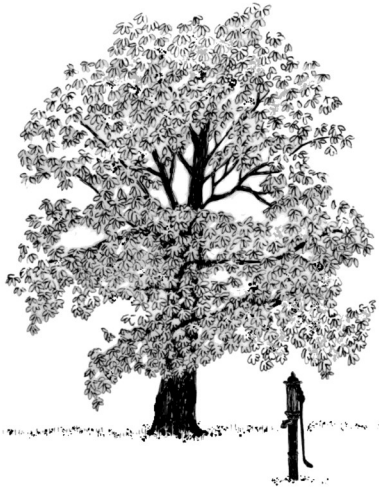
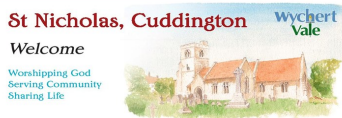




Cuddington Village Voice

November 2023



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5th November	Holy Communion. Children's activities in Bernard Hall
12th November	Remembrance Day
19th November	Morning Worship. Children's activities in Bernard Hall
26th November	Holy Communion. Children's activities in Bernard Hall

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

Bonfire and Fireworks

The bonfire and fireworks event is on Friday 3rd November from 6pm at the playing fields - please see poster for more details. Sorry but NO SPARKLERS are allowed - glow sticks will be available to buy instead!

Free tickets for Cuddington residents will be distributed through your door with Village Voice. For those that don't receive a paper copy, we also hope to get the tickets through your door but please contact me, Sonia 07946 645748 or sonia.storey1@btinternet.com if you don't receive one.

We still need a few more volunteers - please contact me if you can help.

Ancascocha Trek

We (Mike, Ollie, Matilda and me) embarked on a trek in Peru in September which took us on our spectacular journey through the Andes to witness Machu Picchu. We did it to raise funds and to build awareness for Cardiac Risk in the Young in memory of our lovely daughter Freya who died on 31st December 2017. Freya grew up in Cuddington, went to School locally at the High School in Aylesbury, and was studying English Literature at the University of Bristol when she died. A curious adventurer with an energy for discovering as much of the world as she possibly could, Freya was just 19 years old when she died and our aim,



her legacy, is to try and prevent other young cardiac deaths. Freya's friends have been raising money in her memory and to date, her total memorial fund is nearly £100,000. It is amazing and we are incredibly grateful for the support.

Details about the charity can be found here - on our fundraising page for the Trek

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/alison-cox-1692624275162>

The Trek was an experience that will stay with us all forever, taking our darling child with us, scattering some of her ashes at breath-taking Sun Gate, where we got our first glimpse of Machu Picchu in the distance.

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Thought for the month...

November: a Time to Remember

Remembrance Sunday and the awful violence happening in parts of the world, bring into focus just how fortunate I am. I have not experienced war, been conscripted to serve in the armed forces, or done anything brave. It's good to try and understand what those who served in war went through.

We recall by name those who died. But how do we go a step further and honour them? There are not many of us who have known any who died in conflict; I don't, but have known some who were called upon to fight and, because of this, gave up some of their health, prime years and opportunities. Experiencing war helped them appreciate better what really matters in life; such as caring for and respecting people, and not status or belongings. So, as we remember, let's consider if our society today reflects the values of those called upon to serve their country in war. During the next twelve months we can honour the dead in a very practical way by exercising our freedom to vote. As we do so, we can try to choose representatives with integrity for whom service is the motivator and who will strive for the kind of society millions gave their lives to secure.

Our annual **Remembrance Service** will be held in church at 10.00am on **Sunday 12th November** and shortly before 11.00am we will assemble at the war memorial in the churchyard to lay wreaths and keep the two-minute silence. All are very welcome.

The beginning of November in church is **All Saints'** time. "Saint" refers to all Christians not just those martyred or who have done something particularly noteworthy. We remember and celebrate past Christian lives, and the unity and fellowship with believers who have gone before us trusting Jesus' promise that nothing, not even death, can separate us from his love.

A special **Service of Loving Remembrance** will be held in church at 4.00pm on Sunday 26th November. All are welcome to come to remember, give thanks for and mourn those special to us who have passed away. (See the separate notice for more details).



School News

On Monday 25th September the children all went into St Nicholas Church for their Harvest Festival and enjoyed seeing all the fruit, vegetables and flowers displayed. They were encouraged to bring their own contributions which were then taken to the Aylesbury Vineyard foodbank where they were very much appreciated.

The first school visit of the year was the year 1 and 2 trip to Bekonscot Model Village on Wednesday 27th when the children had a wonderful day exploring the models as part of their Houses and Homes topic with the trains adding a real buzz of excitement to the layouts.

Real democracy starts very early here as each class has been electing their representatives for the new Infant Site School Council following a secret ballot; congratulations to those elected.

You can now help support the school while you do your online shopping; you'll raise free donations with your shopping, and, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it.

Sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/Cuddington/>



Boules with Poppies

Village Boules enthusiasts were again in action last month. The friendly match on Sunday October 1st was against Thame U3A (University of the 3rd Age). Thame are regulars, who use our pitch to play, on a monthly basis, throughout the year.

It was an enjoyable afternoon, with fine weather and much enhanced by the Club Bar being open for essential refreshments! Whilst all the games being played were keenly contested, I do not recall anyone totalling up to establish an overall winning team!

It was unanimously agreed to have another afternoon

of Boules as soon as possible. This will take place on Sunday November 12th at 2pm. It is hoped that our friends in Cheersley will be able to come along as well.

Anyone who would like to play can come along, or just watch, if you prefer. No previous experience is necessary, and everyone will get to play during the afternoon. Boules (and rules) can be provided.

The bar will be open from 3pm!

Ken Birkby



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The Charity Challenge team were amazing and took us on the uncrowded Ancascocha trail, surrounded by the spectacular Andes mountains, raging rivers and remote mountain communities. .

Our trek included tough (for me & Mike) high-altitude climbs, wild camping, in all sorts of weather, reaching a height of 4550m on day 2 at the Chi Chasqasa Pass from the Chilipahua Camp at 3750m, descending to the Camicancha Camp on day 3, and then onwards past the ruins of Wiñay Wayna towards Sun Gate - the gateway to Machu Picchu.

We spent the most beautiful, reflective days, never meeting other trekkers, except our porters who wore sandals (!), with their sure-footed ponies, carrying huge bags, containing the entire campsite (who then set up our tents and cooked delicious dinners for us. The shame of it!).

With just 6 other trekkers and our three leaders, we experienced epic views, sometimes up and down (on what they call the 'Peruvian Flats'), but mostly upwards, with views of glacial, snow-capped peaks, turquoise lakes, numerous high passes, trekking through cloud forests, along (extremely) narrow ancient paths, rock tunnels, and stone stair wells. We encountered ancient Inca ruins, traditional Andean villages, and families tending to their daily lives. Amazing. Along the way, we all felt so sure it was the right thing to do for Freya and for CRY.

It was incredible and unforgettable in equal measure and Ollie & Matilda loved it too.

Mike, Alison, Ollie, Matilda and always Freya. x



Cuddington Remembers Sunday 12th November, 2023

Whether or not you go to church, I would ask you all to join us in St Nicholas Church in Cuddington at 10.am. or just before 11.am. in the church yard for the Act of Remembrance with wreaths and crosses being laid at the War Memorial and the Commonwealth War Grave with our grateful thanks to those who gave their lives in the two World Wars and other conflicts so that we and our families may live in peace

Thank you from Cuddington Youth Drama!

I don't know if you made it to INTO THE WOODS.

We had a remarkable time.

Thank you to everyone who came and saw and shared the magic of theatre! Thank you for all your support.

Christmas Oratorio
by JS Bach

Conductor: Jeff Stewart
Orchestra: The Aylesbury Sinfonia
with guest soloists

Tickets:
Adults £16 (£18 on the door)
Under 18 £6 (£7 on the door)

www.aylesburychoral.org.uk
e: acschairman@gmail.com
or from any choir member

Saturday 25 November, 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Aylesbury, HP20 2JJ

Aylesbury Choral Society Christmas Oratorio

On Saturday 25th November, 2023 at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury at 7:30pm The Aylesbury Choral Society will be performing the magnificent and much loved, Christmas Oratorio by J.S. Bach. This will be the first 4 cantatas which cover the Christmas story from Advent to New Year. The choir will be accompanied by The Aylesbury Sinfonia with a fantastic group of soloists, all under the direction of Jeff Stewart.

It is often said that this work would be more well known for a Christmas concert than Handel's Messiah were it not for the need of a bigger orchestra, so this promises to be a treat for the area. To mis-quote Douglas Adams, "No mortal man could have created a repertoire of such beautiful music in one lifetime."

Tickets can be purchased online via the choir's website at www.aylesburychoral.org.uk, by emailing acschairman@gmail.com, popping along to one of our Tuesday rehearsals (7:30-9:30pm) at The Church on Fairford Leys, Aylesbury; or from any of the members.

You may also like to join the choir's VIP members' club by purchasing season tickets for the three concerts being performed over the 2023-24 season. Season tickets can be purchased for £45 adults and £16 under 18s from the same sources as listed above. These prices represent a significant reduction on buying tickets for individual concerts and include a free programme. Please see our website for more information.

Cuddington Methodist Church

Our Carol Service will be held on Sunday 10th December at 2.30 pm.

The theme of the service will be "The LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS". We will be singing traditional Carols accompanied by a group of musicians led by Patricia Edwards.

Our new minister Rev Hee-gon Moon will be sharing with us in this service along with members of the Congregation.

This will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to share with each other.

Please come and join with us. We would love to welcome you, and bring your family and friends.

Margaret Watts

News from the pub!



Well, many of you may have already heard about the case of the disappearing chef. Leo arrived for his first lunchtime service, went off to look for crayfish down in the river and never returned, (and no he didn't fall in). Anyway it means that we are still looking for a chef. We are very grateful to Chris who is continuing to cover evenings and Sunday lunchtime with Glyn picking up the other lunchtimes while we continue to advertise.

So what has happened in October, well it has been surprisingly quiet, although on Thursday 19 October we had the first Gentlemen's Club Supper, hosted by Phil Jackson. Just a small select group this time but we hope this will grow for the Christmas event, date to be confirmed; look out for notices. During the meal it was established that several of the diners played in different folk bands. Instruments were fetched and an impromptu jamming session finished the evening off. If there are ladies out there who want to set up a ladies' club supper or maybe a lunch please do get in touch. So what's coming up in November? Well, we look forward to seeing you after the fireworks display on Friday 3 November, there will be hot dogs on offer behind the bar. We are hoping to take a peek at the fireworks from the end of the car park. Let's hope it stays dry.

As advised in the last edition the Charity Quiz will be later this month, Monday 20 November at 7.30pm. £2 per person, teams of 6 to 8, give us a ring or pop in to reserve a table for your team. This month we are going to raise some more funds towards the repair of the rocking horse at playing fields playground. Donations for the raffle gratefully received. On Wednesday 22 November we will be holding another Chateaubriand evening, a two course meal, including a starter sharing platter, Chateaubriand main, £35 per person, or a 3 course meal for £40 per person. £15 for a bottle of house wine (red or white). This is a pre-booked event only as we will be buying the Chateaubriand to order. £10 deposit due when booking.

Looking forwards to December, we are just putting the final touches to the Christmas Party menu, this will be available from 1 December. Look out for it on noticeboards and our Facebook page shortly.

Cheers Glyn and Tracy

The Gentlemen's Dining Club {The Musical}

Thanks to Phil Johnson the Gentlemen's Dining Club met again after a long absence. Seven Gentlemen assembled at the "CROWN" for a delicious meal of crown of lamb washed down with substantial quantities of red wine. The conversation was lively and varied although as the evening went on the more elderly members remembered the rugby songs of their youth and tried to outdo each other with very politically incorrect songs. Perhaps Gentlemen's Club is slightly suspect. Luckily the tone improved when Doug Kennedy with his guitar and Jamie Strachan with his Stradivarius violin regaled us with some lovely folksy songs and Scottish melodies.

The next meeting will be announced on the website and Village Voice and it is hoped more will join us for what turned out to be a very entertaining evening.



Charles Sanderson

The Benefits of Yoga for Older Adults

Some might assume yoga is only for the fit, young and flexible. However, more and more evidence is coming out proving the benefits of yoga for people of all ages.

Yoga is an ancient practice for the mind, body and soul. But the physical postures alone can be adapted into a low-impact, gentle form of movement for anyone's particular physical needs. In fact, as over the years the body becomes less flexible, stable and mobile, yoga can be an incredible tool to help regain those movements that might have become more challenging over time.

Perhaps you have realised you can no longer get up and down from the floor so easily or need to sit in a chair to put on your socks and shoes. These seemingly simple tasks are something we take for granted, until one day, it's no longer possible. A well-planned and frequent yoga practice could help you get towards moving through daily tasks with more ease and maintain a healthy level of mobility into your seventh, eighth and ninth decades.

Key Benefits of a Safe and frequent practice of yoga include:



- Increased mental wellbeing
- Increased physical and emotional resilience
- Maintenance of mobility and flexibility in the joints
- Strengthened muscles
- Reduction in chronic pain
- Improved core strength

If you have any questions about yoga or trying 1:1 yoga in your home, please don't hesitate to send me an email to ilona@yogawithilona.com

For information about group classes for mixed levels, head to www.yogawithilona.com

THAME & HADDENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS



GLORIA
BY FRANCIS POULENC
ALONG WITH TRADITIONAL SING-ALONG CAROLS
MUSICAL DIRECTOR: HELEN SWIFT
SOPRANO: HANNAH FRASER-MACKENZIE

9TH DECEMBER 2023 - 7.30PM (DOORS OPEN 6.30PM)
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, THAME OX9 3AJ
TICKETS: ADULTS £15 IN ADVANCE OR £16 ON THE DOOR. UNDER 16s FREE

Tickets available online at thamehaddenhamchoral.org.uk
or to reserve email: tandhchoralsociety@outlook.com

WITH THANKS TO
Lightfoots
Joel First

Service of Loving Remembrance

4pm 26th November 2023

You are invited to a special service of Loving Remembrance on **Sunday 26th November at St Nicholas, Cuddington at 4pm.**

The service will be a gentle and reflective space of prayer and reflection where you are safe to remember your loved one, the joy you shared together, and to mourn their loss. We will sing hymns of faith and hear words of hope.

As part of the service, names will be read in an act of remembrance as a candle is lit.

If you would like your loved one's name or names to be read out, please fill in the online form linked from the QR code. Contact Canon Phil Groves 01296 748390 for more information.



Terry Lloyd – ITN Reporter

Terry Lloyd was a notable television journalist. He is the fourth well-known journalist to have lived in our village following Richard Dimbleby, Chester Wilmot and Tom Stephenson.



Terence Ellis Lloyd was born in Derby in 1952. His first job was in a News Agency in his home town. Later he moved to become a regional TV reporter and in 1983 he joined ITN. He soon made his mark with two scoops. In 1988 he reported the news that Saddam Hussein had used chemical weapons in Iraq which killed approximately 5,000 Kurds. In 1999 he was the first foreign journalist to enter Kosovo.

He filed regular ITN reports on the coalition invasion of Iraq, but died while working with his team of two cameramen and an interpreter. He was wounded in one attack but was eventually killed in the crossfire during fighting near a bridge in Basra between American and Iraqi forces. His body and that of his interpreter, Hussein Osman, were recovered. His French cameraman is still officially classed as missing presumed dead, although his Belgian cameraman survived.

His funeral in St Nicholas Church took place in April 2003. The inquest was held three years later in 2006 in Oxfordshire and lasted eight days. ITN was cleared of blame for his death, but a verdict of

unlawful killing by the USA military was recorded. The Coroner announced that he would request the Director of Public Prosecutions to mount an investigation into possible charges. In the same year the Liberal Democrat leader, Sir Menzies Campbell, asked in Prime Minister's Questions, "When may we expect the Attorney-General to make an application for the extradition and trial of these American soldiers against whom there is a prima facie case for the unlawful killing in Iraq of the ITN journalist, Terry Lloyd?" In March 2007 his daughter demanded an enquiry into her father's death. However, in the following year the Crown Prosecution Service decided that there was insufficient evidence to prosecute the U.S. marines involved.

In March 2003 when the sad news about Terry had been confirmed, the flag on Cuddington Church flew at half mast. His funeral was marked with due solemnity. In a crowded church Mark Austin reported the funeral on ITN news bulletins. A garland from his family with 'HERO' picked out in flowers was prominently displayed at the church entrance. Tributes from ITN staff recorded admiration for his "world class" journalism. He had been at the top of his profession working in perilous conditions and had exhibited courage and dedication.

Terry's reports made villagers very aware of the stark contrast between a peaceful Cuddington and the dangerous, war-torn Iraqi desert.

Peter Wenham

The Annual Swish Sale Returns!

The 3rd Wednesday of December! 7-10 pm
The Lovely Bernard Hall, Cuddington

Bring anything at all from your house that no longer serves you!
We always have unexpected fun and beautiful clothes, shoes, books, toys and brilliant Christmas gifts!
Pay what ever you can and enjoy a drink with whomever shows up! All proceeds go to the BBOWT Wildlife!
See you there!

Love from a group of gals from hereabouts, some of whom have
FABULOUS CLOTHES to pass on...

Fine Young Cuddingtons presents

Christmas with The Cuddingtons



Live Music at the Cuddington Social Club
Saturday 16th December from 6:00pm

Playing all your favourite Christmas tunes for Crisis. Donation buckets on the night or scan here to donate online!

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PLAYING ALL YOUR FAVOURITE CHRISTMAS TUNES FOR CRISIS. DONATION BUCKETS ON THE NIGHT OR SCAN HERE TO DONATE ONLINE!

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Cuddington Social Club
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Greener Cuddington

November 2023

Our Disappearing Trees

We are so lucky to live in this peaceful place with lovely scenery, pretty villages and lively towns, with easy access to London and elsewhere. But what makes it special for us who love it is nature – the flowers and meadows, the river, the open spaces and the trees. The UK has one of the lowest levels of forest and tree density in Europe, so successive governments have initiated tree planting, culminating in the The England Trees Action Plan 2021-2024. This aims to raise the woodland cover in England from about 10% of the land to 12% by 2050, which compares to 35% woodland cover in the more forested parts of Europe. (You may not find this to be very ambitious!)

In our neck of the woods, almost all the land has been cleared for farming or building on and all that remains are fragments of Bernwood Forest and small woods and copses on private estates like Waddesdon. There are also a fair number of hedgerows surviving, many of which include mature trees, for which we can be thankful, as thousands of miles of hedgerows were cleared in the last century. We are being urged to plant trees and some landowners are planting young saplings or 'whips', but these have nothing like the value of a mature tree, and they need care if many are to survive for long. HS2 planted thousands of these to replace mature trees it had felled, but most of them died during two dry summers as they weren't being watered. The same nearly happened to newly planted trees in Cuddington in 2022, but residents came to the rescue with water before it was too late. Now we are aware, plans are in place to care for our young trees better henceforth.

However there is a very sad elephant looming and approaching fast that could wreck our hopes of

increasing tree cover across the country, and this is tree diseases, principally Ash die-back, caused by the imported Asian fungus, *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*.

Although the ash is one of our signature English trees, along with the oak (and once the elm), they are dying across the country. As you drive towards Dinton, you can see its effects on the trees that line parts of the road, and in the Chiltern woods whole areas are having to be felled. We also have 'sudden oak death', horse chestnut canker and leaf miners and so on. This means that the tree replacement programme required is massive to maintain, let alone increase, tree cover in England.

It is very easy to regard a tree as a nuisance because it brings too much shade, or could cause a building to be undermined, or simply doesn't appeal to our tastes. So a number of mature trees have been felled in recent times in Cuddington, while whole lines of crack willows and some poplars have been felled by the Thame at Winchendon.

Our countryside and its resident native wildlife is hugely depleted since World War 2, and if we really do value what is left, we need to do much more to protect and maintain the trees that we have. We must look after newly planted trees very well and realise that these hold nothing like the value of mature trees which, when healthy, we should cherish.



Tuesday group

At the beginning of October 'The Tuesdays' took part in a game of carpet bowls at the Playing Fields Clubhouse. Good fun was had by all. There were a few dark horses in the camp, including the amazing Brenda (pictured) who, in her 90s, knocked it out of the park! The game was followed by the usual tea and cake, in this case Mary Berry's lemon drizzle traybake. Please feel free to pop along to our friendship group at 2.00 on the first Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse. The fee is £2.00. We have talks, poetry and quizzes and sometimes just a natter because it's good to catch up. A special thank you to Malcolm T for heaving out the bowls for us. They were extremely heavy!

Carol H





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buckscyclerepair@gmail.com

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

As we're without a car all this week, we'd get help from the bus timetables mainly 110 when we need to go to Aylesbury & back.

But when I had to go to Haddenham Medical Centre and then dentist's at Banks Parade the other day I realized I could not cross the A418 if I was prepared to walk both ways. So I had to hitch a lift long before A418 by showing the placard saying where I went to.... Luckily the kind lady whom I know gave me a lift. On the way back after the dentist, I had to hitch a lift! The chap familiar to me gave me a lift back home!!! What a relief! Thanks to both of them.

So I came to realize that it was impossible to cross the A418, but I am interested to know HOW other residents without their cars manage to get to Medical Centre, etc??? Please kindly reply?

I have read about the problem in this month's newsletter re safety at Kings Cross junction. The solution may be the footbridge but it'd be an eyesore?? No pavements on both sides of Dadbrook leading to A418, but the pavement on one side may do?? I know it'll depend on the funding which is much needed to help raise money to make the crossing safe. Hope it'll be done some day if we're still here!!

Kind Regards,
Helen Salomone

Christmas Bring and Buy



Monday 4th
December
Tyringham Hall, 2.00pm

Great bargains,
Raffle, Tea

Warm welcome to
everyone



A local Christmas feast – under one roof

by food writer: Franky Cookson)

I was excited to hear about the opening of Starveall Butchery, in Upton. For years, I have been buying Starveall's award-winning turkeys and geese, but now there's an on-site butcher's shop, too. It offers everything for the big day – including bacon, sausages, condiments and sauces, as well as local beef, game, pork, chicken and lamb.

Starveall Butchery is run Callum Claridge. "We've been open for less than a year," says Callum, "but already our shop has become a 'hub' for high-quality local food.

Starveall's farmer, Mike Lambert, explained what makes his free-range geese and bronze turkeys delicious.



"Firstly, the slow-rearing," he says. "This allows our birds to grow naturally. We also use a lot of our own feed - and all our birds

enjoy our lovely meadow grass."

This year, I'll choose a turkey, as I'll have eight people round my table.

A Starveall 6-7 kilo bronze turkey allows for generous servings on Christmas Day, plus plenty for sandwiches on Boxing Day – and delicious dishes later. Cooked turkey freezes well, so there's never any waste.



For fewer people, a free-range goose is a delicious alternative, though you shouldn't expect much in the way of left-overs. A 6-7 kilo goose will feed six people, but they'll probably polish off the lot!

It's a good idea to pre-order your Christmas bird, on Starveall's website. You can simply shop for the rest when you collect your bird.

But hurry. Starveall birds sell out fast!

www.starveallturkeys.co.uk
www.starveallbutchery.co.uk
01296 747 549

Dates for your Diary



*'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.'*
Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

November

Thursday 2nd, 8.00pm	'Barbie' , Village Picture House
Monday 6th, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea at the Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 8th, 8.00pm	Bookworms Book Club at the Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 9th, 8.00pm	'Bookclub: The Next Chapter' , Village Picture House
Thursday 16th, 8.00pm	'Mission Impossible – Dead Reckoning' , Village Picture House
Monday 20th, 1.30pm	Sunshine Club Cinema 'The Phantom of the Open' , Bernard Hall
Tuesday 23rd, 7.00pm	'NT Live: Skylight' , Village Picture House
Tuesday 28th, 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
Thursday 30th, 8.00pm	'Sorry We Missed You' , Village Picture House

December

Monday 4th, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Christmas Bring & Buy, Tyringham Hall
Thursday 7th, 8.00pm	'Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny' , Village Picture House
Monday 11th, 1.00pm	Sunshine Club Christmas Club, Bernard Hall

And every Friday, at 10.00am, in term time, Toddlers Singing Group takes place in St Nicholas Church. Everyone is welcome. For more details please contact Christine (christine.jackson@live.co.uk). For more information please refer to the village website – cuddingtonvillage.com

November events at Haddenham Community Library



Haddenham
Community
Library

Every week

Tuesdays 10.30 to 11.00 – Storytime
Tuesdays 10.30 to 12.00 Knit and Natter
Thursdays 10.30 to 12.30 – Drop in for all things digital with Mary
Friday 10th and 24th at 10.30am – Bounce and Rhyme
Saturday 10.30am to 12.30 – Crafts and Lego Club

Every Month

Meet your councillor - Gregory Smith at 10.00 - 11.00 on Saturday 11th November.
Sue Lewin will be in on at 10.00 - 11.00 on Saturday 2nd December
Please check website www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk for date details

New Lunchtime Reading Group:

First meeting Tuesday 14th November at 12.45, and monthly thereafter (please check website. No need to sign up or commit to reading a specific book, just show up and talk to others about books you have enjoyed reading. On Tuesday 14th November, Lorna Watson will be talking about the books of Louise Penny

Cuddington Matinee Cinema



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

The heart-warming true story of Maurice Flitcroft, who entered the 1976 Open despite never playing a round of golf before. The extraordinary story of an ordinary man, THE PHANTOM OF THE OPEN is an uplifting and moving comedy drama about pursuing your dreams and shooting for the stars, no matter what hand you're dealt.

The film stars Mark Rylance, Sally Hawkins, Rhys Ifans.

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

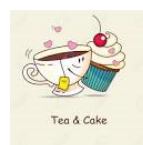
We can arrange transport to the Bernard Hall. Please phone Angela Wenham if you would like a lift 01844 291932.



The Sunshine Club calendar dates are:

November

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



SUNSHINE CLUB TEAS

The Sunshine Club is currently in need of a couple of new Tea Hostesses.

If you could spare one afternoon a year to make and serve tea to our members, we would welcome your help.

Contact: Angela - apdwenham@gmail.com
01844 291 932



As the nights become darker and colder, why not spend an evening “at the flicks” and come to see one of the diverse selection of features at the Village Picture House this month?

On Thursday 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 Greta 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 ... 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*.

On 9th November, we’ll be screening **Book Club: The Next Chapter** (cert. 12A) starring Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen. The original *Book Club* film centred on four older women who had all attended a weekly book club together for 40 years. After reading the erotic *Fifty Shades of Grey* they began to see a change in how they viewed their personal relationships. In this highly-anticipated sequel, 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. When things go off the rails and secrets are revealed, their relaxing holiday turns into a once-in-a-lifetime cross-country adventure... “Undeniably codswallop, but also massively diverting,” says the *Evening Standard*. “Pure cheese, of course ... the scenery does wonders for the inane but cheerful script,” says *The Times*.

Then on 16th November our film will be **Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One** (cert. 12A). Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and his IMF team embark on their most dangerous mission yet: to track down a terrifying new weapon that threatens all of humanity, before it falls into the wrong hands. *M:I 7* has received a raft of five-star reviews – here are just three: “Seven films in and nothing about *M:I*, from the star’s incredible stunt skills to the silly-serious tone, is showing any sign of slowing down,” says *The Guardian*. “Tom Cruise’s greatest stunt yet ... the seventh, stupendously entertaining entry in the series boasts an AI villain and the franchise’s all-time most gawp-inducing set piece,” says *The Telegraph*. “This

is blockbuster filmmaking so exhilarating that most other major franchises should be embarrassed,” says the *Radio Times*.

On 23rd November we’ll be showing NT Live’s production of **Skylight** (cert. 15) starring Bill Nighy and Carey Mulligan. Captured live at Wyndham’s Theatre in London’s West End in 2014, David Hare’s critically-acclaimed play now returns to the big screen after nearly ten years. On a bitterly cold London evening, schoolteacher Kyra receives an unexpected visit from her former lover. As the evening progresses, the two attempt to rekindle their once passionate relationship – only to find themselves locked in a dangerous battle of opposing ideologies and mutual desires. “David Hare’s prickly, intelligent mid-Nineties play is full of guts and heart,” says the *Evening Standard*. “A moving picture of politics and love,” says *The Guardian*. “Carey Mulligan gives a performance of extraordinarily contained power,” says *The Independent*.

On 30th November we have the Ken Loach film **Sorry We Missed You** (cert. 15). Ricky, his wife Abby and their children have been fighting an uphill battle against debt since the 2008 financial crash. An opportunity to wrestle back some independence appears with the chance to become a self-employed delivery driver. It’s hard work, and Abby’s job as a home care nurse is no easier, so when Ricky and Abby are pulled in different directions, everything is stretched to breaking point... “The I, Daniel Blake director raises his game yet further with this gut-wrenching tale of a delivery worker driven to the brink,” says *The Guardian*. “Ken Loach makes everyday problems seem the stuff of epic drama ... devastating,” says *The Independent*. “A crucial, empathetic rally cry of a film that holds a mirror up to the swelling crisis of the gig economy,” says *Empire*.

Looking ahead to December, on the 7th we’ll be showing **Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny**, in which the daredevil archaeologist teams up with his estranged goddaughter to search for an ancient artefact that could change the course of history.

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