



Cuddington Village Voice

March 2025

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Best Kept Village Community Clean-Up Success!

Last month, 12 amazing volunteers came together to spruce up our village, tackling litter on Bridgeway, Spicketts Lane, and in the village. We cleared ivy on Welford Way, tidied up the top of the long driveway, raked leaves, and even gave the wall around the pub a clean-up. The church pathways were cleared, and vibrant seasonal flowers now brighten the Best Kept Village sign. This time, we were especially thrilled to welcome our young helpers, they worked hard!

We would still love others to get involved ... see page 4



Jason White—an appreciation

Jason, son of Denise and Nibby, was born and bred in Cuddington. He soon showed an interest and ability in sport, playing for both the village football and cricket teams. He was also a boxer with considerable success – firstly as an amateur. He had 75 bouts and won 68 taking him into part of the England Select Team. He won the James Figg cup several times for being best young boxer of the night on local shows in the area. Later he turned professional for a spell and had eight bouts in all.

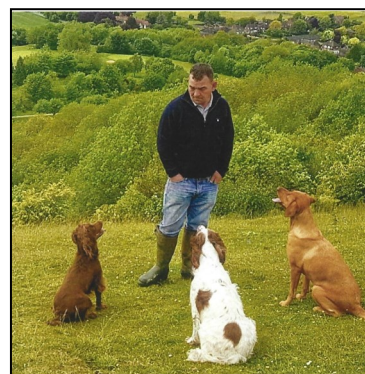
He began his working career as a builder with Country Home Developments. Later with his brother, Justin, he established a highly successful business. The White brothers built houses and extensions in the local villages and further afield.

Jason was a countryman and enjoyed being a beater at shoots. Recently he was also the proud owner of no less than five dogs. Two sons, Scott and Craig, were brought to the marriage by his first wife, Lisa. They had a son, Cain. Later he married Jane.

His last three years were very trying, although his good humour rarely failed. He lost his sight following a Covid jab and also developed tinnitus. His funeral on 11th January was held at Aylesbury Vale crematorium.

It was extremely well attended – by over 500 – with many having to stand outside. The number of mourners involved in the building trade resulted in the comment that there would be no construction work in the area that day! A memorial is planned at Notley Mill – a wrought iron seat is under construction together with the planting of an old English woodland tree, with white blossom in spring and crimson leaves in autumn.

Jason's family would like to place on record their warm appreciation of all the expressions of support received.



Thought for the month...

In the past few weeks we have had some chilly weather but we have also begun to see some signs of spring appearing here and there! I've been thinking a lot about love recently and how love lasts through the seasons. A quote that will be familiar to many says "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud, it is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." (1 Corinthians 13)

With so much news around us that is difficult, frustrating, even shocking, it is really important to spend time recognising the things in life that are reliable, constant, joy filled and hopeful. I find these words from the Bible about love incredibly helpful as they point to something more...they remind us that there is so much potential in and around us for love and all things good and beautiful. We have so much beauty around us here in Cuddington and the surrounding villages... yes in nature... and also in each other!



I hope and pray that we are all able to know love, with all of the comfort and hope that it brings as we head into spring 2025. May we know the love of God as we love and care for one another and for the world around us, Every blessing,
Revd Clare Joyce

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St Nicholas Church Electoral Roll

Every Cuddington resident who has been baptised and is over the age of 15 is entitled to be on the Church Electoral Roll. Being on the Roll means you can vote at our Annual Meeting and especially show your support for our Churchwardens and Church Council who take on the responsibility for the building and the churchyard as well as the activities. Their work means our church is the beating heart of our village.

Every six years the Roll is completely renewed, and 2025 is one of those years. So even if you have signed onto the Roll previously you will need to do so again before our APCM on Wednesday 2 April.

Those who do not live in our village but regularly attend worship in our church are also entitled to be on the Roll.

Signing up is very easy - just visit www.tinyurl.com/stncroll and fill in the short form.

There are also paper forms available in church (please post in the Donations wall safe). If you have any questions about the Electoral Roll please speak to Angela Sanderson (Wellfield House, Spurt Street) who will be able to provide you with a paper form, or speak to one of the churchwardens.

Churchyard Spring Tidy-up

Saturday 8th March 9.30 to 12.00

Can you please spare some time helping to tidy the churchyard for spring? There are jobs for all levels of skill and fitness. Come with your favourite gardening tools, in particular secateurs, loppers and shears. If possible bring a container to take the prunings etc. back to your garden waste bin.

James Stonham, Churchwarden

Services in March

St Nicholas, Cuddington

Wychert Vale

Welcome

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2nd March	Morning worship, with children's activities in the Bernard Hall
9th March	All-Age Service
16th March	All-Age Holy Communion
23rd March	Holy Communion, with children's activities in the Bernard Hall
30th March	All-Age Service

All services are at 10.00am, and everyone is welcome

WhatsApp Community Channel Launch



Exciting news! Following our Parish Council discussions and the creation of a Facebook group chat for Neighbourhood Watch, we are thrilled to announce the launch of a new Community on WhatsApp.

This initiative aims to be more inclusive and allow more of our community to join in.

Our WhatsApp Community now features a dedicated group for Neighbourhood Watch. This group is designed to keep everyone informed about any suspicious activity, thefts, break-ins, and more in real-time.

No more relying on word of mouth or periodically checking other social media platforms – stay updated instantly!

Following this launch, we can then look to include other groups within the village.

Join us and be part of this proactive community effort. Simply follow the link below to join: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KtOOangtkalmmABeAJ0rA>

Please feel free to add in village members once you have joined and spread the word!

Let's work together to keep our village safe and connected.

CPFA, what's it all about?

CPFA - 4 initials that probably don't tell you much about this mystery club. So, who are we and what do we do?

Cuddington Playing Fields Association is the team behind the running of the playing fields and the clubhouse. We consist of long-term and (relatively!) new villagers, sports fans, parents, gardening enthusiasts and bartenders.

We meet 6 times a year and all skillsets are needed to make it

work. We've got some who are keen to get stuck into the paperwork, some who enjoy a spot of DIY and others who love a good fundraiser.

Our role is to ensure that the playing fields and clubhouse are maintained and accessible to all villagers, which is covered via a mix of volunteer work and the use of external suppliers. Each year we ensure that we raise enough money to cover all that is needed to keep the field in great condition, the clubhouse doors open and the lights on. It's done mainly though profits raised by the bar, but we also fundraise and apply for grants. The Playing Fields and Clubhouse belong to EVERY resident of Cuddington, and we encourage everyone to get involved where they can, be it volunteering or sharing your ideas and feedback.

So, what's on offer?

The Playing Field – Fabulous for dog walking, football, rounders, kite flying, exercising. A big space with lots of uses, just no golf please.

Playground – Swings, slides, obstacles, a trampoline and the much-loved vintage rocking horse. And a couple of benches for parents.

Tennis Courts – The courts are available at £5 per hour to non-members; please pay at the village shop and a key to the courts will be provided. Details of how to become a Tennis Club member are available on the village website.

Boules – Bring your own boules or borrow a set from us. Grab an Aperol Spritz from the bar and pretend it's the South of France.



Inside the clubhouse:

Bar – Staffed by volunteers serving a range of drinks and snacks including draft ale from local brewers XT. Howe & Co fish and chip van makes a stop here Saturdays at approx. 5.30 - 6pm. We've got plates and cutlery available for those that want to eat here.

Table Tennis – One for the warmer months as played outside. Please ask the bar team if you wish to play table tennis. All equipment is provided.

Darts – Free to use, darts available at the bar.

Pool Table – £1 a game, pool cues available at the bar.

Sports viewing – Free to air sports programmes are shown when the bar is open. The bar typically opens at additional times for big national sporting events, 6 Nations, The Grand National, World Cup etc.

What do we need?

Committee members – It's 6 times a year and thanks to Charles' efficient chairing the meetings never drag on unnecessarily. We need people to relay feedback from around the village, share ideas, fundraise, apply for grants or to help ensure that the charity fulfils its obligations. You don't need to do it all!

Ad hoc helpers – Hate being on a committee but don't mind putting in a few hours a year to raise some money or paint a shed? We want to build a bank of people we can call upon when needed.

Supporters – Get yourself down to the bar, hire the clubhouse or attend one of our events. With overheads continually increasing, every pound spent with us is valued. For further information please email Carol Hayward:

carolhayward24@gmail.com

Thanks, from the CPFA—Lorraine, Ken, Malcolm, Tim, Eman, Carol, Charles, Sonia, Ellen, Angela, Gilly

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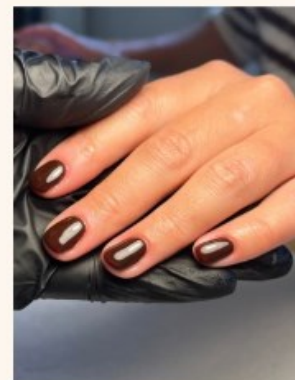
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Cuddington Tennis Club

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Dates for your Diary

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The winds of March with beauty.
(The Winter's Tale, William Shakespeare)



March

Mon 3rd, 2.00pm Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tue 4th, 2.00pm Tuesday Group, Pancake Day, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wed 5th, 8.00pm Bookworms Book Club at the Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thurs 6th, 7.30pm 'Paddington in Peru', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Thurs 13th, 7.30pm 'Wicked', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Sat 15th, 10.00am Village Clean Up, meet on Upper Green
Mon 17th, 1.30pm Cuddington Matinee Cinema, 'The Great Escaper'
Thurs 20th, 7.30pm 'Conclave', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Wed 26th, 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
Thurs 27th, 7.00pm 'NT Live: Dr Strangelove', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall

April

Tue 1st April Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thurs 3rd, 8.00pm 'Small Things Like These', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Mon 7th, 2.00pm Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wed 8th, 8.00pm Bookworms Book Club at the Playing Fields Clubhouse
Sat 19th, 10.00am Village Clean Up, meet on Upper Green
Wed 23rd, 7.00pm Annual Village Meeting, Bernard Hall
Friday 25th, 2.30pm Outing to Speen Home of Rest for Retired Horses

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 Toddlers Singing Group. For more information please refer to the village website – cuddingtonvillage.com

Annual Village Meeting Wednesday 23rd April 2025

This year's annual village meeting is on Wednesday 23rd April at 7pm in the Bernard Hall. This is not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting to discuss and hear about all things Cuddington!

Please save the date.

Best Kept Village Community Clean-up continued...

We meet every third Saturday of the month at 10am on the top green, so save the dates!



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Clean-Up Days:

15th March, 19th April, 17th May, 21st June
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Greener Cuddington

Nature Recovery In Buckinghamshire

The Tory Government passed The Environment Bill in 2021 and its measures are beginning to feed through to the day-to-day world. Last year, Biodiversity Net Gain was introduced, where developers have to pay to compensate for any damage to natural habitats. Also, parish and town councils had to adopt a Biodiversity Policy, demonstrating that they would commit to protecting natural habitats and improving them where possible. Cuddington PC did so without delay, showing a great willingness to enhance nature in our lovely parish.

The next phase is to put in place a strategy that will help all of us realise the good intentions of this policy, and work together to restore nature in our area.

Why is there a need to restore nature?

Ecosystems across Bucks have been severely damaged as a result of changes in land use and unsustainable land #management, population growth, new development, river channel alteration, pollution, the overuse of resources, generation of waste, and invasive non-native pests and diseases and climate change. For instance we have lost 90% of natural grassland and meadows across the county.

Turning this around could result in improved soil health, cleaner air and water, reduced flood risk and benefits to human health and happiness through nature.

(There are a couple of small bits of land that are highlighted in the draft maps, but we are suggesting that there are more interesting areas for biodiversity around Cuddington in our responses.)

The Local Natural Recovery Strategy (LNRS).

Bucks have been working hard to estimate the state of nature across the county, decide which parts are a priority and which areas merit attention as they could provide the largest gain for nature for the work done. They have mapped the land use and listed the main species of animals and plants and published it all online, along with a consultation.



A kestrel in a Cuddington field

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/environment/lhrs-consultation/>

The strategy will be implemented in its final form in 2025, and the aim is to get as many people and organisations involved as possible. Your Parish Council is responding to the consultation, and if you are interested in nature in the County, do have a look at the summary and the maps. If we, as a community, can be bothered, then LNRS could present an exciting opportunity to bring back nature in and around Cuddington.

Doug Kennedy

News from the School



Caring for the planet and looking after animals and plants is always top of the children's minds and they have been enthusiastically joining in with the village activity to stop littering by making colourful posters to remind all passers-by to take rubbish home or put it in the bins to 'Keep Cuddington Tidy' for the best kept village competition. Gymnastics, girls football, swimming competitions, netball, dance and cricket at the infant site have all been enjoyed this first half term which ended with a non-uniform day when

donations were made to Buckinghamshire Mind charity. During the half term holiday a whole new Forest School area is being installed at the infant site. This is a very exciting development to enhance the outdoor curriculum and has been provided by the very kind generosity of one of the school families.

Parents have no doubt been using the half term holiday to rummage through the dressing up box for various outfits for special days in March; We look forward to seeing the imaginative offerings for World Book Day and Red Nose Day especially the teachers!

Cuddington Fete Committee 12th July 2025

Be a superhero and join the committee!



We are seeking a couple of members to join the fete committee to provide support and learn the ropes to future proof this wonderful event.

Members of the previous committee are staying on, but due to other work and family commitments are unable to give as much time as they did last year. Please do get involved to keep Cuddington Fete running. Last year we were able to hand out £6k to village causes, so it is highly beneficial to Cuddington.

We will shortly be contacting previous stall holders and putting a shout out for more ad hoc volunteers.

If you are keen to be involved please email us on cuddington.fete@gmail.com Thanks for your support for another year, Ed, Emma, Ellen & Rachael



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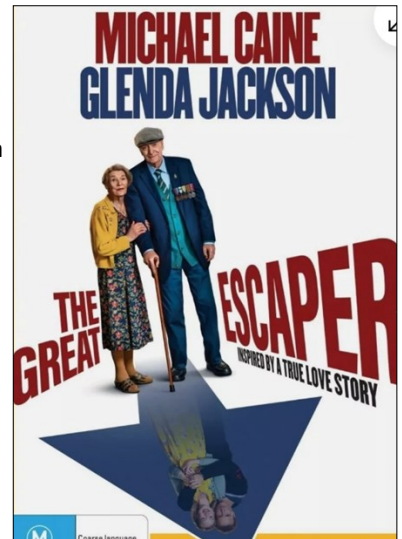
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Cuddington Matinee Cinema



On Monday 17th March at 1.30 (doors open at 1.00) in the Bernard Hall, the film, **The Great Escaper** will be screened. A film starring Michael Caine, Glenda Jackson. In the summer of 2014 – the 70th anniversary of the D-day Landings – octogenarian Bernie Jordan made global headlines. He staged a 'great escape' from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating their fallen comrades. Bernie seemed to embody the defiant 'can do' spirit of a generation that was fast disappearing, and his adventure also marked the culmination of his 60 year marriage to Irene.

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After two sell-out screenings of *Macbeth* and *The Importance Of Being Earnest*, our 2025 season continues on Thursday 6th March with **Paddington In Peru** (cert. PG). When Paddington receives a letter from the nun who runs the Home for Retired Bears, informing him that Aunt Lucy misses him dearly, he knows he simply must visit her as soon as possible. With his shiny new British passport in hand, Paddington is joined by the Browns and the ever-resourceful Mrs. Bird on an epic journey through the Amazon rainforest that none of them will ever forget. Hugh Bonneville, Emily Mortimer, Ben Whishaw, Julie Walters and Olivia Colman star. "Non-stop fun with surprises aplenty," says *Radio Times*. "This threequel provides laughs and charm and two new A-list bad'uns," says *Empire*. "Paddington remains a reassuringly steadfast and charming presence ... it's all terribly merry," says *The i*. Then on 13th March Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande star in the BAFTA-



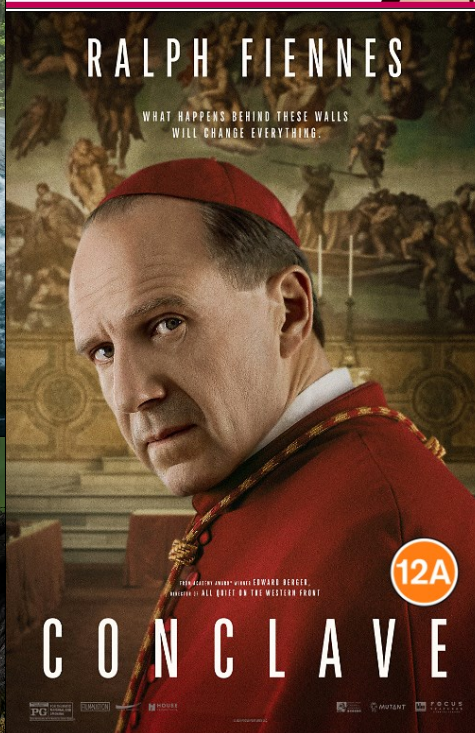
winning fantasy blockbuster **Wicked** (cert. PG). Elphaba, a misunderstood young woman because of her green skin, and Galinda, a popular girl, attend Shiz University in the Land of Oz and forge an unlikely friendship. But following an encounter with The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, their lives take different paths. Ultimately, their extraordinary adventures see them fulfill their destinies as the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good... "Erivo's charismatic Elphaba exerts a planetary pull over a star-studded cast," says *The Guardian*. "It's a fabulous spectacle, which demands to be seen on the biggest screen possible," says *The Daily Mail*. "A musical of endless glittering pizzazz ...



Cynthia Erivo excels and Ariana Grande steals scenes," says the *Financial Times*.

On 20th March we'll be screening another BAFTA-winning film: **Conclave** (cert. 12A) starring Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci and John Lithgow. After the Pope dies of a heart attack, the College of Cardinals gathers in seclusion for a papal conclave to choose the new Pope, under the leadership of Cardinal-Dean Thomas Lawrence. Once the Cardinals are locked together in the halls of the Vatican, Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope's wake – secrets which could shake the very foundations of the Catholic Church...

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"Ralph Fiennes is almighty in this thrilling papal tussle," says *The Guardian*. "Ralph Fiennes is Oscar-worthy astonishing ... simply hypnotic," says *The Standard*. "An impeccable performance ... Fiennes is immaculate," says the *Daily Mail*. Following huge demand for tickets, there will be a repeat screening of *Conclave* on Tuesday 15th April. On 27th March we'll have the new National Theatre Live production of **Dr. Strangelove** (Cert. 15, TBC).

Seven-time BAFTA Award-winner Steve Coogan plays four roles in the world premiere stage adaptation of Stanley Kubrick's comedy masterpiece. This explosively funny satire, about a rogue U.S. General who triggers a nuclear attack, is led by a world-renowned creative team including Emmy Award-winner Armando Iannucci and Olivier Award-winner Sean Foley. "Steve Coogan displays impeccable comic timing," says *The Stage*. "Steve Coogan is hysterical in this explosively funny satire," says *London Theatre*. "Excellent performances all round ... the comic excels," says *The Guardian*.

Looking ahead to April, on the 3rd we'll be showing **Small Things Like These**, based on the true story of Ireland's Magdalene Laundries scandal and the heartless treatment of unmarried mothers and their babies. On Friday 4th, marking the end of the spring term, our Kids' Club film will be **Moana 2**. On the 10th we feature **Mufasa: The Lion King**, both a prequel and sequel to the 2019 film. On Tuesday 15th we have a repeat screening of *Conclave*, and on the 24th our film will be the romantic drama **We Live In Time** starring Andrew Garfield and Florence Pugh.

Tickets for all features are on sale in Cuddington Stores or on our web page: www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema