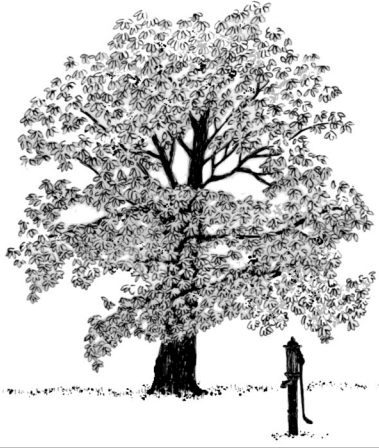




Cuddington Village Voice

June 2025

Joyful May Celebrations at Cuddington & Dinton Infant School

On Thursday 22nd May, our village was filled with music, laughter, and the sweet scent of spring flowers as the children from the Infant School took to the lanes to celebrate the month of May.

In what has become a cherished annual tradition, the young pupils walked through the village carrying handmade posies of fresh flowers, which they handed out to delighted residents and proud parents along the way. Each posy was lovingly arranged by the children, bringing smiles and a touch of spring to every doorstep. As they walked, the children paused to sing traditional May songs, their cheerful voices lifting the spirits of everyone who stopped to listen. The joy was infectious, and many villagers gathered to join in the celebration.

The procession concluded back at the school, where the festivities continued with lively May dances in the playground. The children performed their well-rehearsed routines to the delight of parents and staff alike.

It was a heartwarming day that brought our community together and reminded us all of the joys of tradition, togetherness, and the vibrant energy of our youngest villagers. Thank you to the staff, parents, and especially the children for making this celebration so special.

Eman Malhas

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Celebrate Father's Day

with St. Nicholas' church at

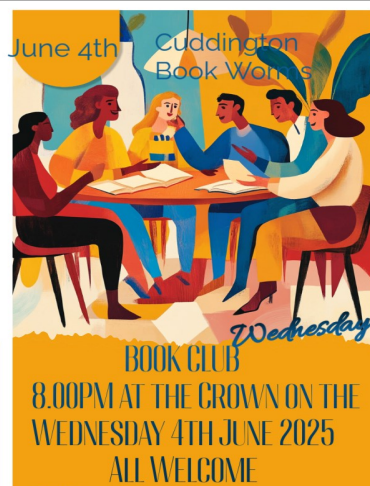
Cuddington playing fields

Sunday 15th June

At 9:30am, there will be a barbeque with breakfast rolls and pastries, followed by a short service at 10:15am.



All are welcome!



St Nicholas, Cuddington

Wychert Vale

Welcome

Worshipping God
Serving Community
Sharing Life



Services in June

- 1st Morning Worship; children's activities in Bernard Hall
- 8th All-Age Service
- 15th Holy Communion; children's activities in Bernard Hall
- 22nd All-Age Holy Communion
- 29th All-Age Holy Communion

Thought for the month...

Cuddington is looking brilliant, if rather parched. We are now in the judging period for the Best Kept Village competition. Let's hope we have success again. The pressure is on, particularly for those living on the judging route! But, I hope, no naming and shaming or inquisitions if we are not successful. Success has already been achieved by fostering collective effort. Throughout the village there's been tremendous sustained common purpose in tidying up, making Cuddington look its best, and highlighting our community activities. None of this is done for any calculated hope of personal reward. Less obviously, many unseen acts of kindness and support are happening every day.

In today's world there is constant talk of "doing a deal" or thoughts of "what can I get out of this". This transactional mindset, perhaps sometimes practical in business or economics, can undermine and damage other aspects of our lives and personal relationships.

In St Nicholas' church we explore how Christianity offers an entirely different lens through which to view human relationships and the meaning of life. The essence of what we believe is rooted not in earning or bargaining but in receiving. That is the acceptance of Jesus' love and his invitation, freely offered to everyone, to be renewed and part of his plans for the world, trying to mirror his selfless nature and to love and act without expectation of reward.

If you would like to explore this more, we meet each Sunday at 10.00 a.m. and all are welcome. There is no charge! James Stonham, churchwarden.

P.S. I hope you liked the special bell ringing for the anniversary of VE Day

If, by chance, the judges read this we do, of course, fully deserve to win. 😊



Witchert Chorale

Many thanks to everybody who came to the Madrigals on Monday 5 May. There was a very good turnout and everyone enjoyed listening to the Witchert Chorale singing from the tower and in the church afterwards. It was especially nice to have a wide range of ages there, with the children having fun in the churchyard as well as joining in with some singing. Thank you to all those who helped with the event, especially those who provided refreshments. Thanks to everyone for donating generously - the event raised over **£200 for Christian Aid**.

Fortunately, there isn't long to wait to hear the choir in Cuddington again. Witchert Chorale will be performing their summer concert in St. Nicholas' Church on Saturday 28 June at 7:30pm.

The concert is titled *Seasons of Song* and will include music by Brahms, Mendelssohn and Vaughan Williams. There will be refreshments available and all the money raised will be split between the church and Aylesbury Women's Aid, which the church has supported for many years. Tickets are available now from the Cuddington shop, as well as from www.witchert.org.uk and by phone (Ann 07876 683990).





The Sunshine Club

has spare seats on their
Greys Court Coach Outing
on Monday 16 June



10.30am: Depart Cuddington Upper Green
c.11.30am: Arrive Greys Court
2.30pm: Depart Greys Court
c.3.30pm: Arrive Cuddington

Coach & entry to Greys Court £30
(£12 for National Trust members, please bring cards)

Please let Thelma know if you would like to come
01844 291 075, themaparryoo7@icloud.com
by Friday 6 June

SCAMS

CUDDINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL
cuddingtonvillage.com

Scams are becoming an everyday occurrence and include banking, holidays, Amazon, online shopping, to mention a few. If you don't know what to look for you can easily be scammed without realising it and when you do it is too late. The Scammers have all your personal information and bank details. So, it is better to be aware and informed of such activities.

Cuddington Parish Council believe this is such a serious issue they have invited Pauline Hardman (a scam Champion Volunteer for Bucks & Surrey Trading Standards) and a PCSO from Waddesdon to come along to **Bernard Hall on Saturday 19th July at 2.30pm** and give a presentation on scams and how to avoid them. She will also be accompanied with a PCSO. Cllr Ken Brown

Dates for your Diary



Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eye level with her smallest leaf, and take an insect view of its plain.

(Henry David Thoreau 1817-1862)

June

Mon 2 nd , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wed 4 th , 8.00pm	Bernard Hall AGM, Bernard Hall
Wed 4 th , 8.00pm	Cuddington Book Club at the The Crown
Thurs 5 th , 7.00pm	NTLive: 'A Streetcar Named Desire' , Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Thurs 12 th , 8.00pm	'Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy' , Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Mon 16 th , 10.30am	Sunshine Club, Coach outing to Greys Court
Sat 21 st , 10.00am	Village Clean Up, meet on Upper Green
Wed 25 th , 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
Sat 28 th , 7.30pm	Witchert Chorale concert, St Nicholas Church

July

Tues 1 st , 8.00pm	'Pink Floyd at Pompeii MCMLXXII' , Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Wed 2 nd , 8.00pm	Cuddington Book Club at the The Crown
Mon 7 th , 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Sat 12 th 12:30pm	Fete Parade from Lower Green 1-4pm Cuddington Village Fete
Sat 19 th , 10.00am	Village Clean Up, meet on Upper Green
2:30pm	Scams talk Bernard Hall (see above)
Mon 21 st , 1.30pm	Cuddington Matinee Cinema, 'Paddington in Peru'
Wed 23 rd , 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

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

CHRISTIAN AID



Bring and Buy Sale 2025

Well, the sun shone on 14 May and again on 16 May – but it was sadly lacking on 15 May when we had the annual Christian Aid afternoon at Wellfield House. However, thanks to their stoicism and several layers of clothing, we had a goodly crowd most of whom enjoyed a warming cup of tea in our kitchen after bringing, browsing and buying. Once again, the children were all too eager to see the newts in our pond: I think Monty and Hetty would have liked to have had one each as pets!

Caroline tells me that we raised about £200 during the evening, so enormous thanks to all who came, and just as importantly those who helped man the stalls during this very cool and blustery afternoon.

Angela Sanderson

Cuddington Methodist Church Parking

The Church members would like to express very sincere thanks to our friends and neighbours who have been willing to let us park on Sundays in their space or on their property. This enables the elderly among us to drive to Church each Sunday.

May we also politely alert local residents and visitors that it would also be helpful if they could avoid parking on the little space in front of our Chapel on Sundays during service times.

* Service times

9.30 am – 1.30pm

12-00pm - 5.00pm on the first Sunday in the month

Thank you for your assistance.

Cuddington Fete 2023

Fete Stalls

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP BY DONATING TO THE FOLLOWING STALLS

DENISE'S BAGS & BEADS - Handbags, jewellery, beads, bangles and scarves. Please leave with Denise at the Hairdressers.

BOOKS - CHILDREN'S & FICTION only—Good condition please. Drop off at Sorrell House, Dadbrook. *For bulk deliveries please arrange in advance contact Maddy Carey 07807233209*

BOTTLE TOMBOLA - Wine, spirits & cordials. Drop off to Alex Burrows at the Old Post. Please leave bottles in courtyard.

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

PLANTS, GARDENING & HOME PRODUCE

At this year's fete we will have a stall dedicated to anything home grown or locally produced. So we're looking for plants, pickles, chutneys, pastries, soaps, candles - do you grow fruit and vegetables and would you be willing to donate some for sale at the fete?

On the gardening side we'll also be selling associated goods - books, small tools, watering cans, pots, seeds - so all donations welcome - no large tools though thanks - and nothing that doesn't work!

Perishables and plants we'll take delivery of on the day but anything else please let Elaine (07495 86738) or Ali (07818 050680) know that you have something to donate and we'll arrange to get it from you.



GRANTS AVAILABLE

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



Looking for super hero costume ideas?

For a step by step video on how to make an eye mask, wrist bands and cape go no further <https://redkitedays.co.uk/make-easy-superhero-costume/>

Performing and creating have been a theme this month at both school sites; To tie in with books the Little Owls set up an Indian Cafe and got to sample Indian food.

On 12th May Year 1 and 2 spent a day focusing on Sculpture, drawing and collage and on 19th May an RE lesson on Sacred Spaces led to the creation of pieces of art for the Diocese 'Spirited Arts' Competition. Photos of many of these creations can be seen on the school website.

On Wednesday 20th May Little Owls enjoyed a Gruffalo Day with stories, mask making and jungle treats to finish and the following day the whole school kept up the tradition of May dancing and singing around the village. All the children looked smart in their summer outfits as they presented posies of flowers to local villagers who came out to watch.

F4CADS summer party at Dinton Cricket Ground was a huge success, raising over £1300 for school IT equipment with 'The Fine Young Cuddingtons' providing excellent entertainment. It has been a busy half term and everyone is looking forward to a happy half term holiday.

Caroline Stonham, Governor





CUDDINGTON FETE

Saturday 12th July
1 - 4pm

Superhero themed fancy dress parade
with prizes to be won from 12.30pm at the
Lower Green, Lower Church Street.
Parking at the Playing Fields

ROAD CLOSURES ON FETE DATE

The following roads will be closed to all traffic from 1000 - 1730.

Holly Tree Lane (Jct Great Stone to Frog Lane)

Lower Church Street (inc Lower green & Church Close)

Upper Church Street (from the main road) Spurt Street

It would be much appreciated if all parked vehicles could be removed from these roads before 1000 please. Parking is available at the Playing Fields in Bernard Close.



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A family on VE Day

By Rachael Barnard

Seeing reports of VE Day commemorations earlier in May, I was reminded of a photograph we have in our family, taken on VE Day.

It shows, the larger than life, Auntie Doris, seated in front of my mother and her older sister, decorated with their homemade rosettes and ribbons. Standing behind them is her sister, Evelyn with her husband Sydney, who was home on leave.

As family legend goes, Doris went out at teatime on VE Day, and didn't return home for two days...and when she did, she still looked just as glamorous as she does here, was still smiling and now bursting with stories of dancing in The Mall.

During WWII Doris worked as a welder at Ford Motors in Dagenham and post war was known for making fashionable New Look ladies suits and swing coats from demobbed husbands' service uniforms.

The unstoppable Doris died age 100 years old in 2021.



Pink Gin on VE Day

By Charles Sanderson

On VE day my father, mother and I were in London; my father working at the Admiralty on Naval Fleet movement. My mother while hearing all the celebration outside could not join the party as I spoilt her fun being only 18 months and needed looking after. So she toasted victory with a double pink gin! For a recipe for a pink gin, a fashionable 1930s cocktail and the unofficial cocktail of the Royal Navy, please [click here!](#)



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A letter sent on VE Day

By Angela Sanderson

My mother, Betty was half-Norwegian so worked for the Norwegian Red Cross in London during the War. These extracts below come from her letter to my father, who was serving in the Royal Navy in his submarine somewhere in the Pacific Ocean. His war wasn't to end until the middle of August.



Tuesday, 8th May VE Day!

After lunch we heard Churchill's speech on the wireless, giving the Official Declaration of the Unconditional Surrender of Germany. Then we set off to join the throngs in Trafalgar Square – masses and masses of people. The Lancasters bringing back our PoWs flew low over London, swooping down, and every time one came over we all yelled and cheered. It was terrific fun, everybody laughing, singing, dancing, just all friendly and happy.

That night the searchlights were all going to do a 'grand finale' at 11.45, so at about 10.30 we all went out onto the common where there was a lovely big bonfire – as there were all over the place – with effigies of Hitler being burnt as guys! We climbed up the War Memorial and sat on the top step watching the bonfires and the lights on in all the houses!

At 11.45 exactly, all the searchlights came on together and it was so glorious! For about 5 minutes we sat entranced as, from all around and all across London, and beyond, they weaved back and forth, swaying and dancing so silently and so beautifully, that we simply sat and gasped, leaning back against the memorial and gazing upwards. I'll never forget it as long as I live – the dark trees and hills, and the lovely searchlights lighting up the whole sky.

Then at one minute past midnight, the time of the cease-fire in Europe, all the searchlights pin-pointed over the centre of London – and it was most extraordinary because suddenly, instead of it being beams of light going up from the ground, it seemed like a huge star of Bethlehem over London, with the shafts of light all coming down – it was simply breathtaking. They stayed like that for fully 5 minutes before all going out together.

They came on again once more, and all weaved and swayed, then all went straight up like sentinels – and finally ended by making huge V signs. It's the most fascinating sight I've seen for years and we really were spellbound.

I still couldn't really grasp that it was truly VE-come-true. It's so very hard to take it all in and make it feel real, especially with you out at sea, still fighting the [Japanese]. I don't believe I will, actually, until you are home again.

Elaine English & Kenan at Buckingham Palace Garden Party

Dear Editor,

I thought your readers might like to know that Elaine English was recently honoured with an invitation to a garden party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate Cuddington Youth Drama's service to the community for twenty years. She and her son Kenan, who started the group, have together with Chris Long put on 40+ productions, taken groups of young people to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe four times and made hundreds of children's lives more confident and joyful, including those of my own kids. They would like to thank you all for your support and appreciation of the arts in Cuddington. Please come to see *The Lion King*, which will be performed at Bernard Hall during the last week of October this year! **Florence Miller**

From Elaine...

CYD really got going with the Bolton's who lived next door to the Hall 20 years ago. Their children, older than my young son Kenan, were very kind and inclusive of him. Kenan and I had started some drama classes in the Bernard Hall for Cuddington school where he attended. Jesse Bolton wanted to do a play in the Hall. *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* started us off. Jesse became Truly Scrumptious. Kenan held up a white saucer as Chitty's headlight, with another kind older actor Aeneas Duncan who also was a spy with him. Then I met Chris Long at a party... Well my eyebrows went up when he said he'd always wanted to do THEATRE SOUND. He brought a small table's worth of equipment and added a boing! sound to go with James Arnott's bouncing of the steering wheel upward. I remember watching Chris' joyful face- laughing away as they got better and better at it. Chris helped us name CYD and he made the logo. He painted the green room green, put up mirrors and hooks, made beautiful posters, got grants, procured lights and sound equipment, chaired meetings, he has made the most incredible props that are museum worthy, painted and hung backdrops and directed sketches. He starred in Monty Python's Parrot Sketch in a CYD Sharing of Talent Show. He is a great ACTOR. He has taught the children how to tie knots! Everyone who knows Chris knows he has the highest of standards for EVERYTHING. He has chaired the Fete Committee three times! He is the reason that the Cuddington Picture House is a better experience than any cinema. He is CYD's godfather. You'll see him at the back of the Beautiful Bernard Hall with brilliant teenagers that he has trained on sound and lights the last week of October for *The Lion King*.

Annie Bradley of Chilton came and brought the highest standard of STAGE MANAGEMENT with her little son Alex when he was Michael in Peter Pan. She previously worked for the Royal Court, the RSC and the National! Eighteen years later, uncountable productions, and she is still my best friend. Gillian Liddell is a COSTUMIER of the highest rank! We found her in Haddenham in time for *Fiddler on the Roof* - we took dozens of suitcases full of Costumes to the Edinburgh Fringe! Her taste makes the actors feel like a million dollars and ready to play their part! I love her taste. She is devoted to us! Seventeen years of productions later, and she is still my best friend too.



Her mother's hat went to the palace and made me feel like a million dollars...

Katy JAMIESON and her brilliantly appreciative husband Luke and a very young and talented Fiddler and his two younger siblings came to the campground in Edinburgh for the Fringe. It was an EPIC experience. We went back again - 35 of us in a house the next time-four years in a row.

She has been priceless as a clever lawyer who is able to do FORMS and keep her beautiful smile or at a moments notice be able to figure out how to run the lights for a performance...or run the bar with her family. They are all my best friends. Absolute PATRONS.

Alex Wall Morris my best friend of Cheersley DID THE ACCOUNTS and kept us afloat and sent invoices and reminders! Imagine! She made sure I paid my rent while her three kids did so much in CYD !!!!

Simon Taylor and Steve Davies made the most ICONIC PROPS of my whole life in theatre.

I now have Florence Miller as a personal PA I could never pay for. She types faster than I can see. She takes care of me. She is the Mother of the famous French maid twins in last year's major production of *Annie*.

I say major because CYD jumped even higher when Brendan Cole and Sam Shorten accompanied their children and taught them all CHOREOGRAPHY that WAS NOT EASY and I would have died to do as a kid.

There are countless ARTISTS who have freely contributed to CYD. Georgiana Dacombe painted all of our backdrops. Look her up. Emily Neal -brilliant actress as well as painter of *INTO THE WOODS'* tower made by Simon Taylor. Parents have found their own talents set free in the Bernard Hall.

I love all the parents. They are all my best friends.

Continued from page 6, Buckingham Palace Garden Party CYD

Clem JAMIESON, when she was the littlest actor said, "I know I'm the youngest, but I'm the happiest." She is now the oldest. After all these years starring on stage (she has dramatically died 5 ? times), she's now gonna have a go at being a techie for *The Lion King*. She could not be trained by a more brilliant team of techies- with GREAT EQUIPMENT!

Whenever I see the beautiful Ilona Ecott for her wonderful yoga I think of her time as an adorable Wendy in the iconic production of *Peter Pan* that will stay with us all for a lifetime. Her artist mother Jessica made the crocodile's head! It was awesome!

Thank you Christine Luckett for keeping the Hall organised and clean and bringing your grandchildren to every production! But really, I am the happiest, because I have seen ALL of the rehearsals as well as all of EVERY performance! And I am the happiest because our CYD family surrounds me and Kenan and each other with such incredible love.

Thank you Cuddington- ZOE, Charlotte and John, the Bernard Hall Committee,

THE CROWN! The SHOP! The children love their break to the shop! Thank you Suki and Jay for your kind and gentle service. Thank all of you for your cherished appreciation and support! Thank you Rachael and all at Village Voice for sharing the story and advertising for us!

Thank you Denise for wanting to hear it...

Thank you Sarah Dyckhoff for your perfect printing of programmes and posters from PRINTWORLD with such gracious service and friendship.

THANK YOU ALL OF YOU ACTORS !!!! for being so brave AND BRILLIANT!

We all share this recognition from the Palace ! There's a party being planned..

If you're interested in coming let us know!

Love from me and CYD, Elaine



YOGA WITH ILONA

Weekly hatha/vinyasa Yoga classes for mixed abilities in the Bernard Hall, Cuddington:

Mondays: 6pm
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Mondays every week, Fridays during school termtime only



To book a class, go to
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A Night at the Opera

Following on from that wonderful film about Maria Callas, what better way to spend an evening than in the company of Aylesbury Choral Society as they perform Opera Choruses.

The concert will take place on Saturday 21 June, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury, and tickets are available via their website where there is also a QR code for those wishing to use it. www.aylesburychoral.org.uk

Angela Sanderson

Saturday 21 June
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For your information there will be no organised Sunrise Walk this year...You are of course welcome to herald the start of the longest day yourselves at 3:42am sharp!



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Nail Technician

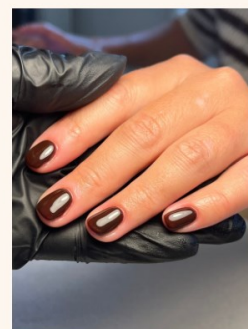
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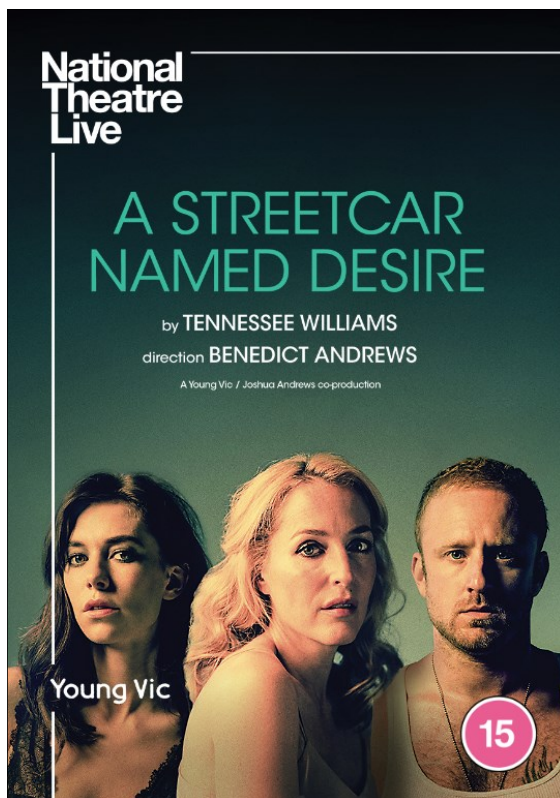
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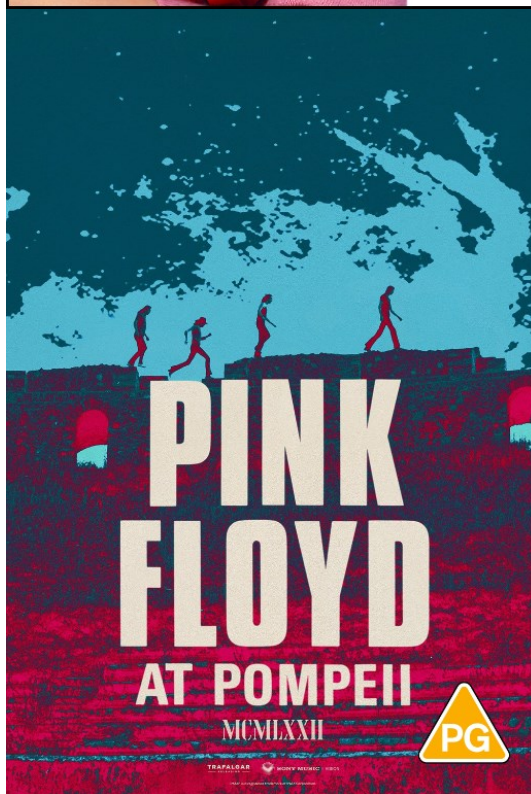
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Our schedule for June begins on Thursday 5th with the National Theatre's five-star production **A Streetcar Named Desire** (cert. 15). Gillian Anderson (*The X Files*, *Sex Education*), Vanessa Kirby (*The Crown*), and Ben Foster (*Lone Survivor*) lead the cast in Tennessee Williams' timeless masterpiece, returning to cinemas. As Blanche's fragile world crumbles, she turns to her sister Stella for solace – but her downward spiral brings her face to face with the brutal, unforgiving Stanley Kowalski. From visionary director Benedict Andrews, this acclaimed production was filmed live during a sold-out run at the Young Vic Theatre in 2014. "Gillian Anderson is electrifying as Blanche DuBois while director Benedict Andrews's modern-day setting allows Tennessee Williams's play to feel bracingly fresh," says *The Standard*. "Gillian Anderson is utterly compelling," says *The Guardian*. "The acting is superb, with Gillian Anderson giving the performance of her career," says *The Telegraph*. Then on 12th June we'll be screening **Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy** (cert. 15) starring Renée Zellweger, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Leo Woodall and Hugh Grant. 51-year-old Bridget is now a single mother with two children, Mabel and Billy, after the man of her dreams Mark Darcy died four years ago. With the help of her loyal friends, she strives to forge a new path toward life and love. Bridget re-enters the dating scene and meets 29-year-old 'toyboy' Roxster (Woodall) but also has an embarrassing flirtation with handsome, married Mr. Wallaker (Ejiofor) – who happens to be her son's science teacher... "Our hapless heroine is sharper, wiser and funnier in this unexpectedly poignant fourth outing," says *The Guardian*. "*Mad About The Boy* is consistently, brilliantly, laugh-out-loud funny with Zellweger's physical comedy skills on top form. I didn't want it to end," says *Metro*.

THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON



On Tuesday 1st July, we have a special screening of **Pink Floyd at Pompeii MCMLXXII** (cert. PG). In October 1971, the legendary rock band recorded a concert film in the haunting ruins of the ancient Roman amphitheatre in Pompeii. Although there was no audience present, the band insisted on playing live using their regular touring gear. The footage was recorded using a mobile 8-track recorder and captured on 35mm film. Now, this 2025 re-release features a full digital remaster from the original 35mm stock, paired with a stunning new surround-sound audio mix by Steven Wilson. This outstanding moment in rock history just cries out to be seen on the big screen and with our superb sound system. "A five-star, captivating new mix ... as an album it bristles with energy," says *The Times*. "Gilmour, Waters, Wright and Mason are space rock whippets in the burning Italian sun in this outrageously indulgent yet vivid and beguiling music documentary," says *The Guardian*. "An engrossing and sumptuous thing to watch ... the main character and scale of the concert sequences is monumental," says *Uncut*. The Village Picture House will be back on 4th September with a new

National Theatre production from the team behind *Prima Facie: Inter Alia*. Rosamund Pike plays Jessica Parks, a smart Crown Court Judge at the top of her career. Behind the robe, she is a karaoke fiend, a loving wife and a supportive parent. But when an event threatens to throw her life completely off balance, can she hold her family upright? Then on 11th September our film will be **September 5**, about the terrorist attack by the Palestinian militant group Black September during the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich. Tickets for all features are on sale in Cuddington Stores or on our web page: www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema

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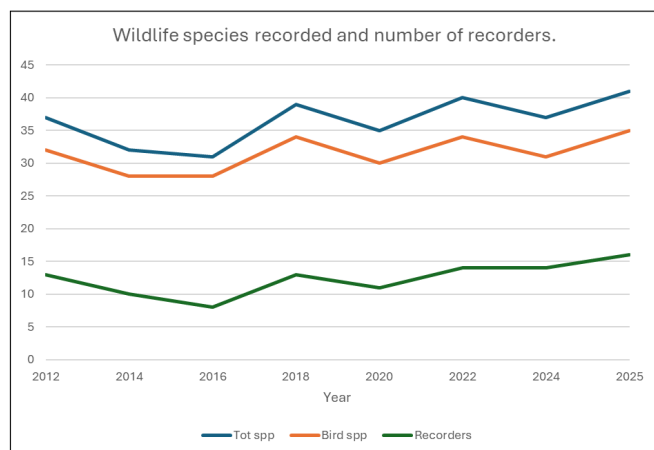
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Greener Cuddington

Cuddington Vertebrate Watch 2025

This is the 15th year during which residents around the village have taken part in monitoring the wildlife in and around their gardens. Sixteen people was a record, and they were situated in all parts of the village plus two just outside.

76 vertebrate species have been recorded over the 15 years, but each year, the species count is between 31 and 41 species, that high figure being this year.



However counts of swifts, swallows, martins, sparrows, tits, goldfinches and, surprisingly, jackdaws were lower than recent years and the near absence of martins and swallows is tragic.

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The lower number of sparrows is worrying, so perhaps, along with cutting trees down, people have been tidying up, or removing dense hedges?

Over the 15 years, pigeons (wood, feral and stock doves) have the highest number of sightings, followed by blackbirds and jackdaws. Fewer finches, particularly chaffinches, are being seen and we seem to have lost the flocks of goldfinches. House martins have almost disappeared, and I haven't seen or heard swallows much, although some were recorded. This could be something to do with last year's very wet summer when insect numbers were very low, but the number of insects has collapsed across Europe in recent decades. So, like last year, my impression is that the larger, stronger species such as corvids (jackdaws, crows, blackbirds, magpies) and pigeons and doves thrive on human activity and their numbers remain high.

Please note that the RSPB and BTO report that garden bird feeders are a significant part of the problem, and must be kept clean! Birds poo on them and that infects other birds.

Doug Kennedy