

VILLAGE CUDDINGTON VOICE



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VOLUME THIRTEEN

A week-end of Harvest Festival celebrations



*Harvest gifts in the church and
(right) one of the decorations*



*Coffee morning and the distribution
of gifts in church*

Saturday evening –Harvest Supper

80 people enjoyed a delicious meal provided by the church's catering group. Before the serving of coffee David Benson introduced our new non-stipendiary Minister, the Revd. Jonathan Hawkins and his wife Jackie.

Jonathan said how pleased he was to be linked to Cuddington which he had already felt to be a lively and friendly community.

This friendship was apparent in the happy atmosphere of

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An invitation from St Nicholas Church

*When the clocks change and the nights are drawing in come
and celebrate "Light" with us.*

*We will have a range of crafts suitable for the family, games
and a tea party. Fancy dress (on the theme of light) is optional.*



Silver award for Britain in Bloom

In this competition Cuddington has been awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's Silver Certificate, and also an R.H.S. engraved vase for winning the Thames and Chiltern Village section. (see picture).

Judging was made under three categories with points and comments on achievement for each. Below are

given the points awarded and a selection of the comments, others can be seen on the village notice boards:

*Section A - Horticultural Achievements 75/100
"Many of the residents' gardens were superb, in particular Barn cottage and the surrounding area"*

*"The 'Living Classroom' at Cuddington and Dinton
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Thought for the month

Nan Cattell writes:

"Where is God when it hurts?"

This was the title for the Women's breakfast held in church on September 18th. As about 50 of us sat in our beautiful ancient church and enjoyed chatting over an excellent breakfast of fruit juice, fresh fruit, cereal, croissants and

coffee the idea of "hurts" might have seemed totally incongruous. However every one of us has probably faced up to this question at some time or another, because of a tragedy in our own lives or in the life of someone close to us, or yet again as we have seen television pictures of such things as floods in Pakistan or famine in Africa and we have despaired at the death of yet another soldier in Afghanistan. There are times when we all think "Where is God in all this?" So we were all ready to listen carefully to what our speaker, Anna Wilkinson, had to say.

Anna had a delightful manner and told us her story in a very clear and straightforward way. Until about fifteen years ago, when she was in her thirties, she had led a very happy, settled life. A caring home, and enjoyment at school and university had led on to a happy marriage with three small children. Then she developed headaches and was diagnosed as having a brain tumour. After an operation she was told she had only a short time to live. She and her husband were Christians ...they prayed as did members of their church and other friends and they had a wonderful sense of peace and an assurance of God's presence with them. Gradually her strength returned and she is now living an ordinary life...has she been healed? She doesn't know. She has had one or two "blips" since and has gone to hospital for a scan but because of the scar tissue from the operation the doctors do not know whether the tumour is still there or not. She says she is just thankful for each day. She spoke of two things which have sustained her throughout...the knowledge that Jesus suffered far more than she has when he died for her and that his resurrection guarantees eternal life to all who trust in him.

We were all very moved by her talk and her belief that God can give peace as we pray to him, however difficult the circumstances and that it is a tremendous help having others who will pray for us.

If you are facing some particular "hurt" at the moment and would like members of the church to pray for you do contact me or one of the churchwardens. We would certainly pray and you could rest assured that we would only pass any information on to others with your permission.

Harvest Festival

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the evening, and the singing of a few well known Harvest hymns was a reminder of what harvest Festival is all about and gave us the opportunity of thanking God for all his goodness to us.

Sunday

Two services were held in the beautifully decorated church. The morning one included a baptism, when one year old Nadia Trew of Frog Lane was welcomed into the church. At 6p.m. there was a traditional harvest service, with relevant readings and well known harvest hymns.

Monday Morning

The pupils of Cuddington and Din-



Children from the school handing in their Harvest Gifts

ton School, all 120 of them, filed into the centre of the church for their Festival Service. Groups of children from different classes participated in the service which was led by our curate, the Revd. Helen Barnes, whose companion, a large puppet called Charlie, engrossed the children's attention.

Tuesday Morning was a time in church for the enjoyment of coffee and cakes followed by a choice of Harvest gifts. It was also a time for helping those less fortunate than ourselves: produce was sold in aid of Tear Fund (for its work in deprived parts of the world), and calendars, cards and Ugandan craft work were sold in aid of three African charities.

A special visit to Rome by two Cuddington residents



Barely three weeks after Pope Benedict XV1's State Visit to the United Kingdom , thirty-six members of the "Friends of the Holy Father" made a pilgrimage to Rome The party was led by their honorary secretary Dr. Michael Straiton of Lower Church Street, and included Jane Lowe of Frog Lane.

The highlight of the visit was on the Wednesday when the Friends were given seats by the stage near the Holy Father at the Wednesday Audience

at St Peter's , and Dr. Straiton had the privilege of being introduced to the Pope afterwards (see photograph).

The party was met at the Vatican Museums by the Director Dr. Arnold Nesselrath , who had recently curated the exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum where the Vatican's Raphael tapestries were hung next to the Raphael cartoons . This is the first time they had been seen together in 500 years . They were given a private tour of the Vatican Museums where, in the restoration laboratory ,they saw their gift of the laser machine that is used for delicate cleaning of frescoes , ancient sculptures and even paper items. H. M. Ambassador to the Holy See, Francis Campbell , welcomed the party at his residence at the Palazzo Pallavicini on the Quirinal Hill for a reception in the rooftop Cassino dell' Aurora with its panoramic view of Rome at sunset.

The editors thank Dr Straiton for allowing us to print the above extracts from his article

The Greener Cuddington Project

(previously called Sustainable Cuddington) has been recognised by AVDC for working within the community to raise awareness and promote action with regard to the environment. The project has been given a SAVE Award (Support Aylesbury Vale Environment) following January's thermal imaging work, and the current Greener Cuddington Energy Challenge project, launched during September's Fun Day. Doug Kennedy, Chairman of Greener Cuddington,



said "This is a tremendous boost for Cuddington's quest to become greener, and for the team who have worked so hard to make a real difference." The core team supporting Doug are Amanda Carroll, Grace Brown, Jessica Ecott, Caroline Stonham and Sarah Dyckhoff. The project has also had a lot of support from our Parish Council Chair, Sherry Scott, Nan and Peggy Cattell, and many other Cuddington residents. The Energy Challenge Project is very exciting, giving us all the opportunity to develop a greener lifestyle by controlling our energy use, and thereby contributing to a large community CO2 saving that can be measured. This will have several good effects:

- *Each of us feel that we are doing something positive about global warming,*
- *Cuddington will lead the way reducing carbon output in South Bucks,*
- *We will not only be the best kept village, but also a responsible one,*
- *Potentially everyone can save some money on energy bills.*

Greener Cuddington Challenge cards have been distributed throughout the village on which there is a list of easy domestic energy challenges on one side, and our logo on the other. Once you have committed to taking at least five of these challenges (and preferably taken some action), you have earned the right to display the challenge card logo in your front window. Please do this by **November 15th** as we will then count the cards to estimate the energy savings.

Take up the Cuddington Energy Challenge Now for a Greener Cuddington!

If you do not have a card, or want to know more, or would like to help with Greener Cuddington, contact Doug Kennedy on 01844 290602 or dgken-nedy@alloverde.com.



WI Sale success

Members want to thank everyone who supported the Craft and Produce Sale on the Village Green which raised £303.



£75 has been allocated to breast Cancer research and £25 each to young Carers and to the Paediatrics Respite Home unit of Florence Nightingale House.

Just This Day



Wednesday 24th November

at 10 o'clock

A world-wide celebration of stillness and silence

Our world is busy and in the turmoil we forget we all share the same space. Go beyond nationality, religious belief or difference and remember the still, silent present where everything is united. That space is the same. In cities or fields. Up mountains or in valleys. In work, study or play. In fortune or adversity. In peace or conflict. In fact wherever YOU are. It belongs to us all.

St Nicholas, Cuddington is open daily for silent prayer. On Wednesday, 24 November at 10 o'clock please join others in our church or wherever you are to mark Just This Day with a special period of stillness and silence.

This is the fourth year since Just this Day began and it is gathering momentum world wide. To find out more about just this day and special events go to: www.justthisday.org

Anna McClennan

Fete AGM 4th November

The annual general meeting of the Cuddington Village Fête will be held on Thursday 4th November 2010. Application payments will be agreed and paid.

The old Committee under the chairmanship of Sherry Scott will resign in favour of a new committee.

Don't miss it; it looks like an interesting meeting. The bar will be open for those who like a drink.



us in this respect.

I am sure that almost all of us know Sue Jones, our local Police Community Support Officer, who is part of a small team of officers, based at Waddesdon, who are responsible for our local area. Sue has sent through the following message and it is sincerely hoped that we, the residents of Cuddington, will respond to this call to become involved in a very positive way.

The following is Sue's message: -

Neighbourhood Watch is a recognised way to help prevent crime. The aim is to:

- reduce crime and the opportunities for criminals to carry out their illegal trade,
- to reduce the fear of crime and to promote community spirit. Neighbourhood Watch works by encouraging people to develop closer links with neighbours, police, local authorities and other agencies to share information and to address local issues,
- Ringmaster' messages are sent out to the local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, which give information about recent incidents which may have occurred in the local area. The messages may also give warnings regarding suspicious behaviour, vehicles, or 'scams' which could be happening. The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator will send these messages around to their local neighbours,
- With more residents having access email, it has made this circulation of information much easier and quicker, but, the messages can also be delivered by hand to those who do not have a computer. We have recently held a meeting in Cuddington with some of your local NHW Co-ordinators to discuss ways in which we can improve NHW in the village and promote this very valuable scheme.

Would you be interested in receiving these messages?We can put you in touch with your local Co-ordinator.....

Would you be able to send these messages on to your nearby neighbours?

.....We need more people to help ensure that all the residents of Cuddington can have access to this important information.....

We have found that several areas in the village have little or no NHW coverage.....Bernard Close, Dadbrook, Bridgeway, Upper Church Street, Lower Church Street, Spurt Street, Aylesbury Road and Swan Hill.....

If you would like to received the ringmaster messages or feel that you could be a Co-ordinator, please email or telephone me.....

PCSO C9830 Sue Jones.....

haddenhamhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or

suzan.jones@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Or contact me by telephone on 08458 505505



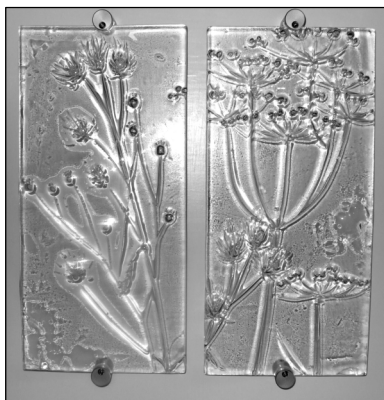
Musical box repairer wanted!!

Is there anybody local (or does anybody know anybody) who would enjoy repairing an old musical box? The music playing mechanism is ok but the wooden box needs some tlc. It has sentimental value for us and we'd like to be able to use it again.

Please contact Eileen Fortgang on 01844 291880 or email johnfortgang@gmail.com

Cuddington artist

This year's Fete display on the Upper Green featured a magnificent knight in armour on horseback, designed, drawn and painted by local artist Jessica Ecott. Normally, Jessica works in glass and her studio in Cuddington is filled with sculpture, ornamental panels and pieces designed as jewellery, hanging vases and decorative window panes.



Cowparsley and teasels, just one of Jessica's pieces.

"I enjoy making new things," says Jessica, "talking to clients about how glass can enhance their home and experimenting with colours and textures that suit people's individual taste." Several homes in Cuddington now have large scale installations made by Jessica, and her work is on show at galleries in Buckingham, Thame and Risborough. Her work has been exhibited at the V&A, at the Business Design Centre in Islington and at a range of London galleries.

Jessica also enjoys teaching people how to use glass, and holds workshops where you can experiment with glass-making and benefit from her many years' experience in the craft.

"I took up glass-making about eight years ago," Jessica told Village Voice, "having previously worked as a photographer, painter and sculptress. I wanted to make larger scale objects, and glass has special qualities. I love the way it changes constantly with the light, very much like water, and my work draws a lot of inspiration from natural objects."

Jessica is always happy to hear from local people who are thinking about commissioning a piece of art for their home. Visit her website for ideas, or call her (291101) if you're looking for inspiration for a Christmas gift: www.jessicaecott.co.uk

Examples of Jessica's latest work will be on sale at three local events:

- Long Crendon Craft Market, 20th November in Church House
- Haddenham Winterfest, 11th December in the Village Hall
- Christmas Fayre, Saturday 13th November in the Bernard Hall

Come and join us please to help look after the churchyard

Autumnal Churchyard working party – 13th November 2010. 10am -12 noon. Please come suitably attired with appropriate tools. If anyone has a trailer we can use please let us know. Ring Alan Marsh 292466 or James Stonham 292221 or just turn up. Refreshments provided. As Kipling says:



"Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray
For the Glory of the Garden, that it may not pass away!"

Parish Council matters

Nicholas Almond

Any young person living in Cuddington, going on to higher education or taking up an apprenticeship who would like to apply to the Nicholas Almond Charity for a grant to help towards study expenses should apply before 20th November, to:

Jennifer Schram de Jong, Larden, Spicketts Lane, Cuddington or online to:

jschramdejong@yahoo.co.uk. But remember, you must be a resident of Cuddington. I look forward to hearing from you and would hope to let you know the result of your application towards the end of December.

Village Record 2010

I know that the closing date for returning the Village Record questionnaire is not until 31st December, and many people have already completed and returned their forms. This is just a gentle reminder to you to return your submission to the Village Record. If anyone has mislaid their forms or you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: Jennifer Schram de Jong on 01844 291501.

Remembrance Day 2010



Remembrance Day is fast approaching, and the "Poppy Ladies" will be coming round the village; by the time you read this, they may already have begun to do so and poppy selling will continue until Remem-

brance Sunday which this year will be on 14th November. With all that is happening in the world today we will especially be remembering our forces serving in Afghanistan, with so many of them suffering terrible injuries and too many making the ultimate sacrifice, I hope you will all find it in your hearts to give generously to the Royal British Legion who do such wonderful work supporting those who have suffered in past and present conflicts together with their families.

Our annual Remembrance Day Service will, as usual, be held in the evening at 6 p.m. on Sunday, 14th November. For many of us this will be an opportunity to come together with friends and neighbours to remember and pay our respects to all those who have given their lives that we may live in peace and freedom and I do hope that as many of you as possible will come and join us at this service. A wreath will be laid by the Parish Council in the Memorial Chapel on behalf of the village to honour those men from Cuddington who died during the First and Second World Wars and in Northern Ireland. If anyone would like to help with selling the Poppies, please contact me, Jennifer Schram de Jong on 01844 291501.

Village sayings for the WI



The President, Helen Griffin, began the meeting by welcoming a new member, Mrs. Rosemary Bradbury. References were then made to last month's activities which included a visit by two members to the Fairford Lees Party (interestingly described by Meryl Stevens) and the Craft and Produce Stall on the Green (takings over £300). Future plans included a visit to "Calendar Girls" at the Riverside Theatre, lunch at the Fisherman's Inn at Shabbington, and participation in Cuddington's Christmas Fayre.

Helen reminded members that nominations for the 2011 Committee had to be given in at the November meeting, and she stressed the commitment that had to be made by those elected. Helen then introduced our speaker for the afternoon, Mr. Hugh Granger, who was to speak on "Village Sayings".



Mr. Granger's talk, packed with examples, showed us how well known expressions have come down to us over the ages. For example our metaphorical expression "a dog in a manger" owes its origin to an actual happening in Greece way back in sixth century BC. This and innumerable other examples kept the audience well informed and entertained and Mr. Granger was thanked for his very interesting talk.

Flu vaccination

Haddenham Health Centre is holding two clinics this year on October 23rd and November 13th.

If you are eligible and have not already done so then make an appointment for November 13th. By phoning 0844 477 8575

If you need transport to Haddenham for this then contact the "Friends From St. Nicholas" by phoning 291313 or 291825 or seeing Nan Cattell

Remember, Remember

**Saturday, 30th October,
2010 at 5 p.m.**

Village Bonfire and Fireworks Party

Cuddington Playing Fields Association

Opening of new Bernard Hall kitchen



The first day of the new month was an appropriate date to celebrate the opening of the Bernard Hall's new kitchen. This large and bright addition to the building was put to good use on its first "outing". About 100 Cuddingtonians (the crème de la crème) sat down to a candle-lit (but not too romantic) supper and wine tasting. The chairman of the hall committee, Marcus Bolton, bravely stepped into the breach as M.C as the scheduled wine expert was unable to attend through illness.

All the tables were smartly laid and a dramatically lit Marcus on the stage sternly brought us to order, welcoming us to the official grand opening, on time and on budget, some £60,000, with grants from WREN and Aylesbury Vale District Council. They were, however, still £2,000 short, but no doubt the evening would raise a good chunk of that. Marcus thanked Tony Picot, the project manager, and of course the builder Mark Bryant.

Then on to the serious part of the evening, the wine tasting. Each table had to identify the type, country and price of a large number of masked bottles, from their taste. As every table consisted of ten experts and most people forgot that they were only supposed to taste the wine and were enthusiastically downing whole glasses, the atmosphere got more and more chaotic.

The evening was saved from becoming a Bacchanalian orgy by the very tasty food then served, followed by an equally delicious pud.

Denise and Nibby's table achieved the

most points for accurate tasting and were rewarded with a large number of bottles of wine.

All who helped in so many ways were much thanked. Presumably their reward was being allowed to spend all their time in the sparkling new kitchen!





Traditional Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 13th November, 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm
in the Bernard Hall**

There'll be homemade jams, preserves & sweets, locally bred pork products (to buy on the day and/or order), sumptuous Italian food (again, to buy on the day or order), cards & wrapping paper, gift items, handcrafted jewellery, charity stalls etc.

Entrance to the fayre is free as is the Car Parking at Playing Fields Club - drop off zone outside Bernard Hall to minimise inconvenience to residents & a "surprise visitor" who might need to tether reindeer or park a sleigh.

The intention is just for everyone to have a lovely afternoon & start to get into the Christmas spirit, while at the same time supporting local groups.

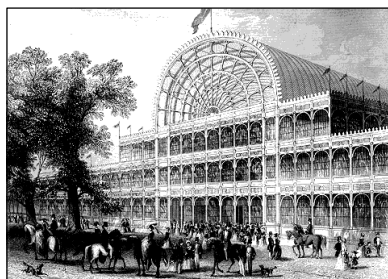
Hope to see you there!

If you are interested in finding out more information please contact Maggie Waters on 01844 290847

The Great Exhibition

The original speaker for the meeting on 21st September 2010 was unable to attend due to ill health. Peter Wenham filled the breach by giving a most interesting talk on a Cuddington character, Thomas Frost, about whom he wrote in Village Voice in July of this year. A lively discussion followed as members remembered their own school days.

On 19th October Andy Gunn talked about "The Great Exhibition of 1851". Andy's enthusiasm was infectious enhanced by a deep knowledge of his subject and by the use of contemporary satire, mostly from "Punch", he made the Victorians come alive and be relevant to us.



Prince Albert was the driving force behind the project heading a committee of the great and the good enabling the exhibition hall, The Crystal Palace,

to be opened in May 1851 just six months after building commenced in Hyde Park. A feat in itself.

The aim was to show how great Britain was, half the exhibition space was given to Britain the rest to forty other countries many from the Empire.

Despite the pessimism of the press The Great Exhibition was an enormous success. There were 13,000 exhibitors, 109,000 visitors on the first day alone, 25% of the population attended estimated to be 6 million, the first public toilets were installed, refreshments were available (but no alcohol) and Mondays to Thursdays were Shilling days when artisans attended often in groups arranged by their factory owners. Visitors came from all over the country.

When the exhibition closed in October 1851 a profit of £186,000 equivalent to £20 million today. Despite some oppo-



Utigi Street Children Kenya Project

The ever popular

Quiz Night

**Saturday 13th November
7.15pm for 7.30pm start
Haddenham Community
Centre, Woodways**

**Tickets (including delicious supper)
£9.00 in advance or £10.00 at the door
(£7.00 for under-16s)**

**Available from St Mary's Centre, Church End,
Haddenham or by phoning
290990 or 290214**

sition from people outside of London, the money was used to build The Victoria and Albert and the Science museums and to found the Department of Education and Science. As Andy observed, for the Victorians every thing was possible.

The Crystal Palace was bought by Southern rail and moved to Sydenham, South London where it burnt down in 1936, Jeanne Oke was not the only attendant member who remembered seeing the fire as a small child!

Cuddington lives remembered



David as a Boy Scout in 1964 aged 12

It is entirely fitting that Brian David Hope's name is engraved on the War Memorial in the churchyard. He came with his family to live in Cuddington when he was five. His mother, Ruth, and father, Edward, set up home in a cottage in Aylesbury Road opposite The Crown in 1957.

His mother and father's beginnings are of considerable historical interest. Ruth was born in Germany in the 1930s and her parents were persecuted by the Nazis. Ruth used to tell stories of her early childhood.

Her parents kept to their house as much as possible for fear that they might be subject to violence and deportation. Their walls were daubed with the star of David. Eventually the beleaguered family emigrated to Britain – apparently Ruth's father had a British passport. Edward's family, on the other hand, were part of the West Indian migration to Britain. His boyhood was spent in Tiger Bay, Cardiff.

Their only child, Brian, attended Cuddington and, later, Long Crendon Secondary school before leaving at 15. He was a member of the Dinton branch of the Boy Scouts and eventually became a Senior Scout. He worked as a forecourt attendant at a garage in Aylesbury and, later, became an apprentice mechanic with a firm in Haddenham.

Meanwhile his mother worked as a nurse at St John's Hospital, Stone and Edward had various jobs, including working as a groom, and a builder. There is a frequently told story in the village about Brian's parents. Ruth became increasingly annoyed by her husband's long nightly sessions in The Crown. As a protest one evening she took across his pyjamas! She was clearly a lady of spirit.

In 1969, much against his mother's wishes, Brian enlisted in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He signed on for six years hoping the training would be useful when he returned to civilian life. After being stationed in Dortmund in Germany for two years, in July 1972 Brian's regiment was posted to Ireland for a four month tour of duty. Tragically on August 14th he was killed by a booby trap in Andersontown, Belfast. He was just twenty years old. His remains were buried in a grave in Tring Road cemetery, Aylesbury. His mother and father's ashes lie in a family grave with their son.

Thus Brian's life was shaped by two significant events in the Twentieth Century – the rise of Nazi Germany and West Indian immigration. Sadly his death was the direct result of another – the violence in Northern Ireland.

When the landlady in The Crown was interviewed shortly after Brian's death she said, "You read in the papers about these things but it really comes home to you when you know someone it happens to"

Peter Wenham



A visit to the **RHS gardens at Wisley** provided a colourful display of late flowering plants, berries and autumnal tints for members of the **Gardening Club**. Particularly notable were the salvias, dahlias and various varieties of Michaelmas daisies together with trees

such as the acers, ironwood and North American oaks which were beginning to change into spectacular shades of reds and yellows. The ornamental grasses were looking their best;



The Chinese pavilion by one of the ponds.

whilst in the woodland areas the ground was covered in great swathes of cyclamen, colchicums and autumn crocuses.

The glasshouses were the main attraction, built to commemorate the

200th Anniversary of the RHS they were opened by HM the Queen in June 2007. They cover the size of ten tennis courts and are divided into different climatic zones - tropical, moist temperate and dry desert regions which provide the perfect environment for a huge range of beautiful and exotic tender plants, the most popular being the orchids.

The next meeting of the Gardening Club takes place on Monday 8th November, 7.30 for 7.45 pm in the Playfield Clubhouse when our Chairman, Elsie Frost will be giving a practical demonstration of planting up hanging baskets and containers for winter/spring colour and interest.

The Gardening Club is a very lively and sociable village organisation. Should you be interested in becoming a member please get in touch with Thelma Parry on 01844 291075.

Britain in Bloom

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School was exceptional with a good mix of vegetables and flowers"

Section B - Environmental Responsibility 34/50

"Traffic calming measures solar powered"

"The history and heritage of the village shows through the village."

Section C - Community Participation 35/50

"Good community participation which shows in every corner of the village"

"New Greening Cuddington initiative looks to be an interesting project and reflects the involvement of the community"

Comment from Jim Hayward

It is noted that we were a little down in the marking this year, efforts will be made to rectify this in 2011. On behalf of the Parish Council a big "Thank you" to you all for your efforts in this year's competition.

Dates for your Diary

"....mists and mellow fruitfulness!"



October

Saturday 30th 5.00 p.m. Village Bonfire and Fireworks Party
 Sunday 31st 4.00-6.00p.m. "Light" Party for families in Bernard Hall

November

Wednesday 3rd 7.30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
 Thursday 4th 7.30 p.m. Fete A.G.M. in Playing Fields Club House
 Monday 8th 7.30 p.m. Gardening Club Talk and Demonstration on Winter Flowering Containers
 Tuesday 9th 2.30 p.m. W.I. "Gift Wrapping—Hands On"
 Saturday 13th 2.00-4.30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Fayre in the Bernard Hall
 Sunday 14th 6.00 p.m. Evening Service for Remembrance Sunday at St Nicholas
 Tuesday 16th 7.30 p.m. History Society "Chaucer and His Times"

December

Wednesday 1st 7.30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
 Sunday 5th 3.00 p.m. Christingle Service in St.Nicholas
 Monday 6th 7.30 p.m. Gardening Club – "Easy plants for difficult places"
 Thursday 9th 2.30 p.m. Sunshine Club's Bring and Buy at Tyringham Hall
 Monday 13th Sunshine Club Christmas Dinner
 Tuesday 14th 2.30 p.m. W.I. Annual Meeting
 Monday 20th 7.30 p.m. Christmas in the Club
 Wednesday 22nd Carol Singing round the Village

September's weather

The month began warm and very sunny but cooled towards mid-month. However, the warmth returned for 3 days only (20th-22nd) with the mercury climbing into the low 20s Celsius after which daytime temperatures plummeted. Overall, the temperature for the month was slightly below average.

The daytime maximum air temperature in September averaged 18.6 (65F); the ten year average is 19.4 Celsius (67F). The night time air minimum temperature averaged 9.6 deg Celsius (49F); the ten year average is 9.7 deg Celsius (49F).

The actual highest and lowest day time air maxima occurred on the 22nd (23.0 deg C, 73F) and 24th (12.5 deg C, 55F) respectively. The actual highest and lowest night time air minima occurred on the 11th (16.0 deg C, 61F) and 18th (2.9 deg C, 37F), respectively. There was one ground frost, albeit slight, occurring on the morning of the 18th (minus 0.2 deg C, 32F).

Total bright sunshine for Cuddington amounted to 109.21 hours (22% below normal). The highest wind gust during the month was academic, reaching 34 mph (55 kph).

September's rainfall accumulation amounted to 43.5 mm (1.7 inches), 25% below normal. There were sixteen totally dry days and the wettest day was the 29th, when 12.6 mm (0.5 inches) was accumulated.

Sky Notes.

The giant planet Jupiter is now gracing our night sky, visible as a brilliant silvery 'star' in the southeast after dark, quite unmistakable. Jupiter is a world quite unlike our own, with no solid surface and an atmosphere primarily made up of hydrogen gas. Jupiter's diameter is eleven times greater than Earth's and its volume is enormous, being 1,300 times greater than the volume of our own world.

During November Jupiter's distance will be about 400 million miles (643 million kilometres) from Earth.

Sean Clarke

Dinining Club Christmas party



The Gentlemen's Dining Club Christmas Party will be on Thursday 16th December 2010 at the Crown 7.30 for 8 o'clock. There will be a choice of starter, main course, and dessert. The main course will offer a choice of five dishes including traditional local roast turkey. Two courses £18.00, 3 courses £23.93 plus drinks.

As we did last year each gentleman will bring a wrapped Christmas present max value £5 to go into Santa's bag for distribution to the gentlemen after dinner. All are welcome.... new and old members. If you would like to be included please contact Phil Johnson e-mail parkstone28@tiscali.co.uk or 01844 291526.

Village Voice distributors



Judy Miller and her band of volunteers do a wonderful job of distributing Village Voice every month, as we are sure everyone appreciates. However more help is now needed so if you could spare some time for this please contact Judy (291344)

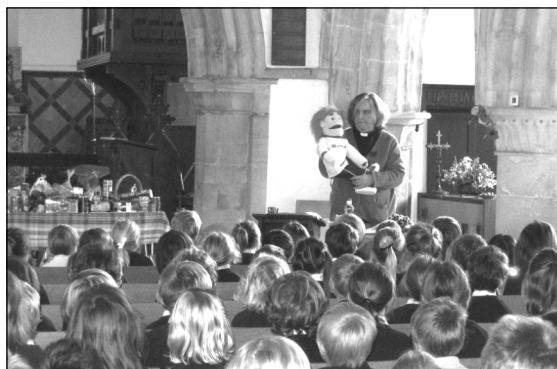


What a lot seems to have happened since we started back in September!

The year 5 children went on a 2 day residential trip to Green Park where a fantastic time was had by all- midnight feasts, swimming as well as adventure

activities. Our Reception children had a wonderful morning going on the train to Princess Risborough and meeting the Transport police. The year 4 children went to two art galleries in London and are truly inspired.

Our Harvest Festival this year was for all the children at Cuddington Church. It was wonderful to see all the children together celebrating Harvest. Helen Barnes



was wonderful with her thoughtful words and puppetry for the children (see picture left).

We have managed to raise lots of money this year for charities both local and national (The Stoke Mandeville Scanner appeal, Jeans for Genes). The Infant children had a wonderful time growing produce that we

then ate on our Sausage and Mash Lunch in aid of the Pakistan Flood Relief, hopefully some of you may have seen us in the local paper!

On a personal note, I would like to say a huge thank you for all the kind words and wishes that have been sent my way as Head of the School. I value enormously the support that I have been given not only by the school, but also the wider community. It has been so touching to be welcomed into 'village life'.

Kim Price, Acting Headteacher

Services at St. Nicholas

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

November

- 7th 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
A modern Communion Service with hymns. The children go to "Sunday Special" for part of the service
5.00 pm Tea and Prayer
- 14th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
10.00 am FAMILY SERVICE
6.00 pm SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE
- 21st 10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
A less formal modern Communion Service with hymns.
The children go to Sunday Special for part of the Service
- 28th 10.00 am MORNING WORSHIP
A service of worship and the word, with a mixture of traditional and modern hymns. The children go straight to Chatterbox and the Grid in the Bernard Hall at 9.50 a.m.
11.15 am HOLY COMMUNION
A communion service with hymns, according to the Book of Common Prayer.



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

School Governors

Cuddington and Dinton C of E School is a voluntary aided school which means that its Governing Body is required to have the majority of its governors (called Foundation Governors) nominated and approved by both Cuddington and Stone and Dinton PCC's and the Diocese. The remaining governors are elected by either the staff or parents and one is nominated by the local authority.

The term for a Governor is 4 years, although many undertake more than one term in office, and several Foundation Governors are due to step down next year.

The school is a hugely important part of the communities of both Cuddington and Dinton and governors play a significant part in ensuring that the school continues to be successful. If you are interested in being part of that success and would like to know more about being a school governor then do please contact me.

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The Sunshine Club annual Bring and Buy will be held at 2.30 on Thursday 9th December at Tyringham Hall – come and enjoy a social

afternoon with bargains galore, raffle and refreshments. Proceeds will go towards our club Christmas party.

Our Recycling Appeal continues. We can turn unwanted mobile phones and used ink cartridges into funds for our Club. Please leave any of these items at Cuddington Village Stores (thank you Les and Jan) or phone 01844 299 150 for collection.

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