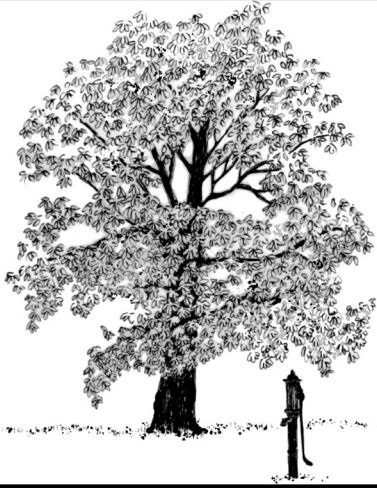




Cuddington Village Voice

November 2022

Poppy Appeal

Poppies are now being sold around the village ahead of **Remembrance Sunday on 13th November**. I know times are hard but please try and give generously. Jennifer Schram de Jong, PAO area EBA 34



Cuddington Good Neighbour Scheme

Cuddington is a wonderful place to live, with an excellent community spirit. On an informal basis, several people help neighbours with lifts to local appointments (eg medical centre, hairdresser). We are equally aware that some people are struggling to get help, possibly because they are new to the village, or they currently can't drive. Before we put together a formal Good Neighbour Scheme, it is important we establish the requirement in the village. The aim would be to create a central point where people can ask for help without relying on the same friend or neighbour constantly. You could be a volunteer driver in your own car – an hour once a month/fortnight or even weekly. Even if you do not drive, you could be one of the team to phone people and book a driver for them, or arrange for someone to pop in and check they are OK. Perhaps you know of someone who would appreciate a lift because they can't drive. Please contact one of us to let us know of anyone in need, or if you can offer help.

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Village Voice Quiz Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the Village Voice pub quiz on 17th October and helped raised £233 towards our 2023 printing costs. The Crown was full to the brim with locals, quizzers, dogs and a competitive atmosphere!

Glyn did a wonderful job as quiz master, although I'm sure he wished he wasn't using *that* microphone, and Tracy worked tirelessly providing delicious snacks and selling raffle tickets galore.

The winning team (pictured here) were worthy, humble winners (!!!)

See you next year I hope.

Rachael Barnard



Spicketts Lane

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The verge and hedge at the top of Spicketts Lane, bordering the new White Swan Lane development, has suffered many years of lack of maintenance and neglect, together with more recent damage. The Parish Council has now started the initiative to reinstate this area to become a more attractive environment for pollinators and wildlife.

The first phase has been to import topsoil and seed the verge with a wild-flower and grass mix. This has now been roped-off to deter vehicles from driving over it and parking on the verge. During the winter, ivy will be killed off, brambles removed and standing dead branches and trees removed. A date will be publicised for volunteers for this work. Hedging and saplings have been ordered for planting in the Spring to infill gaps.

Yoga with Alla

In January, Alla Skrynnikova from Ukraine is beginning another seven-session Yoga class on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-7pm in the Bernard Hall. Starting on the 4th of January, at £75 a place, the class will include a arm-up, self-massage, and a set of exercises from simple to complex and is suitable for all levels. Alla has so much wisdom of yoga to give to us! We go away with greater knowledge and love of our bodies! I feel wonderful after her sessions. Please bring a mat or ask if you need to borrow one. For more information please contact Elaine on 07947 494 724 Hope you can come! Elaine English

Thought for the month...

At the age of 18 I worked for a time in a residential home. One of the people I helped to care for was a gentleman named Jack, who was 92 years old. Jack had been a blacksmith in WWI and had some amazing and pretty horrifying stories to tell of his experiences, which made a deep impression on me. We often think of November as a month of remembering. As the last month of autumn, with the length of the dark nights increasing and winter approaching, we take the opportunity as a community to look back to remember our history.

Our annual Remembrance Sunday commemoration this year will be on Sunday 13th November at 10am. We will as always 'remember lest we forget'. In our own times of political upheaval, war, racial hatred and fear, we remember the cost to our communities of past wars; those young men who did not return home and the post war inflation which had an impact on everyone's lives, and through remembering hold onto hope for the future.

The value of love is central to the teaching of Jesus. In John's Gospel he says, "This is my command: love one another, in the same way I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down your life for your friends." Love, justice, peace, all the values we ascribe to as a society come with the requirement, Jesus says, to put the needs of others before ourselves. This is why we so often fail; we are not prepared to think of the needs of others above our own. I wonder this month as we 'remember' whether we also reflect on the values we build our lives on and ask if they need to change?

Cassa Messervy
Rector



St Nicholas, Cuddington

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Welcome

Worshipping God
Serving Community
Sharing Life



Services in November 2022

6 th November	Holy Communion. Children's activities in Bernard Hall
13 th November	All Age Service (Remembrance Sunday)
20 th November	All Age Service
27 th November	All-Age Holy Communion (Advent)

Cuddington Matinee Cinema



On Monday 21st November at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm) in the Bernard Hall, "Military Wives" will be shown. This 2019 comedy-drama, was inspired by the true story of Military Wives Choirs, a network of 75 choirs in British military bases across the UK and overseas. Starring Kristin Scott Thomas and Sharon Horgan, this feel-good film follows a group of women, whose partners are serving in Afghanistan, who, on the home front, form a choir and quickly find themselves at the centre of a media sensation and global movement. Entry £7, (£5 Sunshine Club members) includes tea and cake at the interval.



A CELEBRATION CONCERT

To conclude its 90th year, Aylesbury Choral Society will give a concert at St Mary's church, Aylesbury, on Saturday 3rd December at 7.30 pm. The programme consists of a Christmas Oratorio by Saint-Saëns, with words from the Nativity story in St Luke's gospel. That is followed by Benjamin Britten's popular Ceremony of Carols, a choral setting of a collection of medieval carols. Tickets at £16 (£6 for under 18s) are available from members or via the website www.aylesburychoral.org.uk. Please support us on this enjoyable occasion.

Season

Tickets also available (three concerts) at £45 (£16 under 18s) with additional ticket holder benefits (see our website for details)

The Society welcomes new members. Join us at the Church on Fairford Leys for our Tuesday evening rehearsals from 7.30 to 9.30.

We shall be rehearsing "Creation" by Haydn in January for a concert performance at St Mary's on Saturday 1st April 2023.



Aylesbury Choral Society

Camille Saint-Saëns
Christmas Oratorio

Benjamin Britten
Ceremony of Carols

conducted by
Jeff Stewart

accompanied on organ & harp

Saturday 3rd December, 2022 7.30 pm

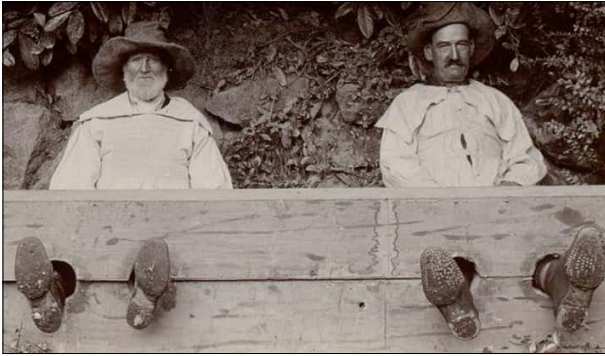
St Mary's Church, Aylesbury
HP20 2JJ

Tickets: £16; under 18s £6

From: aylesburychoral.org.uk,
acschairman@gmail.com,
or any choir member



Alehouses in the village



Alehouses in villages in Georgian England were usually small cottages offering drinks and conviviality. The customers were, on the whole, men who had toiled in the fields during the long day and, as well as quenching their thirst, sought relaxation. However, on occasions, drunkenness and law-breaking occurred.

Alehouses were literally a cottage industry in which residents – mostly women – brewed ale and sold it for a living. Often the husband had another job, but an alehouse officially carried the name of the husband. Widows and single women who practised the trade often placed a broom outside the door to indicate that ale was available. Usually only home-brewed ale was sold, but a few enterprising retailers offered wine, spirits and tobacco.

The first record we have of an alehouse in Cuddington is in 1577. The Justices of the Peace licenced Robert Piddington. However, by the eighteenth century there were numerous alehouses in the village. Since they were in small cottages only a limited number of drinkers could be accommodated. The records of the proceedings of the Quarter Sessions Court in Aylesbury provide us with a colourful, if one-sided snapshot, of our alehouses in a short sixteen year period (1714 – 1730). In 1715, for example, there was a complaint involving alehouse owner, Thomas Miller. He had “allowed persons into his alehouse drinking and tipping on the Lord’s day in the time of Divine Service under the pretence of shaving them”! (Perhaps Thomas was a barber!) He had also permitted “gaming at ninepins and other unlawful games”. The Court revoked his licence, stopping him selling “ale or other liquors” and ordered the sign of his trade to be pulled down. Thomas argued that the complaint was “malicious and groundless”. He petitioned for his licence to be restored but by law it could not be renewed for 3 years. However, his widowed mother, Elizabeth, continued to trade. The Court confirmed the closure, but gave her 3 months grace to sell her stock. Apparently excise duty had been paid on some products. Thomas was finally punished by 3 days in Aylesbury Gaol. It was not until 1723 that he got his licence back having promised “to keep good order in his house”. He appears to have tried to comply – he refused to serve butcher, William Beale, a drink one Sunday. Beale responded by breaking the alehouse windows “in a great rage” and was punished by the Court. In the same year Thomas Plater, another alehouse owner, called the village Constable to break up a brawl

between Jonathan Chapman and William Stanbridge. The Constable ordered Chapman to leave. When he refused, he was forcibly put in the stocks.

The proceedings of the Court for the next few years reveal what a menace Beale became. His visits to alehouses usually resulted in violent outrages. In one rampage he broke Jane Clark’s windows and “wrenched her daughter’s back so she could not work”. This was particularly heinous as Jane ran a small school and the children were terrified.

Some months later the notorious Beale was reported for assault again - this time in Thomas Somers’ alehouse. Worse for drink he was asked to leave.

Beale used threatening language with expletives. A lesser reported mouthful was calling Somers “an old rogue and a dog”. In 1726 we learn from Court records that Beale continued his wayward behaviour. He assaulted his old adversary Thomas Miller’s wife, Mary, and once again re-arranged the windows of the alehouse. The Millers must have dreaded his presence. He was fined one shilling for this misdemeanour.

After another bout of drinking he launched an assault on a village weaver, Edward Baker, who claimed in Court that Beale had dragged him to the village pond (then on the site of the present Lower Green) and thrown him in. In 1727 the terrorised villagers had suffered enough and sent a petition to the Court stating that Beale was “a very abuseful fellow”. The response of the Court was to commit the errant Beale to a well-earned spell in Aylesbury Gaol. The lesser punishments of fining and the stocks had not had the necessary effect. There can be little doubt that the cottage alehouses in Cuddington provided much needed peaceful relaxation and entertainment. However, by the very nature of the available sources of information, this account probably skews the overall picture and also tells of only a short period of time. Peter Wenham

News from the pub!

So here we are in November, whatever the weather tells us!

We still have salad available at the pub at the moment, although the fire has been alight a couple of times on colder nights and the winter menu will be available soon.

Homemade wholesome soups are returning and available every lunchtime along with The Emerald club starting up again on Monday lunchtimes. Please ring to book a table so we can be sure to have food choices available. 01844 299255.

Our next Charity quiz is Monday 14 November.

We are keen to support local causes, so if you have a charity you would like to nominate please get in touch!

Gather your teams, provide a raffle prize or two, and we will do the rest.

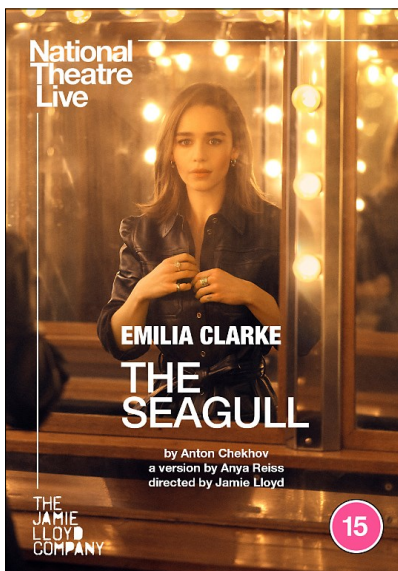
At the end of the month, on **Friday 25th November** we have live music at The Crown from Framus Cole, **pop and jazz as you have never heard it before.** Tracy & Glynn

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Following a very busy October we have another varied collection of titles lined up for November. On Thursday 3rd we'll be showing National Theatre's new production **The Seagull** (cert. 15), captured live at London's Harold Pinter Theatre. Emilia Clarke (*Game of Thrones*) makes her West End debut in this 21st century retelling of Anton Chekhov's tale of love and loneliness. A young woman is desperate for fame and a way out. A young man is pining after the woman of his dreams. A successful writer longs for a sense of achievement. An actress wants to fight the changing of the times. In an isolated home in the countryside, dreams lie in tatters, hopes are dashed, and hearts broken. With nowhere left to turn, the only option is to turn on each other. "Emilia Clarke is irresistible in Jamie Lloyd's ultra-stripped back take on Chekhov's masterpiece," says *Time Out*. "A radical, stripped-back, strangely gripping production ... this show is brave, compelling and powerful," says *The Guardian*.



Then on 10th November we'll be screening **Top Gun: Maverick** (cert. 12A). The film sees Pete "Maverick" Mitchell's past and future collide as the once brash and irresponsible flyboy turned experienced test pilot becomes an instructor at the US Navy's Top Gun flying school. There, his recruits include Lt. Bradley "Rooster" Bradshaw, the son of Maverick's late friend and Radar Intercept Officer Lt. Nick Bradshaw, aka "Goose", whose death Mav's recklessness caused 30 years before. As training for a perilous new mission begins, Maverick must confront his personal demons while preparing his students for the flight and fight of their lives. "Tom Cruise makes an absurdly exciting return to the skies ... unquestionably the best studio action film in years," says *The Telegraph*. "All the nail-biting aeronautics and emotional sucker punches that made the original an 80s-defining hit," says *The Guardian*. "Tom Cruise soars in a sequel that's as thrilling as blockbusters get," says *The Independent*. On the 17th our film will be **Good Luck To You, Leo Grande** (cert. 15). Emma Thompson plays Nancy Stokes, a retired schoolteacher and widow who is yearning for some adventure, some human connection, and some good sex.



THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON

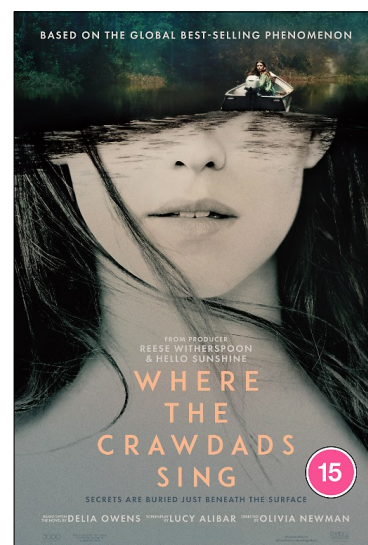


Her husband Robert is gone now, and Nancy has a plan: she will find adventure with a sex worker named Leo Grande. Nancy greets Leo in an anonymous hotel room. He looks every bit as good as his picture, but what Nancy wasn't expecting was conversation as well as fornication. She finds she likes him, and he likes her. With growing sexual confidence, Nancy starts to relax. Over the course of three rendezvous, the power dynamics shift and their well-worn masks begin to slip...



"Thompson gives an emotionally generous performance in this amusing and compassionate wo-hander," says *The Guardian*. "The actress and her young co-star are sublime in this ground-breaking movie," says the *Evening Standard*. On 24th November we're showing **Where The Crawdads Sing** (cert. 15), a coming-of-age murder mystery based on the 2018 novel by Delia Owens and starring Daisy Edgar-Jones. Abandoned as a girl, Kya raised herself in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina. For years, rumours of the marsh girl haunted Barkley Cove, isolating the sharp and resilient Kya from her community. Drawn to two young men from town, she opens herself to a new and startling world. However, when one of them is found dead, Kya immediately becomes the main suspect. As the case unfolds, the verdict as to what happened becomes increasingly unclear, threatening to reveal many secrets... "The star of *Normal People* is as brilliant as ever as Kya," says *The Times*. "Edgar-Jones is compelling, showing us the vulnerability of Delia Owens's steely heroine," says *The Express*.

Looking ahead to December, on the 1st we'll be screening **Brian And Charles**, a funny, touching and hugely likeable comedy about a lonely outcast who gets more than he bargained for when he decides to build a robot for company. Then on the 8th, our final film for 2022 will be **Fisherman's Friends: One And All** following the celebrated shanty singers from Port Isaac as they battle the dreaded "curse of the second album".



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

Cuddington Gardening Club Needs You!

Our last meeting was held in September with member Shirley Hoyne giving us a demonstration of willow weaving. Shirley's passion for this was clear, judging by the numerous and beautiful baskets on display. Several members had the opportunity to have a go and managed to get the hang of it..."in front of two and behind one!" (weaving speak)

Our next meeting will be on Monday 7th November at 7.30pm.

I am pleased to say we'll be having a talk about the river Thames given by our local environmental activist and nature lover, Doug Kennedy.

Many of us know and have walked along the river and I'm sure this will be an interesting talk.

Non members are welcome to attend free of charge.

Our December meeting, on Monday 5th at 7.30, will be a Christmas get together with a demonstration of Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging) by our friend Ruriko Kojima. We'll also be enjoying Bucks Fizz and mince pies. Non members are welcome to join us but please let us know beforehand, there will be a small deposit needed.

Attendance at club meetings has been very low in recent months, and this does raise concerns for its future. Please support us if you can, with your attendance, input and hopefully membership. It would be such a shame to fold after 30 years.

Jobs for November

Clear leaves from lawns, ponds and beds.

Put outdoor containers on feet to prevent waterlogging and insulate from frost if necessary. Bubble wrap works well.

Protect brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem.

Plant out winter bedding.

Plant tulips for next year.

Put out food to encourage winter birds into the garden.

Carol Hayward

SWISH SALE !

WEDNESDAY

7TH DECEMBER

6-9 PM

BERNARD HALL CUDDINGTON

Please feel free to cleanse your house and wardrobe of no longer needed things!

We can pick up or store bags and boxes!

Or bring to the Hall on the night...

Share a glass of sparkling wine and try on some fresh fineries for fun...

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CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING MASTERCLASS



Cuddington Clubhouse

1st and 6th December 7.30pm

£45 Includes materials, a glass of prosecco and a mince pie



To book contact Amy

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Local charity kickstarts season of goodwill with Aylesbury Santa Dash



Aylesbury's Jolliest fun run is back for another year

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity is bringing its popular Santa Dash event back to Aylesbury this December. The event will see hundreds of participants dust off their best Christmas jumpers, don their Santa hats and take to the streets for Aylesbury's jolliest fun run on Sunday 11th December. Whether 'yule' choose to run, walk, jog or scoot the 2.5km or 5km circular route, kick off the festive period in style while earning that second mince pie and raising money for local hospice care.

Bill Richards, Community and Events Fundraiser for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, commented: "Our Santa Dash is the perfect festive family event! Our last Santa Dash raised an amazing £1,500 to help us care for local patients and their families, so we're back, hoping to make this year's even bigger and better."

Entry fees are £15 for adults and £10 for children and include a Santa hat and commemorative Santa Dash medal. For full details of this year's Santa Dash and to register your place head over to fnhospice.org.uk/santadash Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity commits to fund over £1,200,000 of hospice services each year, supporting local in-patient and at-home palliative care services across Buckinghamshire and its borders.

Florence Nightingale Hospice is located at Stoke Mandeville Hospital and provides first class specialist palliative care which is accessible and free of charge to those with a life-limiting illness in Buckinghamshire. The Hospice is the only bedded unit in Buckinghamshire. The Hospice also provides other services such as the FNH@Home service, providing end-of-life care for patients in their homes, Florrie's Children's Team respite care for families, the Day Hospice and Bereavement Listening Support.

For more information, visit www.fnhospice.org.uk
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Thursday

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Fridays

Bounce and Rhyme – 10.30 to 11am - next session 11th November, then 25th November and 9th December

Saturday

Lego Club and Colouring In 10.30am to 12 midday

Every Month - Please check website

www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk for date details

Special Activities in November

Friday 4th November - children's author event. Chris Wormell will be talking about his latest book for 9-11 year olds at 1pm

Remember, Remember...

Contributors, next month will be a the double Christmas December and January, HOPEFULLY colour issue of Village Voice

Please make your submissions by Friday 25th November.

The first issue of 2023 will be February's published at the end of January. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary



'Lest we forget' – Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936)

November

Tuesday 1st, 2.30pm
 Thursday 3rd, 7.00pm
 Monday 7th, 2.00pm
 Wednesday 9th, 8.00pm
 Thursday 10th, 8.00pm
 Thursday 17th, 8.00pm
 Monday 21st, 1.30pm
 Thursday 24th, 8.00pm
 Tuesday 29th, 7.00pm

Tuesday Group at Playing Fields Clubhouse
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 Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
 Bookworms Book Club at
 Playing Fields Clubhouse
 'Top Gun: Maverick', Village Picture House
 'Good Luck to You, Leo Grande'
 Village Picture House
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 Military Wives'
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 Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

December

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 Monday 5th, 2.00pm
 Tuesday 6th, 2.30pm
 Wednesday 7th, 8.00pm
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 Monday 12th, 1.00pm
 Tuesday 13th, 2.30pm
 Tuesday 27th, 7.00pm

'Brian and Charles', Village Picture House
 Sunshine Club – Bring and Buy,
 Tyringham Hall
 Tuesday Group at Playing Fields Clubhouse
 Bookworms Book Club at
 Playing Fields Clubhouse
 'Fisherman's Friends: One and All',
 Village Picture House
 Sunshine Club Christmas Lunch,
 Bernard Hall
 Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
 Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

And every Friday, at 10am, in termttime, Toddlers Singing Group takes place in St Nicholas Church. Everyone is welcome. For more details please contact Christine (christine.jackson@live.co.uk)
 For more information please refer to the village website – cuddingtonvillage.com

The Fine Young Cuddingtons

Live music & Christmas sing-a-long

Saturday 17th December
 From 6pm

Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse

November wordsearch

by Ava Barnard

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Think LOCAL for a delicious, sustainable, Christmas feast

(by food writer: Franky Cookson)

This year, I know what I'll be serving as the main event on my Christmas table. It will be a succulent, local, bronze turkey. Turkey is perfect for my table of eight or nine. It's such good value. A medium (five to six kilo) turkey will give everyone a generous helping and I'll still have lots of delicious leftovers.

But what if I had, say, just three or four round the table?

In that case I would 'plump' for a goose.

For one thing, it's traditional. Long before turkeys became fashionable, the finest tables would

boast goose as the centrepiece of their Christmas feast. The thought of all that crispy skin and tender, succulent meat makes my mouth water.

One local farm which has a particularly good reputation for sustainability, is Starveall Farm, at Upton. They rear the most delicious free-range turkeys and geese, which have won several Great Taste Awards.



I asked farmer, Mike Lambert, to tell me more.

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