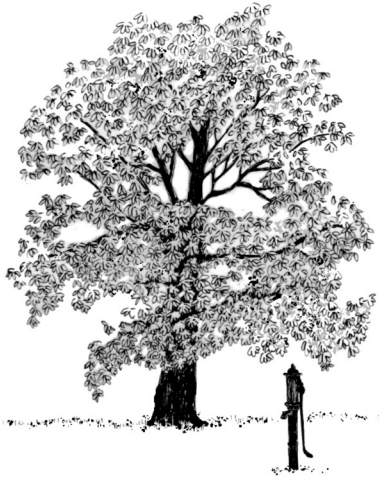




Cuddington Village Voice

June 2023

Best Kept Village Competition

Cuddington has entered the Best Kept Village competition 2023.

Judging is taking place between the 1st June and 14th July although we don't know when the judges will visit Cuddington. We haven't scored so highly in the past few years so it would be great if we could all help Cuddington to do better this year.

Over the last few months, we have had various community events to help improve our village.

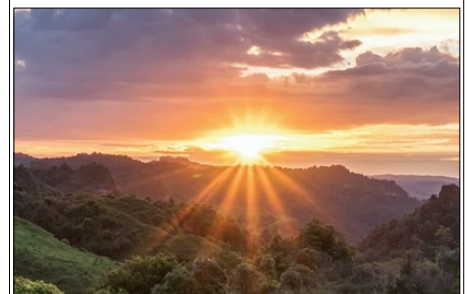
- Village Litter Pick
 - Tree planting and work on the verges in Spicketts Lane
 - Repainting the playground equipment
- Some of the things the judges look at are
- Kerb sides – especially ones near the church, Bernard Hall, pub, shop and playing fields
 - Litter – well lack of and no dog mess
 - Floral displays

If you would like to help then please make sure the area outside of your house is looking good. Hopefully we will do better in the competition this year! We don't want Cheersley to beat us again!! It has been a long time since we won the Morris Cup and sword of excellence! Lorraine Stevens



Sunrise Walk

Saturday 24th June



All welcome to meet at the Upper Green, Cuddington in time to set off at 3.45am for Winchendon Observatory to see the sunrise. Refreshments served at the Observatory

Enough is enough



There has been much discussion in recent days on the **Cuddington Mums Whatsapp chat** about the increasing number of HGV vehicles coming through the village. **Putnam and PJ Murphy earthworks lorries**, cutting through our village have been seen mounting the pavement to pass when children are making their way to and from school. **Articulated Fred Sherwood and A W Jenkins Forestry lorries** thunder into our village on national speed limit roads, barely slowing in time for the 30mph as well as some **Hanson HS2 monsters** and **they are all destroying our verges and making our village unsafe.**

Different groups of residents, not just from CMWhatsapp, have ideas to reduce speeds and restrict HGVs using our village as a cut-through corridor. If you too feel strongly about this we invite you to contact the Transport Strategy Officer dealing with no HGV zones, email: graham.hillary@buckinghamshire.gov.uk 54 mums have already started emailing him.

When the summer holidays are over, the Whatsapp mums chat will be moving up a gear to make our village safer for all.

The Mums

Cuddington Fete

Saturday 8th July 2023

12.30pm - 4pm

BBQ, Bar, Music, Tombola, Cakes, Pony Rides, Bouncy Castle, Games plus much more!

Sponsored by

Fancy Dress Parade from Lower Green at 12.30pm

Thank you to all those who entered the Christian Aid House Name Quiz. It was very close indeed but the winners were **Paul and Julia Ridout, congratulations to them!!**



Thought for the month...

As the May half term draws to an end, families will soon be returning to their usual schedules framed around the school run. With May's multitude of bank holidays, I cannot be the only one who was beginning to get used to a four day week.

But now we go back to normality, with a long stretch before us until the next bank holiday, interrupted perhaps, if we are lucky, with a summer break.

Of course May also featured the historic spectacle of the coronation of King Charles III, an occasion of such pomp and splendour, mixed with solemn ceremony, that few of us would have witnessed its like before. King Charles, of course, has been preparing for that day his entire life, and how relieved he must have felt afterwards! Now, however, he and Queen Camilla return to their duties as they perform the roles to which they have so publicly committed themselves for the rest of their lives.

In the church, the last Sunday in May this year was Whitsunday where we celebrate Pentecost. This is when we remember that God sent his Holy Spirit to dwell among us, shortly after his son Jesus ascended into heaven, following the events of the very first Easter. In the church calendar, we have now entered into what is called Ordinary Time, which lasts until Advent. The name comes from the ordinal numerals that are used to count the weeks, but it also calls to mind the more routine parts of our lives. In between the excitement of the events that fill our diaries – birthday parties, BBQs, festivals, holidays – our lives consist of more mundane affairs – shopping, commuting, housework or watching the latest series that has caught our attention. The promise of Pentecost is that it is just as much in these times as it is in the more significant moments of our lives, that we can know that God is here, with us on earth.

Will Lewis, Church Warden



Greener Cuddington

Cuddington Vertebrate Watch 2023

Fourteen residents, spread around the village, took part in the 13th Cuddington Vertebrate Watch in May. They recorded 36 species of birds plus several mammals, frogs and two species of newt (including the rare great crested newt).

Overall numbers of wildlife counted were steady but whilst pigeon and corvid (crow family) numbers were strong, other groups were down. House martins seem to have had a very bad year and there were fewer finches and tits spotted than usual. On the positive side, robin, blackbird and sparrow numbers are normal and we have some scarce tree sparrows and at least one barn owl and a cuckoo.

The trend over the years seems to be reducing numbers of songbirds – remember how song thrushes used to be commonly seen cracking snail shells on the ground – a trend that we can only hope will be reversed once bird flu is out of the way.

We can be hopeful as most of the land around the village is being farmed in an environmentally friendly way and people are more interested in the health of the natural world than they were.

Doug Kennedy

So, what do we do? We start by recognising what's happening on our watch. We put up boxes. We allow our lawns to grow out until July and see wildflowers take hold. We stop using garden pesticides, felling trees and clearing insect habitat. We compel water companies to stop polluting. We form groups and interrogate local farmers about the pesticides they're using. We show our children, maybe with a cheap magnifying glass, the wonder of a bronze beetle or a red soldier beetle crawling across the lace work of a hemlock flower. Nature is not something separate. It's not a resource. It is us, our world. Concentrate! Henry Porter, The Observer 28th May 2023

The Winners

Apologies from the VV editorial team who forgot to print this fine photograph of last months **Call my Bluff** winning team, aptly named called THE WINNERS!



Services in June

St Nicholas, Cuddington

Wychert Vale

Welcome

Worshipping God
Serving Community
Sharing Life



- 7th Morning Worship; children's activities in Bernard Hall
- 14th All-Age Service
- 21st Holy Communion; children's activities in Bernard Hall
- 28th All-Age Holy Communion

Coronation Party Cuddington Playing Fields



Thank you to HRH Ellen Dyer, Lorraine Ray and her team of helpers for making the village Coronation Celebration such an enjoyable event. It was so good to so many residents young and old together and in the sunshine!

A delicious cake from Pam's Bakehouse, kindly sponsored by Kieren Spencer and the *Osteopaths at Thame Therapy Clinic*, was consumed by all and some guests even managed to take some home with them too!

A full gallery of pictures expertly taken on the day by Chris Long, can be found on <https://cuddingtonvillage.com/>



At the pub...

On 7 May **Ken Birkby** and **Ellen Dyer** were voted the King and Queen of Cuddington. People said Ken was 'a man of the people for the people' and wanted to recognise his hard work as he steps down as Chair of the Parish Council. For Ellen they wanted to recognise her willingness to get involved and often organise many of the village events, as well as recognise her work as part of the playing fields committee. They said she was 'mum for all the kids in the village'.

I want to mention here the two people that also received several votes and were runners up, **Malcolm** for his work in bringing the playing fields back and making it the success it is as well as to recognise his service on the Parish Council. **Sherry** for her continuous hard work running the Sunshine Club.

In other news from the pub!

Our Charity Quiz this month was raising funds for the Sunshine Club. There were just 4 teams this month and there were only a few points between all of them. I want to thank Keenan for his excellent job as guest quiz master. He enjoyed it and as he is back from Uni is thinking about entering his own team in the next one.

Our Quiz for June is on Monday 12th. We are raising funds to sponsor Mandy Spencer in her 100 mile walk later in the month, she is raising funds for an Arthritis Charity. A crippling and painful disease that can affect people of all ages. Please book your table with the pub 01844 299255, teams of 6-8 £2 per person entry fee.

We would be grateful for prize donations for the raffle.

Other events in June

Saturday 10 June from 8pm we are travelling back to the 80's. Come and join DJ Griff the Riff to boogie on down (or was that the 70's). Fancy Dress is optional. The pub will be decorated with some memorable themes from the 80's.

Looking forward to a fun night! See you there.

Thursday 22 June is Ladies Day at the pub. From 2.30pm we will be serving afternoon tea and joining in (via the TV) with the Ladies Day racing at Ascot. Come dressed to impress ladies, there will be a prize for the most outrageous hat. In the evening from 7:30pm there will be a Fashion Show hosted by Jackie's Mobile Boutique. I have 4 models lined up for the evening but could do with 2 or 3 more, go on find your inner Kate Moss and have a go...

For July we are looking forward to being involved with our first Cuddington Fete with it's bee theme. Already praying to the weather gods with the rest of you... Cheers Tracy and Glyn



Cuddington Fete 2023

Following feedback from recent fetes (ie pre-2019!), we have decided to reduce the number of stalls which create the biggest headache in terms of setting up, clearing away, and for not a great return.

This means the bric-a-brac, clothing and white elephant stalls will not feature this year. The focus will be on having fun, less expensive options for families in particular, but also still generating funds for village societies.

As usual, we are asking for donations:

Cake, jam and marmalade donations to be delivered to the Bernard Hall on fete morning, with a list of ingredients please. This will be helpful for those with allergies.

Books - fiction and children's books only please. We find it difficult to sell non-fiction (Google blamed!) and they are really heavy to dispose of.

Please deliver to Viv Birkby, Wayside, Bridgeway

viv@vivsemmens.force9.co.uk or 292921 to confirm we are in to receive them.

Bottle tombola - please ensure the bottles are within their use by date.

To Viv Birkby, Wayside, Bridgeway. 292921

Denise's bags & beads - Handbags, jewellery, beads, bangles and scarves. Please leave with Denise at the Hairdressers.

Plants & Gardening - Labelled flowers, vegetables plants, house-plants, 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 - You've had your practice at the Coronation Party, and now its time to take on Dinton village! We need volunteers for both the men's and women's teams to take on. Please contact: Men - Nick Jones & 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 Thank you



ROAD CLOSURES ON FETE DATE

The following roads will be closed to all traffic from 1000 - 1730.

Holly Tree Lane (Jct Great Stone to Frog Lane)
Lower Church Street (inc Lower green & Church Close)
Upper Church Street (from the main road)
Spurt Street

It would be much appreciated if all parked vehicles could be removed from these roads before 1000 please. Parking is available at the Playing Fields in Bernard Close.

Special guests our very own fete bees!

The Mid Bucks Beekeepers

Association will be joining us at the fete along with some of their bees!

As well as judging our fancy dress competition, they will be happy to tell you all about bees; from how to report a swarm, the plants to grow in your garden, how to become a beekeeper and that magic elixir you spread on your toast, honey.

The **Mid Bucks Beekeepers Association** was founded in 1966 to serve the needs of beekeepers in central Buckinghamshire and is one of four local associations within the county of Buckinghamshire. With more than 200 members, the **MBBKA** has a thriving and active membership who strive to support their fellow beekeepers, as well as providing related educational services to the wider community.

Come and meet our bees!

<https://mbbka.org.uk/>



Nature on my doorstep

On Tuesday 9th May as I was saying goodbye to a friend at lunchtime I saw a large number of bees flying frantically around my neighbour's hedge. I noticed they were gathering on one of the branches. I knew I had seen an article on swarming bees in a local publication and having searched Village Voice to no avail, I discovered it was on Haddenham.net. I found a plea to contact a number and rang the mobile of the local **Mid Bucks Swarm Officer Brian Bush**. (I also told my neighbour). He arrived fully kitted out. He was delighted to find the swarm as he had lost 8 of his 10 hives this Winter due to the cold spell.

He proceeded to spray the swarm with water and borrowed a dustpan and brush and swept a number of bees into a box. This he placed up from the ground on stool covered with a white cloth and said he would be back later. He said he was sure the queen was in the box and there would be some bees outside fanning their wings and gradually the other bees detecting certain pheromones would then enter the box. When I returned later he had been back and collected the bees.

Jean Watson

The Cuddington Fete in Earlier Times

"It was a nice Garden Party". This is how the village fete was described by a current resident when it was held in the grounds of Dadbrook House.

After the Second World War Admiral Hamilton, the owner of Dadbrook House, began the fete tradition. The grounds provided a spacious setting, 3 acres in extent, with many trees, an expansive grass area, a sizeable pond and rose, herb and vegetable gardens. A villager recalls with nostalgia how exciting it was for a child to come through the gates, observe the bustle of the people at the stalls and sideshows against the backdrop of the imposing old white house.

Mrs Edith Wilmot moved into the Dadbrook property in 1952 with her husband, Chester, the journalist and author. For a quarter of a century under her generous and gracious guidance Dadbrook provided the location for the fete.

At this time the fete was more accurately known as the Church Fete. It was organised by successive vicars with assistance from village stalwarts like Agnes Alton and Ruby Small. Gwen Woodford, Edith's housekeeper, was a constant help together with her gardener and handyman, Frank Tassell. Proceeds from these fetes were usually donated to St Nicholas Church funds. A roll call of 4 vicars who served for more than 3 years includes Rev Claudius Drury followed in 1952 by Rev Robert Crawley-Boevey. Next came Rev Antony Arkell (1963-1972). The final 'Dadbrook fete' vicar was Rev John Pollard for the last 2 years. Probably one of the most active vicars was Rev Crawley-Boevey. For example, at the fete of 1954, he decided to earmark the proceeds for the re-tiling of the church roof. He devised a scheme whereby tiles were 'bought' for one shilling each and the name of the buyers was recorded. The vicar reported with satisfaction that £135 had been raised for church tiles in this way. However, after the 1955 fete, the vicar ruefully reported that the proceeds had been reduced to £75 because of faulty planning. Stone, Chearsley and Thame had all held fetes providing unwelcome competition on the same day!! Another problem in 1957 was the very hot weather. Shade under the large Dadbrook trees had been at a premium and spending had been curtailed resulting in only £90 being realised which was to be used for improvements to the School House. The weather over the 25 years was usually kind. However, in 1959 the fete had to be moved wholesale to the Bernard Hall because of a deluge. Successive vicars were rightfully thankful to Mrs Wilmot for the use of her grounds. In 1954 she had shown exceptional courage in holding the fete as her husband had died in the Comet air crash in the preceding January. Church fetes followed a general pattern. We are indebted to the late Tony Ewers who as an 11 year old took the ailing village school Headteacher, Mr Peace, around the fete in a wheelchair. He gave detailed impressions of the 1954 fete. On the day of the fete tables and chairs were brought from the Bernard Hall by tractor and trailer. There was a small car park on Fishers Field, but relatively few came by car. There were probably more bicycles than cars. At the gate there was a modest entry fee.

Refreshments were dispensed throughout the afternoon by the busy ladies of the Womens' Institute using the Dadbrook kitchen and its facilities.

Tony reported on the array of stalls and sideshows. There were pony rides, sports for the children and Maypole dances. There was a darts competition and tugs of war.



Tug of war still a firm favourite in the village, photograph courtesy Chris Long Coronation Celebration 2023

A tasty cake competition, a jumble stall, a flower show usually in a marquee, were all popular attractions. There was also bowling for a pig and a plant stall run by George Hayward, the head gardener from the Winchendon estate. The whole scene was colourful and crowded.

Tony concluded by saying that when having left Mr Peace with his wife, he, ever the entrepreneur, offered 5 minute swings for children. Their parents were charged a penny a go!

Accounts of fetes appeared in the monthly Parish Magazines. For example Rev Crawley-Boevey reported on the new and successful attractions of a shooting range, a flower competition in which bunches were displayed in a vase and country dancing by Cuddington Girl Guides. The late villager Lil Arnott (1910-2007) reminisced about the fete at Dadbrook. She noted its essential Englishness. The stalls and sideshows were manned by villagers and the produce sold or exhibited came from the village. Most of the visitors hailed from Cuddington. She acknowledged the part played by St Nicholas Church, concluding by saying that it was 'homely', relatively 'low key' and 'rooted in village life'. It had no specific theme except for a general enjoyment in a beautiful setting. In 1977 the fete was no longer held at Dadbrook and was re-located, as we know it today, to the streets at the heart of the village.

Peter Wenham

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Monday 19th June 7-9pm

*Includes CPR, Choking, Burns, Meningitis Awareness,
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Light Opera at Dadbrook House

You are invited to an evening of light opera
at Dadbrook House, Cuddington, HP18 0AG



On Friday 16th June from 6pm to 9.30pm
Opera That's Nice! (www.operathatsnice.com) will
perform a selection of opera highlights and popular songs.
A light supper will be served during the interval.
The aim of the evening is to raise awareness and start a
fundraising campaign to make the road to/from the A418
safe for pedestrians.

A **temporary** solution is already in place to remove the
extra soil from the bank on one side of Dadbrook which leads
to/ from the A418. A grass walkway will then be planted, at a
lower height for pedestrians to use in safety.

Supporter tickets
(for those who can afford a little more) £15
Adult tickets £10

Student Tickets (12 – 18) £5

Every penny raised will go towards the project.

Please email: clico7@hotmail.com or call: 07776201062

to reserve a ticket. Payment on the night.

Seats are limited, so don't delay!

Fete Wordsearch

Fruit Machine

Tug of War

Tombola

Fete

Hive

Stall

Beer

Music

Icecream

Buzz

Bottle

Queen Bee

Dancing

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Christian Aid Bring & Buy 2023



So often in past years Cuddington's Bring and Buy has been held in cold, rather damp conditions – but what a difference this year! It was lovely to see those attending enjoying the warm sunshine as they chatted over teas ably provided by Charlotte Cooper and Eileen Fortgang. Our garden at Wellfield House provided an ideal place for them to browse the Bric-a-Brac with the help of Rosemary Bradbury and Cilla Bligh, to chat to Judy Miller while they selected one or more of the delicious cakes on sale, or glean advice from Carol Hayward about the plants on offer. Children too seemed to revel in the space, and were particularly enthusiastic to visit our pond and get a sight of the crested newts.

As the event drew to a close, we "helpers" enjoyed a glass of wine, and reflected on what had been a happy afternoon. Numbers attending were down on previous years, but thanks to the generosity of all who came and gave their donations we raised over £250, so we felt our efforts had been very worthwhile. Many thanks to all of you who ran the stalls and provided the teas – we couldn't have done it without you.

Charles and Angela Sanderson

RINGING FOR THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III & QUEEN CAMILLA

On Saturday, 6th May 2023
Cuddington, Buckinghamshire
St Nicholas

Rounds and Call Changes

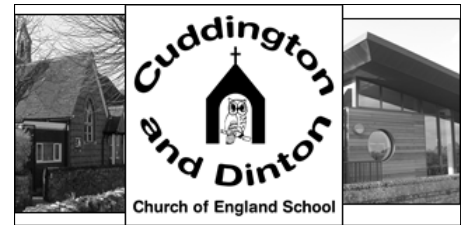
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Rung prior to the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla in Westminster Abbey



What a busy few weeks we have had!



For the coronation the children all decorated a stone which formed part of a crown. We created one for the infant site and one for the junior site where they are now on permanent display.

Year 4 Children's Prayer for the Coronation

Dear God,

Let us celebrate King Charles the Third and the Queen Consort's important day at Westminster Abbey, a very special place of worship.

Help us to realise the historical significance of their Coronation, whether we are travelling to London to see this exciting event or watching it on TV like many people from around the world.

Help us if we feel sad about the death of Queen Elizabeth and when we think about our own sad times. Help us remember the many happy times we have had with our friends and family and all that we have to be grateful for. We pray that you will give King Charles courage and wisdom to do his duty and to make good decisions.

We thank you that King Charles continues to give his message to people that it is important to protect our environment, plants and animals.

Please bless them and us on their special day.

Amen

In other news...

The year 6 children have completed their SATs papers this half term. They have all tried their best and we are very proud of them. We said a big thank you to the Junior children and staff who kept quiet whilst the tests have been taking place- what a team! Some of you may have also seen on the BBC news the outcry about the SATs reading paper. We checked with the year 6 class and the consensus was that it was the same as previous practice tests, no harder or easier.

Also year 4 had a whole day workshop with Garsington Opera. The children performed songs from The Barber of Seville and wrote their own operatic song. In July they will be going to Garsington Opera to watch a shortened version of the Barber of Seville. The children, and Mrs Chaplin, had a wonderful day and it was a joy to see their enthusiasm in their performance to year 3.

Year 3 & 4 spent the whole day on a Design Technology project in the hall making Ancient Egyptian Shadufs, devices for moving water from the Nile.

Year 5 & 6 had a workshop on the dangers of knife crime. The children listened intently and had lots of great questions. Across all year groups, the Spirited Arts project was amazing. All the children produced such wonderful pieces which were displayed for all parents and carers to come and see. The commentary to describe their work and to explain where is God, was very moving. It showed a great deal of compassion, understanding and deep thinking: as ever, we are very proud of the children. Rev. Phil has asked to display some of the work in the church which you are welcome to visit.

Mrs Price & Mrs Spencer (chair of governors)



Mandy Spencer Ultra Challenge

This June I will be taking part in *The Cotswold Way Ultra Challenge*. I will be setting out from Cirencester on Saturday 24th and cover 100km and 2250 metres of climb around the Cotswolds. I will walk through the day and night and will finish at some point on Sunday 25th! I have been inspired to raise money for Versus Arthritis by a dear friend of mine. She faces significant daily and life changing pain with such strength and grace. Sadly, there are millions of others dealing with the same condition. Versus Arthritis invests in breakthrough treatments, the best information and vital support for everyone affected by arthritis.

Any donation you could offer would be very much appreciated.

If you would like to donate and not happy doing this online, please contact me on 07535 628 089 or mandy_spencer@hotmail.com Thank you, Mandy





Our programme for June begins on Thursday 1st with **Mr. Malcolm's List** (cert. PG). This highly entertaining film is for anyone who enjoys historical dramas like *Bridgerton*, *Sanditon* or the Jane Austen dramatisations. In 1800s England, society lady Julia is jilted by London's most eligible bachelor, Mr. Malcolm, when she fails to meet the items on his list of requirements for a bride. Feeling shunned and humiliated, she enlists her friend Selina to help take revenge on Mr. Malcolm by training her to act as the perfect potential bride. Of course, Julia's plan does not progress by any means as she intended... "It's love at first sight in this gorgeous Regency romp," says *the Evening Standard*.

On 15th June there'll be another chance to see the National Theatre's one-woman show **Fleabag** (cert. 15) starring Phoebe Waller-Bridge. Following a box-office record-breaking run in 2019, this rip-roaring look at some sort of woman living her sort of life returns to the big screen this summer. *Fleabag* may seem oversexed, emotionally unfiltered and self-obsessed, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. With family and friendships under strain and a guinea pig café struggling to keep afloat, she suddenly finds herself with nothing to lose... "A triumphant return for Phoebe Waller-Bridge's hilarious, relatable and painful one-woman show," says *The Stage*. "Filthy, funny, snarky and touching," says *The Telegraph*. "Witty, filthy and supreme," says *The Guardian*.

On the 22nd our film will be the BAFTA and Oscar-nominated **The Fabelmans** (cert. 12A). Inspired by Steven Spielberg's own childhood, *The Fabelmans* is a coming-of-age story about a young man growing up in post-World War II era Arizona. Young Sammy Fabelman aspires to become a filmmaker as he reaches adolescence, but soon discovers a shattering family secret. The film tells a timeless tale of heartbreak, healing

and hope for the dreamer inside all of us, as we learn how the power of film and

imagination can help us see the truth about ourselves and each other. "Spielberg's beguiling ode to a life made by movies will leave you on a high," says *The Guardian*. "A gloriously tender origin story for Spielberg's life and work," says *The Telegraph*. "A dazzling and bittersweet movie memoir ... by far the most personal of Steven Spielberg's career," says *Radio Times*.

Then on 29th June, we end our summer season with a splendid new romcom **What's Love Got To Do With It?** (cert. 12A) starring Emma Thompson, Lily James and Shazad Latif. How do you find lasting love in today's world?



For documentary filmmaker Zoe (James), swiping right to find Mr Right has only delivered bad dates and funny anecdotes, much to her opinionated mother Cath's (Thompson) dismay. For her childhood friend and neighbour Kazim (Latif), the answer is to follow his parents' example and opt for an assisted marriage with a bright and beautiful bride from Pakistan. As Zoe films his hopeful journey from London to Lahore to marry a stranger, chosen by his parents, will true love win out in the end? "Arranged marriages, Emma Thompson, and inexplicably nice lodgings are a winning formula in this future classic," says *The Independent*. "Bright and breezy ... a fun, big-hearted blend of culture," says *Metro*. We have no screenings planned for July and August but will be back on 14th September with more of the best new film releases and NT Live productions. See the August/September edition of *Village Voice* for details. Visit the web page for more details of all features: www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema

Dates for your Diary

*"It is the month of June,
The month of leaves and roses,
When pleasant sights salute the eyes,
And pleasant scents the noses."*

Nathaniel Parker Willis (1806-1867)



June

Thursday 1st, 8.00pm
Monday 5th, 2.00pm
Tuesday 6th, 2.00pm
Wednesday 7th, 8.00pm

Thursday 8th
Thursday 15th, 7.00pm
Monday 19th, 7.00pm

Thursday 22nd, 7.30pm
Saturday 24th, 3.45 am
Monday 26th, 10.15 am

Tuesday 27th, 7.00pm
Thursday 29th, 8.00pm

'Mr Malcolm's List', Village Picture House
Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Bookworms Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Yoga Supper Club, Bernard Hall
NT Live: 'Fleabag', Village Picture House
Baby and Child First Aid Class, Playing Fields Clubhouse
'The Fabelmans', Village Picture House
Cuddington Sunrise Walk, Upper Green
Sunshine Club Outing to
Bicester Avenue Home & Garden Centre
Adult First Aid Class, Playing Fields Clubhouse
'What's Love Got To Do With It', Village Picture House

July

Tuesday 4th, 2.00pm
Wednesday 5th, 8.00pm

Saturday 8th July
Monday 10th, 2.00pm

Monday 24th, 1.30pm
Tuesday 25th, 7.00pm

Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Bookworms Book Club at Playing Fields Clubhouse
Cuddington Village Fete
Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Cuddington Matinee Cinema,
'Shirley Valentine'
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



My heartfelt thanks to all those who came to my talk about the work of ABCD in Palestine, and for your very generous donations. I am delighted to say that the £240 we raised that morning has helped to enable ABCD to start work on a fourth Rehabilitation Centre in a different area of Palestine, thus allowing more children with Cerebral Palsy to get the physiotherapy they so badly need. Those of us connected to ABCD are very excited about this new project, and are hugely appreciative of all those in the Cuddington area who have helped to make this possible.
For those who were unable to come to my talk in April I will be doing a repeat "performance" sometime in the next few months, so watch this space for details.
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