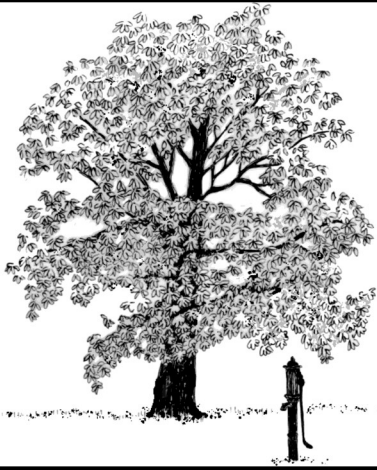




Cuddington Village Voice

December/January 2022/23

The Cuddington Christmas Trail is back!

The Christmas trail
will run from
Friday 16th December - Monday 2nd January.



Trail sheets available
from the church porch

The Cuddington Christmas trail is back for another year and it looks to be bigger and better than ever!

From Friday 16th December to Monday 2nd January you can pick up a trail sheet from the church and enjoy a wintery walk around the village admiring Christmas window displays. There will be clues to solve and hidden words and letters to find. This year we will have the option of a shorter, simpler trail as well as a longer one to ensure everyone can take part! There will be a prize draw for correct entries and a prize for the favourite window display. Trail sheets will be available from the St. Nicholas' Church porch as well as on the village website. We hope to see lots of you out and about enjoying the wonderful displays and a big thank you to those who have offered to put up a display - we can't wait to see your efforts! St. Nicholas Church will also be decorated for Christmas from Friday 16th December on the theme 'The Night Before Christmas'. We hope that villagers and family and friends will visit to enjoy the displays. *Christmas Trailers* are welcome to pop-in too! The church is open daily until 4.00pm.

Christmas Quiz at The Crown!

We will be having a special **Charity Quiz on Monday 12 December from 7:30pm. We are going to be collecting for the food bank in Aylesbury.** These are some items they urgently need (they have plenty of pasta). We will be asking people to bring an item of food as well as their £2 entry fee. Money taken on the night from the entry and raffle will also be donated to the food bank. Please remember to bring your cash along.... help us make a difference to someone's Christmas. For all other festive pub news turn to page 2.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS
LONG LIFE SPONGE PUDDINGS
INSTANT MASH
TINNED MEAT
TABLE SAUCES
LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
LONG LIFE UHT MILK
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Carol Singers

Please join us for carol singing round the village from 6-7.30pm on Wednesday 21st December. We'll meet at the playing field end of Bernard Close and work our way round the village to Tyringham Hall where Sherry and Phil have very kindly invited us for refreshments. All donations will go to Crisis and Tearfund. For further details please contact Sonia Storey Sonia.storey1@btinternet.com. (Wearing hi-viz or similar is highly recommended. Younger children are very welcome but must be fully supervised due to the proximity to busy roads).



Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse

Bingo Night

Wednesday 25th
January

8pm

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

Over 18s only

Bernard Close, Cuddington, HP18 0AJ

The team at Village Voice wish to thank all its contributors and distributors for their input and support throughout the year.

Thanks must also go to everyone who has donated money to keep us in print.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2023 from Helen, Rachael & Kathy.

Thought for the month...

Astonishingly, once again it's Advent – and Christmas just around the corner! It may seem hard to remember that a year ago we were still in the fierce grip of a pandemic that has killed nearly 200,000 people in this country and millions worldwide.

If, like me, you were hoping our emergence from the pandemic would bring a fantastic return to normality, full of recovery and prosperity, well... we've all had to think again! It's been the year of three prime ministers, eye-watering inflation in even the most basic necessities of life, and a war in Europe that has already killed hundreds of thousands and displaced tens of millions – including some who have sought refuge right here among us in Aylesbury Vale.

Far from celebration and prosperity, darkness has seemed to have the upper hand in 2022. Putin's murderous war means the lights are out in Ukraine. And for too many in our own communities, keeping our lights on and our homes warm has suddenly become a massive challenge.

The lights were out in the village of Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, which was about as far from Kyiv as Cuddington is, a village a bit smaller than ours – and in a land which, like Ukraine, was occupied by a powerful and ruthless empire with seemingly endless power of destruction. The lights were out in Bethlehem as they are in Ukraine, and times were hard for the little people.

Christmas announces the amazing message of hope that just when the night was at its gloomiest, Jesus Christ was born: his everlasting light came to shine in the dark streets of Bethlehem. I wish us all a personal share in that hope - and with it a peaceful and very Merry Christmas in Cuddington.

Markus Bockmuehl



Services in December & January



4th December	Morning Worship; children's activities in Bernard Hall
11 th December	Nativity and Gift Service
18 th December	All-Age Holy Communion
24 th December	2pm – Crib Service
24 th December	7pm – Carol Service
25 th December	8am – Holy Communion
25 th December	10am – All-Age Morning Worship
1 st January	Benefice Holy Communion
8 th January	Holy Communion; children's activities in Bernard Hall
15 th January	All-Age Service
22 nd January	Morning Worship, children's activities in Bernard Hall
29 th January	All-Age Communion

Nativity & Gift Service

11th December, at 10.00AM
St. Nicholas Church



Aylesbury Women's Aid currently supports women and children in both their shelter and living in the community. Please show them God's loving kindness by sharing with them gifts, toys and treats which you can bring to this service (or leave at the back of the church if you are unable to attend).

What is required are toys, sweets and crafts for the children (ranging in age from babies to teenagers), toiletries for the women; and hats, scarves and gloves together with chocolates, or other edible luxuries for everyone. Please don't wrap the items, but gifts of wrapping paper, tags and Sellotape are needed.

A big thank you for supporting these women and children who have all had a really tough time.

Cuddington METHODIST CHURCH Christmas 2022

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2.30pm

Sing the Christmas story led by our visiting group of musicians and listen to Joseph give his side of the events.



Imagine if Joseph could tweet his friends as events unfolded each day – exciting!

A different way to explore the Christmas Story. Then share food, hot mulled apple and good fellowship.
JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Free for everyone!



Whether you are youngster, a teenager, new to the area, retired, there are books available to you free of charge at Haddenham Community Library.

The library is free to join, up to 20 books can be borrowed at any one time, including graphic novels! Being a member gives you access to online papers (from the UK and overseas!), audio-books; whatever your interest you will, no doubt, find a book on it – possibly on the shelf, but also on their website. You may have to reserve it (there is a small charge) and it may come from outside Bucks, but you will be amazed at the services offered.

Haddenham Community Library is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10.00 am until 5.00 pm; and Saturdays from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm.



News from the pub!

We are looking forward to hosting several Christmas Parties from now until 20 December. Our Christmas menu is available Wednesday – Saturday, we do still have some availability. Pre-booking required with menu choices and 20% deposit on booking. The full Christmas Menu is shown on the back page.

We also have some Festive entertainment

Monday 12 Dec - Charity Quiz 7:30pm

Saturday 17 Dec – The Haddenham Mummers

Wednesday 21 Dec approx 7pm – St Nicholas Church Carol Singers

Thursday 22 Dec - 7:30 pm The Witchert Chorale

Christmas Eve – 9:00pm – Nick Preston with some festive songs together with his usual set.

New Year Bank Holiday Monday – live music with Josh's family – celebrating his 30th birthday, others welcome to come and listen.

Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve 12pm – Midnight

Christmas Day 11am – 3 pm (latest)

Boxing Day 11am – 6pm

Bank Holiday Tuesday 12 – 9pm

Wednesday 12 – 11pm

Thursday 12 – 11pm

Friday 12 – 11pm

New Years Eve – 12 – 1AM

New Years Day 12 – 8pm

Bank Holiday Monday 3pm - 9pm

(Please note closing times may alter depending on custom – we cannot afford to keep an empty pub open)

Finally we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank those that have supported us throughout the year.

Tracy & Glyn



Gardening Club

Our meeting on 7th November included an interesting talk about the river Thames by Doug Kennedy. Doug described the journey of the river through our area, the habitats around it, the newly created wetlands at Eythrope, and concerns about pollution. The River Thames Conservation Trust, of which Doug is a member, has been crucial in addressing these concerns with Thames Water. We are very fortunate that there are organisations and individuals like Doug who are passionate about protecting our environment.

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. This should be a lively and fun evening with Ruriko and non-members are welcome to join us. Please let us know beforehand, as a small deposit will be needed.

The Gardening Club is still at risk due to low attendance.

Please support us if you can!

Keep warm in December by digging and pruning.

Open-grown apples and pears, not those grown against walls, can be pruned. Structures such as trellis should be checked as

Cuddington Fete 2023

Bee part of the buzz...



The theme for the 2023 fete has been agreed—BEES!

SO hang on to those yellow and black items in your wardrobe and dig out your 1980's deely boppers and you will fit right in on July 8th.

There will be a children's fancy dress competition for the best dressed bee; Queen Bee, worker bee, red bottomed bee (!) or busy bee with honeycomb delights as prizes.

We are also keen to involve any village GCSE or A Level artists to help us with the fete cut out board usually displayed on Upper Green to advertise the event. If you want to get creative and produce your first public artwork, we'd love to hear from you.

Likewise, if you are looking for some voluntary work as part of your Duke of Edinburgh Award, we can support your certificate whilst you help us with preparations.



Get in touch cuddington.fete@gmail.com

And thanks to Caroline Stoneham for her beautiful fete theme suggestion!



Methodist Church

Weekly service

Everyone is welcome

10:30am Sunday mornings

in Cuddington

See our noticeboard for all other activities



Cuddington

Matinee

Cinema



On Monday 9th January in the Bernard Hall, Cuddington at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm) the family drama 'The Railway Children Return' will be shown.

This nostalgic, amiable sequel to the 1970 film, 'The Railway Children' stars Jenny Agutter, Sheridan Smith, Tom Courtenay and John Bradley.

Entry £7 Sunshine Club members £5) includes tea and cake at the interval.



these can be damaged by cold, wet and windy conditions. Shrubs can still be planted and transplanted and the ground mulched. Outdoor taps should be insulated, and ponds prevented from freezing.

Watering of houseplants can be reduced. Finally, a very Happy Christmas and New Year from everyone at Cuddington Gardening Club.

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Greener Cuddington

In November, a local organisation called Thame COP (thamecop@wildpearcic.co.uk) put on an excellent evening of films and discussion much of which focused on 'Restorative Agriculture', or 'Regenerative Agriculture'. Since the 2nd World War the UK's natural habitats and wildlife have been severely depleted by intensive agriculture and urbanisation to the extent that we have lost almost all of our wildflower meadows and ancient woodlands, our peat lands are under severe stress and 15 percent of wild species are in danger of extinction and most are in decline.

This has been recognised by our government, although action to address it has lagged behind to the extent that the government has accepted that it has broken its own environmental legislation. However there has been some progress with public acknowledgement of the problems and action by individual landowners and farmers in giving nature a chance on their land. The most radical of these is probably the Knepp Estate in Sussex which initiated 'rewilding' in England, described in Isabella Tree's excellent book, 'Wilding', where 3,500 acres of average quality land that was intensively farmed has been allowed to revert to a sort of natural state. It has been very successful, but obviously is not something that could be allowed to happen in very many of our farms as it could jeopardise food production.

However, one of the lessons we are learning is that, if you respect nature, work with it, and give wildlife a chance to thrive on a farm, it need not have a negative effect on food production and can improve the longer term viability and fertility of the land. Restorative Agriculture is not absolute nor prescriptive, but its adoption can start to:

Reverse topsoil degradation (a World-wide problem) so improving natural fertility.

Bring back birds, insects, wildflowers and other species so restoring a natural balance.

Greatly reduce pollution from agriculture through using no poisons and much less artificial fertiliser.

Reduce CO2 and methane production and store carbon in soils and woodlands.

Reduce water consumption and loss.



In Cuddington, we are very fortunate that Waddesdon Estates manage much of the arable land around the village as they have been developing restorative agriculture systems for several years now. The Estate no longer ploughs land before seeding it, nor are herbicides spread on the land. Then as the crops grow, insecticides and fungicides are kept to the minimum. These, and other, measures mean that wildlife can thrive without being poisoned, and what they are finding is that nature takes care of itself to quite a large extent. That is, pests are far less likely to take over and destroy crops because they are controlled naturally as part of the ecosystem. Even black grass is found to be less of a problem.

Overall, what Waddesdon is finding is that whilst yields from the land are somewhat lower, profitability is up! This is because they don't have to buy expensive chemicals nor large machines to spread it.

This should have a very positive effect on nature around the village and in our River Thames, and the reduction in the use of poisons should have a dramatic positive effect on soils, waterways and the air.

Do explore our local farms and see how the land is managed, but please do stick to the footpaths and respect crops and wildlife strips.

Doug Kennedy

New Year Yoga!

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 an arm-up, self-massage, and a set of exercises from simple to complex and is suitable for all levels. For more info contact Elaine English on 07947 494 724 Hope you can come!



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... Thank you so much for support of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust. Hope you can come. Rose, Pippa, and Elaine 07947 494 724



**Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
& Oxfordshire
Wildlife Trust**



Carols at Christmas

Thame Chamber Choir
directed by Duncan Aspden

Saturday 17 December
St Mary's Church, Thame

4:30 PM: Afternoon performance
with Thame Children's Choir

7:30 PM: Candlelight performance

Carols and festive music by candlelight, served with mince pies and mulled wine.

Tickets:
From The Book House
on Thame High Street
or online from
WeGotTickets.com

www.thamechamberchoir.org

tcc2.org.uk

Alice Miller (1903-1995) was born in Buckingham but as a baby came with her family to live in Cuddington. She was the daughter of Albert and Annie Woodford. Albert was the landlord of The Crown from 1905 – 1943. Alice attended the village school, leaving at 13. In 1923 she married Arthur George Allen Miller who was a builder. The couple moved to 'Milford' on Holly Tree Lane in 1928 and Alice lived there for the rest of her life. Alice and Arthur had a son, Derek, who followed in his father's footsteps as a builder.

Alice not only described details of her childhood but also in 1991, wrote a brief account of her early life entitled "The Village of Cuddington of a Bygone Age". This source enables aspects of the story of her childhood to be told as well as giving us a picture of the village in the early 20th century.

Many of her early memories centre on The Crown. She was proud that her grandparents, before her parents, kept The Crown. In fact the Woodford family were landlords from 1887 to 1943. She remembered The Crown as a dark place which at peak times became vibrant, noisy and crowded. As she grew older she was responsible for scrubbing the stone flag floors in the morning. Water had to be taken from a nearby well. She vividly recalled the stale beer smell as she washed glasses and cleaned the hearth and prepared for the next fire. She remembered how the drinkers would rap on the partition wall when they wanted their glasses refilled. Alice said that an evening in the warmth and companionship was very popular for the village men. Indoor games – dominoes, darts, cribbage, cards and shove penny – were a welcome relaxation after a hard day's work in the fields. Alice wrote with nostalgia about the handbell ringers who performed in the tap room just before Christmas. Another of her vivid memories was the groups of men who would have a drink before "birding". Nets were strung over hedges in Kent's field and Dirty Lane to trap the unfortunate birds. The "bird pies" were very tasty. Alice also recalled the sight of Aylesbury Brewery Company draymen who brought the wooden barrels of beer on a horse drawn cart. A fish and chip seller visited The Crown yard each autumn to buy surplus potatoes from villagers, grown on the allotments. Alice commented that most village women did not visit The Crown. Those who did were usually older villagers who often entered by the back door and gathered in the kitchen.

Alice said that she had memories of the part played in her childhood by Colonel and Mrs Higgins of Winchendon Abbey. At each Christmas before the First World War Mrs Higgins gave a tea party and a present to all the school children. Alice particularly recalls receiving a beautiful doll. On another May Day festival Alice told how the village children went to the vicarage in the morning with garlands of flowers for Rev Alford and his wife. Each child was given an orange and a bun. In the afternoon the children processed to Nether Winchendon to meet Mrs Higgins.

All curtsied and sang songs and gave garlands to her. Alice remarked, "This was a high day for us all". She spoke of the benign influence of the Bernard family who owned most of the land and houses in the village. Each summer the children were taken by the vicar for a trip – usually in the Chilterns. Alice recalls how Rev Alford would take a service on Sunday in Cuddington, then walk to the church in Nether Winchendon for a 3.00pm service. His wife would play the organ. They also ran the Sunday School. Every Saturday the vicar visited the sick in the two villages. Alice also recalled how Mrs Higgins

would drive up from the Abbey in a carriage. Villagers would curtsy to her and open the gate. She would then drive to The Crown, rap on a window and ask for a bottle of

spirits to be taken to sick villagers. A doctor visited the village on one morning a week and set up surgery in a cottage on the Upper Green.

Mr and Mrs Bernard of Cheersley House organised an Empire Day celebration for all the school children in the area over 7 years old. This was a red letter day. Songs were sung round a Union Jack flag after a service in Cheersley Church. Races were followed by a welcome tea. Alice declared this regular event before World War One as "great fun" especially the patriotic songs which included 'Land of Hope and Glory', 'Soldiers of the King' and 'Your King and Country Need You'. Alice recalled the 'Old Forge' on the Upper Green where horses were shod. The rosy glow of the fire was a striking sight. At the beginning of World War One all owners of more than one horse had to bring their animals to parade on the

Upper Green. She stated that "The army had their pick of what they wanted for the war effort". Her uncle, Bert Webb, had two horses and one was requisitioned. He ran a carrier business taking passengers on his wagon to Aylesbury for one shilling. He also had a second occupation – he sold rabbits for one shilling each. A penny was returned for the skin. Alice also spoke of the Robin Hood band dressed in red and green uniforms. Modestly she did not add that her father, who was also skilled as a tailor, made the uniforms. On August Bank Holidays the band processed around the village with great ceremony.

Her memoir concludes with an account of the dedication of the war memorial in the churchyard in 1920 with the Robin Hood band again in attendance. As a shy young woman she attended the ceremony with her husband-to-be, being only too aware of the glances of interest among the villagers this provoked. Three years later, aged 20, she married Arthur. She continued to assist her parents in The Crown until they retired. Apart from being a fine source for village history, Alice was very hospitable. One memory I have of her is enjoying a glass of her home-made sloe gin at Christmas. She had a great affection for the village and her memories truly provide us with a glimpse into "a bygone age".

Peter Wenham

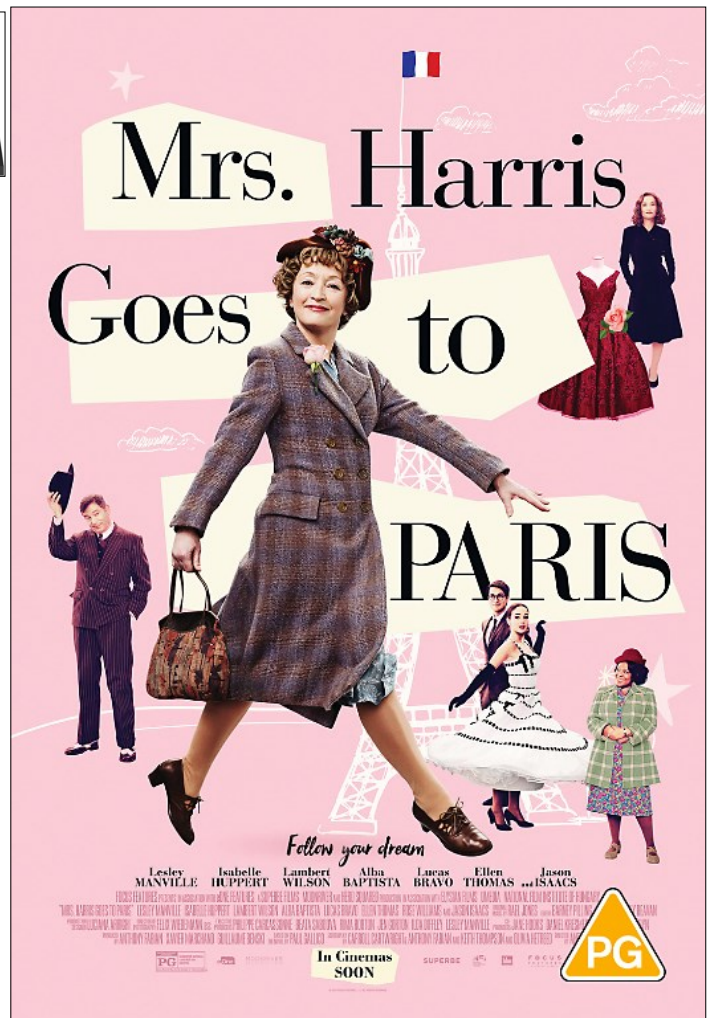
A Village Childhood - Alice in Cuddington



THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON

We have no film screenings scheduled for December, but the Village Picture House programme for 2023 starts on Thursday 12th January with a really feel-good title to banish the winter blues: **Mrs Harris Goes To Paris** (cert. PG). Lesley Manville plays Ada, a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London, who thinks her lonely life might turn around if she can become the owner of a couture Christian Dior gown. Saying goodbye to her friends won't be easy, and neither will be winning over the elite people in Paris. But Ada's irrepressible charm just might end up saving the whole House of Dior in this heart-warming story of how an ordinary woman becomes an extraordinary inspiration by daring to follow her dreams. "Lesley Manville is on excellent form in this sweet-natured Cinderella tale," says *The Guardian*. "Lesley Manville is a powerhouse performer ... a feather light, feel-good comedy," says *The Times*. "Charming ... a sweet treat with a side order of socialism," says the *Evening Standard*.

Then on 19th January our feature will be **Emily** (cert. 15). The film imagines the transformative, exhilarating, and uplifting journey to womanhood of Emily Brontë: a rebel, a misfit and one of the world's most famous, enigmatic, and provocative writers who died too soon at the age of 30. The film explores the relationships that inspired her: her raw, passionate sisterhood with Charlotte and Anne, her first aching, forbidden love for Weightman and her care for her maverick brother whom she idolises. Emma Mackey (*Sex Education*, *Death on the Nile*) stars. "Emma Mackey is remarkable as Emily Brontë



in this virtuoso literary biopic," says *The Times*. "This sensitive Brontë biopic is a thrillingly unconventional watch," says *The Guardian*.

On the 26th we'll be showing the National Theatre's contemporary new staging of **The Crucible** (cert. TBA) captured live from the Olivier Stage at the National. A witch hunt is beginning in Arthur Miller's captivating parable of power, with Erin Doherty (*The Crown*) and Brendan Cowell (*Yerma*). "Erin Doherty confirms herself as one of our finest young actresses in a magnificent restaging of the 1953 American classic," says *The Telegraph*. "A five-star scorcher," says the *Sunday Times*. "Lyndsey Turner's take on *The Crucible* is full of good ideas and atmospheric flourishes," says *Time Out*. "Erin Doherty lights up the stage in this fresh revival," says the *Evening Standard*.

Looking ahead to February, on the 2nd we'll be screening **The Lost King**, the true story of the amateur historian behind the discovery of King Richard III's remains in 2012 after they had been lost for 500 years. On the 9th, our film will be **Fisherman's Friends: One And All** which follows the celebrated shanty singers from Port Isaac as they battle the dreaded "curse of the second album". On the 16th, we'll be showing **Ticket To Paradise** starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts as a divorced couple who travel to Bali to stop their daughter from making the same mistake they think they made 25 years ago. Then on the 23rd we have **Othello**, the National Theatre's extraordinary new production of Shakespeare's most enduring tragedy.

Visit the web page for more details of all features:

www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema

Dates for your Diary



December

Monday 5 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club
Wednesday 7 th , 8.00pm	Bring and Buy, Tyringham Hall
Saturday 10 th , 2.30pm	Bookworms Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 12 th , 1.00pm	Community Choir Concert and Singalong, St. Nicholas Church
Tuesday 13 th , 2.30pm	Sunshine Club Christmas Lunch, Bernard Hall
Saturday 17 th , 5.00pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 21 st	The Fine Young Cuddingtons, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 27 th , 7.00pm	Carol Singing around the village
	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

January

Monday 9 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 12 th , 8.00pm	'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris' , Village Picture House
Thursday 19 th , 8.00pm	'Emily' , Village Picture House
Monday 23 rd , 1.30pm	Cuddington Matinee Cinema, 'The Railway Children Return'
Thursday 26 th , 7.00pm	NT Live 'The Crucible' , Village Picture House
Tuesday 31 st , 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

And every Friday, at 10.00am, also in termtime, 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 – www.cuddingtonvillage.com

Twelve words of Christmas wordsearch

by Ava Barnard

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Advent Angel Star Candy cane
Bauble Nativity Bethlehem Present
Stocking Turkey Mistletoe Father Christmas

Fine Young Cuddingtons present

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CUDDINGTONS

Live Music at the Cuddington Social Club
Saturday 17th December from 6:00pm

White Christmas / Jingle Bell Rock / Driving Home for Christmas / Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer / Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas / All I Want for Christmas is You / Last Christmas / I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday / Jingle Bells / Fairytale of NY / Booking Around the Christmas Tree / Merry Christmas Everyone / Christmas Wrapping / Santa Claus Is Coming to Town / Merry Christmas Everybody / Winter Wonderland / Step into Christmas / Do they know its Christmas

Despite a very blustery start to the second half of the Autumn term we have already had lots of visitors to the school. Staff came from Quainton School to look at how we organised our teaching and curriculum. Our staff and children made them very welcome. We also had four Oxford Brookes students start their two-week phonics placement at the Infant site as well as a trainee teacher in year 6 who will be staying with us until 12th December.

We had a visit from Helen Smith, Early Years adviser from Bucks, who was delighted with the changes to the Foundation classroom and outside area. She noted the changes had made a significant difference to the learning environment and the children were thriving.

Earth Day was celebrated by staff and children with a selection of learning activities: finding out about sea turtles, creating seascapes, effects of overfishing and coral reefs. The year 1&2 children had a fantastic time at Quainton Railway Museum. More recently the collective worship theme has been on Remembrance and the children have shown great respect for the subject. The culmination of this was the services at the war memorials in Cuddington and Dinton Churches. We were very happy to welcome Mr Caudren and Mr Clifton in their uniforms, to both occasions. It was also lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and other family members joining us. As ever, the children were superbly behaved. Please [click here](#) to see our Junior pupils commemorating Remembrance.

We are now looking forward to the festive season with all the joy and magic it brings to the children!

Mrs Price & Mrs Spencer (Chair of Governors)



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<u>Denise, Hairdressing</u>	Tel: 01844 291277
<u>D H Speer, Heating & Plumbing</u>	Tel: 07720 826374
<u>F J Wilson, Funeral Directors</u>	Tel: 01844 291200
<u>Haddenham Carpets</u>	Tel: 01844 291591
<u>Hampden Veterinary Hospital</u>	Tel: 01296 745372
<u>Ivor Miles Garage, Haddenham</u>	Tel: 01844 291263
<u>Ken Ryder, Decorator</u>	Tel: 07952 431487
<u>Kirsty Boughton, Beautician</u>	Tel: 07912 065240
<u>Bucks Cycle Repair</u>	Tel: 07749 425543
<u>Limesmith, Plaster & Render</u>	Tel: 07711 372694
<u>M J Radwell, Quality Carpentry</u>	Tel: 01844 291032
<u>Pam's Bake House, Cakes</u>	Tel: 07786 918341
<u>Risboro Garage</u>	Tel: 01844 274330
<u>Thame Therapy Clinic</u>	Tel: 01844 215555
<u>The Crown, Cuddington</u>	Tel: 01844 299255
<u>Windmill Windows</u>	Tel: 01844 237070
<u>Print World</u>	Tel: 01296 434666
<u>Pearson Insurance</u>	Tel: 01844 260936



Christmas Menu at The Crown

Starters

Heart warming butternut squash and sweet potato soup
Field Mushroom stuffed with caramelised red onion and goats cheese
Festive Salmon and Dill fishcakes served with Tartare Sauce
Rich Andennes pate with toast and cranberry chutney

Mains

Traditional Turkey Roast with all the trimmings
Mouthwatering pan fried Monk Fish wrapped in parma ham
with herby crushed new potatoes and seasonal vegetables
Slow cooked shoulder of lamb served with creamy rosemary
mashed potato, seasonal vegetables and red wine jus
Mediterranean vegetable linguini with basil pesto, parmesan
cheese and garlic bread

Desserts

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce
Tempting Tiramisu
Baileys Cheesecake with vanilla ice cream
Strawberry and Prosecco Truffle

Mince Pie and Coffee

2 courses £24.95 3 courses £29.95

What did the snowman say to the
other snowman?
Can you smell carrots...



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