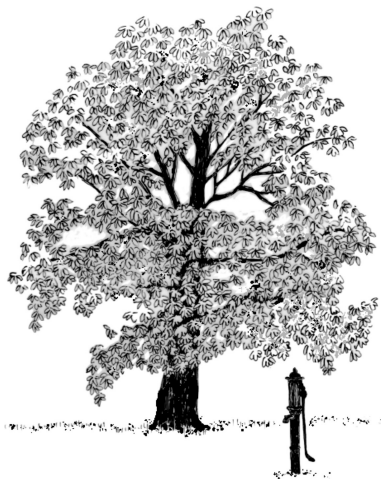




Cuddington Village Voice



October 2026



THE CROWN

A COMMUNITY OWNED PUB

**New Chef, New Menu,
Christmas &
New Year bookings,
Quiz nights,
Wednesday Lunch Club,
Coffee Mornings...
See page 7 for full
details**



VINEYARD STOREHOUSE

For some time Cuddington, via St Nicholas Church, has been donating food, toiletries, cleansing materials etc to the Vineyard Storehouse in Aylesbury.

Now they have requested donations of fresh fruit and vegetables which they can either use in their own kitchen, or pass on to those who collect food parcels.

Our Harvest Festival is on Sunday 4th October, so it seems a good time to be grateful for fruit and vegetables that have survived our long dry summer, and to think about those who are less fortunate but who nevertheless appreciate fresh produce.

If anyone wishes to make such donations please leave them in St Nicholas Church, preferably by 4th October, or in the porch at Wellfield House, Spurt Street, and the Sandersons will make sure they are delivered to the Storehouse.

Angela Sanderson

**ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH,
CUDDINGTON**

Harvest Festival

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

following a short service at 10am,
We will be serving refreshments
at 10:30am and then there will be
activities for young and old!

from 10:45am:
apple juicing/
churchyard trail/
harvest arts and
crafts/games and
much more!

Please bring
donations for
the Aylesbury
Vineyard
Storehouse

Best Kept Village Competition

Judging in the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition focuses on the overall presentation, cleanliness and maintenance of public and community areas, together with evidence of active community engagement. In this year's competition, our village pride and community spirit was recognised with an **outstanding score of 195/200**.

We were delighted to receive some very positive feedback from the judges, including the following comments:

- Very clearly community involved in sterling efforts to ensure village extremely well presented.
- Commendable that The Crown pub has been acquired by community.
- Playing field very well maintained.
- Very good range of well-maintained play equipment.
- Community garden - an excellent feature.
- Excellent display of hanging baskets on playing field pavilion.

- Lots of tubs at Methodist Chapel and displays still evident on the pub (despite temporary closure) and on school.
- Lovely display on green at base of BKV sign.
- Bernard Hall and surrounds well maintained.
- Popular village shop.
- Village pump very well cared for and generally verges, and all village green areas and green spaces generally very well maintained.
- Plenty of well-maintained benches.
- Notice boards up to date and very good.
- No litter.
- Tennis courts were being resurfaced on judging day!

The judges added there was *Clear evidence of pride in the village. Some original features including children's garden and community veg garden are wonderful ideas.*

Thank you to everyone who helps keep our village beautiful.



Harvest Festival

(A short service for All Ages)
Sunday 4th October at 10:00
Refreshments from 10:30 with
crafts for children and adults.

All Welcome ... Look out for Honey Bear and the Church Mouse.

Honey Bear was sitting on a shelf near the big east window, basking in the sunshine as it streamed in and made patterns on the church wall. His nose twitched with delight at the rich, sweet scent of apples ready for Harvest Festival.

Suddenly, up popped his best friend, Church Mouse. "Isn't it wonderful?" Honey Bear whispered, his voice rumbling softly. "There's so much food!" Mouse looked around and asked, "What will happen to it? I can't eat it all and you'll be hibernating soon."

Honey Bear nodded, his bright black eyes reflecting the light from the stained glass window. "It's a lot of food but there are lots of people who need it so the humans will take it to share with them." Honey Bear looked thoughtful for a moment, "Where do you suppose it came from?"

Church Mouse pointed a tiny paw toward a basket of freshly baked bread, "My, the friend Harvest Mouse is very tiny (only the weight of a 2p coin) and he has a tiny round house at the top of the high grass in the fields of wheat. He watches as the farmers get all the crops ready for harvest."

"The farmers?" Honey Bear asked, tilting his head.

"Yes," said The Church Mouse. They work very hard and plough the soil, sow the seeds, and look after the fields through the hottest summer ever. It's been REALLY hard for them this year as there was not enough rain.

Honey Bear looked at the towering displays of vegetables with a newfound sense of wonder. "That's a huge job. They must have a lot of help."

"They do," Mouse smiled, "That's why we're here today.

We're here to thank God for looking after our farmers. He gives the farmers the strength to keep going on those long, exhausting days, and protects them as they gather the crops." Honey Bear thought about that for a moment as he looked at a big pile of apples, "What can we do to help? We're not farmers and we're only small. How can we make a difference?"

"Well," said Church Mouse, "We could start by trying to only use the food that's made locally, like these apples here. They'll be pressed into juice, after the Harvest Service and everyone will taste it and only ever buy local produce."

Honey Bear closed his eyes, bowed his fluffy head, and clasped his paws together. "Dear God," he whispered, "thank you for keeping our farmers safe and strong. And thank you for the wonderful harvest." The Church Mouse smiled.

Together, the tiny mouse and the big bear sat in peaceful gratitude, celebrating the harvest and the hands that brought it home.

Revd TJ



METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 11th October

Informal meeting with talk.

Cuddington Methodist Church 2.30pm"

On 2nd August we had a visit from John Shaw, a very experienced Accountant cum Field Worker, who was for some years Oxfam Finance Director and later a Trustee for Tear Fund after a career in Finances for BT.

He had very interesting hands-on sort of experiences to tell us about, in some of the neediest parts of the world. A question that followed was, "How do you keep your faith when you experience such things". John answered by saying that he also saw the other side, in other words the things that can be done to help change for the better and the encouraging way people respond to help each other. He pointed out how we have all been given free will originally and can use our lives constructively or otherwise.

Example; In an earthquake area it makes all the difference to construct suitable buildings rather than cheat on cheap materials.

Rev Heegon also gave us of his best in telling his most interesting story which he may repeat in future sessions as required.....How plans to become a Buddhist Monk gave way to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

September 6th gave us another of our informal meetings on the subject of prayer to the God Who hears us and answers.

A couple of friends came to talk about God's involvement in their lives. They didn't talk about all they do for other people but about the miracles God does for them. One example.... We all care very much about our family's safety.

Their daughter was out on a bicycle ride when a car drove into the back of her at 40mph and drove on. She was wearing a crash helmet and survived! Other cars stopped, the first driver was an A and E consultant, the second was an Intensive Care Nurse and the third a Fireman. A lorry driver recorded the accident on his dash cam!

Look out for 11th October when we will have Mark Knight with us, already well known for his Street Chaplaincy role helping central Aylesbury night life to stay safe, and running Healing on the Streets on certain Saturday mornings.

Martin Dykoff

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St Nicholas' Cuddington What's on in October

Sunday 4th at 10am

Harvest Festival all age service
followed by craft activities

Sunday 11th at 10am

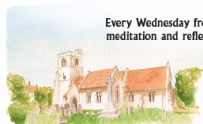
All age Holy Communion

Sunday 18th at 10am

Holy Communion in church and
children's activities in the Bernard Hall

Sunday 25th at 10am

All age service



Every Wednesday from 9am to 9.20am there is a time of
meditation and reflection on a Bible passage, and prayer.

All are Welcome

Cuddington Youth Drama's new play will



be performed in the
Bernard Hall over
half-term week.

Five cousins sneak away from home and
go on the adventure of a lifetime.

Bickering siblings, a sinister follower, a
lost tribe and a dog called Poppy...

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This original new play was written
especially for CYD by Florence Miller,
mother of two of the children in the cast.

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Cuddington Youth Drama

presents

THE SECRETS OF THE BRIXTAFABA

A new play by Florence Miller

The Bernard Hall,
Upper Church Street, Cuddington HP18 0AP

Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th October at 7.00 pm
Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October at 2.00pm

Adults £12, Children £5, Family ticket £20

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or on the door

A Community Notice: Tackling Dog Fouling Between Our Villages

The Parish Council has recently received the following plea
from Philip Youell, Chair of Nether Winchendon Village
Meeting who has issued this friendly reminder within Nether
Winchendon and has asked for us to do the same.

*I recently received a request for a non-dog owner to send a
message around the village about the amount of dog mess on
local paths. It drew my attention to it and this morning on my
daily walk I counted more than 15 instances of dog mess on or
close to paths.*

*As a dog owner I am embarrassed. More than that I think we
should all be reminded that the main perils of not picking up
dog poo are:*

- *Disease transmission: Dog faeces can contain bacteria,
viruses and parasites such as E. coli, Salmonella, Campylobacter, roundworm and Giardia.
These can infect people and other animals.*
- *Risk to children: Children are particularly vulnerable
because they are more likely to touch contaminated ground
and then put their hands in their mouths.*
- *Spread between dogs: Parasite eggs and infectious
organisms can remain in soil for long periods, allowing other
dogs to become infected.*
- *Contamination of water: Rain can wash faeces into drains,
streams, ponds and rivers, contributing to water pollution and
potentially harmful algal or bacterial contamination.*
- *Environmental impact: Dog waste adds
nutrients and pathogens to the environment and can damage
sensitive habitats, particularly where there are many dogs.*
- *Flies and vermin: Faeces attract flies and other pests,
which can help spread pathogens.*
- *Unpleasant public spaces: Apart from the obvious
nuisance and smell, accumulated dog waste makes parks,
footpaths and communal areas less pleasant and potentially
unsafe.*

*Legal consequences: In the UK, failing to clean up
after a dog in areas covered by a local Public
Spaces Protection Order can result in a fine.
In short: dog poo isn't simply an unpleasant
mess. It is a potential source of pathogens and
parasites, particularly where children, other dogs, livestock or
watercourses are nearby. Picking it up and disposing of it
properly is a small action that significantly reduces those risks.*
Cuddington PC asks all dog owners to play their part in
protecting the health, safety and appearance of our villages by
always picking up after their dogs and disposing of waste
responsibly. Together, we can keep our shared spaces clean
and enjoyable for everyone.



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THE WONDER WORKSHOP

Hello! I'm Lucy, and I'm delighted to introduce my new venture, **The Wonder Workshop**, to our local community.

For more than 25 years, I worked in the film and television industry as a **set decorator**, creating worlds, environments, and stories for the screen behind the scenes. It was a wonderfully creative career that allowed me to combine art, design, imagination and problem-solving every day. After many years in the film industry, I decided to retrain as a **Design & Technology teacher**, where I discovered how much I loved helping children develop their own creativity and ideas. I wanted to bring together my experience in design with my passion for teaching and making — and The Wonder Workshop was born!

The Wonder Workshop is a **STEM-based arts-and-crafts club for children aged 2–12**, where they can experiment, design, build, make, and create.

The sessions combine art, design, science, technology and plenty of imagination, with an emphasis on learning through hands-on activities and having fun.

I'm passionate about encouraging children to be curious, try things out and discover that there is no single "right" way to be creative. Whether they are building a moving machine, designing something from recycled materials, experimenting with science or creating a piece of art, the aim is to help them develop confidence, problem-solving skills and a love of making.

I'm particularly excited to bring **The Wonder Workshop to our village** and get to know children and their families by teaching at local after-school clubs and hosting holiday workshops.

This October, I'll be holding three special Halloween craft workshops at Cuddington Playing Fields Clubhouse, from 27th–29th October. Please see the poster.



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GRANTS FOR 2026

If you are planning on going on to further education or start an apprenticeship, now is the time to apply to the Nicholas Almond Trust for a grant to assist with the expenses that you may incur in buying books, equipment or tools.

The grants are not large but can be very helpful.

The Trustees welcome applications from prospective candidates.

You must be a Cuddington resident, and you need to submit a written application stating:

Name and address

Details of the course or apprenticeship that you are taking

How you intend to spend the grant

Grants are paid in two parts.

Applicants who are eligible for the second part of their grant should also apply.

Please submit applications to: Mrs Lorraine Stevens, 3 Frog Lane, Cuddington, HP18

0AU **by the 31st October 2026**

For any queries, please contact: lorraine@stevens.co.uk or telephone 01844 291066

The Trustees look forward to hearing from you.



Festive wreath workshops at Vulcan House,
Cuddington

on

Friday 4th December 2pm-4pm

Monday 7th December 7pm-9pm

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School News



Update from the Chair of Governors

It has been wonderful to see Cuddington & Dinton Church of England School come back to life after the summer break, and to welcome our children and staff back for another exciting school year. A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Foundation children and families starting their school journey with us.

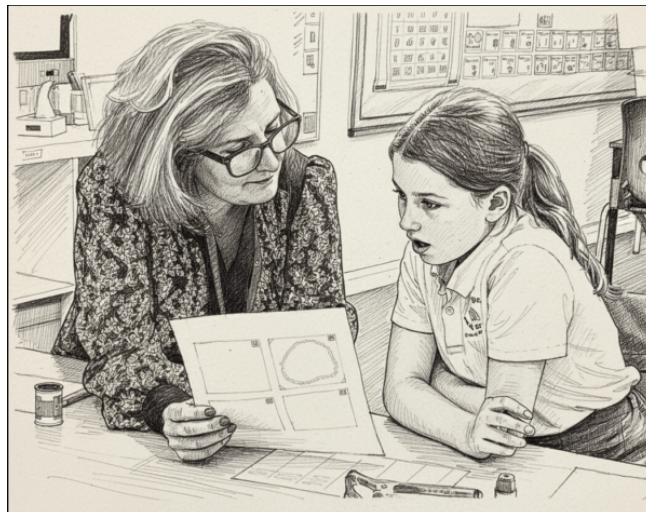
We begin the year with a great deal to celebrate. Our Year 6 pupils ended last year on an incredible high, with their SATs results placing Cuddington & Dinton in the top 3% of schools nationally. It is a fantastic achievement for a village school and one of which the whole community can be immensely proud.

While SATs are only one measure of a child's education, these results reflect the hard work and determination of the children and the dedication of the staff who supported them throughout their time at the school. Particular recognition goes to Miss Holdford, who did a fantastic job helping Year 6 approach SATs with confidence, resilience and belief in their own abilities.

There was plenty more to celebrate last year. The school achieved the Platinum Sports Mark for the fourth consecutive year, our Netball team won their league, our boys' and girls' football teams were runners-up, and our athletics team took first place in the Aylesbury Vale Athletics competition. We also saw OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) become an established part of school life. It has transformed playtimes, with children using everything from crates, planks and tyres to natural materials to create their own games, build, explore and play together.

As Governors, our attention now turns to the year ahead.

At the heart of the school remains our Christian vision, "Let your light shine", and a commitment to creating an environment in which every child has the opportunity to flourish.



This September, parents, staff and governors also came together for a Vision Evening, continuing the collaborative approach that is such an important part of our school community.

None of this happens without the leadership and commitment of our Headteacher, Mrs Nicola Wilde, and the fantastic team around her. Their energy, care and ambition for our children are evident across both our Cuddington and Dinton sites.

As Chair of Governors, I would also like to thank our parents, churches, volunteers, Friends 4CaDS and everyone in the two villages who supports the school. Cuddington & Dinton is very much a village school, and the relationship between the school and our wider community is part of what makes it such a special place.

We have much to be proud of and a great deal to look forward to. Here's to another happy, busy and successful year!

Vic Spencer *Chair of Governors*

Letter to the editor...

From your village newsletter, I can see you are interested in past stories of Cuddington. Here is an interesting one for you. It concerns Annie Bailey who used to run the Red Lion pub. In October 1996 I was working as an equipment and later freelance writer for Caterer & Hotelkeeper magazine, Reed Business Publishing. Because I also have a catering background, I was asked to write a story on a new venture in an old location – Annie Bailey's Ale and Eating House, Cuddington. I went to your lovely village and interviewed David and Heather Berry who had recently bought the pub – formerly The Red Lion.

As we spoke, I was intrigued by Annie Bailey. David explained how they had discovered her grave in the village churchyard. He said they looked after it and often placed flowers on it. As we spoke, I noticed how many times Annie cropped up in the conversation, and how many times they thought she had smoothed their way. She seemed to be always there, running through their story of how they found the pub and decided to name it after her. I asked if they thought she was still there, but they weren't sure about that. No one had seen her around but they had the odd instance of glasses tumbling to the ground, unexplained noises. No sightings of anyone. Little did I know that I was soon to see Annie myself.

I went home after the interview and decided to write it up the next day. It was a very hot day and it was late in the evening when I completed the piece. As I lay back resting on my bed, I was trying to think of a suitable ending. I was disturbed by a lady standing at the end of my bed. She was quite short and was of a sturdy build. She was wearing a green dress with a low neck and ruffled three quarter sleeves. Her hair was a dark auburn, curly, and fell to her shoulders in ringlets. She had a pleasant face with large brown eyes. When she smiled, I noticed she had rather too many teeth in her mouth. Some of them were crooked. She was wearing what looked like a rubber apron, tied around her waist -, such as publicans wear nowadays.

She stood there for a few seconds smiling at me. I must have gaped back, I was so surprised to see this lady standing there, large as life. Except she wasn't alive. Then she leaned forward towards me. In her hand she held a pewter tankard of foaming ale. It was so real that the ale ran down the sides of the tankard. Seeing my astonished look, she raised the tankard to me in salute – and promptly vanished!

I knew then that Annie was definitely a PR ghost. She wanted to be in the story but how was I to put her in? I was writing for a business magazine who might not take kindly to me mentioning a ghost. In the end, I used her as a shining thread, linking parts of the story together. So, I hope she was happy with that. And I hope you are happy to hear this unusual story.

I hope you enjoy it.

Kind Regards

Patti Sherratt, NUJ journalist (retired)

Join Us For

BOOK WORMS

Wednesday 7th October,
7.30 for 8.00 PM at the
The Crown
ALL WELCOME



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The Crown – A New Chef and a Big Thank You



There has been lots happening at The Crown over the past few weeks, and we would like to start with a heartfelt **thank you to everyone in the village who continues to support us.**

Whether you have joined us for a drink, a meal, an event, a coffee or simply popped in to see what is happening, your support is helping The Crown become a real community hub.

THE CROWN
A COMMUNITY OWNED PUB

Welcome to Nick, Our New Chef

We are delighted to welcome **Nick Henderson** as our new chef, starting on **29 September**. Nick brings several years of experience working as an agency chef in established restaurants across Central London and the Home Counties, most recently at **The Grove in Watford**, and we have **Abi** to thank, for introducing Nick to The Crown and helping with the recruitment process.

Nick impressed us when he prepared a meal with a range of starters and main courses, and all the feedback was positive, and he is genuinely excited about making The Crown his long-term home. Nick is looking forward to creating a menu of **high-quality, traditional pub favourites**, while getting to know our customers and developing the food offering at The Crown.

His first **Crown Roast** will be on **Sunday, 4 October**, with the new full menu launching on **Wednesday, 7 October**.

We hope you will come along, give Nick a warm welcome and, most importantly, try his food! Bookings can be made on **01844 886007** or directly with Abi at the pub.

Thank You for Supporting Our Events

Our recent **Farewell to Summer** event was a fantastic success, attracting around **200 people** and creating a wonderful village atmosphere. A huge thank you to everyone who came along, brought friends and supported the event (despite some rain), as well as to all our staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make it happen.

We are also delighted with the response to our community activities. Abi's **Macmillan Coffee Morning** raised almost **£400**, while our first **Macmillan quiz night** is already sold out. Our **Wednesday Lunch Club** launches on 30 September, **pizzas** are now available to eat in or take away, and our new **Friday Coffee & Cake mornings**, from 9am to noon, will provide another relaxed opportunity to meet friends and neighbours.

Looking Ahead

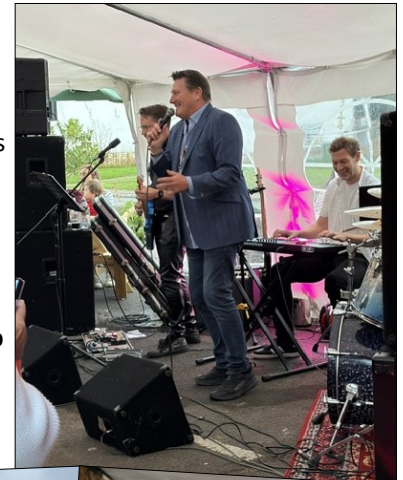
Planning is already underway for our 2027 events programme, while **Nick** will be preparing our festive Christmas and New Year food offering.

We are only three months into the journey, but the support from the village has been fantastic. **Thank you for continuing to visit, support our events, recommend us to friends and make**

The Crown feel like a true community pub.

We look forward to seeing you soon – and to giving Nick a very warm Crown welcome!

The Crown Community Pub Management Committee



Wells

For many years I have intended doing a survey of wells in this village. It seems a useful exercise as we have been experiencing such a period of drought. I know many of the wells have been filled in but the existence of the structures could be useful. One could possibly use a submersible pump. Of course open wells can be a danger to children (and cats). The presence of free water could be really useful in the future.
There is a daily limit of abstraction 20,000 litres a day.

I know there is a spring line in the lower part of the village. If you have an old well in your garden please could you let me know. I will mark the sites on a map for all to see. A friend once made me some dowsing rods from two pieces of steel just with a bend in them and to my surprise they really worked.
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With thanks, Jean Watson



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October Dates for your Diary

'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'

From 'To Autumn', by John Keats

October

Thurs 1st, 8.00pm 'The Christophers', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
 Mon 5th, 2.00pm Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
 Tue 6th, 2.00pm Tuesday Club, Playing Fields Clubhouse
 100 Years of Winnie the Pooh
 Wed 7th, 8.00pm Cuddington Bookworms, The Crown
 Thurs 8th, 8.00pm 'Power Ballad', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
 Sun 11th, 2.30pm Prayer Meeting, Cuddington Methodist Chapel
 Thurs 15th, 8.00pm 'Finding Emily', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
 Thurs 15th, 7.30pm Cuddington Playing Fields Association AGM
 Sat 17th, 7.00pm Tear Fund Quiz, Bernard Hall
 Thurs 22nd, 8.00pm 'Rebuilding', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
 Wed 28th, 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall
 Thurs 29th, 8.00pm CYD presents 'The Secrets of the Brixtafab', Bernard Hall

November

Mon 2nd, 2.00pm Sunshine Club Tea, Playing Fields Clubhouse
 Tues, 3rd, 2.00pm Tuesday Group, Playing Fields Clubhouse
 Wed 4th, 8.00pm Cuddington Bookworms, The Crown
 Thurs 5th, 7.00pm NTLive: 'Golden Boy', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
 Sun 8th, 2.30pm Prayer Meeting, Cuddington Methodist Chapel
 Thurs 12th, 8.00pm 'Queen Budapest', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
 Mon 16th, 1.30pm Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema, Bernard Hall
 Thurs 19th, 8.00pm 'North by North West', Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
 Wed 25th, 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting, Bernard Hall

For more information about all the clubs and societies in Cuddington, please refer to the village website cuddingtonvillage.com



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Cuddington Baby and Toddler Group!

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GREENSLEEVES TO A GROUND



SARA STOWE (harpichord) AND MIGUEL LAWRENCE (recorder)

Handel: The Harmonious Blacksmith
 Sonata in C major
 Sonata in F major
 Vaughan Williams: Fantasia on Greensleeves
 Edmund Rubbra: Meditation on "Coeurs Déçolés"
 First Study Pieces
 Arnold/Carl Dolmetsch: Greensleeves to a Ground
 Colin Hand: Plaint

HADDENHAM METHODIST CHURCH
 SATURDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 2026 AT 7PM

TICKETS: £5 ON THE DOOR OR FROM EVENTBRITE
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/greensleeves-to-a-ground-tickets-18808575021?aff=oddseriessearch>

PROCEEDS TO ANGLAS ASIA FOUNDATION




CUDDINGTON PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

You are warmly invited to our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

New Date
Thursday 15th October

7.30 pm

Playing Fields Clubhouse

All are welcome.

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THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON

We have some terrific news to share! Over the summer break, we were busy giving the cinema sound system in the Bernard Hall a comprehensive upgrade. All the existing loudspeakers were replaced with even better quality, high-fidelity units. We added eleven channels of dedicated power amplification, so that the sound remains pure and undistorted even during the loudest, busiest moments in a film. Lastly, we added four new, so-called "Atmos" loudspeakers on the ceiling that create a 3D soundstage with suitably encoded films. Yes, the sound quality at the Village Picture House was already pretty good, but we are thrilled with the clean, transparent sound that our new equipment provides and we hope that you will be, too.

On the 8th October, our film will be **Power Ballad** (Cert. 15) starring Paul Rudd and Nick Jonas. Rick (Rudd) is an American expat working as a wedding band singer in Ireland.

At a wedding gig, he meets Danny (Jonas), a former boy band member trying to

launch a serious solo career. After the wedding, the two men share a late-night jam session, during which Rick plays an unfinished song he has been working on for years. Months later, Danny turns that exact same tune into a massive, career-reviving global hit single. After hearing it while out shopping, Rick travels to Los Angeles to

confront Danny and sets out to reclaim the recognition he feels he deserves. "A terrific comedy of bromance and betrayal in the world of music," says *The Guardian*. "Rudd and Jonas are such a delight together. A big-hearted film ... full of native wit, warmth and generosity," says *Empire*. "This charming feel-good movie makes for very satisfying, crowd-pleasing viewing," says *The Upcoming*.

On the 15th, we'll be screening **Finding Emily** (Cert. 12A) starring Spike Fearn and Angourie Rice. A lovesick Mancunian musician named Owen (Fearn) meets his dream girl Emily (Soverall) at a student union bar, but writes her number down wrong. To help find her, he teams up with an American psychology student, also named Emily (Rice), who secretly uses him as a case study for her thesis. As the viral, town-wide frenzy to track down the original "Emily" takes over the university campus, the two main characters find their own hearts and ambitions tested... "This British romcom charmed me to pieces ... a sterling script and inspired direction," says *The Telegraph*.



"This joyous Gen Z romcom takes the meaning of 'lovesick' to a new level," says *Time Out*. "This campus romance has a hopeless but endearing hero – and takes some welcome swipes at Gen Z." says *The Times*.

Then on the 22nd, our film will be **Rebuilding** (Cert. PG) starring Josh O'Connor. Dusty, the last in a long line of

ranchers, loses his family ranch and home in southern Colorado following a sudden, catastrophic wildfire. Left with virtually nothing, Dusty is forced to sell his remaining cattle and relocate to a government-run trailer community alongside other neighbours who also lost their homes.

Befriended by resilient neighbours, Dusty and his bright young daughter Callie-Rose find unexpected hope, human connection, and a new definition of homecoming in an unlikely place. "A highly empathetic movie that beautifully affirms humanity ... Josh O'Connor is no te-perfect in cowboy country," says *The Times*. "Josh O'Connor is terrific, and Lily LaTorre is superb as his daughter," says the *Financial Times*.

Looking ahead to November, on the 5th we'll be screening **Golden Boy** from the

National Theatre, a searing revival of Clifford Odets' play about a gifted young violinist lured into the brutal world of professional boxing. On the 12th, we have **Queen Budapest**, a glorious new Ultra High Definition release of Queen's momentous 1986 concert in Budapest in front of 80,000 ecstatic fans. And on the 19th, we have a Classic Film Night: Alfred Hitchcock's masterpiece **North by Northwest** newly released in UHD and surround sound.

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

