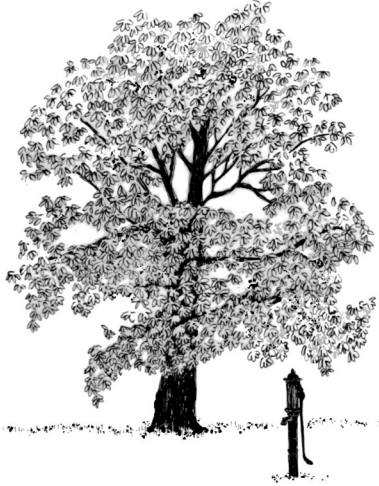
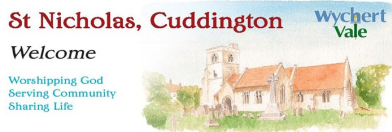




Cuddington Village Voice

August / September 2025



Services in August 2025

3rd Aug All-Age Holy Communion
 10th Aug All-Age Service
 17th Aug All-Age Holy Communion
 24th Aug Family Service
 31st Aug All-Age Holy Communion

Services in September 2025

7th Sept Morning Worship, with children's activities in the Bernard Hall
 14th Sept All-Age Service
 21st Sept All-Age Holy Communion
 28th Sept Holy Communion, with children's activities in the Bernard Hall

All services are at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome.
Every Wednesday between 9.00 and 9.20 there is a time of meditation and reflection on a Bible passage, and prayer



Playing Fields Committee AGM

The Cuddington Playing Fields Committee will be holding their AGM in the playing fields clubhouse at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th September 2025. All are welcome to attend.

Superheroes on fete day

YIKES, that was a hot day for a fete.

You are all superheroes for turning up in your sunhats, sunglasses and shorts and doing your thing for the 2025 Cuddington Fete.

Everyone made a massive effort on an insanely hot day and the committee would like to thank everyone for their goodwill and perseverance!

Together we have raised just over £5,000.00 for our village community.

For more pictures and all the news from the fete please turn to page...4



Thought for the month...

Summer 2025 finds the world still lurching from crisis to conflict. The UK faces record tax rises and deficit spending, with government debt interest nearly twice our defence or education budgets. War has left a million dead in Ukraine, Sudan and Gaza; and still there is no end in sight. It's easy to feel dejected about the state of the world, especially when so many face personal challenges too—whether financial or relational pressures, apprehensions about jobs or exam results.

Yet here in Cuddington, summer reminds us it's not all gloom, let alone doom! The ever-leaky Thames Water may have threatened a hosepipe ban, but after many weeks of spectacular barbecue weather—parched gardens and dusty cars perhaps, but glorious summer evenings nonetheless! The Euro women's football final remains in the balance as I write, but won't be when the Village Voice hits your doormat.... Wimbledon delivered spectacular matches without the rain delays of old: a riveting men's final, the first "double bagel" women's final in a century, and the historic triumph of Cash and Glasspool as Britain's first men's doubles champions since 1936. All that plus a record strawberry harvest! This experience of finding local peace amid global turmoil touches something deep in the traditions of faith. The prophet Isaiah understood this: "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord himself is the Rock eternal" (Isaiah 26:3-4). This promise isn't escapism but realism: peace comes not from perfect circumstances but from an unshakeable foundation that outlasts and transcends challenging times.

Markus Bockmuehl



Best Kept Village: More Than Just a Trophy

As we pause for a well-earned summer break, it's the perfect time to reflect on what has been a truly special year in our village's journey toward the *Best Kept Village* award.

Since last year, we changed our approach, swapping our once-a-month tidy-up days for regular meet-ups on the third Saturday of most months. It wasn't just about being more organised or giving ourselves a better chance at claiming the Cup Winners Cup (although we wouldn't say no to that!). It was about something deeper.

We came together with one goal in mind: to show our village at its very best. But very quickly, it became clear that what we were really building wasn't just pristine paths or neatly trimmed hedges, it was community, connection, and collective pride.

In the past year, we've achieved so much. We created a beautiful community garden on Welford Way and a help-yourself herb garden on Spurt Street. Children got stuck in, planting up pots bursting with colour, while adults picked up litter, swept verges, set up water butts, hacked back ivy, cleaned bus stops, and so much more. Every little act added up to something remarkable.

There's something extraordinary about neighbours rolling up their sleeves together. Conversations sparked over spades and wheelbarrows. These Saturdays weren't just about tidying, they became a rhythm, a routine, a reason to reconnect. Bit by bit, we got to know each other better, and in doing so, built something far more lasting than a neat verge or a swept path.

So, as we rest over the summer, ready to pick things back up in September, let's raise a glass (or a gardening glove) to what we've achieved together. Not just in appearance, but in spirit.

Because whether or not we take home the cup, we've already won something far greater, a real sense of community, connection, and belonging. We live in a great village, and this past year has reminded me just how special that really is. So, a massive thank you to all that stepped forward, for the work, the cups of tea and support and here's to another great year!!!

Kez Luckett



School News



We are in the top 8% of schools nationally

We are so proud of all our children for working so hard throughout the year, we have seen a huge improvement in their attainment. In Year 1, the children achieved 100% in their Phonics Screening, in Year 4 pupils scored an average of 24.2 out of 25 in their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). Finally, Year 6 finished their time in junior school with astounding SATS results. We achieved significantly above the national average, placing us in the top 8% of schools nationally.



Year 5 & 6 have performed their Wizard of Oz production to delighted audiences this week. The confidence, singing skills, humour and teamwork has shone through. We undoubtedly have future stars amongst our pupils! Thanks to Mrs Thomas and Miss Holdford the Year 5 and 6 teachers, for working endlessly behind the scenes and preparing our pupils to shine. Thanks also to Mrs Clark for set design and props, F4CADS for refreshments and Mrs Humphreys and Ms Mockeridge for makeup.

From shining talents on the stage to sporting excellence, our Junior Sports Day and the Infants Sports day has encouraged all to take part and allowed the chance for success. Healthy competition is part of life and we aim to encourage this experience early on to build resilience.



The highlight event of the year was the F4CADS Colour Run after the Junior Sports Day. The sun beat down and the infectious smiles of the children encouraged myself and some intrepid staff to be 'gunged' by the children. More cement than gunge, we have been finding it in our hair for days! The event has raised approximately £2500 for our school, thank you all for your generous donations. Thank you as well to Mrs Manders and Mrs Coats for all their hard work and for organising such a wonderful event.

Cuddington Fete was enjoyed in the glorious sunshine, the Year 6 pupils ran their 'Fiver Challenge' stalls. This together with their stalls at school raised an incredible £600 pounds for their chosen charities: Tiggywinkles, WWF, Cancer Research and Conservation International.



Many thanks to Mrs Swain and Mr Peaks for organising the Netball and Football club end of season awards; a huge thanks for the time and expertise in coaching they provide our school, we wouldn't be able to provide so many sports clubs without their support.

On Thursday everyone took part in our first 'Booknic' on the school fields. Sitting on picnic rugs, we shared our favourite stories with our friends. One junior pupil commented how relaxed they felt when coming back into school.

As we wrap up another school year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude not just to the incredible children, families, and Governors who make our school community so special but also to our village neighbours. Your ongoing support and connection truly help to weave the fabric of our shared values of kindness, curiosity, integrity and resilience to make this school a place where everyone feels they belong.

To our exceptional Year 6 class—best of luck in all that lies ahead. You've left your mark and we couldn't be prouder. Wishing everyone a joyful, restful, and well-deserved summer.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Wilde

Tennis Club Update

The Tennis Club is pleased to report that it has now recruited new members to restore the committee in accordance with the constitution, ensuring compliance with legal requirements for managing and operating the club. A chairperson and secretary will be appointed from within this committee. We can therefore go forward in strength and continue to provide this facility to the village and neighbourhood for the years ahead.

Our next project is to organize the resurfacing of the courts and the introduction of pickleball.

We have also received applications from additional people wishing to become members and welcome any others who may be interested.

John Lockett
Treasurer

Saturday 13th September

**CUDDINGTON
PLAYING FIELDS
FUN DAY**

**Plus Kennel Club dog show with
prizes to be won!**

11am onwards at Cuddington Playing Fields

Plus Bar, BBQ, Cakes, Games, and much more!

**Free Entry, charges apply for
dog show categories**

A very hot 2025 fete day

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped, ran a stall or attended the 2025 Cuddington Fete and on such a hot, hot day : 32 ° in the shade in fact!

Together we have raised just over £5,000.00 for our village community.

Almost certainly due to the weather, we were down on income and visitors from last year and the heat noticeably kept some of our regular older visitors away. Not surprisingly,

ice-creams and cold drinks generated significant income as did the BBQ, and special mention must go to the Tyringham Hall tea ladies who worked all afternoon with boiling hot water urns, teas and coffee.

And to those of you who dressed-up in polyester, nylon, capes and muscles; hats-off to you...**Bananaman, Batman and Robin in particular!** What a day for tights, leggings and padding.

Children didn't seem to notice the heat and dashed about energetically at the school stalls promoting their **£5 Challenge products**, leapt about on the **bouncy castle**,

charged up the church tower, hoopla'd, smashed lots of crockery or sat patiently to have their **faces painted**...oh to be young!

As for **Harry's Bar**...I think a new Fete tradition has been born. See you next year Harry for *Singapore Slings and Pimms!*

We are also glad to report **The Crown** had a great day, welcoming visitors into their bar for refreshments and shade! And as always, the **bottle tombola** was a hit with visitors.

The **bookstall** did a roaring trade with almost all children's titles sold, and our **new gardening crew** created a beautiful display of all things horticultural. Bravo!

The fete was opened by our very own **Superman, Mike 'The Mic'**, in his very last year (after 35) as MC of the fete. Thank you again for all your years of service, chat and promoting our lovely village at this occasion.

Grateful thanks also go to our entertainers on the afternoon, a song from **CYD's Jess Crowther** and our **folk duet, Jamie (fiddle) & Doug (guitar)**, who amongst others played a song with lyrics written especially for our fete (see below). This and all announcements on the day were broadcast pitch perfect by **Chris Long on the PA system**.



Cuddington Fete

In Buckinghamshire, beside the Thame
When summer's high a village waits
To welcome folks from far and near
To join the fun at Cuddington fete

Chorus

*Hustling bustling, hurrying scurrying
Laughing and joking and nobody
worrying
Early early in the morning
We're all going to Cuddington Fete.*

The roads are closed, the decks are
cleared,
Bunting and flags make a festive scene
Lots of stalls have reappeared
The coconut shy is on The Green

Chorus

People come flocking from all around
To join in the fun, they just can't wait
There's games and stalls and beer to be
found
And a nice cup of tea at Cuddington Fete

Chorus



The **raffle** was heavily supported this year and made a significant contribution to our final sum.

Thank you for every ticket purchased.

As well as all this activity **teddies found new homes**, a **Dinosaur was named**, **paintings were sold**, the **human fruit machine buzzer buzzed**, fathers got a soaking in the **stocks** and **100 coconuts were won!**

So, we are done for another year

Thank you again to **Rectory Homes** for their sponsorship. Without it, the money we can now distribute through the village would have been greatly reduced. Alongside fete running costs, such as insurance and licences, this year we have also purchased new gazebos for all weather protection (a godsend this year!), and updated some of the materials used every year. **Rectory Homes** support enables us to cover all these costs, so **every penny made on the day can go to our village.**

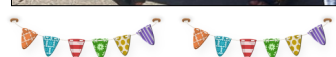
We would also like to thank **Printworld** who print all fete signage and materials. This team (who also print Village Voice for a highly competitive price), work so efficiently when we send off our pdfs, and they deliver items back to the village, cutting down organisers time too. All these donations of time, money and help make a real difference to the small team who organise the fete.

Thank you too to **Cuddington Stores** for sorting many of the floats for the stalls and to the **bunting putter-uppers** and the **bring-everything-downers**, the **litter pickers** and **hay bale provider.**

A final thank you to **Chris Long** for taking all these lovely photographs. Many more can be seen on cuddington.com

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GRANTS DEADLINE 31st AUGUST 2025

There is still time to apply for a grant from the Fete Committee:

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

2026 Fete Committee Work for the 2026 fete will begin in the autumn and we encourage you all to think about joining the committee. There is a good framework in place now, and growing support for help on the day, which lightens the load for everyone. Ellen Dyer and Rachael Barnard will no longer sit on the committee. Emma Lear (Treasurer) and Edd Hodder-Smith are looking for people to join the planning team.

Please email them on cuddington.fete@gmail.com

 Cuddington Book Worms



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An Artist in the Village

Newcomers to Cuddington would probably not know that a notable artist worked in the studio in Spurt Street. Geoffrey Hamilton Rhoades (1898 – 1980) came with his wife, Joan, and son, Peter, to live in Cuddington in 1951. The family resided in 'Seven Stars' in Spurt Street, a former public house. Geoffrey spent the last 30 years of his life in the village.



Cuddington Rainbow - 1960s

Geoffrey was born in London and attended Dulwich College where his interest in the classical world of Greece and Rome combined with a love and expertise in art was awakened and fostered. Later he attended the Clapham School of Art at which landscape painting was the specialism. However, at this stage of his life World War 1 broke out and he served in the Merchant Navy as a wireless operator, which was highly dangerous owing to German submarine activity. He told the story of how one day he and his colleague could not get a wireless to work. Considerable time was spent dismantling and reassembling it. Eventually it was realised that it had not been plugged in! He sailed extensively and was able to visit relatives in Australia. There was, however, one voyage he was relieved to miss. The ship he had originally been assigned to was sunk in the Atlantic.

After the end of the war he took a collection of his work to Professor Tonks at the prestigious Slade School at the University of London. His four years there were fruitful not only in artistic development, but also the opportunity to meet many artists who became friends. One such, Percy Horton, was to play a significant role in Geoffrey's life. Like many artists before and since, he decided to take up teaching. He was unsure at first, but soon gained encouragement from student

appreciation and, of course, the salary was welcome. In 1929 he followed Percy Horton as the art master at Bishop's Stortford College and taught there for the next 15 years.

He married Joan in 1934. They lived in London before moving to Essex where Geoffrey joined a group of distinguished artists including Eric Ravilious. Later, Geoffrey and Joan made their final move to Cuddington – largely because of its proximity to Oxford. Geoffrey had been appointed by Percy Horton as a tutor at Ruskin School of Art. Joan, who was a professional secretary, became Mr Horton's personal assistant. She did not retire until 1974, having served as secretary to the two successive masters. Joan was an enthusiastic gardener and her efforts provided much enjoyment for her family.

After retiring from Ruskin School of Art in 1972, Geoffrey became an art therapy tutor at St John's Hospital, Stone. He used to take an object with him on the bus to Stone, for example a posy of flowers, to be painted or drawn.

Geoffrey presented as an essentially gentle, unworldly, modest person. His work as a teacher in various settings was very well received.



The River Thame - 1950s

A year before Geoffrey died, he prepared a special presentation for an artist, Peter Greenham, in his studio, having divided his work into four categories – flower and plant drawings, life studies, landscapes and imaginative compositions. Geoffrey had his wife's garden at his disposal to contribute to his flower and plant drawings. His life study in 1966 of his sister Esme was especially poignant. She had been killed in a traffic accident. However, he was essentially a landscape artist. His depiction of the River Thame is of local interest. He had a particular affection for



Apple Tree at Seven Stars, Cuddington - 1955

the Thame Valley. His compositions were frequently of classical, Renaissance and mythical subjects, occasionally verging on the surrealistic. Geoffrey also produced many prints, some of which are housed in the Victoria and Albert Museum. He had a fertile phase in which he designed lino cuts using Benjamin Britten's operatic music as a stimulus. He also created portraits of some children in the village including a 10 year old Carol Hayward. Geoffrey's work has been exhibited in many galleries including the Ashmolean Museum, Tate Britain, the British Museum as well as the V & A.

Some of his work at present features in an exhibition at Tate Britain, which concerns the history of an organisation called the Artists International Association of which he and Joan were active members.

Geoffrey died from cancer in 1980. His funeral at St Nicholas Church was attended by many friends and colleagues from the art world. He was buried in the churchyard and his wife selected an engraving for the gravestone from the poet Blake: "To see the world in a grain of sand And heaven in a wild flower".

Joan was buried in 2002 next to the husband she had done so much to protect from worldly concerns in order to facilitate his artistic work.

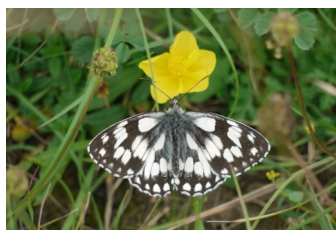
Geoffrey's son, Peter, still lives in 'Seven Stars' and is very ready to show examples of his father's work to any villagers. Geoffrey's work can be referenced in the website 'Geoffrey H. Rhoades'. I am very grateful for Peter's help in compiling this story of his father's life.

Peter Wenham

Greener Cuddington

August 2025

By Doug Kennedy



England is in the bottom 10% of countries in the world for nature because many species have been brought to extinction, we have lost almost all of our wildflower meadows, and most of our ancient forests, to intensive agriculture, and populations of very many of our insect and bird species are declining. Sadly Buckinghamshire is among the most nature-depleted counties in England, so we are fortunate to be living in a village in the nicest part of the River Thame valley where much of the land is managed in a nature-friendly manner. We also have a Parish Council who care about restoring a better balance with nature and this is supported by many residents.

I recently came across an example of how we all can have a positive impact on wildlife through quite small actions. A small strip of wildflower meadow was created next to the Playing Fields Clubhouse a few years ago which is only mown once a year in late summer. Whilst walking our dog in June I counted 8 species of butterfly along with bees, spiders and other insects. Continuing across the closely mown playing field I only saw a single butterfly and I was struck by the contrast, which shows what a positive difference giving nature a chance can have even in a small area.

This is even more the case at a larger scale. I recently walked across the Pyrenees and down through the foothills on the Spanish side in which I didn't see a single flower meadow for two days: they had all been replaced with the 'green desert' of rye grass for which farmers get subsidies. I also saw very few butterflies or birds.

This is also the situation in much of Bucks, but around Cuddington land management has been changing and becoming much more nature friendly. There are the two fields that lead down to the river which are being allowed to return to a natural state, and beyond that, much of the agricultural land is being farmed by Waddesdon Estates. Their policy is to seek to enhance nature and biodiversity and they are taking some land out of intensive agriculture, replacing it with wildflower meadow and woodland. They are also always seeking ways to farm in a nature-friendly way.

One example is Cuddington Pastures, which is the large arable field that slopes down from the end of Spickett's Lane. This has been taken out of production and will be allowed to return to a more natural state and we can already see wet areas on which snipe and lapwings have been seen. Grasses have largely taken over, but other wild plants are taking hold.

All this should have a positive effect on biodiversity around Cuddington, but within the village, we can all follow suit and avoid employing poisons in gardens, whilst leaving space for nature.

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Dates for your Diary

August / September 2025



*"In the beauty
of the harvest,
nature shares
its bounty."*

August

- Mon 4th, 2.00pm Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
- Tues 5th, 2.00pm Tuesday Group, Playing Field Clubhouse.
Pimms & Strawberries. New friends welcome.
- Wed 6th, 8.00pm Cuddington Bookworms at the The Crown
- Sat 16th, 10.00am Village Clean Up, meet on Upper Green
- Mon 18th, 2.00pm Sunshine Club Garden Party Lunch,
Tyringham Hall Gardens
- Wed 27th, 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

September

- Mon 1st, 2.00pm Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
- Tues 2nd Tuesday Group. Tea at Waterperry.
(To be confirmed)
- Wed 3rd, 8.00pm Cuddington Bookworms at the The Crown
- Thurs 4th, 7.00pm **NTLive: 'Inter Alia'** Village Picture House,
Bernard Hall
- Thurs 11th, 8.00pm **'The Salt Path'** Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
- Fri 12th Jamie and Doug's Folk Night,
Playing Fields Clubhouse
- Mon 15th, 1.30pm Cuddington Matinee Cinema, Bernard Hall
'What's Love Got To Do With It'
- Thurs 18th, 8.00pm **'September 5th'** Village Picture House,
Bernard Hall
- Sat 20th, 10.00am Village Clean Up, meet on Upper Green
- Wed 24th, 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
- Thurs 25th, 8.00pm **'Ocean with David Attenborough',**
Village Picture House, Bernard Hall

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

In Memory - Diane Picot

Many Cuddington residents will have fond memories of Diane Picot. We have received the news that Diane passed away on 24th May after being diagnosed with bone cancer. In her son's words 'She died with dignity aged 80 years young' She will be sadly missed.

Cuddington Matinee Cinema

On Monday 15th September at 1.30 (doors open 1.00pm) in the Bernard Hall, the film **What's Love got to do with it?** will be screened. A film starring Lily James, Shazad Latif and Emma Thompson.



Zoe is a documentary filmmaker who uses a dating app that only delivers an endless stream of Mr Wrongs. For Zoe's childhood friend and neighbour, Kaz, the answer is to follow his parents' example and opt for an arranged marriage to a bright and beautiful bride from Pakistan. As Zoe films his hopeful journey to marry a stranger, she begins to wonder if she might have something to learn from a profoundly different approach to finding love.

Entry £7 (£5 for Sunshine Club members)

Includes tea and cake at the interval.

The Sunshine Club calendar dates:

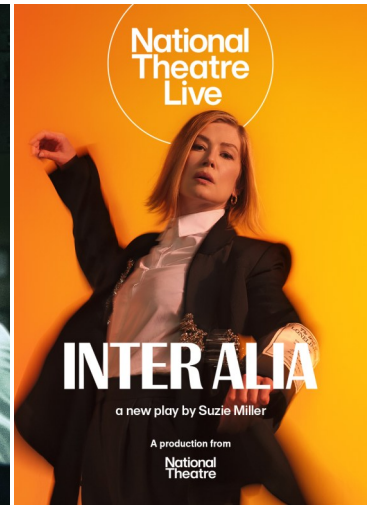
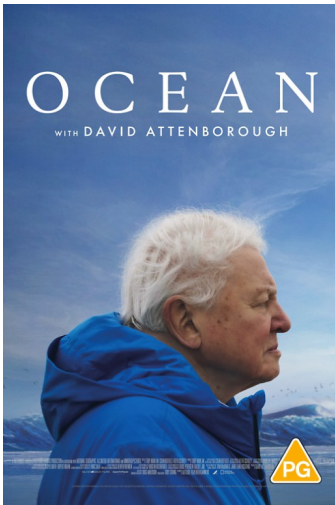
August

- Monday 4th August, 2.00pm
Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
- Monday 18th August, 2.00pm
Sunshine Club, Garden Party Lunch,
Tyringham Hall gardens

September

- Monday 1st September, 2.00pm
Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
- Monday 15th September, 1.30pm
Cuddington Matinee Cinema,
'What's Love Got To Do With It'

Village Picture House Screenings August and September 2025



The autumn season at the Village Picture House begins on Thursday 4th September with the National Theatre's new play from the team behind *Prima Facie*: **Inter Alia** (cert. 15). Jessica Parks is 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? Oscar-nominated Rosamund Pike (*Gone Girl*, *Saltburn*) plays Jessica in this searing examination of modern motherhood and masculinity. "Rosamund Pike is immaculate in her return to the stage after 15 years," says *The Telegraph*. "The screen star gives a gale force performance as a troubled high court judge," says *Time Out*. "With anarchic energy, Rosamund Pike rules in a searing legal drama from the Prima Facie team," says *The Guardian*.

Then on 11th September we'll be showing **The Salt Path** (cert. 12A) starring Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs. Raynor and Moth, after 32 years together, face a sudden crisis when their home is taken away from them because of legal issues and Moth is diagnosed with corticobasal degeneration (CBD), a rare neurodegenerative disease. With limited resources and facing a bleak future, they decide to walk the South West Coast Path, the longest uninterrupted path in England. Based on the Sunday Times bestseller by Raynor Winn, *The Salt Path* is the story of the couple's 630-mile walk toward an uncertain future. "This tale of a

suddenly homeless couple who head off on a 630-mile hike is beautifully acted," says *The Telegraph*. "This affecting drama builds steadily as the couple journey towards redemption," says *The Guardian*. "A film that makes you think about the value of life, love, and perseverance," says *Saga Magazine*. On 18th September our film will be **September 5** (cert. 15). During the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, the Palestinian militant group Black September infiltrates the Olympic Village, kills two athletes, and takes nine others hostage. An American broadcasting team must quickly adapt from sports reporting to live coverage of the crisis, being seen globally by an estimated one billion people. At the heart of the story is Geoff, a young and ambitious producer striving to prove himself, unexpectedly takes the helm of the live coverage and must grapple with tough decisions while confronting his own moral compass. "The tension mounts inexorably," says *The Times*. "A compellingly taut 95 minutes ... heart-thumpingly tense throughout," says *The Daily Mail*. "Gripping ... meticulous production design and outstanding editing," says *Time Out*. On 25th September we'll be screening **Ocean with David Attenborough** (PG). This remarkable documentary takes viewers on a breathtaking journey showing there is nowhere more vital for our survival, more full of life, wonder, or surprise, than the ocean. The celebrated broadcaster and filmmaker reveals how his lifetime has coincided with the great age of ocean discovery. Through

spectacular sequences featuring coral reefs, kelp forests and the open ocean, Attenborough shares why a healthy ocean keeps the entire planet stable and flourishing. "Absorbing and compelling ... David Attenborough makes a passionate case against the ruination of the seas," says *The Guardian*. "This cracking documentary shows the otherworldly splendour of our planet's sea life – and sets out the crisis that mortally threatens it," says *The Telegraph*. "A visually sumptuous celebration of nature ... stunning cinematography," says *Time Out*. Looking ahead to October, on the 2nd we'll be screening **The Last Showgirl** starring Pamela Anderson as the star of a glittering Las Vegas revue who loses her job when the show closes. On the 9th our film will be **The Ballad Of Wallis Island**, a big-hearted comedy about an eccentric lottery winner who lives alone on a remote island and dreams of getting his favourite musicians back together. On the 16th we'll be showing **Black Bag**, a gripping spy drama about legendary intelligence agents George Woodhouse (Michael Fassbender) and his beloved wife Kathryn (Cate Blanchett). On the 23rd, Imelda Staunton joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter for the very first time, playing mother and daughter at the National Theatre in Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic **Mrs. Warren's Profession**. Visit the web page for more details of all features: www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema

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