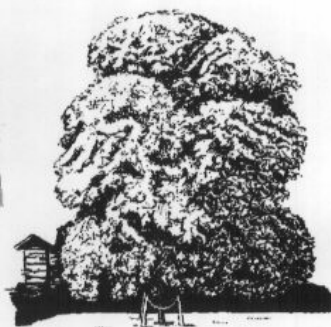


VILLAGE CUDDINGTON VOICE



**June
2010**

VOLUME THIRTEEN

Road closures in Cuddington

Warning of Major Road Works

Since the extremely bad winter weather we suffered earlier this year, we have all been concerned about the state of the roads in and out of Cuddington. It is therefore pleasing to report that, as a first step, major work is to be carried out on the C56 Aylesbury Road from The Crown to the A 418 at Dinton Castle.

On the 14th June 2010, the whole of the Aylesbury Road will be closed, for one day only, from The Crown public house to the junction of the C56 and the A 418 at Dinton Castle. There will be very large lorries and road equipment being used and thus great care should be taken whilst the work is in progress. Access may be possible for those living in the closed area but this will be strictly supervised by duty maintenance men situated at the end of the closed section.

The bus companies and other services are being informed of the situation so please look out for any notices giving more information.

Other Cuddington Road Closures:-

- June 21st Holly Tree lane/ Lower Church Street for British Telecom works
- July 10th Upper and Lower Church Street, Holly tree Lane (from junction with Spurt Street to Lower Green) for the Village Fête

Midsomer came to Cuddington in May but no sign of its murders.....yet!



**Getting ready for "action" (above) and our
intrepid inspector leaving the Post Office**



required silence was several times broken by a ringing telephone and once by the Browns' chiming clock!

What happened behind those closed doors only Les, Jan and Neil know, and if they don't tell us we will have to wait until "Not in my Back Yard" is seen on our television screens –maybe in the Autumn?

On Tuesday, May 18th the film-makers' vehicles arrived and the front of the village shop was transformed—a table covered with boxes of vegetables being a focal point. Filming outside the shop started on Tuesday afternoon and continued on Wednesday morning.

Villagers watching the proceedings were rewarded by the sight of Inspector Barnaby and his side-kick walking down the shop's steps and questioning a woman behind the vegetable table. As always seem to be the case with filming the action did not take place only once but was repeated 5 or 6 times. It is to be hoped that all was then perfect, and that the episode will form part of the finished product.

On Wednesday afternoon the action moved into the shop itself. Les and Jan found it a very happy occasion and spoke appreciatively of the film crew's consideration. They remained calm even when their



You are invited to an
Open Meeting
On Wednesday 9th June at 8pm

The Bernard Hall, Cuddington
Come and hear a presentation about how to save
energy and save money
**Together the people of Cuddington can
make a difference**

See page 7 for more information



From the Vicar

Healing the Land

British farming has had one of its most challenging decades. The biggest problem has been the steady drop in real terms of money paid to our farmers for the food they produce. For every pound spent on food and drink in the UK in 1952 it has been estimated that 50-60p went to the farmer; whereas today less than 9p goes back to the farm. Sometimes a farmer is offered less than the cost of producing his crop, even though it is eventually sold for three or four times the production costs. Much of our food is transported vast distances around the country. Our imported food has not only travelled a very long distance, but has sometimes been grown on land that might otherwise have been used to grow local crops, or on land that has been cleared of irreplaceable natural habitats such as rain forests.

The issues of how we use our land, grow our food, and treat our natural environment, depend on how we view the earth and our relationship to it. One ancient starting point comes from the Psalms: *"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it"* (Psalm 24:1). If God is the loving creator of our land, then it is given to us as a gift to use in trust and with respect. We should be looking after our earth as a conscientious tenant, rather than plundering it for its resources like a car on the scrap heap. Many people feel that it is the second attitude that has typified our approach for the last 200 years or more. It is not surprising that we are now finding problems in many different ways.

The Christian message is one of hope and of restoration. This hope comes from the cross of Christ and the miracle of resurrection. We can respond to this as a community by turning away from our tendency to self-centredness and then recognising that we are created to live in co-operative relationships with each other. This turning around will impact on our lifestyles and on the way we use resources, as well as on the value we place on those who farm our land and produce our food. It also influences the farming community in the way they care for the land and the living things they farm. It might make us begin to put a greater emphasis on buying from local producers and using our local shops - even if they cost a little more.

So next time you shop for food think about where it comes from, who has produced it, and at what cost to our fragile earth. There are many ways in which we can be involved in the healing of our land and in the restoration of God's wonderful and unique creation.

Love and Prayers

Margot Hodson



Youngsters launch Christian Aid Week

St Nicholas's was taken over by Cuddington's youth on the 9th May when the Grid put on a special Family Service to mark the start of Christian Aid Week. The youngsters were in full control and welcomed the congregation, made sure that all May birthdays were duly celebrated, announced the songs, and introduced Sarah Clay of Christian Aid.

Sarah's graphic talk centred on life in many Kenyan villages; the word "poverty" took on a new meaning for most of the congregation. With the aid of slides we were shown how complete families live in one room huts, with virtually no toilet or other facilities. Christian Aid are trying to do what they can to ameliorate conditions there. It is clear that we do not know the real meaning of poverty.

Sarah's talk was followed by the song "Bear Necessities" with rather more poignant words than the original version.

After Prayers and Confession and final songs the service concluded and the youngsters served us our usual coffee and biscuits.

Music for the service was provided by members of The Grid, including Martha Barns on drums and the Smith family in the band. David and Jane Benson also helped with the music and for preparing the Church, which looked suitably festive.

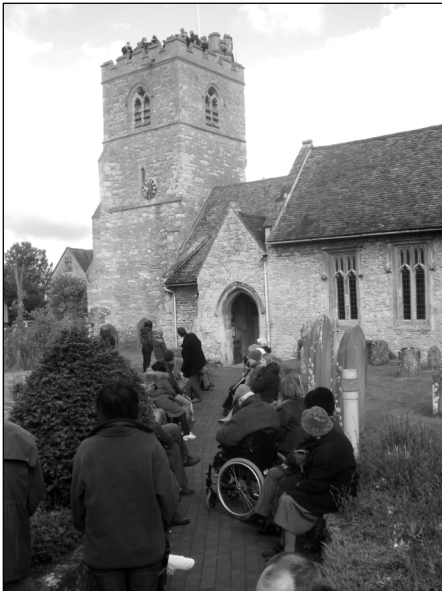
The Grid is to be congratulated on this service and we all look forward to similar services in the future.

John Fortgang



Wychert Chorale look down on Cuddington

A gratifyingly large number of people made their way to St Nicholas Church at just after 9 o'clock on the morning of Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May to hear and see the splendid Wychert Chorale perform some of their repertoire of folk songs and the like. Although a bit chilly the clouds parted, the sun shone from a blue sky as the Chorale made their way up the tower stairs to sing down to the audience gathered on the footpath, in the road and anywhere they could. Clearly one of the requirements to join the Chorale is a good head for heights. Their voices rang out loudly and clearly in the May morning air, and the audience was also impressed to learn that the singers had already performed in Long Crendon; clearly the residents there are not slugabeds.



After three songs everyone trooped into the church (any longer outside would have produced frostbite) where there was standing room only for the remainder of the concert. Here we could see the singers in all their glory and appreciate the full quality of the sound of their voices and the clear and rich harmonies, enhanced by the sun streaming through the windows. What a combination! They obviously enjoy what they do. The concert concluded with two well-known folk-songs which perhaps we hadn't sung since we were at school: "Early One Morning" and "Molly Malone", and the audience joined in with enthusiasm. Then a warming breakfast of coffee and croissants –perfect! The success of this (and the other concerts which have already taken place in the church) shows how fortunate we are to have such a versatile place of worship. Well done to all who helped organise it.

John Fortgang



During May members and friends of the **Gardening Club** enjoyed a day at the **Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park**. The gardens were awash with the vibrant colours of azaleas and rhododendrons and many of these fine specimens form part of their National Collection. In



View from the Casson Bridge in the main garden

the Hidden Garden the ferns were awakening into a variety of textures and colours, whilst in the bog and peat areas the Gunneras had started to produce their spectacular architectural leaves, with drifts of candelabra primulas, astilbes and irises. Of particular interest is the recently refurbished Queen Elizabeth Temperate House containing many semi-hardy plants including tree ferns, citrus trees, lilies and

Madeiran geraniums. It was fascinating to walk the length of the glasshouse above the tree tops looking down on to a striking water feature which swirled round like a giant plughole. Many of us left the Savill Garden with a desire to go back in the summer to appreciate the dry, gravel garden, the herbaceous beds and the newly planted rose gardens in all their full glory.

Our next event is the **Village Garden Safari** taking place on Sunday 13th June, the idea being to stroll around gardens belonging to several members ending up at Wellfield House for afternoon tea. (Please note that this event must be pre-booked and prepaid - see Rose Crowdy)

At the end of June (Wednesday 30th) we are visiting **Upper Chalford Farm** near Sydenham, Oxon. which has a delightful garden with differently planted areas separated by trellises of old roses. Cream teas will be served.

For more details about the Gardening Club and our forthcoming events, please contact Elsie Frost on 01844 290768.

Cuddington's weather

April 2010 was both warmer and drier than average - temperatures rose into the low 20's Celsius (high 60's F) on several days towards the end of the month, however, overall, April last year was half a degree warmer.

The average maximum daytime air temperature was 15.6 deg C (60 F), one and a half degrees above the long term average of 14.2 deg C (58 F). The daily night time air minimum temperature averaged 3.7 deg C (39 F), close to half a degree below the long term average of 4.1 deg C (39 F). The actual highest daytime air temperature occurred jointly on 3 days, 24th, 27th and 28th, (21.0 deg C, 70 F) and the lowest on the 1st (9.5 deg C, 49 F). The actual highest and lowest night time air temperature occurred on the 29th (9.5 deg C, 49 F) and 17th (minus 1.0 deg C, 30 F) respectively. There was a total of 2 air frosts and 14 ground frosts, the lowest of which occurred on the 17th (minus 4.6 deg C, 24 F).

It was a dry month with 20 days when no rain was recorded. The month ended with a grand total of 22.1 mm (0.87 inches), well under half of what you would normally expect. However, this pales into insignificance compared to April 2007 when only 1.7 mm (0.07 inches) fell on Cuddington during the whole month (you would expect 52.3 mm, 2.1 inches) - measurable rain fell on only 2 days and was Cuddington's driest April since 1984.

Sean Clarke

Heralding the Fete.....



Yea, ye seasons run apace ... 'twill be ye month of June ere ye read this - ye latest missive from thy Fête Committee.

'Tis but one month before King Arthur and His Court come to grace our village of Cuddington! 'Tis hoped that all of ye good people - with

friends and relations - will attend this colourful event when ye village streets will be bedecked throughout and thronged with goodly knights and fair ladies together with their resplendent retainers. Yon fantastic festivities will include much frolicsome fun and fabulous food !

*May we say that we be delighted that so many of ye have volunteered to help this year. But the need is great and **still more helpers** to man stalls and games for even a short period would be most heartily welcomed. The more citizens that help even in a small way the more fun to be had! Last year we raised a record total of £9,024 - benefiting various village amenities that we all enjoy. This year we would like to do even better so **if ye haven't yet volunteered** now is ye time to pick up thy phone and ring Rosemary on 01844 290249 or Jayne on 01844 299149.*

*Cuddington's **local entrepreneurs** might like to consider a sturdy stall whereon to display their wares. (Ring Rosemary on 01844 290249 or Sherry on 01844 291526). Or why not advertise within ye prestigious Fête Programme at reasonable cost? Some 400 are printed and circulated locally. (Ring Julia on 01844 299455).*

Finally we would like to encourage ye all to join in ye spirit of the day. Ye colourful Court of Camelot will make most welcome Cuddington's very own knights, knaves, damsels, maidens, magicians, pages, jesters, heralds, wenches, minstrels, dragons etc etc ... clad in their glad rags! It doesn't have to be complicated - a hat will do! There be prizes for ye best dressed! Any problem try Julia on 01844 299455.

Banner group

We now have ten regular members of our group: Skippy Blumer, Rosemary Bradbury, Lynne Devey, Yvette Digby, Anna Gadsden, Jane Giles, Felicity Hilder, Angela Sanderson, Caroline Stonham and Caroline Thompson. We have met several times since the group was formed and progress is definitely being made. We have decided on a Christmas theme for this, our first attempt, and with the artistry skills of Caroline Stonham and designing talent of Lynne (and hopefully some helpful input from the rest of us!) a design has now been final-



ised. The group spent an enjoyable evening recently when we sorted through many pieces of material to find suitable fabrics to use for the banner (see picture).

The next stage is for Caroline and Lynne to make templates of our shapes and figures, and then the cutting out and sewing can begin! Each member will concentrate on specific areas of the banner, but it is very much our intention to work together at sewing sessions. We also want to record our efforts for the future by keeping an illustrated diary as we go along. This is a village project, so if anyone is interested in joining us it is certainly not too late. We have lots of fun, lots of chat and sewing skills aren't essential – help with the diary would be good, or with the cutting out, or simply making the coffee! Please contact one of the members named above.

Angela Sanderson

Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast

*We are the music makers,
We are the dreamers of dreams...
We are the movers and shakers
Of the world for ever, it seems.
(Arthur O'Shaughnessy, C19 poet).*



And the savage breasts of any movers and shakers will have been completely soothed at St Nicholas Church in the evening of the 25th April at a most delightful concert given by some old friends, singer Roselle Collins, clarinettist Claire Hawkes and our own pianist Fiona Carr, (all of course well-known performers in their own right), when the church was filled with a very appreciative audience. Roselle opened the programme singing beautifully a few German songs by Louis Spohr, and was followed by Claire with her virtuoso clarinet playing, with a piece by Francisco Gomez. Roselle then returned with songs by Reynaldo Hahn - this time sung in French. Claire completed the first part of the programme by taking her clarinet to bits, piece by piece- and playing each piece till the end, all to music by Schreiner called "Immer Kleiner" – or "Ever Smaller". And all brilliantly accompanied by Fiona.

To start the second part Roselle sang songs by Mendelssohn, and then Claire played a piece by a modern composer, Bela Kovacs (born in 1937), followed by two by Gerald Finzi, who died at the distressingly early age of 55 in 1956. Roselle's final solo pieces were three folksongs arranged by Britten, and both Roselle and Claire completed the evening with music by Macfarren- again throughout the second part so well supported by Fiona.

The audience would not let them go, however, and demanded an encore, with which they were duly rewarded. It was quite clear that the audience loved every

minute of the concert, and we all hope that there will be another before long.

Our gratitude to the three performers, and to all who helped organise it – not to forget the ladies who prepared the delicious food which was served at the end. What a wonderful venue for concerts the church is proving to be. All in all a most enjoyable evening.

John Fortgang

Ivan - musician extraordinaire!



A musician born just twenty-six years ago in Uganda came to St Nicholas Church on the 23rd May, and wowed us all as a piano virtuoso. He was taught by Fiona Carr at the age of 13, and only a year later was learning the violin. Encouraged by no less than Maxim Vengerov he was soon playing the violin with leading orchestras.

But it is the piano which has made his reputation. Ivan Kiwuwa has

been awarded a variety of scholarships, won first prizes in a number of competitions, and is at the moment following postgraduate studies. He has given a large number of performances and his diary is getting fuller.

So Cuddington was extremely fortunate in having Ivan to perform this concert, thanks to Graham and Fiona. A full church (notwithstanding the beautiful sunshine and soaring temperatures outside) justified all the effort which had clearly gone into preparing for it. The church was bathed in the sunlight and the audience was dressed as if we were in Cannes rather than Cuddington.

After a few opening remarks by Graham, Ivan introduced himself and gave us a bit of background about the three composers and the music he would play: Haydn's Sonata in E minor and Fantasia in C major, four impromptus by Chopin and four by Schubert.

Ivan came across as a charming young man. His playing was delightful, the audience enraptured. Thanks to the acoustics in the Church his music was strong and clear, every note audible, harmonising with the birdsong trickling through the open door. And at the end, as an encore, Ivan playedScott Joplin's Maple Leaf Rag, which almost brought the Church down.

All in all an idyllic interlude. And watch this space as similar concerts are in the pipe-line.

John Fortgang

Voices from the past

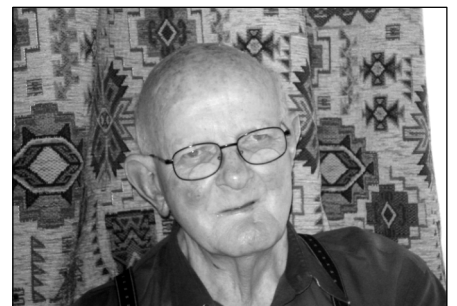
In the early '90's two Founder Members of the History Society, the late Roger Frazer and Peggy Cattell recorded the memories of some of the men who had gone from Cuddington to fight in the 1939-45 war. They had then produced a Booklet entitled "A War Remembered" and from this Peggy took details which formed the basis of her talk entitled "Voices from Cuddington's Past".

She pointed out how phenomenal had been these men's memories fifty years after their wartime service. She described how there had been at least one man from the small village of Cud-



Recent photographs of our two surviving veterans:

Ted Ferris (Navy) and below Ron Orchard (R.E.M.E.)



dington in nearly every theatre of war....India, North Africa, Italy, France, Belgium. In addition one man was in prisoner of war camp in Poland, and then made to march through Germany as his captors were retreating. Our two naval men served widely, and both participated in D.Day operations. Some extracts from Will Woodford's vivid description of this vital expedition ended the talk.

Maryon Pates thanked Peggy for bringing to life so many varied aspects of the war.

Copies of the booklet "A War Remembered" are available in the village shop for a donation of at least £1 which will be sent to the British Red Cross for its work with our present day armed forces.

WI resolution presented



At the May meeting Caroline Thompson led the discussion on this year's resolution which was : "To urge H.M. Government to introduce clear and mandatory country of origin labelling on all meat, poultry, and fish products sold in this country". She pointed out the flaws in the wording of the resolution and said that an agreed amendment would be presented at the AGM in Cardiff.

Helen Griffin thanked her for attending the briefing meeting and for all the research she had done on the subject before presenting it to us with such clarity.

Diane Picot then challenged us all to identify members from childhood photos brought to the meeting. This was not easy to do, but created much amusement and some surprises!



And who is this?

Camelot rediscovered

I am Sir Lancelot, Knight of the Round Table at the Court of King Arthur. My mission in Cuddington is to report back to the King on how the village will react to him when he comes in July and whether he will be able to recreate the Court of Camelot here. I have to say that King Arthur seems very keen to send me on missions – witness my fruitless search for the Holy Grail. Can it be that he resents my courtly attentions to his Queen Guinevere?

There is indeed much potential in Cuddington. The Bernard Hall will provide an excellent palace for the King and there is ample room for our Round Table. I also hear that new kitchen facilities are soon to be provided, which augurs well for our feasts. The Playing Field is a first class site for a knightly tournament and nearby Bernwood Forest should offer good hunting.

I did however discover some drawbacks. I was delighted when I saw a sign 'Great Stone'. However I searched in vain for a boulder with a sword. Our King has a real passion for plucking swords from stones! Another problem is the apparent absence of dragons in the village, although I did encounter a green dragon in nearby Haddenham.

Whilst scouring the village for these fiery creatures, I came across many beings new to me. On wheels, they either rest very still, or charge furiously through the main village road. Soon I came to realise that these beasts were probably conjured up by our enchantress, Morgan le Fay. Dragons in disguise! There is one very obvious difference – my dragons breathe fire from their mouths, while Cuddington's 'dragons', when moving, emit smoke from their rears! There will be plenty of opportunities for our King and his gallant knights to rid the village of these smoking menaces!

I shall return to my King and advise him that this village will provide rich sport. Cuddington is indeed ready for Camelot!

Sir Lancelot

Cuddington Gentlemen's dining club

This august body, now well established as Cuddington's premiere dining club, met once again at the Crown on the 22nd April. Some fourteen self-styled gents sat down to a choice of fish or Indian curry and neither dish disappointed.

Sophisticated conversation was to be heard on all sides. There is a lot to be learned about your fellow men by attending, as well as enjoying yourself in good company. As all men who live in Cuddington are ipso facto gentlemen there is no excuse for anyone who has not yet attended not to do so. The next dinner will be on Thursday 10th June, at the Crown. Simply contact Phil at Tyringham Hall (parkstone28@tiscali.co.uk) with your name and you qualify for membership.

Aspects of Cuddington's past

Sunday, June 20th 5 p.m. in Church

An illustrated talk to be given by Peggy Cattell "Aspects of Cuddington's Past"

This could be of particular interest to newcomers and comparative newcomers to the village.

Cuddington lives remembered



The Cuddington Sunrise Walk is a village tradition. It was in June 1970 that Ruby Small led the first walk from the Lower Green to the Winchendon Observatory at 4 o'clock in the morning. After their exertions the walkers were treated to refreshments made and served by ladies of Cuddington Women's Institute. This walk illustrates many aspects of Ruby Small. She was an effective organiser, a keen ramblor and supporter of the countryside and a staunch member of the Women's Institute.

Ruby was born in the village in 1907. She was the eighth child of Sidney and Annie Dunkin. The family lived in a cottage in Upper Church Street where the Bernard Hall now stands. Ruby later described the house in which she was born. Cooking was done on an open fire, water was drawn from a well in the garden, where there was also an earth closet. There was no electric light. Brothers and sisters had to share beds. Ruby left the village school at 14 and went into domestic service in Aylesbury. She thought nothing of walking the six miles to Cuddington and back on her half days off. In 1927 she married Ernest Small who had been a fellow pupil at school. They set up house in a cottage in Aylesbury Road opposite 'The Crown' and had four children, although one child sadly died.

Ruby was committed to village life. She was a founder member of Cuddington Women's Institute formed in 1949

and served as President from 1965-1972. In March 1973 she organised and led a memorable ramble for her colleagues to Ashendon. She had cooked scones before setting out and these, together with coffee brought by her husband, refreshed the walkers at the end of their nine mile ramble. In the same year Ruby undertook a 20 mile sponsored walk on local footpaths organised by the Bucks branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England. She received a letter of congratulation, as she was the oldest person (66) successfully to complete the walk.

Ruby attended St Nicholas Church and regularly organised the flower rota. Whenever there was a village fund raising function in the Bernard Hall where cakes and drinks were needed, Ruby was invariably on duty. She must have poured thousands of cups of tea in her lifetime!

Ruby Small had enjoyed a fulfilling life in Cuddington. She had a healthy constitution and a purposeful, but unruffled air. She did things at her own pace and seemed unflappable. She has been described by contemporaries as "warm, but determined", as "walking majestically" and "a lady in the real sense of the word". She was undoubtedly practical and she was a fine cook and dressmaker. On rambles she carried a survival kit – matches, scissors, string, paper bag, penknife, as well as items of first aid. She was one of the diminishing group of people who was born, married and died in the village. It is pleasing to record that her legacy – the Sunrise Walk – is still safe with her successors in Cuddington.

Peter Wenham

Please note that this year's date is Saturday 19th June, assembling at 4.00am. Ed.

Dates for your Diary

A June rose



June

Wednesday 2 nd 7.30p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 8 th 2.30p.m.	W.I. Talk with video on "Mercy Ships"
Tuesday 8 th 7.30p.m.	Playing Fields Association AGM in Playing fields Club House
Wednesday 9 th 8.00p.m.	Meeting on "Greening" in Bernard Hall (see pages 1&7)
Thursday 10 th 10.30-12.30	History Society Coffee Morning at Dyson House, Lower Church Street
Sunday 13 th p.m.	Gardening Club, "Village Safari" with tea
Tuesday 15 th 7.30p.m.	History Society Talk "Practical Work on Family History"
Saturday 19 th 4.00a.m.	Ruby Small Sunrise Walk
Sunday 20 th 5.00a.m.	Illustrated talk in church: "Aspects of Cuddington's past" (see page 6)
Sunday 27 th	Cream Teas in Haddenham for Utugi Project (see page 8)
Wednesday 30 th 2.30p.m.	Gardening Club Visit to Upper Chalford Farm, near Sydenham, Oxon.

July

Wednesday 7 th 7.30p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 10 th	VILLAGE FÊTE
Tuesday 13 th 2.30p.m.	W.I. Garden Meeting

About the Greening campaign

The Greening Campaign is a simple and achievable way in which communities can tackle climate change together by making a few, simple changes to the way we live. The Greening Campaign is already working in villages, towns and cities across England. It is structured and driven by each local community, with the support of local government - a real grassroots movement.

This campaign begins, in Cuddington, with an open meeting to which everyone in the community is invited. It's an opportunity to learn how Greening works and, importantly, to have your say. Cuddington is having its meeting on 9th June at 8 p.m. in the Bernard Hall. Everyone from both Nether and Upper Winchendon is also invited. Cheersley will be having theirs soon after, and Long Crendon's is in September and *Greening Thame* is well underway.

You can find out more about Greening by visiting www.greening-campaign.co.uk or by contacting your local project leader (Doug Kennedy for Cuddington on dgken-nedy@alloverde.com, or Jane Tewson for Winchendon on janetewson@chronicf.org)



Generous support for Christian Aid

All of Cuddington appeared to be gathering at Skittle Green Cottage, Caroline Thompson's home at Lower Green, on the 10th May, bringing and buying at her coffee evening and plant stall for Christian Aid week

Visitors were met by two plant stalls at the back door; having fought your way past these to get into the house that was full of people and a jolly social atmosphere. Bargains were to be had everywhere, with all kinds of *objets*, bric-a-brac, books; jams, jellies, cakes- all rapidly being snapped up within minutes of the doors being opened. And it is perfectly possible that you might have come away with just what you'd been looking for.



Tony Picot waiting for his first customer!

Thanks to Caroline and all who helped to make the occasion such a success, and what a financial success it was! A total of £380 was raised, including £203 for the plant stall, £110 for the produce stall and £43 for Bric a Brac.

Summer driving workshops

Due to popular demand, Bucks CC are holding a number of evening summer driving workshops aimed at giving advice to help prepare motorists for summer holiday driving either in the UK or abroad and these will be available at venues across the county in June.

All those who come will receive a car safety pack worth £5 alone. We will be making a charge of £10 per place to help towards our costs.

Further details are on our website www.buckscc.gov.uk/road_safety and click on summer driving.

The workshops start at 7 pm and conclude at 9.30 pm (at the latest).

To register your interest you can email roadsafety@buckscc.gov.uk



The tradition for a village walk with posies followed by country dancing in the playground was maintained on the 26th May by the Infants of the school.

Many parents and grandparents followed the procession and grateful villagers received gifts of the children's posies.

After the procession the children impressed a good crowd in the playground by some very fluent and accomplished dancing.

John's Column

*"A noise like of a hidden brook
In the leafy month of June,
That to the sleeping woods all night
Singeth a quiet tune"*

Samuel Coleridge Taylor
1772-1883

As I write I have "given up" on our English weather – one day sees me in a voluminous sweater, yet within twenty-four hours I'm back in shirt sleeves – the result is a rotten cold. I am not amused, so I concentrate on the better warmer days.

I was walking around the garden when I spotted what I thought was a Cabbage White butterfly except that

the outer edges of its wings were orange. It settled on a bed of Lobelia. Now I am not "up" on butterflies, so I called to Joan (who knows a thing or two about insects) and she identified it as a male Orange Tip. Apparently this species has increased throughout England and Wales due to colder Aprils which have delayed their chrysalisation until more flowers have come into bloom. "Memo – you are never too old to learn".

The Sparrow Hawk has returned – it killed one of our pair of Collared Doves littering the lawn with grey feathers, and not content with that it flew into next door's garden scattering more feathers and consumed the whole carcase there. I know this is "Nature" nevertheless it quite spoilt my day.



Setting off down Lower Church Street (left) and dancing in the playground

Utugi Street Children Kenya Project



**Delicious Cream Teas
Sunday 27th June 2010
3.00 – 5.00pm
St. Mary's Centre,
Church End
£4.00/£2.00 under 5s**

Services at St. Nicholas

(Churchwardens: Caroline Stonham, 292221 and David Benson, 01296 433757)

June 2010

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| 2nd | 9.30 am | PRAYERS |
| 6th | 10.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
<i>A modern Communion Service with hymns. The children go to "Sunday Special" for part of the service</i> |
| 13th | 10.00 am | FAMILY SERVICE
<i>A service for all ages, including lively hymns, with the involvement of young musicians and occasional drama.</i> |
| 20th | 10.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
<i>A less formal modern Communion Service with hymns. The children go to Sunday Special for part of the Service</i> |
| | 11.30 am | PRAYERS |
| 27th | 10.00 am | MORNING WORSHIP
<i>A service of worship and the word, with a mixture of traditional and modern hymns. The children go straight to Chattabox and the Grid in the Bernard Hall at 9.50 a.m.</i> |
| | 11.15 am | HOLY COMMUNION
<i>A communion service with hymns, according to the Book of Common Prayer.</i> |

There is a service at 5.30 pm every Sunday evening at Cuddington Methodist Chapel.

To make a home and a future for children who live rough on the streets of Kenya through no fault of their own

This Utugi project has already provided sleeping accommodation for Kenyan Street Boys so that they can be educated at local schools.

Money is now needed to provide staff accommodation and when this is in place it will be possible to plan for girls as well as boys.

Many people from Cuddington as well as Haddenham already support this scheme, as in fact do groups of people from all over the country. It is to be hoped that many others will come to enjoy the cream teas, and at the same time to find out more about this very worthwhile project.

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