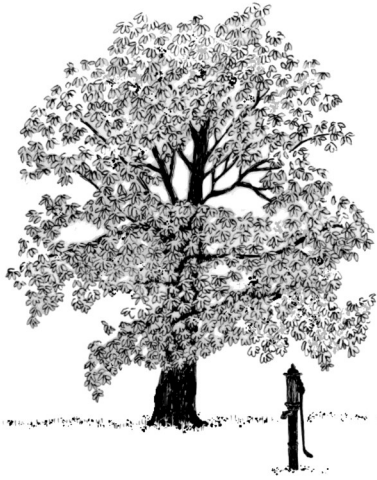


July 2024



Cuddington Village Voice



HS2 Works Notification:

HS2

Notice of road closures, A418 Oxford Road 12 July to November 2024

From mid July, we will be closing the A418 Oxford Road several times in order to bring the new road alignment we have been building into use. This will culminate in the reopening of the new section of road in November this year. Part of the old A418 Oxford Road will remain for residents access only. ***This work begins with two weekend closures in July. There will then be a 2-week closure and a further 1-week closure later this year.*** There are three additional weekends identified as contingency in case the works are delayed due to circumstances beyond our control.

In order to complete the required work and reopen the road as swiftly as possible, we will be working 24 hours a day with consent from Buckinghamshire Council during these periods.

(Date of closures and all HS2 disruption details, continued on page 2)

News from the School

At last the children are wearing sunhats instead of raincoats at playtime!

July is the time for end of term trips; A Derbyshire residential and Wormsley Opera for the older ones, Waddesdon Manor and Warwick Castle enjoyed by others. It is also the time when music concerts and sports days are anticipated with excitement all round. The children look forward eagerly to sharing their

successes of the year with their parents at the 'Look Book' sessions at both sites and then everyone is starting to plan ahead for the next steps of their education with the 'Transition morning' on Tuesday 2nd July when everyone has a time in their new classes and at Cuddington Miss Webb welcomes the Little Owls into Reception. Mrs. Wilde, Headteacher



School Caretaker Required

The School is currently advertising for a Caretaker to work 3 hours per day Monday/Friday term time with responsibility for cleaning and site management. More details about the role, salary etc or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 01844 291206 or email office@cds.school

Cuddington Fete 2024



The signs are going up, the bunting is being ironed and the Olympic cut out is nearly dry. It is almost fete time. Donations still needed! Fancy dress—get your glad-rags on! Your training is over, cakes on the day Road closures from 10am...you know the drill! ALL FETE INFO on page 3



Jennifer Schram de Jong

As many readers will now know Jennifer passed away last month, on 18th June. She undertook many roles over the years, and made significant contributions to Cuddington, from being a Parish Councillor for many years, a Trustee of the Nicholas Almond Trust and co-ordinating the British Legion poppy appeal in Cuddington, Nether Winchendon and Cheersley. For many years she worked hard for the village across many clubs and societies; and was also an integral part of the clubhouse refurbishment project. She will be greatly missed. Village Voice extends its condolences to Jennifer's family and friends. There will be a fuller appreciation of her life in next month's edition.

Thought for the month...



Although 2024 had been described as the “Ultimate Election Year”, with voters in over 60 countries heading to the polls, I had expected there might be a pause and that this month’s thought would have a sporting theme, given we are well and truly in the high season for sport. But Rishi Sunak took his free kick early, calling the general election, and the president of France threw a curved ball with an election no one was expecting. Whether we care or not, we are all entitled to vote. That’s how democracy works. But with rights come responsibilities. I hope we will all look at the evidence, assessing what sources of information we can trust: do the claims and promises stack up and stand scrutiny? Do we need to adjust long held assumptions? What are our candidates’ views on matters not in the manifestos? The coverage of the election and sporting events contains much analysis of promises, data and evidence. We can, and many will, ignore it all and enjoy quiet roads when key matches are on. But others follow keenly and see the contests as matters of life and death.

Important for some of us, is the reliability of Jesus’ promises and whether or not we accept God’s gift of his love that welcomes us as we are and transforms everything with his presence day by day. From the time of the earliest Christian writers their invitation to everyone was to look at what Jesus said and did i.e. the actual evidence. We have historical records and eye witness accounts. Many of Jesus’ contemporaries wrote and spoke of things they had seen with their own eyes, which they had “looked at and their hands had touched”. For them and us these are matters of life and death.

James Stonham, churchwarden.

St Nicholas, Cuddington

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Welcome

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Services in July 2024

7th July Morning Worship,

Children’s activities in Bernard Hall

14th July All Age Service

21st July Holy Communion,

Children’s activities in Bernard Hall

28th July All Age Holy Communion

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A very big THANK YOU to all those who contributed to our Christian Aid success this year. We raised £806.76 from the Madrigals, Plant Sale, Toddler Singing sale and Envelope donations. A further £573.75 on the e-envelope scheme and Vicar Phil raised an amazing £1,306.25 with his successful 70K in May challenge. With gift aid added I think this is an all time record! Your support is much Appreciated. Caroline Stonham

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When will these works take place?

Friday 12 July 8:30pm – Monday 15 July 5:30am

Friday 26 July 8:30pm – Sunday 28 July 6pm

Friday 9 August 8:30pm – Monday 12 August 5:30am

(Contingency weekend)

Friday 16 August 8:30pm – Monday 2 September 5:30am

(2 week closure)

Friday 18 October 8:30pm – Monday 21 October 5:30am

(Contingency weekend)

Friday 25 October 8:30pm – Monday 4 November 5:30am

(1 week closure)

Friday 15 November 8:30pm – Monday 18 November 5:30am (Contingency weekend)

Download further details on what these works will entail, including the construction programme and information on bus services.

You can find out more about what is happening in your area using the In Your Area pages of the HS2 website. You can also view a map of your area, which includes any planned works in your area and a HS2 route map. **If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk.**

HS2



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Conductor: Fiona Jacob

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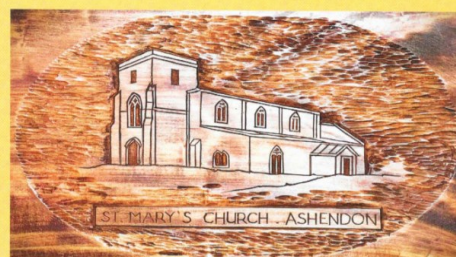
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BOTTLE TOMBOLA - Wine, spirits & cordials. Drop off to Alex at Paddock Pass, Frog Lane.

PLANTS & GARDENING - Labelled flowers, veg, houseplants, decorative pots, tools (no plastic please). Drop off to Carol Hayward at Two Shoes, Frog Lane or bring on the morning of the fete.

TEDDY TOMBOLA - preloved teddies in good condition for children's tombola. Please drop off at 4 Swan Hill, (Aylesbury Rd)

CAKES - donations to Tyringham Hall on the morning of the fete please.

Thank you



On fete day

12:30pm : Olympic Fancy Dress Parade from Lower Green to Bernard Hall with prizes to be won!

1pm : Opening Ceremony

3pm: Raffle

Stalls include our special guests, The British Paralympic Pop-Up Museum, Spot the Ball, Coconut Shy, Teas, Sweets Tombola, Teddy Tombola, Pimms, Plant Stall, BBQ, The Crown Pop-up Bar, Hoopla, Face Painting, A Walk up the Church Tower, Pony Rides, the Human Fruit Machine and plenty of interesting local independent stallholders for gifts and toys...and ice-cream and a bouncy castle of course!

4pm : End of Fete

5pm : FOR RESIDENTS ONLY After Fete Party

Closing Ceremony with sporting fun for all the family and the fish 'n chip van!

PLEASE SUPPORT US !

Thank you to ...

Andy Devey for giving our fete Tombola Drum an Olympic makeover!

Farmer Gibson for the hay bale coconut shy defences, and BBQ seating!

PrintWorld for printing our programme and signage!

After fete party

The closing ceremony will be at Cuddington Playing Fields where award winning *Exposure Sports* will be hosting races and games for kids and adults from 6pm. Sean and his team are fantastic, so grab your PE kit and head down to compete!

The Clubhouse Bar will be open from 5.30pm and Howe & Co Fish and Chips will be paying us a visit.



Grant applications Cuddington Fete



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

Temporary Road Closures for Cuddington Fete Saturday 13th July 2024

On fete day the following roads will be closed to all but fete related traffic from **10.00 am until 5.30 p.m.**

Holly Tree Lane from the junction with Great Stone down to Frog Lane

Lower Church Street including the Lower Green and Church Close

Upper Church Street from the main road junction down to Tyringham Hall Spurt Street

First Aid will be stationed at Denise's hairdressers.

Spurt Street will be used for disabled parking.

It would be much appreciated if **all vehicles** could be removed from these roads by **9.30am**.

For those of you without off-street parking facilities parking will be available at the Cuddington Playing Fields at the end of Bernard Close.

Should it be necessary for an emergency vehicle, e.g. an ambulance, to gain access to one of the closed roads during the fete, the stalls will be moved aside. The requirement to move stalls and provide access will be announced over the loud speakers located throughout the fete site. Attendees of the fete will be directed (by stall holders and stewards) to move themselves into the many residential gardens lining the closed roads to clear the roads for access.

If you have any problems with these arrangements, or would like to know more, please get in touch as soon as possible

(kentrew1@gmail.com)

On behalf of the Fete Committee I would like to thank you for your co-operation and wish you all a happy fete day!

Ken Trew

Summer Volunteer Opportunities in Hospice Charity Shops

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity are seeking short-term temporary volunteers to help in their 13 shops across Buckinghamshire over the busy summer holiday period.

"With summer fast approaching, we are on the lookout for short-term 'Summer Temp' volunteers to support our shops during the busy summer period and to help cover when our existing volunteers go away themselves." says Su Bennett, Volunteer Engagement Manager at the Charity. "It's a fantastic opportunity if you have long summer holidays, are in-between jobs or retired as you can make new friends, try something different and give something back to their local community. So, if you can spare a few hours a week between June and September, please get in touch to find out more."

The Charity has shops based in Aylesbury, Beaconsfield, Buckingham, Chinnor, Haddenham, Hazlemere, Marlow, Princes Risborough, Thame, Wendover, and Winslow as well as an online retail team based at their Furniture Showroom in Aylesbury.

One of the retail volunteers, shared what they loved about volunteering with the charity, "Working with a caring, appreciative team. Rewarding working and most importantly giving back to the community."

To find out more, call the charity on 01296 429975 or email volunteer-ing@fnhospice.org.uk. For more information visit www.fnhospice.org.uk



Speedwatch

This year Cuddington Parish Council has purchased two new solar powered Speed Activation Devices (SIDs) for use on Aylesbury Road and Bridgeway. And the existing one, which moved between locations, has found a semi-permanent home on Dadbrook, and has been upgraded to solar power too. This means our SIDs now operate 24/7, warning drivers politely if they are approaching or exceeding the speed limit through the village. They also provide us with up to date data on vehicle numbers and speeds. For example, on the 21st of May 2024 at approximately 9.30 am one vehicle left the village via the Aylesbury Road at 73mph.

The SIDs are meant to educate drivers with the ultimate aim of reducing speeds on our roads. However, there are some motorists who will ignore speed limits and continue to drive recklessly. With the absence of any consistent police presence to catch these motorists, it therefore falls upon local volunteers, through Community Speedwatch, to try and make a difference.

A Speedwatch session lasts an hour and comprises three or more volunteers monitoring speeds of oncoming traffic using a speed gun. The details of those motorists exceeding the speed limit are then uploaded onto the Community Speedwatch website and letters sent out by the police to educate these drivers on their behaviour.

The number of sessions we have undertaken has been markedly down on previous years. We are desperately in need of volunteers. Training is given, and we are a friendly bunch. If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions, please contact me, Steve Wright at stepnwright@gmail.com.



Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity has invested in a new electric van for its retail operation. "One of the ways we plan to meet the growing need for hospice care is to keep increasing the income we raise in our shops. We rely on our retail van to transfer stock between our shops and make the best use of the donations we are given. Our van covers an amazing 16,000 miles a year and moves tonnes of clothing, accessories, books and toys to keep our shops full of amazing product for our customers to buy. We are absolutely delighted that we now have a fabulous new electric van to help us, and are immensely grateful to all of the generous donors who made buying the van possible. Our big blue electric van will support sustainable shopping in Buckinghamshire, with zero emissions, to ultimately raise as much money as possible for hospice care. Helping local people, while helping the planet at the same time – what could be better than that?" Head of Retail, Lily Caswell

Dates for your Diary

"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." Henry James



July

Wednesday 3rd, 8.00pm	Bookworms Book Club at the Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thursday 4th	General Election, voting at the Bernard Hall
Monday 8th, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 2nd, 2.00pm	Tuesday Club at the Playing Fields Clubhouse
Saturday 13th 1pm	Village Fete
Thursday 18th, 7.00pm	'NT Live Present Laughter', Village Picture House
Monday 22nd, 1.30pm	Sunshine Club Cinema 'Ticket to Paradise', Bernard Hall
Tuesday 30th, 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
August	
Monday 5th, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tuesday 6th, 2pm	Tuesday Group, 'Pimms & Strawberries', at the Playing Fields Clubhouse
Monday 19th, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Garden Party, Tyringham Hall

And every Friday, at 10.00am, 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

Lower Green tidy-up



Well done to the residents of Lower Green for clearing the weeds from the roadside and cobbles around the green. The result looks amazing and a great community effort.

Lorraine Stevens

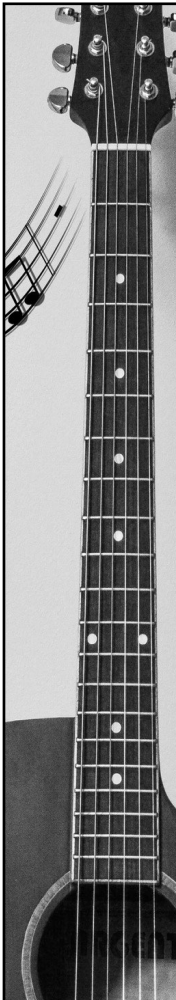
Breakfast BBQ

On Sunday 16 June a successful Fathers' Day Breakfast BBQ was held on the Playing Fields to celebrate all our Dads.



There was a short church service led by Phil Groves, Charles and Angela Sanderson manned the BBQ - and lost count of the number of sausages they cooked! - and Carol Hayward provided coffee and tea for everyone.

It was another opportunity for members of our village to get together, and proved once again what a wonderful community we have here in Cuddington. Angela Sanderson



Jamie and Doug's folk night

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This amateur production will star over 150 local children and raise money to fund specialist palliative and end-of-life care services for patients across Buckinghamshire and its borders.

Amy Quinlan, Senior Fundraiser for Special Events and Projects for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity, who is directing the project said:

"All of our young performers are full of talent and enthusiasm and raring to hit the stage. We're so proud to be bringing the local community together and raising money for such a worthy Charity at the same time. We expect this to be a sold-out show and tickets are limited so please don't delay in ordering yours."

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Crufts watchout— Cuddington Fun Dog Show 2024



The 2024 Cuddington Fun Dog Show was a great success.

It was really well supported and we mostly stayed dry! Thank you to everyone who came along and especially to 'Love of Paws', Cuddington's local dog grooming parlour, who generously sponsored the event.

Once again they provided our winners with lovely prizes including a free pamper and lots of other goodies. Judge Roy Goodchild was very impressed with the selection of dogs on show. We had all shapes and sizes and breeds from Jack Russells and Cavapoos to German Pointers and Romanian rescues.

Mike Cottnam once again, expertly compered the afternoon, ensuring the audience were well informed and entertained. Our class winners were; Lydia Presley in the Fancy Dress with her labrador Sophie in a matching princess dress, Ellie Acheson in Best Young Handler with the family's spaniel Loki, the very competitive Best Small Dog class was won by Emily and Cosmo, Large dog went to William handled by Henry, 'Cuddington Crufts Best Pedigree' went to the village's Speedwatch supremo Steve Wright and Dizzy, Cuddington Scruffs was won by Snoop Dog handled by Gaynor, Suzie took the Best Rescue with owner Mark, Caspar was Best Veteran for owner Sarah and finally the hotly contested "Dog the Judge would most like to take home" went to Ace and owner Darren. Sherry Scott kindly judged Best in Show. The acclaimed animal therapist had been keenly watching all the previous classes so when a large, black cloud appeared overhead, Sherry was able to quickly choose our 'Best in Show' and 'Reserve' champions before the heavens opened.

Congratulations to the lovely assistance dog William who won the overall title for his person Henry and Reggie and Jan who were Reserve Best in Show.

The show raised over £200 for the CPFA.



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Cuddington Matinee Cinema



On Monday 22nd July at 1.30 (doors open 1.00pm) in the Bernard Hall, the film *Ticket to Paradise* will be screened.

A film starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts. David and Georgia are a divorced couple who hate each other and regret their marriage which ended 20 years earlier. But when their daughter Lily announces her intention to marry a seaweed farmer she has met while on holiday in Bali, David and Georgia reluctantly decide to team up to prevent their lovestruck daughter from making the same mistake they think they made 25 years ago.



Entry £7 (Sunshine Club members £5)
Includes tea and cake at the interval. Subtitles will be shown.

There are just two more events at the Village Picture House before we take our usual break for the summer.

On Thursday 18th July there'll be another chance to see the National Theatre Live production of Noël Coward's provocative comedy **Present Laughter** (cert. PG), starring Andrew Scott. As he prepares to embark on an overseas tour, star actor Garry Essendine's colourful life is in danger of spiralling out of control. Engulfed by an escalating identity crisis as his many and various relationships compete for his attention, Garry's few remaining days at home are a chaotic whirlwind of love, sex, panic and soul-searching. Filmed live at The Old Vic in London during a sold out run in 2019, Matthew Warchus (*Matilda The Musical*) directs this giddy and surprisingly modern reflection on fame, desire and loneliness. "Andrew Scott's revelatory performance shows why Noël Coward is hailed a genius," says *The Telegraph*. "Andrew Scott is wondrous in this revelatory refresh of Noël Coward's classic comedy," says *Time Out*. "Illuminating and luminously funny," says *WhatsOnStage*.

Then at 2pm on Tuesday 23rd July it's the welcome return of **Kids' Club**, films for children screened in the Bernard Hall half an hour after school breaks up at the end of each school term. This feature used to be hugely popular until Covid put a stop to it four years ago. This time, it's **Migration** (cert. U) featuring the voices of Elizabeth Banks, Danny DeVito and David Mitchell. A family of ducks decides to leave the safety of a New England pond for an adventurous trip to Jamaica. But their well-laid plans quickly go awry when they get lost and wind up in New York City. However, the experience soon inspires them to expand their horizons, open themselves up to new friends, and accomplish more than they ever thought possible... "This handsome tale of two ducklings who challenge their overprotective father looks, sounds and tastes a treat, says" *The Telegraph*. "Expertly animated with a terrific attention to detail ... kids will enjoy the adorable and ridiculously funny characters," says *movies4kids.co.uk*

"A delightful film, telling an uncomplicated story effectively, with heaps of heart," says *The Upcoming*. There are special prices for families and all the proceeds will be donated to Friends 4 CADs.

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



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