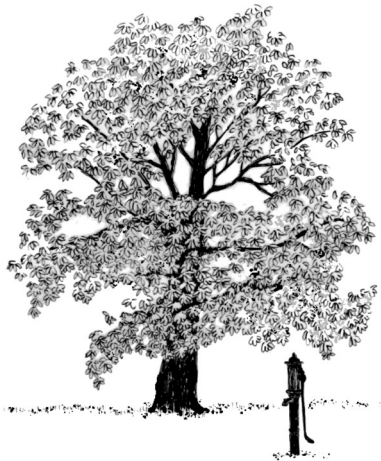




Cuddington Village Voice

March 2024

Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse

RACE NIGHT

Saturday 23rd March

Doors open 7.30pm, first race at 8pm



£5 PER TICKET

Available to buy at the clubhouse or email
cuddingtonclubbookings@gmail.com

Cuddington Pancake Race

On Shrove Tuesday 13th February the inaugural Cuddington pancake race took place up at the playing fields. The rain just about held off for a good gathering of locals of all ages and their frying pans. The competitors were split into 6 groups and, under strict instructions to toss their pancakes a minimum of 4 times, ran a good distance to the finish line. At times there were some dubious tactics and almost some disqualifications, but congratulations must go to the winners (see below) who each won an Easter egg! Freshly made pancakes and cakes were served in the clubhouse which went down very well. We hope to do it all over again next year!

Winners:

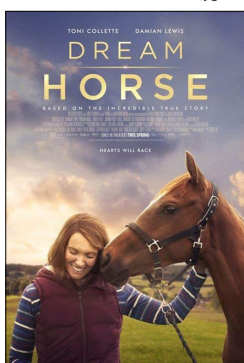
Under 4s - Xander Carey
Under 7s - Rafferty Dymott
Under 11s - Emily Rysdale
Under 18s - Archie Dymott
Ladies - Maddie Carey
Men - Edd Hodder-Compton



Cuddington Matinee Cinema



On Monday 18th March at 1.30 (doors open 1.00pm) in the Bernard Hall, the film *Dream Horse* will be screened, a film starring Toni Collette, Damian Lewis, Owen Teale. In this true story of



triumph against adversity, a poorly paid cleaner and bartender recruits her husband and a local accountant to bring together a syndicate of local people to breed a foal that turns out to be a true working-class champion. Entry £7 (Sunshine Club members £5) includes tea and cake at the interval. If you require a lift to the Bernard Hall, please contact Angela Wenham 01844 291932

Save the date!

Annual Village Meeting

**Monday 22nd April at 7pm
the Bernard Hall.**

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

If you are new to the village then it is a good place to meet your new neighbours and find out what is going on in Cuddington.

Wine and soft drinks will be provided.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Lorraine Stevens Chair – Cuddington PC

Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse



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CRAFT SALE



Mother's Day and Easter Gifts

News from School



Keeping Children Safe in Education has been a real focus this year. Instead of having just one First Aider on each site, the Inset day on 9th February was used for up to date First Aid Training for all staff. Health and Safety responsibility is taken seriously by the Governing body and the Governor responsible has undertaken an audit on each site.

We are aware that all our roads are becoming increasingly busy and hazardous for pedestrians and cyclists. The pupils have been encouraged to enter a local Road Safety Poster Competition with plenty of colourful drawings and clear commands. We look forward to viewing the winning entries. The pupils have also been learning how to keep themselves safe and how their behaviour impacts others. As well as physical health, the school aims to promote positive mental health and well being for all pupils and staff, and recognises how important this is to our lives. It is now obvious that even young children can be affected by accessing and viewing harmful images on social media and so parents have recently been encouraged to join a webinar run by 'Bucks Mind' on promoting wellbeing around internet use.

The school works hard to ensure that it is a safe space for all with a new door entry system operating on each site.

The Safeguarding Governor and all staff have undertaken recent training but we also recognise that safeguarding is the responsibility of all and it is good to know that there are clear systems in place to accommodate any concerns.

Thought for the month...

Somehow, year after year, the sudden burst of springtime colour in daffodils, crocuses and cherry blossoms always hits me as a terrific surprise after months of gloom. It's a thrill that things can be so bright and upbeat after being dark and grey for so long. That annual arrival of spring



is a powerful parable of hope – even as the world around us seems trapped in division and hostility, and in the drumbeat of wars in Ukraine and Gaza. But as the lingering bleakness and greyness of winter gives way to the vibrancy of spring, it reminds us of the invitation to renewal and to a fresh start that the season of Lent also offers us. Even the world's fear and tumult could urge us to us to confront the discord within ourselves – and in our relationships at home or at work.

As this month's *Village Voice* lands on your doormat, Easter is just a month away. Why not take this month to allow some spring cleaning and renewal in our lives, looking forward and embracing the Easter triumph of Christ's hope over despair, love over hatred, and life over death?

Markus Bockmuehl

Planning update and responding to planning applications

The planning landscape continues to change as politicians seek to increase the supply of housing land and the delivery of more houses.

At the end of 2023 the Government published new national planning guidelines and are seeking to increase the scope of permitted development i.e development that doesn't require a planning application.

(Note that Labour have said that they will amend the planning guidelines if they get into office, so expect further changes!)

How does this affect Cuddington?

We are in the fortunate position that we have an up to date Local Plan (Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)) and Neighbourhood Plan (Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan (CNP)).

This means that, despite the shortage of a 5 year housing supply (the area has a 4.7 year supply), there should be no 'open season' for unallocated sites outside of settlement boundaries.

However, there are opportunities for unallocated sites to be brought forward. These include applications that were made before the new guidance was published in Dec 2023, and permitted development eg barn conversions and (some) extensions.

Development within the settlement boundary can be acceptable provided that it meets the various planning tests with the

Development Plan.

How can I comment on a planning application?

The planning authority (Bucks Council) will take account of objections, but decisions are based on the officer's reports. Where applications are referred to the local planning committee, they are mindful that when an officer's recommendations are overturned there is the potential cost of an appeal.

Therefore, where parishioners have concerns about an application and wish to object, they should do so as quickly as possible. This means that the relevant planning officers have the benefit of their feedback before they write their reports. Comments can be made throughout the consultation period and there is no limit to the number of responses for each person. In addition to comments on the application itself parishioners can also respond to the reports submitted by Bucks consultee officers e.g. on highways, ecology, heritage etc.



News from the pub!



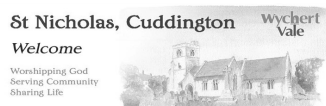
Fish Fry-day has been popular in February, and we will continue with the offer for March. That is Fish and Chips with either a pint or a glass of house wine for £13 a saving of £5 on normal prices.

After a really successful Folk Night we are looking forward to more live music this month. On Saturday 2 March from 8pm we will be introducing a local singer, Charlotte Reading, a young lady with an extraordinary voice and a passion for performing. She will be singing some popular songs from the sixties onwards and some amazing songs from the shows. By popular request Doug, Jamie and guests (pictured here) will be returning at 8pm on Wednesday 6 March for our second folk night. Come and enjoy some amazing music, traditional folk, mixed with some popular songs and awe-inspiring fiddle playing.

The Charity Quiz this month is on Monday 18 March, we will be raising money for the National Stroke Association. Some of you may know that Glyn was poorly recently, as I write we are not really sure of the cause but the next investigations are to rule out a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) a mini stroke, so this is a charity that we are interested in learning more about. (Glyn is feeling better every day, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone that has offered support and to our staff for doing some extra shifts to help out).

Next month will be our last at The Crown and we will let you know of plans for our leaving party in the next edition of the Village Voice. Cheers, Tracy and Glyn

Services in March



3rd March	Holy Communion.
	Children's activities in Bernard Hall
10th March	All-Age Service
17th March	Holy Communion.
	Children's activities in Bernard Hall
24th March	Palm Sunday. All-Age Service
29th March	Good Friday, 2.00pm. Hour at the Cross
31st March	Easter Sunday. All-Age Communion

Tuesday Group

CarersBucks
Dedicated to supporting carers

At our 5th March meeting we have a visit from Bethany Sawyers, Fundraising Coordinator, Carers Bucks, N. Bucks and Milton Keynes. Beth will present an illustrated talk on the work Carers Bucks (a registered charity) does to support the children and young people who act as carers for a parent or other family member. **The Tuesday Group helps support these youngsters by making a 'small change' collection at each meeting and sending the proceeds once a year, usually at Christmas. Our last donation amounted to £100.00.**

If you are interested in learning more, please come to our 5th March meeting at the Playing Fields Clubhouse at 2.00pm.

All are welcome. Meeting fee £2.00, includes tea.

Group Leader: Rosemary Bradbury Tel: 01844 290249.

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Thursday 21st March

7pm - 9pm

Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse

Tickets £10 per person

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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:lr1965@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 20th March between 6-9pm

THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON

Our varied programme of films and plays for Spring 2024 continues on Thursday 7th March with **The Lesson** (cert. 15) starring Richard E. Grant, Julie Delpy and Daryl McCormack. Liam, an aspiring and ambitious young writer, eagerly accepts a tutoring position at the family estate of his idol, renowned author J.M. Sinclair. But Liam soon realises that he is ensnared in a web of family secrets, resentment, and retribution. Sinclair, his wife Hélène and their son Bertie all guard a dark past, one that threatens Liam's future as well as their own... "This literary thriller is a masterclass in tension ... Richard E Grant is superb as a supercilious and sly British author," says *The Times*. "An amusing essay in conceit and revenge ... fun and smart," says *The Guardian*. "Richard E Grant is enjoyably sinister in this literary thriller," says *The Telegraph*.

On 14th March we're delighted to be able to screen **One Life** (cert. 12A) starring Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter, Johnny Flynn and Romola Garai. The film is the true story of British humanitarian Sir Nicholas "Nicky" Winton, who helped save hundreds of Central European children from the Nazis on the eve of World War II.

"Anthony Hopkins is stirring as the 'British Schindler' who saved 600 Jewish children," says *The Telegraph*. "Anthony Hopkins and Johnny Flynn do justice to Nicholas Winton, a remarkable and almost comically modest man," says *The Times*. "Anthony Hopkins exudes quiet compassion as a wartime saviour," says the *Financial Times*.



On 21st March we have the National Theatre's **The Motive and the Cue** (cert. 15), captured live during a sold-out run at the National. Sam Mendes (*The Lehman Trilogy*) directs Mark Gatiss as John Gielgud and Johnny Flynn as Richard Burton in this fierce and funny new play. It's 1964 and Richard Burton, newly married to Elizabeth Taylor, is to play the title role in an experimental new Broadway production of *Hamlet* under John Gielgud's exacting direction. But as rehearsals progress, two ages of theatre collide and the collaboration between actor and director soon threatens to unravel... "A witty, deft, touching evocation of a fascinating, fraught encounter that captures the mood of those times," says *The Telegraph*. "There is great humanity in Thorne's writing ... a triumph," says *WhatsOnStage*. "Johnny Flynn and Mark Gatiss are sensational," says *Time Out*.



There is no screening on Maundy Thursday, but on 4th April our special film for the Easter holiday will be **Wonka** (cert. PG). Armed with nothing but a hatful of dreams, young chocolatier Willy Wonka manages to change the world, one delectable bite at a time. Timothée Chalamet, Olivia Colman, Hugh Grant and Rowan Atkinson star in this delightful family film, co-written by Simon Farnaby

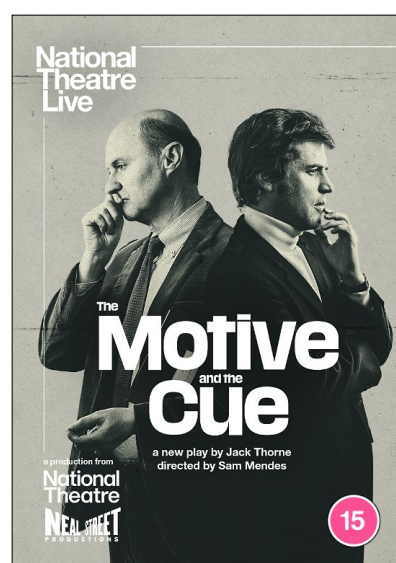
(*Ghosts*) and Roald Dahl and directed by Paul King (*Paddington*).

"Irresistible ... the most fun you'll have in a cinema all year," says *The Telegraph*. "Timothée Chalamet is simply scrumptious in this rollicking sweet treat," says *The Evening Standard*.

Looking further ahead, on 11th April we'll be showing **Anatomy of a Fall**, an Oscar-nominated and BAFTA-winning courtroom thriller that will keep you guessing the outcome. On Tuesday 23rd we'll have the National Theatre's new play **Nye** starring Michael Sheen as Nye Bevan, the man who transformed Britain's welfare state and created the NHS. This surreal, spectacular production will be broadcast live by satellite from the National.

And lastly, because of the really high demand for tickets to see **One Life**, we'll be arranging an encore screening during

April – on a day other than Thursday for the benefit of those who are always busy on that day of the week.



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

Dates for your Diary

'With the trumpet call of daffodils, nature announces the grand symphony of renewal.' (Walt Whitman 1819-1892)



March

Monday 4th, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea at the Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 5th, 2.00pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse, Speaker: Beth Sawyer, Young Carers Bucks
Wednesday 6th, 8.00pm	Bookworms Book Club aPlaying Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 7th, 8.00pm	'The Lesson', Village Picture House
Thursday 14th, 8.00pm	'One Life', Village Picture House
Monday 18th, 1.30pm	Sunshine Club Cinema 'Dream Horse', Bernard Hall
Thursday 21st, 7.00pm	'NT Live: The Motive and the Cue', Village Picture House
Monday 25th, 8.45am	Cuddington Breakfast for Breakfast, Bernard Hall
Tuesday 26th, 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

April

Tuesday 2nd, 2.00pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wednesday 3rd, 8.00pm	Bookworms Book Club, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 4th, 8.00pm	'Wonka', Village Picture House
Monday 8th, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea at the Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 11th, 8.00pm	'Anatomy of a Fall', Village Picture House
Monday 22nd, 7.00pm	Annual Village Meeting, Bernard Hall
Tuesday 23rd, 7.00pm	'NT Live: Nye', Village Picture House
Tuesday 30th, 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, 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 www.cuddingtonvillage.com

CYD stands for Cuddington Youth Drama!



Do you like to Act? Sing? Dance? Make up stuff?

We play drama games and improvise and find the fun and the funny. We will be performing after Easter a Sharing of Talent Show in which you can do whatever you are ready for. We collaborate and bring out the best in each other! The beautiful stage is yours...

"I love feeling free on the stage and being so encouraged." "It's fun to act with all ages so age doesn't matter. And we make up characters and make up great costume", "I didn't know I could sing before." "I like the techie stuff, and it is first class equipment and support". "Everyone is fun and relaxed and just themselves." "It is definitely my favourite part of my week."

"Once CYD, forever part of an amazing family."

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Every Little Helps!

Ludo - my rescue terrier - and myself took part in Pace's first 'Winter Waggle'; a dog walk around Waddesdon Manor. We turned up thinking we were doing the 2Km walk, but I'd signed up for the 5Km! Fortunately, Ludo is very energetic, and the route was not that challenging. It was such an easy way to raise funds, and I would highly recommend it. Later this year Pace will be organising another one - I've already promised to take part - and I hope other villagers, with their dogs, will also sign up. Remember - to quote a well-known supermarket 'every little helps'. Helen Keeping



Breakfast for Breakfasts



The Garden Route Children's Trust is very excited to launch our new fundraising initiative, Breakfast for Breakfasts! The Garden Route Children's Trust helps to fund more than 8000 meals for children each school day in South Africa. £20 feeds one child breakfast for a whole school year.

During March and April this year, we would love for you to join us in hosting a breakfast and, in return, inviting your guests to donate to the GRCT and help fund the cost of providing breakfasts for children in need in South Africa.

The breakfast can be as straightforward as coffee and pastries, or a more elaborate meal - it's totally up to you!

I will be hosting a Cuddington Breakfast for Breakfast event in the Bernard Hall on Monday 25th March from 8:45 – 11am.

If you would like to attend, please email Ali Lewis at mrs.ali.lewis@gmail.com so we can cater for the right number of people. Donations for the breakfast can be made on the day or via our Just Giving site (<https://www.justgiving.com/page/breakfast4breakfast>)

Please do visit our website www.grct.org.uk (or e-mail Ali Lewis at mrs.ali.lewis@gmail.com) for more information and links to the publicity material we have produced to help you in hosting your own Breakfast for Breakfasts.

Thank you!

Ali Lewis, trustee of The Garden Route Children's Trust



Cuddington Tennis Club

New members always welcome

Club night - Thursday 7:30pm

Membership enquiries: Robin Nash
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