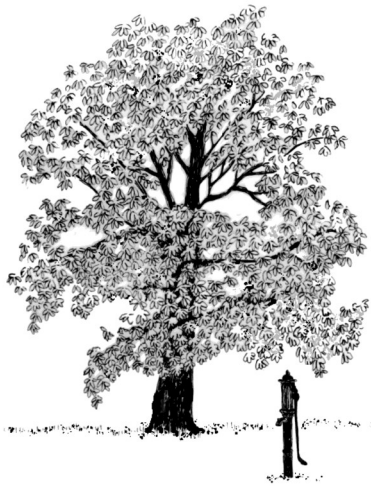




Cuddington Village Voice

July 2022

Cuddington Matinee Cinema

On Monday 25 July in the Bernard Hall at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm) will be shown the 2019 biographical comedy-drama, "Fisherman's Friends".

Based on a true story about a group of Cornish fishermen from Port Isaac, who achieved a Top Ten hit with their debut album of traditional sea shanties, this feel-good film stars Daniel Mays, James Purefoy and David Hayman.

Tea and cake at the interval included in the price £7 (£5 Sunshine Club members).



News from the Crown

Thank you to everyone that dressed up and supported our Jubilee Celebration. It was a fantastically fun night with Amin and Rachel taking the prizes for best fancy dress. Check out our Facebook page for more photos. Patchwork Soul would also like to thank people that came to listen to them on their first gig. They really enjoyed it and will be back again at the end of July with a longer set. Hopefully the weather will be kinder to us and we will be able to hold it out on the patio.

Our Summer menu is in draft and will be available from next week – the Crayfish salad that we have been serving as a special has made the cut.

Upcoming events

Friday 8 July – Curry-oke night (chefs for the evening will be Amin and Glyn)

Saturday 9 July – Pizza night serving from 6.30 - 8.30 eat in or take-away.

Tracy & Glynn



Jubilee celebrations

With photos of the Jubilee weekend from around the village and a full round-up of news from a jubilant Cuddington & Dinton School, please turn to page 5 & 6.



Come and meet your Member of Parliament Greg Smith

At a traditional Burmese Sunday Lunch 7th August 12 noon.

At the home of Sherry Scott and Phil Johnson Tyringham Hall, Lower Church Street, Cuddington HP18 0AP.

Enjoy a Pimms Reception on arrival. A Traditional 2 course Burmese Curry Lunch followed by cheese and biscuits tea and coffee £35.00pp.

Tickets from Phil and Sherry Tyringham Hall Philandsherryscott@gmail.com or telephone 01844 29152

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Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse

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Bingo Night

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Friday 15th July
8pm

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Cash prizes to be won, plus a raffle at half time!

Over 18s only

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Bernard Close, Cuddington, HP18 0AJ

Thought for the month...

Petrol at £2 a litre. The cost of hot showers and warm homes due to triple by this autumn. Our weekly shopping bill rising at eye-watering speed... 'Inflation,' as one American commentator put it, 'is when you pay fifteen dollars for the ten-dollar haircut you used to get for five dollars when you had hair.'



Inflation feels a new and painful shock so soon after the pandemic. Governments have long used inflation to finance reckless spending, even if that impoverishes their people. That may seem obvious in countries like Venezuela (1,589% last year) or Zimbabwe (99%). But inflation has in fact been around for as long as there has been money. Until the 50s of the first century, the standard Roman denarius coin contained well over 90% silver. But as successive emperors struggled to cover their increasingly lavish and profligate bills, more and more of that silver was taken out until 200 years later there was just over 30% left. Worthless money had come home to roost ... Inflation has the effect of making (almost) all of us poorer. Vladimir Lenin is often credited with saying, 'The way to crush the bourgeoisie is to grind them between the millstones of taxation and inflation.' Whether Lenin really said this or not (and he probably didn't!), the current Vladimir in the Kremlin is taking a leaf out of that book by merrily financing his Ukrainian horrors on the back of oil and gas sales to Europeans, sending them much less for much more than ever before.... And we are all paying the price. What can you and I in Cuddington possibly do about it, the next time we're filling up at the petrol station or our jaw drops at yet another hike in the price of pasta or butter? There are no easy answers. From a Christian perspective, the quality of our response is all about how we look after those entrusted to our care. This means becoming unfailingly generous to the poor, and fair in the prices we charge and the wages we pay or accept – discovering contentment not through having what we want, but wanting what we have.

Markus Bockmuehl
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Christian Aid 2022

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who made our Christian Aid Week such a roaring success. There are still several outstanding amounts due, however we are very pleased to say that once again we have exceeded the £2,000 target, but this time without the door to door collection. To raise **£2,230** from a small village like ours was a result of many kind volunteers delivering envelopes. The sunny weather also played a part for our bring and buy sale outside Tyringham Hall and thanks are due to those who served teas, donated items, clothing and plants for that. The toddler mum's bake sale and madrigal collection all added to the total. If you missed the opportunity to donate to this worthy cause in 2022 the link is still open until late July. <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/cuddington-church>
Caroline Stonham

Refillution!

'Fill-up at Fort End', a zero-waste shop at Fort End, Haddenham (by the House of Spice restaurant), opened in April 2022. It's a local solution to reducing plastic and food waste, offering a wide range of food items (including cereals, coffee, teas, dried fruit and spices) and household goods (such as laundry detergents and shampoos), which can be dispensed into your own jars or containers.



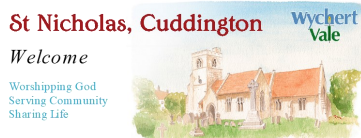
Abi, who runs Fill-Up, said that she was motivated to set it having seen just how much plastic waste was produced at work and in her own household. "There was also the question of space. How often do we buy ingredients for one recipe, which just lives at the back of a cupboard for years. I just thought, wouldn't it be great to be able to buy exactly what you need?"

She is most proud of the "Miniml" range of detergent, soaps and hair products. "They run on a closed loop system", Abi explains. The large dispensers in the shop are returned to Miniml, sterilised, and refilled. No waste is produced at all in the distribution process.

The shop itself is beautiful – is it the rustic décor, the wooden spice rack or being able to see the food you are about to buy without packaging and price labels. For those who have not yet had the time to swing by, I would highly recommend it next time you are in Haddenham. Abi is on hand to help explain how it works and assist with the dispensing of items and is more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Stephanie Bruce-Smith

Services in July



3 rd July	All-Age Holy Communion
10 th July	Holy Communion. Children's activities in Bernard Hall
17 th July	All-Age Service
24 th July	Morning Worship. Children's activities in Bernard Hall
31 st July	All-Age Service

Referendum Thursday 30th June



Please make time to

vote at the Bernard Hall on Thursday 30th June.

A big turnout will show that the village is enthusiastic about having a say in its future. Thank you for your support.

The referendum question is :-

'Do you want Buckinghamshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Cuddington to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

We have set out some of the reasons that might persuade you to vote 'Yes'.

Reasons to Vote 'Yes'

The CNP has been written by residents from all parts of Cuddington to help guide and control development in line with the objectives identified through consultation with parishioners. The CNP includes five planning policies that help to meet these objectives and provide appropriate levels of protection.

Three of the CNP planning policies are additional to those already in the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan :-

CDN01 Defines the settlement boundary around the existing edge of the built-up part of the village, and restricts development outside the boundary

CDN02 Defines and protects important views from footpaths, into and out of the village

CDN03 Defines and protects undesignated local heritage assets

The CNP includes two policies that add more detail to those already in the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan :-

CDN04 Sets out detailed guidance for development within the Conservation Area

CDN05 Sets out detailed guidance for development outside the Conservation Area.

If the CNP is approved all new planning applications in the parish of Cuddington will be assessed against these five local policies.

If the CNP is not approved, planning applications will be judged solely on strategic planning policies developed by the Government and Buckinghamshire Council, without any local input.

A high % turnout and % Vote 'Yes' will show that the CNP has the support of the village and give it significant weight in planning matters.

Ken Trew



Bernard Hall

This is my first report having succeeded Markus Bolton as Chairman at the beginning of this year. Markus retired as Chairman due to his move away from the village. Under his chairmanship the Bernard Hall has been much improved which has included the Disabled Access and a new kitchen and toilets. There has been upgrading and renovation within the hall including new windows, heating and redecoration. Markus was also responsible for instigating the Village Picture House which has been a great success. As in 2020 the Bernard Hall was adversely affected by the Pandemic. It continued to be closed for the first four months of 2021 and only started to reopen in May 2021. During the remainder of 2021 it operated under COVID guidelines. The rules were eased during the latter part of 2021 and early 2022 but during this period we continued to be careful at Hall events by restricting the audience to 40, and then 50 from February 2022, and requesting the wearing of masks at Village Picture House screenings. These restrictions have now been lifted.

As a result of the COVID restrictions, hiring revenues in 2021 at £1,614 although an increase of 10% compared with 2020 (£1,465) was still significantly lower than revenues of £4,835 in 2019. Similarly, Picture House revenues in 2021 at £4,042 were up by 40% versus 2020 (£2,871) but well down on £15,505 in 2019. Costs decreased by 11% in 2021 to £9,397. This was due to lower maintenance and renovations and VPH expenditure compared to 2020. We are pleased to report that Buckinghamshire Council have again paid the Hall £17,765 under a standard Village Hall COVID support scheme and this has kept the hall in a healthy financial state. We ended 2021 with net assets of £30,661 compared with £16,636 in 2020.

Our Village Picture House admission prices have remained unchanged at £8 /£7 concession for movies while NT Screenings and other special events (West End musicals, opera & ballet) have been held at £12 / £10 concession. This continues to be approximately half of the price of tickets at the local Odeon for movies and similar special event screenings.

On Friday, 27th May, Voneous installed fast fibre broadband in the Hall free of charge. They will also be sponsoring our marketing and print costs in return for their logo on our redesigned flyers. The broadband will greatly benefit the facilities in the Hall for many events. In the not too distant future the screening of our films will switch to delivery by streaming and downloads rather than the purchase of Blu-Ray DVD's.

Once again in 2021 the Management Committee has done a great job of running the Hall in these difficult circumstances. Chris Luckett, Caroline Winnicott, Jessica Ecott, Charlotte Cooper, Brian Woodford and Zoe Gibson have all made full contributions and I am very grateful for their support. I would also like to thank John Cooper, Chris Blumer, Chris Long and their band of helpers for running the Picture House so well. Also a big thank you to Jayen and Sugi from the Village Stores who continue to sell our tickets and supply refreshments each week.

Rob Morris-Jones

June 2022

July events



Haddenham
Community
Library

Regular

Tuesdays 10.30am – Storytime

Friday 1st July and 15th July at 10.30am – Bounce and Rhyme

Saturday 10.30am to 12 midday – Colouring In and Lego Club

Every Month

Neighbourhood Community Police – check

www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk website for details

Special Activities in July

Saturday 9th July Summer Reading Challenge launch in the library.

The theme this year is 'Gadgeteers' - [https://](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro)

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Village Jubilee Picnic

On Saturday 4th June, a great number of you ventured to the playing fields for a celebratory picnic in honour of the Queen's platinum jubilee. Despite a damp start to the day, the weather brightened up just in time for the start of the picnic and the sun continued to shine on throughout.

The marquee was decorated in red, white and blue bunting, 130 balloons were inflated and the picnic tables were adorned with flowers and flags. Chris Long was there to provide the music, with Mike Cottman making those all important announcements. The star of the show was undoubtedly the fantastic jubilee cake created by the very talented Pam Gibson from Pam's Bake House. This was a cake that was big enough to feed the entire village, required the removal of a door to get it out of the kitchen, and took 3 men and a truck to transport to the marquee. And it tasted amazing. Charles Sanderson kicked off the games with village tug of war, which proved popular and very competitive in some categories! The children created jubilee crowns which were judged by Tracy Jones from The Crown, the winner being Eva Smith who received a commemorative jubilee coin for her efforts. A game of rounders took place before the chip van arrived to keep us all refuelled.

The party then continued long into the evening.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped run this wonderful village event. After the last couple of difficult years it was great for the village to be able to celebrate together. Based on the volume of prosecco corks in found in the marquee the following morning, I'm assuming it was an enjoyable day!

Ellen Dyer



Spurt Street's Little Street Party

Much as we all hugely enjoyed the Village Party on the Playing Fields (for the Platinum Jubilee)* some of us in Spurt Street felt that a Jubilee most definitely warranted a Street Party. Luckily the Days, the Molloy's and ourselves share a long drive, so no need to go through the complicated procedure of closing the road – here was the ideal spot for just such a celebration which was planned for the Sunday.

Sadly the sunshine disappeared and after a very wet night we woke to a grey and rather drizzly morning. However, our spirits were far from damp: with a good deal of help from Andy and Kez Lockett tables and chairs arrived, food and drink appeared, and the rain stopped! By 12.30 nearly all the residents of Spurt Street were enjoying pre-lunch drinks in the garden of Wellfield House before moving out into the drive for lunch, Charles and Andy manned the BBQ and provided over 30 of us with delicious food accompanied by salads from Debbie Day, we drank a toast to Her Majesty during lunch, and shared a Platinum Jubilee cake with our strawberries and cream. No-one seemed in a hurry to leave, Doug Kennedy entertained us with a few songs, and further entertainment was provided by Jason and Clare's children – particularly little Percy - who were loving the enormous puddle in the drive left by the rain.

It was a really happy occasion for us all and such a wonderful opportunity for everyone to get to know



those they didn't know very well, or indeed at all.

We all felt that such a Spurt Street get-together should happen more often..... so now we are all thinking of a good excuse to have one! Charles and Angela Sanderson



Jubilant June!

What a month we have had



We have had quite a lot of visitors into school in the last few weeks. A visit to Early Years from EYFS county consultant who was impressed with the developments in the Foundation area. Two teachers from Steeple Claydon school come to visit to observe how we teach English. They visited year 3&4 who were doing a lesson together in the hall researching whales, and year 6 who were unpicking the features on a non-fiction text.

The Junior children have also both done local trips. Year 5&6 walked to Eythrope for a study of the River Thames. Despite the constantly changing weather and the total walk of approximately 6 ½ miles, the children were great.

They thoroughly enjoyed the river dipping. The year 3 and 4 children had an equally exciting day at Waddesdon Manor where they spent the morning orienteering around the grounds and drawing maps in the afternoon. The Education staff at the manor commented on how well behaved they all were, and would happily welcome them back every day!

The Tony Hadley concert was amazing! It was wonderful to see parents (present and past), staff and people from the wider community having such a great time. The bands were so entertaining and performing for free. Tony and his band were consummate professionals and clearly enjoying themselves too. Words are not enough to express our appreciation to Tony, the performers and everyone behind the scenes who worked so hard.

On Monday 20th, the whole school science day was a day of awe and wonder for the children to consolidate the fact that science is all around us and is part of everybody's life. The Children had the fantastic opportunity of a session inside a planetarium, run by our special guests: Science Oxford. Through making science more accessible, we can expand the children's scientific thinking while engaging and inspiring them.

To mark the Jubilee the Infant sang round the village, the country dancing and picnic were a joy for all! Please see a few pictures here.



It was so lovely to see so many parents and grandparents able to join us for this event.

The Junior exhibition of The Queens Jubilee was amazing too!

I was impressed to see the creativity, with such a diverse range of items on display; please see the website, for a taster of the day's celebrations.

Pupils and staff were delighted so many families were able to join us for tea, cake and ice-pops. And the icing on our amazing school cake this month; we are now the Bucks and Milton Keynes Primary Sports school of the year.

A huge thank you to Mrs Brogan, supported by parent volunteers, parents driving to sporting events, staff and ever enthusiastic pupils. We are delighted to have received the award and will strive to keep sports provision high on our agenda.

As Tony said at the concert, 'This is a great school, everybody should be proud': I couldn't agree more!

Mrs Price.



Water Works—Thames Valley Water

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On a fine spring day two Parish Councillors, Lorraine Stevens and Julia Ridout, had an official visit to the Aylesbury Sewage Treatment Works, to try and understand more about how it operates and why the raw sewage spills, which have been reported widely in the news, occur and what, if anything, is being done to address this situation. Some of our colleagues had undertaken such a visit some years ago and so we do now feel that between us we have a better understanding. Once our protective equipment had been donned, we were led round the site from where the sewage first enters to where the treated water eventually leaves. The Aylesbury site is designed to cope with a full flow of 800 litres per second and in normal conditions the current throughput is below this. They have several storm tanks for when the flow is greater than this, and have increased them in recent years so that they now have a storm tank capacity of 8,989 cubic metres. These fill up with the excess rain and sewage that the normal system can't cope with, and once the storm has abated gradually flow into the normal sewage treatment process. However, as has been reported, these storm tanks are not always coping, for a variety of reasons, one being simply an increase in severe rainfall and another being the fact that rainwater in many places is still running into the sewage system rather than into soakaways back into the ground. The sewage spills which have caused so much concern and which 10 years ago were the cause of a massive destruction of fish stocks in the Thame and a resultant fine to Thames Water, occur only when these storm tanks are no longer big enough to take the flood water. In reality, what spills is not quite the 100% "raw sewage" which has been reported, as the very first stage of filtration occurs in these storm tanks, whereby "solids" sink to the bottom of the tanks and are cleared out when the storm water abates. For the last couple of years water companies have been obliged by law to report these spills; in 2021 there were 20, so far in 2022 only 1. But clearly this is not because of anything Thames Water has put in place this year, simply that we haven't had the number of storms we had in 2021.

The Aylesbury site is a big one and they still have capacity to build more tanks there; they told me that they keep the situation constantly under review and if new tanks were deemed to be needed they would be planned. When asked if Aylesbury Sewage Treatment Works had adequate capacity to cope with the sewage from all the new development in the area, we were told that it has, not least because new build houses, and refurbishments of old houses, should by law be having their rainwater not directed into the sewage system but into soakaways. However, they again stressed that this is constantly under review, and they can "plan for growth to meet future demand and regulated permits".

All this relates specifically to Aylesbury rather than Cuddington of course, and the Cuddington site is a more old-fashioned one than Aylesbury and clearly a much smaller site. They were not able to give me reassurances about whether Cuddington could cope with its own sewage adequately, and of course there have been spills recorded here as well as at Aylesbury.

One thing which came over very clearly from our visit was a sense of frustration at the impact on efficiencies

(the amount of sewage which can be treated in a day and therefore the necessity, or not, of using the storm tanks) of both the rainwater going into the system unnecessarily and the solids going into the sewage which are not just human poo and loo paper. The first stop on our tour was one of only two "smelly" points of the morning as this is where the first mechanical filter happens. It was shocking to see the extent of stuff going in which has no business there: wet wipes,

sanitary products, nappies, cotton buds, covid testing kits, general litter and great gobbets of fat. Our visit coincided with some purple dye arriving and the staff who accompanied us were keen to record and test that and to try and trace its provenance. Beyond trying to educate the public not to put anything down the loo apart from wee, poo and loo paper, Thames Water is attempting to improve performance by installing depth loggers in the network to alert the company to potential blockages that could impact the environment and customers, as well as planning cleaning in hot spot areas, ensuring the network is operational via "lift and look" and CCTV inspections. They are also trying to work with other agencies to reduce the infiltration of groundwater into the sewage system.

Thames Water are actively promoting Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDs) such as we can see at some of the new housing developments on the outskirts of Haddenham and Thame, and surface water management is being promoted by Thames Water alongside Buckinghamshire council, particularly their planning department, and working with developers. Very aware of the huge growth in housing in the area, they are developing a strategic model for all growth to try to ensure they have adequate capacity in the foul only network or requiring network re-enforcement funded by developers. Interestingly they reported that they are finding that brownfield developments improve drainage and reduce the impact on the surface and foul network and greenfield developments are effective in harvesting and reducing run off which would have previously impacted systems in the region. So as well as understanding better how the system works and why it sometimes goes wrong, the key take-aways for us as members of the public were: don't concrete over your garden without directing the rainwater straight back into the ground rather than into the sewage system and don't put anything down your drains that they are not designed to cope with!

Amanda Ridout



Dates for your Diary July 2022



"Live in each season as it passes: breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit." – Henry David Thoreau

July 2022

Tuesday 5 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 6 th , 8.00pm	Bookworms Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Friday 8 th	Curry-oke night, The Crown
Saturday 9 th , 6.30pm	Pizza night, The Crown
Monday 11 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Friday 15 th , 8.00pm	Bingo Night, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 21 st , 7.00pm	NTLive 'Prima Facie', Village Picture House
Friday 22 nd , 8.00pm	NTLive 'Prima Facie', Village Picture House
Monday 25 th , 1.30pm	Sunshine Club Cinema, Bernard Hall
Tuesday 26 th , 7.00pm	'Fisherman's Friends' Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

August 2022

Wednesday 3 rd , 8.00pm	Bookworms Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 8 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 9 th , 2.30pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 15 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 22 nd , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Garden Party Lunch, Tyringham Hall
Tuesday 30 th , 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

And every Friday, at 10.00am, in termtime, Toddlers Singing Group takes place in St Nicholas Church. Everyone is welcome, but places are limited, so please book. For more details please contact Christine christine.jackson@live.co.uk

For more information please refer to the village website – cuddingtonvillage.com



Gardening Club

After something of a stop start due to Covid, club members finally met on 11th April for an in person talk from George Lockwood, previously only seen on Zoom. George gave a vibrant and interesting talk on plants that grow in poor soils, clay, sandy etc. As usual there were lovely photos of plants from the gardens George looks after. Practical hints and tips were shared on growing plants and pest removal etc. In May we met at Penns nursery in Longwick where members had a choice of attending a hanging basket workshop or a talk about Dahlias from Barry Woodford. Members were impressed by this informative talk and some beautiful hanging baskets were produced from the workshop.

Members have been busy preparing and watering the Best Kept Village Garden, the Bernard Hall and The Crown with planting mixes in Jubilee colours. The Playing Fields Club has hanging baskets with the same theme. We hope this will all make for a beautiful display, especially for the BKV judges.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on 11th July at 7.30pm in the playing fields clubhouse.

We will then meet on 12th September when there will be a willow weaving demonstration by club member Shirley Hoyne. New members and visitors are very welcome to join us.

Finally, a special thank you to Tracy and Glyn at the Crown for funds raised at the quiz in March.



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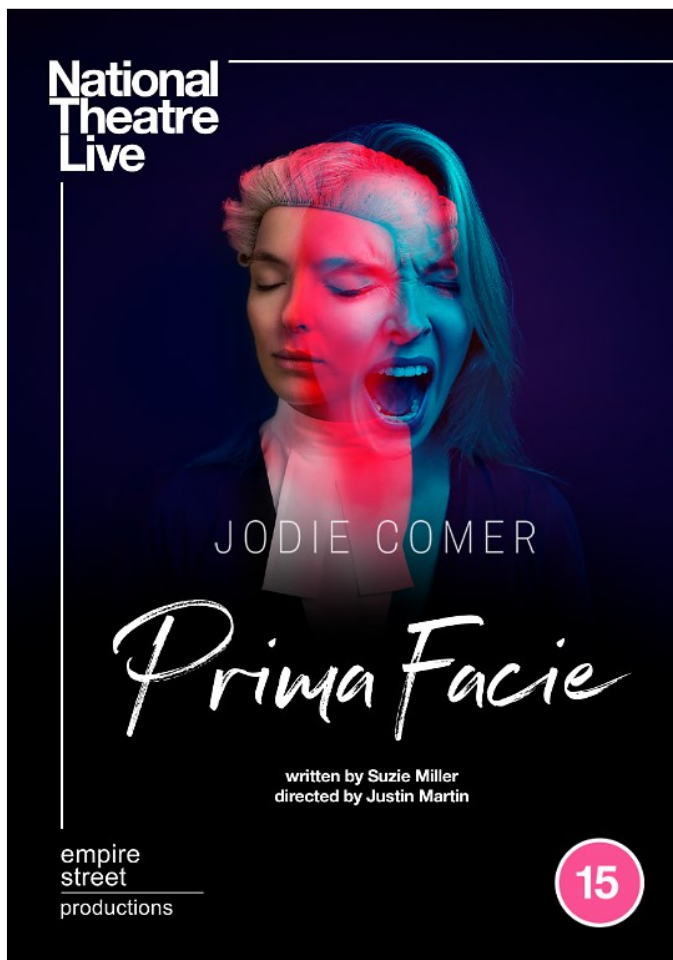
Gardening tips for July

Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water wise. Rainwater is best if you have a means of collecting it. Washing up water is okay as long as it isn't too greasy. Spot water at the base of the plant and bear in mind the time of day. Morning is best as this is when plants take up water through their roots for transpiration. Deadhead bedding plants and repeat flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering. Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up. Pick courgettes before they become marrows. Happy gardening! Carol carolhayward24@gmail.com

Our summer programme at the Village Picture House concludes with the National Theatre's new production **Prima Facie** (cert. 15), captured live at the intimate Harold Pinter Theatre in the West End. Jodie Comer (*Killing Eve*) makes her West End debut in this UK premiere of Suzie Miller's award-winning play. Tessa is a young, brilliant barrister. She has worked her way up from working class origins to be at the top of her game; defending; cross examining and winning. An unexpected event, however, forces her to confront the lines where the patriarchal power of the law, burden of proof and morals diverge. Following very high demand for tickets, we are screening this landmark feature on two consecutive nights: Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July.

"Jodie Comer takes the stage by storm. Nothing can quite prepare you for the range, energy, resilience, emotional clarity and sheer presence she offers," says *The Times*. "Jodie Comer is on formidable form in this roaring drama ... a masterful West End debut," says *The Guardian*.

Screenings at the Village Picture House will resume on Thursday 8th September with another National Theatre production: Shakespeare's **Much Ado About Nothing**, with Katherine Parkinson (*Doc Martin*, *The IT Crowd*) and John Heffernan (*Dracula*) leading the cast. On 15th September we'll be screening **The Phantom of the Open** starring Mark Rylance as a crane operator from Barrow-in-Furness who managed to gain entry to the 1976 British Open golf championship despite never having played a round of golf before. On the 22nd our film will be **Operation Mincemeat**, starring Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen in the true story of the most inspired and improbable disinformation strategy of WWII. Finally, on the 29th, we'll be showing **Downton Abbey: A New Era**, in which the Dowager Countess reveals that she has inherited a villa in the south of France, and Lady Mary agrees to let a film crew use Downton as the location for



their glamorous new film.

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