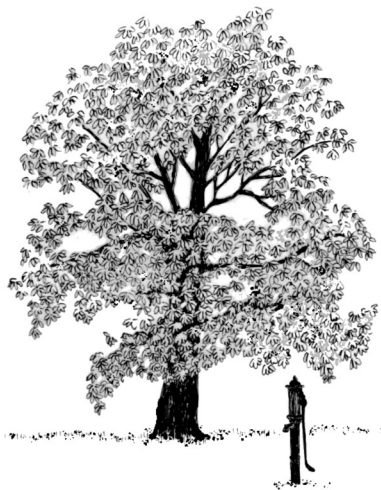




Cuddington Village Voice

April 2023



Coronation Celebration

Sunday 7th May 1pm
Cuddington Playing Fields

Bring your own picnic and enjoy it under our large marquee. Bar open, tea, coffee and cake on offer. Games and music too!

Then onto The Crown for further fun from 6pm including crowning our village King & Queen



Good from Ofsted!

We are delighted to share with you the report from our Ofsted inspection in January 2023.

We remain a Good school!

As it was an ungraded inspection, the purpose was to check that the school remains good, and it was not possible to change the grading at this inspection.

The staff and Governors are delighted with the outcome and the report.

The inspection team clearly understood what is important at Cuddington and Dinton School and this is reflected well in the report.

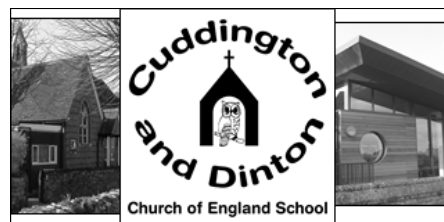
I have copied the opening paragraph of the report below.

'Leaders and staff have high expectations and aspire for every pupil to 'let their light shine'. Pupils live up to these aspirations. They love learning, try their best and are thriving in this happy, village school. Pupils understand the importance of learning and know that this holds the key to future success in life.'

On a personal note, I couldn't have hoped for a more fitting end to my time as Headteacher at Cuddington and Dinton School. (I don't leave until the end of the school year).

Yours, Kim Price
Headteacher

Vicky Shenton
Chair of Governors



May Day Bank Holiday Weekend
with
The Witchert Chorale
Directed by David Quinn
& **Golgotha Kantorei (Berlin)**
Directed by Ben Cruchley



All the details at
www.witchert.org.uk

Concert at St Mary's
Haddenham
Sun 30 April 6.30pm

Madrigals on Mon 1 May
St Mary's Church
Long Crendon 8.30am
&
St Nicholas' Church
Cuddington 9.45am

Christian Aid Week in Cuddington

The Turkish earthquake has obviously triggered many charities to get involved with the urgent supply of medicine, food and fresh drinking water to those desperate for immediate aid. Christian aid as one of the Disaster Emergency Charities is no exception but it is also involved in longer term sustainable aid projects, such as rolling out vaccination clinics.

14th-20th May 2023



This year the focus is on the impact of growing crops like peas that are more resilient to the climate crisis, can restore soil fertility and provide opportunities for business skills to be learnt in marketing co-operatives.

Over the years, as a village, we have consistently raised about £2,000 for this Charity through a variety of sociable activities. 2022 was no exception and, as well the Madrigal donations, our popular bring and buy plant sale, and the introduction of our own e-envelope, we exceeded our target.

This year as well as the plant sale, we are planning a Family service and a village quiz trail. (Angela and Charles Sanderson would be very grateful for your donations of hardy perennials as well as fruit and vegetable plants in due course). Thanks to our willing volunteers there will be the opportunity to give through the traditional house to house envelope scheme as well as the increasingly popular electronic envelope.

If you would like to help please contact Caroline Stonham (caroline@holymans.co.uk)

May Day Madrigals

On May morning (Monday 1st) at 9.45am, the Witchert Chorale will be singing madrigals from St. Nicholas church tower and in the church.

Thought for the month...

Spring is such a relief.

The long dark nights of winter are such a drain on us emotionally and physically. The longer evenings, warming sun, the blossom, and leaves on the trees bring us such joy.

They remind us that there is the power to change. But there are still so many difficult things in the world. The news at home and abroad does not seem to get any better and even governments of all colours seem powerless in the face of events.

The sense of powerlessness can itself sap our energy. If we can't see a way to change, we give up and do nothing.

When we feel powerless, we need to remind ourselves of the Easter story. The weird thing is that God in Jesus embraced powerlessness as an alternative to revenge. The cycle of hate was broken by an act of forgiveness. This, in turn, became a powerful act. Resurrection is the answer to hopelessness.

We can draw on that inspiration to find a way to turn around the most difficult of situations and change the world for good. Think about that as successive flowers open their blooms bringing colour to our village. There is always hope.

Phil Groves



River Thame Talk

All along the backwater,
Through the rushes tall,
Ducks are a-dabbling,
Up tails all! (Ratty)
Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

On Wednesday 15th March, an eager audience gathered in The Bernard Hall to hear Doug Kennedy and two project officers from the River Thame Conservation Trust present the great work that has been done over the past 10 year towards the ecological recovery of the River Thame and its catchment. They also enlightened the audience regarding the reality of the challenges faced by our waterways nationally. The campaign to Save The River Thame started in 2014 following disastrous pollution from Aylesbury sewage works that killed all the fish, for which Thames Water were fined £20 million. 'Our' stretch of river fits into the larger River Thame catchment including tributaries, brooks and streams which runs from Tring to the River Thames at Dorchester. The Trust and many groups and volunteers like Doug, with the support of Waddesdon Estates, Thames Water and the Freshwater Habitats Trust continue to engage landowners, monitor the water quality, and carry through projects to improve the wildlife habitats along the river. In recent times, these partners have created four wetlands along the Thame in Bucks at Aylesbury, Eythrope, Waterstock and Manor Farm Chearsley. These are providing great habitat for wildlife, especially for migrating birds to use as a stop off on their journeys. We heard about the fish, flora and fauna and the many bird species supported by the river. It was inspiring to learn that England has the largest concentration of chalk streams in the world – yes in the world - and that the River Thame is fed by chalk springs below the Chilterns from Watlington to Chinnor and Wendover.

St Nicholas, Cuddington

Wychert Vale

Welcome

Worshipping God
Serving Community
Sharing Life



Services in April

2nd April	Palm Sunday - All-Age Communion
9th April	Easter - All-Age Communion
16th April	All-Age Service
23rd April	Holy Communion; children's activities in BH
30th April	All-Age Holy Communion

However, there are 33 sewage treatment works in the Thame catchment, and although these are being better managed than previously, they are still part of the national problem of sending sewage into the waterways.

There are many challenges to restoring the river to a pristine state, including agricultural, industrial and road run-off, mink which predate on other native wildlife, and the damage to riverbanks and nesting birds caused by dogs. However, the state of our river has improved enormously since 2014 through the work of the River Thame Conservation Trust and its allies and with the increased interest locally and nationally, we can look to a better future.

If you would be interested in helping our river and fancy wading in rivers, or you are lucky enough to see wildlife, such as a kingfisher, please get in touch by emailing chelsea@riverthame.org or go to <https://riverthame.org/>. Thanks to Doug, Andy and Chelsea for an engaging and important talk. Rachael Barnard

News from Palestine



My recent trip to Palestine was fascinating, hugely informative, at times very emotional - and I am just so glad I went. I learned a great deal about the people, the politics and just how so many Palestinians are refugees in their own country, more of which below.

Our ABCD team stayed in Bethlehem, just off Manger Square and next-door to the Church of the Nativity, to which I went for a Sunday service – very special. Our all-too-short visit began with a day in Jerusalem, a drive of about 25 minutes for any Israelis who wish to make the journey, but for our coach with a Palestinian Muslim driver we had to take the long route, and queue for nearly an hour to get through the checkpoint before we could continue on to Jerusalem.



We quickly discovered that there are many checkpoints on the roads the Palestinians have to use, and these can be closed at any time (on an Israeli whim) so that there are times when children cannot get to school, adults cannot get to work etc, etc. Suffice to say that the terms of the Balfour Declaration, and the agreements reached after the second World War are certainly not being honoured.

So, into Jerusalem we went with our excellent guide, who made all the Holy sites we visited become so meaningful as he read relevant passages from the Bible. It was a long and busy day, beginning at The Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane before going into the middle of the city. We had to remind ourselves that Christ lived over 2,000 years ago, so what was perhaps open countryside, or at least a relatively small city, is now covered in buildings, so there is no such thing as “A Green Hill Far Away”!

However, there is a church on the site of the crucifixion, as there are on all the important Holy sites, and we visited all of these during the morning. After a brief break for lunch, we followed the Stations of the Cross, some now positioned in a busy undercover bazaar with the most enticing stalls selling dates, olives, nuts, spices etc, but sadly no time to stop! The last four Stations lie within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre: according to tradition, it contains the site where Christ was crucified and also the tomb in which He was buried and where the Resurrection took place. Our day ended at the Wailing Wall from where we had a good view of The Temple Mount and the golden Dome of the Rock.

This site has been held sacred in Judaism, Christianity and Islam for thousands of years.

And so to the day of the Marathon, which conveniently started in Manger Square. There was a large number of competitors with even more supporters, loud music and a general air of carnival!



All my walking practice certainly stood me in good stead as the route was entirely on hard roads, sometimes rough and stony, and with quite a few steep uphill climbs and downhill stretches. I felt a great sense of achievement as I crossed the finishing line (at walking pace and only half the full distance I hasten to add!) and was awarded my commemorative medal – a permanent reminder of why I went and of all those who were kind enough to sponsor me: my heartfelt thanks to you all. At the time of writing our team has raised over £20,000 for ABCD, and having visited one of the rehabilitation centres, which we did the following day, I know that every penny will be put to good use.

The second part of this article will appear in next month's edition. However, **I will be giving an illustrated talk about my visit on Sunday 16th April at 12.00 noon in St Nicholas Church, Cuddington, so do please come along and learn more about the work of ABCD.** *Angela Sanderson*

Royal British Legion

Cuddington Poppy Collection Figures for 2022/23

The poppy collections for 2022-23 so far this year are as follows; Some gift aid and money paid directly to the British Legion will be added later this year:

Cuddington House to House and	£750.27
Gift Aid	£144.00
Donation from St. Nicholas Church	£156.00
Donation from Cuddington PC	£65.00
The Crown Inn	£31.61
Village shop	£52.04
Denise Hair	£50.49
Donation from C&D School	
Infant School	£54.16
Junior School	£109.16
Money for Wreaths	£48.00
	<u>£211.32</u>

Total amount collected by Cuddington £1460.73

Cuddington's Annual Bird Watch

This will be the 12th year of our Cuddington Vertebrate Watch (it's mostly birds) and I hope that we will have participants from all parts of the village. Over the years a small core team of watchers has developed, but we very much welcome new people, and taking part is easy. It simply involves making a note of the birds, mammals and amphibians that visit your garden, or an area of your choosing, during the weekend of May 13th-14th.

I provide guidance and a recording form which is returned to me so that I can create a report.

There is no doubt that the composition of bird species in and around the village is changing gradually, but it will be particularly interesting to see if bird flu has had any effect on our survey. At this time, we would particularly like to know if any hedgehogs are about, and also confirmation that tree sparrows (as opposed to house sparrows) are present.

We'd like to know if you have frogs, toads, newts, grass snakes or any wild mammals which visit your garden as well as birds. *We have lost a couple of our best recorders as they have moved away, so we really need volunteers from Dadbrook and Bernard Close, Spickett's Lane and Frog Lane.*

Help is available for identification, if needed, through the RSPB web site and I, and the team, can always answer questions. If interested, please send an email to me at doug@doug-kennedy.com. Doug Kennedy



News from the pub!

We had another successful charity quiz in March raising £235 for the Alzheimers Society for Aylesbury and Buckingham. Our next quiz is on Monday 3 April. We have handed over the setting of this quiz to Angela and Charles Sanderson. We will be raising money for the Women's Refuge. Donations for raffle prizes gratefully received. Please do ring on 01844 299255 to book your table, we have a few places left.

With Easter almost upon us (where has this year gone?!), we will be offering our fish and chip supper for £10 on Good Friday (eat-in or takeaway). On Easter Monday we will be bringing back the pizzas from 4 – 8 pm, and again eat-in or takeaway.

On Saturday 15 April – Charles is helping again with our 'Call my Bluff' wine tasting. Tickets on sale now £10 per person. This includes your wine and charcuterie.

We are excited to introduce Live Music on Saturday 22 April. Beth will be performing her acoustic set from 8:30pm.

Looking forwards to May you will see that we are **Crowning the Cuddington King and Queen on Sunday 7 May. A vote will be taken on the night - but please get your nominations posted at the pub or the playing fields club. Who do you think deserves to be King or Queen of Cuddington? Someone that helps out in the community, is always there helping at village events or someone that has Cuddington at their heart?**

Just one rule; the person(s) nominated must live in Cuddington.

Finally we are starting to take bookings for the Crown Golf Day on Tuesday 30 May, playing for the John Hockaday Cup. More details available on posters at the pub. Cheers, Tracy & Glyn

CUDDINGTON FETE

Kindly sponsored by Rectory Homes

SATURDAY 8TH JULY

from upper to lower green and in between!

**PLEASE CAN YOU HELP BY
DONATING TO THE FOLLOWING STALLS...**

DENISE'S BAGS & BEADS - Handbags, jewellery, beads, bangles and scarves.

Please leave with Denise at the Hairdressers

BOOKS - Fiction. Good condition please.

Drop off to Rachael Barnard at Bridgeway House.

BOTTLE TOMBOLA - Wine, Spirits & cordials.

Drop off to Laura Ewers, 5 Swan Hill Cottages.

PLANTS & GARDENING - Labelled flowers, veg, houseplants, decorative pots, tools.

Everything welcome.

Drop off to Carol Hayward at Two Shoes, Frog Lane or bring on the morning of the fete.

TUG OF WAR - We need volunteers for both the men's and women's teams to take on Dinton village.

Please contact: Men - Nick Jones via CPFC

Women - Amy Davis via CPFC

GRANTS AVAILABLE

This fete is organised BY the village FOR the village. If you would like your local charity group/organisation to be considered a beneficiary of this year's fete, we are inviting grant applications for funding/ support.

Please email cuddington.fete@gmail.com

News From The Playing Fields

There is a lot coming up at the Playing Fields and Clubhouse over the next couple of months! So here is a quick breakdown of what is scheduled so far. More events to be added as we confirm them, so please keep an eye on the website and Facebook page.

April

1st April sees the return of our indoor (carpet) bowls night. All equipment is provided, simply come along and have a go! As usual the clubhouse bar will open from 5pm, with Howe & Co Fish & Chips paying us a visit at around 6pm. Bowling will commence at 8pm. We kindly ask that all children have left before the bowling starts. Free entry!

5th April is our monthly Book Club. We are not one of those groups where everyone reads the same thing, quite the contrary in fact! All welcome, just turn up with your latest read and be prepared to give a quick overview. If you are just curious but haven't read anything lately, then do feel free to join and you might pick up some book recommendations along the way.

May

On 7th May we will be celebrating the King's Coronation by way of a picnic and a party at the Playing Fields. As per the Jubilee, we will have a large marquee decked out for the occasion. There will be a large cake courtesy of Pam's Bake House, games, music and the bar will be open from 1pm – 6pm. Please bring your own picnic and enjoy the afternoon with your fellow villagers.

11th May Swishing returns! This is the latest craze in ethical shopping. Instead of sending good quality clothes to landfill, why not recycle them and grab yourself a new outfit along the way?

It's like Vinted, but you get to see the items and try things on! £10 will get you a glass of prosecco and 5 items of your choice with the option to buy more as needed.



Join the latest craze in ethical shopping!

SWISHING!

Thursday 11th May 2023
7pm - 9pm

Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse

Tickets £10 per person
Includes 5 vouchers to exchange for 5 items and a glass of fizz! Options to purchase more items!

Don't delay, if you would like to purchase a ticket for this event please contact Mandy or Lorraine:

mandy_spencer@hotmail.com or 07535 628 089
Lorraine: lray1965@hotmail.com or 07736 698 627

To donate items of clothing please either contact Mandy or Lorraine or pop along to the clubhouse on Weds 10th May between 6-9pm

For tickets contact Mandy on mandy_spencer@hotmail.com or 07535 628 089 OR Lorraine Ray on lray1965@hotmail.com or 07736 698 627

To drop off any items for donation, please come along to the clubhouse on 10th May between 6-9pm. Clothes need to be clean and in a saleable condition.

Finally, a quick reminder of our usual bar opening hours:

Friday 5-10pm

Saturday 5-8pm (Howe & Co visit approx. 6pm)

Sunday 3-5pm

Once again, a massive thank you to everyone who volunteers or uses the playing fields clubhouse and bar. As a volunteer run charity, we are really grateful for all your support which is securing our future.

The Big Walk & Superhero Mile

This year's Pace BIG Walk routes will take in the ancient Ridgeway Trail.

There is a choice of 18m, 12m, 6m or The Superhero Mile routes.

There is something to suit all ages and abilities. This is a great opportunity to set yourself a challenge for 2023 and have some outdoor fun. By taking part in the BIG Walk, you will not only have the opportunity to explore this beautiful countryside in a completely unique way, but you will also be helping us to provide life changing support to babies, children and young people with neurodisabilities.

To sign up visit <https://thepacecentre.org/event/the-big-walk/>



Pace

The Big Walk

Step up and make a difference

Walk for Pace and make a huge difference to our inspirational children, who face mobility challenges every single day.

22nd April

Three routes:
18, 12 and 6 miles along the ancient Ridgeway.

Sign up today at
thepacecentre.org/event/the-big-walk/

Email kelly.houghton@thepacecentre.org | thepacecentre.org | [@thepacecentre](https://www.facebook.com/thepacecentre)

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The Impact of Light Pollution

By Claudia Walduck,

If we were to travel back over 100 years and step outside on any clear night, we would easily observe the Milky Way and thousands of stars arching right across the sky. It's easy to imagine how our distant ancestors looked up in awe at this starry vista and to ask the first questions about our place in this universe.

However, since the invention of the electric light bulb and rapid urbanisation the majority of people now only see the very brightest stars set against an artificial sky glow, taking away our important natural heritage. The presence of excessive artificial light is called light pollution and comes in various forms including light spill onto neighbouring properties, or light glare, where a bright unshielded light dazzles pedestrians and drivers; much of this light being directed up into the sky. New research published in the journal *Science* reveals that light pollution is increasing by 10% annually and mostly caused by poor domestic external lighting (UK Institute of Lighting Engineers). There is growing evidence that artificial lighting has a significant negative impact on our daily living including **health**. Life on Earth has evolved over millions of years alongside the natural day/night cycles. The increasing use of artificial light has altered this normal rhythm (circadian rhythm) with significant consequences. In humans, excessive artificial light causes poor circadian regulation which causes fatigue, loss of attention, memory impairment, reduced cognition, mental health issues. In addition, it suppresses the production of the hormone Melatonin which can impact our immune system, increases the risk of developing cancer, cardio-vascular disease, and diabetes. Such is the concern, in the US the American Medical Association has voted to control light pollution, classing it as a public-health hazard.

Economic Cost: About one third of exterior lighting in Europe is wasted through light misdirection, costing 2 billion Euros annually (European Dark Sky Association). This also contributes to global warming.

Crime: The common assumption that brighter lights will deter criminals is incorrect. A recent reduction in external lighting by councils, has seen the exact opposite, a reduction in crime rates; after all external lighting helps people to see, including criminals. Lights that are too bright and not shielded create glare and very dark shadows. The glare makes it difficult for people to see clearly and the dark shadows are perfect for criminals to hide in. Lower intensity, shielded lights, are far more effective.

Environmental. Artificial lighting has a direct impact on wildlife. Globally, millions of birds die needlessly every year, becoming disorientated, and crashing into brilliantly lit structures. Artificial lighting can extend the day for songbirds, limiting their sleep, impacting their fitness and breeding efficiency. Some 60% of insects are nocturnal, and artificial lighting can disrupt their mating, feeding, breeding cycles, and navigation. A third of nocturnal insects exposed to artificial light will also be killed through direct contact. Such fatalities has significant consequences, as these insects are an important food source e.g. bats, but also important pollinators. Visits to plants by insects in some areas are reduced by 62% because of artificial lighting.

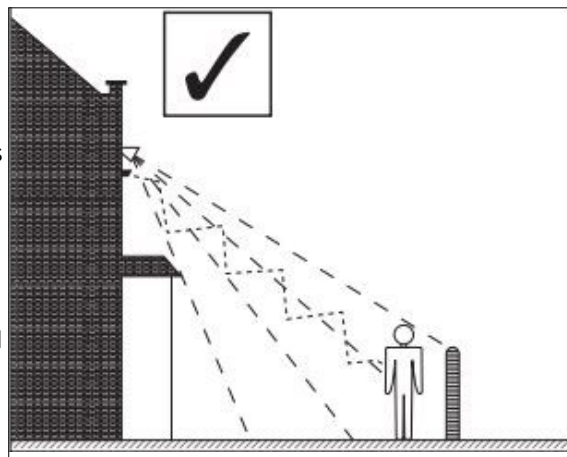
If you need to use external lighting then please adopt good lighting practice, which means:

Keep its use to a minimum. Turn it off when not required or use a motion sensor to limit its duration.

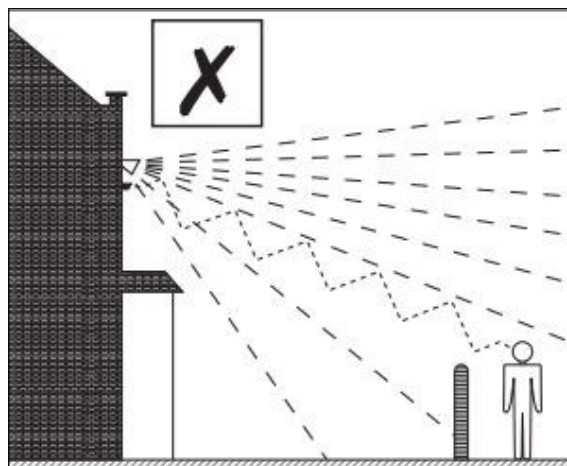
Use the lowest wattage / lumens needed. You don't need "daylight bright" light at night. Below 2000 lumens /150w, ideally 600–900 lumens (9/11w) should be enough.

Choose longer wave lengths, "warmer" amber lights. These are less damaging to humans/ animals than bright blue/ white lights.

Keep the light mounting low, position it part way up the wall not the top. Angle the light so it's pointing downwards, not horizontally or upwards. It's more efficient in, directing light onto the ground where it is needed, rather than spilling out into the neighbourhood.



Shield your lights. This stops light escaping sideways/upwards so reducing the environmental impact and protecting dark skies.



(Illustrations from the UK Institution of Light Engineers)

Use blinds/ curtains at night. Indoor lights shining through windows contribute to light pollution. Please close curtains/blinds at night to help keep the sky dark, improve energy efficiency and protect the environment.

In recent times the environmental impact of our species on the planet has become of critical importance. You can help by examining your lighting and make small changes where necessary, helping to make it a better world now and for future generations. To see what is possible, please read about the village of Hawnbury on the BBC News website. The need to reduce light pollution and preserve the dark skies of our village is also recognised in Cuddington's Village Plan.

Support Local Hospice Care this Summer at the New Walk of Light



Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity returns with a brand new fundraising event this summer on Saturday 24th June. The inaugural Walk of Light will give the charity's supporters the opportunity to come together to remember loved ones, show their support and raise funds for local hospice care.

The event will see walkers complete 5 or 10 mile circular routes around Watermead Lake and through the green Meadowcroft Open Space, before returning to Watermead to cheer fellow walkers over the line and watch the event's closing ceremony at 9.30pm as the sun goes down. Walkers will be able to dedicate a 'Light of Love' to a loved one or add a message of thanks and support to the hospice team – the lights will be lit to illuminate the lake as part of the closing ceremony, followed by a low noise firework display.

"We are really excited to launch this new event and hope that our local community will turn out to support us," says Steve Butcher, Events Manager at the charity. "We believe it's going to be a really enjoyable and memorable event for everyone, whatever their reason for walking."

Registration costs £20 (£17 Early Bird until 30th April). Walkers can choose their start time and route on Saturday 24th June and stay to enjoy refreshments and entertainment at the finish.

Walkers will receive a free commemorative Walk of Light 2023 T-shirt and Finisher's Medal as well as the opportunity to add a message to the charity's Lights of Love. *For more information and to sign up, please visit www.fnhospice.org.uk/walkoflight or call 01296 429975*



Casual Vacancy Apply to Become a Parish Councillor

CUDDINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL
cuddingtonvillage.com

Following the Notice of Vacancy, Cuddington Parish Council is now in the position to co-opt to fill the vacancy of Councillor. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please get in touch as detailed below. The Parish Council hope to fill the position at its April meeting - Tuesday 25th April.

Local Government Act 1972 Section 87 (2)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that one vacancy exists in the office of Parish Councillor for the PARISH OF CUDDINGTON.

The Parish Council will take steps to fill the vacancy by co-option. Any person interested in becoming a Cuddington Parish Councillor should please apply to:

Venetia Davies
Clerk, Cuddington Parish Council
Prospect Cottage
The Green
Cheersley
Aylesbury
Bucks HP18 0DJ
Email: cuddingtonpc@gmail.com

Diary Dates:

Great British Spring Clean – Sunday 2nd April 2023 at 11am

Come and help Spring Clean Cuddington village! Please meet outside the Bernard Hall at 11am. Bags and litter pickers will be provided but please bring gloves.

Annual Village Meeting – Wednesday 19th April at 7pm, the Bernard Hall.

The Annual Village Meeting is not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting to celebrate the village and it is a great occasion for everyone to come and hear what's happening with clubs, societies, and association. It's also an opportunity to make views known and raise any issues or problems and, importantly, ideas for the future. Please save the date!

Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse

Carpet Bowls Night



SATURDAY 1ST APRIL - 8PM

COME AND GIVE IT GO, NO SPECIAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED, JUST A GOOD EYE AND A STRONG HAND!

OVER 18s ONLY, FREE ENTRY

After a short break for Easter our programme continues on Thursday 13th April with ***I Wanna Dance With Somebody*** (cert. 12A). This triumphant celebration of the incomparable Whitney Houston is a no-holds-barred portrait of the complex and multifaceted woman behind the voice of a generation, as the New Jersey choir girl becomes one of the best-selling and most awarded recording artists of all time. Follow the inspirational, poignant – and so emotional – journey through Houston's trailblazing life and career, with show-stopping performances and a soundtrack of the icon's most beloved hits. "Naomi Ackie gives a stupendous performance as Houston," says *Radio Times*. "Budding superstar Naomi Ackie nails it ... the Walthamstow actress shines," says the *Evening Standard*. "Naomi Ackie is excellent ... the film delivers all the singer's big hits," says *The Guardian*.

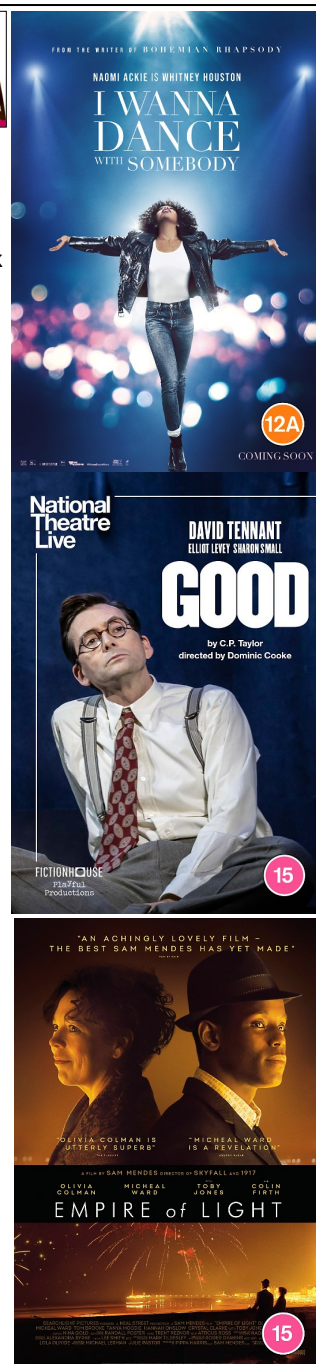
Then on 20th April we'll be showing the National Theatre's new play ***GOOD*** (cert. 15 TBC), captured live at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London. David Tennant (*Broadchurch*, *Doctor Who*) makes a much-anticipated return to the West End in a blistering reimagining of one of Britain's most powerful, political plays. As the world faces its Second World War, John Halder, a good, intelligent German professor, finds himself pulled into a movement with unthinkable consequences. "David Tennant is riveting, witty and intensely human," says the *Financial Times*. "Stunning David Tennant gives humanity to a man doing monstrous things," says *Metro*. "Fascinating psychological theatre with the feel of a fever dream. David Tennant is magnificent," says *The Guardian*.

On the 27th our film will be ***Empire of Light*** (cert. 12A) starring Olivia Colman, Micheal Ward, Toby Jones and Colin Firth. Set in 1981, this BAFTA and Oscar nominated film is a moving drama about the power of human connection during turbulent times. Hilary (Colman) is the depressed duty manager of "The Empire", a vast, under-populated cinema on Margate seafront. Meanwhile Stephen (Ward) is a new employee longing to escape the provincial town where he faces daily adversity. Together the pair find a sense of belonging and experience the healing power of music, cinema, and community. "A poignant, wonderfully acted drama about love, life and films ... Olivia Colman shines," says *The Guardian*. "You'll fall for Olivia Colman and Micheal Ward in Sam Mendes' ode to cinema," says the *Evening Standard*.

"A tender celebration, a heart-warming love letter to cinema," says *Metro*.

Looking ahead to May: on the 4th we'll be screening ***She Said***, the remarkable true story of how two *New York Times* reporters shattered the silence surrounding sexual assault in Hollywood and helped ignite a movement that led to the exposition of Harvey Weinstein and his exploitative crimes. On the 11th, our film will be ***A Man Called Otto*** starring Tom Hanks as a grumpy, grieving widower who is very set in his ways but finds his world turned upside-down when a lively young family moves in next door. On the 18th, we'll have the National Theatre's production of the multiple award-winning new drama ***Best of Enemies***, portraying the nightly television battle between politicians William F. Buckley Jr. and Gore Vidal in 1968 America.

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



Spring Fashion Show & Afternoon Tea Thursday 20th April 2.30pm

Spring really started for the Haddenham Community support Group (HCSG) with the coffee morning and flower arranging demonstration last week and will gather pace with the next event our Spring Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea. This will again be held at the popular Bradmoor Farm Function Suite on Thursday 20th April at 2.30pm. The fashions this year come from the **Beautifully Different Boutique** in Winslow <https://facebook.com/beautifullydifferentwinslow> with a range of outfits to suit all ages and sizes, plus accessories.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Fashion Show. **For more info and tickets email fnhcsa@gmail.com or call Jacqui on 07786 385807.** Finally, a date for your diary, we will be holding our **Haddenham Open Gardens** event this year on **Sunday, 2nd July.**

Haddenham Community Support Group

Florence Nightingale HOSPICE CHARITY

SPRING FASHION SHOW & AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 20th April at 2.30pm

Bradmoor Farm Function Suite
Stanbridge Road,
Haddenham HP17 8JX

See fashions from local boutiques.
Followed by an enjoyable afternoon tea with friends.

Order tickets by 14th April
Tickets £20
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Jacqui 07786 385807
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Dates for your Diary



"Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadow of April showers." Byron Caldwell Smith (1849-77)

April

Sunday 2 nd , 10.00am	All-Age Palm Sunday Service, St Nicholas Church
Sunday 2 nd	Village litter pick
Monday 3 rd , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 4 th , 2.00 pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Field Clubhouse
Wednesday 5 th , 8.00pm	Bookworms Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Friday 7 th , 2.00pm	Good Friday – Meditation, St Nicholas Church
Sunday 9 th	Easter – All-Age Communion, St Nicholas Church
Thursday 13 th , 7.30pm	'I Wanna Dance With Somebody' , Village Picture House
Monday 17 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Outing to Medical Detection Dogs Training Centre
Wednesday 19th, 7pm	Village Meeting, The Bernard Hall
Thursday 20 th , 7.00pm	NT Live: 'Good' , Village Picture House
Thursday 27 th , 8.00pm	'Empire of Light' , Village Picture House

May

Monday 1 st , 9.45am	Bank Holiday - Madrigals, St Nicholas Church
Tuesday, 2nd, 2.00 pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Field Clubhouse
Wednesday 3 rd , 8.00pm	Bookworms Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 4 th , 8.00pm	'She Said' , Village Picture House
Saturday 6 th	Coronation of King Charles III
Monday 8th	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Coronation Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 11 th , 8.00pm	'A Man Called Otto' Village Picture House
Friday 13th, 10.30am	Repaint playground equipment - all equipment will be provided. All volunteers welcome.
Thursday 18 th , 7.00pm	NT Live: 'Best of Enemies' , Village Picture House
Monday 22 nd , 1.30pm	Cuddington Matinee Cinema, 'The Duke'
Monday 29 th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30 th , 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

Tuesday Group

At our February meeting, Angela Sanderson gave a very enjoyable illustrated talk on a trip she and Charles made to Uzbekistan (a former Soviet state) in 2022. Their itinerary followed part of the legendary Silk Road and as Angela and Charles are keen birders, the visit also included time in the mountains for birdwatching. They travelled to Uzbekistan via Turkey and began their adventure in the capital, Tashkent. Now a modern city, it also has fabulous ancient buildings, mosques, museums and city walls. Angela enjoyed seeing them and also visiting the traditional markets. The old buildings are noted for their bright blue domes – the colour of lapis lazuli – and beautiful tile work. Next on the route was Samarkand, also notable for ancient mosques and museums.

On to Bukhara which Angela particularly liked. The architecture was impressive, including several madrassas, renowned centres of learning in past times studying mathematics, medicine and astronomy and way ahead of anything in Europe at that time. The people were very friendly and Angela and Charles were able to stroll around the streets and markets completely relaxed and feeling safe.

Angela's pictures were beautiful, showing architecture, people and wildlife and gave a wonderful insight to this still somewhat mysterious destination. She brought along some of the mementos they had bought: a beautiful handmade rug of traditional design with a deep red background, a lovely long silk scarf again of traditional design and a bottle of Uzbek wine.

Thank you, Angela for sharing your visit with us.

For most of us it's a very climate conscious way of travelling the world!

The Tuesday Group meets on the first Tuesday in the month, 2.00 pm at the Playing Field Clubhouse. New friends and guests are very welcome. Meeting fee £2.00 including tea.

Next meeting Tuesday, 4th April.

Group contact: Rosemary Bradbury. Tel. 290249



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Fete shed clear-out stars!

Thank you to Lorraine, Laura, Ellen, Lorraine, Charlie, Mandy, Carol, Rachael & Phil, and Teddy the dog, who despite intervals of heavy rain, cleared the fete shed out on Saturday 24th March. **Brilliant work!**

