



Cuddington Village Voice

July 2026

Cuddington Fete

SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026
Parade from Lower Green 12:30pm | Fete 1-4pm



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Drop off at The Old Post, next to Bernard Hall

CAKES AND BISCUITS

Drop off at Tyringham Hall on the morning of the fete



The Crown Reopens



THE CROWN
A COMMUNITY OWNED PUB

We are about to reopen

The Crown as our community-owned pub – and what a journey it has been!

Since we acquired the pub from Fuller's on 8th June, it has been buzzing with amazing volunteers from across the village (see page 4). You just keep coming, in an incredible demonstration of your commitment to our pub and its importance at the heart of our wonderful community.

SOFT OPENING – Drinks Only

Wednesday 1st July (& 2nd) from 5.00pm until 11pm

To ensure that our new pub team is fully trained on our ordering systems, technology and operating procedures, we will begin with a **soft opening**. To start with, we will be inviting all our investors and volunteers to join us for a drink and experience the wonderful, light, comfortable and welcoming atmosphere that has been created.

For the rest of this week – Friday & Saturday 12-11pm & Sunday 12-8pm – the pub will be open to everyone for drinks only. CLOSED MONDAY & TUESDAY.

NEXT WEEK – Soft Opening Food and Drink

Wednesday 8th July from 12noon-2:30pm & 5pm-11pm

From Wednesday onwards, we will be introducing food service with a limited opening menu.

Initially, we will be reserving a proportion of tables for investors and volunteers, who will be able to book on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a table, either call into The Crown in person or email Abi at

bookings@crowncuddington.co.uk.

From Friday 10th onwards (inc Saturday 11th Fete Day) table booking will be open to everyone.

So, that's it – we are ready to begin this exciting new chapter with our own community-owned pub.

Thank you all for your financial support, your hard work and your unwavering commitment to making this happen. Without every one of you, we simply would not be where we are today.

Now it's time to come together, enjoy a drink and savour the moment. Thank you again, everyone. You really are an amazing bunch.

Mike Cottman *On behalf of the Management Committee*

Timings for all our opening hours can be found on our Facebook page, our soon to go-live Crown website and via WhatsApp.

Thought for the month...



By the time you read this, the event of the year will be just days away. No, not that one – the one watched by half the planet (hope still springs eternal for England at the time of writing, just about!). Not Wimbledon. Not even that other contact sport, Prime Ministers' musical chairs. You can tell our own big event has arrived when Upper Church Street fills with bunting, stalls, rides, and tours of the church tower on the second Saturday in July.

Banter aside, that's a useful contrast. The headlines belong to global trophies, eye-watering prize money, and power plays beyond most of our imagining. Cuddington's Fete won't make the news. Nor will the quiet triumphs of students (and their teachers!) in exams, or those who steadily build community in their daily work. No silverware is lifted there, no national spotlight shines.

Christian Scripture says very little about winning championships, but much more about how the world is changed: a widow's gift of her last small coin, a cup of water for a stranger, that sort of thing. Tolkien's Gandalf (recently quoted by Pope Leo!) reminds us "it is not our part to master all the tides of the world, but to do what is in us for the succour of those years wherein we are set."

So amid July's exciting but distant trophies, here's a thought. The kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a lovely sheltering tree (Matthew 13.31–32). Cuddington may not make the headlines, but here and now Jesus invites you and me to be changed – and to change the world – through small acts of kindness and faithfulness that last.

Markus Bockmuehl

Funeral Notice for Jeanne Gordon

Jeanne lived in Cuddington for many years before she moved to a care home in Amersham.

Sadly, Jeanne has passed away and her funeral is to be held on **July 9th at Amersham Crematorium at 2pm.**

Friends are invited to join the service to remember her.

Eileen Fortgang

Sunday afternoons at Cuddington Methodist church

On June 7th we had another in our series on Prayers that God Answers.

Peter West shared the story of founding an early Freedom from Addiction Home (still running) and Trusts in Partnership - philanthropy at the highest level. Showing the joys and challenges of living in obedience to God and seeing exciting answers to prayer.

Then, (after more tea and cake!) our much-loved Methodist Minister told us how his life progressed from the plan to become a Buddhist Monk in South Korea to becoming a follower of Jesus and how he landed up in Cuddington

On June 21st Martin Dyckhoff shared the insight: 'When evil intervenes we naturally focus on 'What went wrong''. There is however a second question we might ask: "What was going *so right* that it took *this level* of Spiritual Attack to take it down". It is an amazing story vulnerably told of God on the move derailed through deception.

On the first Sunday in July (5th) we plan to hear from Zuhair Barbary (and his wife Claire) from Nineveh, Babylon, North Iraq, no less! You may never come across another one like this!

We continue to be so grateful to the village people for leaving the space open in front of the chapel for us to park, even more so to those very kind friends who allow us to park on their front property. You know who you are and we very much appreciate your help!

Zillah Harrod

St Nicholas, Cuddington

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Welcome

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Services in July 2026

5 th July	Holy Communion, with children's activities in the Bernard Hall
12 th July	All-Age Worship
19 th June	Morning Worship, with children's activities in the Bernard Hall
26 th July	All-Age Holy Communion

All services are at 10.00am, unless stated otherwise.

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

Folk Night at the Clubhouse

Jamie & Doug's Folk Night will take place from 8pm on Friday July 10th at The Playing Fields Clubhouse in Cuddington.

We're so lucky to have this venue with lovely Malcolm at the bar serving very nicely-priced drinks and free parking outside. And we don't even charge for the evening (although we've thought about it as we could do with some new P.A. kit).

May's Folk Night was very well-attended, but quieter so people were really focusing on the music, and it ended with a very happy atmosphere. It's a real luxury for us to be able to perform quieter songs for an appreciative audience.

There will be no session in August as folk tend to be away on holidays so, all being well, the **Autumn dates will be: September 11th;**

October 9th; November 13th and December 11th.

We hope to see you on July 10th, and if you would like to perform, just let us know on the night or beforehand if you prefer.



Crockery Smash

We need more smashing stock!

If you have any unwanted, chipped, stained old cups 'n saucers, plates and bowls, please contact Rachael Barnard on 07946197273 and she will arrange to take them off your hands.

Thank you.



Cuddington Fete Teas at Tyringham

Donations of cakes would be gratefully received on the morning of the Fete at Tyringham Hall



News from the school

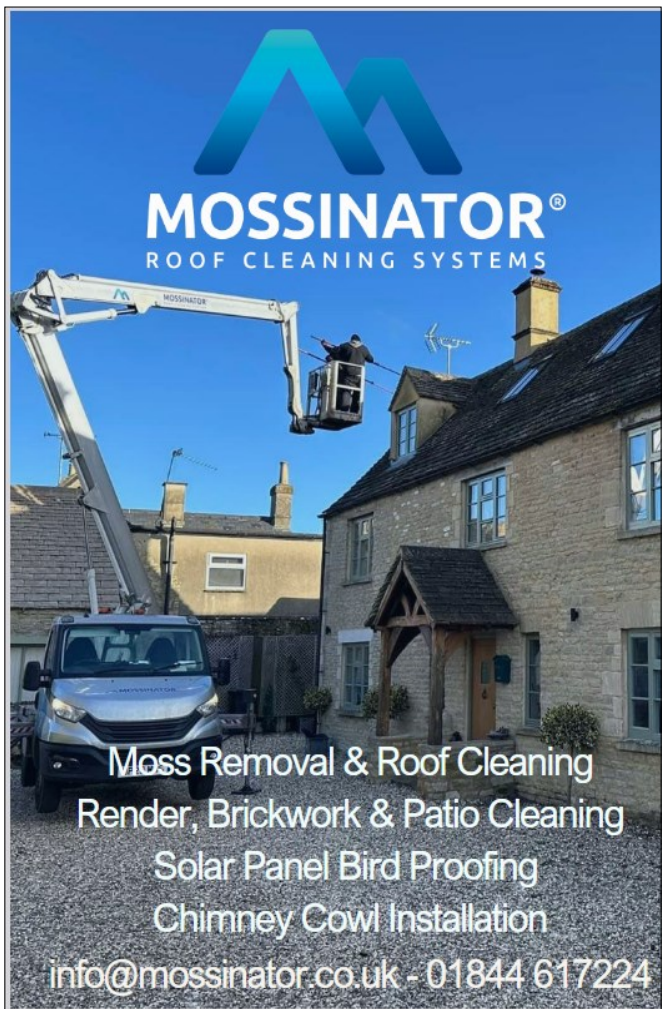
The challenging temperatures have meant sunhats, sunscreen and water bottles have been a prominent feature at school in June and all have learnt about sensible behaviour in a heatwave. Outdoor play in the shade has been encouraged; however, with news of the red alert for extreme heat on Wednesday and Thursday in the last week of June, it was decided to close the school for safety of staff and students. It has been a time of end of year assessments and phonic screening for Year 1, exhibitions of children's artwork, music workshops and concerts, end of term trips and the anticipation of sports days at both sites. Everyone is starting to plan ahead for the next steps of their education with the upcoming 'Transfer day' when all years have the morning in their new classes, year 2 spend the day at Dinton and at Cuddington Miss Webb welcomes the new Little Owls into Reception.

The year 6 leavers, with other year 6 leavers from schools across the Diocese, were invited to attend a special service at Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford to celebrate all their achievements at primary school.

It was a beautiful sunny evening at Dinton Cricket club where F4CADS held their summer party.



A BBQ, a live band and amazing raffle prizes attracted a good crowd and an incredible £4,450 was raised towards refurbishment of the Junior Library. We are very grateful to members of the community who donated raffle prizes for this event and to all those in the community who support Cuddington and Dinton School in many quiet and understated ways.



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A Community Effort: Bringing The Crown Back to Life

As we count down to **reopening**, it's hard to believe just how much has been achieved in such a short space of time.

When work began, there was plenty to do. Rooms needed clearing, furniture needed repairing, walls needed repainting and the gardens needed bringing back to life.

Since then, The Crown has undergone a remarkable transformation, thanks to the dedication of an incredible team of volunteers from across the village.

Over the past few months, volunteers have given many hours of their time to prepare the pub for its next chapter.

They have cleared years of accumulated clutter, repainted walls, refreshed the décor, reupholstered furniture, cleaned and waxed floors and restored outdoor spaces that will welcome visitors from the moment they arrive.

While the physical transformation is clear to see, what makes it even more special is the spirit behind it.

We are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm, generosity and pride of people who wanted to see their local pub thrive once again and are happy to put in the hours to support it.

The reopening of The Crown is the result of a community coming together with a shared vision and a willingness to roll up their sleeves to make it happen.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time, skills and energy. Your hard work has helped create a welcoming space that the whole village can be proud of.

This really is your community pub, and we can't wait to welcome everyone through the doors very soon.

The Management Committee



During the hottest week of the year so far, why not set-up and prep your new kitchen?

Chef Tom getting the kitchen sorted for the locally sourced menu including *Crown Classics* as well as some specials from *Tom's Kitchen*.



Lager Guinness and Cider almost ready to flow...



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Dates for your diary



July

Wed 1st, 8.00pm	Cuddington Bookworms, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thurs 2nd, 7.00pm	NTLive: 'Les Liaisons Dangereuses', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Sun 5th, 3.00pm	Prayer Meeting, Cuddington Methodist Chapel
Mon 6th, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Tue 8th, 2.00pm	Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Thurs 9th, 8.00pm	'Sentimental Value, Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Sat 11th, 1-4pm	Village Fete, 12.30pm Children's Parade from Lower Green
Thurs 16th, 8.00pm	'Elvis in Concert', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Sat 18th, 10.00 am	Village litter pick. Meet on Upper Green
Mon 20th, 1.30pm	Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema 'The Choral'.
Wed 29th, 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

August

Mon 3rd, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wed 5th, 8.00pm	Cuddington Bookworms, The Crown.
Sun 7th, 3.00pm	Prayer Meeting, Cuddington Methodist Chapel
Mon 17th, 2.00pm	Sunshine Club Garden Party Lunch, Tyringham Hall
Wed 26th, 7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hal

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 village information www.cuddingtonvillage.com

Cuddington Matinee Cinema



On Monday 20th July at 1.30 (doors open 1.00pm) in the Bernard Hall, the film

The Choral will be screened.

A film starring Ralph Fiennes, Roger Allam, Mark Addy and Alun Armstrong.

It's 1916 and, as war rages on the Western Front, the Choral Society in Ramsden, Yorkshire has lost most of its men to the army. The Choral's Committee engages a new chorus master and resolves to recruit local young men to swell their ranks.

As conscription papers start to arrive, the whole community discovers that the best response to the chaos that is laying waste to their lives is to make music together. Written by Alan Bennett.

Entry £7 (£5 for Sunshine Club members) Includes tea and cake at the interval.

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The Playing Fields Club House will be opening this Wednesday for England's WorldCup game against the DRC.



Doors open 4:45pm

THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON



The final three screenings for our summer season begin on Thursday 2nd July, when we'll be screening National Theatre Live's latest production **Les Liaisons Dangereuses** (cert 15 TBC). BAFTA Award-winner Lesley Manville (*Mrs Harris Goes to Paris*) joins Aidan Turner (*Poldark*, *Rivals*) in this thrilling game of love, lies, and social warfare, where among the glittering salons of the super-rich, one misstep can mean ruin. Marquise de Merteuil, a master in the art of survival, and the magnetic Vicomte de Valmont turn seduction into strategy and weaponise desire. But when their alliance collapses into



rivalry, the battle between them threatens to destroy everyone in their path. "Lesley Manville is imperiously coquettish, icily self-assured, always supremely in the moment", says *The Standard*. "Lesley Manville's cruel intentions are something to behold ... the classic tale of Machiavellian sexuality is given new life", says *The Independent*. "Lesley Manville and Aidan Turner's chemistry is off the charts in this timeless tale of

seduction ... tense, sexy and playful", says *Radio Times*.

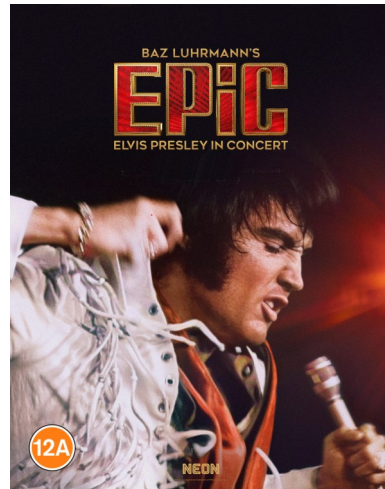
On 9th July our film will be the Oscar and BAFTA award-winning **Sentimental Value** (cert. 15) starring Renate Reinsve and Stellan Skarsgård. Sisters Nora and Agnes reunite with their estranged father Gustav (Skarsgård), a once-renowned director who offers Nora a role in what he hopes will be his comeback film. Nora turns it down, but soon discovers he's given the part to an eager young Hollywood star. Two



siblings must now navigate a complicated relationship with Gustav while dealing with an American actress dropped right into the middle of their complex family dynamics... "Sentimental Value performs the magic trick of making one family's secrets and memories feel like your own ... it's like Woody Allen at his very best," says *The Times*. "Impeccably tasteful ... Stellan Skarsgård gives one of his best performances," says *The Telegraph*. "A thoughtful and

moving exploration of the long tail of family dynamics," says *Time Out*.

On the 16th, we'll be screening **EPiC: Elvis Presley in Concert** (cert. 12A), a new cinematic experience from visionary filmmaker Baz Luhrmann. Focussing on Elvis at his peak in the early 1970s, this immersive film features meticulously



restored, largely unseen rehearsal and performance footage. And instead of traditional "talking heads", the film is narrated by Presley himself via archival interviews, offering a behind-the-scenes perspective on his fame, movies, and desire to perform. "Baz Luhrmann's concert film EPiC resurrects the King in all his swaggering, hip-shaking glory," says *The*

Telegraph. "This treasure trove of concert footage captures Elvis up close like nothing before it," says *The Independent*. "Everything here is designed to thrill, and seeing Elvis perform everything from his biggest hits to classics from The Beatles to Simon & Garfunkel feels like a privilege to watch," says *Empire*.

Our autumn programme will start on Tuesday 22nd September with "*The Misanthrope*", a new production from the National Theatre starring Sandra Oh (*Killing Eve*). Tickets for all features are on sale in Cuddington Stores or on our web page: www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema

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