Cuddington Village Voice

FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to your new Village Voice

Hello from your new editors! This is our very first go at pulling together Cuddington Village Voice, so we hope it goes with a bang, just like the fireworks this weekend!

We couldn't start without a big thank you to Rachael, who has been running Village Voice for over 10 years. She's had plenty of help from other locals along the way, and we're delighted they're sticking with us. She's even had a look over this edition to make sure we haven't missed anything.

You might spot that things look a bit different. We've given it a bit of a refresh which we hope you enjoy as well as trying to bring a bit of structure into each edition so you can easily find your favourite bits.

We're really happy to be getting involved and can't wait to see what you send in. There's now one email address for everything: **CuddingtonVV@gmail.com**. We both read it, so (hopefully!) nothing gets lost along the way.

Jen and Ellen



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Send your news to **CuddingtonVV@gmail.com**

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, CUDDINGTON PLAYING FIELDS

Cuddington Fireworks Party

Gates open 4pm
Please don't arrive earlier. Finishes at 11pm.

Fireworks 7.35pm
Bonfire lit at 5pm.

Tickets online only
From TicketSource. No sales on the gate. Under 5s free.

Can I buy tickets at the gate?
No. Tickets are only sold online in advance through TicketSource, so please only come if you have one. Print or screenshot your ticket before you arrive, as the phone signal at the entrance can be poor.

Do children need a ticket?
Under 5s go free and don't need one. Everyone aged 5 and over needs a ticket.

Where do I park?
In the clubhouse car park, with a £4 car park ticket booked in advance on TicketSource with your entry tickets. Spaces are limited, so if you are local please walk. Marshals will show you to a space. Please don't park anywhere else, and not on the grass verges on Bernard Close leading up to the fields, as this blocks residents and emergency access. The postcode is HP18 0AJ.

Are sparklers allowed?
No. Anyone using sparklers will be asked to leave, and please don't bring any fireworks with you.

Cash or card?
Both bars take card and cash, but some stalls are cash only, so bring some cash. The bars can't offer cashback.

Where are the bars?
There are two this year: inside the clubhouse, and a new outdoor bar in the marquee next to the live music.

Will there be food?
Yes. BBQ, crepes, baked potatoes, cakes, mulled wine, hot chocolate and hot drinks.

Glow sticks and face painting?
Yes. Glow sticks are on sale on the night, with all proceeds going to Cancer Research UK in memory of Lorraine Ray. There is face painting too.

Lost children?
Children who are lost, or parents looking for them, should go to any steward in hi vis or to the MC, who will make an announcement.

First aid?
The first aid point is in the clubhouse kitchen, behind the bar. Or ask any steward in hi vis or the MC. First aiders' phone numbers are on the site map on the clubhouse windows.

What's on when

4pm
Gates open, face painting, glow sticks, food and drink

4pm to 5pm
Stoke Mandeville Hospital Radio Music Box

5pm
Lighting of the bonfire

5pm to 6pm
Kids disco

6pm to 6.30pm
Live music from Lisa Nora

6.45pm to 7.30pm
Live music from Llama Canyon

7.35pm to 7.50pm
Fireworks display

8.15pm to 9.15pm
Bassline and club classics from DJ Reng

9.15pm to 11pm
Disco, house classics and more from DJ Charlie Macs

FAITH AND REFLECTION

Thought for the month

Who do you trust?

One of my favourite Disney films is the cartoon version of Aladdin. It has fantastic music and great performances. Robin Williams is exceptional as the Genie, perhaps the greatest voice performance on a cartoon ever. The film has laughs and thrills, but it also has a serious plotline completely lost on children.

The film asks two key questions: how can we obtain freedom, and who do we trust?

Both the evil Jaffar and the hero Aladdin use deception to gain the freedom they desire. Jaffar overreaches and discovers that total power becomes a prison. When Aladdin admits his deceit and so earns trust, he gains his freedom and the freedom of others.

Jesus said, 'the truth will set you free'. Honesty is always painful. It requires us to admit our failure and, to use a biblical word, our sin, but without it we can never be free.

When I look at the world today, I find many global leaders who seek power over others and who are happy to create their own 'truth'. They lead us into conflict in our society and into wars.

Remembrance Day reminds us of the cost of such deception, which resulted in the sad loss of so many. We remember those from our village who lost their lives for the freedom of others. We also have the opportunity to remember those, especially civilians, who have lost their lives in Ukraine, Sudan, Iran, and Israel Palestine because of present day leaders who seek power for their own freedom.

Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves

Cuddington Methodist Church

At our last informal Sunday afternoon of the season, on 11th October, Mark and Viv Knight joined us from Aylesbury for a lively and well attended meeting, and brought us up to date with their work helping to keep us all safe.

Mark runs the Town Chaplaincy, Street Angels and Healing on the Streets from Holy Trinity Church, Walton Street. Town Chaplains work in shops, courts and businesses. Street Angels work weekend nights in trained teams of two or three in the town centre, looking out for anyone in trouble or vulnerable. The Healing on the Streets team goes out on monthly Saturdays offering prayer for healing to anyone who asks.

Mark shared his own experience of coming to faith in Jesus, and Viv shared her story of very different work as a hospice nurse, her faith and her joy in serving. We are so grateful for them both.

Our monthly afternoon meetings are now hibernating for the winter, but our **Carol Service is on Sunday 13th December at 2pm**. Morning services continue most Sundays, though not every week.

Thank you to neighbours who keep the space in front of the chapel free for parking, and to those who even lend us their drives.

FAITH AND REFLECTION

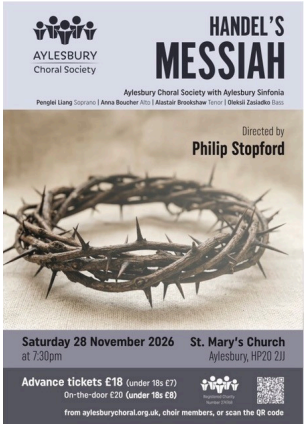
St Nicholas' Church



What's on in November

Sun 1st, 10am	All age Holy Communion
Sun 8th, 10am	Service of Remembrance, with children's activities in the Bernard Hall. Gathering by the war memorial at 10.45am
Sun 15th, 10am	All age service
Sun 22nd, 10am	Holy Communion in church, with children's activities in the Bernard Hall
Sun 29th, 10am	Advent all age service and craft activities
Wednesdays, 9am	Twenty minutes of meditation and reflection on a Bible passage, and prayer

All are welcome.



Saturday 28th November, 7.30pm

Handel's Messiah

Aylesbury Choral Society will be performing this superb work at St Mary's Church, Aylesbury, accompanied by the Aylesbury Sinfonia and conducted by Philip Stopford, with four first rate soloists completing the line up.

Tickets are £18 in advance (£7 for under 18s) or £20 on the door (£8 for under 18s), from **aylesburychoral.org.uk** or from Angela at asanderson2023@outlook.com.

Whether you come to the concert or prefer to listen at home, there is an excellent follow up booklet, *Hallelujah: Journeying Through Advent with Handel's Messiah*. It uses Messiah for Advent readings, as every word of Messiah is taken directly from the Bible. To find out how to get a copy, contact James Stonham at james@holymans.co.uk.

Angela Sanderson

AROUND THE VILLAGE

Village news

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Cuddington Parish Council

Wednesday 25th November, 7pm, Bernard Hall.

Fete Committee grants

The Fete Committee has awarded £5,270 in grants to these village organisations.

Cuddington Youth Drama	£250	Sunshine Club	£300
Baptist Burial Ground Trustees	£200	Netball Club (Saturday morning)	£250
Playing Fields Association (CPFA)	£400	Fireworks	£400
Church	£900	Village Voice	£320
Nicholas Almond Trust	£300	Tennis Club	£250
Cuddington and Dinton School	£900	Bernard Hall	£800

Total awarded £5,270



Teams hard at work at The Big Quiz

Tearfund quiz success

Around 60 people gathered in the Bernard Hall on Saturday 17th October for The Big Quiz, which has become an annual tradition. Arranged into eight teams, fuelled on snacks and hydrated from Alan and Stella's bar, they were about as ready as they could be to face the onslaught of Angela's and Charles' questions.

Mercifully, nobody was defenestrated. Miss Bennet won the popularity contest. Victory was to the campanologists.

Thank you to everybody who helped, and to all who came. The evening raised £550 for Tearfund, which will go to their work supporting communities out of poverty around the world. A great result!

Will Lewis

YOUR COMMUNITY PUB

News from The Crown

THE CROWN
A COMMUNITY OWNED PUB







The Crown on the telly

We were recently delighted to get a mention on BBC Breakfast and to feature on Channel 4's The Lycett Arms. Joe even opened a tab to support local pubs, which some of our lucky regulars benefited from (see front page). We also received an excellent 5/5 food hygiene rating after an unannounced inspection. Congratulations, Abi and Nick!

The Management Committee thanks everyone for their patience and support during our first few months. Through building and plumbing works, kitchen issues and the search for a chef, your encouragement has meant a great deal to us.

Great food

Feedback on Nick's food has been excellent, and with Abi and the team now working brilliantly together, we recently enjoyed one of our best weeks yet.

If you have enjoyed a visit, please leave us an online review. On Google, search for The Crown with the village name, open our listing and select Write a review. On Tripadvisor, search for The Crown and select Write a review. Thank you to all who already have.

Community events and fundraising

Our second quiz this month was another sellout and raised £242 for the Nicholas Almond Trust. The next quiz is on Tuesday 24th November.

Our Friday morning tea and coffee sessions are growing in popularity. We open at 9am for now, and hope to open around 8.30am once key staff are living on site, to fit in with the school run.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Cancer Support fundraising in September, through the collection box at the bar, the coffee morning or our first quiz. Together we raised over £600.

Help shape the future of The Crown

We have now been open for just over four months. After a challenging start in July and no chef in August and September, the new leadership team is firmly in place.

The Management Committee will shortly review our food and front of house service, and would love your feedback through a new questionnaire on food quality, service, pricing and value for money. Please base your answers on visits since 4th October, when the new kitchen team started. If you haven't eaten with us yet, come and try the new menu first. Details of the questionnaire will be published shortly.

Christmas and New Year

Our festive menu is nearly ready. Opening hours, menus and booking details for December and New Year will be announced shortly, so book early. Thank you for supporting your village pub.

YOUR COMMUNITY PUB

Coming up at The Crown

Tue 10th November, 7pm to 9pm
Indian Block Printing with Moose in the Hoose. Design your own tea towel or apron. £40.

Tue 17th November, 7pm
Taste the Chilterns wine tasting with Holly from The Tasting Table. Five tastings and nibbles. £35.

Tue 24th November, 8pm
Quiz night. The last two sold out, so book early!

Every week at The Crown

Wednesdays, 12 to 2.30pm
Lunch Club. Two courses £14.50, three £19.50

Fridays, from 9am
Tea and coffee mornings (8.30am soon)

Bookings
01844 886007, or with Abi at the pub

News from the school

It has been a busy half term, with learning routines in phonics, creative writing and numeracy alongside science, PE and creative subjects. In early October the whole school celebrated Harvest Festival, with all donations going to Aylesbury Vineyard Foodbank.

All pupils have been invited to take part in this year's International Maths Competition, a fun, confidence boosting set of challenges for all abilities.

Each class has elected its Infant Site School Council representatives by secret ballot. Congratulations to those elected! The council used the mufti day on 22nd October to raise funds for a spinal cord charity, a cause close to Miss Bailey's heart.

The PTA, F4CADS, is planning lots of fundraising events this year. Please support their cake sale at the Cuddington Fireworks on 7th November.

Starting school in September 2027.
Children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 can apply for a Reception place. If you missed the October open mornings, please contact the school office to arrange a visit.



OUT AND ABOUT

Coming up nearby



Wed 4th November, 8pm
Cuddington Bookworms book club, The Crown. Drinks from 7.30pm. All welcome.



Fri 13th November, 8pm
Jamie and Doug's Folk Night, Playing Fields Clubhouse. Licensed bar. To play, email doug@doug-kennedy.com.



8th and 9th Dec, 7.30pm
Wreath Making Masterclass, Playing Fields Clubhouse. £50 with prosecco. Amy, 07782 199 707.



Sat 28th November, 7.30pm
The Witchert Chorale, Mars meets Venus, St Mary's, Haddenham. Songs of war and love, from Elgar and Parry to Tom Lehrer. £14 at witchert.org.uk, £16 on the door, under 16s free. Ann, 07876 683990.



Sat 12th December, 7.30pm
Christmas Concert, St Mary's, Thame. £18 advance (£16 before 15th Nov), £20 door, under 16s free.

Got something coming up?

Send the details and a poster to **CuddingtonVV@gmail.com** and we will do our best to include it.

OUT AND ABOUT

More coming up nearby



Sat 28th November, 7.30pm

Charity Concert with the OMJ Big Band, hosted by Jeremy Irons, at The Spread Eagle Hotel, Thame. An evening of great music in a jazz style, with all money raised going to the Amos Trust. Doors open 6.30pm. Tickets £30, book by scanning the QR code on the poster.

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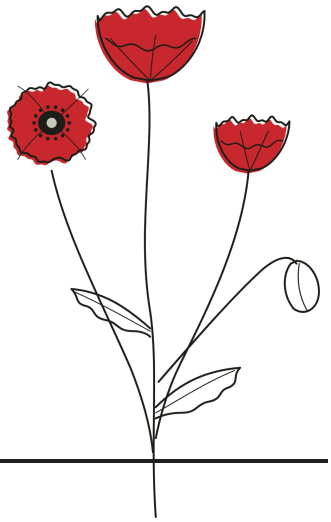
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THE VILLAGE DIARY

Dates for your diary



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

John McCrae (1872 to 1918)

November

Mon 2nd	2.00pm	**Sunshine Club Tea**, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Wed 4th	8.00pm	**Cuddington Bookworms**, The Crown (drinks from 7.30pm)
Thu 5th	7.00pm	**NT Live: Golden Boy**, Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Sat 7th	4.00pm	**Cuddington Fireworks**, with the F4CADS cake sale
Sun 8th	10.00am	**Remembrance Sunday**, St Nicholas' Church and war memorial
Sun 8th	2.30pm	**Prayer Meeting**, Cuddington Methodist Chapel
Tue 10th	7.00pm	**Indian Block Printing Workshop**, The Crown
Thu 12th	8.00pm	**Queen Budapest**, Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Fri 13th	8.00pm	**Jamie and Doug's Folk Night**, Playing Fields Clubhouse
Mon 16th	1.30pm	**Cuddington Matinee Cinema: Mr Burton**, Bernard Hall
Tue 17th	7.00pm	**Taste the Chilterns wine tasting**, The Crown
Thu 19th	8.00pm	**North by Northwest**, Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Tue 24th	8.00pm	**Quiz night**, The Crown
Wed 25th	7.00pm	**Parish Council Meeting**, Bernard Hall
Thu 26th	8.00pm	**The Summer Book**, Village Picture House, Bernard Hall
Sat 28th	7.30pm	**Charity Concert**, Spread Eagle, Thame
Sat 28th	7.30pm	**Handel's Messiah**, St Mary's, Aylesbury
Sat 28th	7.30pm	**Mars meets Venus**, St Mary's, Haddenham

December

Tue 8th	7.30pm	**Wreath Making Masterclass**, Playing Fields Clubhouse (also Wed 9th)
Sat 12th	7.30pm	**Christmas Concert**, St Mary's Church, Thame
Sun 13th	2.00pm	**Carol Service**, Cuddington Methodist Chapel
Mon 14th	1.00pm	**Sunshine Club Christmas Lunch**, Bernard Hall
Sat 19th	6.00pm	**Christmas with the Cuddingtons**, Playing Fields Clubhouse

Every Friday at 10am in term time: Toddlers Singing Group in St Nicholas' Church. Everyone is welcome. Contact Christine, christine.jackson@live.co.uk

For more about all the clubs and societies in Cuddington, see **cuddingtonvillage.com**

THE VILLAGE PICTURE HOUSE CUDDINGTON NEWS

At the cinema in November



Thursday 5th November, 7pm

NT Live: Golden Boy

A searing revival of Clifford Odets' play about a gifted young violinist lured into professional boxing. An Almeida Theatre production, screened by National Theatre Live.



Thursday 12th November, 8pm

Queen Budapest

Queen's momentous 1986 concert at Budapest's Népstadion, one of the first big Western rock shows behind the Iron Curtain, filmed on their final tour with Freddie Mercury in front of 80,000 ecstatic fans. Newly restored in Ultra High Definition, it's the perfect concert to show off our amazing new sound system, so come ready to sing along!



Thursday 19th November, 8pm

Classic Film Night: North by Northwest

Alfred Hitchcock's 1959 masterpiece, newly released in UHD and surround sound. Cary Grant is an advertising man mistaken for a spy and chased across America, from the famous crop duster scene to a nail biting finale on Mount Rushmore.



Thursday 26th November, 8pm

The Summer Book

Glenn Close stars in this gentle adaptation of Tove Jansson's much loved novel, as a grandmother spending the summer with her young granddaughter on a remote Finnish island.



Monday 16th November, 1.30pm (doors open 1pm)

Cuddington Matinee Cinema: Mr Burton

Starring Harry Lawtey, Toby Jones and Lesley Manville. In 1942, Rich Jenkins is a wild 17 year old Port Talbot schoolboy. Nine years later, thanks to the English teacher Philip Burton who recognised his talent, he takes to the stage in Stratford-upon-Avon for a breakthrough performance as Prince Hal in Shakespeare's Henry IV. This is the moving, untold story of how Rich Jenkins became Richard Burton, one of Wales's biggest stars. BAFTA nominated for Outstanding British Film of the Year.

Bernard Hall. Entry £7 (£5 for Sunshine Club members), including tea and cake at the interval.

Tickets for all features are on sale in Cuddington Stores or at **www.cuddingtonvillage.com/cinema**