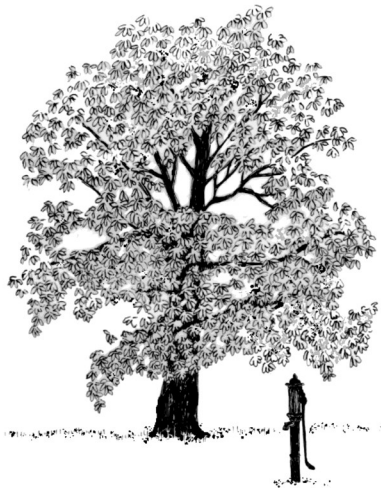




Cuddington Village Voice

October 2023

St Nicholas, Cuddington

Welcome

Worshipping God
Serving Community
Sharing Life



October 2023

1st October	Holy Communion, Children's activities in Bernard Hall
8th October	All Age Service
15th October	Morning Worship, Children's activities in Bernard Hall
22nd October	All Age Service
29th October	All Age Holy Communion

Thame Chamber Choir presents

Everlasting Voices

A unique collaboration with young singers and instrumentalists from Lord Williams's School, Thame

Featuring works by: Vaughan Williams -
Dyson - Esenvalds - Jamiroquai
Saturday 14th October, 7.30pm
St Mary's, Thame

Advance tickets via
www.wegotickets.com

Or from The Bookhouse on Thame High Street

www.thamechamberchoir.org

CHRISTMAS FLORISTRY MASTERCLASS

WREATH MAKING
4th and 5th December



FESTIVE TABLE DISPLAY
20th and 21st December



Cuddington Clubhouse at 7.30pm
£45 includes materials, a glass of prosecco and a mince pie



To book contact Amy
07782 199 707

flourishgardencare@gmail.com

Highways and Traffic September 2023 update

Speeding

Despite many reminders and support from our local Bucks Councillor there still has been no further news from Bucks regarding our proposals to extend the 30mph limits,

We will continue to push for feedback from Bucks.

HGVs

Buckinghamshire Council Transport Strategy team are progressing the development of steps to manage HGVs in the area and have obtained approval from the Bucks cabinet member to undertake the initial consultation.

Bucks have been scoping the informal engagement content including a survey to gauge levels of support. Bucks are having discussions with their consultants, Atkins, to establish roles and responsibilities along with in-house resources to establish how to get the consultation phase completed as soon as possible at the best cost.

The aim is to complete consultation by the end of the year.

Dadbrook

The Parish Council have received an approximate estimate for the Dadbrook verge proposals. Although it is outside our current budget allocation the Parish Council

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Thought for the month...

I am a bit of a sci-fi and fantasy-fiction fan. I love films and TV series set in a sci-fi universe or post-apocalyptic worlds. One thing I have found interesting recently is how much the theme of what it means to be family and community has come up in this genre. This may be symptomatic of a Western World where the traditional nuclear family has broken down and where often we might have a close community on Facebook but might not know our next-door neighbour. What this interest in these concepts, even in new forms, shows to me is that family and community, however they are made up, are important to our healthy functioning as human beings.



Jesus tells a wonderful parable about being a 'neighbour' that will be very familiar to many of us: it is called the Good Samaritan. What is so interesting is that this parable is still completely relevant to the questions of our own culture. Our neighbour, whom Jesus teaches us to love, is everyone from the person who lives next door to the Ukrainian refugee fleeing for their life. In a global context, the cross-cultural teaching of a Samaritan helping a Jew is as radical as an ISIS suicide bomber helping an American soldier. Jesus told this story to help us understand the importance of community in the widest possible sense. Through our love and care for our neighbour, we create communities where all may live in safety and peace.

We may like to reflect on ways to help our neighbours, near and far, as we enter the autumn and winter months. There will be a collection at the Harvest Festival service, which you may like to support. Local food banks appreciate food donations and financial donations as they also offer support with energy bills for those struggling to make ends meet. Checking in on neighbours, particularly those on their own, costs nothing and might make a massive difference to someone's day.

Cassa Messervy

School News



The end of the school year is always a time of celebration and farewells as students move on to the next stage of their education. However, this year it has been especially poignant as in July much loved staff from the Cuddington site moved away from the area, and we all wished Mrs Kim Price a very happy retirement. 13 years as a headteacher was never dull; the school has grown and thrived under her leadership and the village and church sent her off in style.

Mrs Nicola Wilde has been appointed as the new Headteacher and an 'interview' with her will follow in a later month. She was understandably most reassured when the Oxford Diocese confirmed that there was no RAAC within the buildings and the new term started on 5th September with a heatwave! Lots of fresh new faces both in Foundation and Year 1, new teaching staff and teaching assistants have all had a fantastic time getting to know one another and sharing their excitement of the term ahead with some new catering providers serving wholesome delicious food keeping everyone happy and well fed.

The school welcomes volunteers to listen to children read. If you are able to make a regular weekly commitment and are happy to be DBS checked please contact the school office to discuss further.

Cuddington Bonfire & Fireworks Party

Friday 3rd November 2023



Cuddington Playing Fields
Gates Open 6pm, Bonfire 6.30pm,
Fireworks 7.30pm

Ticket Only Event for residents of Cuddington
and their families

Free tickets will be delivered through your door before the event

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has commissioned a topographical survey and concept design to further test the feasibility of the project. The topographical survey is complete, and the drainage study should be available by early October.

The Parish Council will then arrange a further meeting with the landowner.

The Parish Council would like to thank Clico and Gerald Kingsbury for generously donating the proceeds of the July fundraising event towards the cost of the topographical survey.

Safety at the Kings Cross junction (Dadbrook and the A418)

The Haddenham Parish Council has agreed to commission an independent road safety study for Kings Cross. This will include an assessment of pedestrian safety when crossing the A418.

A review meeting was held with the highway consultants and representatives from Haddenham and Cuddington Parish Councils on 20th September.

The consultants are preparing a report to suggest a long term amendment to the staggered junction (requiring land-take and developer funding) and measures that can be taken in the short-term to improve the junction safety.

Volunteering

Some thoughts from Helen Keeping

Cuddington is a great village to live in, and one of the reasons is the sense of community, and that is, in many ways, the result of people helping, giving something back. In other words, volunteering. And, even in a small community like ours, there are lots of ways we can do that. There is, it can be said, something for everyone.

It could be an annual thing – helping out at our fete; it could be monthly, weekly. There is, among other things, the Parish Council, Community Speed Watch, the Playing Fields, the church – including the churchyard. We also have Village Voice, the Village Picture House, groups looking after the footpaths we all enjoy.

And further afield, there is the Food Bank, Haddenham Community Library – our local library - which relies on volunteers to remain open, and Waddesdon Manor – just over the hill - which has a large volunteering team doing a wide variety of things (in the House, in the grounds, behind the scenes, in the Education department). Speaking personally, it is an enormous privilege to spend time in such a beautiful setting, and a real joy to be there and meet visitors from all over the world.

Details of all these groups and others are on the village website cuddingtonvillage.com, in Village Voice, or, in the case of Waddesdon and the library, their websites are waddesdon.org and haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Bonfire and Fireworks

It's with huge thanks to the Fete Committee that we're able to once again put on a bonfire and fireworks event for the village on Friday 3rd November. This will be a free event for residents of Cuddington and their families/friends, however you will require a ticket to gain entry! Tickets will be distributed through your door shortly before the event. The families of Cuddington and Dinton School are also being invited.

We also need some volunteers to help organise beforehand, on the day/night and to tidy up the following morning. None of these jobs is too big so please let me know if you can help - Sonia 07946 645748 or sonia.storey1@btinternet.com.

Defibrillator Training

Many thanks to Rupert Parker for providing defibrillator training. Rupert did two sessions aided by his colleague Kevin from South central ambulance charity (SCAS). I think that all the attendees found the training very useful.

Cuddington have two defibrillators - one at the side gate to the Bernard Hall and one on the wall of the Clubhouse on the car park side.
Lorraine Stevens



What is Yoga?

In the Western world, Yoga is mostly seen as a calming form of exercise with many physical benefits, such as flexibility and mobility.

While this is true, in fact, it is so much more than this. It originated in India and can be traced back as far as 10,000 years.

'Yoga' is a Sanskrit word translated as "yoke" or "union." To yoke means to draw together, or to unite. Its aim is to yoke or create a union of the body, mind, soul, and universal consciousness. This process of uniting the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of ourselves is what allows yogis to experience deep states of freedom, peace and self-realization.

The practices of yoga go far beyond physical postures; it can become an entire lifestyle, from what you eat to how you communicate with people.

The wonderful thing is, you can practise the physical form of yoga and breathing techniques without needing to explore their deep history and meaning, taking as much or as little of it into your life as you feel suits you. Yoga has so many benefits, and can truly be for anyone who is open to trying it.

Classes in Cuddington run at 6pm on Mondays and Fridays at 9.30am, in the Bernard Hall.

If you are interested in knowing more, or simply would like to join a class, please head to www.yogawithilona.com or email ilona@yogawithilona.com

By Ilona Ecott



Evesham Outing, Tuesday 17th October



Come and join this scenic round trip through the Cotswolds to the Vale of Evesham, stopping off at attractive Moreton-in-Marsh for coffee and the excellent market. Next we travel on to Evesham Country Park for lunch and shopping.



The coach departs from Cuddington Upper Green at 9.30am, aiming to arrive home around 5pm.

Cost for non members of Sunshine Club - £15 (coach only).

To book, phone Thelma Parry, 01844 291 075.

A £10 cash deposit is payable to Thelma (36, Bernard Close) by Monday 9th October.

News from the pub!



Well as I write it feels like Autumn has arrived.

The blankets have been out for those sitting out on the patio.

Our new chef Leo is due to have started in the last week. We will be working on the menu with him and also producing our Christmas menu soon.

On Monday 2 October we have our next charity quiz. In September we raised £165 for the Nicholas Almond trust. In October we will be raising money for British Heart Foundation after losing a friend in September suddenly to a heart attack.

If you have been past the pub lately you will see that we are advertising the Curry-oke on Friday 6 October. Amin and Marlene will be providing authentic curries on the night. Pre-booking is essential for them to know numbers to cater for.

We are waiting for confirmation on availability for some live music performances, but hope to have something arranged for beginning of November. Keep an eye on our blackboard.

If you are out trick or treating at Halloween don't forget to pop in to the pub where there will be juice and sweet treats for the kids.

The Nicholas Almond Cuddington Charity

founded in 1643

Registered UK Charity No. 237677

Grants for 2023

LAST CALL TO Cuddington Young people - thinking about applying for a grant for university or college studies or an apprenticeship???

The closing date for an application is **30th September**, but if you wish to make such an application but think you have left it too late, you still have some time to do so, but please HURRY!

Please apply to me, Mrs Jennifer Schram de Jong, Larden, Spicketts Lane, Cuddington, HP18 0AY.

Further INFORMATION from me on: 01844-291501

The Trustees would love to hear from you!!!.

With best wishes,
Jennifer Schram de Jong, Hon. Secretary and Hon Treasurer

Gravestones in Cuddington Churchyard

From time to time gravestones become unstable and potentially hazardous for visitors to the churchyard. Typically, the joint between the headstone and its base fails. When this happens, for safety reasons, the stone is laid flat until the family of the deceased arranges repairs. It is often many years after the stone was put in place when repairs are needed, at which point no one may be visiting or caring for it. If nobody assumes responsibility for the repairs the stones will either be permanently laid flat in a tidy way or removed, with appropriate diocesan approval.

A recent check found just over a dozen gravestones needing attention, and most of these have been laid flat. Some families have already been spoken to. Please see the list below for the others. If you are a relative of anyone listed, or know someone who is, we would like to hear from you to discuss plans for repair.

The churchyard is maintained by volunteers, who work hard to keep it as a place of history and remembrance, and a haven for wildlife in the heart of our village. If you are interested in helping, even on an occasional basis, then we would be very interested to hear from you.

James Stonham james.stonham@holymans.co.uk
Will Lewis wjrlewis@gmail.com
Churchwardens

Elizabeth **Baker** 1887

Mary Ann **Baker** 8th June 1858 and John Baker 1864

William **Edwards** 1951 and Sarah Ann Edwards 15th December 1976

Elsie **Hill** 1985 and Ken Hill 15th February 2004

Stella **Munday** 31st October 1984 and Jack Munday 24th November 1992

Evelyn Mary **Norris** 23st November 1966 and Roland Norris 1974

George **Orchard** 1945, Sarah Orchard 1908 and Albert Orchard

Leonard B. T. **Orchard** 7th March 1968

Edward **Parrott** 1947 and Evlyne Parrott 1969

Ella **Rose** 1994 and Eric Rose 1997

Winifred Rose **Rymer** 1946 and William John Rymer 1971

Eustace **Simpkins** 15th February 1886 and Austin Simpkins 15th February 1886



2023 Remembrance Day Sunday, 12th November

A reminder of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, when poppies will be sold around the village during the fortnight before Remembrance Day, to raise funds for the fantastic work carried out by the Legion.

Our annual Remembrance Day will be held in St. Nicholas church on Sunday, 12th of November at 10 am with the Act of Remembrance and the two minutes silence taking place outside at the village War Memorial just before 11 am for the 2 minutes silence and the laying of wreaths and children's crosses.

Whether or not you normally attend church, I do hope many of you will join us to come and pay your respects to those who have lost their lives or continue to suffer from the effects of war.

More details from Jennifer SdeJ - 291501.

Dates for your Diary



'The trees are in their autumn beauty,
The woodland paths are dry,
Under the October twilight the water
Mirrors a still sky.'

William Butler Yeats (1865-1939)

October

Monday 2nd, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea at the Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 3rd, 2.00pm	Tuesday Group at the Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 4th, 8.00pm	Bookworms Book Club at the Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 5th, 8.00pm	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry', Village Picture House
Saturday 7th, 8.00pm	Race Night, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 12th, 8.00pm	'An Evening with Jonas Kaufmann', Village Picture House
Saturday 14th, 7.30pm	TearFund Quiz, St Nicholas Church
Tuesday 17th, 9.30am	Sunshine Club outing to Evesham
Thursday 19th, 8.00pm	'Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret', Village Picture House
Thursday 19th, 7.00pm	Gentlemen's Dining Club, The Crown
Tuesday 24th, 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

And every Wednesday, at 9.15am, in termtime, Cuddingtots takes place in the Playing Fields Clubhouse; 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 Amy (07782199707) for Cuddingtots, and Christine (christine.jackson@live.co.uk) for Toddlers Singing Group.

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

October events at Haddenham Community Library



Haddenham
Community
Library

Every week

Tuesdays at 10:30 – Storytime with Catherine

Thursdays 10.30 to 12.30 - Drop in for all things digital with Mary

Friday 13th October at 10.30am – Bounce and Rhyme

Saturday 10.30am to 12.30 – Crafts and Lego Club

Every Month

Meet your councillor:

Gregory Smith 10am-11am on 2nd Saturday of the month (14th October)

Please check website www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk for date details

Special Activities in October

Wednesday 18th October at 7:30pm: Haddenham Community Library 10th Birthday celebration

Clare Mackintosh and Claire Wilson discuss what makes a bestseller.

This is a free event but numbers are limited so please pop into the library to pick up your ticket in advance.

Cuddington Matinee Cinema



On Monday 20th of November at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm) in the Bernard Hall, "Phantom of the Open" will be shown.

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



The Sunshine Club calendar dates are:

October

Monday 2nd, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 17th, 9.30am	Outing to Evesham Home & Garden Centre

November

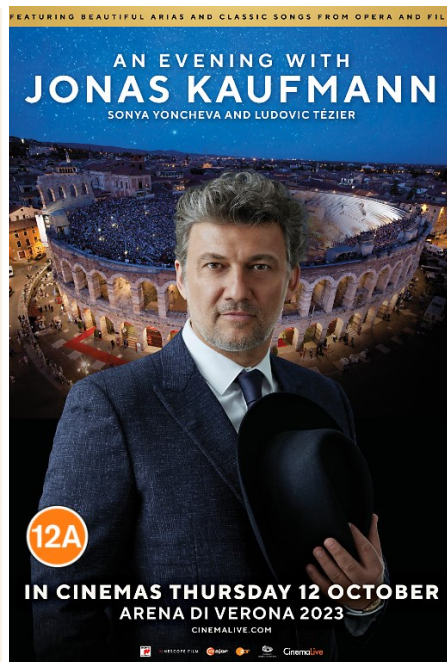
Monday 6th, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 20th, 1.30pm	Cuddington Matinee Cinema, 'The Phantom of the Open'

Change of date

CUDDINGTON'S GENTLEMEN'S DINING CLUB. 7.00 to 7.30 at the Crown.

The original date for the Club to dine - Thursday 21 September - is changed to **Thursday 19th October**. The scrummy menu offered by Tracy (for £50 each) is a four bone French trimmed rack of lamb, dauphinoise potatoes, braised red cabbage; there is a vegetarian option. Dessert is sticky toffee pudding with custard or ice cream. The meal will be accompanied by half a bottle of red or white house wine.

Interested gentlemen please telephone Phil Johnson 01844 291 526 or email philandsherryscott@gmail.com.



October and November see another varied selection of features at the Village Picture House.

On Thursday 5th October we shall be screening **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** (cert. 12A) starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. This moving film is based on the best-selling novel by Rachel Joyce. When Harold learns his friend Queenie is dying, he is moved to act: he leaves home, walks to the post box to send her a letter, until he realises a letter is not enough. In that moment Harold decides to keep walking, all the way to her hospice – 360 miles away... “This politely unassuming little film builds into a wrenching examination of grief, guilt and eventual closure,” says The Guardian. “A stirring, life-affirming pilgrimage from despair to hope ... unabashedly sentimental,” says Metro. “Broadbent is a wonder, so real and sincere it doesn’t feel like acting, and Wilton equals him,” says The Spectator.

On 12th October, we present **An Evening with Jonas Kaufmann**, a spectacular concert captured live this summer at the Arena di Verona in Italy. In the magical setting of the Arena di Verona, celebrating its 100th season, the “King of Tenors” Jonas Kaufmann takes us on an unforgettable musical journey featuring the most beautiful opera arias, moving songs and film classics such as West Side Story. His unique voice, his naturalness and his charisma have made him one of the most popular musical artists worldwide. Kaufmann will be joined by Sonya Yoncheva and Ludovic Tézier at this unique gala evening under the Italian summer sky.

Then on 19th October our film will be **Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret** (cert. PG). For over fifty years, Judy Blume’s classic and groundbreaking novel *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* has impacted generations with its timeless coming of age story, insightful humour, and candid exploration of some of life’s biggest questions. In this new big-screen adaptation, 11-year-old Margaret is uprooted from her life in New York City for the suburbs of New Jersey, going through the messy and tumultuous throes of puberty with new friends in a new school. She relies on her mother Barbara, who is also struggling to adjust to life outside the big city, along with her adoring grandmother Sylvia – who isn’t happy they moved

away. “A touching and tender adaptation that does justice to a book which means so much to so many. An enduring, superbly performed triumph,” says Empire. “A thoughtful and funny expansion of the 1970s teen novel,” says The Guardian. “This warm wonderful film might still be set in the 70s but it feels just as relevant as Judy Blume’s book did,” says The i.

On 2nd November we’ll be showing the biggest film of 2023, grossing over \$1.4 billion at the global box office.

Barbie (cert. 12A) is directed by Great Gerwig (*Lady Bird*, *Little Women*) and stars Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling as Barbie and Ken. Eccentric and individualistic, Barbie is exiled from Barbieland because of her imperfections. But when her home world is in peril, Barbie returns with the knowledge that what



makes her different also makes her stronger... “A near-miraculous achievement from Greta Gerwig and Margot Robbie ... this Mattel-approved comedy gets away with far more than you’d think was possible,” says The Independent. “The comedy of the year – this bubblegum pink blockbuster is weird, wonderful and very funny,” says the Evening Standard. “A pop opera of kitschy joys and biting satire ... a wonderfully fun watch,” says Time Out.

Looking further ahead, **on the 9th we have Book Club: The Next Chapter**, the highly-anticipated sequel in which the four best friends decide to put pandemic life behind them and take their Book Club to Italy for the fun girls’ trip they never had. On the 16th, we’ll be showing *Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One* in which Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and his IMF team embark on their most dangerous mission yet.

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

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