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Happy Easter



# ANNUAL LITTERPICK



## Thank You Wombles All!

*On Saturday 15th March there was an amazing response and effort from a host of villagers, old and young, to clear all of the roads within the Parish.*

*In the morning well over 30 bags of thoughtlessly thrown rubbish was brought to the Biggs Pavilion for collection by the BCC Street Cleansing Dept. Warm drinks and bacon rolls were gratefully received after a chilly morning's efforts.*

*Others had been involved in Wombling both before and after Saturday, making this a sustained clear up.*

*All of the "Village Gates" were also scrubbed clean, giving a bright and white approach to Cublington in all directions*

*Andy*



*It was as if we were playing Litterpick Bingo!... isn't it disgraceful what gets thrown from cars. No sooner had we finished and reports of new litter being found. GGGRRRRHHHH!*



# YOUR CHANCE TO HELP SAVE THE PUB PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT



The Biggs pavilion was packed with enthusiastic supporters of the Save the Pub campaign. The Unicorn in Cublington has been closed since August 2024 and it's very clear to see there is massive support in the community to secure its future. **The meeting was held on Tuesday 25th March at 7.30pm** and a warm welcome given by Martyn Waters, who was followed by Phil Spooner, a resident of Aston Abbots, who spoke about the devastating impact it has had on his village community with the closure of the Royal Oak.

Simon Wilkinson, a property specialist in the area, then spoke about the importance a pub has to a community, not just in making it a classical English village, but in securing the future value in our homes.

The pub is not only a wonderful asset for us all to enjoy, the lack of one can decrease the value of your home by around 10%! A heartfelt speech was then given by Steve Markwell, a Cublington resident of 10 years, who asked the village to 'Roar' as it had done when threatened by demolition for a proposed new airport in the 1960's and early 70's. Let's 'unite' again and secure this 'core of our community' for generations to come! Rousing applause followed. Nigel Loli then completed proceedings with a well supported questions and answers session, some of the points raised included:

#### **The difference between a managed pub and a tenanted pub.**

A **managed pub** would mean that the owners (the village) elect a board responsible for hiring a chef, manager etc, who are paid wages. The owners are then responsible for all costs but would share or reinvest any profits. A **tenanted pub** sees the village lease the pub entirely, and the tenants then pay rent and all other costs and retain any profits. The rental income can be redistributed to the shareholders or reinvested in the pub.

The group strongly promoted the idea a tenanted pub, as there isn't the skills nor appetite for risk, to try to manage the pub ourselves.

**Please complete the form below if you would like more information.** Ultimately, we need to judge the appetite of the community to buy the Unicorn so we are asking people to pledge between £1,000 to £100,000 to see if we can get near our minimum target of £800,000. **All pledges must be received/emailed in by 15th April please.**

*Please see the website for more information including a full transcript of the meeting.*

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

SAVE THE UNICORN

**Would you like to save our pub by buying The Unicorn as a village asset?**

*Name*

*Email address*

*Phone Number*

**All replies will be treated in the strictest of confidence**

- I would like to make a pledge towards buying shares in the village pub. Please contact me.*
- I am thinking about making a pledge to buy shares in the village pub. Please contact me.*
- I don't think I am able to make a pledge to buy shares in the vilage pub, but would like to know more. Please contact me.*

**All replies need to be returned by 15th April 2025**

**To: The letterbox @The Biggs Pavilion, OR email your reply to [unicorncublington@gmail.com](mailto:unicorncublington@gmail.com)**

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

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP

## SAVE THE PUB



**A PUBLIC MEETING**  
25th March 2025 at 7.30pm  
The Biggs Pavilion, Orchard Ground, Cublington

## Great to see so many villagers turn up for the public meeting...

A full transcript of the meeting is available via either podcast, if you want to listen to it, or download a file and read all about what was discussed. [www.savetheunicorn.org](http://www.savetheunicorn.org)

Many good points made as the steering group explained what was going on and how everyone can help.



Well done all you litterpickers.... keep up the good work as it'll be Best Kept Village before we know it!

## 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)

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!

**2025...** June. Julie King & Ian  
July Sandra and Nigel  
Sept Sam Conway  
Oct Vanessa & Simon Morgan  
Nov. Richard & Polly Thornely  
Dec Pierre & Nicola

April - Chris & Kevin Shults  
May ?  
June ?  
July ?  
Aug ?  
Dec - Graham & Judy Dunn

**2026...** Jan ?  
Feb - Toosey's  
March - Julie & Doug Merriman

**2027...**  
Jan ?  
Feb - ?

**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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## Happy Easter Everyone!

As April arrives, our village bursts into life with the vibrant colours of spring. There is blossom on the trees, gardens and allotments wake up, the days grow longer, and the fields are a lot less muddy! This month brings a feeling of renewal and joy, marked especially by the celebration of Easter—a time for reflection, togetherness, and hope.

Togetherness is very much a theme in Cublington with all the community activities that go on, all run by and supported by people in the village. As we move out of the gloom of the winter months, it signals the start of more village activities with the cricket, the fete, the sunrise service and much more. As we are writing this, there is also togetherness for the village pub, with the community meeting to see what opportunities there are to get it reopened (fingers crossed). In its absence, again our community has pulled together to make sure we can still socialise and we are sure that Wine Down and Biggs Pop-Up Pub will make the most of the warmer weather and longer evenings to provide more community events.

Of course, Easter also brings chocolate! In our household, one of us isn't keen on chocolate but no Easter eggs ever go to waste and the other person makes this opportunity – I will leave it to you to guess which one of us is eating them all.

We hope that you enjoy Easter whatever you are doing to celebrate, whether it is gathering with friends and family, having an Easter egg hunt, or simply enjoying the togetherness in the community.

Jason & Vanessa Taylor

(P.S. The cover images are from a recent trip to the North Norfolk coast, where we were lucky enough to have some fabulous blue skies – hopefully a sign of things to come).

May EDITORs:

Jenny & Andy Brown

**May Crier  
deadline is  
15th April**

## Reminder!!!

### Horticultural Show

This year the Cublington Horticultural Show will be held on Saturday 30th of August at the Biggs Pavilion. See categories inside.

Pop the date in your diary now!

### Kids Colouring Page

Remember to look for the children's colouring page which is a monthly feature in the Crier



### Congratulations.

To Josie and James who welcomed baby Phillipa five weeks early on Sunday 23rd March.

### Di Postie...

Wishing you a very happy "Special" birthday on the 13th with love from everyone in the village.

## Reminder!!!

### Please make a note....

Gary will need the majority of the Crier content for the JUNE edition, early/very prompt by the 15th of May please as I am going away.

### Moroccan themed open garden

Maggie Mckenzie, Saturday 10th May 11am- 4pm see advert inside.

### Happy Easter



## CRIER RATES

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# MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## April 25

**Tuesday 1st - April Fools Day**

**Wednesday 2nd - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Wednesday 2nd - Winos** Biggs Pavilion 7.30pm hosted by Maggie Mac, Chris & Kevin Shults

**Friday 4th The Orchard Pop Up Pub** Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm

**Monday 7th Chatty Cafe** Biggs Pavilion 10am

**Monday 7th Art Club** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Wednesday 9th- Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Thursday 10th Sound Bath Event** Village Hall details at [theretreatatcublington.co.uk](http://theretreatatcublington.co.uk)

**Saturday 12th Jumble Sale** Biggs Pavilion 2pm

**Sunday 13th Tennis Club Open Afternoon** Biggs Pavilion 12pm-3pm

**Monday 14th Art Club** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Monday 14th Chess Club** Village Hall 4-6pm

**Wednesday 16th - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Pizza night with Wesley's Artisan Pizza Van

**Friday 18th The Orchard Pop Up Pub** Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm

**Sunday 20th Sunrise Service** in Jane's Field (early)

Easter Egg Hunt

**Monday 21st Art Club** Village Hall 1-4pm

**Wednesday 23rd- Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Monday 28th Art Club** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Monday 28th Chess Club** Village Hall 4-6pm

**Wednesday 30th - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

## May 25

**Monday 5th Chatty Cafe** Biggs Pavilion 10am

**Wednesday 7th - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Saturday 10th Maggie M's Moroccan themed Open Garden** - see inside for details

**Monday 12th Chess Club** Village Hall 4-6pm

**Wednesday 14th - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Thursday 15th Sound Bath Event** Village Hall details at [theretreatatcublington.co.uk](http://theretreatatcublington.co.uk)

**Wednesday 21st - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Monday 26th Chess Club** Village Hall 4-6pm

**Wednesday 28th - Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

## June 25

**Monday 9th Chess Club** Village Hall 4-6pm

**Thursday 12th Sound Bath Event** Village Hall details at [theretreatatcublington.co.uk](http://theretreatatcublington.co.uk)

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

**Monday 23rd Chess Club** Village Hall 4-6pm

## July 25

**Thursday 10th Sound Bath Event** Village Hall details at [theretreatatcublington.co.uk](http://theretreatatcublington.co.uk)

**Friday 18th Trivia Quiz** Biggs Pavilion

## August 25

**Saturday 30th Cublington Horticultural Show**

Biggs Pavilion - Please pop in your diary!

## October 25

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

## November 25

**Saturday 15th Cabaret Evening** Biggs Pavilion

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.

**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.



Check Cublington Life WhatsApp group for up to date details and visiting food outlets.



Thank you to everyone who attended and supported Kaiden at his fundraising pancake morning. We had 50 bookings, made 200 pancakes and made a phenomenal £525.

*Massive THANK YOU to Parotts Butchers Beef Olive And Tesco for their generous donations of bacon, milk and pancake ingredients.*

*Thank you!*

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



## ***Where is this in the world?***

So having given you what we thought was an easy one last month, how about this one?.

No correct answers last month.. someone was close, but missed by 20 odd miles. The answer was in fact Calais!

***First correct answer*** to [info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk](mailto:info@cublingtoncrier.co.uk) will win a very small prize and the kudos for a whole month!



## PARISH NEWS

Main Contact :  
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### ***Cublington Traffic Issues – HGVs***

In the article that was published in the Crier in February 2025, it was reported that the Parish Council had had a site meeting with the Bucks Transport Strategy Manager and our Unitary Councillor, Diana Blamires.

We were advised at the time that it was unlikely that, in the near future, a freight restriction would be placed on routes through the village. We were however also told about informal steps that have been taken in Aston Abbotts to try and reduce the amount of heavy freight ( single Trailer 3- or 4-axle Trucks or greater ) through their village. From the enquiries that have since been made we understand that the initiative has had some success in reducing the number of HGVs using the village

#### ***How the Scheme Works:***

The scheme works by residents simply noting the name of the company of any lorries driving towards and through the village together with time, date and direction of travel.

This information is passed to a central point, the company can then be contacted and asked if it would be possible for them to find alternative routes in future. At the time of contact it would be explained that it was felt that the narrow and rural nature of the roads around and through the village made them unsuitable for HGVs.

This scheme will launch with immediate effect and the point of contact is Mike Joy via the Parish Council email - [cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com)

***Let's see if we can make a difference!!***





# 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!**



All proceeds to Church funds

## ADVANCE NOTICE



# Saturday, 12th April

## 2pm in the Biggs Pavilion

**Stewkley Road,  
Cublington LU7 0LR**

**Donations very  
welcome.**

Please bring your donations to the Pavilion after 10am on the 12th.

Clothes, books, DVDs, bric-a-brac and toys needed.

**Sorry we cannot take  
electrical items.**

Any queries please call or message me on 07811 789101.



# NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED. JOIN YOUR LOCAL TENNIS CLUB!

**OPEN 'DAY' is Sunday  
13th April from 12-3pm  
(Date changed from previously published)**

Tennis is a game for life. If you start early it gives you opportunities for life

It is also recognised as the perfect sport for the over 50's for all round fitness, cardio health and mental well-being. Come on - give it a go! Even if you're younger!

Rejoin at last year's rates. Sign up for coaching. Come and have a knock!

- 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

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

**New Sessions start 25th April for 12 weeks**

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

**NEW Junior Session** - Junior (ages 5-12, 10 weeks) 4.30-5.30pm

**Members price £60 Non-Members £70**

**Adults First session** - (12 weeks) Rusty Rackets and improvers 5.30-6.30pm

**Adults Second session** - (12 weeks) Advanced and team 6.30-7.30pm

**Members price £84 (£7 a session)**

**Non-Members £120 (£10 a session)**

**Contact:** nmsheridan1@hotmail.com

to book your slot.

### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Caroline Lane 01296 681373

carolinelane@btinternet.com

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

(£12 PER HOUR) :

Gary 01296 688548 or 07713 723788

or email at gary@cublington.com

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Jean Barnett 01296 392471

To be contacted if you have any concerns about safeguarding.

# Orchard Ground & North Field

## LATEST UPDATES

### Orchard Ground Update

Orchard Ground is pleased to have received a grant from the Wing and Ivinghoe Communities Board (Buckinghamshire Council) for £4,725. This is a 50% grant towards the cost of two accessible paths which will give better access to the pavilion. Orchard Ground will fund the other 50%. A new path will connect the driveway to the front entrance to the pavilion. The paving slab path to the side of the pavilion to the patio area will be replaced. This work will be done in two stages with the path across to the front entrance to be completed first.



### North Field Update

Walking the field just prior to writing this article, some of the blossom is already starting to break along the Stewkley Road side where the field is a bit more sheltered with cherry blossom already in flower. The trees in the orchard and in the blossom circle will soon be in blossom too and should look a picture.

All of the trees funded by the Tree Council grant have now been planted, staked and have had composted bark added around the base. Those walking the field will have seen a large Douglas Fir planted near to the Stewkley Road corner of North Field. This tree has been donated to North Field, it had been grow in a very large pot for many years. Hopefully, being planted in the field will give it a new lease of life.

We've had two deliveries of chipped wood from a local contractor who does tree work around the local area, thank you Tim (The Tree Rangers).

We have a great team of twenty three volunteers who give their time for the many tasks that are undertaken throughout the year on North Field. We recognise that people have many calls on their time with work and other commitments, also that Saturday mornings are precious. Our volunteers dip in and out of working on North Field when their

other commitments permit.

Please contact Martyn Waters for further information about the North Field project. M: 079073754356 Email: martyn.waters@icloud.com

**Dates for the North Field working groups, Saturdays 9.30am until 12.00 noon**

**5th and 26th April;**

**10th and 24th May.**

Do please come along for the refreshments at the pavilion at 11.30am, everyone is welcome.

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

### Martyn Waters



**If you would like to make a donation to North Field,** please contact Martyn Waters: M: 07973754356 email: 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.



# PARISH NEWS

Main Contact :  
cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

**Minutes of a meeting of Cublington Parish Council held on 11th March 2025 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Cllr G Antosiewicz (Chair)  
Cllr H Vale  
Cllr M Reilly  
Cllr M Waters  
Cllr Shults

**In attendance:** Mr M Joy (Clerk) and a member of the public

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs D Blamires and P Cooper

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th January 2025 were discussed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chair.

**3. Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Antosiewicz item 8.4 Village Hall and Cllr Shults item 8.3 Arthur Read's Bench

**4. Reports**

There were no reports received from our Unitary Councillors.

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

**The following invoices were passed for payment 1st January to 28th February 2025:**

13/1/25 Cyan Teak Garden Furniture £465.00  
Arthur Reed Memorial Bench  
27/1/25 Clerk Salary £198.27  
January salary  
27/1/25 PAYE £49.60 January  
31/1/25 PAYE £49.60 January (paid twice)  
14/1/25 KT Hosting £123.00 – website annual cost  
28/2/25 Mainly Mowing £467.50 – clearance of vegetation around High Street lights.  
28/2/25 Clerk Salary £198.27 – February  
28/2/25 PAYE £49.60 – February

**5.2 To review the accounting statements to 28th February 2025 and forecast to 31st March 2025**

M Joy presented the accounts to 28th February 2025 which showed a surplus of £4,183.23 and cash balances of £18,642.15. The forecast to 31st March 2025 estimates a surplus of £4,972.23 and cash balances of £19,431.15.

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

The fortnightly drinks evenings are well attended with monthly food nights. OG social events are all sold out, and it had been suggested OG applies for a liquor licence rather than a TENS licence. The meeting felt this was not advisable as a possible change of use application on the Unicorn would be difficult to challenge if OG had a licence.

Cllr Walters reported he had been successful in securing a grant from the Community Trust for £4,725 for accessible footpaths. North Field work continues with general maintenance. OG and Cublington Cricket Club had drawn up a licence agreement for the use of the cricket pitch and pavilion and asked for CPC to review the agreement. Mike Joy and Cllr Antosiewicz to review the agreement and consult with Cllr Waters and Harry Gadsby on it. It was suggested this agreement should be described as a Memorandum of Understanding. OG is trying to establish a budget and reviewing its fees in September.

**6.1 New Charity and lease**

The application for registration of the charity is still in progress.

**7. Planning Permissions**

**7.1 24/02425/APP** Great Oak Farm Dunton Road Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LS Change of use of farmyard and farm buildings from agricultural to B2 (general industrial) use and associated storage and parking, demolition of barn, erection of a single storey side extension to workshop building, placement of three portacabins, and internal and external alterations to buildings by The Quartz Worktop Company Limited (Retrospective) – no objection

**7.2 25/00363/COUAR-** Rockwell Reads Lane Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LE Prior notification application (Part 3, Class Q) for change of use and conversion of an existing agricultural barn into 1 no. dwelling – no objection.

**7.3 25/00398/ALB** Old Manor Farm Reads Lane Cublington Buckinghamshire LU7 0LE Listed building consent for the removal of a section of garden wall which is in a poor state of repair and replacement with close board fencing to match the existing fence which the wall currently abuts on the Eastern end – no objection

## **8. Village Matters**

### **8.1 Traffic – calming.**

There had been a serious road traffic accident at the crossroads in the afternoon. A member of the public contacted the clerk by email stating not enough was being done concerning traffic calming. The meeting discussed the email and reiterated the points raised in previous meetings and articles in the Crier.

The Parish Council is concerned about the traffic issues facing the village. A survey costing £2,200 had been carried out on the four roads leading to and from the village the results from which will be used to present to Bucks Highways Commissioning including details of accidents, near misses and speedwatch with a request on guidance for suitable solutions to our traffic issues. We are having to follow 'due process' with Buckinghamshire Council which unfortunately takes a long time. Any solutions will involve a cost to us which needs to be quantified.

### **8.2 Granite sculpture**

Cllr Reilly ran through the plans for a war memorial. A design is in progress and the granite will be donated by The Quartz Worktop Company Limited a local company. Planning permission is required which will cost £250. Grounds works is estimated at £2,000. There will be brickwork surrounding the memorial the costs of which are not yet known. Local tradesmen will be used for the work. At this early stage it is suggested the memorial should be located next to OG car park. Councillors to review location for suitability etc .

### **8.3 Arthur Read's Memorial Bench**

Cllr Shults did not take part in this item. The bench will be in Reads Lane overlooking the fields Arthur farmed. A quotation of £495 was obtained from DPS Property Maintenance to prepare a concrete plinth and secure the bench. The quotation was accepted.

### **8.4 Village Hall Donation**

Cllr Antosiewicz did not take part in this item. It was agreed a donation of £150 be made to the Village Hall.

### **8.5 The Paddocks Development – Lucy Developments Limited**

The clerk had spoken to the CEO of Lucy Developments Limited concerning the possibility of a donation towards the village.

He explained no units had been sold yet so he would contact us once they had been sold.

### **8.6 Best Kept Village Competition**

It was agreed to enter the competition again this year.

### **8.7 VE Day**

Thursday 8th May – Cllr Hugh Vale kindly agreed to

have a beacon again on his land, and Cllr Antosiewicz to ask Brian Knights if he would kindly read the proclamation.

### **8.8 Community Library at the bus stop**

The library has operated well , and it was agreed it should be a permanent fixture after its trial period. Cllr Antosiewicz to write to Georgina Meads thanking her for the work she has put into the library.

### **8.9 Ridings Cottage**

It was noted that reports from the Tree Officer and Ecology Officer had been put on the planning portal requesting surveys from the applicant, together with a condition of planting seventeen trees to replace the ones taken out.

### **8.10 Thames Water**

The clerk had submitted a complaint to TW following the blockages in Silver Streer/Chapel Alley on 4th February. There was a subsequent blockage in early March. The unitary councillors were informed. The complaints dept had been in regular contact to give us notice of the scheduled cleaning of the pipes. It cannot give us a date. TW has stated that this pipe is on its annual cleaning maintenance. The pipes are not fit for purpose which TW do not accept. The only way to resolve the matter would be to have an independent review and force TW to replace the pipes. Given the poor financial state of TW, it would be a waste of our money pursuing it.

***The next meeting of the Parish Council and AGM will take place on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.***

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*(The Cublington Wine Appreciation Society)*

The next Cublington Wine Appreciation Society (aka The Winos) meeting is on Wednesday 2nd April

**Contact Jackie 07968 672707 for more information.**

**Steve and Jackie.**

# St Nicholas Church Cublington



*It's that time of year again!*

I have removed anyone who didn't make their slot last year to get a better picture of how many vacancies we have to fill this year. If I have removed you and you really would like to be put back on the rota please let me know on 07748525145 or email [djandpallen@gmail.com](mailto:djandpallen@gmail.com)  
A slight change to the normal schedule. To try and keep days between mowing more equal. Volunteers are allocated a weekend as a target but can work either side of it depending on other commitments or inclement weather.

<i><b>Weekend</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>
April 05th-06th	Colin Justice
April 12th -13th	Pete Farrington
April 19th- 20th	Mike and Sandie Joy
April 26th -27th	Dennis Allen
May 03rd - 04th	Gill and Gary Brazier
May 10th - 11th	Barrie Sim
May 17th - 18th	Harry Gadsby
May 24th - 25th	Kevin Shults and Peter Spinks
May 31st - June 1st	Vacant
June 7th – 8th	Maggie and Chris Brandon
June 14th -15th	Sarah and Jason Keane
June 21st - 22nd	Tim and James Taylor
June 28th - 29th	Martin Gibby
July 5th - 6th	Jason and Vanessa Taylor
July 12th -13th	David Bradbury + volunteer please
July 19th - 20th	Michael Alexander
July 26th - 27th	Colin Antosiewicz
August 2nd - 3rd	Caroline and Mike Lightfoot
August 9th - 10th	Nigel Loli + Andy Brown
August 16th -17th	Abbie and Lee Stopher
August 23rd - 24th	Andy Brown + Nigel loli
August 30th - 31st	Tom and Helen Gadsby
Sept 6th - 7th	Graham Dunn
Sept 13th -14th	Mark Harris
Sept 20th - 21st	Vacant
Sept 27th - 28th	Andy Peck
Oct 4th - 5th	James Francis
Oct 11th - 12th	Vacant
Oct 18th - 19th	Vacant
Oct 25th – 26th	Vacant

*New  
volunteers  
wanted  
please!*

*Contact Dennis on  
07748525145  
or email  
[djandpallen@gmail.com](mailto:djandpallen@gmail.com)  
if you can help!*

*Thank you!*





## St Nicholas Church April Newsletter

Spring is certainly in full bloom all around us now and as Easter is very late this year I just hope we have some daffodils still flowering to help decorate the church for the Easter services. St Nicholas invites you all to celebrate with us at the services on the 20th April. We have our early sunrise service at 5.30am taking place at the Alexander's stable yard off Ridings Way. This is always a special start to the day surrounded by the bleating of lambs. We then have our 9am church service which will be accompanied by the choir who have been busy practising. Please come and enjoy them.

New for this year will be an easter egg hunt for the village children. Coffee and cake will be served as usual after the service and at 10.15am we will start the egg hunt so bring your children to enjoy searching for eggs around the churchyard.

As advertised in the January Newsletter Rev Dom, our new Team Rector, hosted a film night at the end of the month and enjoyed meeting the villagers who packed out the Pavilion for this event. He had filmed his cycle route through the Middle East and Asia following parts of the pilgrimage route of Saint Thomas. It was well received by everyone and provided a feast of colour and sounds from this part of the world. A pop up bar was well supported and a very generous £239 was donated.

The post pantomime/village lunch was held in February. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by all who attended and we thank everyone who contributed and to Gina, Vanessa and their team for all their efforts which were very much appreciated. People were very generous with their donations and we were able to transfer £50 to the panto charity Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability in London. After the expenses a total of £195 donations was raised.

We all enjoyed another concert by the Ukulele Band from Berkhamsted in the church on March 15th and their enthusiastic playing put a smile on all our faces. The church was full and ticket sales amounted to just over £600 which is wonderful.

We are busy collecting quotes for the many repairs that need to be tackled in the church and churchyard during the coming months and all money raised will certainly help towards these costs.

Information about more fund raising events will be shared in the next few months.



## UKULELE CONCERT

*The Berkhamstead Ukulele Random Players*



**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;*

**Dates for the North Field working groups,  
Saturdays 9.30am until 12.00 noon**

**5th and 26th April; 10th and 24th May.**

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](mailto:martyn.waters@icloud.com). M: 07973754356



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



### **5 Fun Easter facts**

- Around 80 million chocolate eggs and bunnies are sold in the UK each Easter.
- The average British adult will eat 126 Easter eggs during the course of their lifetime.
- The world's largest chocolate rabbit was made in Brazil in 2017. It stood 4.52m high and weighed 4,245kg.
- Around 60% of chocolate-lovers eat their bunnies' ears first, with 4% starting at the feet or going in at the tail.
- The world's most expensive non-jewelled chocolate Easter egg sold at auction in London for £7,000 in 2012.



## Cublington Oil Syndicate

**Main Contact: Alison Head**  
[cublingtonoil@gmail.com](mailto:cublingtonoil@gmail.com)

Lovell Fuels - 01844 202777  
YourNRG 01525 643019  
Certas Energy - 01296 561150  
Watson Fuels 01438 721594

## **APRIL BIN COLLECTIONS**

Food, Recycling	Wed, March 26, 2025		
Garden, Food, Waste	Wed, April 2, 2025		
Food, Recycling	Wed, April 9, 2025		
Garden, Food, Waste	Wed, April 16, 2025		
Food, Recycling	Wed, April 23, 2025		
Garden, Food, Waste	Wed, April 30, 2025		







# 20th Cuxlington Horticultural Show 2025

Saturday 30th August 2025

It is time to start thinking about what you will exhibit at this year's Horticultural Show. If you would like to sponsor one of the categories below for between £10 and £30 it would be most appreciated. Please contact either

Sue Brown 01296 681622 [suebrownbottle@btinternet.com](mailto:suebrownbottle@btinternet.com)

or Sandie Joy 01296 682446 [s.c.joy@btinternet.com](mailto:s.c.joy@btinternet.com)

All sponsorship money goes to Friends of St Nicholas for the upkeep of our church.

## **Vegetable Categories**

- 1 Vegetable tray, 4 kinds of vegetable displayed on a tray no more than 18" x 24", no more than three of each kind; could include any vegetable not mentioned below
- 2 Three parsnips, foliage trimmed back to 3" leaving tops
- 3 Three carrots long or intermediate, foliage trimmed back to 2" leaving tops
- 4 Three carrots short or stump rooted, foliage trimmed back to 2" leaving tops
- 5 Three white potatoes
- 6 Three coloured potatoes
- 7 Six runner beans, stalks attached
- 8 Six of any other climbing bean, e.g. French, stalks attached
- 9 Three beetroot with tops trimmed to 2". Leave root on
- 10 Three courgettes, length 4" - 8"
- 11 Five chillies
- 12 Three onions with tops trimmed and tied
- 13 Five tomatoes maximum 1½", with calyx
- 14 Five tomatoes on the vine
- 15 Salad tray with 4 kinds of salad items. Name them please.
- 16 Longest parsnip, measured to end of tap root
- 17 Longest runner bean
- 18 Two of any other single variety of vegetable not listed in any other category
- 19 Most oddly shaped vegetable
- 20 Heaviest pumpkin

## **Fruit Categories**

- 21 Ten autumn raspberries, stalks attached
- 22 Three culinary apples, stalks attached
- 23 Three dessert apples, stalks attached
- 24 Three pears, stalks attached

## **Flower Categories**

- 25 Best single rose in a plain glass vase
- 26 Best flower arrangement in a plain glass vase, mixed garden flowers, not shrubs, to face all round
- 27 Vase of dahlias, five blooms, can be mixed
- 28 Tallest sunflower, measured in-situ. Do not cut them down. Judging will take place in your garden

## **Children's Categories**

- 29 Decorated shortcake biscuits x 4
- 30 Collage of a flower on a paper plate

## **Domestic Categories**

- 31 Courgette chutney
- 32 Rhubarb jam
- 33 Tomato tart
- 34 Pear cake (recipe to follow)
- 35 Malt loaf
- 36 Three chicken eggs

## **Virtual Pets**

- 37 Photograph your pet and name it

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All proceeds go to village causes

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

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



Alice Gadsby - 680452\*

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Katie Keane 688133 or  
07803 939530

Hannah Alexander - 681104

Izzy Law - 688019  
or 07896 894914

Maisy Parsons 01296 68230  
007368 26143

Charles Powell 01296 680467

Darcey Sheriden  
07387 996828



\* School or Uni holidays only



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

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VILLAGE'S HISTORY.. IN PICTURES**



*Cublington in Pictures Old and New*

Now priced at £20

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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.

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

## BRAIN GYM!



# COME AND JOIN THE 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! Some really challenging matches are taking place.

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

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

*Next meetings are 14th and 28th April and 12th and 26th May*

*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*



.....  
*Moroccan  
themed  
Open  
garden in  
Cublington*

*Saturday  
10th May  
11am- 4pm*



Come and join me in my Moroccan themed garden with water rill and fountain.  
Enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or a refreshing glass of mint tea plus cakes and Moroccan delicacies.

**Sale of plants and pottery • Free admission • Donations for refreshments welcomed.**

*Any queries please call or leave a message 01296 688310*

*PS. Please let me know if you intend coming. Thank you Maggie M.*



## Village Hall News

### Exciting Improvements at the Village Hall

We're pleased to announce two updates that will enhance the facilities at the Village Hall.

**Firstly**, broadband has arrived! After months of collaboration with the Digital Inclusion team at Buckinghamshire Council, the Village Hall has been selected as one of three pilot sites in the County to benefit from a satellite broadband service. The equipment has now been installed, providing a capped-speed WiFi connection free for the next 12 months, along with a fast (200Mbps download) service available to groups and individuals who book the hall. We hope this valuable addition will greatly enhance the experience for all our visitors. Special thanks to Lloyd Little, Senior Project Officer, for his guidance and support throughout this project.

**Secondly**, thanks to a successful grant application, we've secured funding to improve accessibility at the Hall and enhance the courtyard area. We are grateful to the Arnold Clark Foundation for their generous donation, which will help us make the Village Hall a more welcoming and inclusive space for everyone.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to improve our facilities for the community!

If you'd be interested in volunteering your time or expertise, then please get in touch, we'd be delighted to hear from you.  
cublingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

*The Village Hall Committee*





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VILLAGE HALL**  
*Available for Hire*

Check availability and book online at  
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	<i>Residents</i>	<i>Non Residents</i>
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 or call 07515 398111



Please join us at the next Chatty Cafe,  
Monday, 7th April at the Biggs Pavilion  
between 10.00 and 11.30am

# “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, 7th April** at the Pavilion between 10 and 11.30 for tea/coffee, and some social chat!

Hope to see you there.

Maggie and Sally

## Come along and JOIN IN...



## April Birthdays

Happy birthday to you...

Finley Duthie 12 years old on the 29th

Di Postie.. XX years old on the 13th



**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)

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP

# SAVE THE PUB



**A PUBLIC MEETING**  
25th March 2025 at 7.30pm  
The Biggs Pavilion, Orchard Ground, Cublington

### Great to see so many villagers turn up for the public meeting...

A full transcript of the meeting is available via either podcast, if you want to listen to it, or download a file and read all about what was discussed.

Many good points made as the steering group explained what was going on and how everyone can help.

See article elsewhere in this Crier.

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



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 an 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

*Diane, Happy Birthday, here's to celebrating the amazing person you are and the wonderful life we all share together - Dave*

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### Church Services for April

	Service	Taken by	OT/NT readings	Reader	Gospel and Coffee Reader	prayers
6	First Sunday	Annie	SALLY		LINDA	Michael
13	Palm Sunday HC	Pam	PENNY		HELEN	
20	Sunrise Service 5.30am, layled	J&M	Linda, Diane, MARTYN		Plus....more!	
20	HC Easter Sunday 9am	Dom	JULIE		LUCY	
27	HC	Grant	Helen/Tam?		Gina?	



Please join in on the churchyard lawn mowing team for this year... many hands make light work as they say! The growing season is upon us! Booking slots right now!

Contact Dennis Allen on 07748 525145 or email djandpallen@gmail.com

# From The Team Rector



If you find it hard work out the date of Easter every year you can blame a group of 318 bishops who met together exactly 1700 years ago at a place called Nicea in 325AD not far from modern day Istanbul. All the British bishops at time were invited to this council but I'm afraid they didn't bother going! One bishop from Gaul turned up but even the Pope in Rome sent his apologies to Emperor Constantine who had sent the invite. So the decision was left largely in the hands of Eastern bishops from Palestine, Syria, Asia Minor (Turkey) and North Africa. It was decided for us here in Buckinghamshire that in 2025 we would celebrate Easter on Sunday 20 th April. This is the first Sunday, after the first full moon, that occurs on or after the spring equinox.

It was drummed into me at school that if you don't bother voting you don't have a right to criticise the decisions made on your behalf! The British bishops missed a cracker of a meeting which was so heated that a priest called Arius reputedly got punched in the face.

Perhaps more importantly the bishops who did turn up did some profoundly important work to agree a form of words that eventually became the Nicene creed that we recite together on most Sundays in church. This is an incredible statement of faith that attempts to straddle the mystery of how Jesus is both the "Son of God" and of one "Being with [God] the Father". The creed combines the idea that "through him all things were made" with the juxtaposition that "he was made man". The creed then spells out the most central tenants of our Easter faith:

*"For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures."*

I would like to invite you all to come to church this Easter. Whilst I'm still hoping that no priests get punched in the face this year, I can say with certainty that if you don't come you will be missing out!

**Dom Wright**

Team Rector of Cottesloe Benefice

Mob. 07732 554611



Easter is the most important date in the Christian calendar. Every year, Christians around the world remember Jesus' crucifixion and celebrate his resurrection three days later.

But how did the egg come to represent Easter? In this article, Food Historian Sam Bilton takes a look at some of the theories, explores the traditions that have come and gone over the centuries, and shows you how to make your own traditional Easter Egg.

## Early Easter Eggs

Throughout history, people across the world have given each other eggs at spring festivals to mark the seasons. Early Christians in Mesopotamia dyed eggs in the period after Easter. The practice was adopted by the Orthodox Churches, and from there it spread into Western Europe. Eggs represent new life and rebirth, and it's thought that this ancient custom was absorbed into Easter celebrations.

During Lent, when Christians fasted to mark Jesus' time in the wilderness, eggs were one of the foods that people weren't allowed to eat (incidentally, this is why we make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday). So when Easter Sunday came around, tucking into an egg was a real treat.

Various traditions and superstitions sprang up around the egg at Easter. Eggs laid on Good Friday were said to turn into diamonds if they were kept for 100 years. Some thought that eggs cooked on Good Friday and eaten on Easter would promote fertility and prevent sudden death, and it became the custom to have your eggs blessed before you ate them. It was also said that if your egg had two yolks, you'd soon become rich. In Devon and Cornwall, people used to play a game like conkers with their eggs, hitting them against each other until one of them cracked.

I know that buses are vital for residents here in Cublington. People depend on buses for getting to work, school, the shops or to see friends and family.

Lots of constituents speak to me about their local services. I know that whilst there are some good services, there are many problems that need addressing as well. My constituents across Aylesbury have for too long put up with unacceptable delays, cancellations and scrapped services, including Arriva's decision to end bus services to Oxford and High Wycombe.

Since being elected as your MP, I have been pleased with the Government's announcement that it would allocate £6.7m to Buckinghamshire Council to improve bus services, in addition to maintaining a cap on fares. We are moving fast and taking bold steps to deliver better buses for local communities in Buckinghamshire.

However, I know there is more to be done.

That's why I have recently launched an online survey to help improve bus services in our area. I want to know your views in order to make a stronger case to Buckinghamshire Council and local bus providers.

The survey will be used to help understand how many residents travel by bus, how satisfied they are with the current service, which improvements can be made to improve the passenger experience, and how to increase passenger numbers across Aylesbury and the surrounding villages. I would encourage both regular bus users and people who don't use public transport to take part in the survey. I want to understand your experiences of local bus services, so I can push as your MP for better, more accessible public transport for everyone in our community.

Cublington residents are welcome to take part in the survey by filling in this short form:

<https://forms.gle/j2stL3NAZw9rmNGu6>.

As ever, if there's anything I can do to support you on this or any other issue, please do reach out. The best way to reach me is on [laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:laura.kyrkesmith.mp@parliament.uk). You can also sign up to my E-newsletter which updates residents on my work in Aylesbury and the villages, as well as in Westminster. You can sign up for the mailing list via my website, [www.lauraforaylesbury.org/news](http://www.lauraforaylesbury.org/news).

Thank you.



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## Cublington Cricket Club - Tesco grant

Cublington Cricket Club has received a grant of £500 from the Tesco Stronger Starts Programme - Groundwork UK. We are grateful to all those who voted for Cublington Cricket Club with their 'blue tokens' when shopping at Tesco.

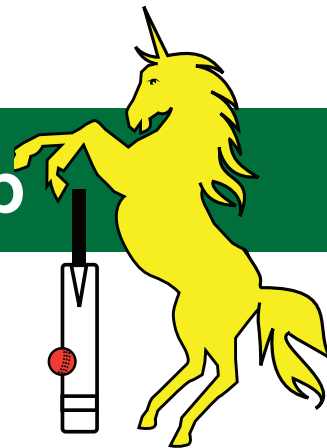
This money will be a great help towards the costs of the planned summer All Stars and Dynamos programmes that the club will run on Friday evenings from mid May through to mid July, for boys and girls aged 5 to 11 years old. It is hoped that 50 children from Cublington and the surrounding area will take part in these Friday evening fun activities. Do you have children, or grandchildren, aged 5 to 11 who might want to take part? The sessions are a great introduction to cricket, set in a welcoming and inclusive environment. All sessions are carefully planned by qualified coaches, follow an ECB curriculum, and are age and skills appropriate.

**Contact Nikhil Shetty for further details: [nikhilshettyv@gmail.com](mailto:nikhilshettyv@gmail.com)**





# Cublington Cricket Club



Established 1863

## Come along and give cricket a try

Cublington is blessed to have an active and welcoming cricket club at the beautiful Orchard Ground. From April to September we run cricket for anyone from the age of five upwards, and we would love you to join us.

What could be better than joining a fun and inclusive team sport on your doorstep, making new friends and becoming involved in your community?

### ***All Stars - 5 to 8-year-olds, and Dynamos - 8 to 11-year-olds***

We will be running sessions from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May for eight weeks for our youngest players, girls and boys, on Friday evenings from 6-7pm. All-Stars & Dynamos are run by Cublington CC coaches under ECB (England & Wales Cricket Board) guidelines. Every child receives a bat, ball, backpack, cap and shirt.

We also run a BBQ alongside the session so that you don't even have to worry about cooking supper afterwards. Contact – ***Nikhil Shetty, Head of All Stars & Dynamos, 07984 201237***

### ***Under 9s to Under 17s***

We run junior cricket training for girls and boys on Sunday mornings from 10.30 until 12 noon starting on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. All our coaches are ECB-qualified and DBS-checked. The children will have the chance to play matches throughout the summer, home and away and there will be an end of seasons awards evening to celebrate the juniors' achievements.

Contact – ***Tony Lewis, Head of Junior Cricket, 07446 939216***

### ***Game Changers Cricket, Disability cricket for ages 12-25***

We are launching Game Changers Cricket, with the aim of creating a disability sports hub providing inclusive and accessible opportunities for children and adults to play and socialise. We will host a launch event at the Biggs Pavilion, Orchard Ground, a Table Cricket Open Day on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 10-11am. Weekly sessions will start on 10<sup>th</sup> May and every Saturday morning from 10-11am all summer. After a break at the end of the summer we intend to continue Game Changers indoors from October until March. Game Changers is free to all participants. Contact – ***Harry Gadsby, Disability Cricket lead, 07491 651137***

### ***Senior Cricket***

Cublington CC runs two Saturday league teams and a Sunday friendly XI. We encourage our juniors from the age of U13 upwards to join in senior cricket in a safe and supportive pathway. While we aim to win every game, we do not have a 'win at all costs' attitude and recognise that everyone plays the game primarily to have fun. Ability is not a pre-requisite, a keenness to get involved is much more important. Contact – ***Tom Gadsby, CCC Chairman, 07527 989639***

### ***Safeguarding***

Cublington CC is signed up to the ECB's Safe Hands Management system. All our junior coaches and key officers are DBS-checked. Contact – ***Jenny Mackay, Safeguarding Officer, 07799 036454***

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

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

# 100 CLUB 2025/26

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



**£1800 in prize money this year**

Last years ticket prices for the draws increased to £15 a ticket (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 shortly 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!**

**Sellers knocking on your door this month.**



## CUBLINGTON'S EASTER EGG HUNT

*On Easter Sunday  
20th April  
at 10.15am*

In the churchyard of St Nicholas Church

*Everyone Welcome!*

There will also be some Easter Rabbits hiding in the village, on Easter Morning!

from the desk of ..

## Cublington's Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday ( 20<sup>th</sup> April)  
At 10.15am  
In the churchyard of St Nicholas Church  
Everyone Welcome!

There will also be some Easter Rabbits hiding in the village, on Easter Morning!

Happy Easter Day

**\* 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 - Gwyneora 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 donation appreciated

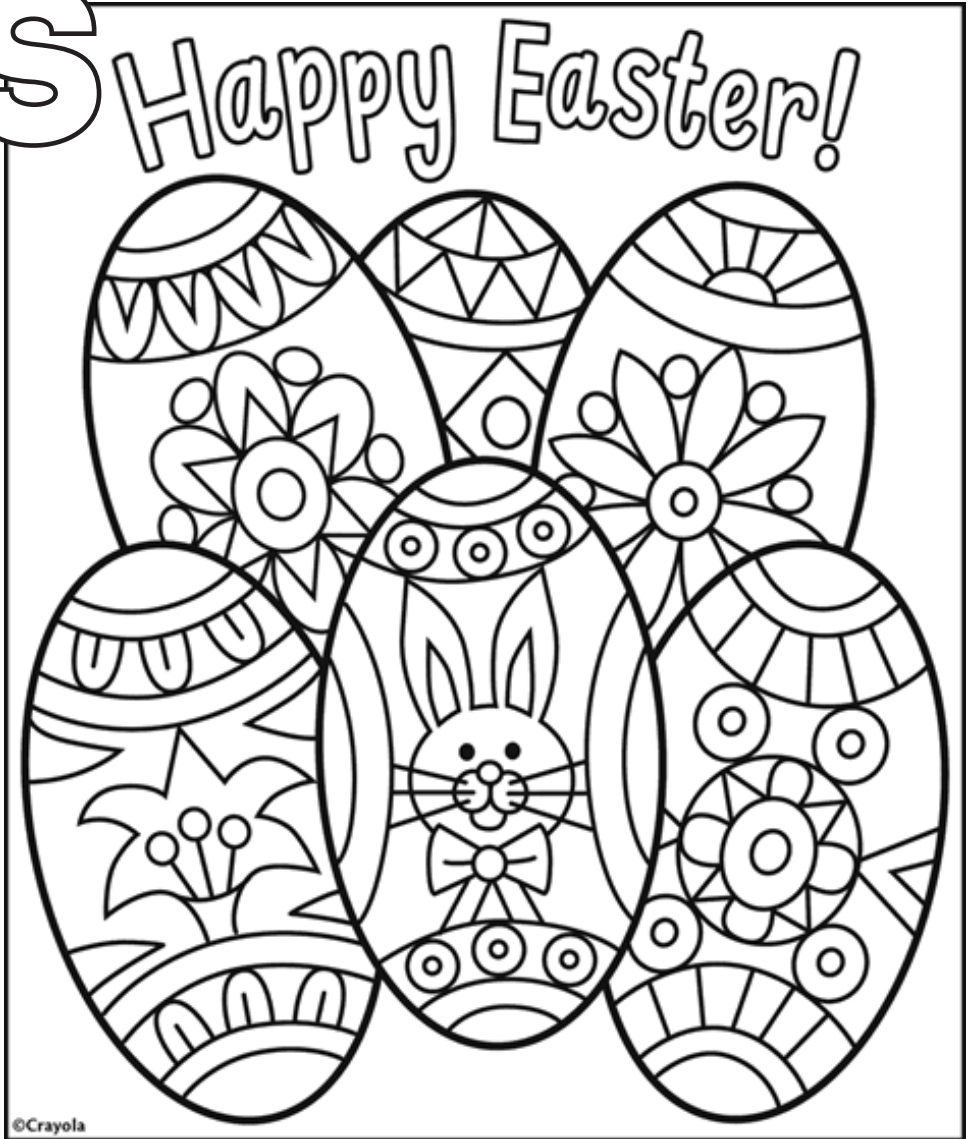
**Wednesday Evenings  
5.30pm - 7.30pm**

# KIDS

## Happy Easter!

COLOUR  
THESE  
IN...

Easter Day  
April 20th



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London Marathon  
April 27th



April - clocks have sprung forward - but there may be showers!

## Happy Easter

The library will be closed Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
But we are open on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

## Opening Times

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

Special date on the calendar this month:  
23<sup>rd</sup>

which is St. George's Day and  
Shakespeare's birthday

**But every day in the library is special!**

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://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries/library-membership/get-email-alerts/)

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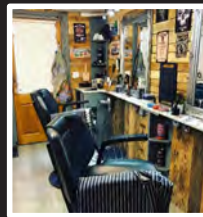
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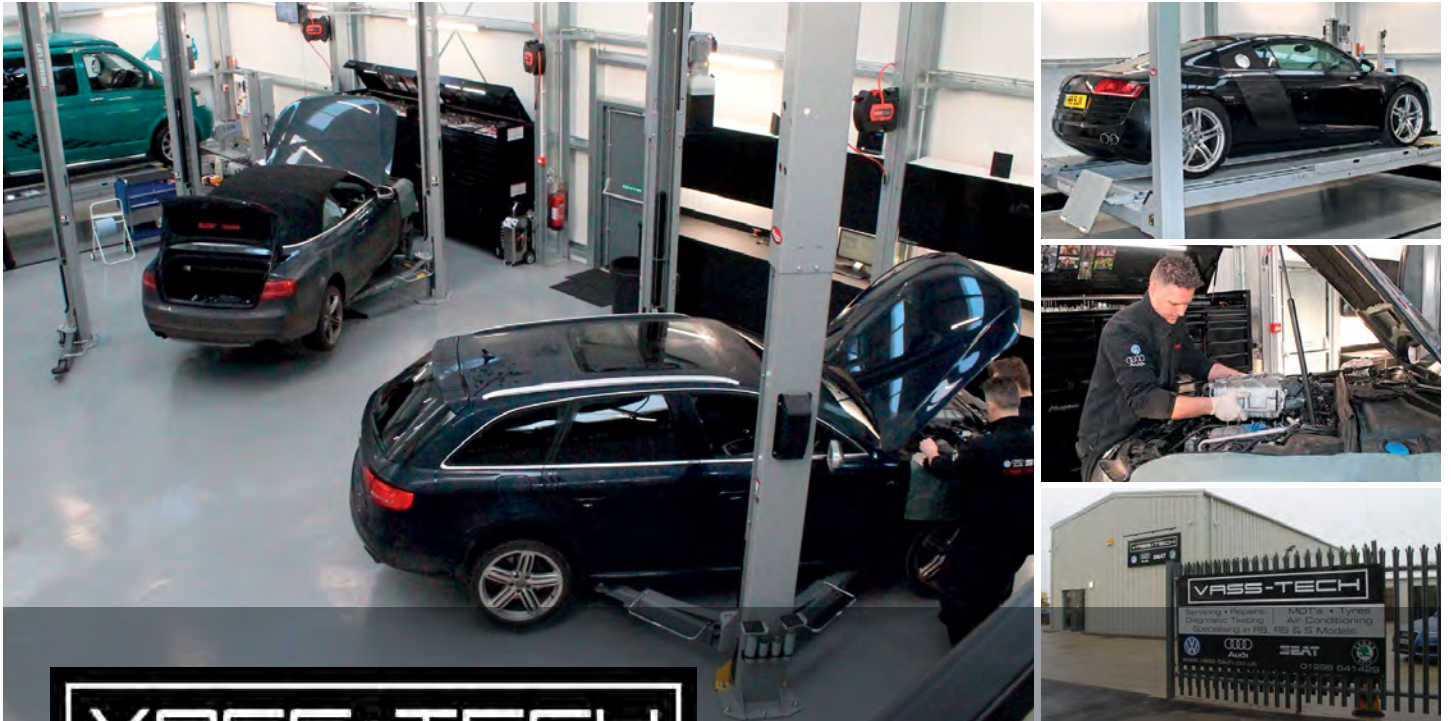
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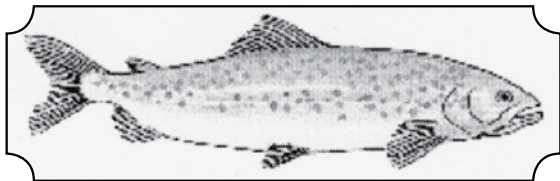
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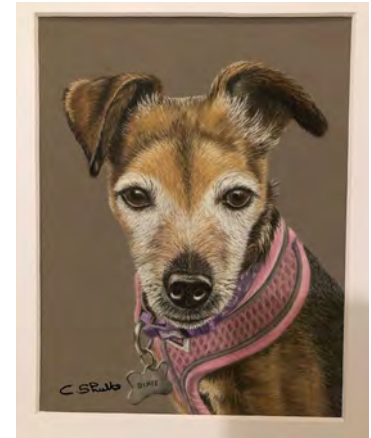
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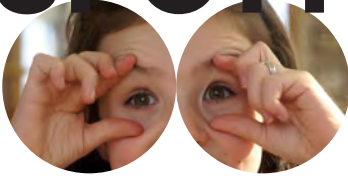


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**PLEASE** keep your eyes peeled ... If you spot anything, and we really do mean anything of interest (silly or serious or even just slightly interesting) in the village - please let us know.



## Spotted

*New broadband service at the Village Hall!*



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*Eukele BURP - strange goings on at the church.*

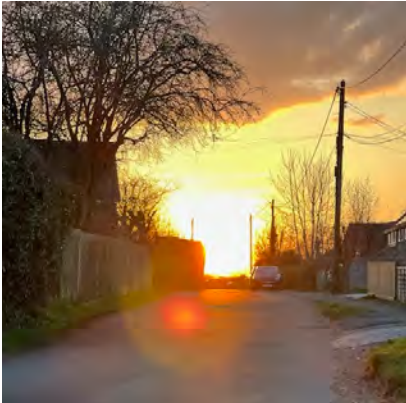


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*A donated Douglas fir being planted on the North field*

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*All the village signs cleaned and scrubbed. Thanks to Andy and Lucy Peck.*



## Spotted

*Amazing 'fireball' seen down Silver Street and a sunrise from someone's back garden.*

## Spotted

*Tennis players making the most of the sunshine the other day.*



## Spotted

*Various pictures of the celestial alignment of the planets... amazing even Jupiters moons were seen through Chris's telescope!*



## Spotted

*and of course, the crash at the crossroads. Many villagers came to their aid until the emergency services were on the scene. Well done to all who helped out in whatever way, Perhaps the final prompt into action?!*

