; Group ticket £20 (up to 4 adults) Under 10s free



Every week

Tuesdays at 2pm – Storytime
 Friday May 6th and 20th at 10.30am
 Bounce and Rhyme

Saturday 10.30am to 12 midday Colouring In and Lego Club

Every Month

Meet your councillor – Gregory Smith 10am-11am on a Saturday. Please check website www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk for date details

Neighbourhood Community Police – check

www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk website for details

Special Activities in May

National Gardening Week 2- 8th May - Join us on Saturday 7th May for 'Plant a Seed' activity for children

'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 – May 17th & 19th all day – local artist Gordon McIntosh will be in attendance



Boules for all...

Cuddington is one of the very few venues in the County lucky enough to have its own boules pitch (or piste!).

Whilst there are a small number of enthusiasts, the facilities are under-used. It is a great game that can be enjoyed by all the family. The pitch is free to use and there is equipment available for those who have not got their own, including children's plastic boules. Copies of the rules are also available, with the kit in the small shed.

Anyone who would like to have a brief 'lesson,' to give it a try, or who would just like the code for the padlock, contact Ken on 292921. Cheersley residents keep asking about giving Cuddington a game, as we have done in pre-covid years, and it is planned to do this during the summer, so get playing!



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Dates for your Diary



"As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer." William Shakespeare.

May 2022

Monday 2 nd , 9.30am	Madrigals, St Nicholas Church
Wednesday 4 th , 8.00pm	Bookworms Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 5 th , 8.00pm	'Ali & Ava', Village Picture House
Monday 9 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 10 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 12 th , 8.00pm	'Belfast', Village Picture House
Wednesday 18 th , 3.30pm	Christian Aid Bring and Buy Sale, Tyringham Hall
Thursday 19 th , 7.30pm	'The Electrical Life of Louis Wain', Village Picture House
Monday 23 rd , 1.30pm	Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema, Bernard Hall 'Love Sarah'
Thursday 26 th	NLive 'Straight Line Crazy', Village Picture House
Sunday 29 th , 2.00-5.00pm	National Open Gardens Scheme – Gardens of Tyringham Hall
Tuesday 24 th , 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

June 2022

Wednesday 1st, 8.00pm	Bookworms Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 2 nd , 3.00pm/8.00pm	'A Queen is Crowned', Village Picture House
Thursday 9 th , 8.00pm	'Death on the Nile', Village Picture House
Monday 13 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 14 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 16 th , 7.30pm	'The Duke', Village Picture House
Saturday 18 th , 3.45am	Sunrise Walk. Meet at the Upper Green
Sunday 26 th , 2.00-5.00pm	Sunshine Club Open Gardens
Tuesday 28 th , 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

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



What a busy few weeks we have had!

Mrs Brogan and Mrs Slade took 2 groups of children to compete in a Gymnastic competition against other Aylesbury schools. The children were amazing, their behaviour was exemplary, and they won the Perry Bar Bull for teamwork. The year 3&4 squad performed beautifully and came fifth and the year 5&6 squad came first and competed at the county Championships in Milton Keynes on 30th March. The children have also been involved in lots of Ukraine fundraising projects. We have raised £2065.27 from F4CADS (uniform sale, sponsored silence, band bracelets and other activities). This will be sent to Save the Children Ukraine. The school also raised a fantastic £474.89 for Comic Relief Red Nose Day. This is a combined total of selling red noses in school and the cake donations for the Junior and Infant site cake stalls.

Always a real highlight of the year is the choir singing at the Royal Albert Hall. It was such a wonderful experience for all involved. The children were amazing, and it was so emotional for the adults on the stage to be part of the performance. The sense of occasion was not lost on anyone. We are so proud of how well the children behaved both on and off the stage. Another annual highlight is the hatching of the chicks in Little Owls, the children welcomed five chicks; Chick, TV, Jasmin, Fur and Fishee who have now been returned to their home on the farm. On the Thursday before we broke up for Easter, Rev Phil and Rev Richard led the whole school in Easter worship in St Nicholas Church. It was a wonderful celebration of the meaning of Easter with acting, reading and singing. Many of the children took part in the F4CADS Easter Egg hunt for the children over the Easter holidays, this year it was around the village of Dinton.

I hope you had a great Easter and were able to spend time with family and friends. This time of new beginnings is always a good reason to take stock and value what is important. Mrs. Price

Something fishy?

Even though Cuddington is about as far from the coast as you can get we are well served by fishy businesses; *Delicious Fish and Chips from Howe and Co every Saturday 5.45- 6pm Bernard Close. *Darran's fresh Grimsby Fish van takes a tour of the village every Wednesday lunchtime and will call at your door if you give him a ring on 07516 147804.



Cuddington Matinee Cinema



On Monday 23 May at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm) in the Bernard Hall the warm-hearted comedy-drama 'Love Sarah' will be shown. Starring Celia Imrie, Rupert Penry-Jones and Bill Paterson, the film follows the journey of three generations of women to establish a bakery filled with love, hope and colourful pastries in charming Notting Hill. Entry £7 (£5 for Sunshine Club members) includes tea and cake at the interval.