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# THE CUBLINGTON CRIER

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**PANTO  
TICKETS  
ON SALE!**

# Avril Bradley-Davis

- secret artist?!

At Avril's recent funeral, it was very apparent that she was an accomplished artist, we just didn't know.

Maybe she just missed out on attending the art club due to infirmity in her latter years, but I thought you'd like to share in a small selection of her work.

*Reproduced by kind permission of her family*



*All very welcome! We know there are more of you (just like Avril) out there so don't be shy come and say hello!*

## Villages Art Group

### CALLING ALL ARTISTS

**(ANY LEVEL – DON'T BE SHY! EVERYONE WAS A BEGINNER ONCE!)**

Come along and paint and sketch and learn together

- EVERY MONDAY 1.45-3.45pm

**NOW at the Village Hall, Cublington**

*Please come along with your paints, pencils, easels etc and join us working side by side for a couple of hours. ea/coffee cake and biscuits to sustain us! Small donation for hire of hall appreciated.*

*We would like to encourage you to join us... having fun creating art*



## Panto Month!

The Cublington panto has been an annual event for many years and is now an integral part of village life. If you have not attended, why not? Although the base may be a standard panto, it always has a local flavour and the story may not be quite what you are expecting. So, come with an open mind, and a bag of crisps (with drink of your choice) and money for the raffle!

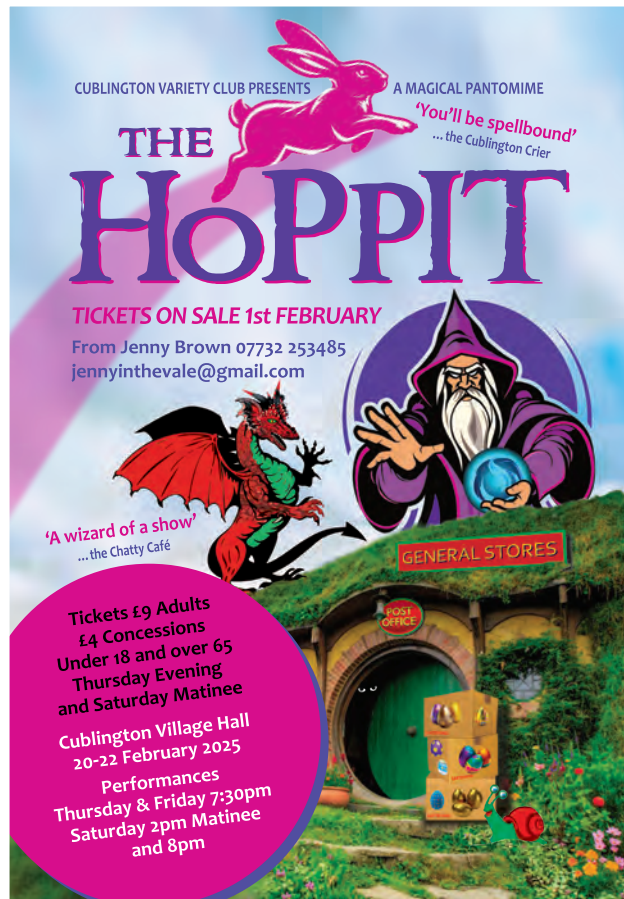
Tickets on sale now!

Village Lunch is also in the diary, and is on the Panto Sunday, to enable the Thespians and all involved with the production to have a day off cooking! A social meal in the Biggs Pavilion, these are Free events but please book a ticket, so that we can cater for everyone.

Another occurrence that has happened recently is finding out just how many people in the village have become partly bionic, with replacement hips being top of the list. Cublington Hippies has a new meaning. We hope that everyone is making good progress with their rehab and physio.

It may be a short month, but it certainly is a busy one!

**Jane and Michael**



CUBLINGTON VARIETY CLUB PRESENTS A MAGICAL PANTOMIME  
**THE HOPPIT**  
 'You'll be spellbound' ...the Cublington Crier  
**TICKETS ON SALE 1st FEBRUARY**  
 From Jenny Brown 07732 253485  
 jennyinthevale@gmail.com  
 'A wizard of a show' ...the Chatty Café  
 Tickets £9 Adults  
 £4 Concessions  
 Under 18 and over 65  
 Thursday Evening  
 and Saturday Matinee  
 Cublington Village Hall  
 20-22 February 2025  
 Performances  
 Thursday & Friday 7:30pm  
 Saturday 2pm Matinee  
 and 8pm  
 GENERAL STORES

**March Crier  
 deadline is  
 15th February**

March EDITORS:  
 The Mountfield family

## CRIER RATES

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 Full page - £125 village, (£180 non-village) **Single Insertion payable in advance:** 1/8 page - £8, 1/4 page - £15, 1/2 page - £20, Full page - £25. Full  
 page Colour £35 Inserts £15 village, £25 non village. Copy deadlines by the 15th of each month. **Please supply all artwork as PDF or hi res JPEG.**

## Avril Bradley-Davies

Very sadly as we had to print the January issue before Christmas, we couldn't include the very sad news that Avril Bradley-Davies had passed away. Her funeral took place on Wednesday 22nd of January at Berton Crematorium with a host of villagers attending and afterwards at the Barn in Berton. Please see some of her paintings inside.

## Yet more power cuts

A taste of things to come perhaps as our country's energy net zero policy comes into sharp focus?

The village it seems, badly needs an upgrade of existing infrastructure. It feels like the same fault has occurred three times in the last couple of years. Enough of the sticking plaster make do and mend. Write to UK power networks and demand an upgrade!

## The Unicorn

Lots of rumours but nothing concrete to report on the future of the Unicorn as yet. Keep your fingers crossed.

## Good to see

Some pictures in spotted and an article inside on the crossroads, where several recent accidents seem to have sparked a flurry of activity. Let's hope there's some major progress on a permanent solution in the pipeline.

## Babysitters

Please can all teenagers (over 14) who offer babysitting services, please advise us so we can update our advertised list. Thank you!

# THE CUBLINGTON CRIER



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The monthly magazine of the Buckinghamshire village of Cublington - the village that moved.

## Thank you to all the new advertisers

Following a new business drive, several new business are advertising in the Crier this month. Please support them and tell them where you found them It all helps with our appeal.

Every Crier issue costs us about £1.40 per copy to produce. We're sure you'll agree it's well worth it. All the firms who advertise within these pages help pay for this publication. So, if you have used a company or know of one who you think might like to advertise in the Crier, please let us know.

Also please remember to mention you saw their ad in "The Crier" when you use someone.

*Cheers. It helps us keep up the quality of the monthly Crier magazine.*



## See the Crier in full Colour

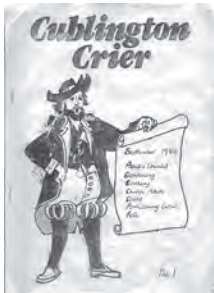
Should you wish to see all of the pages in colour, we encourage you to access the Crier online, posted as a pdf on the [www.cublington.com](http://www.cublington.com) website.

If I ever forget to put the Crier up there, please do give me a shout!

*Cheers Gary/Ed*

*The Crier  
online...*

is now on  
[Cublington.com](http://Cublington.com)



If you would like a pdf copy of the very first edition of the Crier sent to you, please send an email to

[info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk](mailto:info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk) and I will organise it.

We do have a team of deliverers who help us distribute the Crier every month, and also a growing list of volunteers on stand by should they be required. Thank you to all.

*We'll be in touch if we need you. Gary & Gill*

Please advise any readers of the Crier online you may know of. *Thank you.*

## The Crier Editorial Rota

**Please book your slot! Now booking 2026, and shortly 2027 (yes really!) - so absolutely plenty of time to think about your content!**

### 2026...

**2025...**  
*Apr* Vanessa & Jason Taylor  
*May* Jenny & Andy Brown  
*June.* Julie King & Ian  
*July* Sandra and Nigel  
*Sept* Sam Conway  
*Oct* Vanessa & Simon Morgan  
*Nov.* Richard & Polly Thornely  
*Dec* Pierre & Nicola

*Jan* ?  
*Feb* - Toosey's  
*March* - Julie & Doug Merriman  
*April* - Chris & Kevin Shults  
*May* ?  
*June* ?  
*July* ?  
*Aug* ?  
*Dec* - Graham & Judy Dunn

**To be the guest editor:** You only have to design or find a front cover image, write an intro editorial of your choice and provide a few, or as many pages of content of your choice as you want. It's really not that bad or that hard. Go on please give it a go The more who do it - the less we have to ask. Thanks. **Contact: Sandie Joy 01296 682446**

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# Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, ( on February 14) is when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. Given their similarities, it has been suggested that the holiday has origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. (ohh! At least things have changes somewhat!) At the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I forbid the celebration of Lupercalia and he is sometimes attributed with replacing it with St. Valentine's Day, but the true origin of the holiday is vague at best. Valentine's Day did not come to be celebrated as a day of romance until about the 14th century.

Although there were several Christian martyrs named Valentine, the day may have taken its name from a priest who was martyred about 270 ce by the emperor Claudius II. According to legend, the priest signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and, by some accounts, healed from blindness. Other accounts hold that it was St.Valentine of Terni for whom the holiday was named, though it is possible the two saints were actually one person. Another common legend states tha St Valentine defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. It is for this reason thathis feast day is associated with Love!

Formal messages, or Valentines, appeared in the 1500s, and by the late 1700s commercially printed cards were being used. Valentines commonly depict Cupid, the Roman god of love, along with hearts, traditionally the seat of emotion. Because itwas thought that birds start their mating season inmid-February, doves and other birds also became a symbol of the day. A friend always finds her ducks start laying eggs on 14 th February! Traditional gifts include chocolate , flowers particularly red roses, a symbol of beauty and love. But not eggs, we save them for Easter!



## Repair Cafe LB and Borrowers LB

A Repair Cafe has been operating in Leighton Buzzard for a few years and is very popular, a chance to breathe new life into damaged items or non-functioning equipment.

They are launching a Borrowers group, a 'Library of Things', where items can be borrowed for a time, similar to a book library but of equipment that we may only need for a short time, such as a sewing machine or garden tools. Members pay a small fee towards the loan and there will be special arrangements for those on benefits. At present, the location for the Library is not sorted but there should be news soon. *Both groups can be followed on Facebook.*

With so many of our own village facing or having gone through orthopaedic operations, we have some gadgets that could be shared or borrowed (mine will be off to LB once not needed, so let me know if it can help....Toilet raisers, crutches, walking stick, 'Socker' (for getting socks on your feet when Dobbie is too busy to help).



### REPAIR CAFE LB 2025 DATES



JAN 25	FEB 22	MAR 22	APR 26	MAY 24
JUN 28	JUL 26	SEP 27	OCT 25	NOV 22

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, BOSSARD HALL,  
WEST ST, LEIGHTON BUZZARD LU7 1DA**

- Events run from 10.30-1.30
- Free to attend; donations welcome
- Bring 1 portable item
- Cake and refreshments available
- To volunteer let us know!

**BOOK YOUR ITEM IN:**



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# MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



*As soon as an event is organised, please let the Crier know so we can include it in our listings below and you can pop it in your diary! Thank you.*

## February 25

- Saturday 1st Trivia Evening** Biggs Pavilion  
**Sunday 2nd Kaiden's Car wash** Book a slot - message Miranda 07957 6092134  
**Monday 3rd Chatty Cafe** Biggs Pavilion 10am  
**Monday 3rd Art Club** Village Hall 1-4pm  
**Monday 3rd Chess Club** Village Hall  
**Wednesday 5th First Garden Bin Collection 2025**  
**Wednesday 5th - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
**Wednesday 5th Cublington Winos** Biggs Pavilion 7pm  
**Friday 7th The Orchard Pop Up Pub** Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm  
**Monday 10th Art Club** Village Hall 1-4pm  
**Wednesday 12th - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
**Monday 17th Art Club** Village Hall 1-4pm  
**Monday 17th Chess Club** Village Hall  
**Thursday 19th The Hoppit Panto!!** Village Hall 7pm  
**Friday 20th The Hoppit Panto!!** Village Hall 7pm  
**Friday 21st The Orchard Pop Up Pub** Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm  
**Friday 21st Izzy Law Charity Quiz** in LBuzzard - see ad for details  
**Saturday 22nd The Hoppit Panto!!** Village Hall 3pm & 8pm  
**Saturday 22nd The Orchard Pop Up Pub** Biggs Pavilion 8-11pm  
**Sunday 23rd Kaiden's Car wash** Book a slot - message Miranda 07957 6092134  
**Sunday 23rd Panto Village Lunch** Biggs Pavilion 1pm  
**Monday 24th Art Club** Village Hall 1-4pm  
**Wednesday 26th - Wesley's Pizza and Wine Down**  
Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

## March 25

- Saturday 1st Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall** 2.30-4.30 -see ad inside  
**Monday 3rd Chatty Cafe** Biggs Pavilion 10am  
**Monday 3rd Art Club** Village Hall 1-4pm  
**Monday 3rd Chess Club** Village Hall  
**Wednesday 5th - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
**Friday 7th The Orchard Pop Up Pub** Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm  
**Monday 10th Art Club** Village Hall 1-4pm  
**Wednesday 12th - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
**Saturday 15th Village Litter Pick**  
Meet at Orchard Ground entrance 9.30am  
Contact Andy Brown on 07762 439453 to book your slot. Thank you!  
**Saturday 15th Ukelele Concert** St Nicolas Church  
Back by popular demand  
**Monday 17th Art Club** Village Hall 1-4pm  
**Monday 17th Chess Club** Village Hall  
**Wednesday 19th - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
**Friday 21st The Orchard Pop Up Pub** Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm  
**Wednesday 26th - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

## June 25

- Saturday 21st Cublington Fete** Orchard Ground - No holidays allowed!

## October 25

- Saturday /Sunday 11th/12th Art Exhibition** Biggs Pavilion

**PLEASE**  
*let us know of any event in the village you are running. If we don't know about it we can't help publicise it.*

*By the 15th of every month before please.*



# Hire The Biggs Pavilion

## Rental Rates

Village Residents and fully paid up members of Cublington clubs and organisations.

£10 per hour

Outside Cublington Clubs and organisations regularly using the facilities. £12 per hour

Discounts for block bookings

### Dances, discos & parties

(There should be at least one adult present for teenage parties)

Cublington residents £90 Non Villagers £120

### Weddings etc. (Whole day - 9.00am - midnight)

Cublington residents £300 Outside of village £400

A refundable deposit of £25 is required at time of booking.

Deposit will be returned if no costs are incurred with regard to cleanliness or damage to property, fixtures or fittings.

**Available for parties and special events  
Booking events now!**

**Online booking diary:  
[www.ogpavilion.keepandshare.com](http://www.ogpavilion.keepandshare.com)**

**Find a date you want and contact**

**Bob Paine on 01296 680483**

**[bobpaine2002@hotmail.com](mailto:bobpaine2002@hotmail.com)**

**to book it!**

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## The Cublington Pantomime

Most events in the village rely on a small group of villagers who organise and plan for months (or longer) and more people become involved along the way, and the roles evolve, with people taking on new roles or taking on existing ones, enabling others to stand back. Panto is no exception, but with upto a six-month involvement for some, (maybe a year for the writers) and, in advance of this year's Panto, there is a heartfelt THANK YOU to those with the tenacity to become part of the Thespians. Although this may sound to be too much commitment for some, there are jobs that are less intense, and most people start out in supporting roles, all part of being a Cublington Villager. I first joined when my sons were old enough to cope with their mother being on stage as Mrs Pig, in Three Little Pigs, (the last panto written by Sharon Sletcher. ) and Michael took on the role of the Crocodile in Peter Pan, and cherishes the memory of his Mother-in-Law's face when Jack (on Sounds) gave the Croc the most enormous belch. Rehearsals, over the dark months of winter give us a reason for meeting up, getting to grips with lines, props and costumes. It's all Good Fun, even when the Director (whoever that may be) is getting stressed by the number of script copies still in cast members' hands.

***We hope that you enjoy this year's offering!***

# WHERE IN THE WORLD? TIM'S FIENDISH FLYING PHOTOS



## *Where is this in the world?*

No correct answers again last month...maybe they're getting too hard? So shall we give you a month off?...

## *Last month's answer:*

*Antofagasta area in Chile, looking north. reproduced again here.*

*Antofagasta port is in the bay. Just offshore is the Peru-Chile trench, with depths of down to 8,000m!*

## *First correct answer to*

*info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk will win a very small prize and the kudos for a whole month!*



## PARISH NEWS

Main Contact :  
cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

### *Traffic issues in Cublington*

As there have been quite a few accidents in the village recently the Parish Council is reviewing how best to address the issue/matter.

Just before Christmas the Parish Council held an informal site meeting with the Bucks Transport Strategy Manager and our local Unitarian Councillor Diana Blamires.

From that meeting we have been advised to contact Bucks Highways Commissioning setting out our concerns supported by appropriate statistics and documentation together with our recommendations. We are in the process of obtaining the data for this submission. This will involve having to commission a traffic survey which records the speed, number and type of vehicles passing through the village.

We had our attention drawn to an E petition which was posted on the Buckinghamshire Council website setting out the traffic issues and suggested recommendations which were:

***Improved Signage***

***Speed Control Measures***

***Restriction on Heavy Vehicles***

***Passing Points***

The Parish Council will seek advice on these suggestions from Bucks Highways Commissioning Department, taking into account feasibility and costs before deciding how best to proceed. The Parish Council will keep residents informed as discussions progress.





# Orchard Ground & North Field

## LATEST UPDATES

### North Field Update

The weather since the New Year has been quite changeable, wet and cold on some days, and cold and wet on others; in fact it's been so cold that the wet has crystallised into lumps forming a sharp frost as the pictures below show. Too cold for any planting, but an ideal time for some maintenance tasks checking tree ties, tree stakes, repairing some of the deer netting and filling in around tree roots where dogs and/or badgers have been digging;

You may have noticed some clearing of brambles and digging happening on North Field along the western boundary fence down towards the old pond, this has been done in preparation for some drainage work being laid across North Field. This work will connect to drainage pipes to be installed on Orchard Ground, one past the pavilion and the other up towards the cricket practice nets. This will help drain the cricket outfield areas which over the past few years have been very wet with areas of standing water in the autumn and winter months. Cublington Cricket Club are very grateful to The Heart of Bucks Foundation for their grant of £5,000 which will fund the majority of this drainage work.

To those walking on North Field, you may want to take one the wandering paths to the far side of the field to avoid the mud.

**Dates for the North Field working groups:  
Saturday 9.30am until 12.00 noon**

**8th, 22nd February; 8th and 22nd March.**

Working groups finish with hot drinks and bacon/sausage rolls. All are welcome to drop in to the pavilion for refreshments.

## STOP PRESS

The Tree Council have just this minute confirmed our successful grant application for £1846 worth of trees. A mixture of mature trees and fruit trees including cider apples!!

### Martyn Waters

**If you would like to make a donation to North Field,** please contact Martyn Waters: M: 07973754356 email: [Martyn.Waters@icloud.com](mailto:Martyn.Waters@icloud.com)

**New committee members & volunteers  
always wanted.**

Please volunteer to help on this committee if you can spare the odd hour or two every month.





Registered Venue 2023/24

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED.**

# WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN YOUR LOCAL TENNIS CLUB!

Tennis is apparently the perfect sport for the over 50's for all round fitness, cardio health and mental well-being. Come on - give it a go!

We actually play all year round.

- LTA affiliated club
- Many categories of membership - single/couple/family/junior/oap
- Coaching organised see below.
- 2 great all weather courts
  - Free floodlights for members
  - Free use of ball machine (weather permitting)
- This Summer 3 league teams in ADTL
- Fun Club Sessions and Tournaments

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## WHY NOT SIGN UP for tennis coaching with Paul Hobday? LTA level 4 coach

**New Sessions started in January**

Paul Hobday is again offering coaching sessions on Friday evenings - two sessions.

**First session** - Rusty Rackets and improvers 5.30-6.30pm

**Second session** - Advanced and team 6.30-7.30pm

**Members price £84 (£6 a session)**

**Non-Members £105 (£7.50 a session)**

**Call Gary to find out more or to book your place.**

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### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Caroline Lane 01296 681373

carolinelane@btinternet.com

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION AND NON-MEMBER COURT BOOKINGS

(£12 PER HOUR) :

Gary 01296 688548 or 07713 723788  
or email at [gary@cublington.com](mailto:gary@cublington.com)

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Jean Barnett 01296 392471

To be contacted if you have any concerns about safeguarding.

# CUBLINGTON CHESS CLUB



The latest meeting of the chess club took place in the village hall recently. Several new faces are joining in so the word is spreading!

*We meet bi-weekly on a Monday from 4-6pm in the village hall.*

*Next meetings are 3rd and 17th February, 3rd and 17th of March,*

New members very welcome - as long as you have a chess set and have a few hours to spare every other Monday!

*If this is something you might like to get involved with, please contact me (Steve George) on 07836310881 or [george.stephen@mac.com](mailto:george.stephen@mac.com)*

*Steve*

## SLOE Gin Competition 2025

The first Orchard Sloe Gin competition was well attended and there were 20 entrants over 4 categories.



### *The Winners were*

#### *This Years Sloe*

1st Andy Brown  
(unfortunately he didn't have any competition)

#### *Vintage Sloe*

1st Andy Brown with a 2021 vintage  
2nd Martyn Waters with a very impressive 1982 vintage  
3rd Tom Gadsby with a 2023 vintage

#### *Other Flavoured Gin –*

1st Andy Brown with Blackberry  
2nd Clare Warren with Blackberry  
3rd Liz Smith with Blackberry

There were other flavours including Nigel's Pineapple & Coconut, Stella's Rhubarb and even Elderflower but the judges seemed to like Blackberry the best

#### *Flavoured Other Spirit –*

1st – Chris Shults with Sloe Vodka  
2nd – Jackie Ferrands with Raspberry Vodka  
3rd – Michael Reilly with Medlar Brandy

*A good time was had by all*

*Organised by Orchard Ground Committee*

@lffc\_thevenue  
The Venue Bell Close

THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST

Come and join us  
**Charity Quiz Night**

Lots of prizes to be won at the raffle!

**Friday 21 February 2025 at 19:30**

The Venue, Leighton Town FC  
Bell Close, Lake Street, LU7 1RX

A charity night to fundraise for Izzy's London Marathon 2025 in support of Outward Bound UK.

Entry can be paid on the night (£5 PP- CASH OR BANK TRANSFER)

For more info and to RSVP:  
E: [lawizzy943@gmail.com](mailto:lawizzy943@gmail.com)  
M: 07943 203977

# CUBLINGTON NORTH FIELD - BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMMUNITY PROJECT AWARD WINNER 2023



*If you can spare an hour or so on any of these days, that would be fantastic! 9.30am - 12 noon;*

**8th February; 22nd February;  
8th and 22nd March.**

There is an open invitation to you to come along for tea/coffee and bacon rolls with the volunteers at the end of their working mornings.

**Please contact Martyn Waters** for any further information:  
martyn.waters@icloud.com. M: 07973754356



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VILLAGE HALL**

*Available for Hire*



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[www.hallbookingonline.com/cublington](http://www.hallbookingonline.com/cublington)

	Residents	Non Residents
Groups/Classes	£8 ph	£10 ph
Regular Sessions up to 3 hours	£15	£20
Functions/Parties per half day	£50	£75

For more information or to arrange a viewing contact  
[cublingtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:cublingtonvillagehall@gmail.com) or call 07515 398111

## BABYSITTING DIRECTORY - *all listed are 14+*



Alice Gadsby - 680452\*

Charlotte Keane 688133

Katie Keane 688133 or  
07803939530

Hannah Alexander - 681104

Izzy Law - 688019  
or 07896 894914

Maisy Parsons 01296 68230  
007368 26143

Charles Powell 01296 680467



\* School or Uni holidays only

The Crier can accept no responsibility if any on the above list no longer babysits.



## February, and we are in the Year of the Snake



In Chinese tradition, each year is represented by one of 12 zodiac animals. In 2025 the Chinese New Year started on 29 January. Snake years are: 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025

Some famous people born in snake years:

Arthur C. Clarke, Bob Dylan, Anne Frank, J.K. Rowling

Snakes are deeply curious. If you are too, come to the library to do some research, even if you are not a snake!

### Opening Times

Monday	1400 - 1630
Tuesday	1400 - 1630
Wednesday	1000 - 1230
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	1400 - 1630
Saturday	1000 - 1230

February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9th

### Children's Mental Health Week

The theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'.

It is about empowering children and young people to embrace self-awareness and explore what that means.


Come to the library to find resources.

Library Elf is a **FREE** national scheme that helps you to avoid fines when items are due for return or renewal. Sign up here: [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/library-membership/get-email-alerts/](https://buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/library-membership/get-email-alerts/)

Feeling the love on 14 February? Find romantic fiction in the warmth of the library.

Bring in your stamps & pennies

**Books:** Children's board, picture, chapter, and non-fiction Teen, Audio, Large Print, Adult Fiction, Non-fiction, Biography  
**Office:** Photocopying, Printing, Internet, Scanning, Laminating  
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Go to <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/> to gain access to the library catalogue and FREE digital resources. Find us on Facebook : [wing.community.library](https://www.facebook.com/wing.community.library)



# Cublington Oil Syndicate

Main Contact: Alison Head  
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## FEB BIN COLLECTIONS

Food, Recycling	Wed, January 29, 2025		
Garden, Food, Waste	Wed, February 5, 2025		
Food, Recycling	Wed, February 12, 2025		
Garden, Food, Waste	Wed, February 19, 2025		
Food, Recycling	Wed, February 26, 2025		
Garden, Food, Waste	Wed, March 5, 2025		
Food, Recycling	Wed, March 12, 2025		
Garden, Food, Waste	Wed, March 19, 2025		



When the floodlights are off, villagers may notice a glow from within the church...no, not on fire, but we are leaving the tower light on, it makes the building look alive and loved. Sponsored by the Alexanders



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR THE CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS? IN MEMORIAM • IN REMEMBRANCE • IN CELEBRATION

A SMALL DONATION OF £12 - COVERS A WHOLE WEEKS LIGHTING!

**Main Contact: Penny Allen 01296 682006**

If you would like to, please contact Penny direct on 682006 or djandpallen@gmail.com or to The Crier with a dedication. *Floodlighting now available in many colours. Please indicate a colour choice if required which will be used to light the church on the date or weekend of your sponsorship. The lights will then return to normal for the remainder of the sponsorship.*

Thank you

### ST NICHOLAS CHURCH LIGHTS SPONSORS

*In memory of Avril Bradley-Davis, a much loved villager who sadly passed away recently*  
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### Church Services for February & March

		Service	Taken by	OT/NT readings	Reader	Gospel and Coffee Reader	prayers
Feb	2	First Sunday	Annie	SALLY		LINDA	Jane
	9	HC		GINA		HELEN	
	16	Lay-led	SARAH AND STEVE	LUCY		JULIE	
	23	HC		MARTYN		SALLY	
March	2	First Sunday	Annie	PENNY		GILLIAN	Jane
	9	HC	?	JULIE		GINA	
	16	Lay led	SARAH AND STEVE	DIANE		PENNY	
	23	HC		GILLIAN		LUCY	
	30	Mothering sunday	??	LINDA/Holly		MARTYN/Gwyneira	

2nd Feb - 9am Morning Worship  
9th Feb - 9am Holy Communion  
16th Feb - 9am Family Service  
23rd Feb - 9m Holy Communion

# From The Rector



## REV DOM & HIS EMINENT VISITOR

Our lovely church had a visit at the end of January from a churchman who has the wonderful title of Archbishop of the Indian Malankara Orthodox Church to the UK, Europe and Africa. His Eminence, Metropolitan Abraham Mar Stephans was here at the invitation of our Team Rector, the Rev Dominic Wright .... all because the Rev Dom (as he is known) went on a bike ride.

It wasn't just an ordinary cycle ride, more of a pilgrimage.. Before being appointed to the local benefice last October, Dom took a three-months sabbatical during which he cycled through biblical sites in Jordan, Iraq and India, in the latter visiting each of the churches established in the first century BC by St Thomas the Apostle, the legendary 'Doubting Thomas'. Yesterday Dom showed his visitor around all the churches of the benefice, those at Soulbury, Cheddington, Aston Abbots, Wingrave, Stewkley, Mentore and Wing, as well as Cublington, as a 'thankyou' for helping him plan his mammoth cycle ride.

Dom took his video camera with him, strapped to him or his cycle, and has produced an hour-long film of the journey that was shown to the village on Friday 31st January. There will be other showings in the near future around the benefice.

An entertaining short trailer for it can be found on YouTube here:  
<https://youtu.be/LS32XqliozY?Si=e5MYSjbSyHWNq1dQ>

Article adapted from one by John Flewin

**Dom Wright**  
Team Rector of Cottesloe Benefice  
Tel. 07732 554611  
Email. [teamrectordom@gmail.com](mailto:teamrectordom@gmail.com)



Also pictured is Fr Jeeson the Bishops chaplain  
in the middle and Jo, Rev Doms' wife



Please join in on the churchyard lawn mowing team for next year... many hands make light work as they say! Booking slots right now!

Contact Dennis Allen on 07748 525145 or email [djandpallen@gmail.com](mailto:djandpallen@gmail.com)

Limited Edition  
*Cublington*  
Tote Bags

Now just £8 each  
or 2 for £15



All proceeds go to village causes

20 already sold, Over £200  
donated to the North Field trees project

Interested? Then please contact me.  
email: [info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk](mailto:info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk) or call Gary on 688548



Join the  
*Cublington Life* WhatsApp group

A very useful village forum with useful information shared on fuel costs/power cuts/broadband issues/chimney sweeps, electricians, recommended kitchen fitters and the like all get posted on here.

Let me know if you'd like to be on the Cublington Life group WhatsApp, send me your telephone number and I can make sure the administrator knows and adds you.

*Admins are: Martyn Waters, Catherine & Charlie Toosey, Gary Brazier, Liz Smith and Miranda Mercado Gregory*



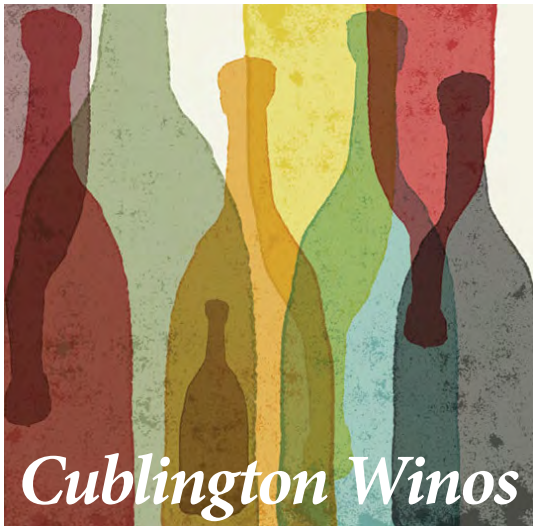
Need a plumber, a carpenter, a builder, a decorator or electrician?

I hold a directory of tradesmen who have been recommended by someone using them in the village. *The Crier says - Ask them if they want to advertise in the Crier.*

You can pass on recommendations in confidence or even better if you are happy to show off their excellent handiwork to others or be called to provide a reference, please let me know that as well.

Contact Tom Gadsby on 07527 989639.  
Tom is also on Cublington Life WhatsApp group.





*(The Cublington Wine Appreciation Society)*



Over the year there have been many quizzes mostly wine related involving trying wines from different varieties or countries or maybe which country drinks the most wine.

This time at the Christmas meeting we decided to make the evening very easy or so we thought. So round one we served a rose and a white asking the members, all of whom were blind folded, to choose which was rose and which was white.

Subsequent rounds included trying to work out which was Chardonnay and which was Sauvignon blanc, then which was Rioja and which was a Merlot.

The results were embarrassing, after the years of attending the wine appreciation society evenings a significant number got the results wrong.

Obviously more practice is required!

So if you think you could do better as they say on the TV programme 'The Chase', why don't you come and have a go!

***The next get together is Wednesday 5th February, organised by Roger and Sue***

*Contact Jackie 07968 672707 for more information.*

*Steve and Jackie.*

**BOOK YOUR SLOT  
EARLY - THEY'RE  
VERY POPULAR!**

# KAIDEN'S CAR WASH

## Prices

Small cars eg. Fiat 500: £5.00

Bigger cars: £10.00

Cash only

**PREMIUM CAR  
SOAP AND  
WAX IS USED**

**February  
2 & 23**



Please request a booking from 10 am onwards by messaging Miranda on **07957 609213** for bookings.



Come along  
and JOIN IN...

# “Chatty Café”

What  
they  
say..

"Great Chatty Cafe today - thanks to everyone who made cakes".

It's a highlight of the month!

"It's great that so many want to come".

"It's a lovely get together so thanks to all who make it happen".



Please join us on **Monday, 6th February** at the Pavilion between 10 and 11.30 for tea/coffee, and some social chat!

*Hope to see you there.*

*Maggie and Sally*

**Please join us** at the next Chatty Cafe,  
**Monday, 6th February** at the Biggs Pavilion  
between 10.00 and 11.30am

## 100 CLUB DRAWS 2024/25

The more  
who are in..  
the more you  
could win!



**January winners are as follows**

- 1st Prize** - £60 - Jenny Brown.
- 2nd Prize** - £50 - Amelia Selmes.
- 3rd Prize** - £40 - Maddison Matthews.
- 4th Prize** - £20 - Natalie Sheridan.

This years ticket prices for draws that started in May 2024 increased to £15 a ticket (which is the first increase for 25+ years) and **monthly prizes increased to £60 - £50 - £40 and £20 each month.**

**If** you want to buy a ticket online for **the next set of ten draws starting again in May 25** then please contact me direct at bobpaine2002@hotmail.com or call me on 01296 680483 and we will organise it. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

**Bob & the Orchard Ground Committee.**

**If you would like a ticket for a new round of draws starting in May, please do get in touch!**



## February Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...

Toby Raymen 5 on the 7th

Phoebe Mountfield 7 on the 11th



*New to the village?* Let us know your children's birth dates. Up until their 15th birthday, they will get a mention... but only if we know... [info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk](mailto:info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk)

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? ? ! ! ?  
**TRIVIA NIGHT IS SOLD OUT**

*Saturday 1st Feb 2025 from 7.30pm THE BIGGS PAVILLION*

! A quiz with a difference – An evening of Trivia or a Trivial evening but hopefully fun !! **SOLD OUT** ! ?

*All proceeds will go to Orchard Ground.*

NEW STOCK  
**YOUR *Extraordinary***  
**VILLAGE'S HISTORY...**  
**IN PICTURES**

*Cublington in Pictures*  
*Old and New*

*Now priced at £20 - (a contribution from sales will go to the upkeep of St Nicholas Church)*

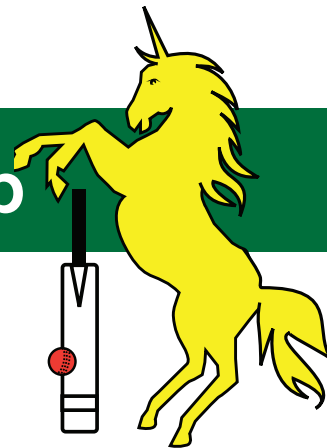
Contact [gary@cublington.com](mailto:gary@cublington.com) for your very own copy.



So far over £330 has been donated to the church from sales.



# Cublington Cricket Club



Established 1863

## Disability Cricket at the Orchard Ground

Sunday 24th November saw the launch of the Cublington CC's Disability Cricket project. The Biggs Pavilion played host to villagers and members of the cricket club, all of whom contributed wisdom and ideas to help get the project off the ground. An excellent presentation from Harry Gadsby covered:

- Why disability cricket is important - hugely empowering to participants
- Who can attend? The programme will be open to anyone with physical, mental and sensory disabilities, initially offered young people
- A gap in the market - only two other clubs in Buckinghamshire offer this
- How the sessions will look - weekly from May to August
- Training and match play, culminating in a disability cricket festival at the Orchard Ground on bank Holiday Monday, 25 th August featuring teams from Buckinghamshire and neighbouring counties
- Funding - we want this to be free to participants so will be seeking outside funding, from sporting bodies, public grants, corporate sponsors and elsewhere
- Volunteering - we need coaches, safeguarding officers, people to organise hospitality, fundraisers
- Marketing - we plan to engage with local press, hospital radio, SEN schools.

### *And we need a great name for the project*

A brainstorming session threw up many great ideas and so Cublington Disability cricket is up and running. Many thanks to Harry for leading this fantastic project and for all who attended and offered their expertise and enthusiasm.

### *There is plenty of room for more people to get involved.*

If you would like to help, please contact Harry Gadsby on 07491 651137 or Tom Gadsby on 07527 989639

*We can't wait for the new season and very much look forward to welcoming our new cricketers to the club.*

## Disability Cricket

IN 2025

**Cublington Cricket Club  
is excited to launch a  
disability cricket section.**

To learn more please contact  
Harry Gadsby (07491 651137)  
or scan the QR code.



## Cublington Cricket Club: Tesco Blue Token Scheme

Cublington Cricket Club has been chosen by Tesco to be one of three community groups for their 'blue token' scheme from early October 2024 until mid January 2025 for their main Vimy Road store in Leighton Buzzard and two Tesco local stores. Shoppers in these Tesco stores should receive a 'blue token' and can deposit this near the exit for their chosen community group. One the scheme ends, blue token votes will be added up. Of the three community groups, the one getting the highest number of blue token votes will receive a donation of £1,500 from Tesco, the next group £1,000, and the third group £500.00. If you shop at Tesco, please use this opportunity to support Cublington Cricket Club; please pass on details to your friends and neighbours too. A donation from Tesco to Cublington Cricket Club will help towards their work in providing children and young people with opportunities to play fun and competitive cricket.

**WE NEED PLAYERS AND GROUND MAINTENANCE  
VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SEASON 2025**

[www.cublingtoncc.org](http://www.cublingtoncc.org)

I am delighted to write for the latest edition of the Cublington Crier as your Member of Parliament for Aylesbury and the villages.

I have continued to be out and about across the villages I represent over the past few months, meeting residents and hearing your priorities.

I have been holding “Meet and Greet” sessions in the villages that form part of Aylesbury constituency, so far in Ivinghoe, Edlesborough and Cheddington. These informal coffee mornings are fantastic opportunities for me to hear residents’ feedback and ideas on how I can best support their community. I am planning on holding one to serve Cublington residents as soon as I can.

Parliament returned in January and the Government has been getting on with the work of change. In this column I will highlight two priorities that I think will make a real difference to residents here in Cublington.

First, we have set out our plans for the NHS, including the plan to clear the backlog of almost 70,000 patients waiting more than 18 weeks for NHS treatment in Aylesbury constituency. With so many people waiting for treatment, it is more urgent than ever that we reform our NHS so it will always be there for you when you need it.

Our Elective Reform Plan sets out a whole system approach to hitting the 18-week referral to treatment target by the end of this Parliament.

This includes opening Community Diagnostic Centres on evenings and weekends so that many more people will be able to access tests and checks while going about their daily lives, and the NHS will also increase the number of surgical hubs, which help protect planned care from the impact of seasonal and other pressures.

The plan will drive forward progress on the government’s first steps commitment to deliver 2 million extra appointments in its first year, equivalent to 40,000 every week. The reforms will put patients first, harness technology to support staff and help the NHS to do things more efficiently.

I am pleased that we have provided the biggest boost to GP funding in years - an additional £889m on top of the existing budget for general practice - and set out reforms to cut red tape and bring back the family doctor. We have also made the biggest investment into hospices and end of life care in a generation ensuring that hospices can continue to deliver the highest quality end of life care possible for their patients, families, and loved ones. The Government has announced a £100 million boost for adult and children’s hospices to ensure they have the best physical environment for care, and £26 million revenue to support children and young people’s hospices.

I am taking a leading role in delivering these reforms as the government’s National Health Mission Delivery Champion.

Second, we are taking action on the record levels of illegal sewage dumping we inherited from the last Conservative government.

Our new Water (Special Measures) Bill introduces a significant increase in enforcement powers to end the disgraceful behaviour of water companies and their bosses. Water executives will no longer line their own pockets whilst pumping out this filth. If they refuse to comply, they will face severe penalties including criminal charges.

This Bill is a major step forward in our wider reform to fix the broken water system. The Labour Government will outline further legislation to fundamentally transform how the water industry is run and speed up the delivery of upgrades to our sewage infrastructure to clean up our waterways for good.

I look forward to serving the people of Cublington in 2025. I am here to listen and to help you. The best way to reach me is on [laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk). I am also sending out a regular E-newsletter to update residents on my work. You can sign up for the mailing list via my website, [www.lauraforaylesbury.org](http://www.lauraforaylesbury.org).

Thank you.



*Talking to residents at one of my recent "Meet and Greet" sessions*



# PARISH NEWS

Main Contact :  
cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 14th January 2025 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Cllr G Antosiewicz (Chair)  
Cllr H Vale  
Cllr M Reilly  
Cllr M Waters  
Cllr Shults  
Cllr D Blamires (Bucks Council) for item 4  
Cllr A Bond (Bucks Council) for item 4

**In attendance:** Mr M Joy (Clerk)  
Ms M Parker, Community Board Manager for item 4, and a member of the public

**1. Apologies**

Cllr P Cooper

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12th November 2024 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

**3. Declaration of Interest**

None .

**4. Reports**

The meeting discussed the road accidents in the village over the past few months. An e petition had been lodged on the Buckinghamshire Council website asking for a review of traffic issues within the village. Ms Parker, Community Board Manager, set out BC procedures for E Petitions. The petition closed on 10th January and two people had signed it. CPC contacted BC to find out who had sponsored the petition. BC is not allowed to disclose the sponsor, and we asked the BC to let the sponsor know we were keen to discuss the matter with them. Nothing was heard back. Bucks Highways would not review the traffic issues without data to support it. CPC is in contact with BH to complete four site surveys recording volume, speeds and types of vehicles. The survey will be on all the four roads coming into the village. The surveys will cover a 7-day period. The last survey was in 2019.

Our review of the data will determine what to ask for from BH. There are two grants' applications in progress with the Community Board one for storage facility on North Field and one for the path by

Orchard Ground pavilion. Ms Parker offered to send through appropriate wording for the applications to Cllr Waters.

Wing Caravan Park will require new planning approval for use as a caravan park. This site is not in our parish and the Unitarian Councillors were asked to notify us if any application comes in. The Unitarian Councillors confirmed that surplus reserves at BC are not being lost to less well off councils.

**5.1 To approve payments since last meeting.**

**The following invoices were passed for payment from 1st November to 31st December 2024:**

19/11 Autela Payroll £75.05  
22/11 H Vale £321.68 -Orchard Ground replacement gate recharge  
28/11 Clerk Salary £198.47 – Nov salary  
23/12 PAYE £148.60 – quarterly tax  
23/12 Mainly Mowing £546.25 – mowing work.  
27/12 Clerk Salary £198.27 – Dec salary  
30/12 Bucks Council £342.00 – dog waste collection to 31/3/25

**5.2 To review the accounting statements to 31st December 2024 and forecast to 31st March 2025**

M Joy presented the accounts to 31st December 2024 which showed a surplus of £5,784.07 and cash balances of £20,242.09. The forecast to 31st March 2025 estimates a surplus of £5,278.46 and cash balances of £19,737.38.

**5.3 Precept Calculation 2025/26**

A forecast of income and expenditure for 2025/26 was presented to the meeting which showed a deficit of £320 after allowing £5,000 for traffic calming measures and survey costs. It was agreed the precept should increase by £1,325 to £14,555 (10.02% increase). Cllr Shults proposed to adopt the precept and Cllr Antosiewicz seconded it.

**6. Orchard Ground/ North Field Report**

The fortnightly drinks evenings are well attended with occasional food nights.

The planned drainage work by the cricket club was cancelled because the contractor could not complete the work. There was a grant of £5,000 from Heart of Bucks for the drainage work and HB has asked for a return of the money. Cllr Waters notified HB of the delays and told them the work will be completed by a new contractor by the end of May – HB has agreed to this rescheduling of the work. The Accounts and Annual Report were presented at the AGM. North

Field work continues with general maintenance.

There are three grants in progress –

Tree Council £1,860 , Community Board – footpath £7,900 and storage container £4,000.

A letter was sent to Lucy Developers , the owners of Walnuts houses, asking for a meeting to discuss a contribution to our projects following the Inspectorate decision not to apply a S106 £24,000 levy on the development .

### **6.1 New Charity and lease**

The application for registration of the charity is still progress.

### **7. Planning Permissions**

**7.1 APP/J0405/X/21/3287648 Wing Caravan Site, Wing Road** – Inspectorate upheld the appeal and awarded costs against Buckinghamshire Council. The planning department confirmed a new application would be required for a caravan site.

### **8. Village Matters**

#### **8.1 Traffic – calming**

Speedwatch has been restricted due to poor weather and holidays . E petition was discussed under item 4 of the minutes. It was suggested an article is put into the

Crier about accidents and inappropriate lorry movements in the village are recorded and reported to the clerk.

#### **8.2 Trees and hedges**

Cllr Reilly to draft an article for the Crier and write to all the residents whose properties back onto the High Street setting out their responsibilities to ensure their hedges and/or trees are not impeding paths and street lighting. A quote has been obtained for cutting back foliage around the lights on the High Street. Further quotes to be obtained.

**8.3 Granite sculpture – war memorial** Cllr Reilly had circulated plans for a granite war memorial. Planning permission is required. Local tradesmen will be used for the work. Drawings are being prepared and an estimate of the costs.

#### **8.4 Other**

It was noted there was a group of villagers looking into buying The Unicorn Pub under Community ownership.

The bench commemorating Arthur Read has been delivered.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.**



*Join Our Village  
Speedwatch Team!*

**Do you want to make a difference in our community?**

Help us keep our roads safe by joining the Cublington Village Speedwatch Team!

**What is Speedwatch?**

Speedwatch is a community-led initiative aimed at encouraging responsible driving and reducing speeding in our village. Volunteers use monitoring equipment to identify and report speeding vehicles, helping to create safer streets for everyone.

**What's Involved?**

- Flexible Hours: Volunteer as much or as little as you like.
- Full Training Provided: No prior experience is needed!
- Team Effort: Work alongside other community members.

**Why Join?**

- Make a positive impact on road safety.
- Help protect pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers and of course, our residents!
- Meet new people and contribute to your village.

**How to Get Involved.**

If you're 18 or over and want to volunteer, please contact:

Cllr Kevin Shults 07973-47321 Cublington Parish Council

Kevin.shults65@gmail.com



*Let's work  
together to  
make our  
village safer  
for everyone!*

**\* MORE PARTICIPANTS NEEDED PLEASE \***

*Whenever you shop online... just one click will raise much needed funds for village projects.*

**THANK YOU** to the 47 **AMAZING** supporters who have so far raised an **IMMENSE** £2675 for Orchard Ground maintenance (shopping 4,716 times!) and other projects by simply clicking online when they shop! Phenomenal!! You could do the same!

Please join in for your village - it costs you absolutely nothing and helps us a lot! Thank you.

1st - Sarah George - £570.06.  
2nd - Gwyneira Waters - £364.25.  
3rd - Martyn Waters - £293.14.  
4th - Maggie Brandon - £265.12.  
5th - Kevin Shults - £234.27.



**easyfundraising**

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orchardground](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/orchardground)

Nearly £1000 has been raised by the other 42 villagers so thank you all very, very much!

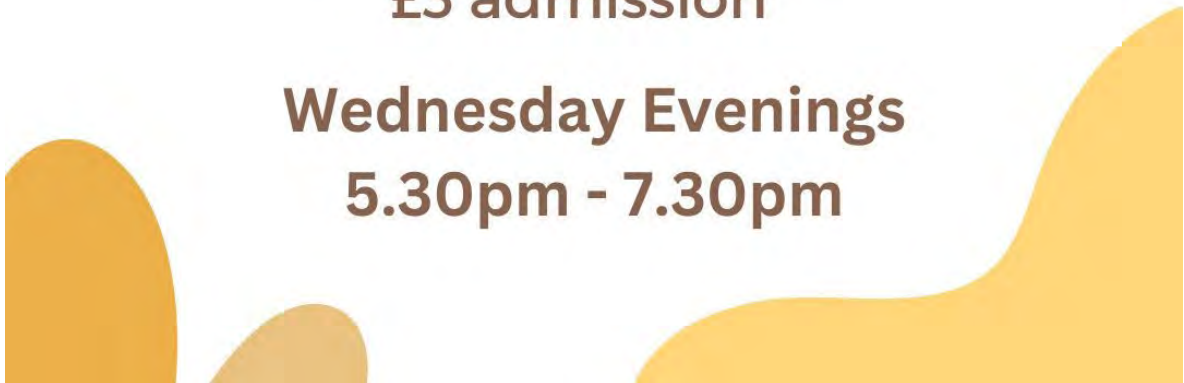
  
**CUBLINGTON  
VILLAGE HALL**



You are invited to the Community  
*Weekly Wine Down*

Bring your own drinks  
£3 admission

**Wednesday Evenings  
5.30pm - 7.30pm**





# St Nicholas Church Cublington



*It's that time  
of year again!*



**Help us to keep the Church lawn looking beautiful**

To keep the churchyard looking its best we have a small team of volunteers that are on a rota for cutting the grass and strimming.

We have two petrol driven, walk behind, mowers. No pushing is required. It will not cost you anything more than a little time.

As with a good walk, it will help keep you fit.

Why not bring a partner or friend and enjoy the beautiful views as you exercise. Or if you prefer we can buddy you up with someone who wants to join in but feels it is too much on their own. It takes two people just over an hour to complete.

There are a number of weeks during the growing season that are available.

Please contact Dennis at [djandpallen@gmail.com](mailto:djandpallen@gmail.com) or on 07748525145

*New volunteers  
wanted!*



*Presents*

## UKULELE CONCERT

*The Berkhamstead Ukulele Random Players*

**Saturday 15th March**

7 for 7.30pm in St Nicholas Church, Cublington



***Tickets priced at £12***

*includes a glass of wine*



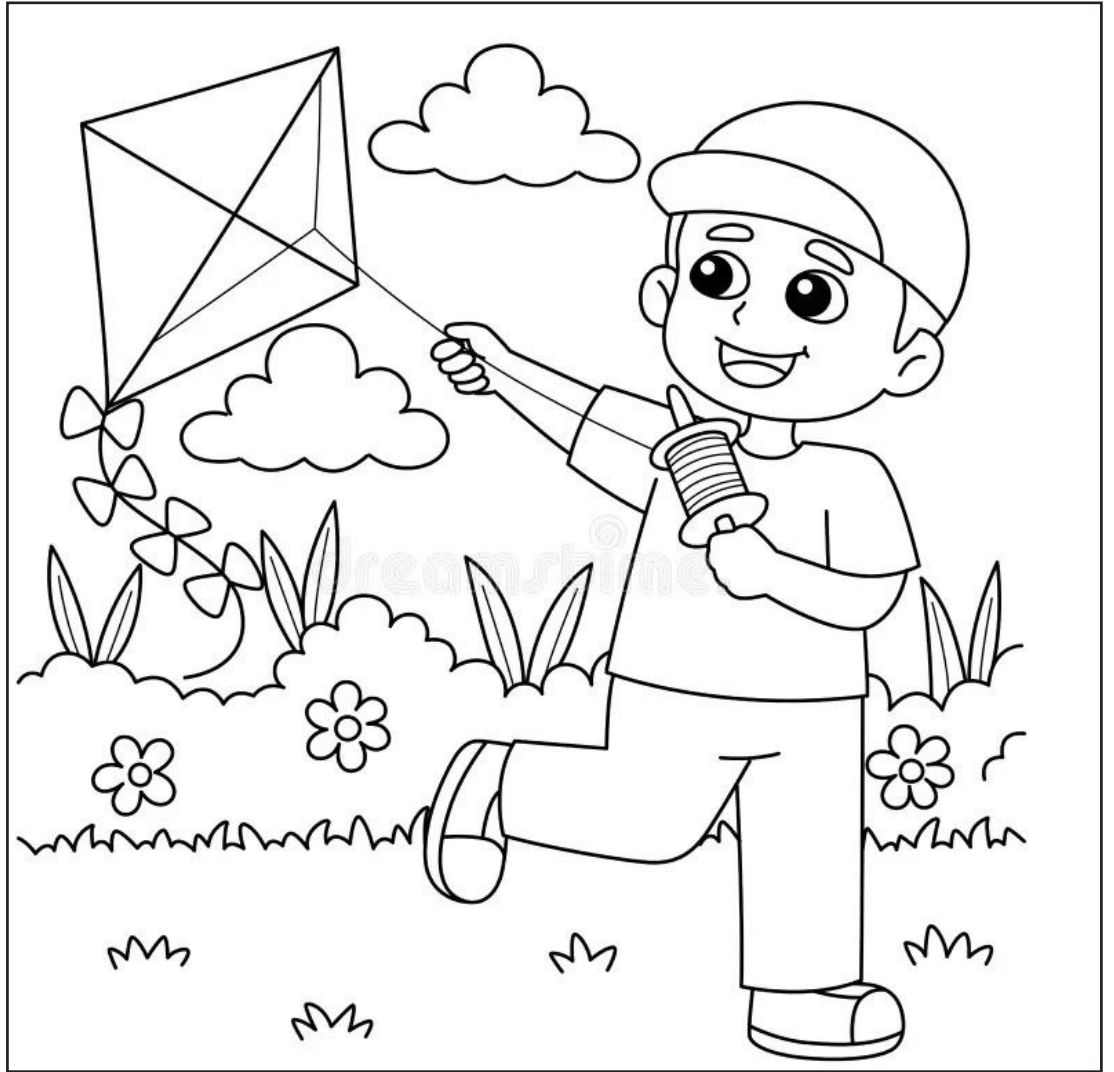
***Book from Evelyn Griffiths 01296 681666 or 07759113432***

*All proceeds to St Nicholas Church*

# KIDS

# COLOUR THESE IN

National Kite  
Flying Day  
February 8th



Valentine's Day on  
February 14th.



# PANTO CHARITY FOR 2025.

*Each year, the money from the raffle goes to a charity, nominated by members of the cast. With a villager currently at this hospital, we have nominated THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR NEURO-DISABILITY, in Putney, for this year's donations.*

Founded in 1854 by Andrew Reed, the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability (RHN) is one of the oldest, independent charity hospitals in the UK. Today they continue as a charity hospital and research centre, caring for adults with complex brain injuries and neurological conditions. These life-changing disabilities can be the result of a stroke, an accident, a heart or asthma attack or a condition like locked-in syndrome. They provide their patients and residents with rehabilitation, specialised long-term care and innovative technologies – all of which work together to provide a full circle of care.

In addition to being an established specialist in neuro-disability, they are also a charity.

Their charitable income enables them to offer extra services and therapies which further enhance the lives of patients and residents. These extras include:

- assistive technologies and devices that allow patients to communicate in person and online
- a bespoke wheelchair service that ensures every patient/resident has the right mobility solution for them
- Leisure and Families Service normally run weekly interest groups and organise trips/holidays.

As they believe in looking at a person as a whole, choice and communication are integral to everything they do and the decisions they make. Though levels of ability are different from person to person, they work to provide the best possible quality of life for everyone entrusted to their care.

*In previous years, the Panto Raffle has supported local At-Home hospice care, a children's swimming club and Riding for the Disabled.*

PRESS RELEASE BY BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

## Caught on camera – man fined after being caught dumping waste on private driveway

A man who brazenly dumped a large amount of waste on a private driveway in High Wycombe has paid the penalty for his crime in court as he is forced to pay more than £2,000 in fines and costs.

Terrance Davies, 62, from Havenfield Drive in High Wycombe, pleaded guilty to the offence of the illegal dumping of waste when he appeared at High Wycombe Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 11 December 2024.

The court heard that on Sunday 3 September 2023, an excessive amount of green waste was dumped at Marlow Road in High Wycombe. What Davies didn't realise at the time, was that the act was caught on private CCTV from one of the properties in the road and was sent to Buckinghamshire Council's waste enforcement team as evidence.

The footage clearly showed a vehicle pulling into a private driveway and a male exiting the vehicle before dumping two full buckets and a large pile of green waste in the driveway. The male then got back in his vehicle and drove away.

Investigations carried out by the enforcement team traced the vehicle back to Davies. Officers attempted to speak to Davies to ask him to explain his actions, however he refused to cooperate leaving the council with no option but to summons him to court.

Magistrates at High Wycombe Magistrates' Court heard the case, fining Davies £576 and ordered him to pay full costs of £1,242.67. A victim surcharge of £230 was also levied – making a total to pay of £2,048.67.

Thomas Broom, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment said: "We have a zero



tolerance to fly-tipping of any type in Buckinghamshire. This criminal found out the hard way that simply trying to ignore our attempts to investigate doesn't pay off and he has ended up paying much more in terms of costs than he would have done had he simply admitted the offence in the first instance."

Thomas explained: "In simple cases of this type, our initial course of action is to issue the person responsible for the offence with a Fixed Penalty Notice. At the time this offence took place that would have been £400, but the amount has now risen to £1,000. Unfortunately, Mr Davies chose to ignore our efforts to speak with him and so we were left with no other choice but to put him in front of a court where he ended up out of pocket; more than four times the amount he would have done if he had admitted his guilt straightaway."

If you have evidence showing an offence taking place and you are willing to provide a witness statement, please contact the council's Enforcement Team at: [SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

**To report fly-tipping anywhere in Buckinghamshire visit: [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fix-my-street](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fix-my-street)**

**Someone is dumping garden waste onto Orchard Ground in the woods by the play area.**

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Adult volunteer Nigel, said, "Volunteering with Scouts is a great opportunity to help young people learn and develop skills along with having fun and trying out new activities. It's also a great opportunity to learn and develop new skills yourself, make friends, try new activities and take pride in seeing young people develop."

He added "As volunteers we can help put the foundations in place. We then encourage the children and young people to build upon them as they try new activities and learn skills for life. Children and young



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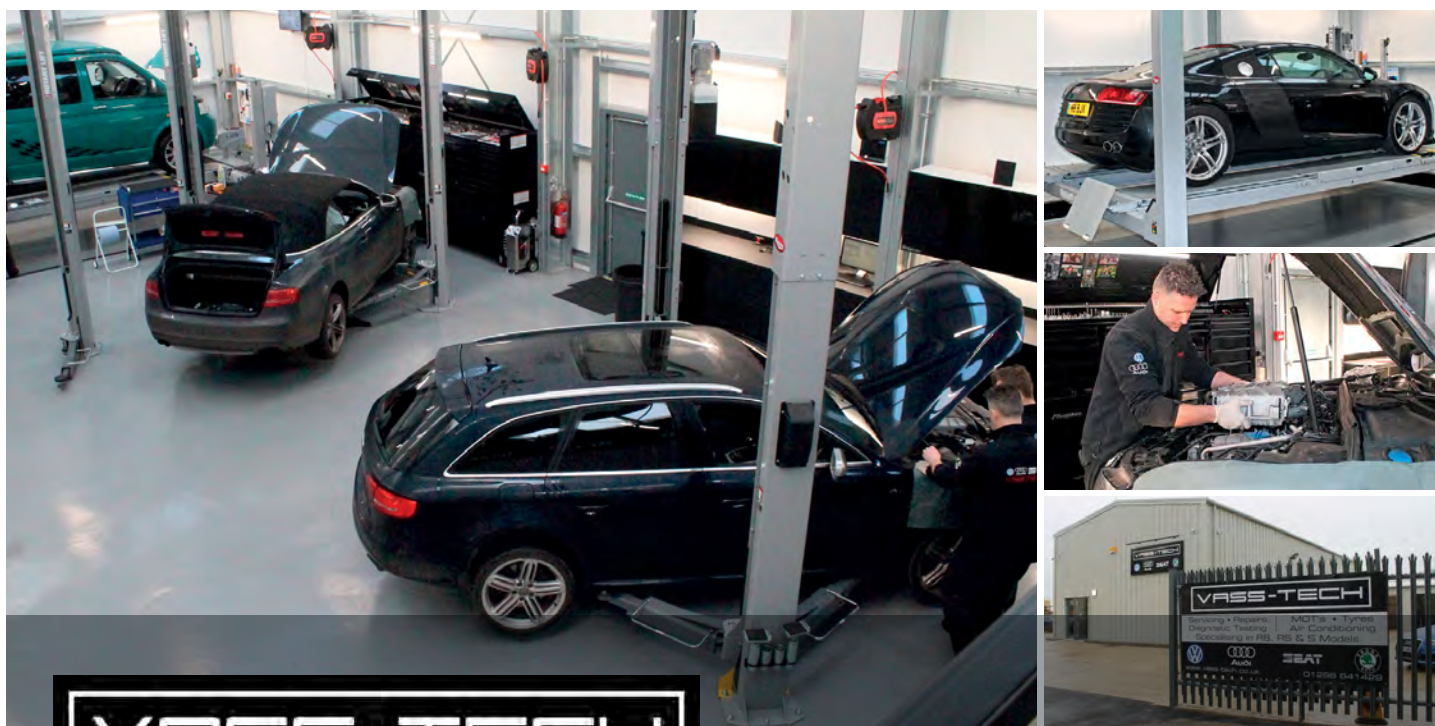
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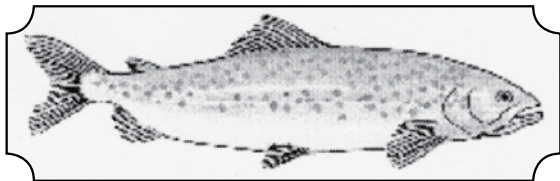
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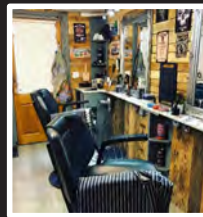
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**7-10PM**  
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Check Cublington Life WhatsApp group for up to date details

Join us for

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at the Village Hall

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**1st MARCH 2025**  
**2.30pm - 4.30pm**

£17 each or £30 for two

To reserve your tickets, please contact Chris Shults on 07758 195357 or email [cublingtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:cublingtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

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## BORROWERS LB

Totally Leighton Buzzard are organising a Library of Things in our town.



### Donations now welcome

We are now actively looking for good quality donations of DIY, household, gardening, leisure and other items.

Check out our wish list and let us know how you can help or alternatively suggest items that you might like to borrow!  
Go to our Borrowers LB wishlist  
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Or contact us to volunteer!

A Library of Things is a community hub where you can borrow objects at low cost. The aim is to support a circular economy, save waste, reduce carbon emissions, free up space in our homes and save money.

**EMAIL: TOTALLYLEIGHTONBUZZARD@GMAIL.COM**

Find out more at: <https://linktr.ee/Leightonbuzzard> and find Totally Leighton Buzzard on social media

STEWKLEY PLAYERS PRESENT

# ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE

WRITTEN BY DAVID RENWICK




**WEDS 26 - SAT 29 MARCH 25**  
8PM AT STEWKLEY VILLAGE HALL  
Licensed Bar opens 30 mins prior to the show

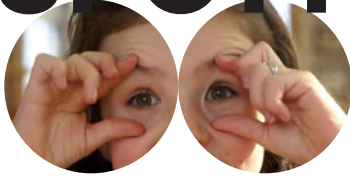
**Tickets £7.50 On Sale 2nd March:**

**Details at [www.stewkleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.stewkleyplayers.co.uk)**

**Box Office: Stewkley Village Hall 10am - 12pm**  
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# SPOTTED!



**PLEASE** keep your eyes peeled ... If you spot anything, and we really do mean anything of interest (silly or serious or even just slightly interesting) in the village - please let us know.

## Spotted

New post box for the Village Hall. Kindly donated by Dominic at Letterbox4you and fitted by Martyn and Dennis



The CPC had an onsite meeting with BCC Highways, with our Unitarian Councillor Diana Blamires, to discuss various village traffic issues recently. Obviously spurred into action.

Well done Parish Council.



## Spotted

Line painting at 9pm on a Friday evening

## Spotted

And replacement of the street sign bulb...



## Spotted

Eerie picture in the mist and frost



## Spotted

First daffs coming out on 21st January



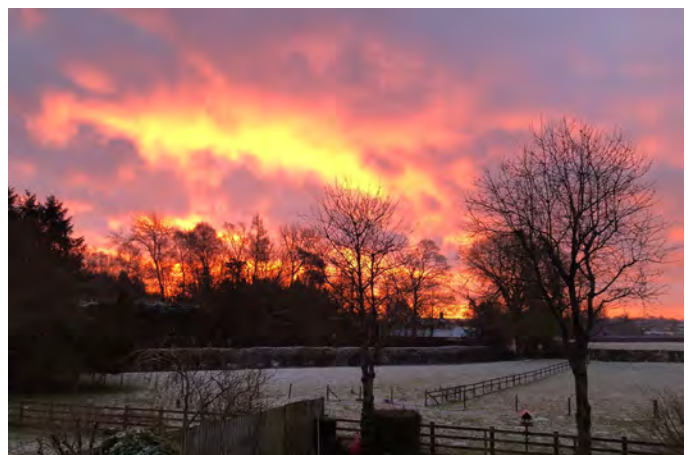
## Spotted

Non collection of the poo bin... maybe we shouldn't pay them as they haven't collected it. (See Parish Council minutes)



## Spotted

Fly tipping of garden waste at OG. Please don't do it.



**Spotted** On January 11th, a misty and chilly day, Hugh was spotted clearing the hedge line and creating a drainage ditch along the side of Northfield.

Dennis, Colin and other volunteers managed to disentangle barbed and fencing wire and clear the path. Good work all round.

All part of a major drainage project on Orchard Ground.

## Spotted

The most stunning early morning over Cublington. No doubt heralding the storms coming our way!