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"Best Kept Village" - Gurney Cup Winners 2025

**SAVE  
OUR  
PUB**

**Update inside**

**[gofundme.com/save-the-unicorn-pub](https://gofundme.com/save-the-unicorn-pub)**







## 20th Cyblington Horticultural Show 2025

*There was enormous support for this year's Horticultural Show with 217 items entered and over £1150 was raised for Friends of St Nicholas.*



*The prestigious Growers Cup was won by the Gadsby Family who scored the most overall points whilst Sally Missen won the Bakers Cup for her Malt Loaf. Evelyn Griffiths won the Domestic Champion Trophy as well as Best in Show for her Rhubarb Jam.*

*Thank you to everyone who sponsored categories, entered items and made donations.*

*Much appreciated.*







October arrives like a quiet guest, slipping in with golden light and the scent of woodsmoke. The trees, once lush and green, now burn with colour—amber, crimson, rust—each leaf a farewell note to summer. Mornings grow crisp, breath visible in the air, and the sun lingers low, casting long shadows that stretch across fields and pavements.

It's a month of transition. The harvest is gathered, the clocks prepare to go back, and nature begins its slow retreat. Pumpkins perch on doorsteps, apples fill baskets, and the world leans into comfort—knitted scarves, warm drinks, and stories told by the fire.

October doesn't shout. It hums. It rustles. It reminds us that change can be beautiful, and that endings often carry the promise of rest.

**Simon & Vanessa Morgan**

## October poem

October tiptoes through the trees, A hush of wind, a golden tease.  
Leaves let go in swirling flight, Dancing down in amber light.

The mornings breathe a cooler song, with mist that lingers, soft and long. Pumpkins grin on every stoop, and chimney smoke begins to loop.

The sun, now shy, begins to fade, Its warmth a fleeting serenade.  
Yet hearts grow full in autumn's glow, as nature puts on her final show.

So let us walk where branches bend, and feel the year begin to end.  
October speaks in rust and flame— A quiet beauty, never tame.



**SAVE  
OUR  
PUB**

**PLEASE - If you haven't already done so, please pledge your support !**

**It's massively important we save it for the community and future generations.**

**NOV EDITOR:**  
Richard & Polly  
Thornely

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

## Congratulations

To the Reilly family and specifically to Rosie and Lydia who were married and had their wedding celebration at Orchard Ground on Saturday 13th September

## Wanted

Volunteers to participate in our ever popular Advent Window Walk. Starting on the 1st December and culminating in a walk round the village on Christmas Eve.

Pledge your participation please to Jane A  
[janea2000@aol.com](mailto:janea2000@aol.com)

This year's themes are Celebration and Nativity.

## Belated welcome

To Jane & Jeremy Hoggett, recently moved to one of the new houses on the Walnuts development.

## Well done

To the Parish Council for finally getting recognition for all their efforts that culminated in the prestigious Gurney Cup. We are now the owners of the Best Kept Village plaque proudly displayed at the crossroads.

Also for getting more litter bins around the village to hopefully make the village tidier and persuade people to pop it in the bin instead of discarding their rubbish in the hedgerows.

## Still vacant

The post of clerk to the Parish Council has become vacant. If anyone is interested in this paid position please contact either [cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com) or a councillor for further information.

## Amazing

The absolute abundance of fruit and berries on all the trees, following the drought, is either a portent of an extremely hard winter or more likely, nature's way of making sure the trees survive by throwing out more seeds.

## CRIER RATES

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

*The Crier  
online...*

is now on  
Cublington.com

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

## *Brilliant volunteers*

There are so many people who give hours and hours of their time to make sure Cublington is such a lovely place to live, said councillor Michael Reilly who proudly accepted the award at the recent presentation of **The Best Kept Village Award**. The award is testament to all those volunteers and their continued efforts. Well done all!

## *But we could do more!*

Everyone please attend to your bit of overgrown hedge, your bit of pavement or kerb. If you see a weed, pull it up, if you see litter clear it up. Be proud of your village and show everyone passing through that we really did deserve this award. Thanks!



## *Dont forget, if you want to see all 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 Editorial Rota*

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

**2025...** Dec Pierre & Nicola

Jan Maggie MacKenzie

Feb Toosey's

**2026...** March Julie & Doug Merriman

April Chris & Kevin Shults

May Selmes family

June Liz & Bob

Summer Emily & Jo

Sept Harris family

Oct Dawn & Peter Spinks

Nov Miranda and James

Dec - Graham & Judy Dunn

**2027...**

Jan Gates family

Feb - it could be you?!

**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**

## *Crier Contact details*

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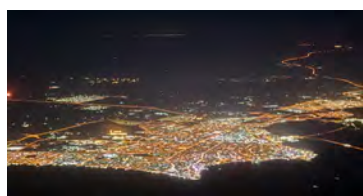
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# WHERE IN THE WORLD? TIM'S FIENDISH FLYING PHOTOS



An easier one  
this month?



*Where is this in the world?*

Last month's answer - Dubai by night

**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!

To see these and the rest of the magazine in full colour, visit [www.cublington.com](http://www.cublington.com) where the latest edition is available to view.

## THE ORCHARD

CUBLINGTON'S



# POP-UP PUB

Join us every other Friday night for a drink or two. Bring your own drink. Once a month various food vendors to visit.

**6-10PM**  
Biggs Pavillion

**EVERY OTHER FRIDAY NIGHT**

## MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATES

### October

Friday 3rd - Maya Asian food van - back by popular demand

Friday 17th - food served

Friday 31st - drinks only

### November

Friday 14th - Friends and Flavours - Burgers

Friday 28th - food served

### December

Friday 12th - Roast wrap food van

Friday 19th - Christmas Special

Further details will be sent out on Cublington Life Whatsapp but if any queries please contact Jackie



# MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## October 25

**Wednesday 1st Tai Chi** Village Hall 9.45am - 10.45am & 11am - 12pm

**Wednesday 1st Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Thursday 2nd Yoga** Village Hall 10.30am - 11.30am

**Friday 3rd The Orchard Pop Up Pub Maya Asian food van - back by popular demand**  
Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm

**Sunday 5th Harvest Festival** 9am St Nicholas church. Families welcomed.

**Monday 6th Chatty Cafe** The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

**Monday 6th Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Monday 6th Harvest Supper and Auction** 6pm St Nicholas church

**Tuesday 7th Have a go at - Mixed Media Collage** Village Hall 7pm - 9.30pm

**Wednesday 8th Tai Chi** Village Hall 9.45am - 10.45am & 11am - 12pm

**Wednesday 8th Wine Down Pizza Night** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Thursday 9th Yoga** Village Hall 10.30am - 11.30am

**Saturday /Sunday 11th/12th Art Exhibition** 10am-4pm Biggs Pavilion

**Monday 13th Byte & Brew** Village Hall 10.30am - 11.30am

**Monday 13th Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Monday 13th Chess Group** Village Hall 4pm - 6pm

**Tuesday 14th Village Lunch Club** Biggs Pavillion See ad inside 12.15 Lunch served 1pm

**Wednesday 15th Tai Chi** Village Hall 9.45am - 10.45am & 11am - 12pm

**Wednesday 15th Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Thursday 16th Yoga** Village Hall 10.30am - 11.30am

**Friday 17th The Orchard Pop Up Pub food served** Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm

**Monday 20th Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Tuesday 21st Ladies' Lunch Break** Village Hall 12pm - 13.30pm

**Wednesday 22nd Tai Chi** Village Hall 9.45am - 10.45am & 11am - 12pm

**Wednesday 22nd Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Thursday 23rd Yoga** Village Hall 10.30am - 11.30am

**Sunday 26th Village Roast** 1pm for 2pm serving Biggs Pavilion See ad elsewhere

**Monday 27th Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Wednesday 29th Tai Chi** Village Hall 9.45am - 10.45am & 11am - 12pm

**Wednesday 29th Wine Down** Village Hall 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Thursday 30th Yoga** Village Hall 10.30am - 11.30am

**Friday 31st The Orchard Pop Up Pub drinks only** Biggs Pavilion 7-10pm

## November 25

**Monday 3rd Chatty Cafe** The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

**Monday 3rd Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Wednesday 5th - Cublington Winos** The Biggs Pavilion 7 for- 7.30pm

**Sunday 9th Table Top Sale** Biggs Pavilion 1-3pm See ad inside. In aid of OG fundraising

**Monday 10th Art Group** Village Hall 1.45-3.45pm

**Tuesday 11th Village Lunch Club** Biggs Pavillion See ad inside 12.15 Lunch served 1pm

**Thursday 13th Sound Bath Session** Village Hall 7.30pm

**Saturday 15th Cabaret Evening** Biggs Pavilion

**Sunday 23rd Village Roast** 1pm for 2pm serving Biggs Pavilion See ad elsewhere

**Sunday 30th Christmas Market** Village Hall 11.30-3pm

## December 25

**Monday 1st Chatty Cafe** The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

**Tuesday 9th Village Lunch Club**

Biggs Pavillion See ad inside 12.15 Lunch served 1pm

## January 26

**Monday 5th Chatty Cafe** The Biggs Pavilion 10.00-11.30am

## April 26

**Saturday 25th Ukelele Concert** St Nicholas church

Hopefully,  
you'll  
always find  
something  
to do in  
Cublington!

## 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.





# Hire The Biggs Pavilion

## Current 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.

Contact Bob on 01296 680483 or bobpaine2002@hotmail.com

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

to book it!



(The Cublington Wine Appreciation Society)

We are delighted that we have a number of people recently moved in to the village and it's with that in mind some maybe unaware of our wine appreciation society get togethers. So to address that we would like to welcome both "new" villagers and obviously anybody else who may wish to join us.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every other month. So if anybody wishes to find out more and perhaps join us for a 'taster session' please contact Jackie 07968 672707 for more information.

The next Cublington Wine Appreciation Society (aka The Winos) meeting is on **Wednesday 5th Nov** in the Biggs Pavilion.

Contact Jackie 07968 672707 for more information.



## WHY NOT JOIN THE CUBLINGTON CHESS CLUB?!

We meet bi-weekly on a Monday from 4-6pm in the village hall and a small charge is requested to cover the hire.

Next meetings are 1st, 15th and 29th of September

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





CUBLINGTON CABARET - BIGGS PAVILLION  
SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 7.00PM  
1960S THEME

Tickets for the 'one and only Cublington Cabaret' are just £12.50 per head to include a two course meal. Bring your own drinks.

Tables of 8 - please try to arrange your own 8 and nominate someone to cook the main and another to provide the pudding. A suggestion of main and pudding will be given nearer the time. Nibbles and/or cheese are up to individual tables. If you don't have a table of 8 just let us know.

Everyone is welcome to perform in this prestigious event - in fact the more performers the merrier.

Tickets for performers will be available from 1st October then open to the public from 7th October. Due to normal high demand we would like to keep this open mainly to villagers.

To book tickets please Whatsapp or text Jackie on 07968 672707. Anybody wishing to perform, please let me know on the same number. Just to confirm all performers need to buy a ticket, we don't always know everyone involved in each act,



**Calling  
All  
Thespians!**

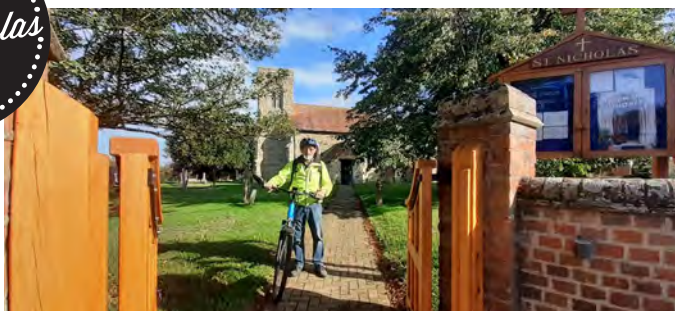
It's that time of year again. The script is planned, the scene is set, and the parts are written.

Fancy treading the boards in Cublington Panto?

Get Involved

Contact Di: [dijgrace@gmail.com](mailto:dijgrace@gmail.com)

**RIDE+STRIDES**  
for Churches



Thank you to everyone who sponsored Dennis who rode around a route visiting 13 local churches raising money for the Bucks Historic Churches and Trust and St Nicholas. Money is still being collected but he has £325 so far.



thanks for generous donations made during the year, but including Cream Teas and Fete stall of £400 to Action Aid (charity, funds are supporting women in East Africa develop their skills to support their families - sadly Aids is still taking it's toll)





## What Future for The Unicorn?

Last month's Crier was particularly helpful in giving residents of Cublington a greater knowledge and understanding of the situation concerning the Unicorn. I thought the article detailing the activities of the Friends of the Unicorn was extremely helpful and summarised very effectively the work that they and all their supporters have done and which led to the recent offer of £357,500 for the freehold of the pub. This offer was at a premium of 10% to the independent valuation which the Friends group had commissioned recently. The note included in the Crier by Chris George, indicated that the offer 'fell far short' of his 'village discounted price' and hinted at future developments which might include the reopening the pub 'at some point in the future'.



The Unicorn is a special pub and, until last September, held for many generations of residents, an important place in the social infrastructure of the village. It was arguably the 'best pub in the area' and was the place where residents of all ages, backgrounds etc. freely met in a friendly and very sociable environment. In a wide variety of ways its closure is damaging to every resident of Cublington and with the village facing other significant challenges, including the alarming increase in numbers and noise from cars travelling through its centre, it is a very unwelcome unresolved issue.

The specialness of the Unicorn as a pub and village amenity, may well support a view that it is worth a premium to a traditional independent valuation. However, it is difficult to appreciate how such a premium could be substantial enough to bridge the gap between the fully equipped and trading independent valuation of £445,000 and the owners current asking price of £650,000 (reduced from £675,00 when it was initially marketed nearly a year ago) or indeed, the reported 'village discounted sale price' of around £625,000.

In the current climate, the Friends of the Unicorn have done an outstanding job in raising pledges of nearly £430,000, almost exclusively from local residents. However, even with the benefit of widespread publicity, including our MP raising it in a question in Parliament, it is difficult to foresee significant further funding being secured, particularly if the asking price remains materially above the highest independent valuation.

Personally, I have always believed that the best interests of Cublington residents would be served by the Unicorn being owned and operated by the same individual(s), preferably living in, or close to, the village. This view has only been reinforced by events during and post covid, which have made it substantially more difficult for the hospitality sector in general and rural pubs in particular. That said, there remain striking examples, some locally, where well managed and effectively operated village pubs can make a commercial return for their owners. It is to be hoped that, in the not-too-distant future, whoever owns the Unicorn can re-establish our pub in this situation.

As I said at the start of this note, I thought the article in last month's Crier and the insert from Chris George provided Cublington residents with useful information about the current position of the Unicorn. However, in the absence of any evident route forward for the village, or anyone else, to acquire the freehold and consequently our pub remaining closed, I hope that it might prelude a period of closer communication and understanding between the interested parties with a view to resolving what is a very sad and unsatisfactory situation. The Unicorn has hitherto been an exceedingly valuable asset to the village and has operated on a sustainable basis for its owners.

It is my hope that future issues of The Crier might usefully provide a forum for both the current owners and residents to express their views on the importance to the community of re-opening The Unicorn.

**John Gregory**



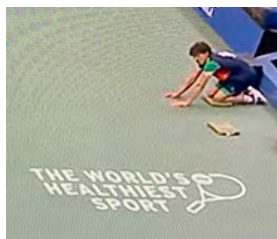


**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED.**

# IT'S YOUR TENNIS CLUB!

Tennis is a game for life. If you start early it gives you social 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 than that!



SPOTTED on the court  
at the recent US Open final

- 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 started 12th September for 14 weeks**

Paul Hobday will be again offering coaching sessions on Friday evenings during the Autumn

**£126 for non members and £98 for members**

**First session 5.30-6.30pm Beginners / improvers / rusty rackets**

**Second session 6.30-7.30pm Improvers / advanced.**

**Contact:** nmsheridan1@hotmail.com to book your slot .

## JOIN IN OUR CLUB SOCIAL SESSIONS

Mixed Tuesday Evenings, 7-8.30pm, Ladies Weds 9.15-10.30am,

Club Saturday 3-5pm, Club Sunday 3-5pm (All Members only).

**NOTE: Club matches take priority - check the calendar before arriving**

**Contact:** gary@cublington.com and he'll add you to the relevant WhatsApp group.

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

(£12 PER HOUR) :

Gary 01296 688548 or 07713 723788  
or email at gary@cublington.com

### MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Caroline Lane 01296 681373  
carolinelane@btinternet.com

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Jean Barnett 01296 392471  
To be contacted if you have any concerns about safeguarding.

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**EVERY  
WEDNESDAY!**

**OCCASIONAL  
FOOD  
VANS**

**SEE CRIER WHAT'S ON DIARY  
FOR FULL DETAILS**



You are invited to the Community

*Weekly Wine Down*

Bring your own drinks!

£3 donation appreciated

**Wednesday Evenings  
5.30pm - 7.30pm**

**HARRY  
POTTER  
FANS...**



***Wightwick Hall steaming at Quainton Road this October to show off her new red livery!***

***Sunday 5th & Sunday 19th October***

*You may have heard recently when we announced that our steam loco Wightwick Hall BR (WR) 4-6-0 5MT no.6989 will play the role of the iconic locomotive for the Hogwarts Express in the highly anticipated Harry Potter television series! Wightwick Hall was rescued from the scrapyard by our volunteers over 40 years ago and beautifully restored; and now she shall play the role of one of the most famous steam trains in the world!*

Wightwick Hall has completed her first filming session and will be returning home to Quainton Road (aka Buckinghamshire Railway Centre) for a short time in October. Visitors to the railway centre on two special Steaming Days - Sunday 5th and Sunday 19th October - will be treated to passenger rides in carriages pulled by the film star herself in her shiny new red livery.

Wightwick Hall will return to the film set in 2026. She remains on long-term loan to the Bluebell Railway in West Sussex, where she will usually be based in between filming over the next eight years. This is the first time the public will see her in her new red coat of paint!

Visitors to Buckinghamshire Railway Centre in Quainton will be able to see other locomotives and carriages going through similar restoration processes in their bid to keep the age of steam alive for future generations. They have a 40-acre site amidst the Buckinghamshire countryside, based around a disused railway station, Quainton Road, that was formerly on the Metropolitan railway line. The site has a large railway museum, working steam engines offering passenger rides and many railway exhibits and memorabilia of the bygone days of steam. Taking pride of place at the site is their stunning glass-roofed visitor centre. This beautiful building is the disused Oxford city centre railway station building, which was dismantled and re-built at Quainton Road in 2002.

***For more information contact us: Email: [marketing@bucksrailcentre.org](mailto:marketing@bucksrailcentre.org). Tel: 01296 655720. Website: [www.bucksrailcentre.org](http://www.bucksrailcentre.org).***

***Find us on Facebook: 'Buckinghamshire Railway Centre' Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Station Road, Quainton, HP22 4BY***



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

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

**18th October  
1st and 15th November**



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

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

**Cublington Village Hall**

## Hire Charges 2025/26

	Residents	Non Residents
Meetings/Classes	£10	£12
Regular Groups (up to 3 hours)	£18	£22
Functions/Parties (up to 6 Hours)	£55	£80

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

**Check availability and book online at  
[www.hallbookingonline.com/cublington](http://www.hallbookingonline.com/cublington)**

## WEEKLY BIN COLLECTIONS

*Remember to put your bins out  
by 6.30am on the collection day,  
preferably the night before!  
Wednesdays is our day, Thursday  
if it follows a Bank Holiday*



*Richard Burford has kindly agreed to  
publish weekly Bin collection data on  
the Cublington Life WhatsApp Group.  
Watch out for it every Tuesday  
evening...*

*Thanks Richard*

Stewkley Players Present:

**WEDS 26<sup>TH</sup> TO SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

8pm at Stewkley Village Hall  
Doors Open 7.30pm  
Licensed Bar

Tickets on Sale: 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov  
£8.50 (incl Booking Fee) at:  
[ticketsource.co.uk/stewkley-Players](http://ticketsource.co.uk/stewkley-Players)  
or Call: 0333 666 3366  
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[www.stewkleyplayers@gmail.com](mailto:www.stewkleyplayers@gmail.com)

Book and lyrics by  
Eric Idle

Music by  
John Du Prez  
& Eric Idle

**MONTY PYTHON'S  
SPAMALOT**

From the original screenplay  
by Graham Chapman,  
John Cleese, Terry Gilliam,  
Eric Idle, Terry Jones,  
Michael Palin

A new musical lovingly ripped off from the motion picture  
MONTY PYTHON and the Holy Grail

"SPAMALOT" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised  
performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW),  
[www.theatricalrights.co.uk](http://www.theatricalrights.co.uk)

## Six red flags for sepsis you should never ignore

Cases of the potentially fatal blood infection sepsis are increasingly on the rise. We look at its causes, symptoms and how it is treated



This is another sign of septic shock, in which the body's immune system goes into overdrive, reducing the blood supply to the skin and vital organs.

An easy way to remember the six signs is that the above list spells out 'SEPSIS'.

### Sign and symptoms of sepsis



### 1. Slurred speech or confusion

Difficulty speaking means that the muscles you rely on for speech have been weakened. This is a sign that a blood-borne infection may have reached the brain, causing damage.

### 2. Extreme shivering or muscle pain

Extreme shivering is a sign of worsening sepsis which is progressing beyond an ordinary fever. The skeletal muscle system can become compromised as a result of sepsis, causing pain.

### 3. Passing no urine in a day

Because the body is in a state of shock because of the widespread inflammation caused by sepsis, patients pass little to no urine, even after a day.

### 4. Severe breathlessness

Sepsis impacts organs throughout the body, and this is an indication that the person's lungs have become compromised and they may need a replacement ventilator.

### 5. It feels like you're going to die

Studies examining warning signs of sepsis have reported patients becoming anxious and describing a fear that their life is in danger.

### 6. Skin is mottled or discoloured

This is another sign of septic shock, in which the body's immune system goes into overdrive, reducing the blood supply to the skin and vital organs.

An easy way to remember the six signs is that the above list spells out 'SEPSIS'.

## COMPETITION DETAILS COMING SOON

# SLOE Gin

RECIPE - this is so simple!

500g ripe sloes (Right now they're perfect!)

250g golden caster sugar

1 litre gin

#### Step 1

Rinse and pick over the sloes, then pat dry in a clean tea towel. **Either** Using a stainless steel fork or cocktail stick, prick the sloes and tip into a 2-litre glass jar, or divide between two smaller jars. **Alternatively** freeze on a tray after washing, this negates the need to prick each berry. Then place in jars as above.

#### Step 2

Add the sugar and gin, then seal the jar. Shake well. Once a day for seven days, give the jar a good shake. Store the jar in a cool, dark place and leave for two to three months.

#### Step 3

Line a plastic sieve with a square of muslin set over a bowl and strain the sloe gin through it. Decant into clean, dry bottles, then seal and label. The sloe gin is now ready to drink but it'll improve and mature over time – so, if possible, make it one year to drink the next.

## BABYSITTING DIRECTORY - all listed are 14+



Alice Gadsby - 680452\*

Charlotte Keane 688133

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

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

## SPOTTED

Amazon were supposed to deliver this to the Old Post Office opposite!!! This was their response.

## UNBELIEVABLE!



Based on our record, your recent order was delivered on Friday, 12 September. The parcel should contain 2 items. Here is a photo showing where your parcel was delivered:







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

Gina and Michael Reilly sponsored the lights in celebration of  
Rosie and Lydia's wedding on  
13th September and wish them every joy."

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Jane and Michael are sponsoring the lights in October to "celebrate the Harvest celebrations"

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Gary and Gill also sponsor the church lights this month in memory of Gary's dad Mike -  
just over a year since he died, also Gary's mum Pat who passed in October 2012 and also  
Gill's dad Derek, who passed away 14 years ago in September.



## Church Services for October

	Service	Taken by	OT/NT readings	Reader	Gospel and Coffee Reader	prayers
5	First Sunday HARVEST FESTIVAL	Annie	Linda/Holly		Sally	Penny
12	HC	Will	Diane		Peter	
19	Layled	Sarah&Steve	Penny		Helen	
26	HC	Will	Julie		Lucy	
1st	Theological Breakfast		At Rectory Cottage, 9.30am		All Welcome	
November 2	First Sunday	Annie	Martyn		Gillian	Jane

# From the new Team Vicar



## ***Hello from Rev'd Will, the new Team Vicar***

*Hello! My name is Will. I'm the new Team Vicar of the Cottesloe Benefice. I'm really excited to be starting the next chapter of my life here working alongside Dom who will continue as our Team Rector.*

*I originally come from North Yorkshire, where I grew up and attended school before studying Theology at Cambridge University and King's College London. During this time, I did some work experience as a sports photojournalist for a few local and student-produced newspapers. I also have roots in Brighton and Hove, where I lived for a few years and found my love of football; I am a keen supporter of Brighton & Hove Albion football club!*

*I have always been a Christian, and was Baptised at my local Church where I sang in the choir. At my Confirmation, I can remember the Bishop asking me to "Pray very hard, as I will be for you"... that's the first time I remember praying with such concentration.*

*But my faith became much deeper and developed during my teenage years. My parents both died very young; by the time I was thirteen years old, I had been orphaned. It was then that I came to realise my absolute dependence on God. My faith continued to grow in strength – for which I give thanks to God, because I realise it could have easily gone the other way – and very thankfully, it didn't.*

*It was during my time at university that I first experienced my sense of vocation, or calling to ordained ministry – but a priest had first recognised my calling many years earlier, when I was just fifteen years old. At the time, I thought "surely not!" – but he was right! After spending much time in prayer, completing various assignments and attending formal interviews, I trained for ordination at Westcott House Cambridge. I was ordained in 2021, and served my curacy in Cambridgeshire in the Diocese of Ely – during which time I ministered in a variety of parish and healthcare chaplaincy contexts.*

*As I approached the end of my curacy, I spent some time contemplating where God would lead me to next. I give thanks to God that He has brought me to the Cottesloe Benefice – a new place to explore, with lovely villages, stunning Churches, new opportunities, and the beautiful countryside of Buckinghamshire!*

*Ministry takes many different forms, and being your Team Vicar will involve doing all sorts of things. Especially for someone like me, who really likes to throw themselves into life and to make the most of my opportunities – both in the Church and in the wider community. But crucially, ministry involves praying and listening – two very important things, as I journey with the people of the Cottesloe Benefice, as we discover more about what God has in store for us and our future. I am married to Laura, and I love spending time with my family and friends. I have many hobbies and interests; I am a keen runner, photographer and artist. I love a game of chess, and I am a transport enthusiast; you will often find me enjoying a car show on a day off!*

*In the Bible, in the Gospels Jesus Christ commissioned His disciples to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, and with all your strength – and to love your neighbours as yourselves. These are often known as the two great commandments, but I think there are actually three elements to them: Loving God, loving other people, and loving yourself. This is what I always do my best to practise – and I commend this to you.*

*Thank you for reading my article. I look forward to meeting you soon!*

***Rev'd Will Lyon Tupman***

*Cottesloe Benefice Team*



## ***Harvert festival service***

***9am Sunday October 5th - families especially invited.***

## ***Harvert Supper and Harvest auction***

***6pm Monday October 6th***

*All welcome, gifts to celebrate harvest will be auctioned at harvest supper on the Monday (6th)*







### 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.

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE RAILWAY CENTRE**

# NIGHT FRIGHT

**31st October & 1st November**  
Scare mazes, tarot, bar, live music  
6pm-11.30pm  
[www.bucksrailcentre.org](http://www.bucksrailcentre.org)

## SOULBURY FIREWORKS

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**AT THE MILLENNIUM GREEN WITH**  
**BBO & BAR**

**6:00 GATES OPEN**  
**7:00 BONFIRE**  
**7:15 FIREWORKS**

**Tickets £8 on Ticket source OR £10 on door**  
**Under 16s go FREE**

## Join the *Cublington Life* WhatsApp group



A very useful village forum with useful information shared on road closures/fuel costs/power cuts/ broadband issues/chimney sweeps/ window cleaners/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

## 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



Please join us at the next Chatty Cafe,  
Monday, 6th October 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".



Also Please join us on **Monday, 6th October** 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...



### ROAST SUNDAY

Sunday 26th October

Join us for a lovely Sunday roast at the Bigg's Pavilion in Cublington.  
Bring your own drinks if you would like to eat in, there will also be an option to take away.

**Roast Beef**

**Roast Pork**

(meat locally sourced from Parrott Brothers)

**Mushroom & Walnut Roast (V)**

All roasts served with, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, roasted butternut squash, cabbage, carrot & suede mash & cauliflower puree, topped with gravy

**Apple Crumble & Custard**

**Brownie & Ice Cream**

Two courses £22  
(Children £15)

We will start serving at 2pm

Biggs Pavilion  
Stewkley Road  
Cublington

BYOB - bring your own drinks

Pre-booking is essential please contact Emma to book with your menu choice  
07787 838167/cafedujardin8@hotmail.com



Wing Hall  
71 Leighton Road  
Wing  
LU7 0NN

Where Stories Live and Community Grows - Welcome to Your Library



### Opening Times

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

Operated by a dedicated team of volunteers, we provide full access to the Buckinghamshire Libraries service. A friendly and welcoming atmosphere awaits you, and we invite you to visit and explore the resources and support available. We are conveniently located next to the Village Hall with plenty of free parking outside and nearby.  
\* Look out for our special events \*

**BOOKS:** Children's board, picture, chapter, and non-fiction. Teen, Biography, Large Print, Adult Fiction, Non-fiction, Audio.

**OFFICE SERVICES:** Photocopying, Printing, Internet, Scanning, Laminating, Shredding. **LOCAL:** Information and Displays.

**LEGO + GAMES** **WE COLLECT:** Used stamps and small coins.

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# 100 CLUB 2025/26

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

**£1800 in prize money this year**

Last year 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 very shortly, it's not too late.** 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.**



## WINNING PRIZE DRAWS 2025 October

- 1st Prize - £60 - David Bradbury.**  
**2nd Prize - £50 - Gwyneira Waters.**  
**3rd Prize - £40 - Jake Taylor.**  
**4th Prize - £20 - Connor Taylor.**



## October Birthdays

Aida Dean 10 on the 24th

Lottie Harris 7 on the 26th

**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)

*Dont forget, if you  
want to see all 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.

**10 days to do something...**

## COMPETITION FOR



*of Cublington*

The Art Exhibition committee would like to encourage children to produce art. We ask village children to create one piece of art on any subject of your choice, A4 in size, mounted and with your name and age.

Get it to Gary at 18 Ridings Way, Cublington by **Saturday 4th October.** Prizes for all participants.

PARENTS PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO ENTER

## AT THE EXHIBITION

**SAT / SUN 11<sup>TH</sup> / 12<sup>TH</sup>  
OCT '25 10AM-4PM**

**THE BIGGS PAVILION, ORCHARD GROUND,  
STEWKLEY RD. CUBLINGTON LU7 0LR**

[///explorer.regrowth.lakes](http://explorer.regrowth.lakes)

**DISPLAYED**



*That grass  
keeps growing!*

*Still more new volunteers  
wanted please!*

You may have noticed a slight change to the normal schedule this last growing season. 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.

*Thanks to everyone who has done their bit. Let me know if you would like a slot for next year!*

<i>Weekend</i>	<i>Name</i>
Oct 4th - 5th	James Francis
Oct 11th - 12th	Harry Gadsby
Oct 18th - 19th	Chris and Ali Mountfield
Oct 25th - 26th	Vacant

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

## ★ MORE PARTICIPANTS NEEDED PLEASE ★

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

**THANK YOU** to the 46 **AMAZING** supporters who have so far raised an **IMMENSE £2870.92** 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 - £605.90 - Sarah George.  
2nd - £385.64 - Gwyneira Waters.  
3rd - £302.78 - Martyn Waters.

Nearly £1600 has been raised by the other 43 villagers so thank you all very, very much!



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



With regards to the cast iron frame that Dominik found in the pond. It was cast in Hemel Hempstead and is about 200 years old. I was once told that there used to be a pipe connecting the pond in the George's field with the village pond. It is not there now. Logic would suggest that prior to the pipe there could have been a culvert and this could be a sluice gate for controlling the water.  
*Just a guess.*

*Dennis*







**Biggs Pavilion, Orchard Ground, Stewkley  
Road, Cublington LU7 0LR**

**9<sup>th</sup> November, 2025    1 – 3 pm**

**Sellers £10 per table (access from 11.30 to set up)**

**(book your table - Liz Smith 07708338795)**

**Buyers - £1 entry**

**Refreshments available**

# Orchard Ground & North Field

## LATEST UPDATES

### North Field Update

September has seen more general maintenance tasks around North Field and Orchard Ground with our volunteers removing a dozen or so self seeded ash trees that were starting to shade the allotments, trimming overhanging branches on the main driveway to the pavilion, a checking tree stakes and deer netting after the heavy rain and stormy winds. We are very grateful to Hugh for cutting the boundary hedges to North Field and for trimming the marking area. Many thanks too for the Parish Council repositioning the new dog poo bin to just inside the gate by Stewkley Road. Despite clear instructions, the Bucks Council contractors had placed it at an odd angle on Stewkley Road.

As the autumn approaches, we have some 50 small trees around 1.0m - 1.5m tall in the nursery area which can soon be planted out into the main field. We're in contact with the Tree Council about grant funding for several tree saplings of Black Poplar trees. As highlighted in a previous edition of the Crier, we have one very old Black Poplar tree in our boundary hedge near to the bench that David and Freddie donated to North Field.

We're in discussions with another grant funder about a storage container and a rough cut mower for North Field.

**Dates for the North Field working groups for the rest of the Autumn months.**

**All Saturdays 9.30am until 11.30ish**

**18th October**

**1st and 15th November**

Please do come along and chat to our volunteers. There is an open invitation to join us for tea/coffee and bacon rolls at the end of our working mornings.

Please contact Martyn Waters for any information about North Field: [Martyn.waters@icloud.com](mailto:Martyn.waters@icloud.com). M: 07973754356

### 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.





## Cublington Village Hall

HAVE A GO AT.....

### MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE

Join us for a relaxed evening of fun and glass of fizz and create your own masterpiece!  
All materials & tuition included.  
No experience required



**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**7pm - 9.30pm**

**£20 - booking essential**

For further information or to book your space contact Chris Shults on 07758 195357 or email

[chris.shults54@gmail.com](mailto:chris.shults54@gmail.com)

# SAVE OUR PUB

WE ARE FIGHTING TO SAVE OUR CHERISHED PUB, THE UNICORN, AND STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

A COMMUNITY-OWNED PUB MEANS IT STAYS OPEN FOR EVERYONE, NOT JUST TODAY, BUT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. BY OWNING IT TOGETHER, WE ENSURE IT REFLECTS OUR NEEDS AND VALUES, SUPPORTS LOCAL JOBS, AND STRENGTHENS THE HEART OF OUR VILLAGE.

**RAISED TO DATE £425,000**

**TARGET £800,000**

PROGRESS REPORT: WE HAVE NOW HAD A RED BOOK VALUATION BY A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS AND ANTICIPATE PUBLICATION OF THE VALUATION OF THE PUB TO BE SHARED WITH THE PLEDGERS, AROUND THE BEGINNING OF JULY.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. BECOME A SHAREHOLDER (MIN. INVESTMENT £1K): VISIT WEBSITE FOR DETAILS
2. DONATE WHAT YOU CAN (NO MIN. INVESTMENT): SCAN THE QR CODE TO VISIT SITE
3. SPREAD THE WORD WITH YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY & OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITIES! POSTERS AND FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE
4. ADORN OUR NEW PUB MERCH AKA BASEBALL CAPS!



Like our campaign page:  
Save Our Pub,  
The Unicorn in Cublington



Follow us on Insta:  
[@savetheunicornpub](https://www.instagram.com/savetheunicornpub)

FOR FURTHER INFO VISIT  
[WWW.SAVETHEUNICORN.ORG](http://WWW.SAVETHEUNICORN.ORG)

## YOGA CLASS

@ THE VILLAGE HALL

**THURSDAY MORNING**

**10.30AM - 11.30AM**

Drop-in session £11 per class or £10  
by monthly pass payable in advance

Yoga for peaceful minds and happy bodies  
Everyone welcome, classes suitable for all.



Sarah Stratton-Hine 07842 863543  
Yoga Alliance Senior Teacher and Reiki Master



Cublington Village Hall  
Wing Road, Cublington LU7 0LF



[www.sarahstrattonhine.com](http://www.sarahstrattonhine.com)

## CUBLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

# Christmas Market

Handmade crafts, gifts, art and more.....

Join us for mulled wine, mince pies  
and support your local artisans  
and businesses

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025**

**11.30am - 3pm**

Wing Road  
Cublington  
LU7 0LF





***Not there yet - we still need more pledges!***

**SAVE  
OUR  
PUB**

### ***Update for pledgers!***

*We continue to strive in our endeavours to purchase The Unicorn, to restore and to open again as a successful operation.*

*We recognise the work/investment made by the George Family over the last two decades, and by their Partners and teams. We have considered the proposals made by Chris George last month but we do not see that they are viable at this time. We will continue to negotiate around the Red Book valuation, but not the inflated current asking price. The 'discounted price' to the village was set at £625,000, still a long way off the value (£325,000) reached by an independent certified valuation.*

*Owning a pub premises is not the same as owning any property in a village. It comes with a caveat - and a responsibility - it is a pub and not a house - and as such should be run as a pub for the benefit of the community it serves. (Albeit commercially viable). Many in this village, chose Cublington for its impressive community spirit, of which the pub and the Church are arguably the kingpins.*

*We are fighting not just for our village but for the wider area - several local villages have already lost their own pubs. Although we have sufficient funds pledged to buy the pub - at a fair and reasonable price - we need to raise additional funds to cover professional fees, stamp duty and so on. It is also part of our business plan to improve the living accommodation to attract the right tenants to make a proper home in our community, for the long term.*

*We still need people to pledge, please. (contact [unicorncublington@gmail.com](mailto:unicorncublington@gmail.com) to pledge, in confidence), but would also welcome volunteers to come forward who have relevant skills to offer as a part of the working party. We absolutely NEED YOUR SUPPORT, wherever you can give it. Follow us on social media. Wear your Save The Unicorn caps, write to your MP, write to the Press, write to The Crier.*

***"The difficult we do at once, the impossible takes a little longer".***

***The Save the Unicorn Working Party.***

***STILL ROARING !!!***

***Support the campaign by pledging or donating today via GoFundMe: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/save-the-unicorn-pub>***

***Follow us for updates and ways to get involved:***

***Instagram: @savetheunicornpub***

***Facebook: [facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577249199617](https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577249199617)***

***Microsite: <https://www.savetheunicorn.org/savetheunicorn.org>***







# PARISH NEWS

Main Contact :  
cublingtonpc.clerk@gmail.com

**Below are various letters and emails arising from our local MP, Laura Kyrke-Smith's visit on 7th July.**

## *Email from Laura Kyrke-Smith's office to Cublington Parish Council*

*Dear All,*

I wanted to provide you an update on the actions that came out of Laura's recent visit to the Chatty Café in Cublington and to thank you for hosting us.

On the issue of Thames Water, as Laura's caseworker I have raised this directly with Thames Water and they have requested direct contact to discuss the issues. I have spoken to Mike Joy and provided contact details for him to speak to Thames Water directly on his return from holiday.

Regarding the closures and staff shortages at 3W Health (Wing Surgery), we have written directly to the Surgery and Laura is visiting them to discuss these concerns in August – we will provide a further update after this meeting.

In terms of the concerns of the issues raised around speeding and enforcement again I have written on Laura's behalf to both Buckinghamshire Council and Thames Valley Police and I am currently awaiting a response on these. Again, as soon as we receive a response we will provide you with an update.

I hope this information is helpful but please do not hesitate to contact me if you want any further information.

*Kind regards,*

*Debbie Vidler*

*Senior Caseworker & Executive Assistant to Laura Kyrke-Smith Member of Parliament for Aylesbury*

## *Email from Thames Valley Police to Laura Kyrke-Smith's office*

*Dear Debbie*

We do not currently have any mobile or fixed camera enforcement sites in Cublington. Looking at reported injury collisions for the latest 5 years (01/02/2020 to 31/01/2025) there have been 2 slight injury collisions one in 2020 and one in 2021. Neither had speeding as a reported possible causation factor.

There is an active speedwatch group in Cublington and they are regularly carrying out speedwatch education sessions. Community Speedwatch can be a very effective tool to help tackle local speeding issues and it can often be the action needed to educate drivers and reduce speeding. In addition the data gathered may provide the evidence needed to support any relevant further action.

Further information about speedwatch can be found at the following link <https://communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-Home.php>

Before we can consider a location for mobile camera enforcement we would need some current evidence of speed from a speed survey or local educational activity such as Speedwatch.

I hope this information helps.

*Many Thanks*

*Alison Mitchell*

*Customer Relations Officer - Road Safety*

*Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary & Thames Valley Police Joint Operations Unit*



**Cublington Parish Council observation** – we have been operating SpeedWatch for several years.

Speedwatch only records vehicles which exceed 36mph due to legal reasons and drivers are written to by the Police warning them of their speeding. We shall now record the number of vehicles exceeding 30mph and inform Thames Valley Police and explore the possibility of fixed camera enforcement.



## ***Thames Water response to information supplied to them by the Parish Council Sewer flooding***

***Dear Mike***

I'm writing further to your email dated 22 August. Initially I wanted to apologise for the delay in responding to you. I've reviewed your enquiry regarding the ongoing sewer issues in Cublington, and I'm happy to confirm I've contacted the relevant internal teams to discuss the possibility of implementing a planned maintenance programme.

This recommendation follows the visit from our engineer on 19 August, who confirmed while the sewer is currently free flowing, there was evidence of debris buildup. This suggests a regular maintenance schedule could help prevent future blockages, particularly during the winter months when issues have historically occurred.

Once I receive confirmation from our teams regarding the feasibility and frequency of such a programme, I'll be in touch again to update you.

Thank you again for your patience and for the positive feedback about our Complaints department.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions in the meantime.

### ***Next steps***

I'll contact you again on or before 26 September.

***Yours sincerely***

***Sam Flatman***

***Senior Complaint Advisor, Customer Relations***



## ***Cublington Parish Council observation***

We await follow up information from Thames Water



## ***Bucks Council response to MP Laura Kyrke-Smith's office***

***Dear Laura***

MPE 11565422

23 July 2025

Ref: MPE 11565422

Thank you for your enquiry on behalf of your constituents regarding road safety and HGV traffic in Cublington.

Advisory signage indicating "Unsuitable for HGVs" is currently in place at the junction of Wingrave Road and the A418. This signage is intended to alert HGV drivers to the challenges of the route that passes through Aston Abbots and continues to Cublington. An additional advisory sign is located at the junction of Moat Lane and The Green within Aston Abbots village. At present, there is no evidence to suggest that this signage is causing HGV traffic to divert through Cublington; however, we welcome any documented local feedback on this matter.

### ***Regarding the specific questions raised:***

#### ***Is Aston Abbots currently included in a freight strategy?***

Aston Abbots is not identified as a priority location in the adopted freight strategy; it is not therefore currently included in any strategic freight planning or intervention.

#### ***What freight strategy is in place for this area?***

The nearest strategic freight initiative is the pilot Ivinghoe Freight Zone, located south of the A418. This zone provides designated alternative routes for HGVs via the A418, A4146, A505, and A41, allowing them to bypass the restricted area. The effectiveness of this pilot is currently being evaluated, including the potential need for strong enforcement measures.

#### ***Could similar measures be considered for Cublington?***

Before considering a similar approach for Cublington, we must first assess the outcomes of the Ivinghoe pilot, including its effectiveness and the associated costs of implementing legal restrictions and signage. It is important to note that Cublington is not currently designated as a priority area for freight strategy intervention. Consequently, there is no allocated funding or resources for such measures in



the village. That said, there may be potential for more localised action. This could be explored through the Buckinghamshire Highways Commissioning team. To initiate this, it would be helpful to compile detailed evidence of the issues faced and request a feasibility study. This study could identify possible solutions, provide recommendations, and offer cost estimates. Funding for such an initiative is likely to need to come from the Parish Council.

With regard to road safety, this is a key priority for Buckinghamshire Highways and our current policy focuses on reducing the frequency and severity of injury-related collisions across the highway network. While we receive numerous requests for safety improvements, we are unable to address every location. Each year, we review all reported injury collisions in the county, and conduct analysis of the contributory factors recorded for each cluster site, as provided by Thames Valley Police, to identify high-risk sites. This analysis informs the development of targeted safety schemes. The roads in Cublington Parish have a strong safety record and do not feature in our annual review of collision sites. As such, they do not qualify for funding for further assessments or additional measures at this time.

Should the Parish wish to pursue a commissioned investigation and design options, this would need to be funded independently. Requests can be directed to our Highways Commissioning Team at [bhcommissioning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:bhcommissioning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk). Speed limit enforcement falls under the responsibility of Thames Valley Police. Concerns about speeding should be reported to the Local Neighbourhood Team, who will assess the need for enforcement based on injury collision data. While resources are limited, enforcement may also be considered at 'Community Concern' sites where local reports indicate a problem. Concerns can be submitted via [SpeedSolutions@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SpeedSolutions@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk), and this allows TVP to build up intelligence on speeding concerns.

We also encourage continued participation in the Community Speed Watch initiative. The data collected supports Thames Valley Police in determining appropriate enforcement levels. Please note that decisions regarding restrictions on through-traffic are strategic in nature and not based solely on road safety considerations.

I hope this information is helpful when responding to your constituents.

*Yours sincerely*  
**Cllr Thomas Broom**  
*Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transport*

**Cublington Parish Council observation**



We carried out site surveys on traffic volumes and speeds through the village in February, and this data has been submitted to Bucks Council Highways and commissioned a feasibility report. We are awaiting this report and its recommendations.

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*Dear Consultee,*

Buckinghamshire Council is preparing a new Local Plan that will identify where and how future development should take place up to 2045.

We are now undertaking public consultation on our draft Local Plan and would like to invite you to have your say on the draft proposals.

The draft Local Plan for Buckinghamshire has been prepared in two parts:

***Part A: The Local Plan vision and objectives, the spatial strategies for housing and employment, including ways to meet travelling communities' accommodation needs.***

***Part B: Development Management Policies.***

The draft Local Plan documents, accompanying Sustainability Appraisal, the completed evidence studies, and details on how to respond to the consultation can be viewed at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/draft-local-plan>

A virtual exhibition room has been produced which is available to view at <https://buckinghamshire.oc2.uk/exhibition/1>

***The consultation period runs from Wednesday 17 September to 23:59pm on Wednesday 29 October 2025.***

The Council are also undertaking a Call for Gypsy and Traveller Sites. We are seeking sites to help meet our Gypsy and Traveller needs. Sites can be promoted by any landowner or developer wishing to promote their site to help meet this need.

***Sites can be submitted to [www.buckinghamshire.oc2.uk/document/90](http://www.buckinghamshire.oc2.uk/document/90)***

***Open until 23.59pm on Wednesday 29th October 2025.***

***Kind regards,***

***Planning Policy Team***



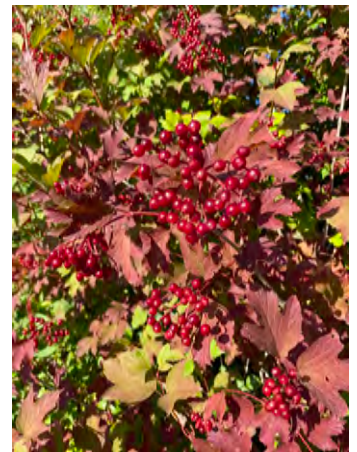
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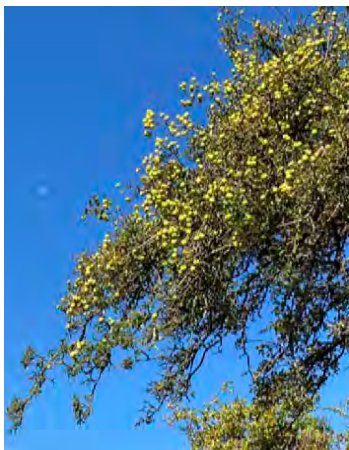
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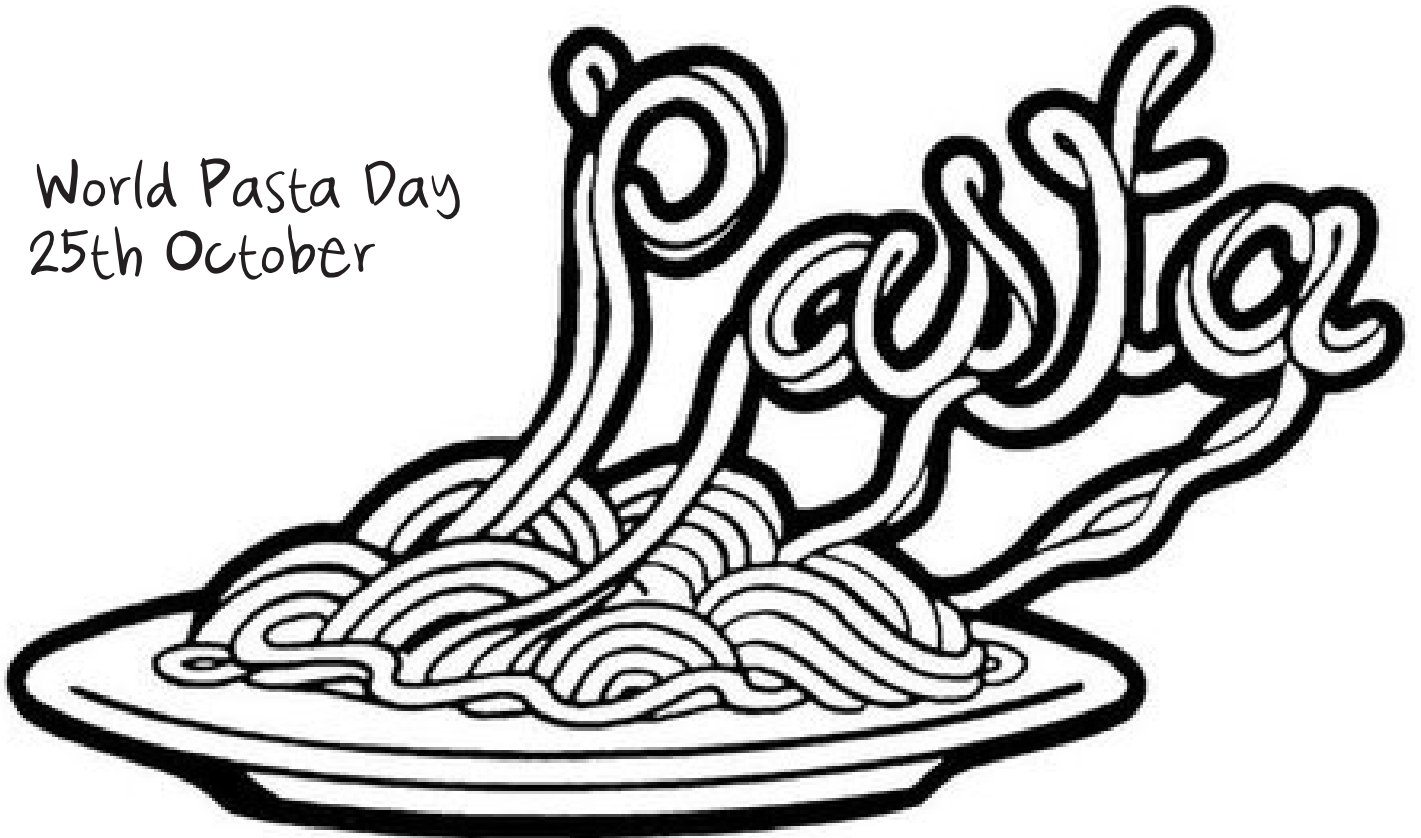
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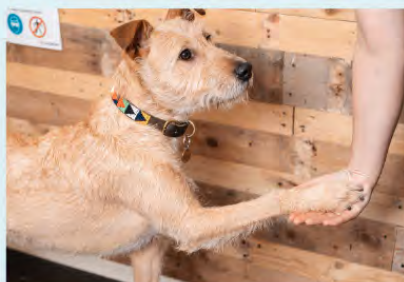
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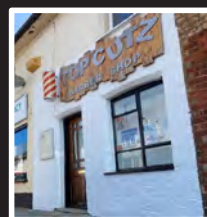
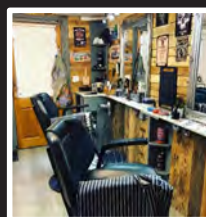
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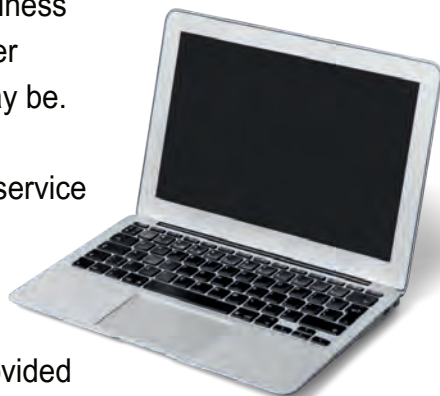
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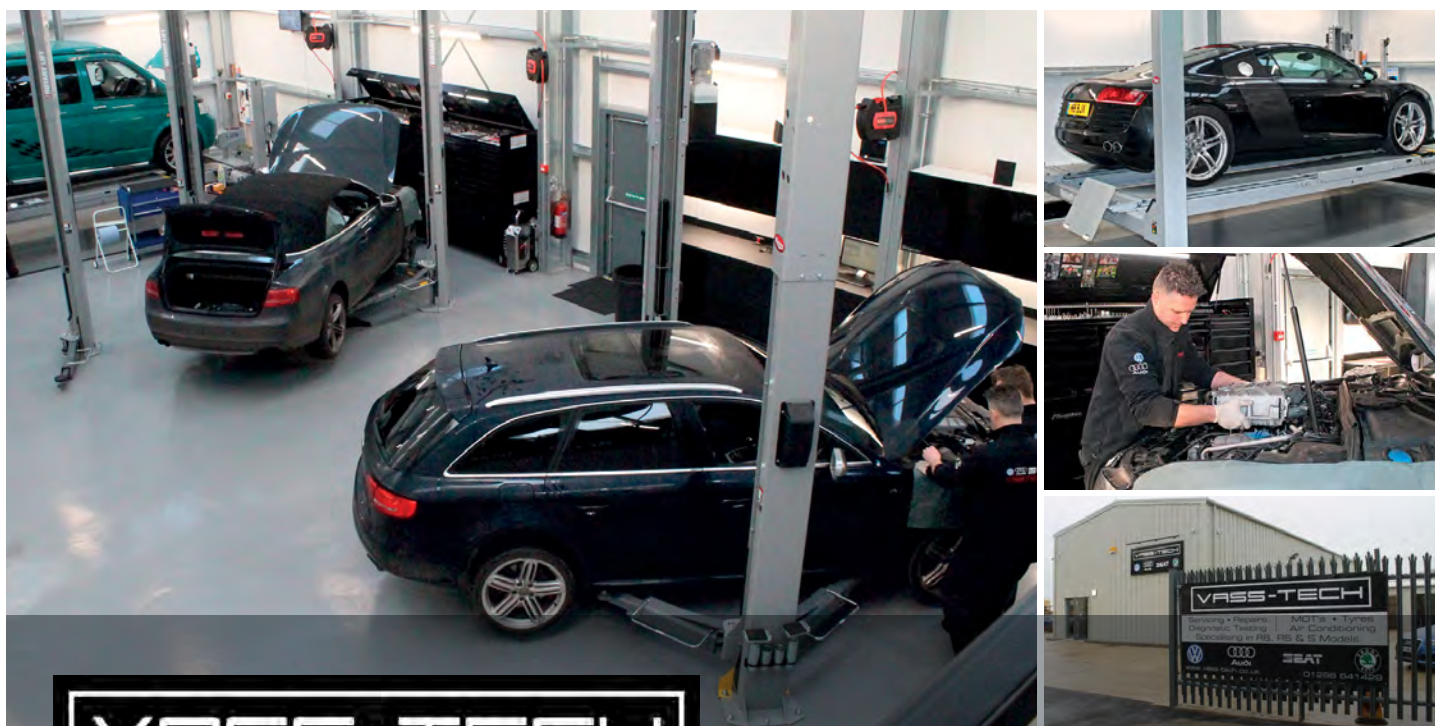
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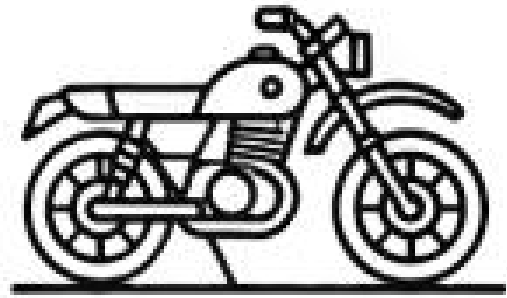
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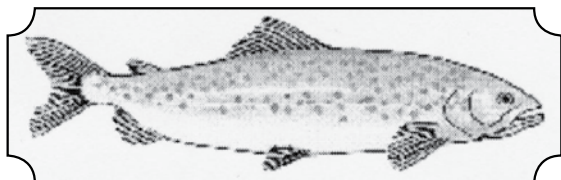
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**- EVERY MONDAY 1.45-3.45pm**

### 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. Tea/coffee cake and biscuits to sustain us! Small donation for hire of hall appreciated.*



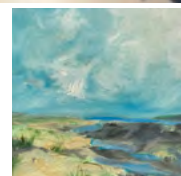
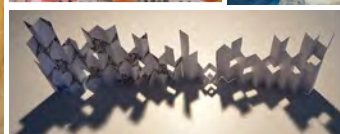
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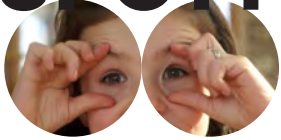


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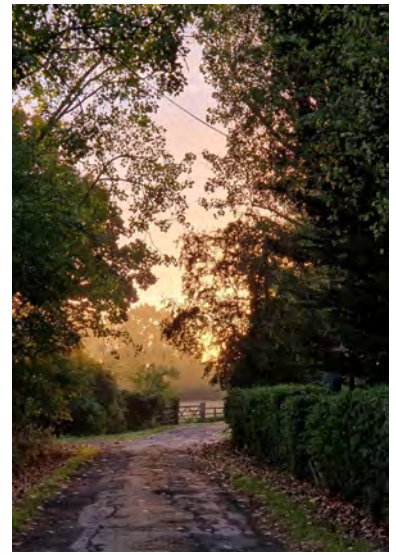
## Spotted: The Chess Club

*Deep in concentration at a recent meet.*



## Spotted:

*Beautiful dawn down Reads Lane*



## Spotted at the Tuesday Village Lunch Club

*Emma treated us to a wonderful lunch. The option were steak pie or curry followed by crumble or cheese board.*

## Spotted: The Duck house

*floating again after the recent rains*



## Spotted: Bo Peep - one of yours?



## Spotted at OG

*Beautiful rainbow over Orchard Ground*

## Spotted:

*A good turn out at the presentation for the Gurney Cup - Best Kept Village Award.*



## Spotted at OG

*Rosie and Lydia's stunning wedding marquee at night*



## Spotted:

*Rogue trampoline half way down the field behind us after the recent winds.*



## Spotted:

*All the wonderful exhibits at the 20th! Cublington Horticultural Show. Well done to all concerned.*

